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Michael Witte is a 1962 graduate of Country Day School, where his early artistic talents were evident in student publications. In his career as an illustrator/cartoonist, he has contributed more than 10,000 drawings to publications such as TIME, Fortune, Sports Illustrated, Rolling Stone and the New Yorker. In an unlikely parallel second career, the one-time star CDS pitcher has consulted on pitching/hitting mechanics for the St. Louis Cardinals (2005-10) and more recently for a dozen Major League teams (Classic Baseball, LLC).

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The trees are starting to turn, framing beautifully the many new athletic facilities that are now completed: the Holtman Stadium and O’Hara Field, the Steward Family Aquatic Center, William R. Orthwien Sr. Pool and the Holekamp Track and Field Stadium—all made possible thanks to our generous and loyal donors who have supported Bold Action: A Campaign for MICDS. What fun it will be to host many of the Homecoming contests against Burroughs in these new spaces!

As we look ahead to the year, we are excited to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Saint Louis Country Day School, one of our two predecessor schools. Many thanks to Mike Witte ’62 for providing, once again, a provocative illustration for this issue’s cover, which focuses on our CDS Centennial. I want to give another shout-out to Cliff Saxton ’64 for his work on the CDS Centennial feature story. There you’ll learn something new about CDS’s history and traditions, many of which continue to be an integral part of the MICDS experience. You might even spot some familiar faces in the photos—perhaps even your own!

This year our theme is “Purpose,” a word taken directly from our mission statement. As educators, we will seize the opportunity to ask ourselves what we are each called to do in order to make good on our promise to each student to foster the habits of heart and mind—allowing each to become his or her best self while at MICDS. We have invited parents to contemplate their role in this effort as well, encouraging them to read How to Raise an Adult by Julie Lythcott-Haims, who served as dean of freshmen at Stanford for decades and knows a thing or two about how children from schools like ours thrive (or don’t) as they reach adulthood. And finally, of our students, we are asking them to grapple with this same concept—encouraging students to reflect on what they can do to become the people they want to be in the world, and what they can do to lead a life of purpose in our community and beyond.

Our Marketing and Communications team has been very busy in recent months. Please be sure to check out and share our admission viewbook, which is produced for prospective families at discovery.micds.org. There you can explore what and who make MICDS so special. I also hope you’re enjoying the redesigned MICDS Magazine with Class Notes as well as the online version at magazine.micds.org with videos and photos galore. And with the refreshed visual rollout, we have now made it easier than ever for you to download and incorporate the MICDS brand identity for your own use, by visiting micds.org/brandresourcecenter. There is also a button on the Portal to access the Brand Resource Center.

As you read, I hope you’ll discover something new about the school today and that you’ll be reminded of all you love about this amazing place!

Warmly,
From St. Louis to Beijing, Shanghai, Chengdu and Hong Kong, Head of School Lisa Lyle and Director of Development Amy McFarland Dove ’85 recently set out on a whirlwind trip to China. Their intent—to meet and connect with parents of current students, parents of alumni and alumni who reside there.

“For many years, we have welcomed Chinese students to learn and grow at MICDS,” said Ms. Lyle. “This was our first time traveling to China to develop stronger relationships with those families and alumni who have supported the School by sending us students of great promise. They are incredible ambassadors of our work and commitment to developing compassionate leaders of high academic achievement.”

The families and alumni they visited welcomed Ms. Lyle and Mrs. Dove warmly. At each stop, the Chinese hosts arranged for every detail, from visits to important sites to delicious tasting menus. With great pride and patience, their hosts shared important insight into the history of their country and their excitement about their connections to MICDS. During their time in China, families arranged visits to the Great Wall, the Temple of Heaven, China Construction Bank, Shanghai’s Bund, Yuyuan Garden, the Panda Sanctuary, a Chinese Opera and much more! Over wonderful meals that included both duck brain and birds nest soup, Ms. Lyle and Mrs. Dove came to more deeply appreciate Chinese hospitality, cuisine and culture.

While reflecting on dinner they had with groups of MICDS parents in Beijing and Shanghai, Ms. Lyle noted, “It was wonderful getting together with these parents. None of them had known each other prior—it felt like we formed a small MICDS parent network over dinner.” In Chengdu, Mr. and Mrs. Tu, parents of Mi Tu ’15, credited MICDS with the transformation of their daughter into the confident young undergrad she is today at Johns Hopkins. Mr. Tu has shared news of MICDS on Chinese websites, and a handful of those students enrolled today attribute their knowledge of MICDS to Mr. Tu.

Overall, Ms. Lyle and Mrs. Dove said the trip was extremely worthwhile. “We are already thinking about our next trip to China, where we hope to deepen our relationships with these and other engaged members of our MICDS community,” said Mrs. Dove.
OUR MISSION

More than ever, our nation needs responsible men and women who can meet the challenges of this world with confidence and embrace all its people with compassion. The next generation must include those who think critically and resolve to stand for what is good and right.

Our School cherishes academic rigor, encourages and praises meaningful individual achievement, and fosters virtue. Our independent education prepares young people for higher learning and for lives of purpose and service.

OUR STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES

TRANSFORMATIVE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

GREAT TEACHING AND LEARNING 2.0

ENSURING A VIBRANT SCHOOL FUTURE
Engaging Across the Aisle

SPEAKERS AND STUDENTS DISCUSS HEALTH CARE REFORM

“We’re engaging more. We’re embracing difficult conversations. We’re respecting each other’s viewpoints,” said Head of Upper School Scott Small as he reflected on the ways the student body has grown since the heated political election last November. One obvious contributor—the newly formed Cross-Political Commission (CPC), a student-run organization created in early 2017 that facilitates civil discussion between students with differing political opinions. Mr. Small shared, “Students are taking initiative and driving these conversations, which ties directly to our mission as an institution to educate critical thinkers and compassionate leaders.”

As part of the new MICDS Cross-Political Commission, last May, the MICDS community welcomed former Lt. Governor Peter Kinder and Steve Lipstein, CEO of BJC HealthCare to campus for a health care discussion. The event was moderated by Caleb Pultman ’17 and Rose Williams ’17.

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Scott Small
Head of Upper School

“Williams ’17. Speakers shared their opinions on the current status of health care before opening it up to the audience for questions.

Head of School Lisa Lyle remarked, “I loved seeing our CPC student leaders moderate the evening and students (and adults) in the audience pose probing and informed questions for both speakers. This venue provided a chance for all of us to come away with a deeper and more nuanced understanding of the issues around health care in America.”

A major foci of the Cross-Political Commission is to dialogue instead of debate. During the event, speakers and attendees stayed true to that commitment as they discussed pre-existing conditions, access, choice and more. “This evening was an amazing opportunity to engage in meaningful political discussions with my peers,” Pultman said. “It is important to have these conversations, and not many communities and schools are willing to open up to ideas and listen to one another.”
More than 400 educators from 25 states traveled to the MICDS campus for three days of learning and engaging with peers at the 3rd annual Summit for Transformative Learning (STLinSTL). Under the direction of MICDS faculty members Elizabeth Helfant and Patrick Woessner, conference sessions brought experts and educators together in small group settings to explore new ideas for maximizing student engagement and learning.

“I am so very proud of what STLinSTL has become under the leadership of Elizabeth and Patrick. First and foremost, it allows all of our teachers to engage deeply in shared learning experiences about best practice pedagogy, which directly impacts the experiences of the students in our classes on a daily basis. In addition, because we invite teachers from across the United States to our campus, it allows our faculty to participate in the national conversation about excellence in teaching and learning,” said Head of School Lisa Lyle.

Attendees chose from nearly 100 sessions related to the conference’s themes: Amplifying STEM, Best Practices in Pedagogy and Assessment, Brains on Learning, Contemporary Literacy, Fostering Diverse, Equitable and Inclusive Schools and It’s Elementary.

Fourteen MICDS faculty and staff members were among the presenters, including: Brian Thomas, Lynn Mittler, Chris Rappleye, Callie Bambenek, Amy Scheer, Ashley O’Toole, David Doherty, Jeff Gaw, Janet Purdy, Justin Little, Christy Moore, Mead Ploszay ’91, Tanya Roth and JoAnne Vogel.
Live that Life.
Write that Story.
I Can’t Wait to Read It!

Commencement Exercises honor the Class of 2017.

Graduation day—with all its pomp and circumstance—is a day you never forget. Seniors look forward to it all year, parents ready themselves for bittersweet emotions, teachers and administrators worry over every last detail and alumni reminisce on their own senior year memories.
The MICDS Class of 2017.

De’Ja Williams ‘17 and David Hotaling.

Senior choir members sing the MICDS Alma Mater at the conclusion of the graduation ceremony.
01. Abbie Driver ’17 receives her diploma from Bill Polk ’74 and Lisa Lyle.

02. Head of Upper School Scott Small, Class of 2017 Dean Chris Ludbrook, Board Chair Bill Polk ’74, Student Speaker Haad Zahid ’17, Head of School Lisa Lyle, Alumni Association President Jake McDonald ’98 and Faculty Speaker Carla Federman.

03. Head of School Lisa Lyle with Class of 2017 Valedictorian Isabella Fox ’17 (at left) and Salutatorian Nikki Kasal ’17.

04. Haad Zahid ’17 shares memories with the graduates.

PHOTOS BY TIM PARKER
The MICDS community celebrated the School’s 158th Commencement Exercise for the 159 members of the Class of 2017 on May 14 in the McDonnell Athletic Center. Head of Upper School Scott Small and 2017 Class Dean Chris Ludbrook proudly presented the candidates for graduation, while Head of School Lisa Lyle and MICDS Board Chair Bill Polk ’74 awarded the diplomas.

“These proud adults will leave the world in awe. Just watch them.”

Ms. Lyle welcomed graduates and guests and recognized the diverse and wonderful talents of the Class of 2017. She reminded attendees that this class consists of passionate readers and poets, gifted vocalists and historians, bench researchers, robot enthusiasts, remarkable student athletes and more. They modeled civic engagement around polarizing topics through the tagline “Converse to Comprehend Not Convince,” volunteered in Peruvian clinics, broke in McDonnell Hall and Brauer Hall, played the first games in the new Ron Holtman Stadium and transported us with the Sound of Music. Most importantly, she said, “You have developed relationships with your peers and your teachers that will serve you well for a lifetime.”

Bill Polk instilled a strong sense of pride for an MICDS education and also encouraged the graduates to continue to make a difference in the world. “Think big. Take a risk. Embrace the struggle and remember nothing great ever comes from a lot of easy days. Include, collaborate, give back and make sure you have some good laughs along the way.”

In keeping with tradition, the Class of 2017 chose one faculty member, JK-12 History and Social Studies Department Chair Carla Federman, and one classmate, Haad Zahid, to speak at commencement. Class Valedictorian Isabella Fox and Salutatorian Nikki Kasal offered remarks during Senior Night on May 12 (p. 12).

Sharing the story of William Sloane Coffin Jr., a young, white, upper-class chaplain at Yale University who traveled south to participate in the Freedom Riders movement during the Civil Rights era, Federman touched on his tireless efforts and bravery. Paralleling his story to the Class of 2017—and the way Coffin used language and dialogue in the hundreds of letters he wrote in response to critics—Federman stressed, “What we say, how we choose to say it and who we choose to say it to—that all matters.” Federman also noted Coffin’s privilege and the way he used it for good. She said, “Segregation and discrimination weren’t impacting him. He did it because they weren’t impacting him, and because it is incumbent on us as citizens, both of America and the world, to look beyond ourselves.”

Student Speaker Haad Zahid expressed pride in his fellow classmates as newfound adults. “It would seem that being an adult isn’t some merit-based title you get when you pay your bills for the first time, or something that you magically become when you live 365 days 18 times over. No. It is helping others where you have failed, using what you have learned to impact those you care about and accepting that you are not all-knowing and will continue to fail and learn. These proud adults will leave the world in awe, just watch them.”

To conclude the ceremony, MICDS Alumni Association President Jake McDonald ’98 formally welcomed graduates as the School’s newest additions to the MICDS alumni network, more than 8,100 members proud.

Surely, this year’s graduation ceremony will not be forgotten. Congratulations, Class of 2017!

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MICDS Class of 2017

Where is the Class of 2017 now?

Upper School, then the World!
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“Look at college as your ship, one that will sail you through the rough waters of the world—one that will lead you to a new land of opportunity.”

— ISABELLA FOX ‘17

During Senior Night, Isabella Fox ’17, Valedictorian of the Class of 2017, provided an illustrative metaphor for her time at MICDS and the journey to college. Isabella recently began the fall semester at Indiana University in Bloomington and the University’s Hutton Honor’s College.
Around the World in a Day

SIXTH GRADERS EXPAND THEIR KNOWLEDGE ON WORLD RELIGIONS

This spring, 6th grade students took a trip around the world—right here in their own backyard. For their world religions unit in history class, students visited the Hindu Temple of Saint Louis, Temple Emmanuel, the Islamic Foundation of Saint Louis and Saint Francis Xavier College Church on the St. Louis University campus.

One of the highlights for 6th grade student Happy Phatak ’23 was sharing a piece of her own culture with her classmates at the Hindu Temple of Saint Louis. She said, “I go to worship there every week. It’s a very nice place to go, and it was very cool to show all my friends about my religion.”

