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# Dear MICDS Family,



At approximately one year of age, give or take a few months, the human infant begins to point its finger. When I was an English teacher, I would often refer to this milestone of cognitive development as “the birth of the direct object.” Intransitive verbs, as you may recall from your own grammar lessons, do not take objects, and pre-pointing infants seem to exist exclusively in the intransitive mood: “I sleep,” “I wake,” “I hunger,” “I cry,” “I eat,” “I crawl,” “I (ahem) evacuate,” “I tire,” “I sleep.” The eventual advent of pointing bespeaks a dawning perception of the more relational transitive mood, an awareness of objects beyond the infant’s self: “I see you,” “I see that,” “I want that”—or even, perhaps, in the primal words of Tina Fey’s 30 Rock alter ego, Liz Lemon, “I want to go to there.”

The first-person human subject at any age—the “I,” the “we”—ever navigates an encompassing world of objects. Included among these are, of course, objects of affection: friends and loved ones, favorite places and things, raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens. Included as well, however, are what we might call “objects of disaffection”: the people, places, and things that we keep at a distance—that we, in a word, objectify. In a September 2019 sermon at the National Cathedral lamenting the epidemic of such disaffection in American life, Senator John Danforth ’54 observed that “when we don’t see others as friends, we see them as objects.”

He cited a YouGov America study of adults between the ages of 23 and 38 in which 30% of respondents reported often or always feeling lonely and 22% reported having no friends at all. For every object of disaffection, it might be said, there is a transitively disaffected subject, a self-isolating “I.”

In this issue of the *MICDS Magazine* you will find, among other inspirational content, an excerpt from the valedictory address of Jack Morris ’21, who upon graduating thanked our extraordinary faculty for teaching him and his classmates “how to think, not what to think.” In refracting this distillation of the MICDS learning experience through the words of Senator Danforth—Jack’s forebear in alma mater and nickname alike—I would suggest that “what to think” happens when we see others as objects, but “how to think” happens when we see others as friends. “What to think” can be achieved merely through memorization in isolation, but “how to think” can be achieved only through dialogue in community with others, and is strengthened under the guidance of exceptional teachers like J. Evan Philips and Chris Rappleye, both of whom you will see pictured on the back cover of this issue.

“Community” is more than just a feel-good concept or a passing emphasis at MICDS. Community is the firm ground in which the social, moral, and, yes, even intellectual formation and growth of our students is

rooted. In these pages you will find stories about community in action socially—stories about May Day and Commencement ceremonies, our annual senior boat race and parade, our Lower School Community Day, and our Upper School Diversity Leadership Conference. You will also find stories about our community in action academically and artistically—stories about kindergarten livestock tenders, 5th grade astronomers, 8th grade chemists, Upper School freshwater trigonometrists, and student performers and photographers of all ages. Profiles of community leaders also feature notably in this issue, from Assistant Head of School for Teaching and Learning Sally Maxwell and Chief Information Officer Stewart Crais to Monica Howard Douglas '90, Senior Vice President and General Counsel for The Coca-Cola Company.

We always have so much to learn from the youngest in our midst. Finger-pointing of the adult variety objectifies others and impedes learning; finger-pointing of the infant variety seeks others and induces learning. "I see that. I see you." May we all be as infants at MICDS, seeking the world in community with each other.



**Jay Rainey**  
Head of School



# A Race to the Finish!

Our traditional Senior Boat Race took place this spring. Each senior advisory constructed a boat out of everyday materials such as cardboard, duct tape, and paint. After a barbecue dinner, the rainy competition got underway. The winners of the coveted first place title in last year's Senior Boat Race were the advisory of **Upper School Fine Arts Teacher Denise Douglas**.



# Seniors Parade with Fanfare

After the tradition of passing the flag to the Class of 2022 leaders, our seniors and their parents embarked on a campus car parade with fanfare on all sides! The Class of 2021 was cheered on and celebrated by the faculty and staff who have taught, cared for, and supported them these past years.



# Beasley Friends Enjoy Community Day

Our Beasley friends spread their wings for a Lower School Community Day, enjoying activities that included obstacle-coursing their way through the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge, going on art walks, bubble dancing, creating games in the Upper School Maker Space, a picnic lunch, and a drumming demonstration on the playground.





## Fourth Graders Explore the Middle School

Our 4th grade Beasley students gained a new moniker in the spring: Rising 5th Grade Middle School Students! Moving up to a new division can be exciting, even while making students nervous and anxious. Thankfully, our teams are in place to ensure they feel as comfortable as possible as they prepare to transition to the next part of their academic journey. Each 4th grade cohort visited 5th grade classrooms, the MAC and fitness center, the choir room, the cafeteria and courtyard, Freeman Arts Building, Danforth Hall, Messing Library, the Middle School office, and Eliot Chapel.





## Parents Association Hosts Spring Coffee

The MICDS Parents Association (PA) held its first in-person event for the 2020-2021 academic year—a spring gathering outdoors in a tented area behind Olson Hall. This was a meaningful event to celebrate our senior parents, retiring and departing administrators **Peggy Laramie** and **Brian Thomas**, and honor our outgoing PA leadership.

# Performing Arts Festival Receives Rave Reviews

Creativity never stops, and this year was no exception. Our theater, choir, band, and strings students and instructors had to exercise more than the usual amount of creativity to deliver the performances we have greatly missed since early 2020. Last spring, our music teachers collaborated with MICDS performing arts educators to plan an outdoor festival spanning several days. From ticket coordination to rehearsals and guest logistics, they took on an amazing amount of work in addition to helping our students prepare for their first live performances in over a year. While performing outdoors had its challenges, our students and teachers forged ahead. After all, the show must go on!



## BAND

Coordinating multiple concerts for various band students at different skill levels is challenging even during a regular school year, but throw in a raft of pandemic restrictions and the task becomes gargantuan. Thankfully, **Band Directors Becky Long** and **Josh Baumgartner** were up to the task. When weather concerns moved the concert, they took it all in stride and took advantage of a large tent erected behind Olson Hall for other events to ensure the show would go on, rain or shine.

The Middle and Upper School bands performed, and then **Nina Hamilton '22** (flute), **Eric Ji '21** (clarinet), and **Patrick O'Brien '21** (alto sax) shared the special piece they learned to compete in the MSHSAA State Music Competition, which earned them gold medals.

The Upper School band capped off this production with a rousing rendition of Pep Band favorites selected by the Class of 2021. Guests enjoyed

exhilarating versions of *Hey! Baby!*, a Michael Jackson hit mix, *Land of 1000 Dances*, and of course the *MICDS Rally Song*.

Baumgartner and Long recognized students for their hard work and dedication to learning music, especially in strange times of flute pods, washable bell covers, and unique masks.

Long recognized two seniors with special awards. **Eric Ji '21** won the John Philip Sousa Award and **Patrick O'Brien '21** won the James Andrew Benecke Band Award.

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# “Our need will be the real creator.”

PLATO, *REPUBLIC*





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**DANA SELF, UPPER SCHOOL  
PERFORMING ARTS TEACHER**

### STRINGS

**David Doherty and Erin Hamill, MICDS Strings Instructors,** were happy for their musicians to perform once again for a live audience. A year of hard work to maintain a cohesive group of participants and a robust Strings program along with the adaptations for virtual and hybrid learning environments made the performances extra special.

Each performance was conducted and emceed by Doherty, who shared interesting and funny anecdotes about the pieces and composers. Our ensemble also welcomed a guest bassist, Lucie Herrick, from the Webster School District to round out the group.

“The pandemic has brought us all together in strings,” said **Nigina Aripova '22**. “We always start our class with a question of the day (ranging from our favorite movies, TV shows and characters, memes, to the biggest pet peeves), and it’s really helped us get to know each other better, all while cracking jokes and teasing each other. The concert is one that I will always remember for the strong wind and some flying sheet music, but most importantly, the fun we had creating music.”

## SPRING POPS CONCERT

The MICDS Upper School Choirs presented the annual Spring Pops Concert in a creative, memorable way. The concert, held under the sunshine on the bonfire field with plenty of space for families to implement social distancing while sitting on blankets and folding chairs, was the first in-person concert since December 2019.

"To say that it was great to perform in front of a live audience for the first time in nearly 18 months is an understatement. Although the concert this year had a very different look and feel to it, I am so glad that we were able to take this first step in offering live performances again!" said **Dana Self, Upper School Performing Arts Teacher.**



The choirs performed music from various pop music genres, from Elvis Presley to Tim McGraw and Lady Gaga. Each piece was fully choreographed by choir students, providing them with the opportunity to briefly step into the teacher role.

**Emma Mills '23** said, "The choir program has really allowed me to make connections with my peers as well as develop my connection with music. It takes a special group of people to persevere through all the challenges this year has brought us, but we made the best out of it."



## TROUBADOURS

Our Upper School Troubadours presented a funny and heartwarming production of *HONK! Jr.*, a delightful adaptation of the beloved barnyard fable and the award-winning musical that celebrates all the things that make us unique. The set design fit perfectly with the natural backdrop of campus, and the cast and crew delivered delightful interpretations of the barnyard characters.

**Jaylah McMurtry '21** said, "*HONK!* was a great way to ease back into live performances here at MICDS. It was especially exciting to

be a part of our community's first performance since the pandemic started. From rehearsals to shows, we were all diligent in taking safety precautions to keep everyone healthy, which was great. I really liked the new aspect of being outdoors because it almost felt like we were at the Muny!"

Thank you to all of our Rams who not only pulled off this first-ever Performing Arts Festival but did so in such a unique, fun, and memorable way. What an incredible testament to the resilience of our students, faculty, and staff members!



# Class of 2021 Celebrates Commencement

**Congratulations to our Class of 2021 graduates! Seniors, faculty, and parents celebrated with a memorable outdoor Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, May 16. The ceremony, held on O'Hara Field in Ron Holtman Stadium, was a fitting tribute to close out the last year for these graduates.**

**Head of School Jay Rainey** welcomed guests and presented the inaugural Head of School Award to **Hasani Spann '21**. **Board Chair Kent Rapp '76** shared his aspirations for the Class of 2021. "As seniors, you have led the way in our school community in a most impressive way. You have shown great promise as contributors to our world, giving us hope for the future as you continue to rise. You are better people for rising to the challenges you faced as a student here, and MICDS is a better place because of you."

**Jack Morris, Class of 2021 Valedictorian**, reflected on the last four years and summed up his sentiments for his classmates, "This class accomplished so many amazing things in this incredibly short four-year span. We started a new sport at MICDS. We put on plays and musicals that challenged how we all perceive and interact with our world. The Boys Soccer team won State for the first time ever. We fought for positive change in our communities through service and activism. We're headed off to some of the most amazing universities in the country next year, and we somehow managed to continue to support each other through a virtual world."

Commencement is never complete without a student-nominated faculty speaker. **Upper School Math Teacher Greg Huntoon** remarked on the repetitive questions he's received from students over the years. "What made me want to teach? What keeps bringing me back? The answer lies with those who are seated behind me. MICDS is a community."

To close out the ceremony, **Alumni Association President Steve Hughes '84** welcomed our newest graduates to the MICDS Alumni Association and offered encouraging words of advice, "Be true to yourself, be true to others, and most importantly, be true to your school."

Mr. Rainey deferred his closing remarks due to rapidly changing weather conditions but shared his thoughts later.

We are so proud of all that the Class of 2021 has accomplished, and we will forever be grateful for their contributions to our School community. Congratulations, Rams!



**>> Check out the College Matriculation List on page 15 to learn where they are studying now.**



# COLLEGE NEWS

## & Celebrations for the Class of 2021

The Class of 2021 headed off to college to study journalism, aeronautical engineering, public health, architecture, economics, vocal performance, and more!

Additionally, ten student-athletes are continuing their athletic careers at Aurora University (Football), Bowdoin College (Field Hockey), Columbia University (Field Hockey), Georgetown University (Lacrosse), Hamilton College (Volleyball), Ohio University (Football), Rhodes College (Cross Country and Track), University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (Football), and Washington

and Lee University (Field Hockey and Tennis). We can't wait to cheer on our Rams as they compete athletically at the college level!

To celebrate, the Class of 2021 donned their college t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hats to honor their college selections at the annual College Celebration Day. It was a memorable occasion that acknowledged what their MICDS careers led them to, and it also was one of the first in-person events of the school year that allowed the senior class to be together.



WATCH VIDEO OF COLLEGE CELEBRATION  
DAY AND ATHLETIC SIGNING DAY >>  
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The College Counseling team was delighted to support and assist all students and families as they traveled through the college application and selection process. Along with their support was the insight of our MICDS alumni, who were called upon by a group of Upper School students for the first-ever MICDS Career Fair. The alumni shared sage advice with the students from their college and career journeys to date.

**Director of College Counseling Matthew Essman** said, "Following a challenging and uncertain admission season, the Class of 2021 are attending a variety of outstanding colleges and universities that reflect their myriad interests and accomplishments both in and out of the classroom. Their determination and resilience were evident throughout the past year. I am so proud of them and excited to see all that they will achieve as they take this important next step in their academic journey."



## Congratulations to our Class of 2021 students who were accepted to the following schools:

Arizona State University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Auburn University	Rhodes College
Aurora University	Rockhurst University
Belmont University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Boston College	Saint Louis University
Boston University	Southern Methodist University
Bowdoin College	Spelman College
Brown University	Stanford University
Bucknell University	Texas Christian University
Butler University	The Hong Kong University
California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo	of Science and Technology
Carnegie Mellon University	Tulane University of Louisiana
Case Western Reserve University	United States Air Force Academy
Clemson University	United States Military Academy
College of Charleston	University of Alabama
Colorado State University	University of Arizona
Columbia College Chicago	University of California-Los Angeles
Columbia University	University of California-Santa Barbara
DePauw University	University of Colorado Boulder
Drexel University	University of Colorado Denver
Duke University	University of Dayton
Eastern Illinois University	University of Denver
Elon University	University of Houston
Emory University	University of Illinois at
Florida Institute of Technology	Urbana-Champaign
George Washington University	University of Memphis
Georgetown University	University of Miami
Georgia Institute of Technology	University of Michigan
Georgia State University	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Grinnell College	University of Missouri-Columbia
Hamilton College	University of Missouri-Kansas City
Howard University	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Illinois Wesleyan University	University of North Carolina
Indiana University-Bloomington	at Chapel Hill
John Cabot University	University of Pennsylvania
Johns Hopkins University	University of Redlands
Loyola University New Orleans	University of Southern California
Maryville University of Saint Louis	University of Tulsa
Miami University (OH)	University of Virginia
Missouri University of Science and Technology	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Northeastern University	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Northwestern University	Vanderbilt University
Ohio State University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Ohio University	and State University
Pennsylvania State University	Wake Forest University
Purdue University	Washington and Lee University
	Washington University in St Louis
	Yale University

Monica Howard Douglas '90 and her family pose with a sweet but very tired cub who thoroughly enjoyed all the pets and attention he received. He was ready for his nap by this point.

# Monica Howard Douglas '90 Takes the Path Less Traveled



**Monica Howard Douglas '90** has always been competitive, but her drive to win is undeniably balanced with her desire to be a team player. The senior vice president and general counsel for Coca-Cola credits her experience at Mary Institute and many people on her journey to her new role, and continues to seek ways to give back to her community and help others.

Growing up, Douglas spent a lot of time with her attorney father, visiting his office and watching him litigate in courtrooms. She and her siblings, **Ray Howard '89** and **Heather Howard Simpson '93**, were strongly encouraged by their parents to study either law or medicine. "As I learned more about the contributions you can make to the community and society through a law degree, I got more excited about it," she said. She planned to be a public interest lawyer, working with children or young adults. Student loans directed her career choice. She clerked for the Honorable Damon Keith on the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Detroit, which she says

was the most wonderful year of her legal career. "It's amazing to be up close and personal to how the legal judicial system works." She learned much from Judge Keith, a champion of civil rights who had decided several landmark cases.

When her clerkship ended, she spent time in a law firm and then at Equifax, the credit reporting company. She questioned her chosen field and considered returning to school to seek a new path. "The jobs I had were either unfulfilling or I was unable to find my passion or reason for being in those roles," she said. Then she saw an available

## Some of Monica Howard Douglas '90 Mary Institute Accomplishments

position at Coca-Cola, a dream job working in sports and entertainment. "It was a truly phenomenal job that came at just the right time." She applied and was hired, and her first negotiation was with her hometown baseball team: the St. Louis Cardinals. Just because she's a Cardinals fan doesn't mean it was easy: the negotiation was contentious and full of debate. Then she tackled an Olympics deal, and a Star Wars and Disney promotional package. She was in heaven, and her success kicked off her career at Coca-Cola.

Opportunity knocked from an unlikely, and less than appealing, source. Was she interested in moving to the warehouse juice side of Coca-Cola's business? She had met Jennifer Aniston and worked with LeBron James and his team, so transferring to this new line didn't spark excitement. "Everything in me said 'no,'" she said, "but then I talked to some of my mentors and got a really great piece of advice that I have relied on ever since: always take the path less traveled."

