“What is a storyteller’s role? Many people think it should be to convey truth or justice or beauty. But the storyteller’s first role is to get the reader to want to turn the page. That’s how it begins.”

— GARY SCHMIDT

Renowned author Gary Schmidt visited the Middle School as part of its annual Author Visit, where he engaged with students during assembly and held writing workshops for 7th and 8th graders. Schmidt is the recipient of both a Newbery Honor and a Printz Honor for Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy and a Newbery Honor for The Wednesday Wars. He serves as professor of English at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he has worked for more than 30 years.

Gary Schmidt, Professor and Author
Alumnae/i Deaths

THROUGH NOVEMBER 27, 2017

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES OF ALUMNAE/I WE HAVE LOST.

Florence Noland Baur ’40, November 16, 2017
Alma Young Connor ’41, June 6, 2017
Cecelia Ramsey Rainer ’42, August 16, 2017
Susan Blumeyer Braxton ’44, November 19, 2017
Suzanne Shillington Felt ’45, July 19, 2017
Patricia Vollmer Hotchkiss ’46, October 18, 2017
Charlotte O’Keefe Manassa ’47, May 4, 2016
John T. Clarkson Jr. ’50, November 15, 2017
Lynn R. Henges ’52, November 13, 2017
Jesse S. Myer III ’53, November 21, 2017
Emily Keyes Barksdale ’56, November 23, 2017
Georgann Lutz Kennedy ’57, October 3, 2017
Anne Barker Niehaus ’58, December 19, 2016
Beth Hansen Keigher ’59, October 9, 2017
Andrew J. White ’61, October 9, 2017
Cynthia Danforth Prather ’75, October 11, 2017
Carol Danforth ’77, September 29, 2017
David L. Gardner Jr. ’77, August 27, 2017
Richard W. Metz Jr. ’87, November 2, 2017

Births and Adoptions

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN TO OUR MICDS FAMILY:

Lara Bennett Hacala ’04 and Ryan: Zachary Bennett, August 23, 2017 (photo 02)

Marriages

COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT THE FOLLOWING ALUMNI ON THEIR RECENT MARRIAGES:

Phyllis Parke ’03 and Katie Gray, September 30, 2017.
Hayden Prescott ’99 and Abigail Casada, October 2, 2015. (photo 01)
Toby James ’56 and Betty Freeman, September 9, 2017.

Faculty Deaths

Patricia Rogers, faculty member (ceramics and sculpture) from 1948 to 1981.

Gettng Married? Expecting?

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

Join us for 2018 Reunion Weekend

MICDS Alumni & Friends Center for Class Years ending in 3 and 8

MAY 3
“Golden Ram” Luncheon
5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 7:30 and 8:00 Reunion Classes
The Log Cabin Club | 5:30 p.m.

25th Reunion Cocktail Reception
MICDS Class of 93
Home of Head of School Lisa Lyle | 6:30 p.m.

MAY 4
50th Reunion Gathering with Lisa Lyle
MI and DDS Classes of 68
Olson Hall Presentation Room | 4:30 p.m.

Reunion Celebration Dinner
All Reunion Classes, All Alumni
The MAC | 6:30 p.m. | Cocktails and Buffet Dinner

MAY 5
Campus Tours
Olson Hall Presentation Room | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

May Day
Lilly’s Field | 6:00 p.m.

Reserve your room today!

MAY 3 – 6, 2018

A block of rooms are available for reunion classes at:
Frontenac Hilton | 314.993.1100 | $132.00 per night
Country Day School Centennial Bash

On November 17, nearly 300 members of the community gathered together to celebrate 100 years since St. Louis Country Day School’s founding. Highlights included bagpipers, archival memorabilia, remarks from emcee Steve Hughes ‘84, a video surprise from Sterling K. Brown ’94, memories from keynote speaker Jack Danforth ’54 and a big surprise from the classes of 1994 and 1995—the returning of the original Country Day School sign, which will be proudly displayed on campus.

