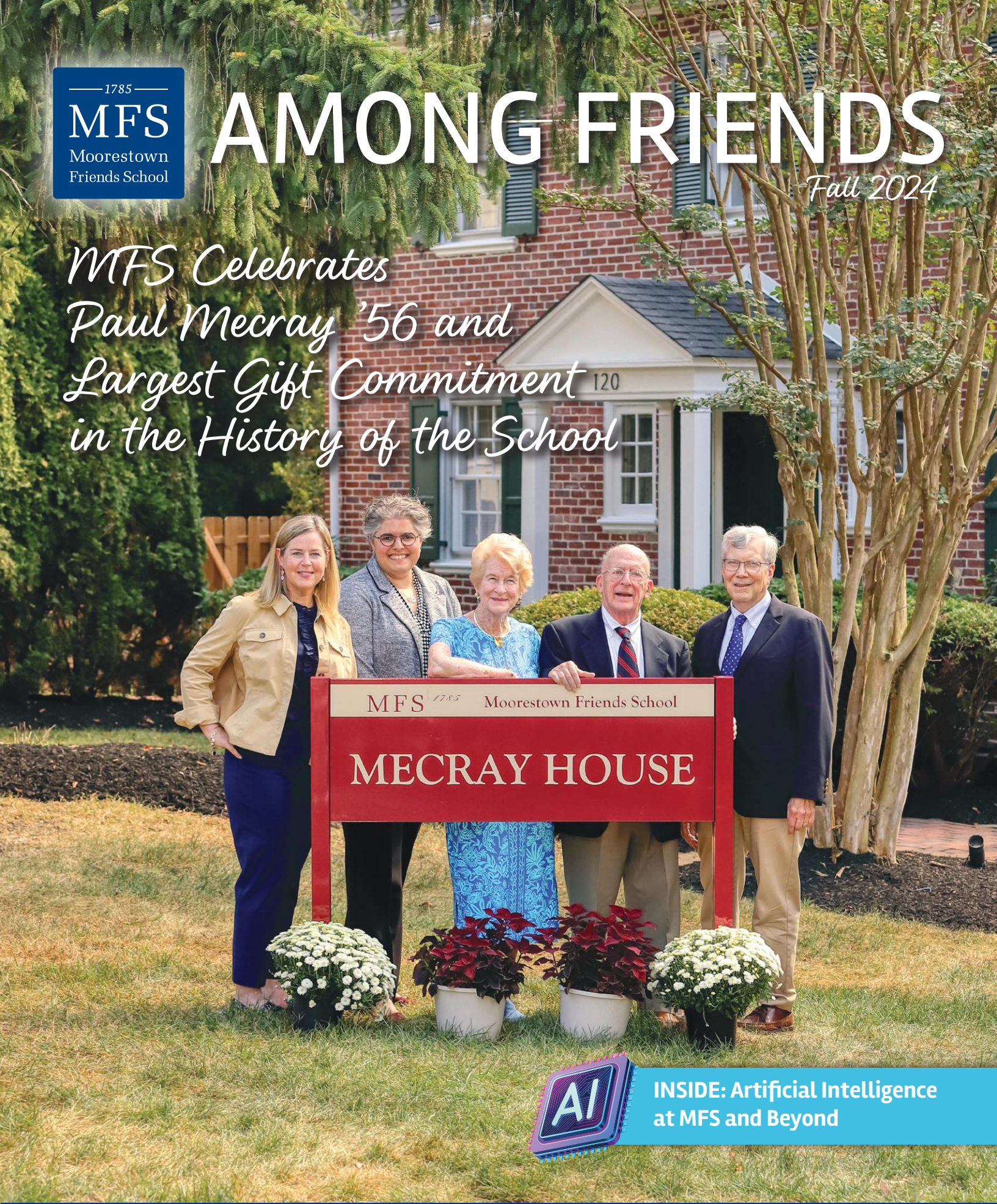
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Moorestown Friends School is a community rooted in Quaker values and dedicated to the pursuit of educational excellence for a diverse student body within an academically rigorous and balanced program emphasizing personal, ethical, and spiritual growth.

Fall 1987, revised May 2011

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School Committee Clerk **Ivy Brown '89,** Head of School **Julia de la Torre,** Nell Mecray, **Paul Mecray '56**, and former Head of School **Larry Van Meter '68** at the Mecray House Dedication on September 20.

Photos from the First Weeks of School

September and the first weeks of October were full of activity at MFS:





















Dear Friends,

As we near the end of the calendar year, many of us consider charitable contributions to organizations that matter to us. **But why do we give?**

For some people, giving back - whether it be time, talent, or treasure - is a way to show gratitude to those organizations that have been important to us over the years. Giving is also a way to inspire others to do the same, so that together we can make a meaningful difference in our communities.

Over the past several years, I have had the pleasure of spending time with Paul Mecray III '56, who recently announced an outright gift and an estate commitment to Moorestown Friends School totalling **$4 million dollars, the largest gift in the nearly 240-year history of the school.** When talking with Paul about why he gives, it is clear that he attributes so much of his life path to the influential teachers he had at MFS and the powerful lessons he learned both in and out of the classroom. It was at MFS where Paul learned how to research, question, and engage in respectful dialogue with others, no matter what their background or beliefs. It was MFS that instilled in him a care for the community that would continue to resonate for him nearly 70 years later.

Paul also gives because he wants to set an example for his children, grandchildren, and for the many MFS students who will come after him that it matters to give back to those institutions that shape our lives. With this incredible unrestricted estate commitment to the school, Paul is placing his belief in the school to continue to inspire generations more young people for years to come.

Enclosed in this issue of *Among Friends* is the 2023-24 Annual Report of Donors, celebrating philanthropy at every level. I want to extend sincere thanks to those of you who financially supported the school this past year. **It was the most successful year of fundraising in the history of the school, and we have you to thank.** Your generosity helped support faculty, staff, and students throughout the year, allowed us to grow new programming, and laid a strong foundation for the continued development of the campus and curriculum.

The Annual Report also highlights "A Day in the Life" at MFS. As you connect with the daily lives of today's students and enjoy the stories featured throughout this issue, I hope you are inspired by the rich learning and powerful community experiences that characterize Moorestown Friends School today. Thank you for your continued engagement with and dedication to the school.

Sincerely,

Julia de la Torre



Julia de la Torre
Head of School

Notes from Pages Lane

This section of *Among Friends* takes its name from Pages Lane, the road that bisected the Moorestown Friends School campus prior to the construction of Stokes Hall in 1986.

September 20



Eighth graders and Upper School students explored clubs to join now or in the future at the annual Club Fair.

September 17



During a unit on the SPICES in Quaker Education class, sixth and seventh graders created mandalas with one of the core Quaker values at its center.

September 13



Upper School students, faculty, and staff wore teal and purple in recognition of Suicide Prevention Month. The Wellness and Student Support team hosted a mental health awareness forum and a lunchtime fundraiser was held to support suicide prevention efforts.

September 6



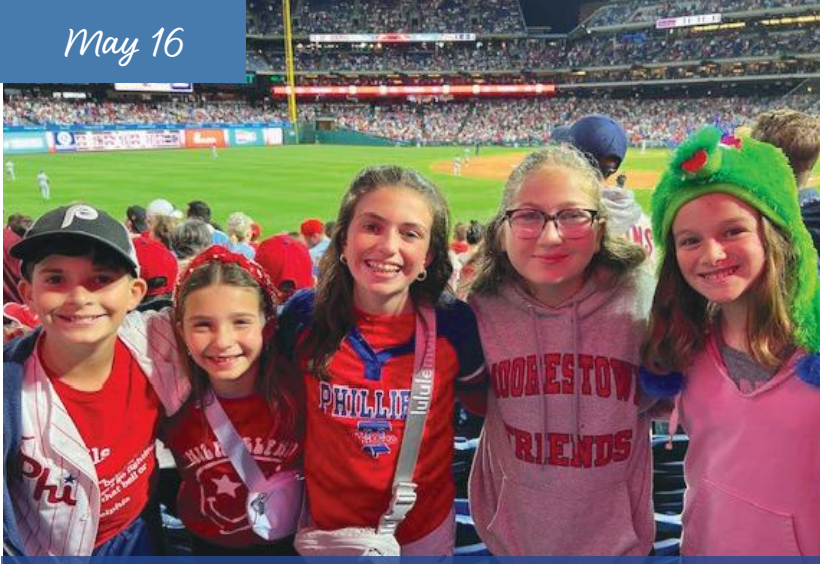
Community members celebrated the return to school at the All-School Picnic.

May 29



Camden Scholars, alumni, faculty, and supporters gathered for the annual Camden Scholars Dinner and celebrated graduates **Katherine Nguyen '24** (far left) and **Omar Williams '24** (far right).

May 16



MFS friends, families, and alumni enjoyed a night out at the Phillies game!

May 10



Middle School students hosted their annual Service Carnival, featuring a variety of engaging games to help raise funds for organizations with which the students have engaged.

April 26



Faculty and staff participated in the Biennial Day of Service, dedicating their morning to various community projects on and off campus.

April 26



Students who traveled to Germany and Switzerland in the Summer of 2023 for the Global Leadership Summit saw one of their environmental impact projects come to fruition, as a Rain Garden was installed on the Paul Drive side of the McShap Path.

April 25



Middle and Upper School students participated in the 26th annual Science and Engineering Expo (SEE). From Physics to Biology to Geology and much more, students showcased a variety of projects and research on scientific topics.

April 8



Students watched the solar eclipse with their special, protective eclipse sunglasses, provided to every MFS student and employee to safely enjoy the experience.









1 Boys' Tennis enjoyed an undefeated championship debut in the Burlington County Scholastic League (BCSL), finishing at 7-0 in the league and 16-3 overall. They advanced all the way to the NJSIAA Non-Public South Tournament championship, falling to Christian Brothers, 4-1. The Foxes placed finalists in all five flights of the BCSL Open tournament as well. Capturing titles were (third from right) **Jack Cranmer '25** (Third Singles), (second from left) **Robert Li '25** and (second from right) **Jason Youssef '26** (First Doubles), and (fourth from right) **Dhru Ponnamaneni '24** and (fourth from left) **Gabe Harvey '25** (Second Doubles). (Third from left) **Rafa Rauf '27** and (left) **Zev Smith '26** finished as runners up. Rafa Rauf was selected All-South Jersey Singles by the ***Courier-Post*** and Rafa, along with Zev Smith and Jack Cranmer, were selected All-Non-Public Singles. Robert Li/Jason Youssef and Dhru Ponnamaneni/Gabe Harvey were selected as the two All-South Jersey doubles teams. Coach **Kathleen Gonzalez** is pictured in the team photo.

2 The Golf team enjoyed a splendid debut in the Burlington County Scholastic League, capturing the league championship with an 11-1 record. The Foxes concluded their season with an overall record of 16-3. Pictured from left: **Ava Ellis '25, Hannah Puc '24, Coach Joe O'Hara, Katherine Lee '25, Vikram Verma '25,** and **Jared Kolaris '25.** Not pictured is **Declan Copper '27**. Hannah Puc was selected by PHL17 Philadelphia as their Student Athlete of the Week for the week of April 22.

3 The Athletics Department presented the 2024 Herm Magee Awards at the Upper School Awards Reception on June 3. The awardees were **Jonah Bierig '24** (Soccer/Lacrosse) and **Mikelle Smith '25** (Soccer/Basketball/Lacrosse). The Herm Magee Award is presented to a male and female athlete for outstanding athletic achievement, leadership, and sportsmanship contributions to MFS athletics.

4 **Isaac Linden '25** won the BCSL Freedom Division Championship Race on October 23 with a time of 17:26.

5 **Mikelle Smith '25** (center holding banner) achieved three season/career statistical milestones during the Girls' Lacrosse season. She surpassed 100 goals on the season with a whopping 122 goals. She also surpassed the 100- and 200-goal career plateaus during the season, finishing with 209 career goals with her senior season still to come. The Foxes finished 6-2 in the BCSL Patriot and 8-8 overall.