By taking these new leaps, Douglas developed unique skill sets that offered leverage for better positions later. The juice business provided her with valuable experience in supply chain, marketing, and manufacturing. She credits the job she had grudgingly accepted with setting the trajectory of her career. "The next time an opportunity came open it was a leadership role. A new, external woman came in who didn't know anything about the company; she reorganized and created this leadership role that was supply chain and operations. My name kept surfacing as someone who had the experience but I was very junior," Douglas said. Despite her junior status, she earned a trial run for the role. Douglas spent the next eight months building relationships and learning the business, preparing herself for the job she wanted. She earned the position and was firmly on the leadership track.

Douglas credits her mentors and other leaders with helping her find her way, and she recognizes the power of developing talent. The most gratifying part of her work today is "watching people grow into their full potential and unlocking doors to make sure that happens." After 17 years at Coca-Cola, she still enjoys working for a company that is connected to the community and

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*Varsity Basketball MVP and First Team All Conference in 11th grade*



*Monica Howard Douglas '90*



*Varsity Basketball and Track all four years and Captain of Track Team in 10th grade*



*Varsity Field Hockey Captain, Team Missouri All-Star, and Second Team All State in 12th grade*

01. The 1990 MI yearbook includes this image with the caption "Senior and star player Monica Howard takes the ball down the court."

02. Douglas' parents included this photo of her in action on the basketball court in their senior yearbook ad.

03. Senior photo of Monica Howard Douglas '90.

04. The 1990 MI yearbook includes this image with the caption "Monica Howard, our all star team player, leading the M.I. gators to another victory."

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01. While living in South Africa, Peyton (6) and Blake (4) became fully immersed in the culture and began to believe they were South African. In this picture, they tried to create their own African headdress after visiting a South African tribal village.

02. Amongst their many travels throughout Southern Africa, the family is pictured here at the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa.

doing good, and that espouses values aligned with her own. She appreciates the platform to be able to accomplish goals she set when she was in school.

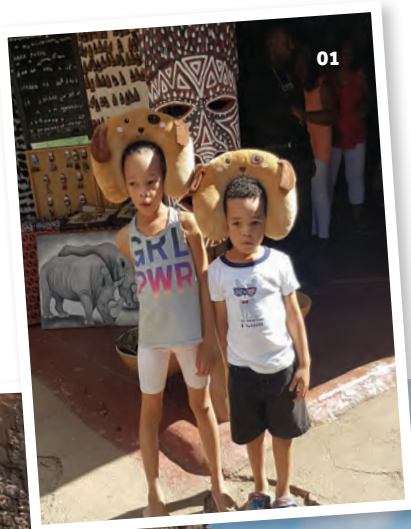
Mentorship happens outside of Douglas' office, too. Having grown up in a family that stressed the importance of giving back, she weaves this mission into her life. "I can't remember a time when we weren't involved in charitable work. That's who I am and how I operate. My passion has always been children, and I know I can make a difference there and impact change." She serves on the board of Cool Girls, an organization that works with girls from underserved communities from middle school through senior year to prepare them for life and college. The program addresses issues, helps participants through the college process, and partners with their schools to ensure success. "It's right up my alley," said Douglas. "I have been on the board long enough to see girls matriculate through the program and it's amazing to watch them grow and celebrate their success." She's also on the board of Junior Achievement USA, another organization focused on children and teens, helping them develop business, entrepreneurial, and life skills.

Douglas was one of four Black students to graduate with the Class of 1990 and she was taught by an all-white faculty and administration

during her 14-year tenure at the school. This lack of diversity impacted her experience at MI in such a profound way that she has made the pursuit of fairness, diversity, equity, and inclusion a part of her professional and personal purpose. She remembers hesitantly delivering her senior speech about the challenges of being a Black student at a predominantly white institution. Her classmates and teachers were very surprised but supportive and she wished she had the courage to speak up sooner.

While Douglas was reluctant to address the issues of racial bias during her school years, her parents consistently and persistently advocated for her and the rest of the Black students at MI and CDS. She feels so blessed and proud to have had the advocacy and involvement of her parents to protect, support, and guide her through those years. She vividly recalls seeing her father at the school on an almost monthly basis—barging in the headmaster's office, pulling teachers from classrooms, and showing up uninvited to the faculty meetings—in an effort to highlight and demand redress for issues of racial bias and stereotypes the students were experiencing and to push for more diversity amongst the faculty, student body, and administration. Douglas felt embarrassed at the time, as her father had gained a reputation as a troublemaker and she also noticed that he seemed to be the only parent engaging on these sensitive racial issues. Today, she understands the importance of his advocacy and she channels that courage and determination displayed by her father into her own efforts to push for change. She is happy to see the progress that MICDS has made in diversifying its student body, faculty, and curriculum, and she recognizes there is much more work to be done.

Besides her career and her non-profit work, Douglas stays busy raising two children with her husband, Derek, and explaining to colleagues on Zoom calls that the snoring they're hearing is Hudson, the family's overweight Boston Terrier-ish pandemic puppy. "He has snored his way through every call," she laughed. Hudson fits perfectly in the chaotic Douglas family, "no matter how many obedience schools we send him to, he does his own thing." Her nine-year-old son, Blake, and 11-year-old daughter, Peyton, have large personalities and they "got all the extremes of both of us. We are a wild house; there is always activity and drama and chaos." She is proud of her children, from Blake's intense curiosity whenever he hears a new accent on her business calls to



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**MONICA HOWARD DOUGLAS '90**

Peyton's work to overcome learning differences at a college prep school that reminds Douglas of Mary Institute. "Watching her has been inspiring to the rest of us," she said.

In her spare time, Douglas plays golf and runs, and reads voraciously in several different genres. She's a wine enthusiast, an interest stoked by four years in South Africa where wine was affordable, good, and a way of life. And she plays poker. Really, really competitive poker. When Douglas was at the law firm, she tried to find a way to connect with her colleagues. "All the movies are true," she said. "It's a grind for young associates, and it's a difficult introduction to being a lawyer." Some of the big influencers at her firm were poker players, so Douglas taught herself to play and invited herself to a game. After she won she was invited again—the other players wanted to win their money back. Ever competitive, she eventually entered a year-long game with monthly competitions where winners collect points. She earned enough points to enter the World Series of Poker and credits her work as a lawyer in building her poker face.

There's no poker face when Douglas talks about her time at Mary Institute. Her eyes light up as she fondly remembers May Day and Lessons and Carols. "I can still sing the hymns that we all memorized and knew so well," she said. She has been trying to make the famous Mary I yellow rolls known and loved by her fellow alumnae. She also recalls the day in her junior year when she and her classmates were allowed to attend classes on the CDS campus. "We used to sneak

before we were allowed," she confessed. She spoke of the excitement leading up to that day, and then feeling important as they walked over and sat in that first class with boys.

Douglas credits Mary Institute for equipping her for everything that was to come. "MI was harder than college in a lot of ways," she said. Gym class and athletics were her outlet, and she relished the freedom to run around and exercise during and after school. She still reminds herself to take time to move during intense days at work. The three-season athlete played field hockey and basketball and ran track. She said, "I learned so much through high school sports that I utilize today, such as how to collaborate, how to lead but still be on a team, how to play a role that is effective and impactful while trying to work as a team. I'm really competitive naturally which is why I competed in so many sports, but I learned how to harness that in a productive way, how to deal with wins and losses, and how to take direction from a coach who knows more than you do."

Douglas' professional life is unpredictable, and she loves it. "You have no idea what you're walking into every day," she said. "It sounds like making and selling soda is a very simple proposition but because we are one of the most recognized brands and in every country but two, you can imagine the issues that surface and the characters we deal with." She also enjoys the challenge of working with people from around the world and, when there isn't a pandemic, traveling.

Mary Institute ensured that Douglas was not only prepared for college, but for her career. "I learned how to tackle really complicated situations, how to organize my thoughts and my writing, how to be persuasive," she said. "Because of the class size and engagement of the teachers, I learned how to be a leader and how to use my voice effectively. I learned to work across a lot of different groups. I was different from a lot of the students at Mary I, so learning how to network, build those relationships, form the friendships, and relate to the teachers is a skill I still use."

From the teachers who made difficult subjects relatable and showed infinite patience and kindness, to the relationships that taught her how to lead and to work in a team, Mary I gave Douglas the tools she needs to make a difference in the world today, and it's clear she's making quite an impact.



01. Blake (9), Hudson (1), and Peyton (11), awaiting carpool for school.

02. Raymond Howard '89 and Heather Howard Simpson '92.

03. Heather Howard Simpson '92 and Monica Howard Douglas '90.



## Science Education Hatches in the Lower School

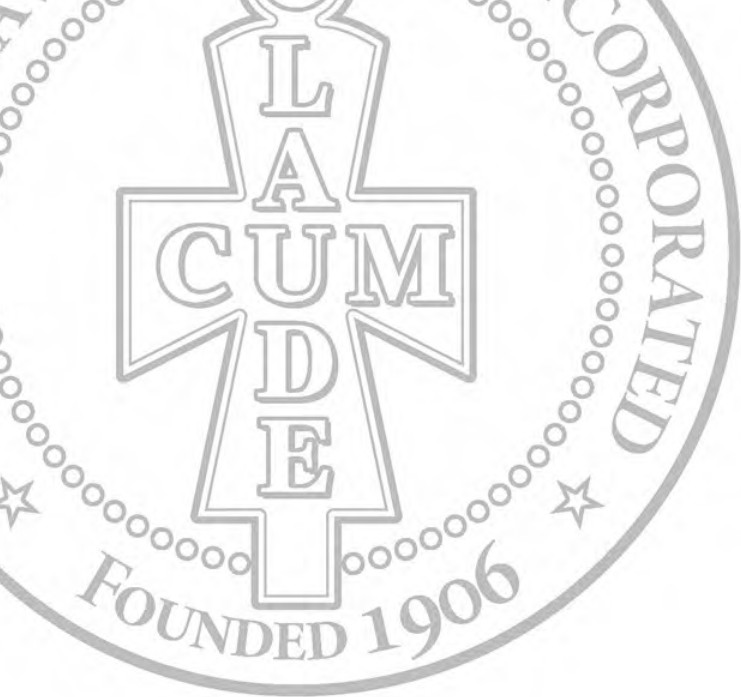
Our Senior Kindergarten scientists became mother hens in the spring, building off their bird study and hatching chicken eggs. They placed seven eggs of various colors and sizes into an incubator and began their learning journey.

An incubator is a warm, moist place that turns eggs throughout the day—much like a mother hen would do for her own egg clutch. Students observed the eggs developing through each stage, and on day seven, they candled the eggs, a process involving shining a bright light into the egg and looking for development. They discovered four out of the original seven eggs were fertilized and getting closer to hatch day. Additional eggs were added to replace eggs that were not fertile, and the anticipated wait continued. As they neared hatch day, students explored the egg tooth, a specialized structure that a new chick uses to break free of the shell. They also explored the chicks' soon-to-be habitat: the brooder. A brooder is a warm, cozy place with nesting material, food, and water.

Finally, the day they all had been eagerly waiting for arrived—hatch day! On day 21 exactly as expected, the chicks made their first egg pecks and began their entry. That afternoon one of the senior kindergarten groups was lucky to see the first little chick fully hatch out of the shell. By the end of the day, all four of the original eggs successfully hatched.

Students bestowed names and eagerly watched the chicks grow. They saw two more chicks hatch out a week later, making six feathered friends altogether. "Seeing these babies be born and taking on the responsibility of caring for their friends was rewarding," said **Laura Pupillo, Lower School Science Teacher.**





## Thirty-two Seniors Inducted into Cum Laude Society

Thirty-two seniors were inducted into the MICDS Chapter of the Cum Laude Society during a virtual ceremony on April 22, 2021.

Founded in 1906, the Cum Laude Society is dedicated to honoring scholastic achievement in secondary schools. The motto of the Society is *Areté, Diké, Timé*—Excellence, Justice, Honor. *Areté* includes the concept of excellence in the moral sense and is not limited to the ideal of superiority and scholarship, nor does it involve the endeavor of competing primarily for academic goals. *Diké* includes the concept of what is suitable and appropriate, as well as just. *Timé* includes the concept of dignity and truth, as well as honor.

The MICDS Chapter of the Cum Laude Society is comprised of the top 20% of the senior class. Each inductee must demonstrate that they have pursued academic rigor by completing three or more Advanced Placement® courses, have no grade lower than a C, and be free of disciplinary and honor infractions. As part of the induction process, each candidate shared one of their Common App essays for review by the Cum Laude faculty members. **Annalisa Goot '21, Ava Mandoli '21, Jack Morris '21, and Fiona Richards '21** were selected by the faculty to share their essays during the virtual ceremony.



*Congratulations to our newest Cum Laude Society members!*



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The following members from the Class of 2021 were selected for membership into the MICDS Chapter of the Cum Laude Society:

Raneem Alzahabi '21  
Imaan Amin '21  
Cal Barton '21  
Prithvi Dhanabal '21  
Estephania Estrada '21  
William Giles '21  
Annalisa Goot '21  
Janie Guirl '21  
Ryan Jasper '21  
Eric Ji '21  
Ally Kalishman '21  
Andrew Lindsey '21  
Sam Liu '21  
Ava Mandoli '21  
Lucas McCarty '21  
Henry Mikula '21  
Jack Morris '21  
Sebastian Neumann '21  
CeCe Nourie '21  
Grant Purdy '21  
Rich Qian '21  
Walter Ralph '21  
Fiona Richards '21  
Luke Rickers '21  
Dillan Sant '21  
Nicholas Scheele '21  
Bonnie Sneider '21  
Hasani Spann '21  
Olivia Warren '21  
Sophia Weber '21  
Hanna Wurdack '21  
Sarah Zar '21

## Fifth Graders Explore the Cosmos

Fifth grade students learn about the cosmos through their astronomy unit...before also learning that the sky isn't the limit to their education.

"I noticed several years ago when teaching the basics of astronomy that many kids were still curious about more complex topics such as black holes, dark matter, spacetime, etc., but these were areas we didn't study during our unit because the concepts were well beyond what you would expect to understand in 5th grade," said **Branson Lawrence, Middle School Science Teacher**.

It would be easy to dismiss questions from students by telling them that they'll learn more later, but Lawrence and fellow **Science Teacher Kelly Long** saw this as an opportunity. Instead of shutting students down, they allocate extra time and encourage students to explore what interests them through a "choice board project." Students choose their astronomy topic, have it approved by their teacher, conduct research, and then use several resources to present what they learned to their classmates in unique and creative ways.

Resources include the NASA middle school website, the School's database subscription, and books from the Messing Library. Students collaborated with partners, and each group explored two topics and created two products. Some students used the Maker Space in the Middle School to create models, while others made posters and videos. "It is really exciting to see what the kids come up with when they share what they've learned about these unique topics," said Lawrence.





## PONDering the Law of Sines and Cosines

When spring finally arrived, classes began enjoying the beautiful weather that lends itself to taking lessons outside. Students visited Polk Pond for an assignment in the Integrated Math 2 Accelerated classes taught by **Upper School Math and Computer Science Teacher Janet Purdy** and **Upper School Math Teacher Stephen Porter**.

Using the law of sines and cosines, students were tasked with measuring the distance across the pond. They drew a diagram to model a non-right triangle with two points to measure the distance across the pond and a third point. Using compasses on their cellphones, they calculated the angle and recorded all of the helpful measurements needed for their equations.