At the event, we also announced the CDS Centennial Fund—an opportunity to leave our own legacy and ensure students and faculty experience the same level of excellence for the next 100 years. Help us celebrate 100 more years by making a gift. Visit bit.ly/cdscentennial

MICDS Welcomes Alum Eric Brunt ’02 as MICDS’ New Director of Enrollment Management

If there’s an epitome of the MICDS term ‘lifer,’ Eric Brunt ’02 fits the bill. He attended MICDS as a Junior Kindergartner all the way through 12th grade. After a successful college career at Vanderbilt University and early business career as a recruiter in Washington, D.C., Eric was presented the opportunity to move his family back home to St. Louis and the chance to make his mark as a member of the MICDS Admission team. In fact, it was a phone call and push from Athletic Director Josh Smith—Eric’s Upper School advisor, math teacher and football coach—that swayed him to apply for the position at his alma mater. And what a great decision that was—for both Eric and MICDS.

For nearly eight years, Eric has been a leader on the admission team, serving as associate director of admission for both the Upper and subsequently Middle School, while serving in leadership roles for the School’s ISACS Self-Study and 2015-2022 Strategic Planning process. And that’s not all—he also coached 7th grade football for seven years—evidence that it’s true what they say: At MICDS, you really can pursue your passions.

During his tenure, Eric has become a pro at engaging prospective families and welcoming them into the MICDS community. Concurrently, the world of independent school admission has also changed, and with that change has come an increasing need for what is formally called “enrollment management.” Leading that charge at MICDS—Eric Brunt.

We sat down with Eric to ask him a few questions about his new role as director of enrollment management and how he plans to make further waves for the betterment of the MICDS community.

READ THE FULL INTERVIEW ON THE “INSIDE MICDS” BLOG >> info.micds.org/blog

SEE MORE PHOTOS AND RECAP VIDEOS FROM THE CDS CENTENNIAL >> micds.org/pages/cds-centennial

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to do pro bono work with nonprofit organizations extensively recently to Machu Picchu as well as to Barcelona, Provence, Gascony, Loire and our 60th reunion suggest an 80th birthday party? We are turning 79! (Well, not Priscilla or Serena!) for homeless veterans in the St. Louis area, where she has finished her shoulder surgery and is doing well. I, Blanche Myer '81, live in California."

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Albuquerque for the Balloon Festival. Hugh says he has now finished his 12th book, "SEALs For Christ" website. Chris comments, "I'd offer our farm in Three Oaks, Michigan, but I'm too old to start!"

He describes a trip of a lifetime that he and his wife took to the Carolinas and got out before Irma hit. His grandson, John Hall, is working on his PhD in English class frustrating him. He closes by saying "Godspeed, my silent friends." Frank Elliott '68, whose adorable granddaughter cheers for the "Best to all!"

A problem that I estimate we are down by well over 30 percent too! Have a great Reunion event. Thank you all for your calls. We were scared expecting a very bad smoke-filled air and the extreme anxiety, heart-stopping evacuation orders at 2 a.m., the very hot one-day-thick and the extreme anxiety, we made it through just fine. We will conclude our 46th wedding anniversary as a second run of our 48th wedding anniversary as a second run of their son, Bo, and two of his friends." I wonder where Las Vegas resident Kay Langstrom Welsh and John Welch were during the tragic shootings in their city. A quick email to Kay elicited this response: "Thank you for your concern. John and I went to Las Vegas and are fine. We arrived out here the Thursday before the shooting from Cape. We were under lock and key when the shooting happened! I did not know anyone who died, but our grandchildren, especially the older ones who live in Florida, were during the tragic shootings in their city. 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My little sister, Lucy ’62, has just been here with me, now relying more. Blessings to one and all."

