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

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Now in my 28th year in independent schools, I love the promise of spring, which gives us hope during the long, dark days of winter. As the days get longer and the natural world starts to awaken from its winter slumber, we know that time will fly by. Athletes once again take to the fields, and May Day and graduation will be right around the corner.

The spring has brought lots of excitement for us here on this 100-acre campus. We are about to end the School's largest-ever capital campaign, *Bold Action: A Campaign for MICDS*, which we are delighted to announce has already exceeded its $90 million goal. Bold Action has given our students many wonderful opportunities—from Lower Schoolers swimming in the Steward Family Aquatic Center and William R. Orthwein Sr. Pool to Upper School-wide enrichment activities in Brauer Hall and McDonnell Hall and everything in between. In this issue of MICDS, see how the Campaign has drawn commitment from alumni and donors on a global scale, and how it's not too late for you to be a part of this historic campaign.

It's hard to believe our seniors are about to graduate. Next year, they'll head to some of the most noteworthy colleges and universities in the country where they will continue to pursue their passions—much like Steve Wunsch '54 did after graduating from CDS, as you'll read in this issue’s alumni feature story.

Meanwhile, our students—from the itty bitties in JK to the seniors of the Class of 2018—are engaging in extraordinary work. They are diving into robotics, crash-courses in coding, arts symposia, leadership panels and conferences, and they are learning to engage with one another across shared interests and differences. You’ll also see this issue reminds us of the School’s commitment to community service and the invaluable contribution our students and parents make locally, nationally and internationally. These are the skills we hope to cultivate as we fulfill our Mission to prepare thoughtful, courageous and confident leaders for lives of purpose and service.

You may have also already read that this January I announced the end of my tenure as head of school at MICDS, effective June 30, 2019. The announcement comes with bittersweet emotions: I am both grateful for this incredible community AND looking forward to a new adventure with my husband, David, as he retires. MICDS will conduct a national search for a head of school who will continue our strategic efforts to live out our bold Mission, and I am confident the School will find a tremendous fit.

As you read this issue of MICDS Magazine, I hope you will learn how the School continues to make good on our promise to prepare each and every child to become his or her best self and to thrive in this world. As I enter my last school year at the end of my third and final contract, I can’t help but think about the ways every member of our vibrant community has contributed to this endeavor.

Thank you for your commitment to MICDS, and blessings on your own adventures, both old and new.

Warmly,

Lisa Lyle
Head of School
Lisa Lyle recently announced her plans to end her tenure as head of school at the end of the 2018-2019 academic year, which is also the conclusion of her third contract and coincides with her husband and beloved MICDS Upper School Spanish Teacher David Sanders’ retirement.

“David and I have been together now nearly 38 years—and at each career decision point he has made it possible for me to choose the very best fit. So when he asked that we think about going someplace new for his retirement years, I couldn’t but say yes,” said Ms. Lyle in her announcement to the MICDS community.

“I am announcing my decision now because I wanted to give the School the necessary time to search for the next head of school. The timing is especially important because it affords the Board and the community the opportunity to search for a new head before the ISACS year-long Accreditation Self-Study, which will help shape the next strategic plan.”

Board Chair Bill Polk ’74 shared, “The MICDS community will miss her bold, principled and transformational leadership. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to thank Lisa for her outstanding leadership and express our deep admiration and gratitude for her devotion to our School.”

In her role as head of school, Ms. Lyle has enhanced MICDS’ position as a national leader in independent school pedagogy, curriculum and academic engagement. She has recruited an accomplished faculty committed to great teaching and learning and built a deep and talented senior leadership team. In combination, these efforts have translated into extraordinary success in the academic performance of our students and the college placement outcomes of our graduates. She actively committed to attracting a broad spectrum of exceptional students, bringing ever increasing talent and diversity to MICDS.

“The Board, school leadership, faculty and staff, and the MICDS community remain steadfast in our commitment to ensuring a collaborative and inclusive school community where every student and family is known and valued,” said Polk.

During her tenure, Ms. Lyle has also played an integral role in the success of the $90-million Bold Action Campaign, the largest capital campaign in the School’s history. As a result, the School has completed an ambitious new building program featuring remarkable new facilities, including McDonnell Hall and Brauer Hall STEM Building, Steward Family Aquatic Center and William R. Orthwein Sr. Pool, Ron Holtman Stadium and Holekamp Stadium.

“With her eyes firmly fixed on the School’s Mission and Strategic Plan, Lisa has tackled ambitious, challenging goals, collaborated with key constituencies, adapted in the face of challenges, held standards high and achieved evident success across key school performance measures,” said Polk.

The School has formed a committee, headed by immediate past MICDS Board Chair and parent Julie Lilly ’86, to undergo a formal search for Ms. Lyle’s replacement. The committee will look to find a leader who will advance the work Ms. Lyle has already done to ensure the School lives out its bold Mission. In addition, the search process will be inclusive and robust. There will be multiple opportunities for parents, faculty, staff, alumni and students to provide input on the priorities for our School and ideal qualities for the next head of school through confidential online surveys and in-person meetings conducted by our independent search firm.

Visit www.micds.org/HOS-search for up to date information on the search process and related communications.
Installation In STEM Converges Art and Science

The two complementary art installations in McDonnell Hall and Brauer Hall are now complete thanks to Upper School Fine and Performing Arts Department Chair Brad Heinemann who designed and installed the two features.

The first part of the installation is located above the main staircase in the building, while the other is on the east end of STEM. They consist of pieces of granite hung from the ceiling by wires. The material was a donation from the Cella family: Charles Cella ’54, John Cella ’81, Louis Cella ’82 and Hariet Cella Marshall ’88. The work could initially be found in longstanding St. Louis mainstay, Bush’s Grove, and was part of an installation by Japanese artist Yoshiyuki Miura.

When he was asked to take on the project, Heinemann had a specific vision in mind.

"Because it’s in the STEM building, I created an installation that resembled movement—like an asteroid flow—or a series of pieces being pulled through space. All the elements combine to create a single form, and if you look up from the bottom of the main stairway, you’ll see there’s a curve to the first installment that emphasizes that sense of movement."

Heinemann reflected on the STEM building as the natural choice for such a piece of art.

“When I teach sculpture, I tell my students that the discipline is boundless. There are no limitations to the materials you can use,” he said. “From an artist’s standpoint, STEM education provides strong foundational tools for making art, especially sculpture. The STEM disciplines and art are connected by their emphasis on process and problem-solving. At MICDS, our students often bring their robotic and MakerSpace skills into my classroom.”

If you haven’t had a chance yet, visit McDonnell Hall and Brauer Hall and see for yourself how Heinemann’s vision reflects the convergence between the arts and sciences.

Lower School Superstars

Several of our Lower Schoolers are making headlines! This fall, Navneet Raghuram ’27 competed in and won the national “Little MO” tennis tournament, and earlier in the year he won the “Little MO” regional championship title. Also in late fall, Rowan Wright ’27 competed at Oireachtas, the Midwest regional championship for Irish dancing. In her age group, she competed as a solo dancer against 81 other girls and placed 5th—a huge accomplishment for her first regional competition as a solo dancer!

You might have also seen a familiar face on Super Bowl Sunday, as Bryce Craig ’30 and his family were featured in a public service announcement/commercial from the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (NCADA) on drug prevention. But that’s not all! In the same week, Rylee Day ’28, who is a Girl Scouts Brownie, was selected to be on the cover of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri Lead & Learn Spring 2018 Adult Course Catalog.

Lower Schoolers—way to represent!
Third Grade History Museum Showcases Family Heirlooms and Stories

MICDS 3rd grade students and parents celebrated their family histories at the annual 3rd Grade Family History Museum in November. A product of the 3rd grade social studies curriculum, which focuses on the growth of the United States and how people adapt to their surroundings, the Family History Museum project encourages students to develop a deeper understanding of these issues as they research their own family histories.

Third graders welcomed guests and shared their beautiful displays, which included photos, family heirlooms, timelines of when their families came to America and family stories.

"I learned that my great-grandfather served in World War II and got a bronze star for bravery," said Abby Ferris ’27.

Many students shared that their favorite part of the project was learning stories about relatives they hadn’t heard before.

"I was surprised that there was a Brazilian stamp made in my ancestor’s honor," said Felipe Ferreira ’27. "My mom’s hair was really really long—down to her legs even!" added Tara Sadasivam ’27.

During the Truman Book Award nomination reveal party, Laura Matheny, Middle School Librarian, announced the books on the final nomination list, and the students celebrated their accomplishments reading such a large quantity of books in such a short span of time.

Page Turners

Last fall, members of the 8th grade Elite Book Club were on a literary mission. Having served as reader-selectors of next year’s Truman Book Award nominee list, students from the group read as many of the 24 books from the 2018-2019 Truman Book preliminary nominations list as they could. In just a 12-week span, four students in particular, Ria Patil ’22, Kate Yuan ’22, Nina Hamilton ’22 and Cecily Taylor ’22, rose to the challenge, having read all of them. That’s an average of two books per week—a pretty impressive accomplishment!

Once finished, students in the Elite Book Club voted for the books they wanted to make the final nomination list. And this spring, students across Missouri who read four or more of the 12 books on the final nomination list voted for their favorite. After the Missouri Association of School Librarians tallies those votes, they choose one title to be the Truman Award winner for the year.
Passion Projects

This year, 6th graders engaged in their 2nd annual project-based learning activities. In January, students were asked to create a presentation of their choice around one of three different themes: Design on a Dime, Creating Awareness in St. Louis or TED Talks. This is the School’s second year engaging 6th graders in the intensive project-based learning, where students had the majority of the three days to work autonomously on their projects.

“These projects allow students to make a personal connection to their learning. The supported brain research suggests that, when learning is relevant and can create personal connections, that’s when the brain is growing and developing,” said Mark Duvall, History Teacher and Dean of 6th Grade. “By taking ownership of the project, they are invested personally in something they care about.”

Design on a Dime

With Design on a Dime, students selected one space at MICDS that they would like to redesign for a future and specific purpose. They interviewed various members of the MICDS community, brainstormed their own ideas and drew up plans to design the space. In the end, students came up with some creative new designs for the Lower School courtyard, Middle School dining hall, Extended Day room and others.

Sam Ellenhorn ’24 and Ryan Smith ’24 chose to redesign the library. They interviewed the librarians and sent out a survey to the Middle School faculty and staff. After tallying the data, they presented several solutions, which included a full itemized budget and involved some shelving upgrades, furniture additions and a few other touch-ups. One of their biggest suggestions was to “add cubicles to the hallway that leads to the fiction room for students to do world languages voice recordings.”

Creating Awareness

Through Creating Awareness in St. Louis, students chose one social issue or cause in the surrounding community. They researched the issue individually or with a partner and developed a presentation that both raised awareness and proposed a solution. For this theme, students chose to talk about anything from Pollution to Animal Shelters, Opioids and Finding Jobs for People with Disabilities.

Mia Krieger ’24 and Zoe Zlatic ’24 presented on Neglected Children. During their research, they engaged with Epworth Children and Family Services, a nonprofit in Webster Groves that supports at-risk youth and families. Mia and Zoe became so drawn to the social issue that they plan to tour Epworth in the near future and possibly continue a relationship with the organization through volunteering.

“While working with Epworth, my partner Mia and I found that the problem of abused and neglected children needs to be addressed and helped. We learned the many causes of child abuse and neglect, how long these children stay at Epworth and why these things are happening,” said Zoe. “In the meantime, we learned so much about how to properly take notes, how to give a good presentation and how to conduct a good interview, whether it’s over the phone or in person.”

TED Talks

Through the TED Talks, students scripted a video about a hobby, passion or skill they care deeply about or that impacts them positively. They created their own TED Talk video sharing their topic. The presentations ranged anywhere from Scuba Diving to Tennis, Cooking, Artificial Intelligence and more.

In one TED Talk, Agatha Curylo ’24 described the effects of classical music on study habits when she said, “Most people find it easier to listen to classical music while they work. Research has also confirmed that non-repetitive classical music boosts and individual’s productivity.”

Ananya Kamineni ’24, Eleanor Vest ’24 and Everdine Ferguson ’24 chose to present on Homeless Children, where they provided questions and answers around the myths of homelessness and offered a flyer of opportunities for students to get involved to help mitigate the social issue both locally and nationally.
Renee Stanec ’20 knew her maternal grandparents had been forced into a Japanese-American internment camp during World War II. As a sophomore in 20th Century World History this year, she researched her family’s history and learned that her great-grandfather had been arrested in his bakery and detained without being allowed to change his clothes or collect his belongings. An interview with her grandmother gave Renee a new look at this part of her country’s history.

Renee said, “Through my research I have been able to see not only the perspective of Japanese-Americans at the time, but also other citizens and the government, the mass hysteria that was felt throughout the country during World War II.”