Sixth Grade Dean and History Teacher Mark Duvall shared, “The trip provided a great experience for our 6th grade students to learn about the many different faiths within our world. Our hope is that these experiences will strengthen our students’ ability to understand and respect different cultures and belief systems. It was especially exciting to see students explain their own faith to fellow 6th graders at a particular place of worship.”

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Upper School students showcased comprehensive independent research projects during the 3rd Annual Science Research Symposium held in the O’Hara Research Lab in McDonnell Hall and Brauer Hall. In addition to articulating their research findings, students enjoyed networking with professional scientists.

Sanchita Sen ’17, who aspires to attend medical school, explored a disease that affects bone density in mice. This project “showed me the many ways conducting a scientific research project will be excellent preparation for a pre-med program in college.”

“We believe it is important to expose students to real scientific investigation early in their academic careers so they realize that learning science and actually doing the work of a scientist are very different,” explained Dr. Katrina Brandis, Director of Research Programs at MICDS. “The earlier they can have an authentic research experience, the sooner they know if it is something they want to pursue in college.”

Anjali Pante ’17 presents her science research project on developing a glucose biosensor.

Congratulations to Ella Halford ’18 and Alex Donovan ’18, who both earned a perfect score of 36 on the ACT.
Novel Engineering

WHEN LITERATURE MEETS SCIENCE

From Little Red Riding Hood to Jack in the Beanstalk, children’s books are meant to inspire curiosity, engage young minds—and now—evoke scientific inquiry. Pairing language arts with science, Lower School Science Teacher Christy Moore recently tested a hypothesis of her own—a teaching method known as Novel Engineering, where popular children’s books are used to supplement science lessons. After reading a lesson’s assigned book, students work together to identify the main character’s problem and use science to create a solution.

Through Novel Engineering, a clever retake of the Three Little Pigs, known as The Three Little Javelinas, gave MICDS students the creative thinking to build tumbleweed houses in sand trays and test whether they could withstand the Big Bad Wolf’s (a hair dryer) attempts to blow them down—an innovative way to learn about the desert.

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Another book, Who Sank the Boat? allowed Senior Kindergarteners the chance to build boats and test whether they could carry a certain number of animals (weights) across the water. Other grades built parachutes for flying eggs or designed seeds for animals.

For Moore, the activities encouraged students to “flex their creative muscles and physically build something.” She shared, “kids love creating and making stuff. It’s hands on. It’s building. It’s much more concrete, and I think the kids really like that. Their creativity is unbelievable.”
Under the direction of Lower School Drama Teacher Rich Ives, 4th grade students learn what it takes to prepare for and perform a full-scale theatrical production. This year, the Class of 2025 performed The Tall Tale Tournament, a musical based on the play by Claire Boiko.

In this “rip-roaring hootenanny,” members of the Tall Tale Jury listen to contestants as they tell the tales of several legends of American folklore. The jury then determines which character is telling the tallest of tall tales. Contestants include Paul Bunyan, Mike Fink, Calamity Jane, Pecos Bill, Slue Foot Sue and Davey Crockett.

Ives enjoys working with the students to shape their characters. “They reach far beyond themselves, yet their personalities always shine through,” said Ives. “The students did an amazing job picking each other up when things went awry; I am proud of their resilience in and out of the spotlight.”
Ninth and 10th grade thespians tackled Arthur Miller’s Tony Award-winning play, *The Crucible*, this spring in the Vincent Price Theatre. *The Crucible* is a fictionalized account of the Salem witch trials that took place in Massachusetts in the 17th century.

Patrick Huber, Upper School Drama Teacher and director of the play, said “Reading the play in 8th grade was a wonderful opportunity for these students to learn the history behind the 17th century events described in the show and the mid-20th century events that inspired Miller to write it. Staging it gave them insight into what the characters experienced and felt, and helped the students understand the true genius of Miller’s writing.”
Lower School Gallery Night Brings Art to Life

“When I show my artwork to people, it makes me feel proud of myself because other people get to look at my art. And the more they look at my art the more they get inspired to make art too,” said MICDS Lower School 1st grader Rylee Day ‘24 as she reflected on the annual Beasley Art Gallery Night, a chance for JK-4th graders to showcase the masterpieces they created throughout the year.

During this year’s event held in spring, beautiful display boards filled the hallways and a three-dimensional art gallery transformed the cafeteria. Students also performed musical pieces, and interactive art activities were a hit with visitors. Greeting cards for purchase, made by the students, were the “hot ticket” item of the night. Sales raised over $500 for Pennies for Peru.

Sarah Garner, Lower School Art Teacher, sees Gallery Night as a chance to applaud the students on their artistic endeavors from the entire year. “The young artists lead their families and friends around the halls beaming with pride when they get to celebrate their creativity. It is magical to see a child’s face light up as they talk about the art they made.”

01. A sample of Lower School artwork from Brigid McNally ‘27.
03. Ellie Swank ‘31 strikes a pose at Lower School Gallery Night.
Band Program Builds Musicianship and Character

The MICDS Band Program celebrated another successful year. In Middle School, the 6th grade band used basic musicianship to build personal confidence and develop inner character. The 7th grade bands experienced firsthand what it’s like to be professional musicians after the beginning band combined with the intermediate band to perform—following just one rehearsal together. The 8th grade band overcame performance anxieties in class and through participation in a Solo/Ensemble Festival. During the Spring Concert, they performed music that challenged them academically and emotionally.

During the Spring Concert, the Upper School Band performed a variety of works, including “Sonata in D Major” by Johann Quantz, “American Sketches” by Pierre La Plante and “Alchemy” by Gary Gackstatter.

Scott Shaw directs the Middle School Band Concert.
Nelson Mandela once said, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” In July, MICDS Upper School students harnessed that quote as they traveled to South Africa to tour the country and lead a community service project at Nkomo Primary School in rural KwaZulu-Natal province. They were led by U.S. History Teacher Tanya Roth, Middle School Science Teacher Nolan Clarke and MICDS parent Shannon McCollough who, through her work as a business owner in South Africa and Africa Foundation volunteer, was integral in bringing this trip to MICDS.

At Nkomo, they held a mini “Day Camp,” during which they fed the children, did crafts/art projects, taught and led games native to South Africa, sang each other’s national songs and more.

“I will never forget watching our kids humbled when Principal Zikhali gave a tour of the school and the story of how the Nkomo Primary School came to be. What the kids at Nkomo have is so vastly different than what our kids have at MICDS. Our students absolutely understand that difference and how fortunate they are,” said Dr. McCollough.

MICDS student Labrill Collins ’19 shared, “I formed relationships with beautiful people and learned so much about South African history and culture. It was a fun and exciting experience, and I’m so grateful I was given the opportunity to go on this life-changing adventure!”

Along with the three-day community service project, some highlights from the trip included: a visit to Soweto and the home of Nelson Mandela (the same street where Desmond Tutu lived); a tour of the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg; game drives at the Isimongilisa Wetlands Park and award-winning safari destination Phinda Private Game Reserve; experiential learning about conservation; a brief visit to the Zuma Dula Zulu Cultural Village; a tour of Robben Island (where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 27 years); a rugby game; a trip to Boulders Beach (outside of Cape Town) to see African penguins; and a view of the Atlantic coast from the Cape of Good Hope.
Summer in Shanghai

This summer, MICDS students and faculty traveled to China for their annual exchange with MICDS’ sister school, the Shanghai Foreign Language School. While there, students took courses at the school, stayed with host families, visited historic tourist sites and tried authentic Chinese food. World Languages Teacher Lily Childs and English Teacher Dan Sadicario accompanied the students on the trip.

“The Chinese exchange trip provides students opportunities to step out of the classroom and go beyond their comfort zone to engage and explore Chinese culture and lifestyle. Additionally, students learn daily life first-hand by staying with their host family and building lifelong friendship with their peers.”

LILY CHILDS
A tradition at our School since 1912, Seniors, Juniors, 8th and 4th graders performed beautiful dances on Lilly’s Field for the annual May Day celebration. This year, the Class of 2017 chose Lexi Walsh as its May Queen.

In keeping with the MICDS Mission, the Senior girls requested that gifts be made in their honor to The Derek D. Martin Food Drive. Mr. Martin is the father of Kayla Martin ’17, a firefighter who was killed in the line of duty in 2002. He spearheaded the first food collection many years ago, and it continues on in his memory.

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In the Kitchen with the Middle School Cooking Club

Watch out MasterChef Junior, there are some new cooks in the kitchen! From gooey guacamole to tasty tortillas and savory sweets, the newly-minted Middle School Cooking Club created several delectable delights during the 2016-2017 academic year. Under the direction of Flik (MICDS’ food vendor) Dietitian Danielle Beck—who develops and supports wellness programming among all three divisions at MICDS—the Middle School Cooking Club gave students the chance to try their hand in the kitchen and form a new relationship with and appreciation for food.

Beck said, "The club is a great creative outlet for the kids. I give them a recipe at the beginning, but I let them conduct everything themselves. I’m there for support and guidance when needed, but I think it’s important to let them learn and create their own recipes.”

Beck also hopes to expand the club to both the Lower School and Upper School, where she envisions the Upper Schoolers teaching the Middle Schoolers, and the Middle Schoolers teaching the Lower Schoolers.

“Getting the whole community involved would be a great way to foster culinary appreciation and a deeper connection with food and wellness,” she added.
“Hear the crash, see the flash”

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL OF ST. LOUIS COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL’S FOUNDING

THE CDS ARCHIVES

1955

The round school seal was adopted in 1955 and remained in use throughout the school’s existence.

1974


1958

Troubadours production of “Dude Ranch.”

1917 — 2017

The Goldman Gates are the largest reminders of Country Day’s Brown Road campus. The two columns, made of Bedford stone, were contributed by CDS parent Alvin Goldman in the mid-1920s. They were moved with the school to Warson Road in 1957.
From Brown Road to Warson Road, rustic to refined, classic curriculum to co-ed cooperation. This year, as we celebrate the centennial of St. Louis Country Day School’s founding, we remember all that encompasses Codasco’s rich history. While time has blurred the lines that once defined Country Day, the school’s legacy is very much alive in the philosophy that guides MICDS, in the memories of thousands of alumni and in physical and programmatic reminders sprinkled across today’s MICDS campus.

A brief journey back in time takes us to late September in 1917, a period and place when education in St. Louis and around the country was changing. That’s where the CDS saga begins, and as you peruse the pages that follow, you’ll see a vibrant history that comes to life through a collection of memories, photos and milestones.

**THE OPENING CHAPTER**

St. Louis Country Day School’s opening on September 29, 1917 reflected the evolving nature of secondary education in the region. Public schools were gaining momentum and respect, and once-indomitable private institutions like venerable Smith Academy in St. Louis—founded in 1856 as a boy’s feeder school for Washington University—faced new competition.

After Smith announced it would close its doors following the 1916-17 academic year, plans for a number of successor schools were formulated. One group of parents of students attending Smith and other area schools embraced the “country day” educational movement sweeping the nation—the concept of providing quality instruction comparable to East Coast boarding schools with one caveat: allowing children to return home each night. Equally compelling was the prospect of facilities outside the crowded metropolitan centers of major cities, whose skies were often clouded by thick coal smoke.

**BROWN ROAD**

St. Louis Country Day School’s first home was on Brown Road in Berkeley, Missouri, just east of the fledgling St. Louis airport on a 54-acre tract that was once a private estate. Throughout its 40 years, Country Day’s original campus remained rustic and rural. It depended on well water for the first 15 years, and the Lower School building never had hot running water. Students initially came to school via a chartered electric streetcar known as “The Special,” trekking a quarter-mile from the trolley stop to the campus in all types of weather. That common commute, later provided by bus, was credited with fostering early school spirit.

Country Day’s financial fortunes and enrollment fluctuated, impacted by such global events as the Great Depression and World War II, but the school survived and eventually flourished. By the 1950s, CDS had outgrown its 1920s buildings, Brown Road was no longer “country,” and Lambert Airport had expanded ever-nearer, with noisy aircraft traffic increasingly disrupting classroom instruction.

**WARSON ROAD**

A new campus was built on Warson Road in Ladue, with the move taking place during the 1957-58 winter holiday break. Here, Country Day continued to function on its own until joining forces with the neighboring Mary Institute girls’ school in 1992 to form the coeducational Mary Institute and St. Louis Country Day School.

CDS students and faculty who experienced life on both campuses say the character of the school changed along with the move. Classes were now conducted in stylish brick buildings, replacing tired red-roofed stucco structures where modern amenities were few. Gone were the lengthy trips to and from school via trolley or bus. Parents—whose appearance on Brown Road usually spelled trouble for the child—became much more involved in daily school activities. And yet long-standing traditions endured, just as new ones evolved.

From Brown Road to Warson Road, CDS to MICDS. We chronicle Codasco’s 75 years as a stand-alone institution, during which it earned a respected place in the educational history of the St. Louis area. That legacy is part of the foundation of today’s MICDS, whose story as a leading educational institution continues.
1917
SEPTEMBER 29
First day of classes at St. Louis Country Day School.

1918
JUNE
First Country Day Prize Day and Prize Speaking Day.

1919
SPRING
First Codasco yearbook is published.

1920
JANUARY 28
In the absence of an indoor basketball court of sufficient height, “Suitcase Ball” is introduced, with players attempting to knock over a suitcase standing on end.