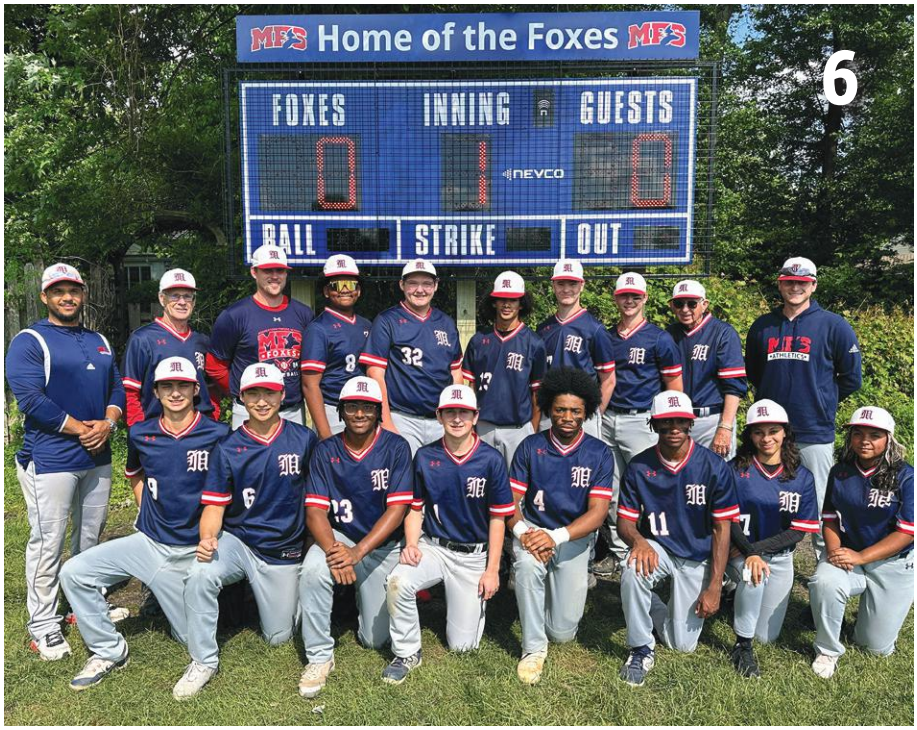




6 The Baseball team unveiled their new scoreboard on May 13. Thanks to the MFS Baseball alumni and friends who contributed to this project.

7 The Boys' Soccer team won the BCSL Patriot Division with a record of 6-1-1. The Foxes, who were 9-6-1 overall at press time, earned the #1 seed in the NJSIAA Non-Public B South tournament. (photo courtesy of *Cupola* yearbook staff)

8 The Field Hockey team captured the BCSL Freedom Division championship with a perfect 10-0 record. The team was 13-3 overall at press time as they prepared for NJSIAA playoffs. (photo courtesy of *Cupola* yearbook staff)





New Trustees

Four trustees have been appointed to the School Committee as of July 1, 2024.



Kirk Fullerton is a Securities Trader at Susquehanna International Group and a graduate of Drexel University. He and his wife Allison are parents of two Middle School girls at MFS, who both started in Preschool. They have been active members of the school community since 2015. They have been Parent Council Class Parents and Lower School Division Coordinators. Allison has held numerous volunteer roles, and Kirk has been an ad hoc member of the MFS Development Committee since 2018. Kirk and Allison have been important supporters of the Annual Fund and capital campaigns. The Fullertons live in Riverton, where Kirk serves on the Borough of Riverton Town Council as President. Kirk is a board-member-at-large, overseeing the Governance and Nominating Committee for Beat the Streets, Philadelphia, a wrestling program for urban youth.



Timothy Kreider '00 is a child and adolescent psychiatrist. A Quaker, Tim attended MFS for 13 years. He earned a B.S. in Mathematics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology followed by the M.D./Ph.D. from New Jersey Medical School. He trained in general psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania and child and adolescent psychiatry at New York University. Since 2016, he has worked at Northwell Health Zucker Hillside Hospital, a psychiatric hospital in eastern Queens, NY. His clinical work focuses on the care of college students following psychiatric hospitalization. He teaches and holds education leadership roles for the psychiatry residency of Zucker Hillside Hospital and the Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. His teaching and mentorship have been honored at Zucker with induction into the Academy of Medical Educators. Tim lives in Astoria, NY with his wife Su-Jen and their seven-year-old child.

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Christopher Lloyd '05 is Director - Real Estate Investment Banking with Scotiabank. He attended MFS for 13 years. He went on to study Economics and Psychology at Hamilton College. Chris moved to Manhattan immediately after graduating Hamilton in 2009 and joined the finance industry, initially in equity research but with the last twelve years in investment banking. He has spent time at Lazard, Deutsche Bank, and now at Scotiabank where his work also includes Gaming and Lodging Investment Banking. Chris is involved in recruiting efforts for Hamilton College. He participates in angel investing, enjoys cooking and international travel, and is a prior member of the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music Advisory Board, and the Hamilton College Career Network Advisory Board. Chris has served on the Alumni Association for MFS and he was appointed as an Ad Hoc Member of the school's Assets Committee in May 2022. Chris and his wife Jane Rouse-Lloyd live in Ridgewood, NJ with their two young children.



Alexandra Stark '06 is an associate policy researcher at RAND. She joined MFS in Kindergarten. She completed her PhD in the Government Department at Georgetown University in 2019, and holds an M.Sc. in international relations from the London School of Economics and a B.A. from Wellesley College, where she was a fellow of the Madeleine K. Albright Institute for Global Affairs. She has studied abroad in Amman, Jordan and Rabat, Morocco. She is a 2023 Non-Resident Fellow with the Irregular Warfare Initiative. Based in Washington, D.C., Alex focuses on research related to national security and defense, and her clients include the Secretary of Defense, the Army, the Air Force, and the State Department. Prior to joining RAND, Alex was a Senior Researcher at New America, a pre-doctoral fellow at the Middle East Institute of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, and Minerva/Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar at the United States Institute of Peace. Her research has been published in a number of venues, and she is the author of a new book *The Yemen Model: Why U.S. Policy Has Failed in the Middle East*. A Quaker, Alex has served on the executive board at Friends Council on National Legislation. She joined the MFS Quaker Values Committee in December 2023. She is firmly rooted in the belief of trying to bring a Quaker perspective to US foreign policy.

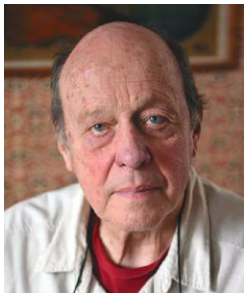
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Save the Date for Alumni Weekend *2025*

Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3

Events include the Dinner Among Friends and Alumni Awards; Meeting for Worship; Alumni Networking Reception; Reunions for Classes ending in 5 and 0; and much more.

James C. Scott '54



Credit: Yale University

James C. Scott, a world-renowned author, professor, and social scientist, died on July 19 at his home in Connecticut. He was the 2001 recipient of the Alumni Association's Alice Paul Merit Award.

His research concerned political economy, comparative agrarian societies, theories of hegemony and resistance, peasant politics, revolution, Southeast Asia, theories of class relations and anarchism. His publications included: ***Domination and the Arts of Resistance*** (1985); ***Weapons of the Weak: Everyday Forms of Peasant Resistance*** (1980); ***Seeing Like a State: How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition Have Failed*** (1998); ***The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History of Upland Southeast Asia*** (2008); ***Two Cheers for Anarchism*** (2013); and ***Against the Grain: A Deep History of the Earliest Agrarian States*** (2017).

His death was announced by Yale University:

James C. Scott, Sterling Professor Emeritus, Political Science; Acting Director, Agrarian Studies; Professor Emeritus, School of Forestry & Environmental Studies and Anthropology and Institute for Social and Policy Studies passed peacefully in his home in Durham, CT on Friday, July 19, 2024.

Jim, who returned to Yale in 1976, was the founding director of the Agrarian Studies Center at Yale University, an experimental, interdisciplinary effort to reshape how a new generation of scholars understands rural life and society. He was described in the 2012 New York Times article "The Professor Who Learns From Peasants" as the "unofficial founder of the field of "resistance studies," in which his book ***Weapons of the Weak*** *(1985), a study of peasant resistance based on fieldwork in a Malaysian village, is a kind of Bible.*

On August 27, 2021 the Berkeley Library Oral History Project at the University of California announced the release of the Yale Agrarian Studies Oral History Project, a two-part series featuring the life history of James C. Scott, and shorter interviews with over a dozen affiliates of the Yale Agrarian Studies Program. He was awarded the 2020 Albert O. Hirschman Prize, the Social Science Research Council's highest honor.

Numerous other tributes and retrospective of his life and career were written:

The New York Times:

...The author of a shelf of disparate, iconoclastic books, several of them regarded as classics, Dr. Scott was "one of the great intellectuals of our time," Louis Warren, a history professor at the University of California, Berkeley, said in a 2021 oral history of Yale's agrarian studies program.

The Yale News:

James Scott was born in Beverly, New Jersey, the son of a doctor with West Virginia roots who died when Scott was nine years old. He was educated at the Moorestown Friends School, a small Quaker school where the Quaker ethos, he said, had a distinct influence on him.

One reason: the Quaker meeting, a form of religious gathering with no clergy, where a group of elders held prominence and anyone could speak, was intellectually and emotionally appealing to him — "an anarchist step," as he said. The second reason was the history of Quakers as proponents of peace, dissenters and outliers; some were conscientious objectors even during World War II. Scott said he did not agree with them, but he admired their "courage, persistence and dignity." As he put it, Quakerism acquainted him with people "who were capable of being a minority of one."

And, thirdly, Moorestown Friends, in the ethos of the Quakers, gave their students the opportunity to attend week-long work camps where they worked with the indigent and needy in Philadelphia. This experience, as he said, "stayed with me forever."

Scott lived what he studied. Like some of the Quakers he saw in meetings, he was a dissenter and an outlier. Nothing intimidated him, and he resisted pomposity and domination in all their forms."

The Washington Post:

Dr. Scott's scholarship was diverse and often intellectually provocative. In several books, he described how rural communities in Southeast Asia fought modernization pressures and rules by central authorities. In other works, he asserted that big government programs can sometimes unintentionally harm the people they sought to help.

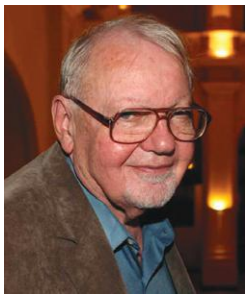
The binding themes across all of Dr. Scott's more than a dozen books were that sweeping ambitions by governments can often be at odds with human nature and generational wisdom. He posited, in various ways, that people possess a natural aversion to top-down authority and one-size-fits-all economic planning.

Dr. Scott did not endorse anarchy in the sense of lawless upheavals. Instead, he tracked the influence of lower-voltage forms of protest — what he called the "struggle below the radar" — such as peasants intentionally burning their crops in protest or city dwellers staging local boycotts.

Foreign Policy:

...a political scientist and anthropologist who was among the most influential intellectuals of the last half-century... Starting with ***The Moral Economy of the Peasant*** *in 1979 and continuing through to his last published work,* ***Against the Grain*** *in 2017, Scott's topics ranged from German forestry to Malaysian villages, unified by a thematic concern with how centralized forms of control are both exerted and resisted.*

Fredric Jameson '50



Credit: Creative Commons

Fredric Jameson, a world-renowned cultural theorist and literary critic who influenced generations of scholars, died on September 22 at the age of 90. He was the 2015 recipient of the Alumni Association's Alice Paul Merit Award.

He was best known for his analysis of contemporary cultural trends, particularly his analysis of postmodernity and capitalism. He wrote over thirty books, including his most famous ***Postmodernism, or, The Cultural Logic of Late Capitalism*** (1991) and ***The Political Unconscious*** (1981). At Duke University, he was the Knut Schmidt Nielsen Distinguished Professor of Comparative Literature, teaching courses covering modernism, postmodernism theory and culture, Marx and Freud, and the modern French novel and cinema. He was also a Professor of Romance Studies (French), and Director of the Institute for Critical Theory at Duke. In 2008, Jameson was awarded the annual Holberg International Memorial Prize, the most prestigious interdisciplinary award in the social sciences, in recognition of his career-long research "on the relation between social formations and cultural forms."

Numerous tributes were written after Fredric's passing:

The New York Times:

Fredric Jameson, who held sway as one of the world's leading literary theorists for over 40 years, bringing his brand of rigorous, incisive Marxist criticism to topics as broad as German opera, sci-fi films and luxury hotel design, died on Sunday at his home in Killingworth, Conn.

For decades, Mr. Jameson's voluminous work — more than 30 books and edited collections as well as reams of journal articles — has been required reading for graduate students (and some precocious undergraduates), not just in literature but also in film studies, architecture and history.

Duke Today:

Jameson came to Duke in 1985 and for 18 years directed Duke's Program in Literature, which in addition to teaching traditional comparative literature also focused on critical theory -- an examination of philosophical issues connected to culture and literature.

"There are very few other programs that do that," Jameson said in 2003, the year he stepped down as director. "I think we have a rather special reputation. ... It's a program that doesn't have an equivalent anywhere else."

After graduating from Haverford College with a B.A. in 1954, Jameson attended Yale for graduate school, earning his Ph.D. in 1959.

One of the first scholars to bring French and German theory to the United States, Jameson wrote on such topics as film, architecture, painting and science fiction. He was one of the first scholars to give serious attention to science fiction writer Philip K. Dick.

Duke University Press:

Jameson's influence on Duke University Press cannot be overstated. Senior Executive Editor Ken Wissoker says, "For many years I referred to the Press as 'the house that Fred built' the way Yankee Stadium was called 'the house that Ruth built.' It's hard to imagine Duke University or Duke University Press without Fred's intellectual leadership, his global reach, and his scholarly genius. He brought many authors to the Press, and many scholars to Duke, changing criticism and the humanities here and around the world. It's an incomparable legacy.