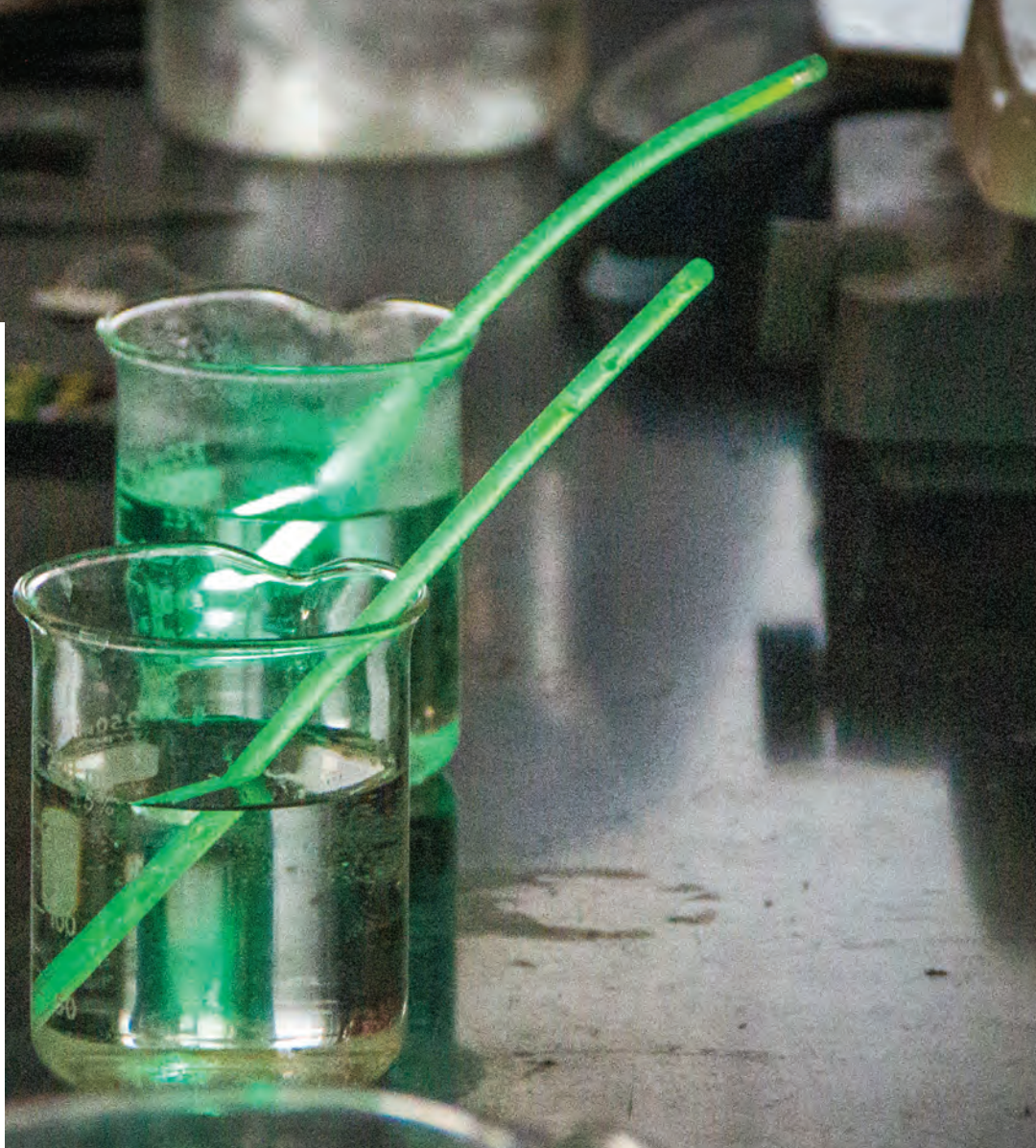
This was the first time that many of these students had used a compass. Now, they've become experts in using compasses and in the real-world application of the law of sines and cosines!



## Eighth Grade Chemists Go Atomic

Eighth grade students in the classrooms of **Middle School Science Teachers Callie Bambenek** and **Michelle Hrastich** explored atomic interactions in matter for one of their chemistry units. Through a series of chemical phenomena and additional lab explorations, students were able to connect physical and chemical changes—including burns/flammability, color changes, odor changes, temperature changes, gas bubbles, and the formation of precipitate—in matter with endothermic and exothermic processes. They were then challenged to apply these topics back to both the Laws of Conservation of Matter and Conservation of Mass.

Students observed visual models to make several scientific connections. Empty tea bags became rockets when lit on fire, glowsticks glowed brighter when submerged in liquid with greater thermal energy, and color and light changes when chemicals were combined. Bambenek said, “Allowing students to be authentic chemistry learners means they need to be able to witness and question phenomena that undergo changes while also supporting the laws that govern our unit.”







# A Lifelong Journey Through Education

Sally Maxwell's superhero cape would say "Stay Curious," and the Marvel Comics fan would probably love to visit all the buildings on the MICDS campus by swinging through the air like her beloved webslinger, Spiderman. The new Assistant Head of School for Teaching and Learning's favorite place to be is in a classroom, either as a student or as a teacher, and how she got there is an interesting story that goes well beyond the two-dimensional panels of a comic book.

**M**axwell comes by her love of education honestly; her mother was a primary school teacher and Maxwell literally grew up in her classroom, even when she didn't attend that school. "I went to a magnet school and our calendars didn't line up," Maxwell explains. "After I got out of school, I would sit in the back of her classroom and help out by grading spelling tests, laminating things, and doing other small tasks." She appreciated being at her own school, where teachers pushed her to challenge herself and work hard, and she enjoyed being in Mrs. Maxwell's Happy Apples first grade classroom. Even throughout college, she returned home on breaks and went to work with her mother. "A classroom is just a place where I feel yummy, and I felt that even as a student," she said.

When she first transferred to the gifted program at a magnet school 45 minutes away from home, her world exploded. Her new school was filled with people from outside of her small Florida community. She remembers being excited that she had a teacher from New York City. Home was a quiet place, full of books and devoid of a



television, with a typewriter that she used to craft her English papers. School offered an opportunity to meet people from all over, including a group of students more diverse than what she had been used to. "I met people from geographically different places and kids with swimming pools and ponies," she said, "And I was researching India and other countries. I felt like I met the whole world there."

For a self-described dreamy, bookish kid, school—any school—automatically felt comfortable. "It's the place where my priorities were centered," she explains. She credits the magnet school program with encouraging her to be a nerd and to discover her strengths and passions. "I loved school from the first day of school." She learned quickly that she loved teaching, too. Her first job was as an art teacher at the age of 13. "Who on earth hands a classroom of kids to a 13-year-old?" she laughed. "I went into the supply closet and they locked me in. This was before cell phones, so I was trapped. About an hour later—or it could have been five minutes—one of them let me out. I learned and after that, the key was always in my pocket. I really loved teaching."

School feels endless and infinite, open and measurable, in all the best possible ways to Maxwell. "I like the seasonality of schools. It's a journey you get to do over," she said. Students keep learning and growing, receiving very clear feedback about their progress. Maxwell wistfully confessed that she wishes she still received a report card. She has been a student or a teacher every year of her life, she said, except for one. And even then, she wasn't that far away from the world of education. The first year after she earned her undergraduate degree, she worked for a textbook publishing company. After that, she leaped right back into the school environment.

"Schools are about hope for the future. When you think about William Eliot Greenleaf's mother giving \$1,000 so the students would have the day off, that's about hope. Hope is imagination." She quotes the Dalai Lama who said that each individual is a marvelous opportunity and believes that parents and teachers get new chances with students all the time. At the same time, students give us opportunities for hope. "If I need a break, I vacation at school by assigning myself to a field trip," Maxwell said. "Or I go visit a kindergarten classroom. I get to marinate and be with children and be reminded, 'This is why I do this.'"

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"It's humbling to be in a school," she continued. "Who doesn't want to be in the hope business?" She sees that hope mirrored in St. Louis, which factored into her decision to move her family here. "It's a place of deep history and, yes, of some mistakes that people are trying to change. Can we unmake the mistakes of the past?" St. Louis is perpetually in the hope business, she said, and she's excited to understand and learn about her new community off campus.

On campus, she appreciates that MICDS is student-centered. "It's a big facility but the student is the center of the campus," she said. "There's a lot of interest in improvement and change and being the shining school on the hill. There's a lot that it is and a lot that it could be, and I find that exciting." Maxwell is exploring the role of MICDS in the

ecology of its surroundings and its relationship to other schools. She seeks a community with other educators, both in and outside of MICDS, and has already enjoyed getting to know her colleagues and their families. "It's an open and welcoming community that isn't afraid to explore change. It's stable and fluid at the same time."

Although her administrative role means she's not in a direct teacher position, we'll probably find Maxwell in MICDS classrooms more often than not. Her face

lights up when she talks about working with students and what she observes. "My favorite moment is the 'aha' moment that kids have, or when they get their game face, or when you can watch them think." Most children don't guard their expressions, and she enjoys watching them figure out their world, make sense of it, flip it around, and do what they want with their interpretations. She loves to sneak into empty classrooms and study student notes, deciphering how they look at what they're learning and translating new information for themselves.

The challenge, she realizes, involves helping students overcome the increasing complexity of the world.

The more complex our environment, the more we tend to specialize to succeed. She wonders how we help children move through this world when it's big and there's so much we can't see. How do we help them find their place in the world when so much is invisible? "The world is vast and unknowable and not transparent and hard to describe, so what's our job?" she asks. She contemplates how a school prepares a child for their likely outcome without consigning them to it, and she strives to fully give children themselves. Is she discouraged by the enormity of this task? "I like my job because it's hard. If it wasn't hard, it would be boring fast," she said.

Thankfully, she is working with an outstanding team of educators at MICDS who

also eagerly tackle these challenges. "There's an earnestness to the faculty that I really enjoy," she said. "There's a strength but it's not tough. And this community is thoughtful." She is excited to study the interplay between our teachers and our students, much as she studies the Marvel universe of comic book superheroes. Maxwell views Spiderman as a metaphor for being a teenager. "Teens are newly thinking about the world but their perspectives aren't appreciated often. There's this dichotomous energy of 'I can do anything' and 'I can't do anything.' It's such a teen thing to go in a lab and bungle around and break something. There's a constant stumbling to Spiderman that I enjoy. He's eternally changed, learning how to use his powers and the limits to his powers. He's always a disruption. Teens are like this; they're not obedient children, and they aren't yet functional adults. You always forgive him because he's well-intentioned and so sweet."

Her love for students, for teaching and learning, for building relationships, and for finding ways to continuously improve, leaps off the page in bold strokes and vibrant colors. In the MICDS universe, we're excited to have Sally Maxwell and her power of curiosity join our team of teaching superheroes.



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## MICDS Employees Receive COVID-19 Vaccines in On-Campus Clinics

Thanks to a partnership with alumni parent Hiba Halabi, owner of Express Specialty Pharmacy, MICDS was able to host multiple COVID-19 vaccination events in the MAC this past spring, allowing all faculty, staff, and coaches an opportunity to receive their first and second doses.

"I have the deepest appreciation for **Mary Russell** and our entire HR team," said **Upper School Teacher Aaron Proctor**. "They worked incredibly hard to facilitate MICDS faculty and staff receiving the COVID vaccine in a familiar and convenient setting. It has been wonderful to have this support from the School, both philosophically (understanding the importance of getting us vaccinated) and logistically (smoothly working us through the process). Thank you!"

We are grateful to Dr. Halabi and her kind and friendly staff for this opportunity to help make our community even safer.





## New CIO Brings Teacher Perspective

Our new **MICDS Chief Information Officer, Stewart Crais**, brings a unique perspective to his role as the School's technology leader: teacher. He began his career as a middle school English teacher at Lausanne Collegiate School in Memphis, Tennessee. We don't want to disclose his age, but Crais (pronounced "cray") admits in his southern drawl that "back in those days there weren't a whole lot of fancy things. I had one Macintosh Classic computer with a 9-inch screen and the kids would all gather around me to play a grammar game." He noticed how much his students loved working with the computer, and recognized quickly that they were energized by a different way to approach learning. It's this mindset that continues to drive his work today, and while he's not in the classroom every day, he keeps that space—and its occupants—in the center of his goals.

Because Crais was an early adopter of technology, he became the go-to guy for his colleagues with tech questions. The head of the middle school asked what he wanted, and Crais continued to bring in more and newer computers and software, eventually assuming the role of Lausanne's technology coordinator. He eventually became the school's first technology director, working closely with teachers to help and guide them on incorporating technology into their classrooms and their pedagogical practices. He set up computer labs first, and, as technology progressed to laptops, eventually shepherded the school to its 1:1 computer program, where each student receives



a laptop or tablet. Lausanne was, like Crais himself, an early adopter of this technology, and the school leveraged its educational community to help inform its plans. "At any school, you don't have all the answers in your classroom, school, or even community," Crais said. "So you connect with other schools and professionals and build a community of learners."

Crais invited other educators and tech professionals to Lausanne, sharing what he had learned and picking their brains for their own experiences. He created The Laptop Institute and made connections with teachers from around the country, including some from MICDS. "We shared ideas and learned from each other because every school does it their own way," he said.

A solid 1:1 program, according to Crais, levels the playing field in the classroom because the students realize that their teachers don't know everything. Students have the internet right in front of them and can—and often do—challenge their teachers. This has changed the nature of teaching, making educators guides and partners in learning rather than straight disseminators of information. "Our goal from the Lower School through the Upper School is to help provide an opportunity for learning, and to teach students the enjoyment of learning. The content is almost a byproduct of those things," said Crais. "We need to engage students of all ages in the *idea* of education and learning from other people." The computers help with this, enabling teachers to be more involved in the classroom and less as lecturers. "They can be more engaged and one-on-one with their students."

Teachers are busy, and they need their technology to simply work. Crais, as a former teacher, understands this deeply and knows precisely what it's like to be frustrated by misbehaving laptops, projectors, software, and wifi. "Teachers have so many things to do in their classrooms," he explained, "and we want to remove as many roadblocks as possible. Technology should be like turning on a light in your classroom; it just has to work." He can't guarantee that there will never be an issue—email at MICDS went down for a few hours the week before school began due to a system upgrade that went off the rails, and which Crais seized as a learning opportunity—but he's working hard to understand our systems quickly and to create back-ups and secondary plans to keep users up and running. "It's frustrating when the wireless is down and I understand that," Crais said. "We're going to have those problems, but I'm hoping to bring in a perspective of partnership with everybody from **Head of School Jay Rainey** to my technology team to our teachers and support staff, to build this community and an

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STEWART CRAIS**

understanding we are all here for each other and here for the students to learn."

For his first year, Crais intends to focus on building relationships and learning about our current resources to gain a good understanding of where we are, where we want to go, and how we're going to get there. He also jumped immediately into working on how to make things better on a daily basis. "We're not going to change everything tomorrow," he said. "I have an eagerness and excitement about being here and about the possibilities this School has." He has already identified that we have an outstanding tech support team, solid infrastructure, and creative, dedicated people, and he's figuring out how to harness these resources and take MICDS to the next step.

"I'm excited about coming into a school where there are a lot of plates in the air spinning around, and learning how can we leverage some of those to our benefit for the students," he said. He recognizes that it's easy for someone in his role to get stuck in the operational



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side of technology, so he wants to serve as the bridge between users and the tech team. Crais has eagerly begun developing partnerships with other School leaders, such as new **Assistant Head of School for Teaching and Learning Sally Maxwell**, and with teachers.

Some schools tout their decidedly low-tech classrooms, emphasizing that teacher-student relationships are most important. Crais agrees, but argues, “Our students will graduate and go off to universities and colleges that expect fluency with technology, and eventually they’ll be living and working in a world infused with technology. Tech is here to stay, so how can we rein it in and make the best environment in the classroom for our students?” Crais believes that, as with most things, technology is good in moderation and balance is extremely important. He cites the Lower School use of tablets that became incredibly useful during the height of the pandemic, and speculates that we might intuitively step back a bit from tech in the classroom to focus on play and interpersonal connections.

“Our job is to teach how we can use this tool to expand our learning and our connections with other people, and learn when it is time to close the laptop and talk to each other,” he said. “The laptop or tablet is just this tool we have access to, like a textbook or pen and paper. It’s not smart to ignore tech; it’s here and we have to use it and learn it.”

Crais understands that many of our students spend a lot of time in front of screens outside of school, whether they are playing games or watching movies and videos, so we don’t want them behind a screen all day long. MICDS strives to achieve a good balance as evidenced by the number of tools and software programs our teachers use. “We have a lot in our toolkit,” he said. “Many technology and software resources are available to our teachers and students, but they are tools—a way to accomplish a task—and shouldn’t be barriers to personal interactions and relationships among faculty and students. I look forward to working more with teachers and academic leaders on our continued balanced use of technology, finding times

when it’s appropriate and meaningful to unplug.” He is also planning collaboration with teachers and our Student Support Services team to incorporate social-emotional learning programs into our pedagogy, some of which has to do with what he calls “unplug time” and some that covers topics like using social media. The goal is to teach students how to embrace technology in appropriate ways.

This collaboration among various stakeholders throughout the MICDS community is something Crais identified during his interview process. “It’s a warm, welcoming, friendly environment, which is exactly what parents want their children to be around,” he said. He recognizes the history and tradition imbued in the School that complements the community, while also noting that it’s a place to grow. He’s looking forward to getting to know more people in his first year, developing strong relationships around the campus and with various departments and ensuring open lines of communication. “I’d like to be seen as a resource, and even if I don’t have the answer, I can help find it.” He firmly believes that while tech is valuable, it’s not the solution to every challenge, and that to understand exactly what’s needed, you have to go to the source. He plans to set up focus groups with users including faculty, staff, and students so he can understand how technology impacts their day-to-day lives at MICDS.

Not surprisingly, Crais lists his smart phone as the most useful piece of technology he owns, but perhaps not for the reason you might think. “I don’t like to be tethered to my desk,” he explains. The phone allows him to be accessible even when he’s out of his office meeting people, exploring the campus, and seeing for himself exactly how technology is being used to serve the Mission of MICDS.