1923
JUNE 8
First Junior Prom.

1925
MARCH
The first Class Gift, a wooden lectern, is contributed by the Country Day Class of 1922; still used today in the Blanke Alumni Room.

1926
JANUARY 30
First dramatic production, “The Toreadors,” by student theatrical company officially named The Troubadours later that year.

1926
OCTOBER 9
Country Day wins first varsity football game against John Burroughs 13-0.

1928
ABC League is formed. Country Day and MICDS continue in League until it is dissolved in 2012.

Vincent Price ’29, has first major theatrical role in Troubadours production “El Bandido.”

A. The chartered two-car “Special” brought students from the city to the Country Day campus from 1917 until 1934.
B. The News was a popular student activity from 1917 to 1992, the longest-running of any school activity.
C. Country Day’s first varsity football team, fall 1919.
D. Country Day’s Brown Road campus, circa 1925. On the left, the lunchroom/gymnasium/auditorium building; in the background, the building which eventually housed the Lower School.
1934
FALL
Bus service replaces the two electric trolley “Specials” which had brought students to campus from St. Louis since school opened its doors in 1917.

1935
JANUARY 25
The Country Day Rally Song is sung for the first time during a CDS-John Burroughs basketball game.

1939
MAY
Alligator escapes for second time from Country Day’s makeshift zoo, is found on neighbor’s porch. Zoo is dismantled soon after.

1942
AUGUST 2
Robert H. B. Thompson, longest-serving Country Day headmaster, dies of a heart attack. A member of the first CDS faculty, he led the school for 21 years.

1947
JULY 28
Headmaster’s house is destroyed by an explosion and fire thought to have been caused by a natural gas leak. School caretaker is killed; Lillian Walls, then a housekeeper and later school dietitian, is injured but is rescued by maintenance man Jim Jones.

1950
OCTOBER

1952
FALL
“Ram” is adopted as sports team nickname after a student contest, succeeding “Redcoats” used in 1951-52 and, earlier, “The Codascos” and “Brown Roaders.”

1952
Acquisition of land for new Warson Road campus is completed. Price for 55.9-acre site: $199,000.

1956
Tradition of afternoon snacks of sandwiches or crackers and milk is abolished.

1957
FALL
Coats and ties become the dress requirement for all students.

1957-58
Country Day moves from its original Brown Road campus to Warson Road over the year-end holiday break. Most students participate in the move. Total cost: $150.

E. For years, Country Day’s school buses were painted red and white.
F. From 1942 until 1945, Country Day maintained a military program to prepare boys for service after graduation. Here, faculty member Frederick N. Werremeyer drills students who were provided uniforms and wooden rifles as part of the initiative.
G. The Newhard Gates at the north end of the Warson Road campus.
H. Mr. C. Robert Wells oversees Study Hall, 1960s.
**HISTORICAL MILESTONES**

**1960—1992**

**1960**

**JUNE**
Three pioneer faculty members retire — Gordon M. Browne, Robert L. Hobbs and Walter J. McCreery.

**1960**

**Nadia Danett, Russian Teacher,** becomes first full-time female faculty member at Country Day since the 1918-19 school year.

**1964**

**MAY**
Unofficial tradition of throwing a senior in the Country Day pond is introduced.

**1965**

**FALL**
Longtime Varsity Football Coach Robert “Pop” Hughes retires.

**1966**

**FALL**
First African-American student is admitted to Country Day.

**1966**

**FALL**
Ronald Holtman takes over as Country Day’s varsity football coach.

**1969**

**FALL**
New Library-Learning Center opens.

**1974**

Country Day varsity football team wins State Championship, first of seven to date for Country Day and MICDS.

**1983**

**APRIL 8**
Country Day alumni and United States Senators John C. Danforth ’54, Thomas F. Eagleton ’46, and Peter B. Wilson ’51 address student body in Danforth Chapel.

**1987**

**NOVEMBER 7**
Bryant Arts Center opens.

**1992**

**FALL**
Country Day and Mary Institute are officially joined into Mary Institute and St. Louis Country Day School.

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I. Nadia Danett, who, in 1960, became the first full-time female member of the faculty since the school’s second year, 1918-19.

J. Robert “Pop” Hughes, Head Country Day Football Coach from 1926 to 1948 and from 1952 to 1965.

K. Rams players celebrate with Head Coach Ronald Holtman after winning the State Football Championship in the fall of 1986. Mr. Holtman coached varsity football from 1966 to 2004.

L. Student Council President Willie Epps, Jr. ’88 addresses the September 1987 assembly celebrating the rededication of renovated Danforth Chapel.
A CENTURY LATER

The student experience—not surprisingly—has changed considerably from that autumn day in 1917 when 48 boys took the trolley from the city for the first day of classes at the new St. Louis Country Day School.

Today, returning alumni often comment on the differences, recalling such developments as the move to Warson Road from Brown Road, the construction of the Arts Center and the opening of the Library-Learning Center—with new facilities supported by generous alumni and parent donations then and now. They also note procedural changes. They marvel at the dining hall’s salad bar and other lunch options where, years ago, students all ate the same meal at long tables in charge of “masters” (teachers) who solemnly doled out the food. And coats and ties, once required every day, are now reserved for special occasions.

Country Day “grew up” in many ways during the 75 years after its founding, and the evolution continues as part of MICDS. In fact, CDS reminders are evident across the campus as MICDS carries with it traditions of academic rigor, athletic excellence, an appreciation for the arts and a sensitivity to cultural change. Looking back on the past century, it is apparent the statement of purpose from the school’s first (1917-18) catalog has remained an underlying premise: “By keeping the classes small and by laying stress on habits of mind rather than an accumulation of facts, the School expects to build the future high school work on secure foundations. The aim of the School is to fit boys for later usefulness of any kind.”

While we can’t recount CDS’s entire history in a few pages, we hope these images and milestones have stirred special memories of favorite instructors, Burroughs football games, Junior Prom, typing class, Red-White competition, study hall, the start of lifelong friendships and more. We encourage you to bring these recollections to Country Day’s Centennial Celebration in McDonnell Gymnasium Friday, November 17. In the meantime, we invite you to share what St. Louis Country Day School meant and still means to you by emailing us your recollections at classnotes@micds.org.
M. The original McCulloch Library, now the Blanke Alumni Room.

N. Construction of Country Day's Warson Road campus begins in mid-1950s.


P. The entire student body and faculty of Country Day School in 1920.

Q. The first live Country Day Ram mascot, fall 1959.

R. Seated on the Danforth Chapel stage during April 8, 1983, student assembly: Country Day’s three alumni who were serving as U.S. Senators: Peter B. Wilson ’51 (left), John C. Danforth ’54 and Thomas F. Eagleton ’46.

S. Computers first made their appearance at Country Day in the 1960s. An early, popular application was the computer match-up of CDS boys and Mary Institute girls for Valentine’s Day, with results published in the Country Day News. Classroom computers arrived in the early 1980s.

T. The longstanding tradition of a bonfire and rally before the Country Day-John Burroughs football game began Friday, November 22, 1935, the evening before Codasco beat Burroughs, 33-7.
Honoring Excellence in Teaching

Held in spring, the annual Faculty Awards Ceremony honors, promotes and celebrates great teaching and recognizes the outstanding work of our MICDS faculty. Thanks to the generosity of our alumni and friends, the School is able to present summer sabbaticals, fellowships, merit awards and Chairs of Distinguished Teaching. Congratulations to the 2017 honorees!

Summer Sabbaticals and Fellowships

- Edward M. Rivinus Summer Sabbatical Mary Institute Class of 1957 Faculty Development Fund
  Robin Campbell and Veronica Wachter (1st Grade Homeroom Teachers)
- Wilma and Roswell Messing Jr. ’34 Summer Sabbatical
  Grace Barlow (MS History)
- Thomas Family Fellowship
  Rene Ashman (US World Languages)
- Polk Family Summer Sabbatical Fellowship for the Teaching of English
  Meghan Clark (MS English)
- Carol B. and Jerome T. Loeb Fund for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics
  Sara Levine and Aubrey Schmoll (3rd Grade Homeroom Teachers)

Merit Awards

- Mary Institute Class of 1940 Annual Faculty Award
  Christopher Barker (US World Languages)
- Country Day School Class of 1958 “Extra Effort” Award
  Nolan Clarke (MS Science)
  Andy Cox (US History)
  Sarah Garner (LS Art)
  Brad Schaefer (MS P.E.)
- Dorothy Wray Roberts ’17 Faculty Merit Award
  Chris Brennan (4th Grade Homeroom Teacher)
- Sears Foundation Faculty Merit Award
  Kara Friedman (MS Counselor)
  David Sanders (US World Languages)
- Michael S. Gerrard Award
  Dana Self (US Vocal Music)

Chairs of Distinguished Teaching

- Ronald S. Beasley Chair of Distinguished Teaching and Learning
  Rachael Maurer (MS P.E.)
- Sander H. Coovert Chair of Distinguished Teaching
  Jim Lohr (LS P.E.)
- Eleanor Church Johnson ’27 Chair of Distinguished Teaching in English
  Aubrey Schmoll (3rd Grade Homeroom Teacher)
- John Allan Love Chair of Distinguished Teaching in History
  Cathy Leitch (US History)
- Gilbert-Werremeyer Chair of Distinguished Teaching
  Brian Coco (US Science)
- John R. Johnson Jr. Chair of Distinguished Teaching
  Marshall McCurties (US History)
- J. Evan Philips Chair of Distinguished Teaching in History
  Tanya Roth (US History)
- Donald H. Webb Chair of Distinguished Teaching
  Jody Marberry (MS Math)

(Front row, from left) Nolan Clarke, Meghan Clark, Rene Ashman, Kara Friedman, Grace Barlow and Sarah Garner; (second row, from left) Dana Self, Brad Schaefer, Christopher Barker, Robin Campbell, Veronica Wachter, Aubrey Schmoll and Sara Levine (not pictured) Chris Brennan, Andy Cox and David Sanders

(Front row, from left) Tanya Roth, Aubrey Schmoll, Marshall McCurties and Rachael Maurer; (second row, from left) Callie Bambenek, Robyn Williams, Brian Coco, Cathy Leitch, Jody Marberry and Jim Lohr
From Italy to St. Louis

Two Lower School MICDS teachers search for curriculum inspiration abroad.

If you could see through the eyes of a child, what would you see? How would you learn? For MICDS Junior Kindergarten students, learning happens through seeing, doing, thinking and exploring — through both inside and outside classroom spaces. For JK Teachers Ginny Otto and Bridget Wallace, a trip to Italy to participate in a Reggio Emilia International Children’s Center Study Tour was the perfect opportunity to take a closer look through their students’ lenses.

The Reggio Emilia Approach is an innovative and inspiring approach to early childhood education that values the child as strong, capable and resilient; rich with wonder and knowledge. Reggio Emilia believes every child brings with them deep curiosity and potential, and this innate curiosity drives their interest to understand their world and their place within it — values we share at MICDS.

For Reggio Emilia, the learning space is one of the keys that unlocks a child’s potential.

“The Reggio Emilia Approach looks at an environment as the third teacher,” said Mrs. Otto. “It is important for teachers to construct an environment that is thought-provoking and aesthetically pleasing for students — spaces that encourage collaboration, communication and exploration.” Both Mrs. Otto and Wallace plan to apply this concept as they envision the JK indoor and outdoor learning spaces in the future.

The teachers also took with them an important reminder: that all children have the same curious nature and desire to learn, no matter their context. Mrs. Wallace shared, “Seeing similarities in how children learn best regardless of where they live was a wonderful reminder of how as humans we have so much in common.”

The professional development opportunity was made possible through funding provided by the Wilma and Roswell Messing Jr. ’34 Summer Sabbatical and the Thomas Family Fellowship.
All-School Assembly Honors Faculty and Staff

The final all-school assembly of the 2016-2017 school year took place on April 24 in McDonnell Athletic Center. Students expressed their appreciation for faculty and staff through creative videos, and the School honored those individuals celebrating milestone employment anniversaries of 25, 20, 15 and 10 years. Twelfth graders also presented the Rivinus Award to Dr. Katrina Brandis (Science), and 8th graders honored Lev Guter (Math) with the Duncan Award.

Dr. Katrina Brandis (US Science) received the Rivinus Award.

Lev Guter (Math) received the Duncan Award.

(From left) Carolyn Hood (US Drama), Greg Stevens (Lower School CIT) and Aronda Reeves (Business Office)
(From left) Debbie Higgins (Marketing & Communications), Mike Fitzgerald (MS History) and Jane Fredman (MS Math)

(From left) Louise Jones (Alumni & Development), Rene Ashman (US World Languages), Susan Good (US English), Michael Black (US Science), Nicole Trueman-Shaw (Class of 2020 Dean, US English), Rachel Maurer (MS P.E.) and Candice Baumann (MS English). (Not pictured) Lawanda Bowman (Housekeeping), Bill Campbell (Maintenance) and Christine Mayer (5th Grade Dean, MS World Languages)

(From left) Laura Bradford (US Science), David Sanders (US World Languages), Lisa Lyle (Head of School), Jayme Zimmer (MS Art) and Allison Light (Alumni & Development). (Not pictured) Kelly Hummel (SK Homeroom Teacher), Iseta Jasikovic (Housekeeping), Julie Johnson (MS English), Nick Menneke (MS P.E.), Joe Summers (Maintenance) and Tex Tourais (US English)
Baseball
3rd place in Conference

Rams Baseball finished the season 13-9 and earned a 3rd place finish in the conference with a 6-4 record. A nine-game winning streak mid-season helped them earn the No. 1 seed for the District Tournament, where they ultimately fell in the championship game. Five Rams earned All-Conference honors: Harry Hegeman '17 (1st Team), Andrew Krause '17 (1st Team), Ward Hanser '17 (2nd Team), Michael Long '19 (2nd Team), and Justin Curran '17 (Honorable Mention). Luke Layton '17 was named the Metro League Co-Player of the Year.