In 1991 we published Jameson's book ***Postmodernism, or, The Cultural Logic of Late Capitalism****, which remains our all-time bestseller and has been translated into more than a dozen languages. It received the James Russell Lowell Prize from the Modern Language Association.*

The Architect's Newspaper:

Postmodernism, or, The Cultural Logic of Late Capitalism *was arguably Jameson's best known book where, in 1991, he referenced Robert Venturi, Charles Moore, Michael Graves, Frank Gehry, John Portman and other architects to explore the schism between high modernism and postmodernism; and that schism's cultural, political, and economic ramifications more broadly.*

"Architecture is, however, of all the arts that is closest constitutively to the economic," Jameson famously postulated, "with which, in the form of commissions and land values, it has a virtually unmediated relationship: it will therefore not be surprising to find the extraordinary flowering of the new postmodern architecture grounded in the patronage of multinational business, whose expansion and development is strictly contemporaneous with it."

The Conversation:

Over the course of his long and influential career, Jameson published 34 books and hundreds of articles. Along with his legendary conference interventions, they attest to perhaps the single most generous and sustained act of attention to cultural forms in human history. His work took in a mind-boggling array of materials. Colin MacCabe once quipped that "nothing cultural was alien to him". Though Jameson's training was in German and French literature (under Wayne C. Booth and Erich Auerbach), he went on to master Western Marxism and French theory, before turning his tireless mind to architecture, theatre, film, television, opera, symphonic form, pulp fiction, painting, and what seemed to be every book written in any language worthy of our attention.



MFS Celebrates Paul Mecray ’56 and Largest Gift Commitment in the History of the School

*School Committee Clerk **Ivy Brown ’89**, Nell Mecray, **Paul Mecray ’56,** and Head of School **Julia de la Torre** at the Mecray House Dedication on September 20.*

The Moorestown Friends School community celebrated the largest major gift commitment in its 239-year history on Friday, September 20 - a $4 million combined outright and estate gift from Paul Mecray ’56.

In honor of Paul’s bequest, the School Committee (Board of Trustees) approved a resolution to rename the Head’s Residence “Mecray House,” located at 120 E. Main St. Faculty, staff, students, trustees, and friends of the school gathered to dedicate Mecray House and thank Paul for his generous commitment. Providing remarks were School Committee Clerk Ivy Brown ’89, Head of School Julia de la Torre, and former Head of School Larry Van Meter ’68.

“We are so grateful to Paul Mecray for this transformational gift and commitment to supporting Moorestown Friends School and generations of young people for years to come,” said Julia de la Torre. “Coming home to Mecray House each day will also be a wonderful reminder to me and my family of Paul’s generosity and his strong belief in letting your life speak and inspiring others to do the same.”

Paul Mecray was joined at the celebration by his wife Nell and several members of his family. He summarized his arrival at the school in Middle School from Haddonfield Friends School and spoke about the impact MFS had on his career. “I am very honored to be here and remember coming down Pages Lane 74 years ago as a 12-year-old, getting on the bus and very excited to be coming to a ’big school,’” said Paul.

At a time when there was great tumult in the United States, Paul quickly befriended a classmate, Jim Matlack, with whom he shared a passion for world events. They possessed divergent views about the Korean War in 1950, but their knowledge and views were impressive and former History Teacher G. Macculloch “Cully” Miller urged Paul and Jim to speak about the conflict to the entire student body from the perspectives of their opposing viewpoints, even though they were just 12 years old. “Mr. Miller would say ’We are going to teach you something about Quaker education - respect. You don’t always have to like the other person to be respectful,’” said Paul. Jim and Paul remained close friends and to attended Princeton University together.

Paul Mecray went on to work with world leaders, heads of government, and major figures in the Middle East throughout his career as a geologist, businessman, advisor, negotiator, and mediator, but frequently he found himself harkening back to his days at MFS. “Often during my career, my mind would flash back to September of 1950 when Cully Miller would say ’boys - the one thing I want you to learn beyond public speaking is to be respectful, be respectful to people with whom you agree and disagree.’”

Paul expressed hope that his gift would serve future generations in similar ways that it served him.

“MFS basically impacted my whole career and I owe a lot of it to people like [former Headmaster] Chester Reagan and Cully Miller, and others. It is a pleasure for me to be here and to see the young people that are here. I wish that my contribution will help Moorestown attract good teachers and provide good facilities and teach students what Quakers are so good at, which is teaching you to be respectful of each other.”

Paul shared earlier this year with Julia de la Torre and Director of Development Steve Zakroff that he was making an outright gift to the school of $50,000, and that he had arranged for a major gift from his estate in the amount of $3,950,000, to make for the total gift of $4 million. His intention is for



*Nell and **Paul Mecray '56** with their family at the Mecray House dedication.*

this generous bequest to be unrestricted, giving the School Committee the flexibility to utilize the funds to serve the best interests of the school.

About Mecray House

According to the minutes of the Oct. 15, 1935 meeting of the Moorestown Friends School Committee, it was reported that the property at 120 E. Main Street was being gifted to the school by J. Stogdell and May Stokes. Further, it was noted that "a house for the Principal" was to be constructed on the property, which would be given by Dr. S. Emlen and Lydia B. Stokes. Further, "Dr. Joseph Stokes, Samuel L. Matlack, and Alice S. Perkins were appointed [to] an advisory committee to work with Dr. and Mrs. Stokes on this project."

Headmaster Chester Reagan reported at the Sept. 28, 1936 School Committee Meeting that he and "his family are now located in their new home 120 E. Main Street." Further, he shared that "A cordial invitation is extended to all members of both Monthly Meetings, who are interested, to call between 3:30 and 5:30 on First-day afternoon 10th month 18th."

All of the modern day Headmasters and Heads of Schools since Chester Reagan have lived in the Head's Residence.

About Paul M. Mecray '56

Paul "Terry" Mulford Mecray, III, came to MFS from Haddonfield Friends School for Middle and Upper School. He was especially inspired by history teacher G. Macculloch "Cully" Miller, who brought the daily news to life by encouraging debate about the key issues of the day, including pros and cons about the Korean War, Senator Joe McCarthy, and each national election campaign. English teacher Jean Ricketts also made a significant impact on Paul. A scholar-athlete at MFS, he was also captain of the baseball team and played varsity soccer. He graduated as a member of the Class of 1956.

After MFS, Paul attended Princeton University, where he discovered his passion for geology, captained the Ski Team, and continued to play soccer. Following his 1960 graduation with honors, he earned an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. Then he served in the Army Security Agency. For his first job, he joined Atlantic Refining Company, focusing on oil exploration, and later helping to negotiate the merger that created Atlantic Richfield.

In 1968, Paul joined Wellington Management Company, and spent 36 years in global energy research, with extensive travel



***Julia de la Torre** greeted guests with Mecray House as the backdrop.*

to all of the world's oil producing regions. His attention was primarily on the Middle East, Iran and Caspian countries, and he met many world figures, from Secretary of State Madeline Albright to Palestinian Liberation Organization chairman, Yasser Arafat, and former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Paul helped with back-channel negotiations, working to mediate international disputes in the Middle East, which gave him the opportunity to use the lessons he learned at MFS on the world stage. He remembered how Cully Miller made sure his students understood both sides of each issue without leading them to a foregone conclusion. Their classes always represented both conservative and liberal viewpoints, many of which were heatedly debated, but always with respect for the opposite viewpoint. Paul has observed that "Every time I sat down with someone whose views were diametrically the opposite of my own, Cully's smiling face would pop into my mind, quietly whispering to me, 'Listen to him, even if you might completely disagree, and then try to find some middle ground where both parties to this dispute might find room to negotiate.'"

After retiring from Wellington in 2003, he "unretired" shortly thereafter, and joined Tower Bridge Advisors, continuing his work in energy research, and managing individual portfolios. His other engagements have included serving as a trustee of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, and as a director of The Presbyterian Historical Society. He is a member and former president of the National Association of Petroleum Investment Analysts and The Financial Analysts of Philadelphia, and a former director of Swift Transportation Company.

As the Moorestown Friends 50th reunion of the Class of 1956 approached in 2006, Paul took the lead not only in spurring reunion attendance, but in encouraging his classmates to make a significant class gift.

Paul decided to make Moorestown Friends a philanthropic priority after reflecting that even after studying at academically elite institutions such as Princeton and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Cully Miller was probably the best teacher he had ever had – and that he and his classmates could make a bigger difference by becoming involved and supporting MFS than they could at their already well-endowed colleges.

The Class divided their reunion giving between support for the G. Macculloch "Cully" Miller Social Studies Endowment Fund and establishing the Class of 1956 Conversation Garden. The class united around an idea proposed by Paul, with his wife Nell, a master gardener and alumna of Springside School, for campus beautification. The Mecrays worked with MFS to design a plan for a Conversation Garden in the shaded area between the front of The West Building and Main Street. The gift of the garden, with seating, shrubs and perennial plantings, has served to greatly further the growing tradition of 50th reunion class gifts with subsequent classes.

Continuing the idea of making the outdoor spaces on campus more inviting, as part of the "Great Classrooms for Great Kids" campaign, the Mecrays made another major contribution,



***Paul Mecray '56** provided remarks at the dedication of Mecray House.*

which the school recognized through the naming of The Mecray Courtyard. This space, given in memory of Paul's parents and grandparents, lies between the main campus and the path to Hartman Hall. It features tables and benches, as well as perennial shrubs and plants, along the walkway between the tennis courts and the Field House.

Paul has lent his talents to the school as a member of the first Head's Council, a leadership group that met annually with Head of School Larry Van Meter to provide advice and serve as a sounding board. As an international expert on the geopolitics of oil, he has also spoken to students at Moorestown Friends enrolled in 20th Century History, Economics, and Model United Nation classes.

Paul's outstanding success in his career both as a businessman and an unofficial peace negotiator, and his generosity toward MFS, and other institutions of importance to him, personify the qualities MFS seeks in its graduates, of "doing ell and doing good." In May 2016, Paul received the Alice Stokes Paul Alumni Association Award of Merit in recognition of his outstanding career achievements as a petroleum geologist, businessman and "diplomat without portfolio" in the Middle East, as well as for his dedication to Moorestown Friends School, and in particular, the beautification of the campus.

Three Faculty Members Travel Abroad for Zekavat Summer Sabbaticals



The Zekavat Family Summer Sabbatical Endowment was established at MFS in 1996 to encourage the faculty to engage in creative and challenging summer travel and study. The Sabbatical is meant to contribute to the rejuvenation and education of teachers and to permit them to pursue opportunities for personal growth and learning. Full-time faculty members who have served three years teaching at MFS are eligible. A key goal of the Sabbatical is to share the ideas, experiences and traditions from other cultures with students and faculty at MFS both inside and outside of the classroom.

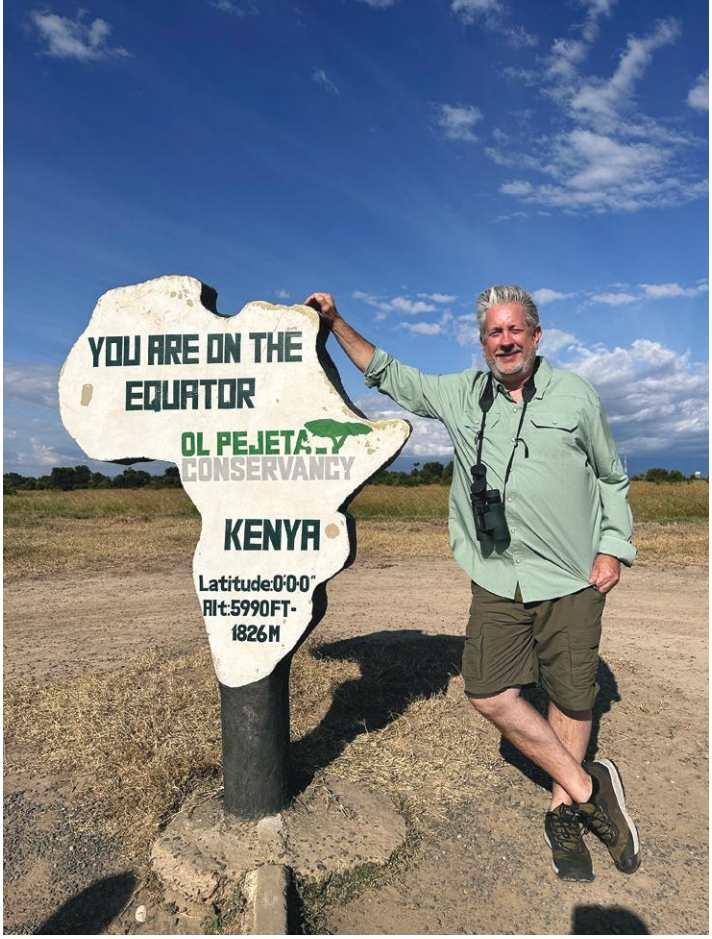


"Into the Wild: 1,000 Hours Outside in Norwegian Forest Kindergartens"
Kindergarten Teacher Jenny Ragghianti

Jenny explored outdoor Kindergarten programs and play in Norway. Working with the University of Minnesota and Norway House, Jenny visited two schools on the outskirts of Oslo - Solemsk Naturebarnehage and Floyen Naturebarnehage - where children spend more than half of their day outdoors, and have large areas of forest that they can explore freely. Jenny observed how the school day is structured to incorporate both academics and free play. She also visited playgrounds in Norway which have unique features that promote physical exploration and allow children to take calculated risks.