He’s come a long way from having students crowd around that Mac Classic on his desk, and we are thrilled that Stewart Crais is leading the way forward with continued careful integration of technology into our classrooms and community.



*"There may be times  
when we are powerless to  
prevent injustice, but there  
must never be a time when  
we fail to protest."*

ELIE WIESEL

## Students Learn About the Holocaust From Guest Speakers

Seventh grade students had the opportunity to go beyond the book when learning about the Holocaust this spring, thanks to two guest speakers. Former MICDS Middle School Counselor Chrissy Laycob shared her family's Holocaust experience, and **Noah Kleinlehrer '22** spoke about his own family's heritage and experience. A Q&A session rounded out each session with the students.



## A Very Special May Day 2021 Celebration

This year's May Day celebration took place on May 7, 2021, with unique, pandemic-related modifications in place. The girls wore custom beaded masks designed by **Mimi Brown '21**, and rehearsals were held outside on Lilly's Field. The celebration was limited to the senior girls who chose to participate and a handful of juniors who also served as ribbon presenters. "We had 12 sisters who handed the final ribbon to their sisters with a big hug!" said **Emily Huber '89, May Day Director**.

Following the beautiful May Pole Dance, Coronation Pages **Caroline Cooper '22** and **Harper Graves '22** began their journey around the circle of seniors. Finally, they paused in front of the class' new May Queen with a gorgeous bouquet and a floral crown in hand. The Class of 2021 chose **Helen Love '21** as its May Queen, crowned by STUCO Co-President **Ava Mandoli '21**. Her peers selected Love as the girl who "most embodies the spirit of Mary Institute."

Although it was a unique May Day Celebration, much of the tradition remained intact. The dances were performed to the same music as in past years. "Each dance flowed one into the other without stopping," said Huber, "so it really seemed seamless this year. It was lovely!"





## 1,000+ Books Collected in 1st Grade Book Swap

Much to the delight of our 1st grade classes and the full Beasley Lower School, the sixth annual 1st Grade Book Swap took place last spring. The goal? Collect 500 books.

"The Book Swap is not only practice of our math skills but also learning about ways to give to others," said **First Grade Teacher Kara Pracht**.

Each day, 1st graders collected books throughout Lower School. Cohorts of students from Junior Kindergarten through 4th grade placed their daily book contributions in a bin that was picked up each morning by the 1st grade students. Then, 1st graders counted the books together, stacking them one-by-one.

At the end of the counting process, one cohort was responsible for taking the total amount of books collected in the Lower School and posting the number collected (counted in 20s) on a graph in the Beasley Hallway.

In total, 1,024 books were gathered and donated to a local organization to benefit other beginning readers. Outstanding job to the Class of 2032 and to all of Lower School for their very generous book donations!



## Upper & Middle School Students Educate Peers About Electronic Waste

In a year where so many have relied on technology, a few of our Middle and Upper School students decided to coordinate two electronic waste collection drives for the School community. **Saivi Gadi '25** asked: what happens to her family's old electronics when replacing them with new ones? She went on a mission to learn and educate others about proper e-waste disposal. She also began her Science Fair project centered on a hypothesis that if people become more aware of what to do with their e-waste responsibly, they will change and improve their actions.

In the Upper School, **Kyle Sha '23** and **Samuel Fontana '23** encouraged the community to gather old electronic items for their e-recycling drive. To organize the drive, Sha and Fontana worked together as a team and were assisted by Gadi, **Director of Upper School Community Service Erin Hamill**, and **Tom Wyman, Director of Technology**.

The initial inspiration for coordinating this drive grew out of the amount of time that Fontana and Sha noticed they were using computers, especially for online learning. "We saw how fortunate we are but noticed that there are many families who do not have access to the technology required to send their children to school. We wanted to rectify that situation and bring that ability to as many people as we can," Fontana explained.

Many thanks to the members of the MICDS community for donating karaoke machines, digital cameras, laptops, cell phones, printers, and more!



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SAMUEL FONTANA '23

# Upper School Leaders Host Virtual Diversity Leadership Conference

**Lauren Douglas '21** and **Amani Hendricks '21** served as co-heads of the iIdentity Club in 2021, planning the annual Diversity Leadership Conference with new challenges served up by a pandemic. They took it virtual and gathered online to lead a vibrant discussion.

"Our theme—Putting the Pieces Back Together: Unifying the Community—was created based on all that has happened since the start of COVID to now," explained Hendricks. "Whether it was because of the many injustices we've seen, the election, or simply how COVID has affected many communities, it's been a time when things seemingly spiraled out of control," she said. They wanted to explore the most important topics from the last year and also integrate issues that have been happening for centuries.

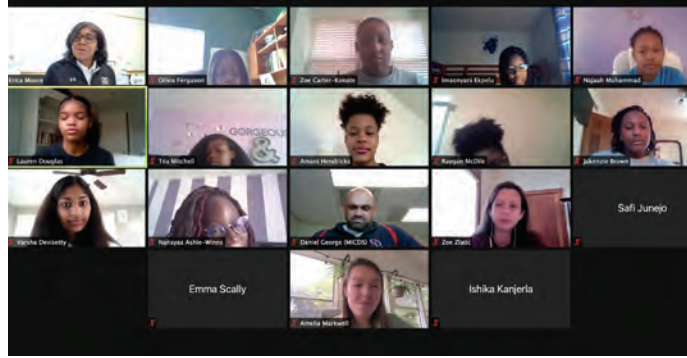
"We knew that so much happened in the past year, from policing issues to the disproportionate effects of COVID on people of color, and we felt that it was important to have discussions about these topics with our classmates," said Douglas. "Putting the pieces back together is exactly what we hoped to accomplish. We wanted to provide a space where students could share their perspectives and grow from the views their peers had."

An intimate group of Upper School students gathered with a robust agenda discussing topics such as the influence of social media on social justice, the different protests that took place, and how to unify after the election. There was also an "open mic" group discussion by **Erica Moore, Director of Faculty Equity & Inclusion and Director of Student Activities, and the faculty moderator for the iIdentity Club.**

Douglas shared, "My favorite part of the conference was the small group discussions at the end of each session. I loved how everyone was passionate about what they were saying, but also they were listening to everyone else's perspectives."

"I am so proud of Lauren and Amani," said Moore. "Even in a pandemic, they worked diligently with the iIdentity members to make sure our Upper School students had the opportunity to engage in these very important conversations," she said.

"The most surprising aspect was the response and engagement we received from the students who chose to attend," said Hendricks. "I heard from students who I probably would not have had the chance to interact with if it weren't for the conference."



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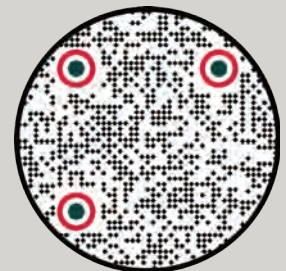
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## Seventh Graders Find Connection Through Interest Groups

**Seventh Grade Teachers Olivia Halverson and Marie Stanton** were keenly aware of how their students interacted with each other and how pandemic protocols made connections difficult. With in-person and Zoom classes and restrictions over lunch, there weren't the usual opportunities for students to connect. "We noticed a need for students to authentically engage with one another socially this year," said Halverson. Stanton mentioned that she had previously planned and implemented wildly successful interest groups, so they began to brainstorm.

To ensure buy-in from Middle School students, they needed to have a choice in what they wanted to do. A survey went to every 7th grader to rank their interests. Options included cooking, reading to Beasley friends, playing board games or Minecraft, do-it-yourself projects such as jewelry making and knitting, cricket and squash, and outdoor games. The 7th grade team worked out a plan to accommodate the students in spaces that ensured social distancing while still allowing them to learn and interact with each other.

The interest groups met during advisory time, breaking up the regular schedule and allowing students to spend time with others outside their advisories. Halverson said, "Many students came to me on a day this week when we had normal advisory asking, 'Do we have interest groups today?' I could feel their enthusiasm for the groups, as it was something different and exciting for them to partake in during the school day!"





## Drumming Up Good Times in Lower School

Our 4th grade musicians drummed up some fantastic music in the halls of Beasley! Throughout the year, students worked on fundamental music skills in a tubano drum unit. They learned to echo rhythms, play call and response patterns, create layered ostinati, and improvise rhythmic phrases. Each of the four cohorts perfected a drum ensemble piece that required complex music skills in preparation for an outdoor concert and luncheon for Beasley students on Lower School Community Day. Great work, young drummers, on perfecting your practice to entertain others!





## Seventh & Eighth Grade Play Goes Cinematic

Seventh and eighth grade students at MICDS have the opportunity each year to participate in a live spring production, which usually alternates between being a comedy and a drama. It's always a wonderful experience as students who aren't necessarily friends initially work together and grow closer during the production.

What happens when a pandemic precludes a traditional production? Must the lights dim on the stage at MICDS? Never, say **Charlotte Dougherty, 7th Grade Dean and Drama Teacher**, and **Tim Storey, 8th Grade Dean and Drama Teacher**. The two put their heads together, and, as usual, they put the students first.

Participants gathered three times a week to share their unique experiences and perspectives and collaborated to create their production, not for the stage but in front of the camera. They acted, recorded, and even edited various pieces to make *In the Middle of a Pandemic*, a short film. "It was a group effort with students doing the bulk of the work," said Storey. "Even some of the individual scenes were edited by students."

Dougherty is proud of what the students were able to accomplish despite the pandemic limitations, and she's encouraged by how their experiences inspired their work. She said, "This year offered students the opportunity to look at how art survives and offers voice in a time of turmoil. They were creative, innovative, clever, and very patient during the process." Dougherty and Storey continued to emphasize to the students that theater is a process, much like life. "Art finds a way," Dougherty said, "and so did they."



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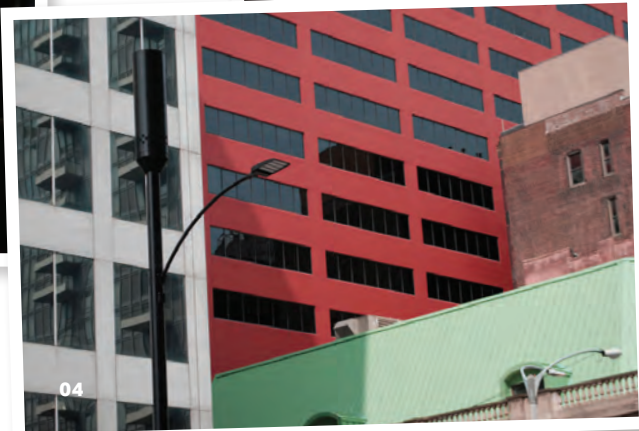
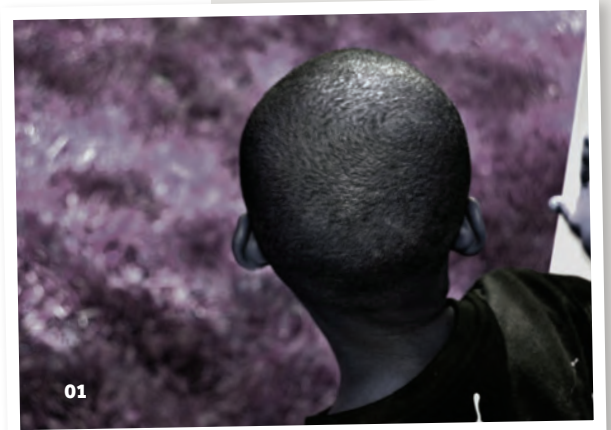
CHARLOTTE DOUGHERTY,  
7TH GRADE DEAN AND DRAMA TEACHER



# Upper School Photography Students Featured in Local Exhibit

In the Upper School Photo 3 curriculum, **Upper School Fine Arts Teacher Denise Douglas** requires students to enter their work into at least one local show/exhibit. To our delight, several students were admitted into the Emerson Young Artists' Showcase, a juried exhibit at the St. Louis Artists' Guild. The showcase is an all-media exhibition of artwork created by high school students between the ages of 15 and 19 and residing within 150 miles of St. Louis.

The online exhibit features work from **Hallie Dufner '22, Paige Hayes '22, Colton Nappier '22, Isabel Quiroga '22, Divya Singh '21, and Raygan McDile '22**—who also received an Honorable Mention award.



01. *Jermaine*, 5 x 7 digital print  
by Raygan McDile '22

02. *Untitled*, 5 x 7 digital print  
by Isabel Quiroga '22

03. *Night*, 5 x 7 digital print  
by Paige Hayes '22

04. *Untitled*, 5 x 7 digital print  
by Divya Singh '21

05. *Midnight Return*, 5 x 7 digital print  
by Hallie Dufner '22

06. *Duplicity*, 5 x 7 digital print  
by Colton Nappier '22

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## 2021 Day of Giving Recap

On May 4, this year's Day of Giving, the MICDS community came together and showed their Ram spirit! Parents and alumni gave back while also honoring our MICDS teachers past and present in the process. In just 24 hours, on National Teacher Appreciation Day, we surpassed our goal of 200 gifts, and the MICDS Fund received the support necessary to pay tribute to each of our current faculty members. Students joined in on the fun by designing creative Day of Giving posters and participating in an email Thankathon.

Thanks to all for supporting our students, faculty, and programs!

## Reunion Weekend

MAY 5 - 7, 2022

Reunion Weekend reunites our alumni, not only by getting everyone together, but by collectively giving back to MICDS with a Reunion Class Gift. In honor of your upcoming reunion, please consider making a reunion gift to the MICDS Fund. You may also make your reunion gift and choose to fulfill it over five years; this way MICDS can rely on your continued support until your next milestone reunion. Every gift counts and your generosity will have an immediate (and collective) impact for today's students. **Please join your classmates with a reunion gift today.** Thanks to those of you who have already contributed.

*Your reunion is coming!*

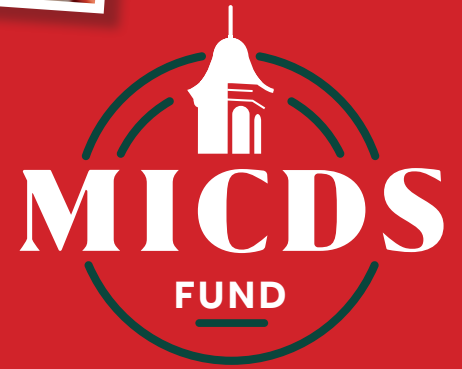
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First, it is the purpose to which we should be using all of the tools and privileges that we've been given throughout our life. Our skills and professional success should always be used toward the end of benefiting others rather than benefiting ourselves. Philanthropy is a way to do that. Second, there is so much need in our society. Whether that need is education, the environment, whatever cause is important to us, philanthropy is our way of addressing those needs and in doing so helping to create a better society for our children and their children.

**WHY MICDS?**

MICDS changed my life. My family and I moved to St. Louis when I was 14, shortly before my freshman year. I was alone. I was scared. I was insecure. The School and the teachers there were kind of my first friends. The very first person I met on the MICDS campus in the summer of 1984 was Craig Jones. He was the Middle School Head and he made me feel like I was welcome and that I had a place there. That was an important part of both my acclimating to St. Louis but also to beginning my high school education with the confidence that I needed to be successful as a student there.

## An estate gift is a powerful statement that anyone can make about their commitment to the long-term success of the institution.

PETER "BO" RUTLEDGE '88

### IS THERE AN ASPECT OF THE SCHOOL OR AN EXPERIENCE YOU'VE HAD WITH THE SCHOOL THAT YOU FIND PARTICULARLY VALUABLE?

MICDS has always had an unbridled commitment to academic excellence. From the very first classrooms that I set foot in to the day I graduated, I can probably name all my teachers. They were so dedicated to making us better students, better thinkers, better human beings in and outside the classroom. Also, MICDS has always had a very strong tradition of leadership. When I was there the School took great pride in the fact that three of the 100 U.S. senators were MICDS grads at that moment. Those two things, academic excellence and producing leaders, really stood out for me.

### WHY THE MICDS FUND?

Annual giving enables academic administrators to address the greatest highest needs of their institutions at the moment. One day it can be faculty salaries, another day it can be financial aid, and still another day it can be personal protective equipment. Unrestricted dollars, which is what annual gifts are, enable administrators to respond in

the moment to the needs of the institution. As somebody who has been an administrator in higher education for seven years now, I can tell you, particularly at a time of COVID-19, access to those unrestricted dollars is critical.

### WHY INCLUDE MICDS IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS?

An estate gift is a powerful statement that anyone can make about their commitment to the long-term success of the institution. There's this great line from the musical *Hamilton* where Alexander Hamilton asks, "What is a legacy?" He says it's planting the seeds in a garden, the fruits of which you'll never see. That line has stuck with me. I have now administered estate gifts as a law school dean and so I see the students of today, the leaders of tomorrow, who are the beneficiaries of people who no longer live on this earth. It makes a profound difference in their lives to know that somebody whom they've never met invested in them. It's an incredibly powerful statement about the strength of an institution that they chose to make that investment in the institution that they care about. For me, making a planned gift to MICDS was a no-brainer.