For teenagers, national and international events that happened before they were born can feel distant and irrelevant. Upper School History and Social Studies Teacher Dr. Tanya Roth engages her students to dig deeper into the recent past through the prism of one person’s experience. The Documentary Project, a multi-term assignment, uses a variety of resources to explore a significant world event through first-hand perspective. The heart of this project—an interview with someone who lived through and was affected by the event—personalizes what can feel like a remote historical event. At the end, students have a ten-minute documentary, a deeper understanding of one piece of history and the skills to find information through intensive research.

Kindertransport, a British rescue effort responsible for saving 10,000 Jewish children from almost certain death during World War II, has intrigued Joey Flom ’20 for years, so he interviewed a survivor. “Hearing his personal experiences was entirely different than reading a textbook,” Joey said.

Each year, the project broadens students’ views of past events while providing perspective on a wider range of similar topics. John Curylo ’20 learned just that as he explored martial law in 1980s Cold War Poland through the experiences of his grandfather.

“I had always known that this was a stressful era; nevertheless, this interview truly taught me the extent of the Soviet’s sphere of influence that had fallen upon Eastern Europe,” he said. “This project challenged me because it is quite difficult to interview someone who has such a deep-rooted hate for the regime that had taken control of his life and society.”

“They need to be open to things they don’t expect—to be prepared to go in a different direction to follow the story,” said Dr. Roth. “They wrestle with losing control of the story, and that’s part of the process.”

“History Comes to Life

Dr. Tanya Roth works with students on their documentary editing.
Sitting in his downtown apartment in New York City, just a few blocks from Ground Zero, Saint Louis Country Day School alumnus Steve Wunsch ’65 has much to reflect on. He’s been writing books for a few years now, ever since he retired from a career on Wall Street. His books are about his experience in the trading industry, of which he has plenty. But the reality is, his journey up until now includes many more stories than the ink on those pages could ever contain.

Climbing the Mountain Top

When Wunsch was still just a young student at Country Day School, his mother gave him two books—both about mountains. That’s when his love affair with climbing began.

“If I go back far enough, I can pin it on my mother and those books. She was a pioneer of her own sort, as one of the rare female Air Force service pilots (WASPS) who flew in World War II. So naturally, she gave me two books about adventure.”

During those formative years, Wunsch became close friends with several other boys at CDS. One in particular, Dave Perry ’65, helped further cultivate his love for mountain climbing. Together, they spent a summer at a camp in Colorado called Big Springs Ranch.

“That summer led to my interest in serious climbing,” Wunsch recalled.

From there, Wunsch spent time hiking fourteener in Colorado. He traveled with his family to Wyoming and other places where he continued to explore. He attended climbing school in Grand Teton National Park, where he learned official climbing and rope handling. He was even a guide there for several summers in subsequent years. Many of those trips included Dave Perry, and some of them included other friends from CDS. By then, climbing was deep in his veins.

“I just kept on climbing,” he said.

After graduating from CDS, Wunsch attended Princeton University, where he studied English. But the mountains kept calling. During school as well as after graduation, he traveled the world to pursue his passion.

“I spent all of my summers climbing, and really every other day that I could get good weather. My friends and I joked that we could have spent 200 days out of the year climbing. That wasn’t a far exaggeration,” he said.

“I traveled around the country to various places where climbing was popular and exciting—the Canadian Rockies, the Pacific Northwest, Yosemite, then to the Alps and mountains in England and Scotland.”
A Future in Futures

After graduating from Princeton, Wunsch was well into his professional climbing career. One winter, after he’d spent an entire fall climbing the Shawangunks mountains, he came home to St. Louis to work for his father, who owned and ran the family’s longstanding book manufacturing company. That season, Wunsch read the Wall Street Journal every day. Soon enough, he found himself with an entirely new passion—interest rate futures trading. Though he moved back to Boulder, Colorado, after working for his father, Wunsch was already hooked on Wall Street. Just a few years later, he wound up in New York selling climbing gear, and within a year after that, he was working on the floor of the AMEX (ACE) commodities exchange. Soon after, he worked in the New York futures exchange (NYFE). For eight years, he worked for a firm called Kidder Peabody and was responsible for their customer stock index futures business.

In the late 80s/early 90s, Wunsch decided to take an even bigger leap into the world of stock exchange trading and created what was later known as the Arizona Stock Exchange. It was the first attempt at trading a particular auction-based stock exchange trading system.

“The idea was to create a more efficient way to bring buyers and sellers together through an auction system to trade,” he said.

While Wunsch’s idea was ahead of its time, it didn’t quite succeed the first go-round. But, as a man who puts his mind to something, he kept trying. Eventually, he landed with the International Securities Exchange, which at the time was an electronic stock options market, and helped develop a high-frequency stock exchange called the ISE stock exchange.

Recalling His CDS Days

Nearly 10 years retired from Wall Street, Wunsch now spends his time publishing books about his expertise, successes and yes, even his pitfalls in the trading industry. Though his passions have led him to several different mountaintops, one thing remains certain—he attributes much of his success to his time spent at Country Day School.

“You don’t really know you are pursuing passion when you are doing it. When we were in school, we were mainly focused on having a good time with our friends, playing sports and other activities. But in hindsight, all of it played a role in cultivating my passions—in developing the skills I needed to be successful in life,” he shared.

From soccer with alumni such as Dave Perry and Spencer Burke ’65 to climbing trees and joining the Opera Club, Wunsch recalls a CDS that was filled with exploration and adventure. He even learned to play the classical guitar during that time, an instrument he still plays today. And much of the credit he gives to his teachers, who devoted immense time and energy into cultivating every student’s passions.

“I had several teachers who were very important to me,” he said. “We constantly learned things that were not on our syllabus. Our teachers were always flexible that way, catering to our own interests—from music theory to probability and statistics. CDS was wonderful in the way it made those things possible.”

Climbing, trading and writing. Those are just three of Steve Wunsch’s many passions. And when he looks back on it all, he’s glad CDS played a vital role in taking him to the mountaintops of his careers.
Rams Go Pink To Fight Cancer

Head Athletic Trainer Stacey Morgan understands that the fight against cancer is personal for so many people. “When we ask our students who knows or has known someone with cancer, almost every single person raises a hand,” she said.

It’s personal for Morgan, too, as she lost her grandmother and her best friend from college to the disease. That’s why each year she rallies MICDS Basketball coaches, players and fans to help the American Cancer Society defeat a common enemy through the Coaches vs. Cancer program, also known as Paint It Pink. Together, their efforts have raised more than $200,000 to fight cancer. This year, on January 10, back-to-back Varsity Basketball victories against John Burroughs School netted lots of school spirit and another $2,000 to fund cancer research, patient support and prevention.

Students sold pink t-shirts before both games, with all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society Missouri, and gift cards to local favorite student hang-outs were raffled off throughout the evening. The Varsity Girls Basketball team wore pink head bands, shoe laces and knee sleeves in their game. They and the Varsity Boys Basketball team wore Paint It Pink t-shirts during warm-up. Even Ellie, the MICDS dog, supported the activities by sporting a Coaches vs. Cancer shirt. “Several student fans got into the spirit of it all and dressed in pink,” said Morgan. They had a lot to cheer for.” In addition to supporting an important cause, the Varsity Girls beat Burroughs 56-19, and the Boys won by a score of 52-45.

“I have lost two grandparents and a friend to cancer, and it is very important to me and my family to help support cancer research,” said Brooke Wright ’18, who helped sell shirts with Caitlyn Mullenix ’18. “If I could help save the lives of my family members and close friends, it would mean the world to me.”

“Our kids really enjoyed this event, and it was for a great cause,” said Morgan. She’s already looking forward to planning the game next year.

The MICDS student section displays their amazement after a big play.
Middle and Upper Schools Host Annual Diversity Leadership Conferences

Both Middle and Upper Schoolers invited students from area schools to campus for their annual Diversity Leadership Conferences. In the Middle School, the conference theme, “Interrupting Bias: Being an Upstander,” spoke to our Mission to prepare students to stand for what is good and right. Upper Schoolers focused on unity for their conference with the theme “Allies in Action: Uniting our Community.”

For this year’s conferences, MICDS welcomed students from Chaminade, Ladue, St. Michael School of Clayton, De Smet, Visitation, Lutheran North, Nerinx and others.

“It was great to see so many schools participating in this year’s conference,” said Head of Upper School Scott Small. “I was impressed by the enthusiasm and engagement of the [Upper School] students and love their expressed commitment to be leaders and upstanders in the St. Louis community.”

For both conferences, students kicked off the day with a group activity to show how they are all alike, different and special. Throughout the events, MICDS students served as peer leaders and facilitators for several activities, discussions and group sessions.

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“The Diversity Leadership Conference meant a lot to me. I look forward to it every year because we get to challenge ourselves socially. The knowledge and understanding we acquire on that day is extremely valuable,” said Cara Johnson ‘18.

Bryce Berry ’19 speaks as one of the peer leaders during the Diversity Leadership Conferences.
Community Celebrates Lunar New Year

During the Lunar New Year (also known as the Chinese New Year), the MICDS campus buzzes with activity! In the Lower School, 1st graders had their chance to take part in an annual tradition—the Lunar New Year Parade. Students walked around the Beasley cafeteria carrying traditional symbols of the New Year and playing percussion instruments. The Upper Schoolers had their own celebration in the Blanke Room the same day. In addition, Head of School Lisa Lyle hosted Chinese students for a celebration in her home. There, students and families enjoyed traditional Chinese food and participated in a few New Year rituals.

This year, the Parents’ Association Passport Series also hosted a Chinese New Year celebration, where approximately 60 parents attended along with faculty and staff. Ms. Lyle kicked off the celebration by blowing the 8-foot Tibetan horn, and attendees learned about the various traditions and symbolism of the New Year. They enjoyed a variety of Chinese foods and desserts, thanks to the parents who provided them.

“We are so enriched by your families’ presence in our MICDS community, and we are honored that you have chosen to be a part of our School,” said Ms. Lyle during the celebration, where parents from a variety of nationalities attended. “It is important that we as adults celebrate one another and model what it looks like to interact and learn from those whose backgrounds are different from ours.”

Lower Schoolers Jump Rope for Heart

This winter, the entire Beasley School gathered once again for the annual Jump Rope for Heart—a community service project held in conjunction with the American Heart Association. This year, the Lower School collectively raised more than $9,000 for the organization! In addition to raising funds, the program aims to elevate students’ awareness about how their hearts work and the best way to take care of them. During the event, students participated in jump rope activities, walking and running the track, basketball, hula hooping and an obstacle course.

Lower School P.E. teacher Sue Orlando kicked off the event, sharing a story about how 1st grader Reagan Saur ’29 made a lasting impression when she went door to door to raise money for the American Heart Association. While speaking with neighbors and friends about Jump Rope for Heart, Reagan found that many of them had suffered or knew someone who suffered from various heart conditions. They commended her for her participation in such an important cause.

Max Tsai ’31 and Carter Sonderman ’31 enjoy the obstacle course at Jump Rope for Heart.

Skyler Dastgah-Bradford ’29 helps ring in the Lunar New Year during the annual parade.
Troubadours Perform Pippin

This spring, the MICDS Troubadours presented Pippin, the infectiously unforgettable masterpiece from four-time Grammy winner, three-time Oscar winner and musical theatre giant, Stephen Schwartz. As usual, the Troubadours turned out a packed crowd in Orthwein Theatre for the four-day performance.

Zion Thomas ’19 enthusiastically played the role of the young prince Pippin, heir to the Frankish throne. The audience joined along Pippin’s search for the secret of true happiness and fulfillment. In the end, he found that happiness lies, not in extraordinary endeavors, but rather in the mundane everyday moments. GeGe Pflager ’18 also provided a stunning performance as Catherine, and Alaina Baumohl ’19 masterfully orchestrated a cast of nearly 40 singing and dancing ensemble members as the Leading Player.

"Truly, this has been one of the most challenging musicals we have done in a long time, because 40 actors were onstage for nearly the entire show," said Director and Fine and Performing Arts Teacher Carolyn Hood. "The performance included huge dance numbers, massive war scenes and the creation of magical illusion. Of course, our dedicated group of thespians with amazing talents were able to pull this off with seeming effortlessness. Their talents and abilities to captivate an audience never cease to amaze."
Middle School Play Captures Inner-Child

In early March, MICDS 7th and 8th graders gave an outstanding performance of How to Eat Like a Child. The play is based on the book by Delia Ephron and was adapted for television by Judith Kahan with music and lyrics by John Forster.

“The performance offered students an opportunity to play on stage—and that is joyous to behold,” said 7th Grade Dean and Fine Arts Faculty Member Charlotte Dougherty, who directed the play. Twenty-four MICDS students graced the Freeman Theatre stage as they gave twenty-three lessons in such subjects as how to beg for a dog, how to torture your sister, how to act after being sent to your room and how to laugh hysterically. The performance highlighted the wonder of childhood and reminds us of what we forget as we get older.