Cycling
Squad gains confidence with mix of veterans and rookies

2017 was another great year for the Varsity Cycling Squad. The coed team, led by captains Gwyn McDonald '17 and Edgar Moskalev '17, sported a healthy mix of veteran and rookie riders all looking to find the podium. The Tilles Park Criterium was canceled because of flooding, but Nikki Kasal '17 and Binxuan Zhang '18 both earned spots on the podium at the O’Fallon Cup Criterium, the season finale. For some of the younger riders, the season was about gaining the skills and confidence necessary to compete at the next level. “It was like something clicked,” smiled Nicholas Clifford ‘20 after his strongest race of the season at Tuesday Night Worlds. With five graduating seniors, there will be plenty of opportunity for the underclassmen to grow into leadership roles and leave their mark on the program.

Boys Golf
District Champions

Boys Golf had a successful year with an overall 5-3 record in Metro League play. The Rams won the District Championship and had two State qualifiers—J.D. Mikula ’18 and Sam Hanser ’19. Mikula was named to the All-Metro League 1st Team, and Hanser was named to the 2nd Team.
Girls Lacrosse
State Champions

It was a great year for the Girls Varsity Lacrosse team. The Rams won the 2017 MSLA State Championship and finished 15-2 on the season while remaining undefeated in the state (10-0) and 7-0 at home. Four players were named All-State as well as 1st Team All-Metro: Whitney Williamson ‘17, Peggy Rianhard ‘17, Jennifer Williams ‘18 and Olivia Proctor ’19. Proctor was also named All-Metro Player of the Year. Mollie Schmid ‘18, Brooke Wright ‘18, Paige Blanchard ‘18 and Kiki Arnold ’19 were 2nd Team All-Metro selections. The Rams outscored opponents 246-69 with an average 16.3 goals per game and an average 4.4 goals against per game.
Boys Lacrosse
State Champions

The MICDS Varsity Boys Lacrosse team rolled to a 16-5 win over Chaminade to earn its 4th consecutive State Championship. Led by MVP Graham Bundy Jr ’19 and the sharp shooting Harry Welford ’17, the boys finished off the Red Devils with an arsenal of dynamic plays and a fortified defense. The win also marked the 56th consecutive in State victory for the Rams and pushes them to first all time among Missouri programs in total State Championships with seven. The Rams were paced throughout the year by all league selections and captains Alexander Feldman ’18, Jack Sant ’17, Gaines Bundy ’17, and Ryan Thompson ’18.

Girls Soccer
Best finish in program history

Girls Soccer advanced to the State Quarterfinals, achieving the best finish in the history of the MICDS Girls Soccer program. After battling many injuries during the regular season, the team finished second in the Metro League. The Rams got healthy at the right time and won five consecutive games before falling 1-0 to Fort Zumwalt South in the quarterfinal match. In the playoffs, the Rams beat ranked opponents Villa Duchesne (2-1), Ladue (2-1) and Incarnate Word Academy (1-0) in Districts and Sectional play. The leading scorers were Junior Delaney Schultz ’18 (21 goals and 10 assists) and Freshman Naomi Ferguson ’20 (20 goals and 8 assists). Schultz, Ferguson and goalkeeper Carolyn Botz ’17 were named to the 1st Team All-League. Schultz and Botz were also named to the All-Region Team. Defenders Alexis MacAskill ’17 and Berkeley Bearden ’18 were both named to the 2nd Team, All League, while Barbara Ribeiro ’20 and Lindsay Parks ’18 were named Honorable Mention, All League. The team finished the season 14-8.

Boys Tennis
Two medalists at State

Boys Tennis ended its season with two medalists at the State Tennis Tournament. Juniors Robert Baisch ’18 and Johnny Keeley ’18 earned 5th place in doubles, and senior Rohit Chouhan ’17 finished in 3rd place in singles. It was the highest finish for Chouhan in singles and the first medal for Keeley. The Rams lost to eventual state finalist Priory in the finals of Team Districts 4-5 after defeating them by the same score a week earlier.

#RAMNATION

Ryan Thompson ’18 and Graham Bundy Jr. ’19 celebrate a goal during the State Championship.

Robert Baisch ’18, Rohit Chouhan ’17 and Johnny Keeley ’18 relaxing before a big match at the State Tennis Tournament in Springfield, Missouri.
01. Boys Lacrosse celebrates their State Championship.
02. Ward Hanser ’17 completes an unassisted double play as Justin Curran ’17 looks on in a victory over Priory.
03. Fans cheer for the Rams.
04. Girls Soccer comes together to celebrate their Districts Championship.
Boys Track and Field

A new School record

Boys Track & Field provided several season highlights. Sophomore Josh Sutton ’19 was twice All-State in the 100m and 200m, finishing third in the 100m and fourth in the 200m. Sutton set a new school record in the 200m this season, posting 21.84 and winning the District Championship. Sutton was also the Sectional Champion. Senior DeRon Sutton ’17 was the Sectional Champion in the Shot Put and qualified for the State Championship but failed to make the final round of throws, finishing the season with a best throw of 49’-6”.

Girls Track and Field

2nd place at State, 10th consecutive District Championship

Girls Track and Field captured the MSHSAA Class 4 District Championship. It was the 10th consecutive District title by the Girls team. They also won the MSHSAA Class 4 Sectional title. The Rams finished second at the MSHSAA Class 4 State Track & Field Championship, falling one point short of Camdenton. The 4x100m relay team of Krysten Holmes ’19, Jhordin Galmore ’19, Zionn Pearson ’18 and Cara Johnson ’18 captured the State title in the event, outrunning all classes and posting the fastest time of the weekend in that event. The 4x800m relay team of Chloe May ’19, Palmer Mihaelich ’20, Colleen Slney ’17 and Lexi Walsh ’17 finished second to Parkway West. The 4x200m relay team of Zuri Reid ’19, Galmore, Pearson and Johnson earned All-State honors, finishing in 5th place. The 4x400m relay team of Mihaelich, Holmes, Athena Tharenos ’20 and Walsh made the finals and earned All-State honors, giving MICDS the distinction of being the only team to earn All-State honors in all four relays. MICDS had several individuals who were All-State in their respective events: Galmore (400m and 200m); Pearson (Long Jump and Triple Jump); Kayla Martin ’17 (Javelin); Claudia Williams ’17 (High Jump); Slney (3200m); and Johnson (200m). The 4x100m relay team edged the school record of 48.30 by finishing in 48.21.

Water Polo

3rd place in Conference

This season was challenging, and the young MICDS Water Polo team rose to the occasion. It was the second season without a home pool as construction continued on the new facility. Practice time was limited to six hours a week, and all games were played “away.” Despite these challenges, the players kept a positive attitude and worked hard towards some notable achievements. As a team, they finished third in the Lafayette Invitational, a tournament they entered as a 6th seed. They were seeded 20th in the State Tournament, and they were able to upset a Pattonville team but eventually lost to Lindbergh High School, the 2nd seeded team. Individually, Austin Gordon ’17 was selected to participate in the postseason Missouri Water Polo All Star Game. Chris Swanson ’18 was elected to the 1st Team All-Conference. The team is proud of their Missouri Water Polo “Sportsmanship Award.” This award, voted on by officials, recognizes the team that displays the best sportsmanship throughout the season. The Rams have always placed well in sportsmanship rankings; however, this is the first time the Rams have won the trophy. A good finish to what was a challenging season.
Post-Dispatch Scholar Athlete

Congratulations to Andrew Krause ‘17, who was named the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Scholar Athlete for MICDS this spring. Scholar Athletes are students who have excelled in the classroom and on the playing field. Andrew, a National Merit Semifinalist and an Eliot Scholar at MICDS, particularly enjoyed science and math courses and competed on the field in baseball and football. He was also elected Student Council co-president; was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, TEAMS, Science Bowl and the Math Team; and junior board vice president for Haven of Grace.

His favorite subject at MICDS was physics, and a future goal is to "create or discover something new, such as a product or a new idea or mathematical concept." When asked to name his role model, Andrew mentions his dad, John, for, "always pushing me to be my best, keeping me motivated and inspiring my love for math and science."

Andrew is currently at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, continuing his baseball career.
We are deeply grateful to everyone who has supported the Bold Action Campaign thus far. Your gifts support teachers who focus on each student and help them grow, educational programs that inspire students to lead lives of discovery and beautiful, state-of-the-art facilities.
Q: Why do you feel the Faculty Tuition Benefit Fund is important?

A: My dad found his calling in teaching and coaching long before my brothers, Rich ’86 and Tom ’90, and I, Sarah were old enough to go to CDS. But when he experienced CDS as a parent, it bonded him to the place in a whole new way. Long after we graduated, my dad would tell me how profoundly grateful he felt toward the School and for the opportunities it gave us.

Q: Why do you feel passionate about philanthropy?

A: Philanthropy is too grand a word to describe the baby steps that my wife Olivia and I have recently undertaken with our charitable giving. When we do give, for me it is a feeble attempt to settle accounts for the many gifts I have been afforded. Whatever success I have had, I’m not naive enough to think it is a product of my own hard work alone. Anything I have achieved has been based on opportunities given to me by others—by my parents, teachers, coaches and colleagues.

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Why I Give:

DAVID NUZUM ’92 SUPPORTS FACULTY TUITION BENEFIT

David Nuzum ’92, son of longtime faculty member Richard Nuzum—who taught at MICDS from 1980-2006—exemplifies the sense of tradition that has held true at MICDS since its beginnings.

“We were only able to attend CDS because of the very generous tuition benefit available to faculty at that time,” said Nuzum. The alumnus was so grateful for the aid he received that he decided to give back. In Fall 2016, Nuzum stepped forward with the initial lead gift in honor of the Class of 1992’s 25th Reunion—a gift that would help establish an endowed fund to support great teaching and learning at MICDS, providing tuition remission for the children of faculty and staff like him. His initial gift inspired his classmates to raise more than $140,000 for the Mary Institute and Saint Louis Country Day School Class of 1992 Tuition Benefit Fund.

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The Next Era of
#RamNation

Holtman Stadium and O’Hara Field

O’Hara Field is a turf field that allows us to strengthen our athletic program and regional presence as well as increase frequency of use through decreased maintenance requirements. Enhancing O’Hara Field is Holtman Stadium, which accommodates 1,000 fans for football, soccer and lacrosse games. It includes a new concession/pregame pavilion, press box, locker rooms, team rooms and training rooms.

Holekamp Track and Field Stadium

The Holekamp Track and Field Stadium—which replaces the Howard V. Stephens Jr. Field House—is a newly built structure that seats 400 fans and is the new home for the track and field team. The existing Ellis Field will be used for Junior Varsity practices, physical education classes and general recreation.

Steward Family Aquatic Center and William R. Orthwein Sr. Pool

The Steward Family Aquatic Center is a 27,505 square-foot structure that honors the architectural context of McDonnell Gymnasium. The 40M by 25-yard William R. Orthwein Sr. Pool features a 10-lane stretch pool with a moveable bulkhead for simultaneous uses. The moveable floor bottom allows the School to accommodate the needs of various programs—from physical education classes to swim and water polo practices. Enter the Center from the Upper School campus quad and experience a dramatic two-story entrance and observation area that provides floor-to-ceiling outdoor views of campus. The Steward Family Aquatic Center connects to McDonnell Gymnasium through the extended Hall of Fame.

Photos by Sam Fentress
Rams fans of all ages braved heavy rain and strong storms to celebrate the dedication and opening of O’Hara Field on April 5.

“The O’Hara family is proud to be a part of this amazing field and stadium,” remarked John O’Hara ’81. “It’s a perfect place for athletes, student fans, parents and alumni to enjoy high school sports.

“We are happy to be a part of something that brings the entire MICDS community together.”

In addition to Boys and Girls Lacrosse and Soccer, O’Hara Field will also be home to Rams Football.

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Sustainability for Our Future

Sustainability is everywhere at MICDS: in the cultivation of our buildings, our grounds, the nurturing of our students—and just as importantly, our finances. There are many ways we work toward protecting the resources we have and mindfully steward every gift in our tradition of excellence.

Where does your gift go?

I. The Annual Fund: Educational projects, trips, faculty excellence and the arts
II. Capital “Brick-and-Mortar” Projects: Building and facility improvements and environmental additions
III. Endowed Gifts: Financial aid, faculty professional development and student programs

What Are Endowed Gifts?

Unlike the Annual Fund, endowed gifts are not designed to be spent all at once. Instead, MICDS spends only 4.3 percent of the endowment’s seven year average market value, calculated on a 28 quarter basis for smoothing purposes.