### WHAT REASONS WOULD YOU GIVE TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO SUPPORT MICDS?

There are lots of charities to which one might give, but two things make a school special as a philanthropic object. First, the school had a profound effect on what made you who you are today. Giving back is a way of showing not just support but also gratitude. It behooves all of us, at whatever station we are in our lives, to think about the profound effect that institutions of education had on us as individuals. Whether it was a teacher, a football coach, a fellow student, each of us was touched by someone in the school that we attended in some meaningful way. Second, I have developed a profound appreciation for how instrumental philanthropy is for a school's ability to continue to discharge its mission in an environment that is in some ways more expensive and, as a consequence, potentially inaccessible to students who are the future of our institution and of our society. We all want to produce today, in 2021, individuals who are proud graduates of the schools we attended. By giving back, we maximize the opportunities of those institutions to recruit, train, and introduce the student leaders who are going to be the torch bearers of our legacies long after we're gone.



#RamNation

2021

# Rams Rewind

SPRING SPORTS SEASON RECAPS



## Girls Lacrosse

Head Coach: Kate Haffenreffer

State Champions!

It was an incredible season for the MICDS Varsity Girls Lacrosse team who went 16-0 on the season, clinching the State Championship against Villa Duchesne 11-6. It was a true all-around team effort with a balanced offense of six players posting 30 or more points on the season. Sophomore goalie **Kendall Curry '23** was the backbone of the team's defensive unit; she led the area in save percentages and an average of just four goals per game, including a shutout game against Eureka. Individual accomplishments were abundant with four players named First Team All-State: **Livie Warren '21**, **Ella Durrill '21**, **Olivia Rickers '22**, and Curry. Warren and Durrill were awarded US Lacrosse All-Academic honors, and Warren was named a US Lacrosse All-American. All-Metro Conference honors were also plentiful. First Team honors went to Warren, Durrill, Rickers, **Amber Petersen '22**, and Curry. **Lauren Sugavanam '21** and **Greta Wolfsberger '22** earned All-Metro Honorable Mentions.

## Boys Lacrosse

Head Coach: Andy Kay

State Champions!

The 2021 Rams Boys Lacrosse team capped off one of the most competitive seasons of Missouri lacrosse with a 10-6 win over De Smet to claim their 7th state championship in a row and 10th overall in program history. Paced by the finals MVP, **Cam Curry '21**, and a physical defense led by senior captain, **Will Kacmarek '21**, the Rams controlled the tempo for the majority of the game and celebrated wildly with their classmates as the final seconds ticked off the clock. Special shout-outs to **Landon Gelven '22** and Kacmarek for being selected US Lacrosse All-Americans. Other award winners were **Grant Purdy '21**, Academic All-American, **PJ Behan '22**, All-State, and Curry, All-State. The Rams were led all year by senior captains **Crawford Bundy '21**, **Joe Nicpon '21**, Kacmarek, and junior captain, Behan.

## Boys Tennis

Head Coach: Patrick Huewe

Success as a team and standout results for Erb, Jan

The Boys Tennis team had a successful season this year as a team and individually, with standout results from multiple players. Early in the season, the Rams defeated Class 1 State Runner-up Westminster 6-3. In the Tournament of Champions, the Rams took third place, tying with Class 1 State Champion Barstow. During the postseason, the Rams enjoyed a successful run to the District Finals by defeating Lafayette 5-0 before succumbing to Marquette with a 0-5 loss. **Evan Erb '21** and **Justin Jan '22** reached the finals, with Erb winning in a tight three-set match in the individual Districts tournament. **Aryan Motwani '21** and **Ryan Jasper '21** finished in third place in the doubles competition with a win over the top seed from Lafayette. Erb and Jan represented the Rams in singles at the individual State Championships, making it to the semi-finals. Jan went on to take third place in singles. In the finals, Erb played an incredible match to win the second State Championship of his career, with the first being in Class 1 as a freshman.



## Boys Track & Field

Head Coach: Jim Lohr

Second at State with several Individual State Champions

The MICDS Boys Track & Field team finished this season with a high-water mark at State. The Rams finished in 2nd place, just one point behind winner Eldorado Springs. The day started well for the Rams as **Shawn Putman '21** outclassed the field in the long jump with a winning leap of 22-4-1/4. The 4x400m Relay team of **Aaron Hendricks '21, Tony Nunn '22, Novo Onovwerosuoke '22, and Winston Moore '23** were also State Champions, winning the event in 3:28.53. Onovwerosuoke was also the 3rd place finisher in the 200m dash with a personal best of 22.43. The 4x200m relay team of **Harrison Brown '22, Nunn, Onovwerosuoke, and Moore** lowered their own school record several times this season to a time of 1:29.77 and were able to finish 2nd at the State Championship. Nunn finished 4th in the 400m dash with 50.85, his fastest time of the year. Moore was able to reach the State finals in the 100m dash. The 4x199m relay team of **Nate Smith '21, Onovwerosuoke, Steven Hall '23, and Moore** received All-State Honors. Senior Captain **Raphy Sowah '21** qualified for the State Finals. The Boys team finished 2nd in the Class 3 District Championship and Second in the State Championship team awards.

01. Girls Lacrosse captured yet another State Championship, capping an undefeated season.

02. Congratulations to the Boys Lacrosse team on their State Championship.

03. Evan Erb '21 competes at the Metro League Tournament. Erb has the distinction of being the first State Champion in Class 3 with this win. He also earned the Metro League Player of the Year honors and was named the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* Player of the Year for Boys Tennis. Photo by Paul Kopsky.

04. Congratulations to the Boys Track and Field team for finishing 2nd in the Class 3 District Championship and 2nd in the State Championship team awards.



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01. Maya Anderson '23 won the District and Sectional Championship at both the 100m hurdles and the 300m hurdles.

02. Henry Mikula '21 hits an iron shot during the Class 5 Boys State Golf Championship. Photo by Gordon Radford.

03. Eric Podgorny '23 pitches during the Class 5 District 3 baseball championship. Photo by Michael Gullledge.

## Girls Track & Field

Head Coach: Jim Lohr

Metro League and Class 5 District Champions

The MICDS Girls Track & Field team had many highlights throughout the season. **Julia Ray '23** landed State runner-up in the 3200m run and broke her own school record several times. Ray also set school records in the 1600m run and finished 6th in the State Championship. **Maya Anderson '23** was the District and Sectional Champion at both the 100m hurdles and the 300m hurdles. Anderson finished second in each event at State and lowered her school record to an impressive 14.02 in the 100m and a 44.54 in the 300m hurdles, the second-fastest in school history. Senior Captain **Alexis Bellamy '21** also made the State final in the 100m hurdles, finishing 4th. **Zoe Carter-Konate '22** and **Ellie Gira '22** earned All-State Honors. **Amani Hendricks '22** made it to the State Championship in the long jump. The 4x400m Relay team of **Annalisa Goot '21**, Gira, **Kate Oliver '22**, and Anderson ran an outstanding race. The MICDS girls ended the season with a Metro League Championship and an MSHSAA Class 5 District Championship to keep a string of 13 wins in a row intact. The 6th place team finish at the State Championship was something to build on for next season.

## Boys Golf

Head Coach: Changa Bey

Seniors lead through a strong season; Mikula takes 1st at Districts

The Boys 2021 Golf season got off to a strong start with a victory in the first league match against Westminster and a solid showing in the Metro League Championship tournament. The boys fought through the regular season and had good outings from senior golfers **Cal Barton '21**, **Justin Goldenberg '21**, and **Sam Liu '21**. **Will Petersen '23** had a breakout season and looks to continue his growth into next season. The standout for the season was senior **Henry Mikula '21**. Mikula capped off his stellar high school career with a 2nd place finish at the Metro League Tournament, medalist honors in six league matches, 1st place in the District Championship, a T7 finish at Class 5 State Championship, and All-Metro League Team. With the departure of several seniors, the team looks to rebuild for next season thanks to returning players, JV, and incoming freshman class.

## Baseball

Head Coach: Michael Kraatz

A good run at the Class 5 District Championship

The 2021 baseball season was more successful than the record might indicate. The Rams finished the season with a 14-13 mark. Though a winning record, one win over .500 does not show the number of hard-fought and well-played losses the club endured to larger, reputable opponents. The 2021 team played a good brand of baseball, having ended the season for two opponents on its way to a Class 5 district championship game, where our team ultimately suffered a season-ending loss. With the state adopting a six-class format for the first time, the 2021 Rams were tasked with competing in a Class 5 playoff for the first time in school history. No challenge was too great for this team, led by a group of seniors whose perseverance will inspire all teams to come. **Reagan Andrew '22**, **Jack Niedringhaus '22**, and **Eric Podgorny '23** made the All-Metro League First Team, and **Gordon Walker '22** made the All-Metro League Second Team.



01. Will Falk '21 takes a break at Tuesday Night Worlds at Carondelet Park.

02. Campbell Schultz '22 dribbles away from Westminster.

03. Owen Limbrick '23 launches a pass.



## Cycling

**Head Coach: Chris Ludbrook**

*A season of evolution into new competitions*

The Varsity Cycling team continued to evolve over the 2021 season. Highlights included multiple podium finishes from **Will Falk '21** at Tuesday Night Worlds held weekly at Carondelet Park in the B race. Falk developed a devastating sprint finish that other competitors quickly respected. **Baz Cosmopoulos '22** also proved to be a formidable competitor in the C race. But this season was not all about criterium racing. The team pedaled into the world of time trialing at the Wednesday Night Time Trials held at the Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area in St. Charles for a 13k time trial. Falk, Cosmopolous, **Fiona Richards '21**, **Jonah Zacks '21**, and **Amara Autry '23** all held a top-three standing in their respective divisions. The team looks to rebuild in 2022 after graduating nine of the 12 team members.

## Girls Soccer

**Head Coach: Jack Fischer**

*Successful season against a difficult schedule*

The MICDS Varsity Girls Soccer team had another successful season this spring finishing with a record of 10-7. The Rams played several of the top teams in the area and held their own against a very challenging schedule. Highlights of the season include victories over Villa Duchesne, John Burroughs, Clayton, Ladue, and a penalty shoot-out victory over Westminster in the district tournament. Senior captains **Estephania Estrada '21**, **Katie Nuzum '21**, and **Sophia Weber '21** were instrumental in developing team camaraderie and a collective spirit after missing the 2020 season. With a very young team, their experience and leadership were critical to the team's success. **Campbell Schultz '22** led the offense with eight goals and nine assists. Estrada, **Zara Nourie '23**, and **Parker Scheele '23** led a stingy defense that kept the Rams in every game. Unfortunately, the season came to an end in a hard-fought double-overtime district match versus Ursuline. The soccer program is deeply thankful for the contributions of everyone involved.

## Water Polo

**Head Coach: Don Casey**

*A year of rebuilding*

The team's regular schedule was only 11 games, including eight of the top 10 teams in the state and no tournaments. In 2020, the MICDS Water Polo team was ranked number 1 in the State due to its returning players who had finished number 4 in the State Tournament the year before. This year, only two players on the roster had more than one year of experience at the Varsity level. The Rams found victory against Pattonville, Kirkwood, and John Burroughs School in the regular season and defeated Rockwood Summit in the first round of the state tournament before falling to Kirkwood in the second round. The team is looking forward to returning with more experience next year.



# Letter from the MICDS Board Chair

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Dear MICDS Community,

As the 2020-2021 school year came to a close and we looked back on another year of unprecedented challenges that the global pandemic thrust upon us, it is clear that while COVID-19 may have thrown us all a "global curveball," MICDS responded by "hitting the ball out of the park." As a community, we managed not just to get by, but also to thrive. The year was not a "normal" one, but our accomplishments were extraordinary, and we are well-positioned for the future and whatever challenges lie ahead.

I speak for the entire MICDS Board of Trustees when I say we are ever grateful for:

- the professionalism and agility of our FACULTY who successfully molded and adapted their classrooms into virtual, in-person, and asynchronous learning communities;
- the skill of our STAFF who mobilized to ensure reliable technology and to provide critical support services;
- our committed FAMILIES who partnered with the School in adjusting to the ongoing and rapidly-evolving guidance from government and health care officials in order to ensure the most effective learning environments for our students;
- our outstanding STUDENTS and the GRADUATES of the great Class of 2021, whose undaunted spirit and commitment to their school and classmates were witnessed by everyone around them.

True to our mission, the MICDS community embodied, more than ever, tremendous character, courage, perseverance, and compassion.

The extraordinary achievements of our students, both tangible and intangible, are made possible by the generous, philanthropic support of alumni, parents, grandparents, faculty, staff, administrators, and friends through the MICDS Fund.

Annual donations are critical to ensuring MICDS' position as a leading independent school in the country. MICDS Fund gifts contribute directly to the operating budget, benefit every student, and directly impact the student experience, assuring robust resources for opportunities and experiences that deepen and extend learning and engagement.

Our Honor Roll of Donors includes every community member who made a gift of \$100 or more to the MICDS Fund in the 2020-2021 academic year as well as individuals who made gifts to the Ram Relief Fund, Bold Action Campaign, 25th and 50th Reunion Class Gift Program, Special Projects, Memorials, Tributes, and Bequests.

I am both impressed and inspired by the incredible generosity of our community, and I am grateful to these individuals for their critical support and commitment to our students and School.

The greatest asset of MICDS is its people who together form a remarkable community. We thank all of you who made MICDS a philanthropic priority this year.

With gratitude,

**Kent M. Rapp '76, P '05 '08**  
Chair, MICDS Board of Trustees



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SCHOOL ALUMNAE AND ALUMNI

The following pages reflect  
notes submitted through

**June 30, 2021**

Submit your news for the next issue to:  
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## Births and Adoptions

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN TO OUR MICDS FAMILY.

**Charles "Chip" Newblock McAlpin '01**  
and Allison Leung McAlpin, Charlotte Allison McAlpin,  
June 21, 2021

**Lauren Brummett Collins '02** and Danny, Sloane Avery  
Collins, April 13, 2021 (photo 1)



## Weddings

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ALUMNI ON THEIR RECENT NUPTIALS.

**Daphne Washington '09** and Kurt Walcott II  
May 16, 2021 (photo 2)

**Stuart Andrew Maples '11** and Allyssa Nicole O'Brien  
September 8, 2018 (photo 3)

**Caroline Ainsley Maples '11** and  
**McPherson Dorsett Moore, Jr. '10**  
May 15, 2021 (photo 4)



### 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!

## *Alumni/ae Deaths*

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE  
FAMILIES OF ALUMNI/AE WE HAVE LOST.

**Georgia Simmons Pierpont '36**, May 31, 2021

**Helene Baskowitz Roberson '42**, August 21, 2021

**Dorothy Hanpeter '45**, June 7, 2021

**Adalbert Dietz '52**, August 5, 2021

**Nancy Clipner Israel '52**, August 9, 2021

**Margot Ketcham Shriver '52**, August 17, 2021

**Lloyd Doerflinger '53**, July 7, 2021

**Wanda Bickel '55**, August 16, 2021

**Paul Johansen Jr. '56**, July 12, 2021

**Martha Baer '57**, June 24, 2021

**Charles Bascom '59**, March 29, 2021

**Nancy Lewis Shands '61**, September 10, 2021

**Lucy Cardwell '62**, May 18, 2021

**Lawrence Goldfarb '67**, August 24, 2021

**William "Bill" Huttig Ford '72**, September 9, 2021

**Karen Taylor '76**, July 18, 2021

**Roberta Hensley '82**, September 4, 2021

**Eli Karsh '86**, September 5, 2021

**Max Bernstein '15**, July 10, 2021

## *Faculty Deaths*

**William Andrews Jr.**, Former CDS Faculty, June 28, 2021

## Virtual Tour of the Country Day Archives

Our Saint Louis Country Day alumni were invited this past spring to watch our first-ever virtual tour of the CDS Archives with volunteer archivist **Cliff Saxton '64**. The tour covers Codasco's entire history, from 1917 to 1992, and features images of treasured artifacts as well as stories and photos of beloved faculty members. Also featured are the Brown Road and Warson Road campuses, Rams football, and the Archives room located on the lower level of the STEM building. We look forward to traveling through our school's proud history with you.



CDS diorama of the Brown Road campus.



**Scan to see the  
full video tour.**



# Letter from the MICDS Alumni Association President

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Dear MI, CDS, and MICDS Alumni,

As we embark upon a new and exciting school year for our current students, we are planning a number of fun and engaging activities for our former students near and far. But first, we want to hear from you!

I am honored to be working with the School to represent our 8,000 alumni who live and work around the world. It amazes me to learn the many ways that an MI, CDS, or MICDS education has impacted and helped our alumni. The stories are endless. Perhaps it would be fun to learn more about this broad network? Whatever your thoughts or needs from the Alumni Association, we want to hear from you. Thank you to the many alumni who filled out the survey this August. Continuing to engage with alums, near and far, is our ongoing goal and we look forward to finding new and innovative ways to keep this Alumni Association active and strong.