01. Zoe Clark ’22 introduces the scene “how to ride in a car.”
02. The cast performs “look at a clock.”
03. A glimpse into the scene “how to eat like a child part I.”
Upper School Adds Strings Course

There’s a string of excitement in the air! That’s because, come next year, our musically inclined students will have the opportunity to participate in a new String Ensemble course. The course will be open to all Upper School students who have two or more years’ experience playing the violin, viola, 'cello or double-bass. The ensemble will perform music such as movie scores, pop music and classical pieces for school concerts and community events.

"Other than practicing, there will be minimal 'homework' for the course," said David Doherty, who will serve as the instructor. "And students will receive academic credit for each trimester of String Ensemble."

An Impressive Showcase of Talent

Performers in the Middle School Talent Show raised the roof of Mary Eliot Chapel once again with their singing, instrumental and dance renditions. The emcees also reeled in the crowd with their humorous between-act puns — complete with the iconic theme song from Seinfeld. At the end of the show, the esteemed judges commended everyone for their efforts and awarded Spencer Ma ’22 as this year’s winner for his performance of an original piece on the cello.
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The grand finale of the conference included performances by the Missouri All-State Band, All-State Orchestra, All-State Jazz Band and All-State Choir.

Speaking of All-State, a big shout-out to Rafi Gil-Díaz ‘19 for earning a clarinet spot in the All-State Band and Izzy Essman ‘18 for earning a Soprano spot in the All-State Choir. It is one of the highest honors a band or choir student can receive in the state of Missouri. As part of the conference, Rafi and Izzy spent three days rehearsing with other talented young musicians and vocalists before their grand finale performance.
Cultural Mini-Tours Provide Faculty and Staff Opportunity for Equity and Inclusion Education

When it comes to learning, MICDS faculty and staff understand that choice is essential. That’s why Director of Faculty Equity and Inclusion and Student Activities Erica Moore developed 14 unique activity groups for employees to choose from for their yearlong equity and inclusion education opportunities during the 2017-2018 academic year. Twelve of these groups are led by MICDS teachers, who pitched ideas, developed curriculum and facilitate monthly meetings. Some groups read and discuss a central text, while others watch documentary films or analyze books used in their classrooms. One group in particular takes their experiential learning on the road. In the Cultural Mini-Tours group, participants meet off campus for a full-scale immersion into the history of St. Louis.

Cultural tour facilitator Felicia Pulliam served on the MICDS Board of Trustees for six years and is the parent of two children who graduated from MICDS, Kaila Pulliam Collins ’10 and Naja Pulliam Collins ’12. In the larger St. Louis community, she was a member of both the Ferguson Commission and the Forward Through Ferguson initiative. She created the Cultural Mini-Tours to provide visual context for the history of systemic racial injustice in the St. Louis area.

“The tours help people understand the work we need to do around racial equity,” Pulliam said. “We need to create a government culture and a society that works for everyone. The long-term impact on the faculty from this level of engagement and learning is just fantastic. The participants are gaining new knowledge, and that’s exciting to me.”

As a former MICDS parent, Pulliam said she recognizes that this work is a central component to the School’s Mission.

“I applaud MICDS for being an institution that recognizes what they need to know and what they need to do to properly prepare our students to live and lead in a world that is rapidly changing. Organizing professional development to meet that goal and to live into its mission is what makes MICDS an exemplary place. It’s why I was proud to have my children there, proud to be in service as a Trustee there, and it is my honor and pleasure to lead this learning opportunity in a community that is serious about growth and moving forward,” she said.

Five times during the school year, participants visit a St. Louis neighborhood by bus while a historian explains the background, evolution and impact of the location. During a recent visit to The Ville, Dr. John Wright shared the effects of redlining and other discriminatory housing policies in the early twentieth century. Upper School History teacher Tanya Roth found Dr. Wright’s insights extremely compelling.

“These tours are so much more than just getting to visit historic areas in St. Louis. As a history teacher, it’s all too easy to feel like you know your city’s history, but that knowledge is so dependent on our own personal experiences,” Dr. Roth said. “Not only do I understand my city better, but these visits and conversations with our tour leaders have given me new perspectives and better ways to understand the current issues our city faces.”

“We developed these groups to allow people to find what they’re interested in and enter into a conversation about diversity from there. To lead these opportunities, it is hugely beneficial to have folks from outside the School so that we could draw on their experience and expertise. Felicia Pulliam was a perfect match for our vision,” Moore said.
Math and Psychology Teacher Aaron Proctor is constantly thinking about thinking — and not just about his own thinking, but his students’ as well. In fact, last year, his Professional Development (known at MICDS as (PD)²) goal was to improve his use of formative assessments. Formative assessments are activities or lessons that help a teacher understand how effective their teaching methods are, or where in the unit there might be gaps in learning. One of Proctor’s most effective assessments last year was a lesson called “My Favorite No.”

“I give the students a warm-up problem, exercise or writing prompt,” Proctor said. “They turn them in without their names on them, and I look for the answers that are incorrect. Then I choose my favorite wrong answer — the one that offers the most potential for classroom learning. We project it in front of the class and talk about why it’s not right. It allows me to track what my students might not be understanding, and it gives the students a chance to celebrate and learn from their mistakes. It also enhances the way they think about the reasoning process — a concept called metacognition.”

Each month for the entire academic year, Proctor chose a different formative assessment and applied it in the classroom. No matter the assessment, he constantly received feedback from his students about how his teaching impacted their own understanding of the content.

What is (PD)²?

Forming a singular teaching goal and implementing that goal during a set amount of time is the professional development norm at MICDS — a process created by department chairs, deans and faculty and officially called (PD)².

“Two years ago, we went through the design thinking process to create a program that fills our specific needs rather than a model that’s been used at another school,” said JK-12 English Department Chair Lynn Mittler, who helped oversee the shift in the School’s approach to professional growth.

Since then, (PD)² has replaced the age-old idea of goal-setting at the beginning of the year and self-reflection at the end of the year — a process that many schools still implement but one that often doesn’t engender actionable or quantifiable growth in teachers. Instead, (PD)² at MICDS is ongoing and organic. It transcends the academic year and joins teachers together under a common desire to improve.

“The themes surrounding (PD)² at MICDS are: authenticity, ownership and transparency. At a place like MICDS where everyone has an extremely high growth mindset, this system works extremely well, mostly because teachers take ownership of the process,” said Proctor.
“Whether or not you understand someone else’s art, you get that it matters to them. That’s what art is supposed to do—connect you to the world, people and other kinds of thinking.”

— K. GRIFFITH MOORE

K. Griffith Moore recently served as Beasley’s Visiting Artist, where she held hands-on demonstrations in three-dimensional paper art design. Moore is an industrial designer and paper engineer with a passion for graphic design. Her art is a combination of whimsy, sustainability and science, and most of her inspiration comes from nature and everyday objects. Moore graduated from Savannah College of Art and Design in 2010 and currently resides in St. Louis where she puts her passion to practice everyday as a designer at Mid America Display. She also manages her own creative empire called Mutant Pulp. From paper toys to pop-ups, Mutant Pulp is dedicated to small run paper products for individuals to interact with.
“Semifinal Night in December is the greatest day of the year here on campus,” said Assistant Athletic Director Marshall Newman as he described a longstanding tradition of service at MICDS — just one of the many ways the School is engaged in the community and beyond.

On Semifinal Night, the bleachers of McDonnell Gymnasium are packed to the brim. The crowd represents a diverse amalgam of parents and students from both MICDS and other area schools whose basketball teams have made it to the semifinal matches of MICDS’ hosted holiday tournament — the largest one in St. Louis. As Newman described why it’s “the best night of the year,” he wasn’t referring to the competition. He was referring to the cause.

“This is our 17th year donating every single dime of our proceeds from the tournament to Special Olympics Missouri. And every year, between the two semifinal matches, players from West County Special Olympics play a 15-minute exhibition game,” he said.

Athletes from all four semifinal teams line the court’s perimeter while young, talented players who live with varying disabilities hustle for the ball. Meanwhile, the MICDS cheerleaders shuffle through the bleachers collecting donations for Special Olympics Missouri. Without a doubt, at the end of each year’s exhibition game, student-athletes from all four of the semifinal teams rush the court, giving high fives and hugs to the exhibition players.
A Tradition of Service Starting in Lower School

At MICDS, community service is a tradition. It’s not an added part of the culture. It’s not some requirement students grumble about. Rather, it’s ingrained in the School’s identity and Mission to prepare leaders who will meet the challenges of this world and embrace all its people with compassion.

The spreading of kindness and awareness about local, national, and global issues starts as early as Junior Kindergarten. Throughout the year in the Lower School, students participate in drives and fundraisers to help those in need.

This fall, students from JK-4 collected backpacks, school supplies, socks and sleeping bags for children impacted by the Hurricanes in Texas, Louisiana and Florida. Each year, they also participate in a box top collection, and students learn leadership skills at the same time as they nominate and vote for the organization where the proceeds will go. This year, the collection supported Tiny Superheroes, an organization that makes individualized capes and donates them to empower children who are overcoming illness or disability.

In the spring, Lower School students participate in the annual, schoolwide Pennies for Peru drive. Pennies for Peru is an organization that focuses on Peruvian children living in the streets, and each year, the MICDS drive culminates in the Lower School Gallery Night. During Gallery Night, members of the community are able to purchase cards made by students and proceeds go directly toward the organization’s efforts.

Another soon-to-be tradition that started this year in the Lower School is the division’s Day of Caring and Kindness. In preparation for the day, faculty facilitated discussion with students about the Golden Rule. During the event, students rotated through various service-learning activities. Collectively, they created greeting cards for United Service Organizations (USO) at Lambert International Airport, made more than 120 scarves for Loaves and Fishes, decorated kindness rocks and read books about what it means to be grateful.

"Even our youngest students can understand the idea, ‘taking care of others. Service-learning projects provide ways for students to develop critical thinking, collaboration, empathy and a sense of agency."

"For the greatest impact, we focus on the quality of the service projects, not the quantity," said Sarah Garner, Lower School Art Teacher. "It’s a service-learning approach, so students are actively engaged in the work and raising their own awareness at the same time."

During the project, we take time to learn about who it’s for, how we can best take care of the need and that when we work together our contributions can make a big difference," said Head of Lower School Janet McMillion. "When children re-visit these service opportunities year after year, the importance of service becomes more deeply ingrained."
Middle School Prioritizes Giving Back

In the Middle School, students take ownership for service-learning efforts. In fact, they’re just as committed as the faculty.

For example, around the holidays, 7th graders made bags of care for members of the St. Louis community, an idea brought forth by Lucy Zimmer ’23 who thought it would be helpful for people to have something pre-made in their car to give someone in need. The bags consisted of necessary items such as hats, socks, tissues, a toothbrush, Band-Aids and deodorant. Students kept bags for themselves to put in their families’ cars, while the rest of the bags were donated to St. Patrick’s Center.

Middle Schoolers are also heavily involved in MICDS’ relationship with Northside Community School. MICDS 8th graders help plan and throw a Halloween party for the Northside students, and in late fall, the 8th grade class also spent time at the school during their day of service.

“Community service in the Middle School allow students to embrace the School’s Mission and reach out to provide support,” said Head of Middle School Jen Schuckman. “Students experience a variety of opportunities from helping out on our own campus to raising funds for an important charity to supporting local St. Louis agencies with their time and service.”
Upper School Unites Around Causes

It’s uncommon for a week to go by without some sort of community service project in the Upper School. Whether it’s parent, student or teacher-led, it’s clear there’s a culture of generosity that permeates throughout.

“Community service provides so many opportunities to both understand our many connections to our broader community and to act on the core MICDS principles of compassion, purpose, and service,” said Head of Upper School Scott Small. “These moments also reify the importance of engagement and commitment within the Upper School community itself.”

One of the community service traditions that Upper School students are most passionate about is the annual Derek D. Martin Food Drive, which happens in late fall. Derek Martin was a firefighter for the St. Louis Fire Department. His engine house ran an annual food collection before the winter holidays to feed needy families in their community. After Mr. Martin died in the line of duty, the food drive was renamed in his honor. Mr. Martin’s daughter, Kayla ‘17, introduced the food drive to MICDS, and this year marks the students’ 4th year participating. In total, they collected more than 2,600 items for donation.

“It was amazing to see the students become so enthusiastic for a great cause. The drive brought everyone together to be essential difference-makers,” said Dillon Scott ‘18.

Throughout the year, Upper School students participate in Best Buddies, an organization that facilitates 1-to-1 friendships between students with intellectual and developmental disabilities and students without, allowing both to learn more about each other and themselves.

“My favorite part about Best Buddies is that it not only has an impact on the lives of the students with disabilities, but it also has a great impact on our students at MICDS,” said Maddie Goldberg ’19. “Both members of the friendship gain so much out of the relationship, and are very grateful for the opportunity to learn about someone that..."
is different from them. But above all, it shows us how much we can really have in common with someone who seems so different on the surface.”