"Having the opportunity to visit Norway, and explore the culture of outdoor learning, renewed my enthusiasm for work that is so vital to a quality early education. It is quite common in Norway for young children to spend the bulk of their day outdoors. Children are able to attend free outdoor Kindergarten from ages one to five, where the primary focus is on play and exploration. In America, these practices are often anathema to educational practices that are increasingly regimented and sedentary. I feel so fortunate to work at an institution where children's development is a priority, as is the development of their teachers. Being in Norway also enhanced my understanding of my family heritage. I got to see the spot where my great-grandfather Torger Bergi boarded a ship and embarked for a new life in America. I learned about the native Sami people, from whom I am descended, and took my son wading into the icy Auerlansfjord just like my ancestors did centuries ago."





"Exploring Identity, Ecological Biodiversity and Cultural Connections in Central Italy"
Upper School Science Teacher Trish Tate

Trish investigated her family's roots in Central Italy and visited Italian libraries and archives. To prepare for her trip, she learned Italian and gathered information about the cultural and ecological history of Central Italy. Trish's itinerary included the cities of Chieti, Rome, Florence, and Venice. She engaged with outdoor educational opportunities around the Abruzzo, Lazio, and Molise National Parks and collected data on endangered apennine chamois and marsican brown bear populations to evaluate with her AP Biology class. She sought to build relationships between MFS and local Italian schools, while also exploring service learning opportunities through historical Italian connections in Camden.

"I found in Italy a country that embraces community in a way that I have only ever felt at MFS. Being greeted by Val and Chuck at the front desk is the same as a stranger in a gelato shop in Florence exclaiming 'my blood!' when they learned of my family connection to the city. Meeting a family of four on a train and exchanging addresses so that our daughters could be pen pals is the same joy as my Kindergartner writing to Mrs. Hilgen on the stationary her teachers made from her artwork. To me, Italy is family, community and connection, and so is MFS. I will use this as a lesson in intentionality and care when welcoming students in my classroom. This was the experience of a lifetime and I am so grateful to the Zekavat Family and to MFS for the opportunity."

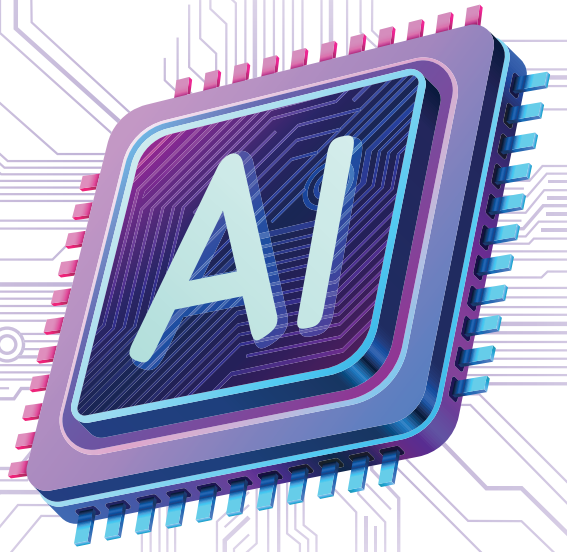
"A Kenyan Kaleidoscope: Education, Indigenous Culture and Wildlife in East Africa"
Upper School Math Teacher Larry Ottman

Larry explored the colonial and post-colonial history of Kenya, specifically as it relates to The Bantu, Cushite and Nilote tribes. He learned about their cultural practices related to life milestones, as well as gender. He made personal connections with schools and teachers in Nairobi and outlying villages to understand their educational system and its impact on Kenyan society, while building future partnerships for MFS students. He also enjoyed experiencing the African Savannah and learning about its habitats, wildlife, and how it is being impacted by climate change. Larry's goal was to develop an Intensive Learning trip to allow MFS students to experience Kenya safely and fully, which will occur in 2026.

"To say that my Zekavat Sabbatical trip exceeded my expectations in every way seems like a trite oversimplification. I had designed my program to focus on wildlife, making connections with local schools, having an authentic experience with various aspects of Kenyan culture, and wrestling with current issues of climate and social change. I had rich experiences in each of those areas… I can hardly wait to bring this wide range of authentic and unique experiences to a group of MFS students and I am using the extra time to further refine and improve on the trip details while learning as much Swahili as I can!"

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AT MFS AND BEYOND

By Diana Day, Academic Technology Coordinator/ Portal Content Director



The quest to understand and replicate human intelligence is not new. References to machines and creations that think like people date back to antiquity and continue to the modern day, with fascinating stories that include automatons (like Talos, the bronze giant created by the god Hephaestus to guard Crete), artificial humans (as in Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*), and also real-life inventions (like Blaise Pascal's calculator in 1642). Ultimately, when a number of philosophical, mathematical, and computational theories coalesced at a workshop at Dartmouth in the Summer of 1956, the field of artificial intelligence was born. After 60 rocky years of policy and funding drama, in November 2022, artificial intelligence reached a pivotal moment that grabbed the attention of educators when OpenAI, a for-profit research company, publicly released its generative AI app called ChatGPT.

WHAT IS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE?

"We must never forget that artificial intelligence offers intelligence without consciousness."
– Office of Educational Technology's May 2023 report "Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Teaching and Learning"

Artificial intelligence is a machine's ability to perform the cognitive functions we associate with human minds, such as perceiving, reasoning, learning, interacting with an environment, problem solving, and even exercising creativity. This sounds pretty daunting, and in many ways, it is; in reality, however, you've been using different types of AI for a while now, even if you didn't realize it. Examples include: Netflix or Hulu offering suggestions of what to watch next; anything that uses biometrics, like FaceID; voice assistants like Siri and Alexa; customer service chatbots that appear on websites; Google Translate; predictive text on your phone or in Google Docs, where I'm writing this article; and many more.

Generative artificial intelligence, like ChatGPT, is a subset of AI that uses machine learning, which understands and predicts — like the Netflix suggestions — to allow the creation of new, original content, such as images, text, or music, based on patterns and structures it learns from existing data. The key to understanding generative AI is to remember that it generates fresh and unique content from pre-existing sources.

Of course, it's this generative capacity that both intrigues and concerns educators. News and policy articles about the promises of artificial intelligence sound a lot like the initial promises of computers in the classroom — the new technologies will make life easier for teachers; they will close equity gaps and make educational resources available to all; they will help differentiate instruction; and the old standby promise of saving time. But the reality is that developments in AI are outpacing our ability to craft thoughtful policies and to properly assess safety, bias, efficacy, equity, privacy, and ethical use.



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MFS EMBRACES THE MOMENT

As educators, the easy availability of a tool like ChatGPT means that we have to acknowledge that there are now programs our students can use to generate content for a wide range of assignments. Educators are naturally very concerned that apps like ChatGPT can produce anything from pretty convincing research papers, to essays, to computer code, and more.



The Faculty Artificial Intelligence Task Group conducted research and discussed the promises and drawbacks of AI before making policy recommendations. From left: Academic Technology Coordinator/Portal Content Director ***Diana Day,*** *Librarian* ***Nicole Weber,*** *Director of Teaching and Learning* ***Jackie Dawson,*** *Chester Reagan Chair for Quaker & Religious Studies* ***Dan Zemaitis '98,*** *and Director of Technology* ***Steve Kolaris.*** *Missing from the photo was now retired Middle/ Upper School Computer Science Teacher* ***Gail Barna.***

While these programs are in their infancy (think MySpace vs. Facebook or a flip phone vs. an iPhone), they are constantly improving and changing, meaning that we have to be intentional about our approach to generative AI.

To this end, a group of faculty volunteers was tasked in Summer 2023 to research and discuss the promises and drawbacks of AI and to make policy recommendations. I was joined by Director of Technology **Steve Kolaris,** Director of Teaching and Learning **Jackie Dawson**, now retired Middle/ Upper School Computer Science Teacher **Gail Barna,** Librarian **Nicole Weber,** and Chester Reagan Chair for Quaker & Religious Studies **Dan Zemaitis '98**. Almost immediately, the group reached consensus that this new technology needs to be examined, understood, and evaluated — in short, it needs to be embraced and not banned. The committee also wanted our thinking about AI to be deeply rooted in Quaker philosophy. We wrote the following statement to be woven into policies and syllabi:

> *Moorestown Friends School is committed to the Quaker values of integrity, inclusivity, and independent thinking. Our curriculum fosters the responsible and ethical use of artificial intelligence (AI) as we strive to provide a learning environment that equips students with the skills and knowledge required for the future. Concerns regarding privacy, bias, equity, and academic integrity presented by AI technologies will guide our divisional and departmental policies and practices related to generative AI. MFS embraces the still-evolving nature and transformative potential of AI in education and beyond and recognizes the need to continually reevaluate our engagement with these technologies.*

Our discussions were wide-ranging and productive. We identified many ways that AI could be a useful tool for both teachers and students, while acknowledging that there are many deeply concerning aspects about the technology, like bias and lack of reliability and privacy. Our group helped teachers by making policy recommendations and offering teachers language for their syllabi.

AI IN THE CLASSROOM AT MFS

Photoshop: Pixels to Print Course

ChatGPT isn't the only generative AI; it's just gotten the most media attention. There are many common apps and software programs that now have artificial intelligences embedded into their functions, like Firefly, Photoshop's generative AI, for example. Among other things, Firefly allows Photoshop users to select areas of images and replace them with something else or with a background extrapolated from the existing background in the image. Students in this elective technology course used this tool last Fall to help them create their dispersion images. The goal was to create the illusion of an object, landscape, or person breaking apart and floating away.



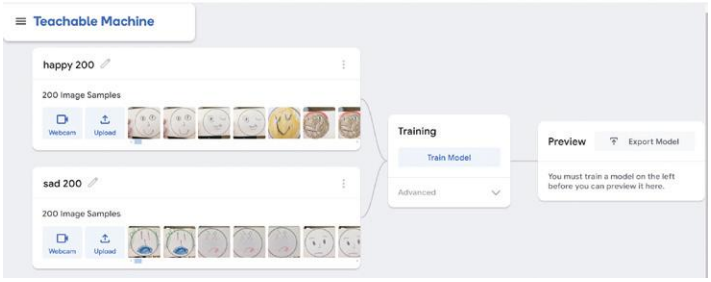




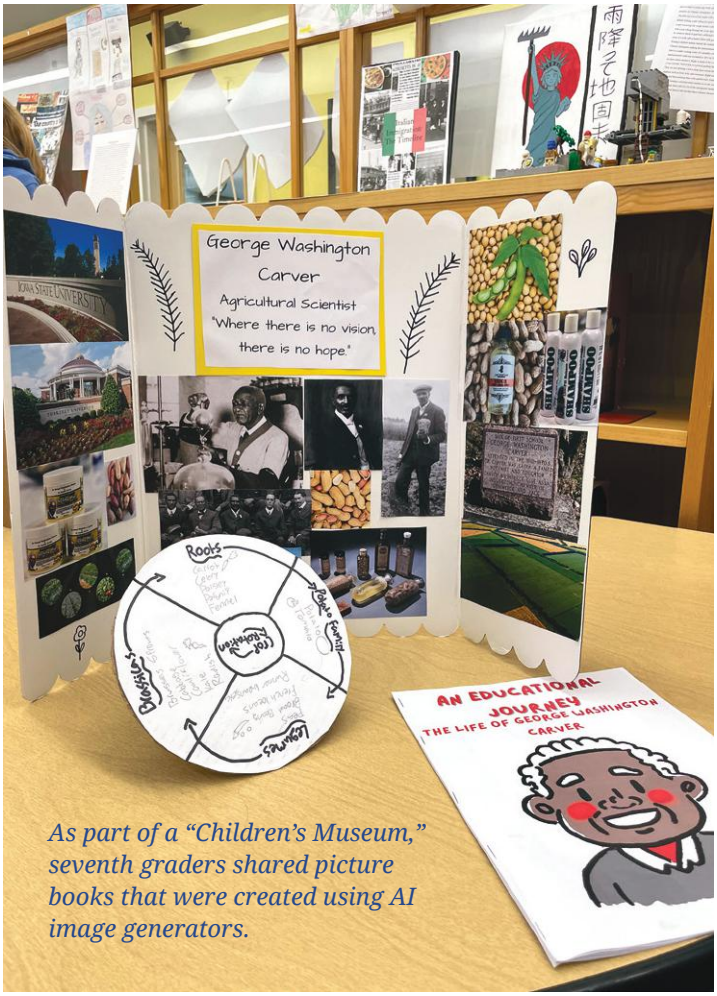
Students in Diana Day's Photoshop course were charged with creating dispersion images using Firefly, Adobe's generative AI program.