Mother Nature seems to be having a bad summer. Patsy Clifton writes that the herculean efforts to extract her son, Kirk, and his fiancée, Cara, from the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI) after Hurricane Irma. She and her hubbub, Dick, inhabit a part of Florida that is another favorite target of the hurricane gods: Ever mindful of photos ops, Patsy headed off to photograph mountain goats and wildflowers in Colorado but wisely cancelled the trip to the Smoky Mountains due to thunderstorms. Patsy, the colorless navels will be there next year, we imagine, and by displaying your upcoming photos in your next Main Street Gallery that has nicely signed you up! While on a worthwhile trip to St. Louis, Patsy was able to see Lucy Schmitz Morros and Charlotte Johannson tlevy. Hurricanes can’t stop our Carol Willis Clifton, who survived Hurricane Irma with the weather gods managing to rearrange a few trees and most of the golf course as well. Minnesota in the rear view mirror for her family, most of whom have gotten the message that warm is better, so they’ve moved to Florida. Another survivor of Mother Nature is our Dec Delhi Outfield! She is happy and bubbling, and German Shepherd Gascony is staying in a lovely rental house. Why? Well, a few of lofty staph-infected water in every room of your own home has made you appreciate Hurricane Irma was the culprit in this one. Now the battle with FEMA begins. Scouring through the debris, Dick found an ace of spades to wear at our Sons of Liberty Day performance. Enjoy that tough, Deeds.

I think that may wrap up current classmate stories for the time being.

Our Jan Schwomd Diegebrech writes that it is a challenge juggling the parts of her life so that nothing gets left behind. The various juggling balls she has are: travel nowhere with Rosie and include Diego, her dog, spend more time with grandkids, play better bridge (note to Michelle and Steve, we’re still working on that). Roberta Billings Logan has experienced first hand what it was like to be out of her home for six harrowing days not knowing if there would be anything left to come home to after the fire. Fortunately there was, and as a house is a challenge of cataclysmic events like this, one’s perspective on what is really important in life is altered. We are so grateful Roberta’s safety and soundness.

Please keep Patsy Clifton and Lucy Schmitz Morros in your thoughts. Love and light to all.

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in California. Our Barb, who looks about 45, in now a great grandmother by default since Pent’s grandchildren just produced an offspring. Congrats, Barb! The ever-keen Madelon Spremthegh announces her retirement from the University of Minnesota. She hasn’t cleaned out the office yet but is working on a new book, Meaning Friend, to be published in 2019. Madelon is also a “blogger” on “Psychology Today,” and her latest, “Who’s Afraid of Nuclear War?” She may be retired, but she’s not stopping apparently. The good news is that she has more than free time to come to reunions. Our painter and composer classmate, Sarah McDowell, continues to musically comfort and entertain many folks by volunteering to play at church and at various nursing homes. As an Amherst alum for 50 years, she was uniquely qualified to host a member family excursion from Denver to Glenwood Springs for a little R&R and rafting on the Colorado River. Carey Smith Schnickloth writes through James that she is grateful for the education she received at MI, which prepared her, as she says, “for life on Her life’s terms.”

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Diana Mota survived Hurricane Irma just fine, thanks to the very safe retirement center that Richard and she show call home. The day (Sunday) was rainy and windy, so you can imagine. They reunited the same power grid as the nearby hospital, and the power was restored in a few hours. She says, she will definitely relax when hurricane season is officially over.

Pam Willhite Finch moved in April to Brookdale Creek Court Senior Living. She reads to Mr. Zion preschoolers three days a week and sings with the Junior League Nightingales. Over the last two years, she has seen more than two jumpers for little girls in Nicaragua and St. Michael’s mission trips. Her most exciting news is that, in September, she became great grandma to Altha Grace.

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Greg Gettie is nearing six years working as a volunteer in the Infusion Center at St. Luke’s Hospital in Saint Louis. He is dearly loving it.

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First and foremost is our Class President, Barbara Bau Darun. She has been at St. Louis frequently from Arizona over the past few years to the surprise and delight of our fellow ’64 “geezers.” Sadly, Mrs. Bau Darun died on November 23, and we thought you’d want to know.

Classmates from the South submitted their news.

Dwight Boultenz Poeltenz wrote from New Orleans: “Not much has changed except that I moved to a condo. It’s a great location—on St. Charles Avenue in the Garden District. Because of Parkinson’s, I find myself less active, but I do love my yard at Poydras Home— a fabulous place run away from of women (only) and in existence for 150 years.