This year, the Upper School also forged a partnership with the Dewey International Studies Elementary School, a magnet school in St. Louis’ Dogtown neighborhood. A group of Seniors visited Dewey during the Upper School’s annual Day of Caring and Leadership, where they worked closely with Dewey students to clean up the school’s community garden. While MICDS students have been integral in this new partnership, MICDS parents are also leading the charge.

“Parent volunteers go to the school weekly (or in some cases every other week) and work with students in mentor roles. The relationships they are building with these children can be life altering,” said MICDS parent Susan Goldberg. “We are currently working with 26 children, but there are many more who could use a tutor/mentor, and we are continually recruiting more members of the community to get involved.”

Service Travel

MICDS also leads various domestic and international service travel trips for students. Each year, MICDS leads a group of students during spring break on a volunteer trip with Habitat for Humanity—a tradition spanning 19 years, 16 of which have involved work in the community of Baytown, Texas. There they help frame walls, build sheds or do other miscellaneous projects.

Students and faculty also embark on a semi-regular trip to Peru, where they volunteer with medical students at a local clinic as well as visit with and bring donations to children at several Peruvian orphanages and schools.

“Going to South Africa was the best experience of my life. Meeting, befriending and interacting with people from across the world—having the opportunity to listen to them share their story meant everything to me,” said Cara Johnson ’18.

“Last summer, a group of Upper School students went to South Africa, where they spent several days working with children at the Nkomo Primary School in rural KwaZulu-Natal province. While there, they led a mini day-camp, served food, did crafts/art projects, taught and led games native to South Africa and sang each other’s national songs.

“This trip to Peru has given us not only the tools but the motivation to change the hardship we see, to make the lives of these people we’ve encountered better, in any way that we can. That, I think, is the biggest success of this trip,” said Mary Moore ’18, who went on the trip in 2016.
01. Milo Ciaramita ’31 decorates a kindness rock during the Lower School’s day of Caring and Kindness.

02. A group of 9th and 10th graders teach the song “Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes” in Spanish with Dewey students at their International Festival.

03. Amanda Kalishman ’18 with her buddy during a Best Buddies event.

04. Lower Schoolers and Upper Schoolers pack a trailer full of backpacks to support victims of Hurricane Harvey.

05. Students hard at work in Baytown, Texas during a weeklong spring break service trip with Habitat for Humanity.

06. Estephanie Estrada ’21 and Isabella "Elle" Haines ’21 huddle for a photo during this year’s frigid Turkey Train.
Community Service Across Divisions

While each division has its unique approach to service, some activities span across divisions. One of the most well-known cross-division acts of community service happens around Thanksgiving—Turkey Train.

This year marked the 14th annual Turkey Train, where MICDS provides the largest amount of frozen turkeys for the St. Louis Area Food Bank. During the event, Upper School students form a line and pass the turkeys one-by-one in a “train” until they reach the vehicle that transports them to the food bank. This year, the School donated 536 turkeys and 3,111 pounds of other food items for a total of 10,295 meals provided locally. During an All-School assembly, the Co-heads of Upper School Community Service present the totals to the entire School and a representative of the Food Bank. Members of the Lower School present a food basket that symbolizes the School’s cumulative donation.

“The spirit of giving is more powerful than receiving. Take a moment to think about this, and we hope that today signals the start to a holiday season where we acknowledge what we are grateful for and reach out a hand to those who may not be as fortunate as we are,” said Elizabeth Hughes ’18, Upper School Community Service Co-head, who spoke along with Co-head Julia Kemp ’18 during the Turkey Train All-School assembly.

Quick Facts

18,116
During the 2016-2017 academic year, the Upper School student body recorded 18,116 volunteer hours.

50+
Each year, MICDS recognizes those students who receive the Presidential Service Award, which requires at least 50 hours of community service for recipients ages 15 and under, and at least 100 hours of service for recipients ages 16 and older.

8,000
Last year, 51 MICDS students received the Presidential Service Award, and together they tallied nearly 8,000 service hours.

Embodying the Mission

At MICDS, we harness Nelson Mandela’s words when he said “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” When we talk about education, we mean more than just building a student’s intellectual capacity. We also cultivate compassion and arm students with the resolve to stand for what is right and good. Creating a culture where students, faculty, staff and parents engage frequently in community service is one of the ways we work toward fulfilling our Mission to prepare graduates who will lead lives of purpose and service. We hope to continue this good work locally, nationally and internationally for generations to come.
We are deeply grateful to everyone who has made a gift to the Bold Action Campaign thus far. Your gifts support teachers who focus on each student and help them grow, educational programs that inspire students to lead lives of discovery and beautiful, state-of-the-art facilities.
Bold Action Shatters Goal

We are beyond delighted to announce that MICDS has surpassed its $90 million goal for Bold Action: A Campaign for MICDS before the official end of the campaign on June 30, 2018. To date, this comprehensive campaign has generated $94.8 million for the School, making it one of the most successful independent day school campaigns in history!

To date, 5,867 donors have participated in Bold Action, representing MICDS parents, grandparents, parents of alumni, alumni from classes 1926 to 2017 and friends of the School. Gifts have ranged from one dollar to $21.5 million.
Bold Action: A Global Campaign

With nearly $95 million raised to date, Bold Action: A Campaign for MICDS is the largest capital campaign in MICDS’ history—and not just in terms of dollars. The Campaign has spanned across the globe as alumni and donors from near and far have raised their hand in support of the School that has provided them so much. The Bold Action Campaign will soon come to a close on June 30. If you haven’t had a chance to be a part of this momentous Campaign, it’s not too late. We hope everyone will be inspired to contribute. Your gift—no matter the size—impacts not only our beautiful 100-acre campus, but most importantly the people who help make MICDS an incredible educational community where students prepare for lives of purpose and service.

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“Four generations of my family have benefitted from MICDS or predecessor school education. For this reason, I chose to support the Bold Action Campaign. I directed my donation dollars to the Tuition Benefit for faculty, recognizing that the ability to attract excellent teachers is imperative to maintain the quality of education offered by the School.”

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Q. You’ve made arrangements to include MICDS in your will for the purpose of Tuition Benefit. What inspired such thoughtful generosity at this time?

A. I feel so touched by the generous benefits at MICDS, particularly the Tuition Benefit Fund, which makes tuition more affordable for me and my colleagues. I see the payoff through my children, their experiences, the connections they make in learning and the custom-built education they receive that plays to their individual strengths and opportunities.

Q. Why, as a parent of current students, do you continue to support the School beyond the Annual Fund?

A. As an insider, I understand deeply the financial workings of the School, as well as the School’s goals to maintain a sustainable financial base. I see the existing need to build endowment in the specific area of Tuition Benefit and understand that we have to build it to remain a competitive place of employment compared to our peer schools both locally and nationally. I also understand that the School can’t move funds around as easily as people think. A stream of philanthropic support to multiple funding areas allows the School to plan with confidence for the current year and future years. The School has a rich tradition full of community support, and I wanted to be a part of that.

Q. What impact do you hope your gift will have on MICDS?

A. I want others to feel as moved as I do. I want them to feel blessed by the fact that MICDS is an educational option within financial reach because of the Tuition Benefit Fund. I made arrangements to support this portion of the endowment with the hope that I can create this feeling in others in perpetuity!

Q. What impact do you see the School/teachers having on your own children’s lives?

A. I see this daily. Our teachers are each so unique so they’re able to broaden my children’s world view in unique ways. My children are developing deep relationships with their teachers where they feel safe to learn and grow whether that’s through a complex word problem in math or on student council or in learning how to organize facts for a special presentation. All of these small experiences over the course of time are additive to the growth of my children into their own unique whole beings.

Making a Gift Above and Beyond

MICDS EMPLOYEE, PARENT ALLISON LIGHT PRIORITIZES PLANNED GIVING

Director of Annual Fund Allison Light not only talks the talk; she also walks the walk. A seasoned fundraiser, Allison has led the Annual Fund since 2007 with great success. But there’s more to Allison than her position—she’s also a mom of two MICDS students, Mia Krieger ‘24 and Charlie Krieger ‘27. And that combination, 11 years as an employee and seven years as an MICDS parent, has given her much to appreciate about the School. It’s also what led her to make a personal commitment to MICDS beyond her own niche. We are proud and honored to welcome Allison into the Eliot & Thompson Society for planned giving donors. She designated her planned gift to the Tuition Benefit Fund for faculty and staff who send their children to MICDS.

*The Eliot & Thompson Society honors all those who have taken the special step of including MICDS in their long-term plans through a bequest provision in their will or trust, a life-income gift, life insurance policy, retirement plan, or other estate-related giving arrangement. If you are interested in joining the Eliot & Thompson Society, or would like to see detailed financial illustrations of the projected benefits you could receive from making a deferred gift to MICDS, please contact Kalleen Rose, Director of Major & Planned Gifts, at 314-995-7455 or krose@micds.org. We cordially invite you to join this special circle of visionary donors!
“What’s your one-minute opportunity? Is it sitting with someone new at lunch or trying out for a different sport? You never know where opportunity might lead you.”

— DR. MAYA WARREN

Dr. Maya Warren visited campus in February as the Erik Lyons Bond ’77 Lecturer. A native of St. Louis, Dr. Warren is a food scientist, reality television star and world traveler. She holds a Ph.D. and specializes in the microstructure, behavioral and sensorial properties of frozen aerated desserts. She is currently the lead scientist and Tastemaker™ at Cold Stone Creamery, where she utilizes her scientific expertise both domestically and internationally. Dr. Warren loves to share her passion for the science of ice cream with the world and inspire kids to follow their dreams! She is also known for her participation and success on the Emmy Award-winning reality television series, The Amazing Race, during which she and her former lab mate became the 3rd female-female team to win the race (season 25) and the $1 million grand prize!
Boys Basketball
A Strong Season Finish

The Boys Basketball team completed another successful season posting a winning record of 14-13. After a challenging start to the season, the Rams finished strong by winning 11 of 16 games in 2018. Highlights of the season included a victory over Mascoutah in the inaugural Sager Shootout at MICDS, a win in the Pinckneyville Shootout and a six game winning streak from January into February. The Rams were led by Metro League Player of the Year Austin Thompson ’18 and First Team All-league member Julian Cheaney ’18. Dillon Scott ’18 and Darion Smith ’20 both received Honorable Mention recognition in the Metro League. Thompson and Cheaney were also named to the All-District team for Class 4, District 5. Other key senior contributors included Justin Pace ’18, Zhadi Hervey ’18 and Preston Buchanan ’18.

Girls Basketball
District Champions

The MICDS Girls Varsity Basketball team capped off another strong season with a remarkable post season run (24-5 final record). Facing the toughest district competition in the state, #3 ranked MICDS pulled off an upset in the semifinals against a big Parkway Central starting lineup and an even bigger upset of #1 ranked Parkway North to win the District Championship. The Rams then went on to defeat Sullivan in the State Tournament Sectional round in a thrilling double overtime game, before falling in a hard-fought quarterfinal matchup against Incarnate Word. The four seniors finished their MICDS basketball career with a record of 99-16 with three district championships and two appearances in the Missouri State Championship game. Senior Jordyn Brooks ’18 scored her 1,000th career point against JBS on February 24 and ended up with 1,063 points (6th on the all-time MICDS scoring list). Senior Kayla Work ’18 broke both the single season and career three-point record with 81 on the season and 150 for her career. Senior Lindsay Parks ’18 broke both the single season and career rebound record with 353 in her senior year and 766 overall.

Cheerleading
Improved Skill and Teamwork

The cheerleaders continued to support our Rams through the winter season. They worked tirelessly to increase their skill level and collaborate as a team. The cheerleaders loved cheering on both the Girls and Boys Basketball Teams and capped their season off with an outstanding Senior Night routine performed at halftime. Captains Savannah Lesslie ’18 and Elizabeth Hughes ’18 led the squad not only to develop skill, but they were tremendous role models as well.
14 Student-Athletes Honored on National Signing Day

Fourteen MICDS student-athletes gathered on February 7 to sign a symbolic letter of intent during annual college signing day. MICDS uses the national day to honor all student-athletes who have made intentions to play at the collegiate level.

"Today's accomplishment is not due to one practice or game or even season, but it's the result of years of hard work at MICDS," said Athletic Director Josh Smith. Congratulations to this impressive list of student-athletes from the class of 2018!

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MICDS Hockey Phenom
Jack Williams ’19 to Reach New Heights

For Varsity Hockey goalie Jack Williams ’19, the winter sports season likely marked his last representing the Rams on the ice. When the Chicago Steel of the United States Hockey League chose him in the third round of the USHL draft this fall, Williams jumped on the opportunity. Next year, he and his family hope to relocate so Williams can devote even more attention to his number one goal—playing professional hockey.