Seventh graders test and retest models using Google's Teachable Machine and learn if the "model" gets smarter at distinguishing among faces they created.



Screenshot of a seventh grade student's Teachable Machine model, including the "happy" and "sad" data categories.



As part of a "Children's Museum," seventh graders shared picture books that were created using AI image generators.

Seventh Grade Computer Science Course

In Seventh Grade Computer Science, students use Google's Teachable Machine to create a machine learning model that can distinguish between simple drawings of happy faces and sad faces. Teachable Machine makes it easy for students to create machine learning models and to test them; in our project, the students create the model and test it, first with a small amount of data, and then they add more data and retest to see if the model got "smarter" at distinguishing between the faces. Students learned that the more data the artificial intelligence has, the more it learns and the better it performs. We read news articles about the ways artificial intelligence tools are used in the world today, and the students asked questions and discussed any concerns that arose.

Seventh Grade Picture Books Project

Last year, seventh grade teachers **Paul Rizzo** (English) and **Deborah Bruvik** (Science) collaborated on a fun and meaningful research, writing, and image creation project where students wrote and illustrated picture books and then read them to Lower School students.

First, in science class, Deborah asked students to research scientists from marginalized backgrounds. Students then wrote the text for their picture books.

Under Paul's guidance, students then used AI image generators to illustrate the picture books. Rizzo used the activity as an opportunity to teach seventh graders about different aspects of artificial intelligence. First, he taught them how to create effective prompts by demonstrating that specifics, like strong action verbs, descriptive language, and using identity markers like age, race, and ethnicity, helped generate better images. Students experimented with different generators, like DALL-E, Pixlr, and Microsoft's Copilot Designer, which ended up being the app that generated the best results.

Students concluded that the AI image generators were useful tools, but that they had their limits. They were not able to generate multiple images of the same characters, for example. Additionally, students quickly learned that the quality of the prompt was directly related to the quality of the output: garbage in, garbage out.

Paul also took the opportunity to ask an AI to generate a piece of writing and to have students analyze it to identify strengths and weaknesses.

Finally, the students read an article about using AI for facial recognition and discussed how this type of software can unfairly target people of color.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AT MFS AND BEYOND



Seventh graders showing the picture books they created using AI to Lower School students in the library.

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

"AI often arrives in new applications with the aura of magic, but educators and procurement policies require that edtech show efficacy."

– Office of Educational Technology's May 2023 report "Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Teaching and Learning"

The National Education Association's Task Force on Artificial Intelligence in Education recently published a report stressing the importance of teaching not only with artificial intelligence, but also teaching about AI so students can understand its positive and negative impacts.

For example, teachers can teach students that we typically don't know the sources AI uses to generate its output and whether an AI app or program even had permission to use those sources. Additionally, AI is known to "hallucinate," or to completely fabricate information, making it crucial to fact check every assertion made by an AI. Further, AI is susceptible to all sorts of bias; you might have read news stories about problems with facial recognition software not recognizing faces of non-white people or being used by stores and public venues to surveil customers. Artificial intelligence draws upon data framed by humans and is prone to all of the biases inherent in that data.

In order to make smart, ethical choices about the use of these tools, students need to be aware of concerns like those noted above. But because of the rapid developments in artificial intelligence, there is a lack of clarity around how to navigate issues like intellectual property, bias, reliability, and how much "help" researching and writing is too much or veers into academic dishonesty. Additionally, it is unclear how equitable AI can be as a replacement for other types of learning support, especially human ones. We don't yet know whether AI saves time, or how it saves time; even if it does end up being a help, there are very real concerns about privacy, security, and liability, especially as related to vulnerable populations like children. Also, there is the potential risk of overreliance and dependency on AI tools that could have a negative impact on the development of critical thinking skills.

In spite of the many concerning aspects of artificial intelligence, there are a myriad of opportunities that capture the imagination of many educators. Artificial intelligence offers:

1. Pathways for unique and interactive assignments (fostering cross-departmental connections) and new forms of personalized learning, data-driven insights, augmented reality, virtual reality, and intelligent tutoring systems.
2. The ability for students to learn how to use tools that are becoming increasingly prevalent in many professions and are part of our future.
3. An opportunity to discuss important issues, like the ethical use of technology in education; the nature of human bias and how this bias can make its way into machines; intellectual property and the reasoning behind copyright and intellectual property laws.
4. An opening for educators to explore how AI could potentially provide opportunities for equity and accessibility; for example, with AI, do students who previously couldn't access these benefits now have the ability to access high-quality tutoring or the chance to pursue additional learning opportunities?
5. Time-saving for teachers and administration, like automated grading and feedback, content and lesson planning, administrative tasks.

The potential power and mystery of artificial intelligence offers educators an invitation to reinvigorate important conversations about education, ethics, and the place of technology in the classroom. We can use this moment to make plain the importance of creativity and original thought and scholarship. We can structure (or restructure) our classrooms so students can think and create. Just like the launch of Wikipedia allowed us to teach students about research, transparency, and the reliability of information, the development of generative AI tools gives us opportunities to teach about the purpose of education and the nature of human thought, creativity, and intelligence.

As educators, we must balance the creative and innovative capacities of new tools while still encouraging originality; in the end, centering human decision-making, consciousness, ethics, critical thinking, and, well, humanity, is the goal.



__Danielle Dayton__ was recognized for her retirement at the Dinner Among Friends in May. From left: Certified Athletic Trainer __Kevin Cauley,__ Director of Marketing and Communications __Mike Schlotterbeck__, brother __Rich Dayton,__ Danielle's wife __Kathy England__, brother __Zachary Dayton,__ Danielle Dayton, sister-in-law __Valerie Dayton,__ Athletic Administrative Assistant __Deb Collins Williams '74, Fred Moriuchi '65, Caroline Brunt Moriuchi '66,__ and former Director of Admissions and Financial Aid __Karin Miller__.

Danielle Dayton Led Athletic Department for Two Decades

Danielle Dayton retired at the conclusion of the 2023-24 school year. She was recognized by the community at the Dinner Among Friends on Alumni Weekend in May. Danielle arrived at MFS in 2004 as the Lower School Physical Education Teacher. The following year she served as Interim Athletic Director before assuming the position permanently in 2006.

"Danielle's commitment to the well-being of children guided everything she did in the athletic program at Moorestown Friends" said Head of School Julia de la Torre. "She understood that in order for students to be successful in athletics, they must be committed to their own growth as well as the development of the team. I was always struck not only by the athletic talent of our students, but more importantly by the depth of character they show in competition. Danielle has an unwavering commitment to equity and ensures that every single one of our teams and their coaches receives the resources necessary to provide for the development and success of our student-athletes. Danielle leads authentically, guided by our Quaker values, and holds our student-athletes and coaches to very high standards regarding sportsmanship and conduct."

Danielle was a National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) Certified Master Athletic Administrator. She is one of a very elite group of interscholastic athletic administrators nationwide to attain this level of professionalism. Danielle served twice as Clerk of the Friends Schools League and was nominated to the Executive Committee. She successfully steered the school's transition into the Burlington County Scholastic League in 2023.

Danielle is never one to measure success by wins and losses, but it is impossible to ignore the successes enjoyed by MFS teams and student-athletes throughout her tenure, which were aided by the support of Danielle and her staff. This includes: NJSIAA state team championships in Girls' Tennis, Boys' Fencing, and Girls' Soccer; NJSIAA sectional team championships in those sports along with Boys' Soccer and Boys' Tennis; and Friends Schools League championships in Golf, Baseball, Boys' Soccer, Girls' Tennis, and Field Hockey. Danielle served as Varsity Field Hockey Coach from 2005-2020, and finished with a career record of 130-91-11. Her teams captured Friends Schools League championships in 2007 and 2019.

Danielle looks forward to spending more time with her wife Kathy, who recently retired from Baldwin School, as well as pouring time into her family, located in both New Jersey and Ohio. She also looks forward to more traveling, continuing her active lifestyle, community service, and trying new things.



__Gail Barna__ was recognized for her retirement at the Dinner Among Friends in May. Seated: daughter __Jen Barna '06,__ husband Pete Barna, Gail Barna, son __Peter Barna '11,__ daughter __Kelly Barna Baerman '09,__ and son-in-law Paul Baerman. Standing: Director of Technology __Steve Kolaris,__ Academic Technology Coordinator and Portal Content Director __Diana Day,__ Lower School and Grade 5 Coding Teacher __Rachel Kaplan,__ Sandra Caputi, Paul Caputi, Lower School and Grade 5 Computer Teacher and Assistant to the Director of Technology __Lisa Thomas Martin '84,__ and Part-Time Technology Teacher __Justin Vecchio__.

Gail Barna Provided Stellar Technology Instruction to Generations of Students

Gail Barna retired at the end of the 2023-24 school year after completing her 26th year of service at the school. She was recognized by the community at the Dinner Among Friends on Alumni Weekend in May. Gail provided expert computer science and technology instruction, mentorship, and guidance to many students over two generations.

"We are so grateful for Gail's many contributions to the school, from an incredible range of computer and programming courses, to years of service-learning opportunities for students," said Head of School Julia de la Torre. "Countless MFS students have benefitted from Gail's tireless efforts, and I know so many will hold particularly fond memories of the Intensive Learning experiences that Gail designed over the years. She modeled selflessness and care for others and taught many students over the years how to do the same."

Gail was a Middle and Upper School Computer Science Teacher and taught numerous courses, including AP Computer Science, AP/Honors Computer Science Principles, Eighth Grade Computer Science, Computer Applications, Disruptive Technologies, Photoshop, Game Programming with Python, Micro:Bit Innovation, and Intro to Java. In recent years, her work to encourage girls to pursue careers in technology was recognized as the school received the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award from the College Board three times in five years.

An Upper School advisor, Gail served for many years as the Upper School Service Coordinator. Many alumni and students fondly remember a variety of Intensive Learning trips led by Gail with varying combinations of service, education, and adventure to destinations that included Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Silicon Valley, and several trips to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina to assist with Habitat for Humanity relief efforts. She was the recipient of the 2010 Zekavat Summer Sabbatical and traveled to Costa Rica to explore service learning opportunities which paved the way for future experiences that mixed service and environmental education with adventure.

Gail served on the Friends Scholarship, Friends Stewardship, Thanksgiving Happening, and Employee Benefits committees. She has been ever-present at school events, particularly supporting the Foxes (and her children Jen '06, Kelly '09, and Peter '11) on the athletic fields.

Gail retired on the same day as her husband Pete and they look forward to traveling and spending time with their family, especially their first grandchild Theo.



Alice Paul Merit Award: Nate Evans '94 Recognized for Accomplishments and Service in Medicine

Nathaniel Evans III, M.D. was awarded the Alice Stokes Paul Award at the Dinner Among Friends on Alumni Weekend in recognition for his accomplishments as a thoracic surgeon, his commitment to training the next generation of surgeons and physicians, and for a career that models critical thinking, empathy, and respecting the importance of every individual in a community.

Nate started at MFS in 1980. He attended Princeton University, earning a degree in Molecular Biology in 1998. He received his M.D. from Stanford University School of Medicine in 2002. At the Dinner Among Friends, he told a story about how his mother and father chose MFS for him:

"They were focused on finding a place where your child learns their self-concept, who they are," said Nate. "Being here for so long, with my friends, and being supported by my own family made me feel comfortable in my own skin. The thing I learned the most from MFS was that all of us were responsible for our own environment and able to do as much as or little as we wanted to do, and I don't think that can be overstated."

Today, at Jefferson Health, Nate is Professor of Surgery; Director of Thoracic and Esophageal Surgery; Chief of Cancer Services at the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center, Center City; and Associate Director for Surgical Services at the Jane and Leonard Korman Respiratory Institute. During his time at Jefferson, Nate has led and participated in numerous multidisciplinary efforts to improve the lives of Jefferson patients. He leads a research team at Jefferson focused on early detection and treatment of lung cancer and the improvement of outcomes and patient experience after lung surgery and esophageal surgery. Their research has also been dedicated to identifying and alleviating disparities in care.

__Nathaniel Evans III '94__ (middle) is pictured on Alumni Weekend with __Stevi Speller Evans '02__, his brother __Jason Evans '01,__ his son Nathan, wife Jasmin, and daughters Elsa and Paige, along with his sister __Shani Evans '97__, as well as Gloria Evans and his father Nathan R. Evans.

Nate began his surgical training at Massachusetts General Hospital in 2002. After an internship and residency in general surgery, he completed a fellowship in thoracic surgery at Massachusetts General. During that time, he spent several months as a visiting fellow at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, where he focused on minimally invasive esophageal surgery, and at Memorial Sloane Kettering, where he focused on thoracic oncologic surgery.

In 2010, he joined Jefferson's Section of Thoracic and Foregut Surgery as an Assistant Professor of Surgery. In 2013, he assumed leadership of the section and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2014. In 2017, he became the inaugural Division Director of the new Division of Thoracic and Esophageal Surgery within the Department of Surgery at Sidney Kimmel Medical College. In 2020, he received the Outstanding Clinician Award for Surgical Specialties and was promoted to Professor of Surgery.