One of the best ways to walk down memory lane and reconnect with friends and classmates is the annual Reunion Weekend. This year Reunion Weekend will be held May 5-7, 2022, in St. Louis and is certain to be a blast. If your class year ends in 1, 2, 6, or 7, please mark your calendars now!

In addition to completing the MICDS Alumni Survey, be sure to explore:

- **MICDS Connect**, our new virtual community used to engage alumni, reconnect with classmates, enjoy professional networking, and serve as a vehicle for alumni-student mentoring. (See page 37 on how to register.)
- **Social Media Presence** on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn.
- **Volunteer opportunities** with the Alumni Office.

I look forward to representing your needs and interests and hope this year will offer you many opportunities to connect with your fellow alumni. Warm, personal connections are a trademark of our Alumni Association and are a special gift from our school. We will continue to work hard to develop and keep those connections strong. I look forward to what this school year has to offer and encourage you to stay in touch with MICDS. The School loves to hear what our alumni are doing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Whitney Reboulet". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

**Whitney Gulick Reboulet '97**  
MICDS Alumni Association President

1954<sub>MI</sub>

**Susan Elliott** writes: Now that COVID is mostly behind us, we can all enjoy returning to normal—whatever that is?! We are blessed to be in Florida where I play golf almost every day, ride my bike frequently, and **Howard '52** goes to the gym seven days a week. All the best to everyone.

1957<sub>CDS</sub>

**RAESE SIMPSON**  
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Greetings, gents. Well, eight of us made it to our recent lunch. It started off with **John Curby** and **Gene Lehr** leading us in a word of prayer—I believe a great new tradition has been established.

It was great seeing **Nick Clifford** push his walker aside and walk to the table! It has been a long haul for him, but thanks to his determination and help from his loving wife, Molly, he is getting better each time we see him. A lot to be thankful for.

Some interesting stories were told. We found out **Lew Shepley** is the most accomplished private pilot in the class. Some years ago, he took off in a heavy fog only to have one of his instruments fail. He was 200 feet off the ground and at first didn't realize his plane was about to go into a stall as he had no visual orientation (a stall would force the plane into a downward spin). This is where quick thinking and experience pay off. He was able to manually override the error and said, "This is why I can enjoy lunch with you guys today!"

Then the subject of the Bay of Pigs invasion came up. **John Curby**, an Air Force intelligence officer, was able to bring us up to speed. He had an incredible amount of knowledge about how close we came to a nuclear war with Russia. Unbeknownst to any of us at the time, Marine **John Gillis** was in a landing craft getting ready to hit a Cuban beach. Fortunately cooler heads prevailed.

Hopefully, we can meet again in early fall. Here is a photo taken at our get-together; very interesting: no flattops!



Back row (l-r): Raese Simpson, John Curby, Gene Lehr, Lew Shepley, Dick Engelsmann  
Front row (l-r): Bill Bowersox, Nick Clifford

1958<sub>MI</sub>

**MARY KOENIGSBERG LANG**  
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**LIBBY HALL MCDONNELL**  
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**Susanne Morris Glasscock** wrote: "The unplanned move to 'the country' has been a surprise and a blessing. We keep a condo in Houston and go every other week. Here are a couple of 80-year-olds growing grapes and peaches and watching the cows, and loving it. We are close enough to a small town to have a great church relationship, a good grocery store, and even a world-class music venue. Being blessed with good health, energy, and long-time friends nearby makes this life even better."

Some of us ended up having a lovely Zoom-like chat in June when **Laura Orthwein** emailed us that Forest Park is 145 years old. This spontaneously brought out many memories for so many of us, and classmates began to chime in on their memories of Forest Park.

**Marnie** wrote about her memories of the Muncy opera, and also about the Art Museum and the mummy with the unwrapped toe, and the room with the "Dutch" house with the balcony and circular stairway.

This led **Susan Shampaine Hopper** to comment on the mummy and toe, too, and also her escapades at the museum with her brother with the Lachaise Sculpture.

Susan also said her grandparents met in the Park at the 1904 Fair—AND **Judy Hickey Engelsmann's** and **Nancy Schumacher Dennis's** grandparents met at the 1904 Fair, too!

**Libby** said one of her favorites was the Jewel Box, and **Lyn Dominguez** then emailed she loved that, too. Libby also said the Waterfall along one of the drives is still there, and now is easily accessible, even for octogenarians!

**Sally Spoehrer Lemkemeier** wrote that the Park brought back many fun memories.

This was such fun for us all to reminisce about Forest Park—so much a part of everyone's lives. It would be great to have more online "get-togethers." We love to hear from everyone.

Our 65th MI Reunion is not until 2023 when we will be turning 83! Do we want to wait to get together or have something here in St. Louis before that? We could have our classmate dinner and then see downtown or Forest Park. Too bad the Highlands are not still going. Ho, ho! Let us know your thoughts. Stay well and safe!

1958<sub>CDS</sub>

**DANIEL FEINBERG**  
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**Chris Bent** reports the doctor gave him two days to live in October due to congestive heart failure and clotting. His wife took over, and here he is, 35 pounds lighter. Chris says she is one tough gal to argue with. He said, "I invite all to find out how life's journey can be amazing. I've written 15 books, thanks to CDS English classes. Visit <https://chrisbent.com/bookstore/> I was the first human to touch an Apollo Spacecraft (AS-201) to return from space. Crazy after scuba diving in the CDS pond with 'Sparky.'"

**Terry Culver** says, “**Ned Engman** is in Extended Care at the Gatesworth, and I saw him there while I was there in a wheelchair with a busted big toe. I am out now, but his wife, Peggy, is next door in the Gatesworth and I know she would like for any who feels like doing so to visit him. He takes a while to talk but does so fully even though it takes a minute or two for him to answer. Call her to set up a visit, maybe for lunch (the food is top rate!).”

**Frank Elliott** said—63 years later and we still have one thing in common: 1958 Codasco graduates. He can guarantee you a lot has happened, some of which is newsworthy but not too much this year. However, he did shoot his age again on the golf course: 80. Not too bad. Frank says all is well out there and hopes the same is true “back east.”

**Maurice L. (Bud) Hirsch Jr.** had several of his photographic works accepted in juried gallery exhibitions. Currently, two of his images are on display for the next several months at the Angad Arts Hotel in St. Louis. His granddaughter, **Anna Speller '20**, in her freshman year at Southeast Missouri State, was a beam specialist on their women's gymnastics team helping SEMO win the USA Gymnastics 2021 Women's Collegiate National Championship and earning her First Team All American. His grandson, **Jake Speller '17**, graduated from the University of Dayton with a major in sports management and now works for the football program at SEMO. Bud and his family celebrated his 80th in 2020 on the Atlantic in Duck, North Carolina. He is looking forward to 2022 for some photographic trips abroad.

**Rich Nelson** checked in to say no COVID-19 yet, but the rollout of vaccines in New Zealand is really slow. He hopes to have it shortly. Otherwise, all is well down there. He was involved with an NZ art show recently which is a joy and hopes to stay involved in the future as a patron and buyer.

## 1959<sub>MI</sub>

**Jeannie Hamilton Pearman** writes: “I am living happily in Palm Beach, Florida, with Donald Hannah. We went out together in our

20s and reconnected as a widow and widower three years ago. We are working on being involved with stem cell treatments on a ship off the coast of Nassau. This summer is my 80th birthday. I'm having all of our children and grandchildren to a gala party. I remember my years at MI and my friends there so fondly. I look forward to our next reunion.”

## 1959<sub>CDS</sub>

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I was very pleasantly surprised to receive an email from **Carl Rohne**. He writes: “I just finished a book on travels in Canada and Alaska in our motorhome with my bride, Sandra, and a well-traveled Chihuahua. I'm starting work on a play and researching physicist Lisa Meitner. Sandra and I are active in local theater as actors. We moved to Bisbee, Arizona, three years ago. We have a small Airbnb going which gives me exercise and a chance to ‘meet and greet’ the guests. Health here is good.”

Another author in our class, **Butch Welsch**, wrote: “My book, *The Indianapolis 500 – Memories of a Fan* is now available. I am really excited about the way it turned out. I have a website: [Indy500memories.org](http://Indy500memories.org). I will sell the book to any local classmates whom I see and could deliver it to avoid the mailing costs. It is available on Amazon.” I bought an autographed copy and it is well-written and beautifully produced.

I am always saddened to report the death of one of our classmates but it seems I have to do it more often. This time it's the passing of **Charlie Bascom**, who attended Codasco from Class 8 through Class 4 before being sent to the Brooks School in Massachusetts. **Ted Pettus** and **Henry Massie** each sent fond memories of Charlie when they were all little boys (pre-CDS) via email to all classmates with addresses on file.

**Henry Massie** reports: “I would like to announce the publication of my new novel, *The Boy Who Took Marilyn to the Prom*. It is the story of an errant psychiatrist, the son of Marilyn

Monroe's last psychiatrist. It is available on Amazon. For more information about the book, go to my Facebook page, Henry Massie Author, or my website [henrymassie.com](http://henrymassie.com).”

The Monday lunches have entered their eighth year and continue at Lester's. All are welcome at 11:30 a.m. The monthly Zoom calls also continue (perhaps the only good thing to come out of the pandemic). If you have not joined one, email Butch at [bwelsch@welsch-heatcool.com](mailto:bwelsch@welsch-heatcool.com) and he will send you an invitation.

## 1960<sub>CDS</sub>

**Russ Messing**: I am just now finishing my fourth book of poetry! Thanks to all of you who asked for previous books. (I do have a box or two left of unsold copies.) This latest endeavor is entitled *In The Corner of the Afternoon*. I am waiting for my daughter, the artist, to finish work on the cover. If any of you are interested, please let me know I will send you an autographed and specially blessed copy.

## 1962<sub>CDS</sub>

**Michael Witte** writes: “**Sally '66** and I have a third grandchild, first grandson: Luca Bruce Witte, born to Spencer and Amanda Bruce Bernal. Son Griffin, a national correspondent for the *Washington Post*, won a prestigious 2020 George Polk Award for Justice Reporting for his part in a Post series on the life of George Floyd. Youngest son, Drew, is active in the music biz, lives in Brooklyn, and has 55,000 followers on TikTok! Constantly-barking black lab, Bella, has enlivened the conversation.”

## 1964<sub>MI</sub>

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We hope you all received our “Class Blast” about **Susan Kahn Bromberg's** father's 100th

birthday. Jane gets credit for learning about this exciting milestone, and on behalf of the Class of 1964, we extend to Dr. Kahn our congratulations!

Our first Class Notes contributor was **Carolyn Michael** (Punkin Hirsch). She wrote: “During this COVID time-out, I found it a treasure to enjoy the company of my husband, Howard Millman, who celebrated his 90th birthday! What a gift to take time out to reflect, enjoy each other, and catch up on every movie and TV series ever made. I have walked four miles every day since March 2020. Having been vaccinated, I have started to emerge and see other vaccinated folks.”

Then we heard from our May Queen, **Kim Marschel Flachmann**. “I continue to work as the Writing Program Coordinator at California State University, Bakersfield. It is the job I was born to do. My husband, Michael, died unexpectedly in 2013 while he was teaching at the Utah Shakespeare Festival. My children, Laura and Christopher, are both psychologists—and are probably analyzing my behavior every day. Christopher has two sons, ages 13 and 10; Laura just had her first baby, a son, during COVID. We are all managing and doing well.”

Jane reports: “**Patsy Clark Ball** organized a lunch adventure with **Susan Bromberg** and **Jane Cox**. On a nice day, we ended up at Union Loafers Café in Tower Grove and ate outside. If anyone wants to join in, call one of us and help choose the next time and place.”

**Barbara Baur Dunlap** sent two emails: First email: “Charlie and I have been visiting our children, now that quarantines have lifted. It was great to get to Austin, Texas, and California after 1 1/2 years. **Tee ’64** is going to join us this August for some fun in Telluride.” Then she sent: “Life in Arizona involves lots of gardening, giving roses away, weekly Bible study and prayer groups, walks with neighbors, and enjoying Charlie and our grandkids. I am busy making cookies to attract them to Baba and Gogo’s house.”

**Becky Jones Fouke** has sent the happy news that her oldest granddaughter, Lily Fouke,

has graduated from Holy Name Academy in Seattle, Washington, and will start her freshman year at Texas Christian University this fall.

At the other end of the spectrum, **Blockie McAlpin ’65** and I announce the birth of our second granddaughter, Charlotte Allison McAlpin, on June 21.

Best,  
Jane & Anne

## 1965 MI

### PEGGY DUBINSKY PRICE

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As we venture out again and start to pick up where we left off before COVID, we are reuniting with our families and traveling again. In April, Dick and I visited **Wendy Price ’99** and John Patinella and new baby John Christopher Patinella (Jack), born March 21, in Los Angeles. Then, in June, we spent a week in Portland, Oregon, with **Katie Price Testo ’03**, Tom, Siena, and new baby Claire Katherine Testo, born May 3. It was wonderful to see and hug them again and especially to meet our new grandchildren.

We may not have celebrated our 55th reunion in person, but we hope to get together next year. **Charlotte Rust Dix** wrote: “I’m looking forward to a real reunion; will take more time than for the 50th. I’ve been reading royal navy fiction from the Napoleonic era. Great travel stories, great heroes—the world needs more heroes. Be a little bit of a hero every day.”

**Linda Glick** has a third great-grandchild: Navy Jay Stanik. According to Linda, “She is named after her grandfather and dad Will’s father. We spent a night in Healdsburg, a tradition for Steve’s birthday. I’m refreshing my conversational French so I can talk to my nephew’s new family. I found a young woman who works for the French consulate and we meet weekly. I have a new vocabulary for my age: retiree and volunteer which Madame Ely never covered.”

**Irene Leland**: “I was jubilant to receive two honors at The Akademia’s digital ceremony, streaming live from Los Angeles on May 14: The Artist of the Year Award and the Rising Star Award, for talent and perseverance in the field of music during extraordinary times. It was a pleasure to give a speech about my music career and sing a few songs at the Volunteer Service Council Annual Meeting and Hat Luncheon on May 25, thanks to my cousin, **Erle Lionberger Broughton ’77!**”

**Elizabeth Kendall**: “I spent some time recently in the country with my newest great-niece, Amelia Bee Kendall-Beauchamp, a small Quebecoise person.”

**Mimi Johnson Severs**: “My only news is that I had both branches of my family here for back-to-back visits for a total of 11 straight days. Except for a short visit from Matthew by himself in March, I had not seen the rest of my brood for over eighteen months. It was wonderful! The grandchildren range in age from almost 16 down to the 9-year-old twins.”

**Diana Davis Madsen**: “We are spending our summer mainly at our beach house in Bay Head, New Jersey, where I see **Anne Kennard** often as well as our six grands, daughters and husbands. We’ll also spend a week in July at a great ranch in Wyoming, the HF Bar, with the whole family.”

**Alice Langenberg Abrams**: “Appreciating life, vaccinated, cancer-free, and maskless. Walter and I celebrated our 50th anniversary in May at our favorite restaurant in Waltham, Massachusetts, which had been closed during the crisis. Got 18 minutes to see me lead you around a ceramic exhibit? Join me on YouTube or at [www.stateofclay.com](http://www.stateofclay.com). I’m enjoying summer in Barnard, Vermont, looking forward to visits from grandchildren and working in my studio.”

We are reading *Hamnet* by Maggie O’Farrell for our next book club Zoom in late fall. **Jane Atwood Whitehead** wants to know: “What is the meaning of the feather across Hamnet’s eyes on the cover?” Whoever answers gets to lead our discussion!



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01. Tom, Katie Price '03 and Claire Testo, June 2021.

02. John Christopher Patinella (Jack), son of Wendy Price '99 and John Patinella, June 2021.

03. Peggy '65 and Dick Price with granddaughters Siena and Claire Testo, June 2021.

04. Irene Leland '65 with cousin Erle Lionberger Broughton '77.

05. Great grandchildren of Linda Glick '65.

06. Mimi Johnson Severs '65 and family.



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Our condolences to **Bobbi Buell** on the loss of her brother, Mark.

**Donna Schultz Heidbreder** tells me my requests for news in 80 words or less should correctly read, “80 words or FEWER.” I apologize profusely and now accept why I couldn’t get As in English! P.S. I still like “or less” better.

From the shores of Potato Lake in Park Rapids, Minnesota: love to all.

## 1967<sub>MI</sub>

**Vicky Urban Butler** reports: “Hi from Sunny Florida! I’m still in Jupiter, Florida, and enjoying every day of retirement! Still in great health and have been very blessed. I have been working part-time as a nanny for a few families and also pet sit/house sit occasionally. My passion for all animals has allowed me to visit sanctuaries and play with lions, tigers, and bears (oh my!). This fall, I’ll be visiting Shy Wolf Sanctuary and playing with wolves!”