Myth: Because of our significant endowment, we are not “in need.” Or, we can simply “tap” into our endowment reserves whenever we need to.

DID YOU KNOW?

MICDS has 224 individual endowed funds. Collectively they form our $96 million* endowment.

Of those endowed funds, 56% are restricted with the largest areas of distribution going to financial aid, Chairs of Distinguished Teaching, faculty professional development and student programs.

As of 6/30/16

Fact: It’s not that simple.

At MICDS, we determine our endowment draw each year by calculating the average market value of the endowment from the past seven years. Then, we replenish the funds drawn and spent with long-term investment returns. By doing so, we are able to preserve the value of the original gifts in perpetuity—as well as allow them to grow.

Myth: Endowed funds can be used however the School decides.

Fact: Many of the endowed funds are restricted, and we are committed to upholding the donor’s intentions for the funds. For example, if endowed funds are restricted to international programs, we cannot use the funds to pay the electric bill.

Funding the MICDS Endowment through Bold Action

As we head into the final phase of the Bold Action Campaign, we are focused on two major areas of endowment funding:

Faculty Excellence: Faculty Tuition Benefit, and Apprentice Teaching Fellowship

Student Access: Financial Aid, and Assistance Beyond Tuition

FOR MORE ABOUT THESE BENEFITS AND HOW THEY STRENGTHEN THE MICDS COMMUNITY >>
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PLANNED GIVING PROFILE:
Jason Saghir ’88

Jason Saghir ’88 has always known how to set his team up for a win. “On a team full of overachievers, Jason stood out as a leader,” recalled MICDS Water Polo Coach Don Casey.

Twenty-nine years later and long retired from water polo, Saghir is still helping lead the way. By naming the School as a beneficiary in his will, he is helping build the endowment. His decision has made him one of the youngest members of the MICDS Eliot & Thompson Society*.

“I'm a planner by nature,” Saghir admitted. “So when it came time to create my estate plan, I took it seriously and reflected on how much Country Day helped me develop both in and out of the classroom. It was an obvious decision for me to include MICDS in my will, and it’s given me great personal satisfaction,” he added.

Saghir, married with two children and living outside of Boston, left a long and successful career at Bain Capital a few years ago to try his hand as an entrepreneur.

Always enamored with the restaurant business, Saghir acquired 26 Dunkin Donuts shops on the East Coast. More recently, he joined Jason Brauer ’94, at Confluent Holdings. The company, which owns and operates businesses around the U.S., gives Saghir the opportunity to travel frequently, including regular trips back home to St. Louis. When in St. Louis, Saghir noted he often runs through the MICDS campus.

“It’s amazing to see how much our School has grown over the years, and to think about how Country Day was the foundation for everything that came after it. I think about the philanthropy it took for the School to survive its first 150 years, and I feel obligated to help ensure its survival for the next 150 years.”

To Jason Saghir ’88 and all the other members of the MICDS Eliot & Thompson Society, we are eternally grateful for your generosity and foresight. Your legacy commitment to build the MICDS endowment are foundational to our School’s future.

* The Eliot & Thompson Society honors all those who have taken the special step of including MICDS in their long-term plans through a bequest provision in their will or trust, a life-income gift or other estate-related giving arrangement. If you are interested in joining the Eliot & Thompson Society, or would like to see detailed financial illustrations of the projected benefits you could receive from making a planned gift to MICDS, please contact Kalleen Rose, Director of Major & Planned Gifts, at 314-995-7455 or krose@micds. We cordially invite you to join this special circle of visionary donors!
Fundraising for our Future

Classes celebrating their 10th through 50th reunions participated in a year-long fundraising campaign in the months leading up to Reunion Weekend, when more than 600 alumni gathered on campus for a variety of special events. While 25th and 50th reunion classes have a rich history of establishing special class funds, we encourage all alumni celebrating a five-year reunion to honor the occasion with a Reunion Class Gift.

Thank you to those of you who participated in your Reunion Class Gift! We are grateful for your support. This upcoming school year brings a new cohort of classes celebrating their milestone anniversaries. We look forward to honoring them at next year’s Reunion Weekend and helping them achieve their own Reunion Giving goals.

WHAT IS THE ANNUAL FUND?

The Annual Fund represents operating support for the School’s basic needs, such as faculty salaries and financial aid. It also affords us the flexibility to meet special needs as they arise, like updating the Beasley computer lab, growing the database collection in McCulloch Library to rival college resources, providing significant teacher professional development and providing students with opportunities for cross-cultural learning and the arts.
Lower School students have the advantage of exploring more hands-on learning opportunities outside of the classroom.

Our competitive Math in Focus® curriculum pushes the boundaries of learning, placing our 4th grade students above the 90th percentile in national norms on our standardized tests (CTP-4).

Our Girls Robotics Team was one of the first of its kind in St. Louis, earning two trips to the State Championships in their first two years.

In the last 10 years, our athletic teams have claimed 26 State Championships in 10 different sports.

Since 1914, theater has given students an outlet for their creativity and exposure to the wide variety of elements that make up a stage production.

A Tradition of Giving

YOUR SUPPORT ELEVATES OUR PROGRAMS AND INSPIRES THE NEXT GENERATION

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO GIVE:

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Saint Louis, MO 63124

Donate online at:
bit.ly/annual-fund

Two Upper School Drama Productions
$12,500

Robotics Kit for STEM
$75

Uniforms and Equipment for 10 Student Athletes
$2,500

Lower School Math in Focus® Program
$5,000

Bird Coop
$435

MICDS
ANNUAL FUND
“Continue to be leaders, not through a sense of prerogative or self-profession, but be leaders in the commitment to innovation, introspection and intellectual drive for which this world so desperately yearns.”

— Scott Small

Head of Upper School Scott Small delivered a provocative address to the Class of 2017 during Senior Night, where he talked, not only about what it means to be a leader, but also about developing a sense of great character.
Class Notes

NEWS FOR MARY INSTITUTE AND SAINT LOUIS COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL ALUMNAE AND ALUMNI

The following pages reflect notes submitted through June 15, 2017

Submit your news for the next issue to: classnotes@micds.org by October 15, 2017.
Births and Adoptions

We welcome the following children to our MICDS family.

**Janie McElwee-Smith ’01** and Brad:
Lucien Frederic and Arthur Bradford, February 25, 2017

**Jonathan Gaebe ’01** and Jackie:
Louisa, January 24, 2017

**Alexandra Redman Smith ’03** and Hart:
George Walter, May 27, 2017 (photo 2)

**Eric Brunt ’02** and Lindsey:
Reese Wing, November 8, 2017 (photo 3)

**Collin Hamilton ’94** and Valerie:
Laura Mae, March 8, 2017

Marriages

Congratulations to the following alumni on their recent nuptials.

**Pamela Farrell Dupuis ’70** and Michael Joseph Dupuis, December 19, 2016.
**Collin Hamilton ’94** and Valerie Chan, June 5, 2016. (photo 1)
**Suzie Butler ’56** and Frederick Wonham, May 9, 2017.

Alumnae/i Deaths

Through July 24, 2017

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

Louis L. Crawford Sr. ’44, April 8, 2017
Nancy Poleman Eschenroeder ’49, May 18, 2017
David C. Jones Jr. ’53, March 7, 2017
Albert O. Foster ’54, May 22, 2017
C. Rodney LaMothe ’54, July 18, 2017
George W. Beeler Jr. ’56, May 7, 2017
Georgia Mudd Britt ’58, July 3, 2017
Ellena Charles Riley ’60, October 29, 2016
Kathleen Ittner ’64, April 18, 2017
Brittany Banks ’06, July 19, 2017
A Festival of Lessons & Carols Sing-Along

Sunday, December 17, 2017

4:00-4:30 p.m. Reception in the Alumnae Room
4:30-5:30 p.m. Lessons and Carols Sing-Along for Alumnae in Mary Eliot Chapel

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!

hear the CRASH
see the FLASH
Country Day is having its 100th Anniversary BASH!

Friday, November 17, 2017

MCDONNELL GYMNASIUM

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
$100 per person
Open Bar & Dinner
1936 MI

Georgia Simmons Pierpont writes that she turned 90 in August. She and Carolyn Lansing McCluney see each other regularly in Vero Beach, Florida where they live. Georgia drives herself to the Bridge Center where she plays bridge five days a week.

1940 MI

Marjorie Attebery Du Vivier writes, “I have two new grandchildren, Joseph Pitsos (J.P. born 11-6-12) and Nuku (born 3-29-16), son and daughter of Edward F. Du Vivier ’69 and his wife Mateboho Mafantiri Du Vivier. They live in Maseru, Lesotho, that tiny little kingdom surrounded by South Africa. Ed’s older 29-year-old-daughter, Una Kate Du Vivier, still lives in Ireland. I Skype with both of them on alternate Sundays.”

1945 MI

Margaret Mize Mathis writes, “I’m living in Maine, still skiing, tutoring math, hiking weekly with a group and enjoying life. One granddaughter is getting married in October, and three already are. I have 10 grandchildren and five greats. My brother David ’45 lives in Vermont, and I see him often. I recently returned from a trip to Greece-Athens and islands ending in Crete.”

1956 MI

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Editor’s Note: The Spring 2017 edition of Class Notes was inadvertently missing some copy from the MI 1956 class news. The news should have appeared as follows:

Susie Fischer Yoder loves it when the “Naples invasion” is on and she is having fun with Judy Gissler Adair. Mary (Weeze), Jody, Morey and Page. Greta, her Miniature Dachshund, is stubborn but “still the perfect wonder dog.” Daughter Ginny Yoder Murphy ’81 is happily married to Ted Murphy ’80 and living in Oklahoma City. Judy just returned to Naples from her granddaughter’s early high school graduation in Rockville, MD. Eighteen-year-old Natalie Hope Morgan captured two top prizes, the first for Art and a second for Torah Interpretation. Natalie’s class of ’85 students from the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School will spend the last semester in Israel studying, living and learning about their heritage. Judy is deservedly proud of her.

We regret this omission of copy.

We have a new bride in our midst! On May 9, 2017, Suzie Butler and Frederick Wonham were married in Vero Beach, Florida. They are spending the summer in the Adirondacks. Best wishes and much happiness to Suzie and Fred.

Page Sharp Jackson’s linen business is still active. “I got a call from Kay Lungstras Welsh in Massachusetts ordering a blanket cover. I have lots of great MI alums as customers and a wonderful behind-the-scenes support person named Robyn Roessler Hanser,” says Page. “We are looking forward to a cruise through the British Isles this summer with Jerry and Judy Gissler Adair, and then a great family reunion in August. From there I am going to visit dear friend Serena Stewart in New York on August 20.”

Mary Morey Bradley reports, “Now that I have entered the high tech world and mastered an iPhone, I will bring my world down to basics and list my favorite things: BeautyCounter skin care products that are non-toxic and sold by my daughter Nina Bradley Clarke, managing director of the company, Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance, a biography of life in Appalachia that ends up at the Yale Law School. Classic Style, a book by my goddaughter Kate Schelter, is loaded with charm. There’s even a shout-out to St. Louis on p. 42. My new email is Marymbradley56@gmail.com.”

Nancy Noland Kurten says, “It’s good to have Class Notes back! And thanks to Robyn for making us sound so ‘on the ball’ even though we are all approaching the beginning of our 80th year. Hard to believe when memories of Mr. Beasley, the Maypole, faculty vs. seniors hockey game and yellow rolls seem like yesterday! We are still farming, waiting for high-speed train service to get us to Chicago more quickly and enjoying sharing it all with our family.”

Nancy Buford Ream, Susie Fischer Yoder and Judy Trimble Lane let me know they have nothing new to add. Often, “nothing new” is a good thing!

I had a wonderful chat with Peggy Wightman Kobusch. She now dances for fun and enjoys pilates, which keeps her fit. Both her children live in St. Louis, as do two of her three grandchildren. She loves working on her house and garden just like I do.

The Class of ’56 sends deepest sympathy to Minette Grunik Bethke on the passing of her brother, John Grunik IV.

I, Robyn Hanser, appreciate everyone’s kind words and accolades; however, I think I’m being over-thanked for sitting at my computer and sending and receiving e-mails! Please continue to stay in touch.
**1957 MI**

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I think I can speak for all who attended our 60th reunion that it was a great success. The only thing missing was those of you who did not attend, because we especially enjoyed connecting with classmates who live out of town. Those who traveled from various points in the U.S. were Judy Jones Motley, Pat Doughton Anderson, Louise Bartlett Franklin, Penny Gray Howland, Martha Baer and Sarah Priest Breed. Thank you for making the effort to be with us! St. Louis classmates who celebrated with us were DeDe DeWitt Lambert, Peggy Pauley Gundlach, Bonnie Barton Wolfarth, Ann Lortz Brightman, Marge Drum Bergfeld, Joyce Kohn Pass, Julie Levy Plax and Cookie Drees Arneson. MICDS did a wonderful job of organizing the events, which took place over three days. On Thursday, we met at the Log Cabin Club for a luncheon with MI and CDS anniversary classes from 1937 to 1967. That evening, Ann Brightman hosted a lovely dinner at her new condo in Clayton.