Within the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center, he was appointed Chief of Cancer Services for the Center City division in 2020. He also serves as the clinical lead for the lung cancer program and multidisciplinary clinic. Within the Jane and Leonard Korman Respiratory Institute, he serves as Associate Director for Surgical Services and has led the development of a standard for excellence across Jefferson Health for thoracic surgical care. Nate was the recipient of the 2022 Achievement in Medicine Award from Jefferson Health.



__Laure Hodian__ and __Ira Stark__ are pictured with their daughter and School Committee member __Alex '06__ (right), son __Justin '10__ (second from left) and his girlfriend Melissa Feller.

Service Award: Alumni Parents Ira Stark and Laurie Hodian

Ira Stark and Laurie Hodian received the Alumni Association's Service Award at the Dinner Among Friends on Alumni Weekend. Ira and Laurie joined the MFS community as parents starting when their daughter (and now School Committee member) Alex '06 began in Kindergarten in 1993, and they continued as parents through 2010 when their son Justin graduated.

As MFS parents, Ira and Laurie held volunteer roles on Parent Council and the Bravo! Club, were active with the biennial Auction - which often featured artwork that Ira had donated to the event, and Laurie served as a Career Day presenter. In 2002, Laurie joined the School Committee and served on the Board until 2010, and held the position of Clerk of the Governance Committee. She was also a member of the Quaker Dimension Working Group for the 2011 Strategic Planning Process. Ira and Laurie were avid fans and watched their kids play sports at MFS, including Alex's swimming career and Justin, who was a three-sport athlete.

In retirement, Laurie can frequently be found on campus, deep beneath the Auditorium stage in the Green Room, working with the wonderful MFS Stitchers that support the costuming work for the Fall Musical, Winter Play, as well as Middle School musicals. Laurie has also served on the Estaugh Board of Medford Leas, as well as numerous committees at Moorestown Monthly Meeting.

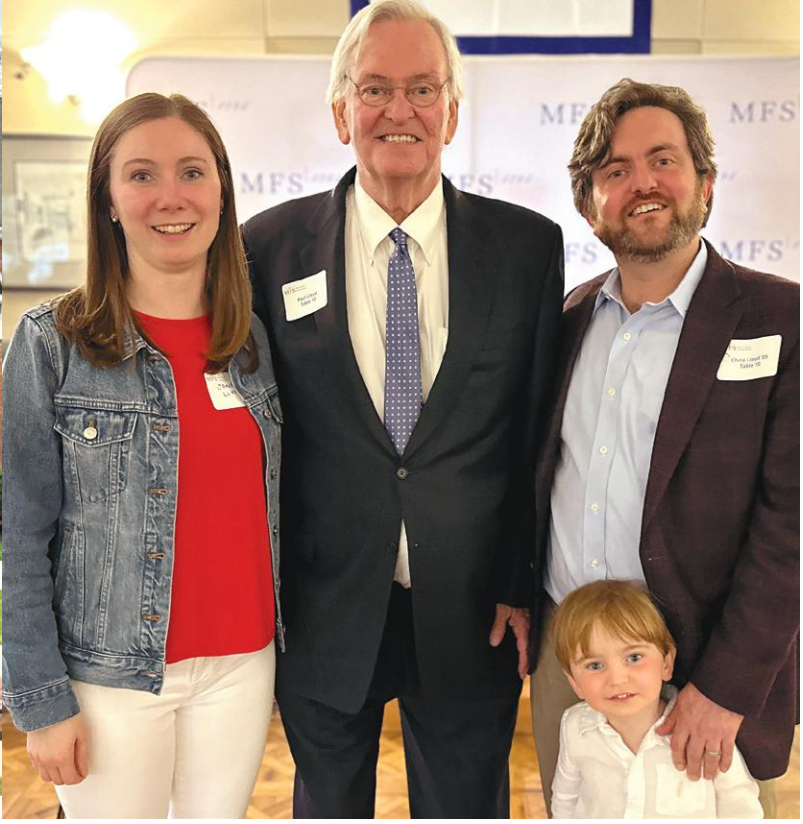
Laurie, now retired, served as the Director of Administration for the NJ Department of Children and Families. Formerly, she was a Senior Deputy Attorney General of the State of New Jersey, and Section Chief of the Employment Counseling Section in the Division of Law, in the Department of Law and Public Safety. She has extensive experience in litigation of civil rights and employment cases as well as tort matters. She holds a B.S.W. from Temple University. She received her J.D. with honors from Temple University School of Law. She is a member of Moorestown Monthly Meeting.

Ira is a radiologist who earned his medical degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he also did his residency in Diagnostic Imaging as well as at St. Barnabas Hospital. His fellowship was at Graduate Hospital Imaging Center. He has 45 years of experience in the field, and has served and taught at several health network affiliations over his career including Hahnemann Hospital, Temple University Hospital, Capital Health, and more.

Through their years as parents and beyond, Ira and Laurie have been steady and generous supporters of the Annual Fund, the Great Classrooms for Great Kids campaign, and the Van Meter Camden Scholars Endowment, making the school their top philanthropic priority.

Laurie reflected on the journey to enroll Alex and Justin at MFS. "We came here because of our children," she said. "We were attracted to the school because of the values, the Quaker tenets, that we share - equality, community, peace - things that we still cherish. Now that I am back in the school regularly, these are still things you see everyday. It's alive. Everything the school does is wrapped in these values. It's been nothing but a pleasure serving in every way we can."

Ira closed their remarks with a final thank you and reflection on their journey as community members. "Pre-kids, Laurie and I had many discussions about the importance of education in our children's lives," he said. "She then discovered Moorestown Friends School and it's been one of the best decisions we ever made. It's been an honor doing whatever we can for the school."



__Paul Lloyd__ with daughter-in-law Jane Rouse-Lloyd, son __Chris '05,__ and grandson Andrew at the Dinner Among Friends.

"MFS has so much to offer - so many great people, great faculty and staff, wonderful parents, and students."

– Paul Lloyd

Service Award: Alumni Parent Paul Lloyd

Paul Lloyd was honored with the Alumni Association's Service Award at the Dinner Among Friends on Alumni Weekend. Paul and his late wife Kathleen Hanley Lloyd (who passed away after a long battle with cancer in 2019) are parents of School Committee member Chris Lloyd '05, who began at MFS in Kindergarten in 1992.

Paul is a Chartered Financial Analyst, and had a long career studying banks in the U.S. and around the world, including the markets of Singapore, Thailand, China, and Indonesia. At Dupont Capital Management, he was a Portfolio Manager and Senior Securities Analyst. Prior to that, he was a Senior Vice President and Principal at Schneider Capital Management; served as a Senior Securities Analyst for DuPont Capital Management; and also held senior analyst roles at Corestates Investment Advisers, Fitch Investors, Butcher & Singer, Drexel Burnham Lambert, and Value Line. Paul holds a B.S. from Villanova University, and an M.B.A. from Lehigh University.

After graduating from MFS, Chris went to Hamilton College, where Adirondack chairs are a major feature of the campus grounds. In appreciation for the College Counseling Office's guidance in helping Chris in his path to Hamilton, the family made a special gift shortly after Hartman Hall was opened in 2012 to place four white Adirondack Chairs on the entrance porch of Harman Hall. The chairs continue to be in use nearly every day by students and faculty.

Paul joined the Assets Committee (the finance and investment subcommittee of the School Committee) in 2010, and has now served on that subcommittee for a period of time longer than Chris was a student at MFS. He has offered important guidance and a conservative perspective on the numerous topics the committee addresses, including the school's operating budget, tuition, investments, audit, insurance, and more. "As a long-term member of the Committee, Paul has an important voice in our work," said Director of Finance and Operations Lisa Carbone Warren. "He is thoughtful, cares deeply about stewardship and the long-term health of the school, and brings a valuable perspective to our discussions."

Kathleen Hanley Lloyd was a graduate of Holy Family College. After a successful career in insurance during which she obtained a Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter designation, she stayed home for a period of time to raise Chris. She then went on to get a Masters degree and returned to work as a school psychologist in the Philadelphia School District. She passed away after a long battle with cancer in 2019.

While Chris was a student, Paul and Kathleen served as class parents, attended auctions, and consistently made the school a philanthropic priority. They were regular attenders of the Annual Fund Dinner over the years in recognition of their generous support. They have also supported the Voluntary 5% Faculty Retirement Fund; the Class of 2005 Endowment fund which was launched upon the graduation of Chris's class; the George Thomas Endowment for Faculty Salaries; the Thomas V. Sedlacek Endowment; and the Great Classrooms for Great Kids Campaign. Paul served as a Career Day Speaker when Chris was a senior.

Paul and Chris continue to provide philanthropic leadership for the school by supporting the Annual Fund, and investing in the success of the school's capital campaigns.

In accepting the award, Paul reflected on the decision he and Kathleen made to send Chris to MFS:

"MFS has so much to offer - so many great people, great faculty and staff, wonderful parents, students," he said. "When we were looking at the school, trying to figure out where to send our little troublemaker, we evaluated all of that. The thing that put us over the top was the pre- and post-school day care - particularly Sandi Federici, 'Mrs. Fed.' And she was an example of the day in, day out caring at every level of the school that makes this institution what it is. I've had the opportunity to meet a lot of wonderful people and play a small role in some of the things going on here at the school."



Young Alumni Award: Alicia Gurrieri '09 Organizes and Advocates for Voting Rights and Gender Justice

Alicia Gurrieri '09 *(second from left holding her daughter Lomi Abraham) is pictured with her father John Gurrieri, husband Tedros Abraham, sister Mariel Gurrieri, and mother Marilouise Venditti.*

Alicia Gurrieri was presented with the Young Alumni Award at the Dinner Among Friends on Alumni Weekend. Her combination of direct service and advocacy experience provides her with a lens to understand the importance of meeting immediate needs while building toward structural change. Alicia works on a daily basis to achieve equality, one of the Quaker SPICES infused throughout the MFS curriculum and daily life.

Alicia is a Donor Organizing Field Manager with the Movement Voter Project (MVP); which has deep roots in statewide organizing ecosystems and is dedicated to helping move money and resources to support local grassroots groups across the country. The MVP vision is centered on building deep grassroots power on a local level year-round to expand access to democracy and create a better world where all can thrive. Alicia leads MVP's efforts to grow a robust network of volunteer organizing and fundraising teams. She is deeply committed to investing in grassroots power for sustainable change.

After graduating from Northwestern University with a B.A. in Psychology and Gender Studies, Alicia started her career in direct-service connecting people to resources such as housing, food, and healthcare. At the Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network, she was a Centralized Training Institute Research Assistant where she focused on domestic violence training. As a Health Educator for the South Jersey AIDS Alliance, she was involved with risk-reduction behavior intervention efforts, and worked to support clients and organize resources from hospitals, shelters and food pantries. She then worked with the National Women's Law to address systemic change through policy advocacy.

After receiving her master's degree in political management from George Washington University, she spent four years as a National Organizing Manager with the League of Women Voters, building their national organizing team; leading trainings and mobilizations; and supporting local, state, and federal campaigns to protect and advance voting rights.

In 2022, she joined the Movement Voter Project, and now works with over 700 League affiliates in every state to advance federal, state, and local campaign strategies to create a stronger democracy and build people-powered movements.

Alicia paid tribute to several classmates and friends also doing great things in their careers: Hannah Spielberg '09 (Social Work and Psychotherapy), Gaby Martínez Kalu '09 (Education), and Hannah Levy '09 (Entertainment - Writing/Directing). "If our high school selves were to meet us, I think we'd find that we're doing exactly what we dreamed we'd be doing," she said. "MFS was a place that encouraged discourse around power dynamics, systemic oppression, and privilege. It challenged us to identify where there is injustice and to think about what we can do about it."

She closed by imploring the audience to do their part to educate themselves and others about important issues related to the upcoming November elections:

"My ask of you all today is to think about what you all can do in the next few months to be able to look back with no regrets, from volunteering, to donating, to community organizing, to talking to your families about tough issues. We all have the power to make a difference. Martin Luther King, Jr. said 'The arc of the moral universe bends toward justice,' yes, but I've heard another version of that quote which says the arc of the moral universe bends towards those who pull it hardest. So I'm going to pull, and I ask that you all pull with me."