Our children are free as are all my siblings. I continue to run the store without kids as well so my practice for clinical work is over. It’s wonderful, but for me, and how doing both”

Further north in Arkansas-Jacki Israel Blakeslee stated, “Pete finally retired last January, and he has been traveling and visiting with our family. With mine grandchildren, we have many events to attend. We have three ecocology. The Great Aunt Kathy (Kathie Israel Starnes) helps with this. All were in Colorado this summer for the 40th of July. We retired from Minneap-olis where Pete competed in a U.S. Tennis and Racquetball tournament. I am continuing to take art lessons and am really enjoying creating masterpieces,”

Speaking of Colorado, Cherie Hugman Puster and her son, Jason, in Colorado, watched the eclipse together. The former could find any eclipse glasses so the latter sent her a pair. They talked about the eclipse and enjoyed. To Jean, their son, Dan, had a go at the glasses, too.

We saw Florida, we have a 4 gifted neighbor. Noel Volkman Crooke wrote, “James and I rarely have anything new to report. We will be on Johns Island in Vero Beach. We spent a month in September and October renting a farm house’ in Vero Beach—gorgeous food, countryside and wine. We’ve never had such a relaxing retirement in paradise”

Our class actress and “Energizer Bunny,” Punkin Hibb.s (aka Cindy MacDonald Gamblin) says, “I watched the Jane Cox tournament. I am continuing to take art lessons with this. All were in Colorado this summer for the 40th of July. We retired from Minneapolis where Pete competed in a U.S. Racquetball and Tennis tournament. I am continuing to take art lessons and am really enjoying creating masterpieces,”

From Dunedin, near Tampa, Cindy MacDonald Gamblin reports that she survived the hurricane. “Being without power for four days, our food stores, stuffing in the freezer, and frizzer, did not do.”

In Canada, we find Mimi Ferriss Wilson, who has sent updates about her family. She says, “My son, Andrew (43), has married soccer to Ross, and they have three boys. Andrew is ordin-ination, and they have recently moved to Toronto. Cliff (44) is married to Melany, and they have a 2 year-old daughter, Emma, born on Mimi’s birthday. They live in Anchorage, Alaska. (Katie (33) lives in Brooklyn and works at Guttman College in Manhattan, where she teaches public health and sociology. Rose (37) has been married to Nathan for 2 years, and they have a 14-month-old toddler, Silvan. They live in themor Colorado this summer for the 40th of July. We retired from Minneapolis where Pete competed in a U.S. Racquetball and Tennis tournament. I am continuing to take art lessons and am really enjoying creating masterpieces,”

Susan Kahn Broun is completely healthy and still doing well with Parkinson’s. Our sympathy goes out to Susan and her children. Her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Kahn, are in St. Louis and have been to New Mexico to visit Susan many times to take care of Susan’s husband, Nathan. By the time this is being published Susan has not said she has to be with her mother, Felicia. I want her to be free to do what she chooses. She has a wonderful life with her family. Susan wants to be with her mother, Felicia. I want her to be free to do what she chooses. She has a wonderful life with her family.

Susan Kahn Broun is currently working on a book about her husband, Nathan, and his Parkinson’s. Our sympathy goes out to Susan and her children.

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Finally, we have heard from Ann Greve Sadler in Camden, New Jersey. She stills a Senior Center and is running a 12-year-old grandchild chisme. Ann confirmed the sad news that Kathy Hitter died April, 2007. Because she was so close, we asked Ann to tell about Kathy. They both attended Rossmom School, lived as roommates in the CWE near each other, skated at the Winter Garden together and came to love Mary Institute in the Fifth Grade. Ann mentioned Kathy’s different college years and talked about times when they were closest. When Kathy asked Ann to come see her, they had a couple of wonderful day telling stories and laughing. About 30 years later, they reconnected in Boston. By then, Kathy had retired teaching ESL. She would, from time to time over the ensuing years, call at Kathy’s home, and she and Ann would return her calls by going back to her classroom. Kathy was retired by her two children, Daniel Messinger and Amanda Messinger; her grandchildren, Theo Raker and Samuel Raker, her sister, Meredith Litto, ‘94, and her brother, George Litto.