Friday was a free day for visiting and sightseeing. In the evening, we attended a cocktail reception and dinner with the entire school at MICDS. It was fun catching up with friends from various classes. On Saturday, a number of us took advantage of tours of the school. If you have not been back to MICDS to see its growth and development, I encourage you to do so.

**Bobbie Kaufman Wood** writes that she is sorry to have missed our reunion. “I was thinking about you all.” Recently she and her husband, Roger traveled to Asheville, North Carolina. “Up in the mountains. Was beautiful. Saw the Biltmore estate home of the Vanderbilts—what a place! Took about four hours to go through it—then the gardens.”

**Julie Meier Schmitt** writes that she is enjoying reading the Class Notes. “I’m so glad that has been reinstated.” She is proud that her daughter Margaret Meier Schmitt, DMD has been voted a Top Dentist in Delaware. Julie wishes us all a wonderful summer.

Louise Bartlett Franklin reports “Having missed our 55th reunion, it was great to see everyone after a 10 year lapse. Our family has expanded with the birth of a new grandson. He is Mai and Ernest’s third boy and named after my father, Robert Bartlett. I have taken up water aerobics, cut my hair and really enjoy the strenuous workout.”

Cookie writes that both Drees Arneson Cline ’87 and Peder Arneson ’84 now live close by “so now all Arnesons live on/off Warson Road!” Arne continues to work full-time at Arneson Timber Company and Norman Lumber Company, and Peder is now president of the companies. Cookie continues to work at Aldine Travel (33 years!), and daughter Drees has also joined her at Aldine. The whole family continues to enjoy going to the farm on weekends.

**Suzi Chapman Stolar** tells us, “I just read your ’57 notes in the MICDS magazine and loved catching up on so many classmates. Yes, I did miss the reunion, but early May was filled with end-of-season gatherings and meetings here in Miami Beach. We spent five weeks wandering Brazil in October and early November. And now, we’re packing suitcases again and heading for Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England, then we still hope to get back to St. Louis this fall. It’s been too many years since we’ve seen old friends there. But we did spend several days at the end of April in Palm Beach, and of course enjoyed a delightful dinner with Cynthia Hungerford Gibbons.”

The publication of Class News will occur three times a year now. We do not expect you to respond each time, but you are certainly free to do so, especially if you have something special you would like to have published. I look forward to hearing from you and wish you and yours health and happiness in the months ahead.

**1958 MI**

Elizabeth McDonnell writes, “James ’54 and I celebrated our 50th Anniversary in February. The weather was 70 degrees—who knew? Our latest happy news is that our daughter Kitty ’90 is moving to St. Louis in August 2017 with her husband and son, Jimmy ’31, who is starting in Jr. Kindergarten at Beasley School. It will be so wonderful to have them here!”

**1958 CDS**

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Maurice L. Hirsch, Jr. says, “Off to the South Island of New Zealand for a photography trip in June-July. Then to Spain in October, again for photography. In between, to the Carolinas with Marian. Grandson Jake Speller ’17 starts at University of Dayton in the Fall. Anna Speller ’20 continues her gymnastics training and competing at Level 10.”

David Hanks reports that in January he joined 400,000 fellow New Yorkers for the “Women’s March” which advocated legislation and policies regarding human rights, including women’s
rights, immigration reform and other issues. And he joined 5,000 New Yorkers for the “Tax March” on April 15. David says he was delighted to see friends in the 1959 MI class who, according to Class Notes, are also concerned about preserving democracy in our country and are participating in resistance efforts.

David Scharff has decided never to retire. To keep busy, he goes to China two or three times a year to teach psychotherapy and psychoanalysis, and more specifically family and couple treatment with a student group of eager Chinese from all over the country. David also founded the Journal called “Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy in China.” He is working on a book on the current state of marriage and family patterns and treatment brought about by the multiple traumas and social engineering experiments by the Chinese government. He is still in full-time practice and will be as long as sanity and competence hold out.

Sheila Morrin Humphreys noted she had fun spending time at the home of Kitty Norcross Wheeler ’57 in Woolwich, Maine on July 15, 2017, with Sally Lewis Kennedy ’66.

John Primm says, “happily residing in Hua Hin, Thailand. Teaching English to local Thais and to Chinese students online.”

1963 CDS

JOSEPH A. CAMPAGNA JR.
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Ever since many of us gathered in St. Louis four years ago for the 50th, and before then, it seemed like a good idea to gather in smaller groups more often. With the 55th coming up next year, eight members of the class did just that (the principal organizer was Neil Senturia, and my source for the details was John Allman).

On the weekend bridging March and April 2017, Neil and his wife Barbara organized and hosted a reunion of 1963 classmates including John Fremond, Dick Grote and his wife Suzy, Jock Gunter and his wife Diana, Sandy Tamm, Bill Horwitz, Steve Schmidt, and my wife Caroline, and myself at the Catamaran Resort between San Diego and La Jolla. Kudos to the hosts for giving a lift to our class spirit, and we hope more can gather at the 55th next year in St. Louis.

I have hired a professional organizer (Neil Senturia, and my source for the details was John Allman).

Highlights of the weekend included a ride around San Diego Bay in a vintage vessel captained by a friend of Neil’s and lunch and drinks afterward at the San Diego Yacht Club. Neil and Barbara also hosted a dinner, which included an impressive magic act.

Neil adds, “I have ended up in prison, which is what you probably wished for or expected: I teach entrepreneurship to inmates in conjunction with Defy Ventures at Donovan State Prison, a Level 4 Maximum Security Facility in San Diego. On the home front, my bride, Ms. Barbara Bry, is now a San Diego City Council member.”

Two things ahead for me, Joe Campagna Jr. The serious training I was going to start three years ago to prepare for a challenging Senior Olympic event will have started by the time you read this, and the nonprofit we launched four years ago will be achieving our goals at the same time; check it out at www.yellowwolfadvocacyproject.com.

I will also attempt to recruit some partners in the business of Class Agent now that we have come back from the mysteries of digital to the reality of things printed on paper. Any takers?

1964 CDS

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Harry Agress was selected to exhibit at “The Other Art Fair” (http://nyc.theotherartfair.com), a juried exhibition sponsored by Saatchi Art in New York June 1-4, 2017. The fair has previously been held in London, Sydney and Melbourne, and this will be the first Saatchi Art show in the U.S. The main idea is to introduce new, upcoming artists and their works at affordable prices. Additionally, Laumont Studio recently wrote a blog about his work on their website at http://laumont.com/?p=1643&prev-view=true.

1965 MI

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We’re back with more class news and 70th birthday celebrations!

Irène Leland: “I am thrilled to have received a special recognition for “Master Folk Singer-Songwriter Artist” at the Akademia Gala in Pasadena, California, on April 20. Also, I have been hired to write the biography of Elaine Elizabeth Presley.”

Connie Shapleigh Martin: “Many of us have already turned the big seven-o, as will I this summer. Of course, I am really 14 and ready for adventure! This year’s first trip was to Australia where I held a koala!”

Becky Woolsey Ester: “I have a number of health problems that prevent me from doing much. Since January, I have gone to a trainer four times a week to rebuild muscles and strength. Too many years being idle. My daughter Audrey married John Williams in Scotland a year ago.”

Jan Shapleigh Mackey: “Traveled with Jane Ruwitch Mitchell to Morocco where we learned about the strides this Muslim country has made in the past 20 years—particularly in women’s
rights. We enjoyed Fes, Marrakesh and a night camping in the Sahara. I had dinner with Annette Morris Clow and her husband, Chris, when they attended daughter Frannie’s graduation from Washington University Medical School.”

Alice Langenberg Abrams: “I spent March in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Besides being able to practice some Spanish, I use a local ceramic studio there. In April, husband Walter and I had the thrill to be included in Carter Weekend in Plains, Georgia, as part of a group of donors from Habitat for Humanity. A big highlight was lunch with the Carters and attendance at President Carter’s Sunday school class in his local church.”

A speedy recovery to Anne Kennard who is having back surgery stemming from her fall last winter. I hope you’re back on the tennis court soon—but please be careful!

Linda Glick: “I am still very involved with my nonprofit work of health services via nutritional meals. Additionally, I am on the advisory board for a high protein “ice cream”—ProYo. Last to get my driver’s license and last to turn 70! It’s tough to be the baby!”

Ann Calfee Alden: “My health continues to improve. Riding my horse has really helped to get my strength and endurance back. I presented in April at the Horse Collective Symposium. I am researching the effects of equine-facilitated learning interactions on elder adults. I enjoy spending time with my grandchildren, Ava (10), Zane (7) and Sydney (4). My older daughter, Alexa, became a regional vice president for Arbonne, while Jennifer continues to excel with her students in dressage in Tucson.”

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Susan Donnell Flanigan: “I spent March in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Besides being able to practice some Spanish, I use a local ceramic studio there. In April, husband Walter and I had the thrill to be included in Carter Weekend in Plains, Georgia, as part of a group of donors from Habitat for Humanity. A big highlight was lunch with the Carters and attendance at President Carter’s Sunday school class in his local church.”

A speedy recovery to Anne Kennard who is having back surgery stemming from her fall last winter. I hope you’re back on the tennis court soon—but please be careful!

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Gary and Becky Woolsey Ester ’65 with daughter Audrey at her wedding to John Williams in Scotland.

Jan Shapleigh Mackey ’65 celebrates 70 with John Stevenson and Jan’s family, Jane Mackey Foster, Alex ’94 and wife Alix Mackey, Zach Foster and John Mackey.

Walter and Alice Langenberg Abrams ’65 with President Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter in Plains, Georgia.

Linda Glick ’65 with granddaughters Hannah Holt, Rachel Rapson holding great-granddaughter Leah, Morgan Holt, and daughter Jan Holt.

Elizabeth Kendall ’65 visits the Warner Brothers lot to discuss the movie version of her book, Balanchine and the Lost Muse.

Judy Williams Gibbons ’65 and family on her 70th birthday in Lake George. (top row) Ryan Widener, David Gibbons, Uncle Roy (Bear); (middle row) Kate Gibbons, Jorie Gibbons Widener, Wendy Gibbons, Jim Gibbons; (bottom row) Brooke Gibbons, Eloise Widener, Madeleine Widener, Judy Gibbons and Paige Gibbons.

Veronica Murphy, granddaughter Sidney Smith, Ann Calfee Alden ’65.

Donna Schultz Heidbreder ’65 celebrating 70 in May.

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Howard V. Stephens reports, “Not much change. I am still working and playing golf with Spencer Burke. Kate is trading options at Bunge. Elizabeth ’07 (28) is working for Chubb in Los Angeles. Caroline ’10 (25) is working for THE DOOR, a PR and branding firm in New York. Eloise ’14 (21) will be a senior at Columbia College in Chicago, pursuing a BFA, and this summer she is working for the PVH Corporation in New York. She received the Design Internship for Tommy Hilfiger, and it’s ‘paid.’ All is good.”

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Rick Bidgood was the first to step up with news of a wedding and some travel. Joni and Rick’s eldest son, Nicholas, was married in June in Glastonbury, Connecticut. Nick and his bride, Chetty, are both aerospace engineers at Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford. This July, the senior Bidgoods are heading to the Pyrenees and Provence, France, to watch the Tour de France. That will be followed, in September, by a campervan trip out to Colorado to visit their youngest, Alex, who lives in Silverthorne.

From out-of-the-blue comes Lee Elliott with some very interesting remembrances that I won’t/can’t go into here. His eldest daughter, Elise ’13, has recently graduated from Vassar and was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Society. Our congratulations to you both! In addition, Lee’s youngest daughter, 4 years of age, will graduate MICDS circa 2031. Lee will certainly be the youngest 81-year-old among us. He has a J.D. from Washington University and practices law in Troy, Missouri.

Jim Burford has his eye on moving back to StL and, in the meantime, will assist with our 50th reunion planning.

A reliable source (Wolf) tells us that Chuck Jones is retiring from Stifel Nicolaus. Our congrats to him.

Carol and Jake Shepley are moving from the suburbs to a condo overlooking Forest Park. While lunching at the fashionable Olivette Diner, with Mark Warnick and Andy Coulta— in walks Steve Estep with his daughter and son-in-law. Steve is now retired from the construction biz but still coaches the Chaminade High School pole vaulters.

On a sad finishing note, Scott Sale lost his mother, Susan, last winter. Our condolences to Scott and his family.

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Pamela Lanier’s trip to Hungary in November with Judy Jacobs ’70 and her husband included a swim in a thermal lake and an Embassy party. Meanwhile, Pam reports that the United Nations World Tourism Organization granted her a license for a Sustainable Tourism Observatory, which enables her to report on best practices and how they are being achieved through the UN. She thanks the MI English department for making “her career and life work possible!”

1969  MI

Bill Macon, Dan Cohen, Bob Stanza, John Lipscomb, Gerald Dennig and Pepi Simon

Lou Stemmier, Bubba Singleton, Bill McCandless, Tom Tipton, Rob Kelter and Gary Bender
Greetings!! We hope everyone is doing well! We also want to apologize for missing the deadline on the last issue of Class Notes. That said, here we go...

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Mooie Holmes Carpenter and Phil Estep '70 have happily settled into their condo life in St. Louis. Mooie has retired from active art appraising and is teaching courses at Washington University, as well as helping Phil in his historic tax credit business. They traveled in May to Seattle, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., staying with Mooie's sister Nan '69 in Seattle. All three sons are doing well. “Life is good!”