**Virginia Weidle** and a friend wanted to drive Route 66 from Chicago to Santa Monica in 2020. Obviously, that didn’t happen, so they drove the Missouri section from downtown St. Louis at the MacArthur Bridge to Joplin, Missouri. They added Kansas and a few miles into Oklahoma.

**Donna Marting-Hamilton** reports: “Bill and I were thrilled with the birth of our first grandchild, Meredith Marting Hamilton. She was born on July 22, 2020. The proud parents are **Will ’07** and **Paige Hamilton**.”

**Terry Spatz Coleman**: I finally retired as a manufacturing representative selling industrial paint coatings for 50 years. We joyfully celebrated the marriage of our daughter, Terrill Estabrook, to Tim Hansen on May 21, 2021, in St. Louis. They reside in Atlanta, Georgia. Wishing peace and good health to all.

## 1969<sub>MI</sub>

### PHOEBE SCOTT BURKE

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Based on the very sparse response I received from classmates, I am assuming that no news is good news. As we emerge from the year of COVID, hopefully alive and well, our priorities are on rebuilding our lives—either a return to our old selves or perhaps a whole new vision? Do tell!

**Meg Jolley** was in St. Louis this summer visiting her mom, who is 96 and doing well. Meg continues to teach dance at Pomona College as well as lead classes in the Alexander Method in Los Angeles. She and her husband, David, split their time between their home in Pasadena and their bungalow in Malibu.

**Jennifer Poppy Royal (nee Limberg)** is enjoying the temperate, bug-free life in Santa Barbara. She is able to visit her son, Jesse, his wife, Tara, and their two darling boys in Los Angeles on a regular basis which has been a joy during the past year of restrictions.

**Marie Howe Sprague’s** summer in Rhode Island was greatly brightened by the visit of her children and grandchildren whom she hadn’t seen in two years!

**Tandy Thompson** continues to be consumed by French Colonial America. She spends a great deal of her time in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, where she tends to the gardens and oversees the restoration of several historical homes. She is also involved in many of the educational programs offered to kids visiting the area. In her free time (does she really have any?) she is raising yet another black Lab puppy, “Tres.”



**Susie Belz Wiegand** and her husband, Gordie, have decided to stay in Glendale (vs. a warmer vacation spot) since their son, Trey, and his wife have moved back to the area. Susie is definitely enjoying retirement!



**Pamela Lanier** is celebrating the birth of her first grandson after six wonderful granddaughters! She said, “He looks so much like my dad his nickname is ‘Curdy,’ but his given name is Santiago. I am headed for two UN conferences in Europe this fall where I and team will make several presentations. First in Marseille; what, oh what, will I wear?”

I, **Phoebe Scott Burke**, am happy to be 70 and healthy! That seems like an accomplishment these days. Spencer’s and my son, **Morgan ’07**, has been living with us while he has worked remotely for the past year, and it has been an incredible pleasure to become acquainted with his adult self. A bonus of these tumultuous times.

## 1969<sub>CDS</sub>

**Joe Rechter** reports: “I am now a grandfather for the second time with the birth of Clementine Elisabeth Takacs on July 21, 2020. Scheduled for delivery in New York City, my then-pregnant daughter, **Louisa ’05**, her husband, Rob, and grandson, Elliott, relocated to St. Louis where she gave birth. So now we have both Yankee (or Mets) and Cardinals fans in the family. Sue and I continue to divide our time between St. Louis and Florida, keeping in touch with many classmates: **Bob Larkin** and **Shel Voges** via Zoom, **John Stein** via phone; **Andy Glaser**, **Rick Weitzer**, **Peter Griffin**, and **Pete Deibel** via high handicaps on the golf course.”

# 1970<sub>MI</sub>

## TINA RUTLEDGE VERALDI

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Cheers to all the members of the Mary Institute Class of 1970 for the celebration of our 51st Reunion! While honoring the precautions of the pandemic, there was a wonderful Zoom in May during the official MICDS Reunion weekend. Twenty-seven of us signed on, and many more could not attend for very valid reasons. **Lela Shepley-Gamble** was visiting her mother for the first time in over 18 months. **Viki Huntman Brock** was hosting her daughter's wedding. **Leslie Limberg** had an important meeting; she has started a Farmers Market in New Melle, Missouri, which is held on Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. If there were "Laurel Awards" for those traveling great distances to attend the real event, **Jill Stein** would have won as she lives in Paris, France, as well as **Judy Jacobs**, who lives in Budapest, Hungary. In 2019-20, Judy and her husband had planned to be at our 50th, and so included St. Louis as part of their trip to explore the U.S. in their camper van. They were already in the States when the pandemic limits were set, so after the Smokey Mountains, they spent more time in New Mexico and went north from there.

It was a pleasure to work with **Mary Holmes Carpenter**, who spearheaded both plans A and B for our reunion. Due to the pandemic precautions, we decided to transfer our 50th celebration events over to our 55th and hold a Reunion Zoom meeting this year for our 51st. Her sincere dedication included encouraging responses from everyone and compiling information in a bio booklet with photos, which ended up with 41 classmates. For our 20th Reunion, she had also edited a similar bio booklet. These are formidable jobs that required personal connections in addition to tech skills. From all the information, Mary also wrote out a statistical review. Her efforts have revealed a wide span of compassion, friends, family, activism, careers, and interests. For fun, she also compiled a playlist from our suggestions, because really, the class of 1970 just has to acknowledge the great music from the '60s!

At the beginning of our Reunion Zoom, Jay Rainey lent a sense of solid MICDS presence to the virtual experience. With genuine enthusiasm, he expressed how he appreciates the extent of the school's development and accomplishments over so much time. Sharing an aerial view of the school property in the 1950s drove home those ideas...and driving in those days meant going over some gravel roads.

We even had entertainment! "The Trivia Game" was originally written by Jill Stein for Plan A, and got laughs throughout Plan B. Jill's concept for this game was inspiration for the rest of the virtual event. Her 29 questions took us back to the halls of Mary Institute, starting with Chapel, and then downstairs for Applecart. We were asked to recall that Fortran was introduced to us by Mr. Lykens, and many said that they felt that there was an over-all high quality of education as well as wonderful music with Ronald Arnatt. Other important topics included Mr. Beasley, teachers, the school administration, clothing trends, stores, Schneithorst's, driving, and sex education. Here's just one of the clever questions: Which school administration official's husband appeared on "What's My Line?" Hint: This husband worked for a family business that made corncob pipes (answer at the end).

The "Name that Tune" game was such fun! [APPLAUSE] **Lawrie Conant Chiaro Smiley** created and orchestrated it from Los Angeles. Her musical talents are widely appreciated, and she's available for personalized songwriting! So maybe next time we'll have to hire her to write a song. For "Name that Tune," and "The Slide Show," popular music could be used freely, as long as there was no lasting record of our Zoom, due to copyright laws in addition to privacy guidelines. So it's done and done!

**Linda Ferguson Benoist** has worked in extensive ways with the school including through the transition to MICDS. She gave an update on MICDS and our class gift, which is a contribution to The Mary Institute Class of 1970 Tuition Benefit Endowed Fund. This provides support for the children of MICDS employees who attend the school.

During the "Show & Tell," we shared items relating to favorite memories from any time at all, so there was a wonderful range, including **Cathy Trauernicht's** original 1960s field hockey stick, and **Judy Jacobs's** passport as she has worked and traveled in at least 20 different countries, especially through Southeast Asia. Not all the other things will be listed, but some of them follow here. **Patsy McCloskey Richards** raised her mug from Marathon Oil, where coffee breaks were actually encouraged at the same time of day as our Applecarts! **Pam Farrell Dupuis** displayed her great grandfather's Missouri Athletic Club membership card with elaborate calligraphy from the year 1912. **Ellen Langtree** found the Mary Institute embossed jack-knife that she bought at the bookstore. **Sunie Lasky**, **Caron Lindbergh Ulmer**, and **Genie Cannon Guilliams** managed to hang onto their MI blazers, while **Sally Cox Scheid** still has her class ring! **Elizabeth Donnell Morrison** took her charm bracelet out of its box for the first time in close to 50 years, and each miniature reflected her mother's loving attention to her interests as she grew up. For myself, there's a certain album/CD that reminds me about how during our last years at MI, the new young English teacher encouraged insights to humanity by analyzing song lyrics... so may I introduce to you: *Sargent Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*! **Barbie Howell Reisner** held up the very rare Scaphella Junonia shell that was found on a Florida beach by **Irene Bartlett Guay**, who bequeathed it to her. Genie retrieved valuable documents from her personal "Social Director" files: The list of dates for everyone from our 1969 & '70 Proms! Hilarious! One of the best versions of the screenshots is included here, with apologies that three images did not make it into this particular photo. Those classmates had to temporarily step away, due to managing other important commitments at that particular moment, before returning to the screen; at the same time, their motivation to sign on was appreciated! Overall, everyone felt that the two hours went by very quickly because we enjoyed every minute!



01. 25 members of the Mary Institute Class of 1970 signed on to a reunion Zoom call. Alumnae enjoyed Lawrie Conant Chiaro's "Name that Tune" activity. First row (l-r): Mary Holmes Carpenter, Tina Rutledge Veraldi, Jill Stein, Caron Lindburg Ulmer, and Cathy Trauernicht. Second row (l-r): Cyndy Keller Maassen, Pam Farrell Dupuis, Lawrie Conant Chiaro Smylie, Barbie Howell Reisner with Ellen Shapleigh Sedgwick, and Maud Essen. Third row (l-r): Sunie Lasky, Patsy McCloskey Richards, Mimi Chamness Bible, Ellen (Roberts), Linda Ferguson Benoist, Sally Cox Scheid, Jackie Schneithorst Davis, and Lynn Bodenheimer. Fifth row (l-r): Elizabeth Donnell Morrison, Betsy Wenzel Syrov, Chris Garhardt, Annie Conant Schlafly, and The Rev. Wendy Cole Dixon.



02. Babs Wagner '71 retired from the Missouri Botanical Gardens.

03. Sally Schnuck '71 and her first grandchild, Leo.

04. Dru Patterson '71 and her three children.

05. Lucy Ferriss '71 canvassed for Joe Biden.



06. Debbie Fitzgerald '71 and her first grandchild, Casey.

We're already looking forward to actually getting together in the future. In the meantime, we're still joining Zoom gatherings, which have been attended by up to 12 of us at a time. Back to the Trivia Game for the answer, which was a surprise to me: it's Mrs. Julia Otto! I'm signing off of this "Class Notes-1970, The Special Edition," with a deliberate surplus of exclamation points!!

## 1971<sub>MI</sub>

### LAURIE JACOBSON PROVOST

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"To everything, there is a season and a time to every purpose, under heaven...A time to build up, a time to break down; A time to dance, a time to mourn; A time to cast away stones, a time to gather stones together." 2020 was all these. 2021 has brought some light to us all, but the darkness lingers just a bit. That we had to postpone our 50th seems small compared to the trials others have faced. It will make our celebration in 2022 that much sweeter.

**Robin Brunner Moores** lost her 92-year-old mother to COVID in December. I lost my mother at 91 after a long illness the same month. And **Bartow Lammert Malloy** lost her dear husband, Brian, in November.

The new year dawned bringing with it hope and a new appreciation for love, life, and family. **Cammy Fette Mock**: I finally saw both of my children after more than a year. My husband and I are in good health. We are vaccinated and have resumed travel within the USA. Life is good.

**Biz Ellison Marks**: I'm still in remission and doing quite well. I saw my transplant oncologist in Dallas in June for my one-year checkup. Hopefully, I can start getting all my childhood vaccinations so I won't be so immunocompromised. I can't wait to travel and start shopping again. By the grace of God and His healing power, I have conquered cancer. I am truly grateful for everyone's support and continued prayers. Wishing each of you good health and happy days ahead.

**Judy Griesedieck**: I spent the one-year anniversary of George Floyd's death at George Floyd Square where the day was a combination of a celebration of his life and the solemn remembrance of his death. The next day, I drove to St. Louis. I stayed with **Hopie Jones Welles**, who invited **Laurie Wolfe Miller**, **Babs Claggett Wagner**, and **Sally Braxton Schnuck** to lunch. We caught up and laughed a lot. I also dropped in on **Beth Trueblood** who gave Hopie and me a tour of her new home across the street from Forest Park. Beth and her husband are renovating and with their combined talents, it will be amazing. From there, I drove to Taos, New Mexico, to visit my sister **Carroll Griesedieck '75** for a wonderful week. COVID isolation has been difficult for us all. I'm sure we appreciate the gift of family and good friends now more than ever. I feel so fortunate.

**Babs Wagner** retired after a quarter-century of service and devotion to the Missouri Botanical Garden's orchids. They bid her a fond farewell on their Facebook page: "Babs started at the Missouri Botanical Garden in 1995, and after more than 25 years of caring for our collections, she is retiring this year. We are grateful for the time she has spent here and wish her a happy retirement!" Way to go, Babs, making us proud and beautifying the world. Kudos!!

**Ann Hardy Aschauer**: Marty's retired and enjoys remodeling projects. I'm a writer, so we had few major changes in our schedules during the lockdown. With things open again, I've enjoyed taking the five grandchildren to the theater, the Mega Cavern, and the Ark Encounter, where, while zip-lining with them, I collided with a platform in a tree! Daughter Joanna is still in Louisville and son Ben and daughter Kelly are in Tennessee. My other "babies" are the books I haven't quite got to the publisher yet.

**Lucy Ferriss** did not let 2020 or retirement slow her pace: Last fall, I canvassed for Biden in Pennsylvania; I also went to Georgia to knock on doors for Rafael Warnock and Jon Ossoff. I am "retiring" from teaching at the end of June but will be writing full-time. Meanwhile, in the summer, we are visiting friends in Paris, doing research in Burgundy (12th century

monasteries), seeing my cousin on her sheep farm in the Limousin, and taking in Naples and the Amalfi Coast.

**Laurie Wolff Miller**: Was 2020 a nightmare or what?! With plenty of time on my hands, I traveled to Rolla twice for my vaccinations. Am now feeling a little bit of relief. Gardening and returning to golf have been my "go-to" activities along with swimming for knee replacement rehab and bike rides in hopes of a postponed bike trip to Portugal this fall. Hope to see the class of '71 at our 51st next May.

In keeping with her reputation for being terse, **Gloria Niedringhaus Jarvis** wrote: No news is good news. **Audie Woolsey** was equally brief: I wish like hell I had something of interest to report, but life is just pleasantly serene and tranquil (read un-newsworthy) on our little ranch.

One thing 2020 did bring was a proliferation of new life.

**Sally Schnuck**: Terry is not working as much on Broadway projects, and I'm not involved in any significant volunteer projects—just enjoying life and any time we get with **Hadley '01** and our new grand-dog, JoJo (miniature Australian Shepherd) who continue to live in the Big Apple where life is finally returning. We are lucky to have our son, Ted, and his wife, Jessie, in St. Louis with our first grandchild, Leo, born November 2020. Of course, we are totally obsessed with the newest member of the family.

**Debbie Smith Fitzgerald**: Three weeks after our 2nd shot, we have been to the Dominican Republic, Oklahoma, Texas, and southwest Missouri. We were in the Dominican Republic when COVID blew up in March 2020 and we left just days before airports were closed. People were frightened, and it was an emotional exit. Exactly one year later, it was an emotional return! Best news of all, Casey Elizabeth Fitzgerald, our first grandchild, was born in March 2020 to Art's son, Ryan.

Class pres **Lynn Reed Neill** also welcomed her first grandchild, Elijah, born to her oldest son, Justin, and his wife, Abby, near the first of the year. Son Andrew and Sam welcomed another boy, Hudson, ten months later. “They all live three hours away, but we visit often.”

I always want to know about **Dru Webster Patterson’s** dad. Judge Webster spoke at our graduation, you may recall. And he is the only person to head both the FBI and the CIA. Dru reports: All is good with my father and the rest of the family. He’s 97 and still healthy. Retirement is slowing him down, but he is making the best of it and his sense of humor helps! All three of my kids are now married, and I have four grandchildren; the newest, Drusilla “Silla” Lynne Busch arrived June 23.

**Lisa Niedringhaus** is not lagging in the grandchild department, either. Daughter Whitney, her husband, Alex, and their son, Remy, welcomed son Felix to the fold, bringing Lisa’s grandkids total to seven! “Still playing pickleball, but COVID put a halt to tournaments for a while. Working three days a week in merchandising in historic downtown Grapevine, Texas. Occasionally work for Mod Interiors as a stager and coordinator.”

**Katherine Fordyce Peake** had what she calls “an explosion” of grandchildren: The latest count is nine: two girls and seven boys ranging from 5 years to 6 months. One lives in Texas, and the others are in Patagonia, Arizona, New Orleans, and Bush, Louisiana.