1959

Members of the Class of 1959 gathered on Alumni Weekend to celebrate their 65th Reunion. They were joined at a dinner at Van Meter Hall by friends from the Classes of 1957, 1958 and 1960. Front Row: ***Warren Nelson '58, Wanda James Abdollahian '59, Sandy Bray Wasson '58, Sandi Coles, Margaret Hess Johnson '59, Susan Stubbs Martin '59, Ronald Roberts '57.*** *Back Row:* ***Samuel C. Loveland, III '58, Bill Teale '58, Mary McAllister Teale '58, Catharine Magee Karsten '59, John Coles '59, and Tom Stackhouse '60.*** *Many thanks to* ***Catharine Magee Karsten*** *for rallying the group.*



1964

Members of the Class of 1964 enjoyed three off-campus gatherings on Alumni Weekend, including a dinner at Harvest, a dinner at Luna Y Sol, and brunch at Prospectors. Thanks to the Reunion Committee members ***Lindy Thomas Barocchi, Vernon Miller, Jr., Bonnie Greenfield Reagan,*** *and* ***Janice Van Meter Stavenick*** *for organizing the activities. The following classmates gathered for a photo at the Alumni Reception:* ***Carol Tomaselli Brown, Dorie Neuber, Mary Bell, Pete Reagan, Ellen Tyler Miller, Nancy Horner Sjostrom, Bonnie Greenfield Reagan, Janice Van Meter Stavenick, Linda Thomas Barocchi, Vernon Miller, Jr., Carolyn Kleiner, Chris Wagner Oliver.*** *Also attending events during Alumni Weekend were:* ***Doug Campbell, Dick Casey, Peter Deutsch, Tom Hagstoz, Lydia Hunn, Karen Read Lautzenheiser, Steven Mathis, Kathy Livingston Mertens, Barbara Haas Miningham, Marilyn Pittock Schatz,*** *and* ***David Sieg.***



*Members of the Class of 1974 and friends gathered at the home of **Anne Rosenberg** to celebrate their 50th Reunion. Front Row: **Suzy Brown Chenail, Nancy Axelrod, Anne Rosenberg, Chris Knisely, Wayne Nieminen.** Second Row: **Alice Good, Scott Franklin, Deb Collins Williams, Chris Rogers '75, Alison Barclay Young '75.** Back Row: **Sam Haupt, Nona Manheimer Loehr, Neil Kozarsky, Sidney Roberts, Chris Eni, Stanley West, Jean Kennedy.** Joining the event remotely were **Lee Attix, Wendy Beckhart Bachman, Gerritt Dunn,** and **Carla Zimmerman Reiss.** Thanks to **Chris Eni, Scott Franklin, Jean Kennedy, Anne Rosenberg,** and **Deb Collins Williams** for organizing the plans for the reunion.*



Judy Hartman** and **Daniel Richardson** gathered at Van Meter Hall on Alumni Weekend prior to their class reunion dinner, where they were joined by **Lynn Boardman Solomon** and **Mike Catlett.



*Members of the Class of 1984 gathered at Carollo's on Main Street for dinner to celebrate their 40th Reunion on Alumni Weekend. Thanks to **Lisa Thomas Martin** for arranging the plans for the class. Here's the Class at the Alumni Reception. Front: **Greg Billings.** Middle: **Beth Petrie, Rica Pineda, Karlyn Wesley Supple, Lisa Thomas Martin.** Back: **Pam Donovan, Kerry Lippincott Borska, Cassie Smith Powell, Karen Stevenson Jahns, Robin Bachin, Lisa Calvo Haas. Jaclynn Fischman Shweky** also attended the gathering.*



1994

*Many thanks to **Jackie Markelwitz Kirchhoff** for organizing and hosting the Class of 1994's 30th Reunion at her home. Seated: **Jackie Kirchhoff, Megan Ralston, Laurie Buckman, Anna Seixas, Nate Evans, Rebekah Calendar Doyle, Chris Goldstein.** Standing: **Sam Stein, James Czeiner, Brett Damadio, Kristen Overholt Ireland, Gigio Longo, Steve Garza, Chip Giacchetto, Leeds Allen, Greg Masiko, Roy Duffy, Naoji Moriuchi, Mari Edmund, Rai Wilson, Maria Jose Cabida, Maria Aseron Ramos.** Not pictured: **Tricia Tucker Brennan.***



1989

*The Class of 1989 had a mini-reunion on Alumni Weekend. **Ivy Brown, Ian Smith,** and **Rajay Kapoor** joined the Class of 1984 for dinner at Carollo's on Alumni Weekend.*



1999

*Members of the Class of 1999 gathered at the Alumni Reception at Van Meter Hall on Alumni Weekend. Their reunion continued at Tonewood Brewing in Barrington. Pictured at the alumni reception were: **Angela Dixon Guerrera, John Campisi, Justin Guerrera, Gilbert Gehin-Scott, III, Mikel Pride, Loren Seaton Wells,** and **Michael Brotzman.** Thanks to **Angela** and **Justin** for organizing the event.*



Members of the Class of 2004 gathered for their reunion at Van Meter Hall on Alumni Weekend. Thanks to ***Kristi Hunter-Ryan*** *for quarterbacking the reunion. Seated:* ***Gloria Gifford Sutton, Carrie Wolfson, Naomi Harper, Bob Grant, Kristi Hunter-Ryan, Mindy Welch, Jason Brody,*** *and* ***Bayley Michaux.*** *Standing:* ***Aimee Brinn Dahl, Mark Pellegrini, Andrew Kielt, Jon Wolf, Patti-Anne Kritz, Adrian Concepcion, Bobby Martin, Chris Setz-Kelly, Alisa Allicock, Alex Schank, Ed Gonzalez,*** *and* ***Ally Hager.***



The Class of 2009 held their 15th Reunion at P.J. Whelihan's in Maple Shape following the Alumni Reception. Thanks to ***Katie Stutz*** *for organizing the gathering. Seated:* ***Nina Samuel, Derek Preston, Katie Stutz.*** *Standing:* ***Paige Joffe, Tim Yingling, Chris Lojek, Hal Bozarth, Matt Sattel,*** *and* ***Andrew Malik.***



Steven Mannion *organized the 10th Reunion for the Class of 2014, which was held at Morgan's Pier. First row:* ***Roy Thorstensen, Laél Gibson, Dan Richards, Pierce Williams, Gina Tamburri, Victoria Geyer, Dhalil Sadiq, Maureen Kelleher.*** *Second row:* ***Sam Madamba, Steven Mannion, Josh Kirkpatrick, Sarah Applegate, Emily McKeown, Sarah Kezbari, Emma Giordano.*** *Third row:* ***Everett Aldrich, Kenan Soso, Coles Driscoll, Emma Cain, Tyler Mills, Anthony Mahon, Joe Beideman '15*** *and* ***C.J. Eni '15.***



Alumni of Color Meet Up

Director of Diversity, Community and Belonging ***Chanelle Rivers Walker '01*** *and Trustee* ***Kennette Banks '02*** *hosted the Alumni of Color Meet Up on Alumni Weekend, which was an opportunity for alumni and student leaders to connect, network, and share reflections about their experiences at MFS. First Row:* ***Kennette Banks,*** *Lower School and Grade 5 Quaker Education Teacher* ***Sonia Mixter Guzmán '02, Olivia Arzu '27, Emmie Huynh '27,*** *and* ***Dakota Chambers '18.*** *Second row:* ***Karlyn Wesley Supple '84, Mikel Pride '99, Christine Liang '06,*** *and* ***Nnamdi Akosa.*** *Third row: Assistant Director of Development and Camden Scholars Coordinator* ***Justin Spencer-Linzie '10, Artese Brown '23, Kenan Soso '14, Madelyn Calixto '25, Miles Wilkins '25, Chanelle Rivers Walker '01,*** *and* ***Ali Sabir '26.*** *Fourth row:* ***Rajay Kapoor '89, Everett Aldrich '14, Julian Austin '91, Head of School Julia de la Torre,*** *and* ***Greg Billings '84.***



Former Faculty and Staff

The Former Faculty and Staff gathering on Alumni Weekend was hosted by ***Judy van Tijn, Lynne Brick*** *and* ***Mary Ann Griffis.*** *They were joined by* ***Martha Cameron, Jackie Zemaitis,*** *and* ***Tracey Whitesell '86.***

Photographs of alumni are indicated with 📷. If you see this symbol, a photo featuring a class member is either on the page or nearby!

1942

📷 **Betty McAllister Brown** celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by family and friends on June 22. What to get a person when they reach this milestone? Betty's family decided to celebrate her long connection to MFS, as well as her sisters' (Mary McAllister Teale '58 and the late Sally McAllister Ganger '53), by making gifts to the school in her honor.

1952

John Dick has enjoyed two trans-Atlantic crossings on the Queen Mary 2 this year and last.

1954

Gerry Husted checks in from East Falmouth, MA: Carol and I did a Viking river cruise down the Rhine River. It was expensive but a great cruise. Shore excursions often were too long but you could stay on the boat. We have nine-year-old twin grandchildren - a boy and a girl. Give us a call if you are ever in Cape Cod.

1956

Paul Mecray is featured in this issue, having made the largest gift commitment in the history of the school. Paul reported earlier this year: "Nell and I are well and greatly enjoying life at Beaumont Retirement Community. While my mobility is quite limited, due to a stroke in 2021, I keep busy reading and giving talks on oil industry subjects."

1958

Sandra Bray Wasson lives in Medford Lakes and reports that she greatly enjoyed the chance to see classmates at the dinner on Alumni Weekend for members of the Classes of 1958 and 1959 and friends.



The Class of 1961 held a Zoom meeting for the second straight year in May.

1961

📷 **Bill Archer**

📷 **George Hulse** recently retired from practicing law and is enjoying his time with antique boats. George, **Mike de Holl,** and **Ina Schacter Bransome** hosted the second annual Zoom reunion for the class in May. Reflected George: "I personally found that it reconnected me to my years at MFS in the late 50's and early 60's. Although the school is much different physically and culturally today, remembering my time there still evokes a warm feeling in my belly. Our class was so small everyone felt to me more like siblings than classmates. Good luck and health to the Class of '61"

1963

Richard Mason reports that he "read and enjoyed every page of Whitty Ransome's *Why Girls' Schools Matter: Reflections of a Lifelong Advocate*." (See below.)

📷 **Whitty Ransome** has published a book titled *Why Girls Schools Matter: Reflections of a Life Long Advocate.* According to Whitty, "the book is part memoir, part history of an organization I co-founded in 1991, the National Coalition of Girls' Schools. Both Mrs. Ricketts and Miss Armstrong are



***Betty McAllister Brown** in her new MFS sweatshirt with her 100th birthday cake.*



*Long-time town crier **Bill Archer** is pictured in a 1922 Model T Ford at the Moorestown Fourth of July Parade. His wife Eileen is at left.*

Two Alums Collaborate on Special Presentation at College

Julie Houston, Professor Emerita of English at Northampton Community College, and **Gretchen Van Meter Rector** collaborated on a very special presentation of the College's Arts and Lecture series, which took place in October 2023.

The speaker was Joylette Hylick, daughter of famed NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson, whose story was depicted in the book and movie *Hidden Figures*. Gretchen became acquainted with Joylette, who lives in the Burlington County area. With their interaction as a starting point, Julie invited Joylette to be the guest speaker at the College's Pocono campus. Joylette, a NASA mathematician in her own right and a retired information technology professional, recounted the essential role her mother played in the success of early U.S. space flights, as well as the many challenges she faced. She also emphasized the critical importance of STEM today for girls and young women of color. There was much enthusiastic applause at the conclusion of her remarks.

Gretchen shared that "All of those present – students, faculty, staff, and members of the community – were deeply affected by Joylette's inspiring message and the thoughtful answers she gave to their questions afterward. The MFS values of inclusion and diversity – and the never-ending quest for knowledge – were well represented that day!"



Gretchen Van Meter Rector *(right) and* ***Julie Houston*** *(middle) with Joyette Hylick, NASA mathematician and daughter of* ***Hidden Figures*** *author Katherine Johnson.*

pondering from the hereafter 'Whitty Ransome has written a book? No way!!' I sometimes have the same thoughts. 'I did this?!' The influence MFS had on my life and my ultimate career is part of my story." To order a copy, contact Whitty at whygirlsschools@tewr.org.

1964

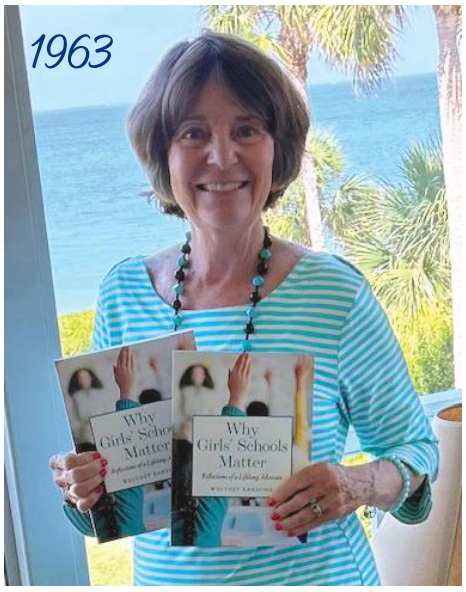
Ellen Tyler Miller and former Assistant Director of College Guidance and Art and English Teacher **Margaret Van Meter** were featured in a June art exhibition at the Medford Leas Art Gallery titled "Unity of Spirit - Paintings By Two Quaker Women."