"Junior hockey is the next step towards college," he said. In addition to trying out for the Steel, Williams verbally committed to Michigan State University, what he hopes will be another step toward an eventual NHL draft-pick.

Though his geographical location may change, one thing will remain true—his love for MICDS and the way the School shaped him into the person and hockey player he is today.

"With MICDS being a very challenging academic school, it taught me how to manage my time really well," Williams said. “Because of missing classes for hockey, I needed to meet with teachers before and after school in order to complete my assignments on time. Hockey has not only helped me become more responsible. I’ve also become a better person."

During the 2017-2018 season with the Rams, Williams posted a 2.46 goals against average and a .913 save percentage.
Dance
Another Awe-Inspiring Dance Concert

MICDS Dance had another great year, which culminated at the annual dance concert. This year’s concert was made up of six Upper School students: Leila Awasthi ’20, Asha Dundoo ’20, Amarah Friedman ’20, Tista Mandal ’20, Mereya Riopedre ’20 and Elena Thomas ’20. Five of the six dancers also choreographed for the annual event in Mary Eliot Chapel. Choreography consisted of lyrical, contemporary modern, contemporary jazz and Indian dance styles. The lighting design was created by Bianca Sforza ’19.

Ice Hockey
Senior Leadership Step Up

The MICDS Varsity Hockey team had one of the best seasons on record, finishing the regular season 17-4. With the exceptionally strong regular season, the team was placed into the Challenge Cup playoffs at the end of the regular season. The Challenge Cup, typically larger schools, proved to be too much for the Rams, and the season came to an abrupt end facing some of the area’s largest programs. This season’s squad was one for the record books, led by a tremendous group of seniors whom did not win a regular season game their freshman year. The three season turnaround for the programs was beyond compare, and once again the MICDS Rams are among the area’s elite ice hockey programs.

Boys Squash
A Strong Season

With a cohort of six seniors, the ’17–’18 season was one of the strongest to date for the Boys Varsity Squash team, finishing with a 10-5 record. The team scored five wins over East Coast schools; remained undefeated against local programs at John Burroughs, Whitfield and Washington University; and achieved its most convincing win over the men’s team from the Jewish Community Center.

This season, the team once again made a two-day trip to western Pennsylvania for the annual team squash tournament at Mercersburg Academy. The Rams placed second of six teams, and Eli Paul ’20 and Jude Sorkin ’20 went undefeated in play. At the HEAD High School Team Squash Championship in Philadelphia, the Rams faced Mercersburg Academy in the first round, but were edged out 3-4. However, they bounced back with convincing wins over Conestoga High School (Pennsylvania) and Rye Country Day School (New York). The Rams faced Belmont Hill School (Boston) in the final of the plate division, but lost 2-5 despite valiant wins by Sorkin and Paul.

The Rams were led by four captains this year: Jack Reed ’18 (playing at no. 1), Robby Greenspan ’18 (no. 2), Nick Jones ’18 (no. 3) and Robert Baisch ’18 (no. 4). The captains did a wonderful job leading workouts, motivating the team, winning important matches and cultivating a supportive and positive team atmosphere. First year varsity team members Atri Bhattacharyya ’18 and Charlie Smoller ’18 also contributed significantly to the team and will be missed next year.
01. Jessica Brooks ’20 plays tough defense against John Burroughs School.

02. Addie Jung ’20 gets into the spirit during Coaches vs. Cancer.

03. Amarah Friedman ’20 provides an exquisite performance during the Dance Concert.

04. Austin Thompson ’18 celebrates a big play during Coaches vs. Cancer.

05. Caroline Liekweg ’18 places 2nd in State in the 500 freestyle.
Girls Squash  
2nd place finish in Division III

The Girls Varsity Squash team, led by co-captains Connie Gonzalez Navarrine ’18 and Mia Schroeder ’18, finished the season 13-1—one of the best seasons on record, including winning a third-consecutive Tom Flanagan Invitational Tournament hosted by Mercersburg Academy and a second place finish in Division III at the U.S. Squash High School Nationals Tournament in Philadelphia. The highlight of the season was the historic run to the finals at Nationals, the furthest the team has advanced at the tournament. Unfortunately, the team suffered their only loss this season to Hopkins School (New Haven, Connecticut) during the championship match; though Annalisa Goot ’21 and Amanda Kalishman ’18 ended their season on a high note, going undefeated at the tournament. Overall, the girls showed great team effort with strong performances by each of the players, and there was a high level of team camaraderie, sportsmanship and determination both at practices and matches against local and East Coast teams. The varsity squad bids farewell to five seniors who have made a huge impact on the girls’ squash program: Navarrine, Schroeder, Layne Zaege ’18, Kalishman and Lizzy Reisinger ’18.

Girls Swimming and Diving  
2nd Place at Conference

With our biggest team ever, made up of seven divers and 41 swimmers, the Girls Swimming and Diving team went 5-6-1 in the regular season dual meets, and finished 2nd place in the METRO conference! Highlights of the season included the highest place finish at conference in three years and a strong showing at State from individual qualifiers Caroline Liekweg ’18 and Madigan Kinsey ’21, as well as the 200 Medley Relay (Hallie Nuzum ’18, Kinsey, Grace Lee ’19 and Meaghan Cannon ’20) and the 400 Free Relay (Liekweg, Campbell Schafer ’18, Athena Tharenos ’20 and Cannon). Liekweg also finished 8th in the 200 Freestyle and 2nd in the 500 Freestyle, both with lifetime best times.

Wrestling  
Building Team Camaraderie

Another season has come to a close for MICDS Rams Wrestling. The team has struggled with low participation the last few years, but what we lack in numbers we more than make up for in camaraderie. Wrestlers Zion Thomas ’19, Morgan Niven ’20, Grant Purdy ’21, Keilen von Hoven ’19, Jack Morris ’21, Gary Zhou ’20 and Will Schaumburg ’21 showed up ready to compete and are the foundation for a program that hopes to rebuild to what it has been in years past. The season highlight was a 1st place finish at Metro League Tournament for Thomas and Morris. Thomas was also a match away from being a state qualifier and is set to return next year as a senior with eyes on a place on the State podium.
NEWS FOR MARY INSTITUTE AND SAINT LOUIS COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL ALUMNAE AND ALUMNI

The following pages reflect notes submitted through February 15, 2018

Submit your news for the next issue to: classnotes@micds.org by June 15, 2018.
FOR THE RECORD

Alumnae/i Deaths
THROUGH MARCH 13, 2018

Our deepest sympathies to the families of alumnae/i we have lost.

Raymond H. Wittcoff ’38, January 2, 2018
Jane Smith Shapleigh ’38, February 1, 2018
Frances F. Thompson ’40, November 19, 2017
Irene Randolph Morrill ’40, February 3, 2018
Edward H. Cunliff ’41, March 9, 2018
Charles H. Wunderlich ’43, December 22, 2017
Barbara Taylor Chappell ’46, January 13, 2018
John J. O’Fallon Jr. ’48, August 1, 2017
James D. Lionberger ’49, December 30, 2017
Betty Breland Elston ’49, February 9, 2018
Eugenie Lodwick Armstrong ’50, January 22, 2018
George L. Hensley ’53, March 11, 2018
Charles J. Cella ’54, December 6, 2017
Melissa Hickey Chamberlain ’55, March 14, 2017
David A. Bernoudy ’59, September 18, 2017
Lucinda Pantaleoni Hamilton ’60, December 31, 2017
Sarah Otto Love ’61, December 20, 2017
Stephen A. Orthwein ’64, March 12, 2018
Judy Lipscomb McCaffrey ’70, October 3, 2017

Births and Adoptions

We welcome the following children to our MICDS family.

Logan Collins ’02 and Ashley:
Owen Charles, November 3, 2017

Andrew Wenner ’97 and Katie:
Carson Kuga, November 24, 2017

Marriages

Congratulations to the following alumni on their recent nuptials.

Lindsey Herzog Shipley ’07 and Colin Shipley, October 21, 2017. (photo 01)

Michael Ahrens ’08 and Trish Duran, April 22, 2017. (photo 02)

Lindsey Herzog Shipley with husband, Colin, on their wedding day. The couple celebrated with a ceremony officiated by the bride’s stepfather at St. Louis City Hall followed by a reception at St. Louis Union Station.

Michael Ahrens and Trish Duran on their wedding day.
Messing Gallery Features Works From Harry Agress ’64

A photography exhibit by Country Day School alumnus, Harry Agress, Jr., MD ’64, titled “Join the Journey: A World Through My Lens,” took place this winter at the Messing Art Gallery. After its closing, Agress generously donated the works, which highlight his travels around the world, to be displayed throughout campus.

A diagnostic radiologist for 36 years, Harry always studied and practiced photography on the side. In fact, his love for the art started when he was just 10 years old, then a 5th grader at Country Day School. His father, an internist, received the gift of a Nikon Camera from a patient who had just returned from Japan.

“My Dad was more into classical music than photography, so he passed the camera on to me,” said Harry. “It was like magic. I started then and never stopped.”

He continued on his path into the field of medicine while also pursuing his passion for photography. Though still teaching radiology residents, Harry has stepped down from private practice, which now allows him considerably more time to experiment and create.

“CDS had a major impact on me. The school stressed being very persistent in whatever it is you wished to pursue,” he said. “I think, without even realizing it, we also learned how to balance and manage many things at once, such as academics, athletics and additional activities (in my case, theater and photography). This attitude of enthusiasm and determination has played over and over in my life.”

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Lessons and Carols: A Mary Institute Tradition

In December, Mary Institute alumnae and members from the MICDS community gathered for a Festival of Lessons and Carols Sing-along event. Lessons and Carols is a treasured Mary Institute tradition, and the inaugural sing-along was a wonderful success. We hope it can become a yearly tradition!
02. (From left) Nancy Rianhard Bates ’85, Margie Mauzé Niemann ’85, Susan Kobusch Werner ’85 and Julie Jansen Lilly ’86.

03. (From left) Michelle Ely McGaffic ’73 and Colette J. Scott.

04. A packed crowd sings in unison under the direction of Peggy Laramie.

05. (From left) Libby Hall McDonnell ’58, Page Sharp Jackson ’56, Nora Rand Stern ’54, Jamie Stern Driver ’81.
Judy Gissler Adair writes: “We celebrated a merry Christmas at our Pennsylvania home with 18 family members, four dogs and a classic, 2-hour power outage! Chef Jerry fired up the outdoor gas grill and produced a delicious (hot) Christmas dinner. After New Year’s, we returned to Florida where we thoroughly enjoy being in our winter home. In many ways, Naples is like ‘St. Louis South.’ There are scores of alums and friends with MICDS ties, Cardinals games nearby—and we know where you can get ‘toasted ravioli!’”

Ann Luedinghaus Case writes: “In September 2017, I was promoted by Queen Elizabeth II to Dame of Grace in the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem. I was invested at Washington National Cathedral in October. The Order in the U.S. is apolitical and supports the St. John Eye Hospital in East Jerusalem and in Hebron on the West Bank. It mainly serves Palestinians. It also has a mobile outreach program. In St. Louis, we volunteer at Fisher House at Jefferson Barracks.”

Bruce Homeyer reports he “is still living in Jacksonville, Florida, with the same dear woman, Judy, who married me in 1962. Three married daughters, six grandchildren. All grandchildren are employed—one M.D., two MBAs, a buyer for Wal-Mart and a banker in Honolulu. I golf three-plus days a week. Our next cruise is scheduled February 2019. Meanwhile, we are skiing in Vail, or somewhere, every spring. I work out to stay strong and keep my balance 3-5 days/week, having had a TIA in 2016.”

Duncan Meier is retired. Over the years, he was a docent at the St. Louis Zoo, tutor to a 5th grader, choir boy, and chorus member. His and Suzy’s travels now consist of visiting their daughter in Montana. It looked very much like Christmas there with snow on the ground and in the ponderosa pines. This was a pretty sight, with a view of over 30 miles.

Bob Sprich reports he and Carolyn survived another frigid New England winter. He was in St. Louis briefly last October, returning from a Faulkner conference at the University of Missouri. He visited his favorite English teacher, Bob Wells, who turned 101 in January.

Toby James reports he got remarried last fall–third time—to the former Betty Freeman. They are ensconced in his house of 24 years in Glen-dale. He is still a tax accountant—full-time during tax season and part-time the rest of the year. He is involved in the V.P. parade on July 4th and the Thanksgiving Day parade. He was a founder and treasurer of the St. Louis County Parks Foundation, whose goal is to improve the 73 County parks. Unlike Macchling and Homeyer, Toby quit skiing three years ago.
Class Notes

1957 MI

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Pat Doughton Anderson writes: “Since we had no family visiting us for Christmas, we went to Washington, D.C. with some friends from Dallas. I had never been there. The first week in March, we visited friends and my son in Denver, then took all my kids skiing in Breckenridge. I am keeping way too busy by being on four boards and running a Physics Club, playing tennis four times a week, golf three times a week and bridge three times a week. I need to retire from retirement!”