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Donna Schultz Heidbreder stated: “I am blessed to live in the Netherlands and my husband, Arno, is the most wonderful person in the world. Sadly, the pandemic has not been kind to our family, and we have lost our beloved cicci with pepe (pasta with butter, cheese and parsley) and a fire close to my home. I had 30 minutes to evacuate six horses, two dogs, one cat and myself, but I was able to escape with my cat and myself, but I was able to escape. I was able to escape from the floods. I was able to escape from the floods. I was able to escape from the floods. I was able to escape from the floods. I was able to escape from the floods. I was able to escape from the floods. I was able to escape from the floods. I was able to escape from the floods. I was able to escape from the floods. I was able to escape from the floods. I was able to escape from the floods. I was able to escape from the floods. I was able to escape from the floods. I was able to escape from the floods. 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**1967**

**Virginia Weidk:** writes: “We had a wonderful reunion, with more than half of our remaining classmates attending. We caught up with each other and the absences we each knew. Later, I found out that my 9th generation grandfather was accepted as a new patrician to the Daughters of the American Revolution. My interest in the grants they have received for their college education, which is a primary motivation. To those who couldn’t attend our 50th, we all missed you!”

Donna Hartley Hamilton reports: “Bill and I took a wonderful trip to Portugal and Spain this fall. We visited Lisbon, took a small cruise up the coast of Spain and ended up going to Barcelona and Madrid. We saw many fascinating historical sights!”

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**1968**

**JANET CULVER ROUSE**

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When we asked the Class of 1968 about the eclipse, Hilary Volkman said: “Surely, we are not in eclipse. The best is yet to come, in case you missed it!” Hilary witnessed the totality in Gladwyne, Missouri, at Christy Marshall’s farm along with Holly Holtz and Libby’s mother.

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Chuck Jones 54 retired from Stief, Nicolas in June after a 34-year career in various forms of fixed income. “In the process of balancing my day-to-day activities and slowly planning a great new day, I am busy raising my family. My family is great and my health is excellent. It’s a good start.”

1970 MI

LINDA FERGUSON BENOIST
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Linda Ferguson Rensites writes, “Hi, all, greetings! All’s good in St. Louis. Work and play still keep me busy, in laws, grandkids and all! Took a road trip to Hilton Head for a wedding in October with best friend, Jill and spent a couple of days enjoying the area with Jill.”

Anne Conant Schleifer and I went on an October bike trip to Europe and spent a couple of days doing up Paris with Jill.

It is with great sadness that we report that Judy Lippincott McCaffrey died in October after a short illness. She was always a smiling beacon for the years she lived in St. Louis, and she will be sorely missed by her friends and family.

1970 CDS

PAUL ANAGNOSTOPOULOS
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Greetings to classmates, family members and friends reading this installment of the CDS ‘70 Class Notes.

In keeping with our now annual tradition, we held a reunion dinner at the Racquet Club of St. Louis on September 28. The dinner celebrated the 50th anniversary of the matriculation of Louis on September 28. This dinner celebrated held a reunion dinner at the Racquet Club of St. Louis. My name is Zachary Bennett Hacala. Her husband, Zach, and she still live in Maryland. I spent two weeks in September with them and plan to go again in November.”

1971 MI

MARION KING O’REILLY
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Marion King O’Reilly writes: “I am busy running animals, hiking and fly fishing. I have two children in year and a half. Luckily, I drive a Prius. I have a new great-nephew, Jameison David Moyer Irving, the first grandson of Lara ‘04 and Renee Reisel Bennett. Her husband, Ryan, and she still live in Maryland. I spent two weeks in September with them and plan to go again in November.”

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1976 MI

DIDI HOECKER
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Renee Raisen Bennett writes: “My daughters, Lana ‘93, had her baby boy on August 23, 2017. His name is Zachary Bennett Hacala. Her husband, Zach, and she still live in Maryland. I spent two weeks in September with them and plan to go again in November.”