Maud Essen’s big news is that she just retired from AT&T! Tina Rutledge Veraldi spear-headed a celebratory movie night with Genie Cannon Guilliams, and the classmates enjoyed “Hidden Figures” at the Esquire followed by cocktails and wonderful camaraderie. Next on Maud’s agenda was a knee replacement, after which she will continue her retirement celebrations with an island-hopping vacation to study the culture, society and arts of Indonesia (Sulawesi, Flores and Bali). On her return, Maud will finally complete the renovations to her renewable energy house and continue to devote herself to local political and environmental activities.

Leslie Limberg has just commemorated her 12th year as a wildlife artist! Just wrapped up her largest exhibit yet this spring with 56 paintings on Missouri birds and animals at Burr Oak Woods Nature Center in NW Missouri. She also had an exhibit at the August A. Busch Wildlife Conservations Area of Missouri wetlands at the Wetlands for Kids event. This girl is on fire!

Fortunately for us St. Louis girls, we have been able to see quite a bit of Pam Farrell Dupuis as she has been coming home to visit her mom quite often. Pam writes, “I remarried my ex husband in December. Since we had done this before, we had a quiet ceremony with family and friends and then all went out for a rollicking good dinner. I’m a ‘trader in securities’ now, and I love it. I trade for myself, not for others. Daughter Michaela spent a month in Japan and the Philippines earlier this year, then to India, Italy and France. Mom is good. Still living in Hanley Towers by herself at 94 and blind. We all get to see her often!”

It was so great to hear from Judy Jacobs! She writes, “We’ve been living in Budapest since December 2015. We retired from the rate race and came to be with Mihaly’s mother, who turned 90 just after we arrived. Unfortunately she passed away in late February. This summer, we hope to travel through Asia, and then, depending on how we feel, go on to South America. We’ll keep our flat here, since we have no idea where we will end up. Jer (28) married his college sweetheart in 2015 and finished his Ph.D. in mathematics at the University of Illinois last year. He now works at a startup in San Francisco, Josh (30) is still running his documentary film company, Oakhouse Films, in Columbus, Ohio.”

Wendy Cole Dixon started 2017 off with a bang, spending a month in New Zealand with husband Dennis. She is still doing spiritual direction. All three girls are working and doing well! “Life is good, thank you, God!”

We all got a chance to see Sally Cox Scheid a while ago. She tells us, “My sweet husband, Bob, died just before Thanksgiving. You have all been so sweet to me, and I thank you for your kindness! You have really been the ‘spirit’ that has held me together!”

Ellen Shapleigh Sedgwick tells us, “We’re enjoying retirement – that makes us sounds so old! Spending some of the winter months in Vero Beach, Florida. Blessed to still have my mother and Bill’s parents – busy with their care. Bill and I are still very involved in the U.S. Seniors Golf Association, which takes us places near and far and has opened our life to a wonderful group of friends. Sending love to all my classmates!”

Dede Haverstick is still in Charlottesville, still working, and she still has two dogs!

Jill Stein only gets funnier with time. We got her to write, “All is well. I am grateful to be healthy and Medicare-eligible. I do get wistful about times past. But a trip down memory lane always makes me grateful that I don’t ever have to repeat the Presidential Physical Fitness Test or try to stay on key while singing ‘The Violin is Ringing’ etc. during a Glee Club try-out, or wear clodhoppers or Villager clothing, etc. Look me up if you come to Paris. Of note, nursing homes, even in Paris, are cheap compared to the U.S. However, I would be happy to visit those of you who end up in the much-coveted Gatesworth. Hopefully we all have a long way to go before we start talking nursing homes!”

From Annie Conant Schlaffly we hear, “Enjoying life in St. Louis having moved into a new co-op in the Central West End. We now have five grandchildren. Son Joe is getting married this summer, and Joe has retired – so many transitions going on in 2017. Grateful for good health and my family but continue to wonder how we arrived at 65 so quickly! Play bridge with Barbie and Linda, and Genie is always organizing us for MICDS gatherings. If anyone comes to town, please let us know, as we would love to see you!”

As for me, Barbie Howell Reisner, I am happy to report that things are great. Love having Alison ’01 and her husband in town and now thrilled to say that Michelle and the grandkids are back in St. Louis with Billy ’98 commuting between here and New York. Still working out with Ellen, playing some bridge with Annie and Linda, and of course, still making my macaroons.

As for me, Linda Ferguson Benoist, I am still doing more of the same ol, same ol. Can’t seem to stop the work thing in RE with Lisa Coulter ’75, mostly because it’s so much fun! Both kids and their families are in town, which is great. Still spending as much time in Fish Creek, Wisconsin, as I possibly can.
Hearty salutations to classmates, family members and friends reading this second installment of the new CDS ’70 Class Notes.

As many of you know, a trust to benefit Nadia Danett was established early this year. John Brown ’82 and Bob Zafft ’82 manage the trust, with Charlie Schott, Dave Oetting and myself pressing the issue with our classmates. We are thrilled to report that the first phase of gift giving topped $50,000. Bob reports that “Mrs. Danett sends her deepest thanks to you all. Your affection and support have moved her beyond words.” The CDS class of ’70 gifted approximately $3,250.

I often chat with Dave Oetting. For these notes, he had one thing to say regarding the Danett trust: “Thank you for answering the call for Nadia. It was a very kind and generous response to a beloved faculty member we all respect and hold in high regard. This was indeed a good deed.” Dave spends a lot of time in California and Colorado.

Ben Brink checked in: “I have been busy over the past year teaching adjunct classes at four universities – mostly entrepreneurial and strategy courses. I continue to work mentoring start-ups in St. Louis. The boys are home from college. Both did well in their freshmen year, Jim at MacAlster College and Ben at Willamette University. Ben will transfer to the Journalism School at Mizzou next year. We just adopted a blind/deaf collie puppy, who seems to be able to see a little and hear a little. So it’s a full house.”

Mark Johnson is about halfway through his sophomore literary opus. “Fiction is harder than memoir, it turns out. Neither Bible Nor Badge (working title) is about a disillusioned Methodist minister who quits the clergy to become a cop. Problem is, it costs him his marriage and his church pension, and he’s not particularly good at policing. Nancy has completed an article telling her side of the story of being married to a guy who changes careers in late midlife to pursue a ‘self-indulgent, puerile fantasy.’ I have some what mixed emotions about her hopes for publication.”

As I have reported previously, Jim Liberman has moved to San Francisco. He tells me they are having a lovely time living there.

I’m looking forward to seeing Phil Estep and Mooic Holmes Carpenter ’70 during our fall reunion in September. For news about this lovely couple, see the MI class of ’70 notes.

Hal Bible gives us a status update on his health. “I’m still feeling pretty well overall and enjoying a more normal summer here in Minnesota. I had my last set of imaging and endoscopy at Mayo Clinic in December. Everything looked good and will have my next set in early August. It will be a relief to get those over with, and hopefully I’ll get another clean bill of health.”

I received a photo from Bill McMillan. He and Hal were snapped hanging out in Santa Barbara. “Older, clearly not wiser,” says Bill.

I was tickled to hear from Parker Smith: “After 17 years at Wind River Holdings I am retiring officially at the end of 2017. International travel is off the agenda, and I am working on a few projects but very little else. I have joined the board of a medical software company and am actively searching for other board positions to keep my hand in. Joan and I are spending time with our three grandchildren and planning travel to Prague and Budapest in 2018. All in all, life is good. Best to everyone.”

Bob Hermann sends some school news: “I want to report as Chair of the Bold Action Campaign as we enter our seventh and final year. The good news is we are about 95 percent of the way there. There are 11 of us who have joined the cause. I hope there can be more from the great class of ’70. If you’re so inclined to give to the general campaign or to the Ron Holtman Stadium, please contact me or Amy McFarland Dove ’85, Director of Development. For a fun memory reminder, think of RAMbling through the Rockies, and hopefully that will get you there! Thanks for thinking about this. Best.”

I was pleased to hear from Roger Lopata, who tells us he is “still living in the Philadelphia area, still married to Cynthia, still retired, still trying to be still.”

During a pause in biking, Larry McDaniel lets us know that “Chris and I are in political exile in France enjoying life in a civilized country. We are riding our bikes in Provence and more recently on the big Pyrenean cols and drinking vast quantities of really good wine. My CDS French is holding up quite well. As Danny Stephens would say, ’When the going gets tough, Chris McDaniel gets going.’”

I’m told by Jon Heitner that he is “plugging along.” In June, he went on a fishing trip to Montana. Then, apparently, it was difficult to restart the work gig. “On days like today, I do contemplate accelerating plans for calling it quits, but not yet.”

It was so great to get an email from Tom Duncan. “I am glad to report that both of my daughters, Erin and Taylor, are now married and living in St. Louis. We are blessed to have one grandson. I retired a little over a year ago, only to be met with bulging discs in my back—put a damper on the planned ice skating (and most other physical activity). Nonetheless, I seem to be getting better. My wife, Mimi, continues as an assistant teaching professor at University of Missouri—St. Louis. I still enjoy being an adjunct teacher at St. Louis University.”

Life here in Carlisle glides along pleasantly. I have entered stage 2 of retirement, where I jettison all the projects that don’t make any money. We spent
three weeks at the beach in Rhode Island in July and August. It’s so difficult to get back into the pace of work after that break, so Jon and I are in the same boat.

**1974 MI**

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Katie Chamberlin Compton and Paul ’73 became grandparents in 2016. Son Wheeler and daughter-in-law Lauren’s twins (Charlotte and Wheeler Jr.) were born three months early but are doing just fine and thriving. Meanwhile Katie is still holding the fort as the director of the Lifelong Learning Institute at Washington University.

Susan Tober Goldenberg reports that “Barry and I have been married 36 years. I have had an executive search firm for 16 years and partner with Linda Loeb Bearman ’76. My husband, Barry, in addition to practicing prosthodontics (dentistry specialty) full-time, has become a well-recognized speaker in his specialty area of dental implants and has traveled to some fabulous parts of the world where I have gotten to ride along. Our children Katie and Michael are healthy and happy. Katie has been married for five years, lives in St. Louis and has given us two beautiful grandsons, Charlie (3) and Will (6 months). Michael is in New York and works for one of the largest wine companies in the world.”

Cathy Mellow Goltermann says, “I am still teaching my Nuggets at St. Peter’s Playgroup along with helping out with baby Bobby Garrett (Gayle Bodine’s grandson). Then, in the afternoons, I work at Extended Day at Community School with the ‘Littles.’ Catherine is teaching pre-school at Assumption Catholic School. Christen is getting her master’s at Webster University in counseling. Woody is a law intern in Clayton, and Chris is still at St. Louis Braid Co.”

Holly Hermann Gulick and David ’72 “have sold our cattle herd (all 22 of them). It is freeing not to have any livestock responsibilities besides the bird dog! We still come and go to Bay, Missouri weekly, and we love it. Son, Drew ’02, and his wife, Alix, welcomed baby Emma in November 2016. Son, Clint, and his wife, Madeline, bought a house in Dallas last summer and are enjoying life down there. I continue my daily routine of either walking or lap swimming. Being a new member of The Grandmothers Group at my church in addition to recently joining a thought-provoking Bible study keeps me happliy centered.”

Trudi Glick Carey: “Still in Santa Barbara living the good life. Look me up if anyone is coming this way.”

Becky Howe Hailand writes: “Our daughter Elizabeth ’07 is starting business school at Washington University in the fall, and our boys Arthur ’10 and Henry ’12 are both living and working in Chicago. I’m looking forward to the next big reunion and hope to host the girls’ night as I have in the past.”

Lyn McCandless Hopkins reports that “the Hopkins family is doing just fine. Jeff is still international director at Neenah Inc. Charlie (29) is an energy analyst and has moved to southern Vermont to be with his fiancé, Jennifer. Sam (27) lives in Boston and works at wayfair.com. Annie (27) also lives in Boston and works at Dexter/Southfield as coordinator of events and development. We see the kids often, Jeff and Lyn live in Longmeadow, Massachusetts, but are very involved in the New London, New Hampshire community. Lyn gets back to St. Louis to be with her mother, Ann Cochran McCandless ’51, and brother, Sandy ’75. Her sister, Jane ’81, lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, and brother, Bill ’77, lives in McCall, Idaho. Getting together with everyone is a real feat and always special. Lyn sends her love to all.”

Nina Primm McIntyre and her husband, Archie, are excited to be moving into their newly renovated farmhouse in Dublin, New Hampshire, in time for their daughter Ellie’s wedding in September. Her daughter Georgia graduated from Colgate and is working in New York.

Peggy Daniel Dechan writes: “My son, Ian, graduated from Tufts Med School in May and started his residency at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis in June. Very exciting to have my son in St. Louis, as my mother still lives there. I also have kept in good touch with MI friends in STL (Alice, Holly, Jane, Cathy, Sarah, etc.), so it is very fun to visit. My other son is in Los Angeles, and my husband and I still live in New Jersey, so we have the country covered!”

Margot Lyman Sprague reports: “Christopher and I split our time between Boston and the Monadnock region. Kids a bit too far afield for easy access, but we did all have a great mid coast California wine tour this spring. Emmy is bearing the strange political winds of Washington, and Jay is in Los Angeles knee-deep in financial work and flexing some entrepreneurial muscle. We’ve got a quirky little Jack Russell and lots of good friends whom we love. Nina and I had a terrific few days in Richmond visiting Case and loved her very cool Virginia Museum of Fine Arts!”