But **Tish Johnson Hanna** holds the record with TEN grands from age 22 to 18 months! Her oldest, Miriam, graduated from engineering school and has begun work with AT&T in technology development. Proud Coach Hanna had two of the kids she coached, Robyn Stevens and Nick Christie, go to the Olympics. “One more year in the track business, then I will slow down. The pandemic made me realize that I enjoy hanging out at home and doing nothing!”

That leaves me, **Laurie Jacobson Provost**: I have two gorgeous grandkids, one of each, who bring us constant joy. My lifestyle changed little during COVID. I focused on writing and sold a book I’ve been working on for seven years. For those who remember what a Beatlemaniac I was (with **Cristie Tober Krauss** and **Cyndi Trauernicht**), you may not be surprised to hear it is about the Fab Four. I’ve got two or three more books I want to do.

I look forward to May when we will gather together to celebrate the time we shared and the time we continue to share. Hope you’ll all plan to join in. Turn, turn, turn.

## 1971 CDS

**Tad Fryer** writes: “I just started my fifth year of retirement after a 42-year career in the financial services industry. Christy and I celebrated our 25th anniversary in May, and our son, Ned, turns 21 this fall. He is currently attending the Junior College in Wildwood. Daughter **Lele ’01** and her husband, Ty Kulik, have two children, Miles (9) and Audrey (5). Lele is now a director at the Charles Schwab site here in St. Louis. It was great fun to be part of our informal 50th reunion celebrations last month, and I look forward to the big gatherings next year!”

**John Trent** reports: “My daughter, Elizabeth (and husband, Steve), had our first grandchild on March 16, 2020—granddaughter Peyton Schaus. As they live close by, we have been able to visit Peyton weekly. Nancy and I had a family reunion in May in Scottsdale with the Schaus family and our son, John, who lives in Denver. I retired in January 2020, after 31+ years with Brady Corp. **Hopie Welles ’71** and I became Co-Chairs of the Class of 1971 50th Reunion to generate financial support for our reunion gift. It has been a busy 15+ months since retirement. Looking forward to seeing classmates in person at the reunion next May.”

## 1972 MI

**Deborah Rutledge** writes, “I retired from my school counselor job but continue to teach piano lessons through Zoom. I have two more grandchildren who were born during COVID, a boy and a girl. My youngest daughter came back from a trip in Brazil to NYC when it was the epicenter of the pandemic. Most of my children live in DFW or Austin, so are close. My brother, **George ’71**, and his wife and kids visit me through Zoom since I haven’t been able to fly to St. Louis.”

## 1973 MI

**Michele Caray McFadden**: Greg, Sophie, and I relocated to North Carolina. We are building on Lake Tillery and should be in the new house by the end of summer. Wanted to move closer to the kids and grandkids. **David ’01** is in Tucker, Georgia, and **Jono ’05** is in NYC. David and Alexis have three children, ages 8, 3, and 18 months. Jono and Nikki have one son, age two and a half. Cannot believe my dear old friend **Michele Ely McGaffie** has been gone a year. Seems like just yesterday I was talking to her. Looking forward to my yearly visit to the LRC (Little Red Cabin) to catch up with bestie **Christy Marx Barber**.

## 1974 MI

**Holly Hermann Gulick** writes: “ITN/Gateway is a wonderful national organization for which I am volunteering these days. We provide rides for seniors and adults with visual impairments to their doctor appointments, etc. I am so enjoying getting to know these interesting people, as each one has a story to tell. **David ’72** and I are proud grandparents of three: **Drew ’02** and Alix’s girls (ages 3 and 4.5) and Clint/Maddie’s son Lyle, born in May 2021.

## 1975 CDS

For Asian Pacific American Heritage month, **Peter Tao '75** gave a lecture for the Missouri History Museum on the history of the Chinese-Americans in St. Louis. His lecture featured the legacy of his parents, who were community leaders and are credited with organizing the Chinese-American community and planting the seeds for social and political representation. The recording of the lecture can be viewed on the Missouri History Museum's YouTube Channel.

## 1976 MI

**Laurie Hogan Maples** and Rick Maples celebrated the marriage of their daughter, **Caroline Ainsley '11**, to **McPherson Dorsett Moore Jr. '10** on May 15, 2021, in St. Louis. She follows her twin brother, **Stuart Andrew Maples '11**, who wed Allyssa Nicole O'Brien on September 8, 2018, in Fort Worth. Stuart and Allyssa welcomed a baby boy, Peter William Maples, on February 24, 2020, and opened Maple Branch Craft Brewery in Fort Worth, where they proudly serve meticulously brewed beer in their authentic Biergarten.

## 1977 MI

**Catherine Kenny Howe** reports: "My daughter, **Filley '07**, and her husband, Corbin, have graced us with two darling granddaughters: Capen (2) and Elliot or "Ellie" (10 months). I have been spending a lot of time in Nashville helping with the girls when Filley is on call. My parents are 92 and 90. Dad is going strong and lives at home. My mom is at a Dolan Memory Care house, and they are fabulous. Married to my amazing **Nelson '71** for 39 years. Praying all in the class of '77 are doing well, living your best life, and having wonderful experiences, no matter where or with whom!"

## 1977 CDS

**Tom Tipton** says that he and **Anne Tober Tipton '79** are having a great time at their furniture store Expressions on Clayton Road just west of Hanley. Don't be a stranger... stop by!

## 1978 CDS

**Hop Chalfant** and **Fifi Lugo '80** got to enjoy time on campus watching their daughter, **Ellis '15**, coach JV Lacrosse for MICDS. Ellis is currently enrolled in SLU's Geospatial Information Systems masters program, and her sister, **Lou '18**, is a senior at Georgetown's McDonough School of Business.

## 1979 MI

**Mary Weidle Gordon** is now an empty nester. She is grandma to her husband's three grandsons.

## 1980 MI

**Barbi Cady Macon** reports: "Biggest news of 2020 was adding a daughter-in-law to our family through the marriage of our son William. Biggest news of 2021 was the sale of our family home of 59 years. We hunker down in a condo in Old Town Clayton and hope to stay in the area. We played a LOT of pickleball during the pandemic and loved having three of our four adult kids with us for six weeks during lockdown. I had my busiest year of photography ever in 2020."

**Hop Chalfant '78** and **Fifi Lugo** got to enjoy time on campus watching their daughter, **Ellis '15**, coach JV Lacrosse for MICDS. Ellis is currently enrolled in SLU's Geospatial Information Systems masters program, and her sister, **Lou '18**, is a senior at Georgetown's McDonough School of Business.

## 1982 MI

**Kay Berra Houghtaling** writes, "We were happy to celebrate daughter **Jessica Houghtaling '09** receiving her master's degree in biology from Washington University this past May. She begins her eighth year teaching high school biology at Pattonville this fall. Daughter **Kaytlin Houghtaling '13** is back to work in person after a year+ working from home with live concerts happening again at Powell Symphony Hall. **Alyssa Przygoda '09** is her supervisor! Creig and I are thankful for life returning to a more normal state, now that we are all fully vaccinated. It is so wonderful to be able to get together with family and friends again!"

## 1982 CDS

**Whit Trovillion** retired in December after a 35-year career with the National Security Agency. He started a second career with Maryland's leading solar energy company promoting the adoption of renewable energy in Maryland. He lives with Lisa—his wife of 30 years, a novelist—and various dogs, cats, and horses on a small farm in suburban Baltimore. Their daughter, Tory, is finishing her first year of a surgical residency in northern Philadelphia.

## 1983 MI

**Anne Livingstone Kirsch** writes, "I am happy to report my husband and I are grandparents of another precious little girl: Novah Aguilar was born May 16, 2021, weighing 2lb 15oz. Her big sister, Mariana (17 months in June), is so much fun. She is a joy to play with and can wear us out very quickly. Definitely keeping us on our toes."

01. Gini Howell '20, Virginia Hanses Howell '83, Leigh Miller Poole '83, Annie Knapp, Katie Gardner Knapp '83, Cary Schneithorst Reed '83, Liz Thebeau Landon '83, and Kay Bates Ruwitch '83 hosted a bar shower on Saturday, June 9, in honor of Annie Knapp and Sam Migdal's upcoming wedding.

02. Patty Mirbaha Hylla '83, Tracy Green '83, Lucy Barsanti Krause '83, Katie Krause (bride), Cary Schneithorst Reed '83, and Mimi MacDonald '83 on June 27 at Cyrano's for Lucy's daughter's bridal shower.



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## 1983 CDS

**Clark Parriott** and his wife, Ashley, reside in Ocean Ridge, Florida, where he is a realtor with William Raveis in Delray Beach. Children Jack, Will, and Sarah all live in the Delray Beach area and life is good!

**Tom Wright** reports the pandemic year was a very productive year for research and publications. He completed five peer-reviewed manuscripts on fat disorders, including the first-ever NIH-sponsored Standard of Care Guidelines for Lipedema. Lipedema is a fat disorder that causes disproportionate fat and fibrous tissue accumulation on the arms and legs of women.

## 1984 MI

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**Liz Hardesty O'Keefe** bought a majority interest in husband Michael's company, Technical Productions, Inc., for which she has worked for 23 years. While the timing was not ideal walking right into a pandemic, here they are...sun still coming up and grateful for each and every day, producing virtual events, designing theatres, and installing equipment alongside their event production work. Son **Michael '16** is the VP of Investment Strategies at CAZ Investments in Houston, and daughter **Cameron '18** will be a senior at Savannah College of Art and Design studying motion media with a concentration in advertising.

## 1985 MI

**Anne M. Tureen** still lives in the countryside just outside of Florence, Italy, with her husband and two children. She is a translator and breeds Irish terriers for which she is also an FCI judge. After the recent publication of her book, *Handling, the Ins and Outs* in English and Italian, she is expecting her breed book on Irish Terriers to become available in 2021/2022. Anne also regularly publishes articles in *Best in Show* magazine.



(l-r) Suchita Vadlamani '89, Jennifer McKnight '89, Libby Curtis McCandless '89, and Connie James '89.

## 1986 MI

**Alicia McDonnell** writes: "I've been busy serving on boards of local non-profits. This year I became president of the St. Louis Zoo Association. Additionally, I am serving on the board of The Magic House, St. Louis Community Foundation, St. Louis Police Foundation, Washington University, and the James S. McDonnell Foundation. It keeps me busy, but I enjoy it."

## 1989 MI

**Libby Curtis McCandless** reports: What a year this has been as we all are hitting the big 5-0. I recently got to celebrate this milestone in style with some cameos from the Class of '89! **Suchita Vadlamani** and **Danica Elsesser Enlow** surprised me from NYC and South Korea, respectively—what a treat! We were also joined by **Jennifer McKnight**, **Connie James**, and **Elaine Pasia Gwin**. The rest of this past year has been as strange for us as everyone

else, but our oldest daughter, Cate, was able to do her first year of college in person at Murray State University. Our youngest, Addie, finished her sophomore year virtually at Kirkwood High School. I continue to work part-time doing freelance marketing and French tutoring, and I still volunteer as a leader for Moms in Prayer International and as a board member with The St. Louis Children's Choirs. Todd and I celebrate our 22nd anniversary this year.

**Erica Haefner Ferro** reports: "My husband, Dave, and I still love living in Boulder, Colorado, with our rescue dogs. I'm still working as VP of marketing at Hitachi Power Grids, and Dave runs a commercial sign business. I've loved the break from work travel and have been able to snowshoe and hike more. Hoping to get back to volunteering at the animal shelter. I'm back and forth to St Louis to see my parents and hope to catch up with some of you."

1994 MICDS

**Edwin Ernst IV** writes, “My brother, **Jeffrey W. Ernst ‘97**, and I started our own law firm two years ago, Ernst Law Firm LLC. We focus on employment law, business litigation, and criminal law, primarily in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. Our families—six children between us—are enjoying the hot St. Louis summer. We hope everyone is doing well!”

1996 MICDS

**Rob Holton** reports: “My wife, Katie, and I celebrated our 19th wedding anniversary on June 15. We live in Aspen for the school year and spend our summers in Harbor Springs, Michigan. Our son, Robert, is about to head off to college and earned his private pilot license this past fall. Daughter Greta won her state lacrosse tournament and is starting at the Aspen High School this fall after graduating from Aspen Country Day. Business is strong. Time is flying.”

1997 MICDS

**Sarah Wagman Ellenbogen** writes: “My husband, Andrew, and I are back in Los Angeles with our three children and the rest of the extended Wagman family. Our twin girls, Sophia and Sadie (6), are entering kindergarten, and son, Max (8), is beginning 2nd grade. After 14 years at Google and YouTube, I left to launch and run a marketing technology start-up called DigiFresh. I look forward to seeing many of you at our 25th (WOW!) reunion next year.

1999 MICDS

**Hannah Kaufman** reports, “We have settled down more permanently in Northern Virginia. I left the Army last summer and joined the House Armed Services Committee as a professional staff member. My husband also left the Army and began working at Kaiser, still as a radiologist. Our three kids—Vivian (7), Abraham (5), and Ulysses (2)—are enjoying being in one place for more than two years!”

**James Rush James IV** writes: “My wife, Meghan, and I celebrated our 10-year wedding anniversary this September. We have twin girls, Charlotte and Penelope, who turned three this past year. We currently reside in St. Louis.”

**Susanna Burke Menees** and **Bob Menees** participated in the MR340 Race on the Missouri River this past July. The MR340 is an endurance race across the entire state of Missouri starting in Kansas City and ending in St. Charles. Sus and Bob paddled a canoe for 62 hours, placing 103rd in a field of 500.



Susanna Burke Menees '99 and Bob Menees '99 embarking on the MR340 canoe race.

**Tory Miller Casey** reports: “We are still living in Delray Beach, Florida, and loving it! I was so grateful my kids were able to go to school and that my shop, The Kemble Shop, was busy. Once things got back to normal, we took a few trips, and I was happy to see some of my MICDS friends. I took my annual girls’ trip with my daughter, Emma, up to Darien and Greenwich. I saw **Elizabeth Lanese Geiger** and **James Dominick**. We went to Locust Valley, New York, where I was so lucky to see **Hadley Muckerman Reynolds** and **Jay Shaheen**.



01. Tory Miller Casey '99, right, with Liz Lanese '99 and Liz's children Milly, Liesel, and Lucy, and Tory's daughter, Emma, in Darien, Connecticut.

02. Tory Miller Casey '99, left, with son, Colt, and Hadley Muckerman Reynolds '99, with daughter, Haven in Locust Valley, New York.

## 2002 MICDS

**Lauren Brummett Collins** welcomed her second child, Sloane Avery Collins, on April 13 with husband Danny. Lauren, Danny, their son James Banner (23 months), and Sloane live in Denver, Colorado.

for Shannon Tripp. Josh's company, Mako Medical, a health care diagnostic laboratory, continues to grow, now servicing over 40 states. Their children, James (4) and Elizabeth (2.5), are enjoying life in Puerto Rico and will start school in the fall.

**Stuart Andrew Maples '11** married his TCU sweetheart, Allyssa Nicole O'Brien, on September 8, 2018, in Fort Worth, Texas. Stuart and Allyssa welcomed a baby boy, Peter William Maples, on February 24, 2020. They are passionate about brewing beer at Maple Branch Craft Brewery which they opened in 2020 in Fort Worth.

## 2007 MICDS

**Carol Wicker Arant** and her family moved to Palmas del Mar, Puerto Rico, this past year. Carol finished teaching at Ravenscroft School virtually and now has taken a job as Lead Copywriter and Marketing Coordinator

## 2011 MICDS

**Caroline Ainsley Maples '11** joyfully married **McPherson Dorsett Moore, Jr. '10** on May 15, 2021, in St. Louis. They now reside in Austin, Texas, where McPherson co-founded the software-focused private equity firm Ridgepeak Partners and Caroline remotely works for St. Louis Trust & Family Office.

## 2013 MICDS

**Olivia Gacka** will begin working toward her Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Theatre Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison this fall.

*Champagne Toast*

In-town alumni were invited to campus for an outdoor, socially-distanced champagne toast to kick off our virtual reunion weekend activities. Alumni across the country and around the world were also invited to log in virtually to participate and hear remarks from **Head of School Jay Rainey** and **Whitney Gulick Reboulet '97**, who was serving as the First Vice President of the MICDS Alumni Association.



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**Lengthy service is a faculty hallmark at MICDS, as is the teacher-coach model, with both helping shape students' lives over generations. Country Day's J. Evan Philips ("Mr. Phil") held the school record for the most classroom years—50—teaching history from 1923 until 1973. He also directed Troubadours dramatic productions for 33 years, coached Track, and was the School's college counselor. Fast-forward to today and Chris Rappleye, who has taught English since 1989, first in Country Day's Middle School and now in the MICDS Upper School. After class, he is head Boys Cross Country coach and also coaches Track and Field. Two fine examples of faculty dedication and longevity...then and now.**