Members from MI ’57 who attended their 60th reunion. Front Row (from left) DeDe DeWitt Lambert, Sally Priest Breed, Margot Maritz Martin and Margaret Drum Bergfeld, Second Row (from left) Cookie Ellermann Arneson and Bonnie Barton Wolfarth, Back Row (from left) Pat Doughton Anderson, Penny Gray Hoiland, Judy Jones Motley, Martha Baer, Julie Levy Plax, Louise Bartlett Franklin, Joyce Kohn Pass, Ann Lorz Brightman and Peggy Pauley Gundlach.

1958 CDS

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Hugh Bartlett is down in South Padre again this winter with the Airstream and his 20-year-old dog, Gates, who he believes will outlive him. He said it has been a relatively cold, dark and wet winter down there. No fishing from the kayak as the water temperature is too cold. Hugh reports that the news of Lisa Lyles’s departure is a bummer, as she seems to have been an excellent head of school. Hugh hopes to see some of you in May.

1958 MI

LIBBY HALL MCDONNELL
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Lil Brokaw Metcalfe and Val Pantaleoni Terry write: “The MI class of ’58 is enormously proud of Libby Hall McDonnell, who has been awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree by her alma mater, Hollins University, in Roanoke, Virginia.” Libby Hall McDonnell reports: “Our daughter Kitty ’90 and family moved to St. Louis in August, and our grandson Jimmy ’31 is in Junior Kindergarten at MICDS. He will graduate in 2031, which is exactly 100 years after my mother’s (Katherine James Hall ’31) graduation from Mary Institute in 1931.”

1958 MI

CHEERS TO ALL FROM BILL HALL

Bill Hall says he has finally retired and now can take a proper vacation. He and Anita are leaving for a four-month respite on a Greek island. Bill sends his best wishes to classmates.

RICH NELSON checked in to say that things are going well there in New Zealand. He plans to be back to St. Louis in late May. “Cheers” to all, too, from Rich.

DAVID SCHARFF is going to Japan for an international psychoanalytic congress—which he says is also an excuse for going somewhere he has never been.

CHRIS BENT says he is turning 78 shortly and the energies have drained. A fatigue wall hits him early afternoon and makes surviving it suspect. He continues to work at the store, but mostly on his evangelical creations (www.sealsforchrist.com). He feels blessed not to have health problems other than the double bypass, pacemaker, and four stents, the latest being 80% blockage in the “widowmaker artery” this year.

He runs unconventional Bible Studies and ministers to many. “Godspeed and love to all my classmates” he says.

JIM DODDS, the Elder, reports his grandson Jim is studying in Ecuador. Jim and his girlfriend, Lucia, will visit him and his girlfriend Kelly in February. Jim’s son Chris plans to go to Malawi in June. Chris, a third degree black belt in Kokondo, teaches a women’s course in self-defense. His day job is trouble-shooting the computers at Thomson Reuters. Son Dave continues as an American Airlines captain. He is based in Dallas and has been with the airline since 1992. “Cheers” to all from Jim.

Charlie Vaier and Dick Engelsmann ’57, together with spouses, are heading to London on a tour conducted by the World War II Museum in New Orleans to study the air war there. Having done some research in preparation for the trip, Charlie says he has a new respect for our bomber pilots, who suffered horrendous casualties based on the flawed theory that their planes were flying fortresses. They were not.
Maurice Hirsch had his photographic images in two recent juried exhibits. One image was featured in “Drawn from Life: Artful Aging in the Washington University Community,” from February 23 to March 19 at The People’s House at Washington University in St. Louis; and three images were in “Maturity and its Muse,” from April 14 to May 24 at Art St. Louis. In addition, his images have won awards at St. Louis Camera Club competitions.

1959 CDS

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Tom Hirsch reports: “I am still chief information officer for Maharishi University of Management working full-time. I also continue to play ragtime piano. Contemplating a semi-retirement schedule.”

Butch Welsch: “This spring, I was recognized for my efforts by the International Union, now the Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers, with a Lifetime Honorary Membership. This is only the second in the history of the International Union for this presentation. This follows receipt last fall of a National Legends of the HVAC Industry Award presented by the Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration News. This was the first Legends presentation, and I was one of two contractors honored.”

Ed Fordyce, on the premise that “no news is good news,” reports good news from Dallas.

Henry Massie completed a project to arrange translation and publication of The Children of Chateau de La Hille, by Sebastian Steiger. This is a little-known story of a refuge in the south of France during World War II, where 99 of 100 orphaned Jewish children miraculously survived Gestapo raids. It was previously available only in French and German. Henry contributed a preface and continues to practice psychiatry in Berkeley, California.

Weldon Rogers shared: “Last fall, I was treated to hurricane Irma, which fortunately passed East of Boca Grande. I decided to ride it out in my house, even after an evacuation order (fortunately the sheriff and I are friends so he promised to check on me) to see if it and I could handle it. Quite an experience, and I’m happy to report no damage. My decision reminded me of the artist Walter Anderson who did the same thing on an island in the Gulf, tied to a tree. He also survived to paint more. Best to all and thanks for prayers and good wishes for my health and loss of grandson Henry last October.”

Our world-renowned scholar George Bornstein writes: “Still trucking along. My annotated facsimile edition of W. B. Yeats’ The Wild Swans at Coole, came out last summer from Scribner. Also, my youngest son got married last fall.”

Chip Matthews and I continue to lunch every Monday at Schneithorst’s, and we invite any classmates to join us at 11:45. We miss our occasional snowbird classmates Julius Frager and Jim Schneithorst, although we are envious of the warmer weather they are experiencing. We also look forward to a visit from R. K. Barton, who will be staying at his Jefferson County farm for a few weeks on his way back to Michigan after three weeks visiting his son in Panama.

Nat Griffin: “Jane and I spend little time in St. Louis. Our daughter, Natalie, who teaches at MICDS, keeps us apprised of what is going on there. Now we are at our South Texas ranch and expect to spend the summer up in Michigan. I hope all is well with everyone in our class.”

Thrus Pettus writes: “I have been traveling constantly and in the last 18 months have been to Sri Lanka, Ethiopia and most recently Southeast Asia, including a few days on the Eastern Orient Express Train. Next on the schedule is Peru with my kids. When not traveling, my time is split between Charleston and New York City. Like most of us, 2018 will be my 55th college reunion year, and I will return to Princeton to play with some of those reprobates I roomed with.”

Speaking of travel, during the last 10 months, Bill Spencer and his wife Sue have revisited their three favorite places (so far): Iceland, a cabin at the Kalaloch Lodge on the Washington Coast and Todos Santos, an artist’s community on the Pacific Coast of the Baja Sur. Their vacation rental on Fox Island keeps them busy, but their guests are very stimulating. That’s how they met Weldon Rogers’ daughter, who stayed there on a weekend getaway from her studies at the U of WA. Bill says any free time is taken up with plenty of volunteer work and babysitting and birthday parties for their nine grandchildren in the Pacific Northwest (two more in New Hampshire).

Fred Hanser writes: “Still married to Kathy Thompson ’60 — 53 years and still counting. We spend some time in Florida, as well as St. Louis. Golf, bridge, reading and lectures are on the agenda. We have two kids living in St. Louis. Tim ’85 is married to Margaret Busse. He is working with a wealth management company, Buckingham. They have two boys, Ward ’17, a freshman at Yale, and Sam ’19, a junior at MICDS. Kara is married to Tony Mikulic, M.D. Both practice medicine. They have two girls, Katie ’22 and Mikaela ’24 in 8th and 6th grade, respectively, at MICDS. We spend a lot of time with the family in St. Louis and take occasional family trips. I look forward to our 60th reunion in May of 2019.”

And since he mentions it, next year is our 60th reunion. Any thoughts?

1960 CDS

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Dieter Brand: “While not invited to present at the World Economic Forum 2018 in Davos, we did arrive there the day after it ended. There was an abundance of security present, but our major
concerns were avoiding snow and ice. Okay, so there have been three falls, two broken poles, but no broken bones. We are grateful to still be on the slopes. I have finally retired my neon jumpsuit from the 1980s and now am in avalanche green. My wife, Kitt, also suggests I resemble a classic green M&M.”

Tom Drake: “I send you the warmest greetings from the “Bold North” — Minnesota — the new moniker for our state where Minneapolis just hosted Super Bowl LII on the coldest day ever for the game. It’s hard to believe Laurie and I have lived here now for 44 years with our three children. Mankato has been a good community for me to start a solo medical practice and raise a family. Retired for 20-plus years, I now have the luxury of time to devote to my family and civic pursuits. We are looking forward to the arrival of a sixth grandchild this July. Our health is generally good. Life is good and we wish all of you well.”

Sandy Galt: “Still helps out at the Commerce Trust Company while spending most of the winter in Florida. Still playing golf with goal of shooting my age (from the forward tees)! Trying to learn how to play bridge and finding it difficult. Golf is a lot easier! Daughter Farrell ’93, son-in-law John and two granddaughters are moving to St. Louis from Boston, and we are thrilled with this development.”

Lon Hocker: “Carol and I got tired of New England weather about 20 years ago and moved from Massachusetts to Hawaii. Since then, we bought 1,000 acres outside of Hilo and started a farm on old sugar cane land. The result is a chocolate business (https://www.mahilani.com/). We can now produce substantial amounts of chocolate, which we are now starting to market. I married Carol in 1994. She teaches International Folk Dance, paints and plays fiddle. I play bass and keyboard. Ellen, my ex, also moved to Hilo a couple of years ago, and we are next-door neighbors!”

Harry Weber: “Some notes from the country: I get to St Louis every couple of weeks to lunch with Denny Wedemeyer and Bill Oakey. I still cannot believe how important old friendships can be. Last year I completed statues of Norm Stewart for the Mizzou Arena, Bill Virdon for the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, David Francis for Francis Park, and a Texas revolutionary for Nacogdoches, Texas. Retirement is not in the cards.”

Denny Wedemeyer has been retired from the federal government for seven years and is enjoying life. He attends adult education classes at Washington University. He and Susan have three children and four adorable grandchildren. Daughter Ann lives in Tower Grove Park and is marketing director at the St. Louis Science Center. Claire ’94 lives with her husband in University City and is a professional clown at Clowns On Call, visiting children at local hospitals. Theo ’94 lives in Chicago and is with the Acamai Company. Denny and Susan enjoy their summer vacations in Michigan.

Bob Karn: “For all the class of 1960, please do not forget that the website we developed for our 50th reunion is still alive but unfortunately not very active. Please login to codasco1960.com, enter your password or register, update your profile and communicate with your classmates.”

Friedman Pratter, Sudie Black Shinkle, Ellen Schnitzius Livingston and Ginny Russell Rowe met Claudia and Dibby to share memories of happier times.

Diane Diederich Metz writes that she and Richard recently had lunch with Beverley Sharp and Dick Amberg ’60 while they were visiting their area in Florida and had lots of laughs. She wants to express her sincere appreciation to her classmates who contacted her and/or visited Lupton’s Chapel last November following the death of their eldest son, Rick ’87. Our wonderful class still supports each other so nicely.

Carolyn Corvey Cranston reports that she and Bob love living in Innsbrook, Missouri. They enjoy both the country and the city life as they do have an apartment in Clayton. Bobby and Leland ’93 live on the east and west coasts, respectively. Combined, they have six grandchildren they visit whenever they can.

Hadley Hesse Wood has more or less retired from teaching and is finding herself with a fair amount of disposable time. She continues to paint and enjoys doing portraits. Last year, she traveled to New Zealand, the Dominican Republic, Rosarito, Mexico, and on a cruise to the Mexican Riviera along with trips to Las Vegas and San Francisco to see her kids. She was about to leave on a six-week trip to Antarctica and South America.

Donetta Hannegan McMillan and Bob celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 12 with a family dinner. They are planning a spring trip to Pinehurst to feed Bob’s golf habit.

Charlotte Mastin Ellis

1961 MI

The MI Class of ’61 is saddened by the recent passing of classmate Sarah Kate (Peasey) Otto Love, who died after a brief illness. Several classmates (including Claudia Geyer Thompson and Dibby Smith) came to town for the service and were joined by others here. A fitting tribute to Peasy’s commitment and dedication to the restoration of Forest Park was the red ribbons tied to some 100 trees located on Lindell near the Loves’ house in the Central West End. Leigh
Margaret Blanke Henderson travels to Colorado in the summer and lives in North Carolina in the winter where she enjoys singing in two church choirs. Peggy has expressed growing concern about environmental and climate issues. Peggy helps with her grandchildren in Colorado and is trying to rejuvenate the Brown Club in Charlotte.

Allison Bradbury Kitchen writes from Idaho that she hopes to sell their property and move closer to her family in Texas.