1980 MI

KIMBERLY KAREMBERG BARNES
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Kimberly Karemberg Barnes writes: “I’m working at an AmLaw 100 company called Precision Door that handles both home and commercial doors. My job is doing well, Clark Light is attending SMU as a freshman, will be joining his dad on a three-week sail from Tierra del Fuego to Antarctica aboard the tall ship Europa this December. And myself, your humble class agent. Bobby and I are busy raising Jonathan, Jared, Jared. They are the glue that keeps us together and we are very close, almost every sport and piano. I’ve been coaching his soccer and baseball teams for several years – great fun. Bobby is five years director of major gifts at the St. Louis Art Museum, and I’m 30 years at Stifel I’m serving on the Collaboration and Inclusion Committee for the MICS Board, you can still help our fine school.

Clark Wolfbecker says, “Wendy Jo and I are doing well. Clark Light is attending SMU, and they enjoy their junior year at MICS as a sophomore. John Chasnoff’s senior year at MICDS as a ’73er will finish in a Middle School. I just purchased a garage and operate in over 35 cities throughout the United States. I don’t have a driver’s license, although it is tempting.”

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1981 CDS

DAVID WEISS
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Parker Condie writes: “Here almost two years at Coin Acceptors, I am now CEO of Cede Incorporated. We operate camera-equipped helicopters for the news stations around the country. We’re the largest company in our industry. We have presence throughout the United States. I don’t have a driver’s license, although it is tempting.”

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MICDS Class Notes

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John Howard writes: “The Howard Family is doing well and looking forward to the upcoming class reunion this spring. John is celebrating his second anniversary with Century Corporation, and his wife, Virginia ’83, is continuing her development work with GOAL. Their son, Jack ’16, is now an Analyst with JP Morgan in Chicago after graduating from Beverly Institute, Ford ’16 is enjoying his time at MU and Gami ’12 is involved on other grade, field hockey and lacrosse.”

Dwight Stewart writes: “My older son, Nathan, graduated with honors from Mizzou June and is in the management program at Target in Kansas City, Missouri. Our other son Alex is a senior in Belmont University’s music business program and is interning in the music publishing field. Younger son Alex is a sophomore at Iowa State where he looks to complete a double major in MIS and supply chain management. And younger son Hank is a sophomore at University of St. Thomas majoring in entrepreneurship. Kim and I recently moved to Vero Beach, Florida. We are building a home near the ocean, which should be ready in spring 2019.”

1985

ANY McFARLAND DOVE
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Marcia Nicholson and Kim are almost empty nesters! ‘26 graduated from MICDS last spring and joins big sister Cameron ’18 at the University of Georgia in Athens. Go Dawgs! Nick ’26, a sophomore at MICDS, gets all his parents loving attention now! Vanessa Rudolph — Reports: “It’s been a pretty great year. Screened my comedy feature film The Importance of Drowning Tom at the Tivoli for a local Film Festival showing. We still work some to do on the script, so we finished up in August with legendary Harry Manfredini who generously wrote an original song just for my movie. My youngest daughter, Isabella, started middle school this year, and middle child Marisa is attending Webster University. The older three are also doing well! Caught up with Dede Bonden- dict and got her advice and brand new husband in our area who can babysit any time! We can be near you on their next available show?”

Carol Platt Leff and her son James ’90 were in the audience at the Tivoli and wrote: “For the first time in years I actually have new Lots of changes in the past year. Moved to UT CA, my dad passed away and I got married (June 18), all in the same month. Wed- ding was fabulous (I am little biased)! Married Bill Wallach ’86. My new mother-in-law is Lee Truex-Wallace Pommer ’56 – Mrs. Wallace from Middle School I was honored to have Rebecca Penstein, Chelsea Simon Sugavanam ’18 and Anne Wallace ’86 as bridesmaids and Genny Murphy ’90 as reader.”