*(From left) Casey Mallinckrodt ’74, Nina Primm McIntyre ’74 and Margot Lyman Sprague ’74.*

Mimi Johnston Vangel reports that she and family “are still in Ohio, and Dave is still with Smuckers. Our son is in Miami working for Boston Scientific, and our daughter is in Kansas City working for a national healthcare staffing company. Last year, we visited France, Lake Como, Cinque Terre and Dave’s family in Piombino, Italy. This year, we’re looking forward to a trip to Ireland. Looking forward to seeing everyone at a future reunion!”

Muffy Roulhac Sewall reports that she has “officially semi-retired; working now in the startup world for innovative medical device technology as well as mentoring entrepreneurs in this area.
Our daughter Quincy was married last summer. We travel often to New York/New Jersey, and this spring, I got together with Peggy Daniel Deehan to catch up and compare notes on New Zealand. I am planning a big trip next winter for my big birthday, and Peggy and Gregg were a huge help! I hope to see them more when we are there! 

Casey Mallinckrodt (Class Scribe) has moved to Richmond, Virginia, and is an object conservator at Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond. Great work at an excellent museum! My wonderful daughter Leeds works in an architecture firm in Denver where I visit her as often as possible. I had a great weekend with Nina and Margot, who visited in April.

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Dave Robson, currently chief of surgery at Missouri Baptist in St. Louis, completed a master of health care delivery at Dartmouth in 2016.

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Didi McKee Noelker is still teaching at Villa Duchesne and Oak Hill School. Her husband, Tim, has been appointed general counsel and White House representative to Corporation for National and Community Service in Washington. The two plan to commute between St. Louis and Washington, D.C. Daughter Joan is an emergency medicine physician at Washington University, as is her husband Phil. Son, Joe, daughter-in-law, Umang, and granddaughter, Naina, now reside in Tulsa where Umang practices pediatrics alongside her parents. Joe finished an MBA at Washington University and is continuing his voice acting work.

Janet Jones Horlacher says she recently helped celebrate Julie Desloge’s birthday with Maria Werner, Ellen Bates and Barbi Cady ’80 subbing in for sister Georgia.

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1978 MI

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Julie Hardesty Ferman and husband, Gil, relocated from Los Angeles to Santa Fe, New Mexico, and are loving the hiking and skiing adventures there. Julie’s business is vibrant, doing lots of dating coaching and personal matchmaking. Their boys, Alex (25) and Kevin (23), are thoroughly immersed in their passions, respectively golf and skateboarding.
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were just a few years ago.”
EJ Brandreth says he “is still enjoying the endless
summer in San Diego, with wife, Stacie, and kids,
EJ IV and Olivia. When he is not at the beach or
out fishing and diving, which is rare, he is a VP of
Inovio, a biotech company creating DNA ther-a-
pies for cancer and infectious disease. Missy’all!”
William A. Wallace reports that he moved back
to St. Louis five years ago with his wife, Jane, and
three daughters, Emily, Eva and Ellie. Bill has
been the executive director and president of Mis-
souri Veterans Endeavor, a nonprofit that pro-
vides housing, therapy and social work services to
homeless veterans and their family members. Bill
was also appointed last year by former governor
Jay Nixon as a Missouri Veterans Commissioner.
Bill says he loves spending times with his family,
friends and CDS buddies and having connected
with many CDS Football alums who had the plea-
ure of playing for Coach Holtman during the
campaign for the “Coach Ron Holtman Football
Stadium.”
Bill Bitting reports, “all is well in the Bill Bitting
world. My son, Billy (16), will be junior at Ladue
High School, and daughter, Addie (14), will
be a freshman. They are both good students,
good athletes, great kids and typical teenagers.
Wife, Kathy, is making my life better every day
and in 2010-2013 was a part of a group with other
pharmaceutical reps that rescued 101 dumped
and abandoned dogs that were left in the desert
in Tonapah, Arizona! We got them all saved
and into forever homes. Finally, the best part of
2016 was that the Chicago Cubs finally won the
World Series!”
OUR oldest, Audrey, completed her freshman
year at Marquette in the fall. I am thrilled to report we all are
healthy and happy.”
Tal Sant is “still at Affinity Law Group (after
many years at Armstrong) handling business
litigation transactions and succession planning
as well as commercial bankruptcies and business
workouts. Seeing son, Boty (25, moving to Col-
orado), and daughter, Allie (22, living in Tucson
and going to U of A), as much as possible. I serve
on the board of Project, Inc., a sheltered work-
shop that Burridge serves as executive director;
playing Friday morning hockey with Stephens,
Streett, Kahn, Hyken, Wallace and Apted ’77;
completed three half triathlons and two full in
past couple years—my ‘significant other,’ Nicole
Sottile, got me into these with her; duck hunted
several times with Rouse and Childress; saw
MacCarthy here for his son, Jack’s track meets
for Wash U; and enjoyed seeing many class-
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to society.”
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on customer service and experience. Another
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Kip Gordon says, “We’re still enjoying Chicago
(except for the long winters). My wife, Lori, and
I celebrated our 25th anniversary this past year.
Our oldest, Audrey, completed her freshman
year at Marquette where she took up rowing
on their club crew team and loves the sport.
She’s transferring to the University of Michigan
this fall to pursue an English degree. Our
younger, Jack, is a junior this fall at New Trier
High School. I’m still working for MaxPoint
Interactive, a digital advertising and marketing
intelligence firm. Lori works for Northwestern
University in finance and planning for student
affairs. I get to St. Louis a couple times a year,
at minimum during baseball season to take my
mom (Claire, ’54).”
alum. He’s off to Butler University where he will major in advertising and sports media. While we’ll miss MICDS, it’s time to shift into the ‘visiting the kids’ stage, which means going to Austin and Chicago to see the girls, and up to Indianapolis for Big East basketball games and events with Sam. Yes, we will continue to have CDS class of ’80 gatherings at my house.”

A note from Eric Finch: “Been a great year with son, Andy, graduating college, my hitting many weight and strength targets, purging items from the house that are no longer a burden or eyesore, my finding the love of my life (Julie Butler), marshalling at the U.S. Open and scoring at the U.S. Sr. Amateur and cultivating new friends while enhancing the many friendships I have in place. It’s a wonderful life!”

1982 CDS

Henry Biggs, ’82, and two of his sons, Jack Biggs, ’12 (right) and Charlie Biggs ’16, celebrate their summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania (19,340 ft.) on June 12, 2017.

1983 MI

Anne Livingstone Kirsch notes, “Anthony turned 21 and is working full-time where I work, Texas Department of Public Safety. Never thought both of us would end up working with law enforcement. Caroline was supposed to graduate from high school in June 2017 but graduated August of 2016—a year early. She has already started taking college classes.” The family enjoyed time together at Easter.

1985 MI

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Carol Platt Liebau writes that she and her nine-year-old twins, Andrew and Elizabeth, recently visited with Lauren Bosenstein Gundlach and her daughter, Elise, when they traveled from their home in Seattle to Manhattan for a family event. Lauren and her family were also headed for Paris in June—while Carol will spend a good deal of time in Hartford, Connecticut, this summer (she works as president of the Yankee Institute for Public Policy, a free-market think tank).

1987 MI

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Wendy Brafman notes, “This summer I finish up my two-year assignment as Consular Chief of the U.S. Embassy in Kampala, Uganda. Among other work, we helped evacuate U.S. citizens from Juba, South Sudan when civil unrest in-
1990

A note from Shazia Malik: “I just wanted to say hi to my classmates. I don’t think I ever announced the birth of my last child, who is now 2! His name is Zaydin. He loves his older brother Zain (7) and older sister Zara (9) and thinks he is their age! I still find it a challenge to be ‘Wonder Mom’ and ‘Wonder Surgeon,’ but I’m managing with the help of my mom and family. We are still settled in the Phoenix/Scottsdale area and would love to see any classmates who visit the area!”

1990

creased. My husband and I found time to travel throughout Uganda, plus the Seychelles and Zanzibar, thanks to fantastic travel consultant Julie Garagnani Jones. I also somehow acquired a beagle while in Kampala. My husband and I start three-year tours in Amman, Jordan, in September. Come visit!”

1991

From Elizabeth Dilley García Dominguez: “I moved back to St. Louis a few years ago and now live in Wildwood with my husband, Juan, our son, Joey, and our three rescue dogs. I graduated from Washington University Law School in June and will join my mother, Nancy Dilley, in her private practice focused on estate planning. Joey is entering fifth grade at New City School and keeps us busy with all his activities — band, violin, math team, soccer, basketball and baseball.”

1993

Steve Silber is in his 10th season as director of Chulitna Lodge Wilderness Retreat, guiding wilderness vacation excursions and an artist-in-residence program 180 miles off-grid at a fly-in only location in Alaska (Chulitnalodge.com). Steve continues to make art and was invited last winter to collaborate with artist Onye Ozuzu (dean of Columbia College) in association with Rebuild Project run by well-known artist Theaster Gates.

Neil Kulkarni moved to Denver, Colorado, last summer and hangs out with fellow ’93 classmate Aaron Davis quite often. Neil is working on a derivative trading desk and is enjoying his move out west.

1994

Collin Hamilton says, “I finally got married on June 5, 2016, at the Fullerton Bay Hotel in Singapore to a friend I’ve known since college. Given my tardiness in tying the knot, we wasted no time. Valerie and I welcomed our baby girl Laura Mae in Singapore on March 8 this year (International Women’s Day, no less!). We spend most of our time in Melbourne and Singapore, so drop us a note if you’re ever in the neighbourhood.”

2001

Aaron Katzman won an Emmy Award as a producer for ESPN’s College GameDay. This is Aaron’s second Emmy for the college football roadshow that travels to the campus of the nation’s top matchup each week.

2002

Along with welcoming Reese into the family, Eric Brunt assumed the position of director of enrollment management at MICDS. In August, Eric, his brother Tim Brunt ’06, and their father Mike Brunt summited Mt. Rainier, Washington, 14,410 ft, the largest glaciated mountain in the continental U.S.

2003

Alexandra Redman Smith and her husband, Hart Smith, welcomed their first child, George Walter Smith, on May 27, 2017, in St. Louis. Despite arriving almost a month early, George is healthy, active and happy to have been born in his mother’s home town.
Logan Stone and Jamie McKinney ’10 (director and producer, respectively) of Cinestone Pictures recently returned home to St. Louis for production of their film Noise and Color, a dystopian road movie set in middle-America about a disillusioned man struggling under an authoritarian regime. When he finds a mysterious videotape that proves the existence of a mythic paradise in the desert, he follows the cryptic omens and signs embedded in the world around him, evading dangerous pursuers along the way.

Robyn Parkinson graduated in May 2017 from Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, with her degree in political science and math. Robyn is heading to Harvard Law School this coming fall as classmate Ben Gunning, a 2017 Notre Dame graduate who majored in computer science and math.

Robert John Kurzu II was recently recognized for academic achievement by the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi for being in the top 10 percent of all Oklahoma State graduates. In addition, he is the first scholarship athlete on the football team to graduate from the Honors College at Oklahoma State. He was also inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma for being in the top ten percent of graduates from the Spears College of Business. He has accepted a position in the officer training program with MidFirst Bank, one of the largest privately held banks in the U.S. and will reside in Oklahoma City.
Irene Leland ’65 was awarded “Master Folk Singer-Songwriter Artist” recognition and a plaque at The Akademia’s Gala event at Club 54 in Pasadena, California, on April 20, 2017. She said, “It was a thrill to be honored at this celebration of music award winning artists and to be surprised with this announcement.”

Last fall, Alan Webber ’66, founder of One New Mexico, accepted the 2016 Warren Bennis Award for Excellence in Leadership during the 20th Global Institute for Leadership Development. One New Mexico is a state-based nonprofit that works to create a better future for all New Mexicans. Webber said, “Each of us has a leadership role to play and each of us can make a difference in our communities and for our families to create a more vibrant economy, greater financial security, safer communities and higher quality education. To me, that’s the spirit and meaning of the Bennis Award.”

Asha Alikhan Zimmerman ’85 is one of the ten 2017 Women of Achievement under the category of Caring and Compassion for her work creating Friends of Wings, a development arm of The Wings Program, BJC HealthCare’s pediatric palliative care and hospice. Along with helping raise approximately $10 million for the program, she also helped create Joyful Celebrations, which recognizes birthdays and other significant events for Wings patients, as well as Wings on Wheels, a mobile expressive therapy program that brings services and professionals to patient’s classmates, church groups and other organizations.

On June 20, Wendy Brafman ’87 received the William R. Rivkin Award for Constructive Dissent during an awards ceremony at the Department of State. She was honored for her work redeveloping Uganda’s intercountry adoption process.
“Today is NOT about me. It is about the Battlefield Cross and what it represents...Was [their loss] worth it? This is the wrong question to answer. Instead we should commit ourselves to ‘Make it Worth It!’”

— MAJOR STEPHEN M. PELLIGREEN ’99
A hallmark of the MICDS campus, the Danforth Chapel’s footprint lives on just outside the new Steward Family Aquatic Center.