Susan Clifford Rayner '63 is moving to Kent, England, in May. She is excited to be near her daughter and two granddaughters. Susan has five grandchildren now: one boy and four girls.

Suzanne Franklin Corry is looking forward to seeing classmates at the 55th in May.

Lynn Frazier Gas continues to enjoy gardening. Her medical issues present challenges, but she is excited about a new procedure that should help. During visits to her doctor she has been able to see Suzanne Franklin Corry. Lynn’s daughter, Arielle, is in customer service at Nordstrom, doing quite well. Lynn and Francois are fine and hope to be able to travel again soon.

Lee Gardner Shult and Doug travel the world when they can. They are now off for an extended trip to Europe. They are happy and healthy and enjoying their grandchildren, as well.

Ann Haigler Rittenbaum has recently retired from teaching and is beginning to enjoy the time it opens up to do other things.

Hila Hampton Green is sorry to miss the 55th reunion, but she continues to be busy with her Hilasjewels business.

Diane Hancklau joined the mini reunion in South Carolina. Diane continues to work, and she is very active in supporting the Danforth Plant Science Center and other exciting endeavors in St. Louis.

Carolyln Horner D’Arcy writes that the fires and mudslides near her in California were devastating. Carolyln hopes to retire from teaching in a year and devote her energy to her family and her art work.

Marjorie Johnson is recovering from open heart surgery that took place in September 2017, and she is very much looking forward to seeing many of her classmates in May at the 55th.

Ann Keeler Poucher and Ralph love their winters in Florida and summers in Colorado. They travel quite a bit and, in the past year, have seen gorillas in Uganda, visited the Normandy beaches in France, and taken a walking trip along the Danube. As we are pulling Class Notes together, Ann and Ralph are off to India.

Jane Lewin Steinger loves to travel. We are glad she will travel in May to St. Louis for the reunion.

Edie Levy Brown spends her time between Connecticut and Australia visiting family, children and grandchildren.

Nancy Lungstras Broadfoot is enjoying all of her grandchildren and encourages us to stop by when anyone is in her area in Georgia.

Barbara Martin Smith and Tim enjoy their summers in the Adirondacks and spending time with their children and four grandchildren. Barbara continues to paint and is involved with the St. Louis Art Museum. She had an exhibit in 2017 at the Ethical Society and will have a showing in May.
Suzanne Williams Haaland writes us from Florida, surrounded by friends supporting her in her loss of her beloved Gordon. Last fall, they moved to Richmond to "downsize," as we all seem to do these days. Gordon became ill, and the illness went from one issue to another, and he passed away within a week. Suzanne is appreciative of the support she has received.

As we contacted our classmates for news, we also encouraged all to participate in our 55th MI reunion. We are pleased to anticipate almost half of our class attending.

1963 CDS

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Well, here I go again (Joe Campagna) at the last minute—like a term paper in school—need an A++.

I want to thank Jay Hensley and Jamie Spencer for coming out of the bullpen to help out and contribute as Class Agents:

Jay Hensley still loves bluegrass music. He was tired of playing the banjo, so he took up playing the fiddle and it was hard. At first, it sounded like a truck running over kittens. His wife considered leaving, and the dog did leave, howling out the door. The good news? He’s much better at it, and they haven't had a mouse in the house since he started playing. He sees Rush Shapleigh and Marky, who live in Englewood, Florida; he’s there four months a year. Rush has a boat, loves to fish (picture proof in the last Class Notes), and is joined at times by George Diehr, but they struggle with humidity in the summer. Did they forget about summers in St. Louis?

Jamie Spencer reminded me that he published a book last year: Modified Raptures, partly inspired by events at MICDS. He owes thanks to Randy Bell and Randy Fingland for reading a draft. You can find it online. He reports that Gary Meyers came through town last fall during a pilgrimage between Connecticut and Wyoming. He’s also an advocate for the Arts and Opera Theater of St. Louis and a member of the Symphony Volunteer Association. Good stuff.

Mark Webber weighed in from somewhere near the North Pole. Seriously. He retired from the University of Toronto, and he and Janet built a home near Algonquin Provincial Park, where he’s an interpretive naturalist for German visitors about the locals: wolves, bears, moose. For those planning a trip to visit him—it’s 900 miles north of St. Louis according to Google Maps.

So I'd suggest checking with Mark first, put emergency provisions in the trunk and he may leave the light on for you.

John Kittner declined to provide news—feels he embarrassed himself enough with the dirt track saga and would brag about grandchildren, but we all would do that.

For me, Joe, not much news. I'm still pushing ahead with creating Villages of Tiny Homes for homeless veterans and others, with support from the PA Bar Association and local community leaders. Just go to www.yellowwolfadvocacyproject.com and www.theunknowncraftsmen.com for more details.

1964 CDS

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Harry Agress was at MICDS in late January for a showing of his extraordinary photography. Class of ’64 classmates Ted Bakewell, Jay Marshall, Jean Mason, Mark Mittleman, Cliff Saxton, and Frank Wolff attended an evening reception for Harry in Messing Gallery. Other MI/CDS alums on hand for the event included Nancy Agress Brodsky ’58, Dick ’63 and Suzy Grote, Jane ’65 and Steve Mitchell, Jan Mackey ’65, Peggy Price ’65, and Libby McDonnell ’58. Harry stayed on for a day to be guest lecturer in several photography classes at MICDS.
01. Cousins: Leigh Limberg Mason ’65, Jennifer Limberg ’69 with Connie Shapleigh Martin ’65.
02. Connie Shapleigh Martin ’65 and friend in Petra, Jordan.
03. Susan Caspari Carnwath ’65 and family.
04. Peggy Dubinsky Price ’65 with Wendy Price ’99 in Malibu, California.
05. Linda Glick ’65 celebrates 70 with family: Eric Cohen, Andrea Cohen, Kristin Cohen VanDivner and Linda’s husband, Steve Cohen.
06. Irene Leland ’65 with Diana Davis Madsen ’65.
07. Molly Lane Mason ’65 celebrates 50 years of marriage to Jay Mason ’64 in 2018.
08. Linda Glick ’65 received the Ruth Brinker (founder of Project Open Hand) Award for visionary leadership in the San Francisco Bay Area community in December. (From left) Project Open Hand CEO Mark Ryle, Linda Glick and Board Chair Carmela Krantz.
David Deibel, Tee Baur and Jay Marshall were hosted by George Morgan at his home at Tequesta, Florida. A golf match pitting the Reds (Baur and Marshall) against the Whites (Morgan and Deibel) yielded a hard-fought victory for the Reds. Tee and George remain active in commercial property management, while David is invested in several small businesses and Jay continues farming and raising cattle.

(From left) Jay Marshall, George Morgan, Tee Baur and David Deibel in Florida.

1965

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Condolences to Jan Shapleigh Mackey and family on the death of her wonderful mother, Jane Smith Shapleigh ’38. Mrs. Shapleigh was a warm and welcoming hostess for many of our class gatherings over the years from MI days on and will be remembered fondly.

We also send our condolences to Diana Davis Madsen on the death of her mother, Frances Fisse Thompson ’40.

Susan Caspari Carnwath from Cambridge, United Kingdom: “I’m too old but will be reassessed as a City Guide and assessed as a Parker Library Guide (think illuminated manuscripts) in March. I love guiding—history plus out walking with people. I also putter around with pottery, write with a writing group and take serious action (we’re the 60’s!) with an economics with justice group. Want to live to see how the world gets out of this mess. Come visit!”

Alice Langenberg Abrams: “Class of ’65 hangs together through good times and sad. I traveled to Florida in December to attend the memorial service for Bob Whitehead, Jane Atwood Whitehead’s husband, and had the pleasure of staying with Don and Nancy Burkham Williams. A ceramic teapot of mine was accepted into the biennial Ident-TEA teapot exhibit at the St. Louis Craft Alliance. They do excellent shows. Show dates end in March. Wishing everyone well for 2018.”

Charlotte Rust Dix: “Nothing new happening—seems like it’s always the same renew-volution in history, politics, art and the pursuit of personal chi energy. It’s a re-education to be 70.”

Irene Leland: “I had a wonderful visit with Mimi Johnson Severs when she came to town in November for her sister-in-law’s memorial service. I continue composing award-winning songs and am pleased that my music is on the top of the charts in ReverbNation and NiM. It is down to the finish line for my biography, Kid of the King, about Elaine Presley. What an extraordinary, spellbinding and courageous life she has led! I’m looking forward to the book’s release.”

Connie Shapleigh Martin: “Thanks to Peggy Dubinsky Price for keeping us all together! I had a chance to catch up with cousins Leigh Limberg Mason and Jennifer Limberg ’69 while they were in San Diego for a bridge tournament. This year, I traveled to Australia, and my recent trip to the Middle East fulfilled my dream of seeing Petra, the Pyramids and traveling throughout Israel. My family is all here, and I spend many happy hours with grandchildren ages 4 and 5. Life Is Good!”

Becky Woolsey Ester: “Hi All. I’m getting old—my health seems to dominate my life. The biggie is I can no longer drive due to my diabetes. Gary and I are headed to Houston to visit Audrey and her husband, John, then to California to see Patrick and his wife, Melanie, in April. When in the Bay Area, we will see Bob and Pattie Bacer Lehr. Still playing canasta. Hoping to find a rescue poodle soon. That’s it from Texas.”

Linda Glick, our class baby, celebrated turning 70 with her family in San Francisco in February.

Peggy Dubinsky Price: “We spent Christmas in Marina del Rey, California, with daughter, Wendy Price ’99, and had fun seeing the sights. A highlight was eating the amazing $38 McCarthy salad at the Beverly Hills Hotel. It’s always good to hear from classmates. Keep writing! Next deadline is June 15. Happy Spring!”

Irene Leland ’65 with Mimi Johnson Severs ’65.

Connie Shapleigh Martin ’65 in Masada.
1970 MI

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I’m excited to report that I have assumed the job as class agent. I want to thank Linda Ferguson Benoist for her 40 years of service. After soliciting our class by email and having a week for a response, I am delighted to report that we have some very loquacious classmates. My thanks go out to those of you who responded.

Leslie Limberg writes that she spoke to the St. Charles County Master Gardeners on Attracting Hummers to Your Yard. “Our Hummingbird population exploded last year.” Leo and Leslie fed 40-60 Ruby-throats from April to October: 235 pounds of sugar and nine feeders. Leslie says she is more of a janitor now. She will speak at the community college this spring, then perhaps hopefully as a teacher for new horticulture classes.

Nathalie Pettus reports: “What a year! Life changes due to breast cancer; fighting to right various wrongs around me; and closing my St. Louis restaurant, Nathalie’s, and one of my various classes. My thanks go out to those of you who responded.

Ellen Langtree has retired from teaching high school fine art. She is enjoying herself in her own studio, and she is adding insulation to keep warmer and save energy. Last summer, she received a visit from Maud Essen, and Wendy Cole Dixon drove up from Massachusetts for a visit as well. Ellen enjoys keeping up with all the MI 70 classmates.

Tina Rutledge Veraldi has retired; she’s writing, helping take care of her mother and two grandsons, and traveling to places that have included New Hampshire, Vermont, Colorado and New York.

After retiring from a career culminating in online marketing at AT&T and then having her right knee replaced, Maud Essen celebrated her freedom and mobility with an extensive cultural tour to Asia. On her return, Maud jumped in the car for an East Coast Inspection Tour that included a marvelous visit with our own Ellen Langtree. Ellen and Maud especially enjoyed a whirlwind visit with Wendy Cole Dixon! Now that she’s back home, when not attending the latest Movie Time organized by social director Tina Veraldi, Maud has resumed her volunteer activities locally, most recently cooking for her homeless neighbors, registering voters and signing up volunteers for a Congressional campaign.

Suni Lasky moved back to St. Louis from Los Angeles and Phoenix to take care of her mother. She is enjoying reconnecting with classmates after 35 years. She is a marketing and brand consultant, presently pursuing a new business venture. Her daughter, Katie (30), works for Sky Zone Sports Corp. in Los Angeles.

Linda Ferguson Benoist is happy to report the same old. She works with Lisa Coulter ’75, and that is still great! Both Elliot ’01 and Libby ’03 are working at the Crane Agency with husband Elliot. Libby and husband Will Claypool ’98 live in Warson Woods. Elliot and wife Lanyn and their three kids live in Ladue.

From Judy Jacobs: “In late 2015, Mihaly and I moved to Budapest to be with his 90-year-old mother. She unfortunately passed away last February. We had planned a year-long trip through Asia last summer, but I injured my neck. We will try again and plan to leave April 1 for Jordan, Pakistan, India and beyond. Josh is still making movies and doing commercial video work. After completing his Ph.D. in math at the University of Illinois, Jeremy moved back to the San Francisco area and works for Google.