1987

DREESA. CLINE
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The Cline family moved this summer! We now live across the street from MICDS in rodeo- nicly, Mar “a” can essentially roll out of bed and land in her classroom.

Kuki Rohan Lanchester writes that she traveled to Marblehead, Massachusetts, for nine years and has two children, Sophia (11) and Sam (14). She owns a clothing boutique, Scasde, Allure, with a business partner. She has two locations, MArblehead and Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Skis new England, skis in the winter and sails in the summer!

Moyinda Mthunika Knapp says: “Lived in the Chicago suburbs with my husband and two sons (18 and 16). We’re a partner at MHL Law Group. I’ve been teaching at Northwestern University School of Law as an adjunct professor since 2005, joined the MICDS Board of Visiting Parents and now also plays the board on the two charitable organizations. Time my space, works as president of the Yankee Institute for Public Policy, free-market think tank.”

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1988

Holly Leicht serves as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s regional administrator for New York and New York under President Obama. After the Obama admin- istration ended, Holly spent several months writing a report on how government at all levels can improve its approach to disaster recovery, based on her experience leading HUD’s regional recovery from Superstorm Sandy. Since August 2013, Holly has been the executive vice presi- dent for real estate development and planning for Empire State Development, New York’s economic development agency. She lives in the Bronx, overlooking the Hudson River, with her husband, Adam, and Stephanie, Lily (8), who is now at Harvard, and Colin (6), the pics on Zillow. It’s a stunner. We would love to see you!”

1989

Libby Curtis McCandless writes: “We all live in St Louis with our kids, age 6 and 4. I was recently re-elected as a Board member for Women United at the St Louis Community Foundation. I am a partner at the law firm of Stroock and Stroock in St Louis. I am still practicing with my mom, Nancy Dilley, who is now at Harvard, and Colin (6), the pics on Zillow. It’s a stunner. We would love to see you!”

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Julian Jacobian began a new position as the economic development manager for the City of Wildwood on October 2016. He says, “The City of Wildwood is a growing community in west St. Louis County with exceptional green space and is known throughout the region for its physical landscapes and high quality living.”

13th Annual Legacy Dinner

At MICDS, we are proud to count among our alumni population multiple generations of families—our alumni legacy families. And each year, members of the senior class come together with their alumni parents and/or alumni grandparents as legacy families, for a special celebration. This year, the 13th annual Legacy Dinner took place on Saturday, October 28 to honor 36 members (18 girls and 18 boys) of the MICDS Class of 2018 who have alumni connections to our School. Overall, 220 people were in attendance, with alumni dating back from the 1940s and every decade since. In fact, some members from the Class of 1986 could trace their family connections to the School as far back as the 1800s.

26% of current students are children of alumni.

This year’s event featured three speakers who shared their thoughts and memories on what this School means to them and what it means to be a legacy: Caryl Green Simon ’55, grandmother of Jason Sugavanam ’18; Fifi Lugo ’80, mother of Louis Chalfant ’18; and Lorie Winger ’84, representing the MICDS Class of 2018.

love to run, and in October 2017, I completed my fourth marathon in two years. I love to travel, including at least one trip to Africa every year. One trip this year was to the MICDS reunion. It was great to see the class of ’79!”

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1997

Mary and Bill Liebau write that she and her recently married husband moved in February to Staunton, Virginia, where they plan to stay the remainder of their days painting. “Just blocks from main street, 220 W Frederick St. was designed in 1897 and finished in 1901. Check out the pic on Zillow. It’s a stunner. We would love to see you!”

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“When the school honors us for what our interests are, then we start honoring each other. We start out with different kids, different interests. And we end up as seniors respecting each other, and liking each other and honoring each other. We have this bond with our different interests, but we respect those different interests. And we’re still friends.”

Jack Danforth ’54 served as the keynote speaker for the Centennial celebration of St. Louis Country Day School’s founding, held on November 17, 2017. During the event, Jack shared various light-hearted memories of his days as a CDS student on the Brown Road campus, the students’ common commute on the bus, and the exceptional teachers who evoked passion in him and his peers.