Judy Smith Schoedel and her husband, Warren, have both retired. They spend summers at their home in Colorado and winters in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. Judy keeps busy with swimming, reading and handicrafts, while Warren likes to work out in his shop. Son Tad finally completed all of his ophthalmology training and has started his glaucoma practice in Roanoke, Virginia. Daughter Heidi is a yoga instructor in Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

Mooie Holmes Carpenter finally retired after 35 years of fine art appraising. She teaches a few classes at Washington University and helps husband Phil Estep ’70 with his historic tax credit business. Mooie’s son, Michael, and her niece, Elise, daughter of Trudy Holmes Knobeloch ’72, have joined to make it a nice family operation. Mooie and Phil are looking forward to a visit this September from Phil’s oldest who lives in Sweden. They see Pam and her husband when they are in town and have MI girls get-togethers, most recently a series of movie nights arranged by Tina Rutledge Veraldi.

Sally Cox Schcid report that she spent a week in Lodi, California, tasting some exquisite wine and furthering her wine enthusiasm.
Pam Farrell Dupuis: “I’m still in Colorado. I went back to school to learn how to be a futures trader. It means getting up early, but I actually like being a morning person. Along with taking on the job as Class Scribe, my husband, Mike, and I are remodeling our house, and we are currently in chaos. To our delight, our daughter, Michaela (26), lives close to us in Denver. I get back to St. Louis to visit Mom, and I love seeing you all when I am there. Mom’s 95th birthday party was this past October, and Mike, Michaela and I went to St Louis to celebrate.”

Caron Lindburg Ulmer is still living in the Philly suburbs. Bruce retired from Quest Diagnostics last year. To avoid home improvement projects on their 80-year-old house, Caron resorts to riding the family horse, spending time at their place near Stratton, Vermont, skiing, gardening and practicing yoga. The triplets turn 30 in 2018. Clint just moved to Albany, New York, and is considering a second master’s. Tracy is a certified archivist with The History Factory in northern Virginia. Lisa practices immigration law in Philly. Sadly, Caron’s mom, Carol, passed away in 2016. Their family returns to St. Louis periodically and were thrilled to join Caron’s dad, Clint, still going strong at 92, for the total solar eclipse in 2017.

In a quick note from Jill Stein, she writes: “Hi/ bonjour, I am still in Paris and am 99.9% retired. Life is good, or la vie est bonne.”

Kathy Hobitzelle Walling and husband Bill live on the Upper West Side of New York City and spend time each summer at their place in Prouts Neck, Maine. For the past several years, Kathy has worked part-time as a fundraising and communications consultant to Community Access, a local nonprofit that builds and manages housing for people who are formerly homeless and/or mentally ill. Son Alex is loving University of Michigan Law School and expects to graduate in 2019.

Ellen Shapleigh Sedgwick and Bill ’67 are spending much of their winter and spring in Vero Beach, Florida, since Bill retired. Bill is busy as VP of the U.S. Seniors Golf Association (USSGA), an amazing group and their lifelong friends with whom they get to travel the U.S. and abroad. Ellen’s sweet mom is almost 98 years old and keeps a positive attitude and amazing will to heal.

Susie Hoerr Davis is retired from advertising and is active in her megachurch, teaching Bible studies and serving on the Women’s Community board. Husband Dan is still teaching high school at Heritage Christian School in Indianapolis. He also does commercial voice-overs and serves on the board of Truthseekers International. Son Griffin (25) is getting married September 1. Son Ellis (23) graduates from University of Northwestern Ohio next year. Susie keeps in regular touch with Cathy Trauernicht and Mooie Holmes Carpenter.

Annie Conant Schlafly and Joe are enjoying living in the Central West End in St Louis. All four children are married, and they have seven grandchildren under 5! Annie is currently involved with a program that finds mentors for the international community, which is growing rapidly in St. Louis. Annie and Joe spend time traveling to Pittsburgh and Seattle to visit kids, and they enjoy tennis, biking, golf and bridge.

Another quick note: “Lawrie Conant Chiaro Smylie here. That’s right. I married Ben Smylie in June 2016 at the St. Louis Botanical Garden. We live in Los Angeles. I still enjoy teaching music at an elementary school.”

Phoebe Phelan Ruess retired from the Forsyth School December 31, 2017. We wish her the best in her retirement.

Good news—Singie Shpely-Gamble is moving back to St. Louis after 48 years! It has been a year since Singie’s Canadian husband Rob died of prostate cancer, and she has spent this time dealing with the responsibilities associated with his death. Singie realizes that her heart belongs back with family and friends in St. Louis. She is anxious to see friends and relatives on a more regular basis. The next step is selling her house and finding a place to live in St Louis. A spring visit is a probability for house hunting, and she looks forward to being settled in the fall.

Genie Cannon Guilliams: “I am officially retired but remain busy. I am still working part-time and volunteering at an award-winning nonprofit organization founded by sister-in-law Laura Cannon Singer! I am devoting time and energy to the charitable group St. Louis Health Equipment Lending Program (St. Louis HELP). On a personal note, husband Dennis (former head of CDS Upper School) and I spend a great deal of time working on our yard and gardens, and keeping up with our children (between us we have seven) and two grandchildren.”

Dede Haverstick writes: “While I did not graduate from MI, I have strong ties to the school through volunteering—despite living in Charlotteville, Virginia, for almost 30 years. Happy in my position as an associate professor of pathology at The University of Virginia. Two English Cocker spaniels, that my sister Laura ’72 (she and her twin Sarah ’72 were two years behind us and all of us left MI around 9th grade) has gifted to me keep me company. They accompany me as I hike the Blue Ridge trails on the weekends. I get back to St Louis about every other year to see Laura.”

We would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to Lani Morrill on the loss of her mother. We send our thoughts and prayers to Lani and her family.
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Felicitous salutations to classmates, family and friends reading this installment of the CDS’70 Class Notes.

Harold Bible tells us: “I’m still hanging in and trying to enjoy each and every day. Chris and I are in Santa Barbara for four months, this winter and actually were walking one of the stream beds involved in the slides just prior to all the tragedy that occurred. I am now a year and a half out after my surgery, chemotherapy and radiation for sinonasal cancer, and MRIs and PET scans still were negative in December. Chris and I are looking forward to some time in Santa Barbara again with Bill McMillan and Kim Shelton.”

Tom Barad checked in with this: “Just finished reading Hamilton by Ron Chernow. Fantastic book. Makes one feel a little better about the horror story unfolding today—not so different from politics back then.” He also highly recommends the stage show.

The Tom Duncan household welcomed Henry Alexander Aleem on February 1. He is their third grandson and the first child of their youngest daughter, Taylor, and her husband, Alexander Aleem. Because they live only a mile from Tom, said grandson will be seriously spoiled by people who do not have to worry about the consequences.

Ernie Planck sent some news. “Still really busy working hard at doing nothing. My wife Susan has been playing Mrs. Santa Claus at the Magic House in Kirkwood for several years. This year, she drafted me to play Santa. Even though I contracted a head cold from entertaining a bunch of cute, germy kids, it was a blast and well worth it.”

From Mark Johnson we hear: “Life continues, slow and peaceful, down here in the land of nod. I’ve been invited by the director of the criminal justice curriculum at the University of South Alabama to address his classes to share my real-world perspective on current issues in urban policing. Did a book club thing the other day, and a woman in there went to Horton Watkins, class of ’65, so I doubt any of us knew her. Small world.” I was happy to see Mark at our last reunion dinner and plan to see him again in September.

I was pleased to hear from Henry Bangert: “The best info I have to report is the arrival of my fifth grandchild, Riley Bonnie Scott, on December 28, by way of my daughter, Jessica, and her husband, Chance. After nine years together, I’m still happily married to my third wife, Joan, to some extent newsworthy given my track record in this regard. We are living the retired life on a small farm near Louisiana, Missouri. We went to Europe (my first visit) this past fall.”

I refer you to the MI’70 notes for news about Mooie Carpenter and Phil Estep. Love those guys!

Bob Hermann reports: “The capital campaign is coming to a close after seven years (whew), with a celebration planned in September. I am happy to report that we are at $94.7 million against our $90 million goal. Many of our great class of 1970 have given, but if you have not and would like to, this is the last chance. We are now going for participation percentage and would love to see your name on the list for any amount large or small!”

It’s my sad duty to report that my father, Costas, passed away in January. He was 96 years old and had quite the life. I’m pleased that many of you knew him from our Codasco days. Otherwise, things are moving along here in Carlisle. I’m on a trajectory toward retirement and rather amused to be on Medicare now. Cynthia and our kids, Lucas and Rose, are all doing well. Classmates, please do join us for our fall reunion on September 27.
Ernie Planck ‘70 as Santa with daughter, Laura ‘03 and granddaughters.


1980 MI

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Todd Stainbrook writes, “My son turned 16 and is now driving. As he shares his dad’s initials, another JTS on the road is no doubt frightening the senior citizens in Florida. Open invite to stop by when in Sarasota.” Class Agent addition — The jet-setting Stainbrook has made his mark in reality TV, appearing in two memorable episodes of the TV show “Below Deck Mediterranean.”

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Turner Baur’s son Trey Baur ’14 is the starting 3rd baseman on Cornell’s baseball team. His daughter Taylor Baur ’16 is on the basketball team at Princeton and was the Metro St. Louis player of the year her senior year at MICDS.

Pat Behan’s daughter Brooke helped lead Villa Duchesne to the 2017 midwest field hockey championship.

Ed Plotkin’s son, Noah, was the high school lacrosse player of the year in Arizona and is continuing his career at the College of Wooster.

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1997 MI

Andrew Wenner writes: “On November 24, 2017, the day after Thanksgiving, Katie and I welcomed our second child, Carson Kuga Wenner, to the world. His older sister Hadley (2.5-years old) could not be more excited to have a little brother. We still live in New York City (Battery Park), but with the addition to the family, it is likely that we will move out to the suburbs soon to get some more space. But if you make it to NYC in the near term, please look us up!”

2003 MICDS

Victoria Peacock graduated in May 2017 from The College of Wooster in Ohio with a bachelor of music in composition. She was also ecstatic to have received honors on her Senior Independent Study and to have completed a senior recital featuring her own music. She then moved to Boston to pursue her master of music in choral conducting at the Boston Conservatory at Berklee. Tori is keeping a hectic schedule between rehearsals and working at Trader Joe’s but is loving all the opportunities the city has to offer.

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Our class would like to offer a huge thanks to Gordy Scherck and his wife Trish for hosting, and paying for, one last party at “The Fortress” on Lindell. It was the highlight of our 30th reunion celebration, and a great time was had by the many members of CDS and MI ’87 who attended.

Scott Heitland’s daughter Meredith played Division 1 tennis at the University of Hartford. His son, Jackson, is a nationally ranked gymnast and currently competes for Temple University.
John (Jack) Finlay ’14, a senior molecular biology major at Princeton University, was selected as one of this year’s Churchill Scholars recipients who will spend a year studying at the University of Cambridge while living at Churchill College. The scholarships are granted to students of “exceptional academic talent and outstanding achievement who wish to pursue graduate studies in the sciences, mathematics or engineering.” At Cambridge, Finlay will pursue a master’s degree in medical sciences, conducting neural stem cell and oncology research in the laboratory of Dr. David Rowitch.

Jack is also pursuing a neuroscience certificate and has long been interested in neurology and oncology. In fact, while at MICDS, he lost his father to an aggressive brain tumor. Subsequently, he worked in the same lab of his father’s oncologist at the Washington University School of Medicine.

A collection of art pieces by Lauren Davis ’10 called “Imperialist Nostalgia” were recently featured in an exhibit at Fotogalleriet in Oslo, Norway. The digital collages grasp what it means to exist in a body that is constantly dissected and examined, and what it means to be aware of being both a woman and a person of color. The collages metaphorically visualize how our identities are shaped and constructed according to what surrounds us, and how the intersection between race, gender and sexuality affect the body as a political subject. Lauren currently lives and works in Oslo. She graduated with an MFA in medium and material-based art from the Oslo National Academy of the Arts in 2017 and with a BFA in integrated fashion design from Parsons the New School for Design in 2014.
“Eat well! Be respectful of your microbial communities. When you leave this room, I hope you have a more holistic view of self.”

— DR. JEFFREY GORDON

Dr. Jeffrey Gordon served as this year’s Harbison Lecturer. He is the Dr. Robert J. Glaser Distinguished University Professor at Washington University in St. Louis. Through his research, Dr. Gordon is expanding our understanding of human health into nonhuman realms, studying the bacteria that take up residence in the gut and help define who we become. Indeed, this research suggests you are what you—and your microbes—eat. During his lecture, he shared the work his lab has conducted. Together they have created innovative animal models and developed new experimental and computational approaches for characterizing the assembly, dynamic operations, functional properties and biological effects of human gut microbial communities.
Coats and ties became a dress requirement for Country Day School students in 1957. Though no longer a daily requirement today, designated Formal Dress days remain a tradition on special days throughout the academic year.