1966

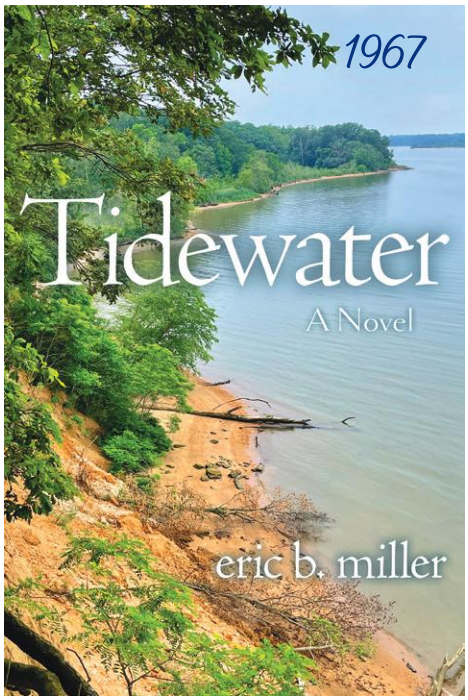
Judy Ostrov Edell

1967

Bob Abramowitz recently became Clerk of Westfield Friends School. If you are a member of the WFS community and have lost touch with the school, please email him at robert@aya.yale.edu to get on the distribution list for the WFS Hoots magazine.



Whitty Ransome *recently published a book* ***Why Girls Schools Matter: Reflections of a Life Long Advocate.***



Tidewater *is the new book by* ***Eric Miller*** *- "a grand family saga covering four generations, three decades, two continents, and one world war."*



*Eloise Horvath with grandmother **Janet Sawyer Thomas '67** (see Class of 2006 note).*



R.J. McFadden '24** was joined at Commencement by his grandmother **Shira Ostrov Schneider '70** and great aunt **Judy Ostrov Edell '66



*A painting by **Laurie Mitchell '68***

Bill Gardiner lives in Georgetown, TX and reports that he "got back to a bit of international volunteerism with the Fuller Center for Housing in May. Our son Evan joined me for a week-long build in a small mountain town in El Salvador. Aside from that, I continue to volunteer locally with Habitat, constructing sets for our community theater."

Eric Miller has published a book titled Tidewater, released by his brother Jeff's publishing company. See Class of 1971 for more info.

Janet Sawyer Thomas '67

1968

Laurie Mitchell continues to paint and sell her work. She will be part of a two-woman art show at Deptford Art Galleria in 2025. She also enjoys getting together with fellow classmates.

Ann Moser Trenka is the Founder and Director of the Cooper River Ballet in Haddon Heights. A graduate of the National Ballet School in Washington, D.C., Ann danced with the Sacramento Ballet and performed principal roles with the Long Island Ballet Theater before joining the Frankfurt Ballet in Germany. Ann is an American Ballet Theatre Certified Teacher and has taught ballet for 30 years. The Cooper River Ballet presented Spring Concerts at Moorestown High School in May and June, which included original works by Ann.

1969

Julie Houston and **Gretchen Van Meter Rector** see Spotlight on page 73.

1970

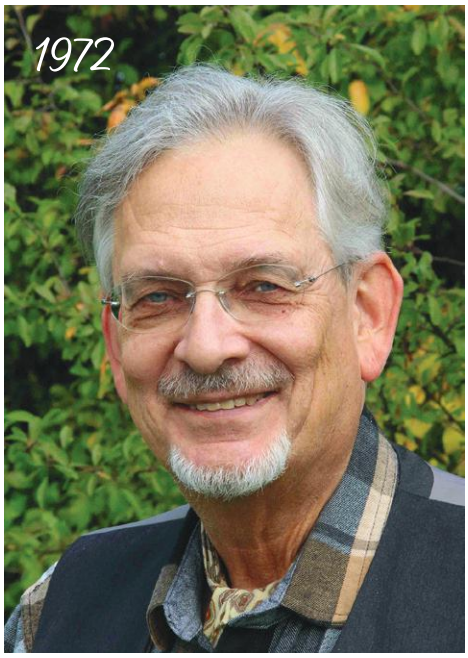
Shira Ostrov Schneider '70

1971

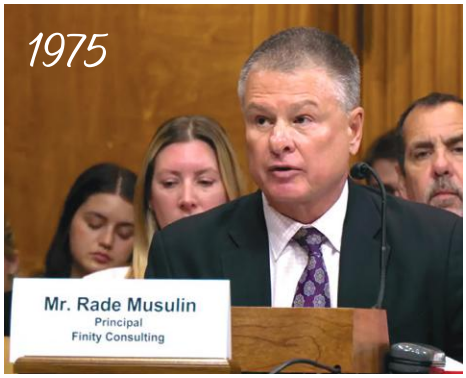
Jeff Miller reports that his publishing company, Milbrown Press, has released a second novel by brother, **Eric B. Miller '67,** *Tidewater,* which is available on Amazon. It's a grand family saga covering four generations, three decades, two continents, and one world war. *The US Review of Books* has given it a "Recommend" and stated: "Active prose maintains the novel's brisk pace." Meanwhile, Jeff's been helping new writers develop their craft and squeezing in some time to work on his own nonfiction history book for general readers, *Deadly News: Life and Death with an Underground Newspaper in German-occupied Belgium during World War I.* Anyone interested in "beta testing" the first few chapters (in exchange for answering a few questions to help improve the book) should contact him at jbmwriter@aol.com.

1972

Peter Hohage retired last year as Waldorf teacher at the Nuremberg Steiner-School last year and currently is concentrating on his four grandchildren. He also serves as an elder for the Bavarian/Austrian Friends area meeting.



***Peter Hohage** has retired from the Nuremberg Steiner-School.*



***Rade Musulin** testified before the U.S. Senate Committee, on the Budget on June 5.*

1975

Allison Barclay Young and the 50th Reunion Committee encourage classmates to plan to attend their 50th Reunion on Alumni Weekend, May 2-4.

Rade Musulin testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on the Budget on June 5 in a Hearing titled "Riskier Business: How Climate is Already Challenging Insurance Markets." Rade is currently a natural perils and climate risk consultant for Finity Consulting in Sydney, Australia.





To see excerpts from these video stories scan this QR code.

1972

Bill Shelley retired as the managing partner of the Philadelphia office of a California based law firm in June 2023 and is now living at the beach in Lewes, DE, "mowing my own lawn again and enjoying periodic visits from my grandson. This year I started a new business, Remember When Video, which records the life stories of its clients for their families and future generations. Our first two films have featured Princeton Professor Nobel Laureate in Physics **Joseph Taylor '59** and retired MFS Head of School **Larry Van Meter '68.** We are off to a good start!"

1976

Peter Boutin lives in Mount Vernon, OH and plans to attend the 50th Class Reunion in May 2026. "Please join me!" encourages Peter.

1978

Darlema Crowder-Bey has enjoyed a career in cardiac angioplasty at Virtua Health as a Cardiovascular Interventional Technologist. While at Virtua she performed stent cardiac & peripheral angioplasties & implants. Darlema also assisted vascular surgeons in aortic aneurysm stent surgeries. She has provided community health education events at Virtua in Gloucester County for six years, and partnered with her NAACP chapter to broaden the outreach.

Added Darlema: "Since 2015 I have been active in Mental Health Advocacy, because of my experience as a caregiver of a family member. This year I was re-elected as a Board of Trustee member for NAMI NJ, and Chair of the NJ Behavioral Health Planning Council. I have presented to the ISMICC - Interdepartmental Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee meetings held by the Assistant Secretary of Mental Health of the USA. The Asst. Secretary reported the committees' work and public testimony to Congress. I have also met with congressmen and senators in D.C. to advocate for inclusive measures in new legislation. I invite anyone interested in the above organizations to contact me for more information on how to become involved in our communities' advocacy to improve mental healthcare."

1979

Thanks to **Steve DiPilla** and **Judy Hartman** for planning the 45th Reunion for the Class of 1979 on Alumni Weekend. Steve and Judy hope even more classmates will plan to come back for the 50th!

1980

Christopher Musulin was the 2024 recipient of the Haines Award given by the Burlington County Bar Association. It is the highest award given by the association in honor of the late Martin Haines, the former Assignment Judge of Burlington County. Chris was recognized for his lifetime contributions to the

1980



***Chris Musulin** was the recipient of the 2024 Haines Award given by the Burlington County Bar Association*

practice of law, community service, and a career best exemplifying the legacy of Judge Haines. His activities have included publishing over 30 articles and documents related to family law practice, dozens of speaking engagements as a moderator for the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education, the New Jersey Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers as well as the Burlington County Bar Association, ten years of service on the New Jersey Supreme Court Family Practice Committee, two decades serving as the Family Law Bench Bar Chairman in Burlington County, and over two decades representing Burlington County as a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association Family Law Executive Committee. Chris resides with his wife, **Pamela Harrison '77** on their family farm in Marlton, New Jersey.

1982

Ken Martin has begun his second term as board clerk for Foxdale Village Retirement Community, a life plan community guided by Quaker values, in State College, PA. He currently works as Expertizing Director for the American Philatelic Society, the national organization for stamp collectors. Ken reports that he was introduced to the hobby by classmates **Jonathan Dunn** and **Sarah Feyerherm**, while in fifth grade at Moorestown Friends.

1986



***Joan Hohweiler Herzog, Haley Coles Driscoll, Alison Judah** and **Nicole Edmund** in Stockholm, Sweden.*

1987



*Pictured left to right: A group from the Class of 1987 enjoyed a mini-reunion organized by **Laura Shamer Keogh** on June 6 in Moorestown. Pictured: **Sheila Winterstein Cepeda, Ty Agar** and his wife Monica, **Laura Shamer Keogh, Diane Opalenick, Gayle Stern, Michelle Rubin-Simhony, Jen Douglas, Kirsten Wallenstein,** and **Laura Taenzer Aberant.***

1983

Steve Walsh reports that his son-in-law Patrick O'Connor, graduated from "The Honorable Society of the King's Inns" (Ireland's oldest school of law), and was recognized as a Barrister-At-Law by the Bar of Ireland on July 17.



*20/20 Executive Producer **Janice Johnston** recently added to her collection of Emmy Awards.*



***Tricia Tucker Brennan** was honored at the Charting the Life Course Showcase.*

1986

Alison Judah traveled to Europe this fall on a cruise of the Baltic Sea with class mates **Nicole Edmund, Haley Coles-Driscoll,** and **Joan Hohweiler Herzog.** They visited six countries in seven days. "It was a great experince traveling and sightseeing. It was special to do it with my former classmates." Alison has also been exhibiting her art locally in a number of group shows including the Perkins Center for the Arts Juried show this Fall.



Jackie Marklewitz Kirchhoff** (second from left) saw daughter **Katie '24** graduate at Commencement on June 8. They were joined by Katie's godmother, **Kate Goode Kruza '95** (far left), and Katie's aunts **Kelli Markelwitz Marans '96** and **Janice Baiada Lovequist '98.

1987

Laura Shamer Keogh, who resides in Melbourne, Australia was traveling in the U.S. this Summer and organized a reunion of classmates on June 6 at Harvest Grill in Moorestown, "with a little help from **Diane Opalenick** and **Laura Taenzer Aberant.** Everyone looked fantastic! It felt like we just jumped into a Time Machine and picked up where we left off. We are just wiser, more interesting and have a few extra smile wrinkles. "

1988

Congratulations to MFS Trustee **Janice Johnston,** Executive Producer of ABC's *20/20*, on winning two Emmy Awards at the 2024 News & Documentary Emmy Awards on September 25! This brings her total of career Emmy Awards to 11. Janice, along with her team, were recognized for their outstanding work on the episodes "It Happened Here: A Year in Uvalde" and "Our Barbara."

Ted Kushner shared the sad news that his mother Charlotte Kushner passed away suddenly on Sept. 8 in Ocala, FL, just a few weeks shy of her 90th birthday. Ted recalls speaking with her the day before her passing about plans for her birthday, and noted that she was lucid and loving to the end.

1990

Lisa Kastner was the keynote speaker at the Drexel University College of Arts and Sciences Commencement on June 14. Lisa is the Founder of Running Wild, LLC, a content creation, distribution, and licensing company. Featured in *FORBES* and several other publications, she also has been a technology leader for the last 20 years, helping organizations transform by leveraging technology and process. She is currently the Business Transformation Program Manager for Pharmavite.

1994

Tricia Tucker Brennan received the "Charting the Lifecourse Champion Award - Innovations in Supporting Families" at the Charting the LifeCourse Showcase in April. She is the Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities' Office of Education on



*Moderators David Muir (left) and **Linsey Davis** pose for pictures with ABC News crew members at the end of the Presidential Debate between Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, on September 10. Photo Credit: Saul Loeb/AFP via Getty Images*

Self-Directed Services - an arm of the New Jersey Department of Human Services. "My 13 years at MFS established the groundwork for innovative thinking," reflected Tricia.

Jackie Marklewitz Kirchhoff

1995

ABC News anchor **Linsey Davis** co-moderated the U.S. Presidential Debate with David Muir on September 10. *ABC News Live Prime*, anchored by Linsey, was also the first-ever streaming news broadcast to be nominated for an Emmy for outstanding live newscast in July.

Kate Goode Kruza

1996

Kelli Marklewitz Marans

1997

Christie Joyner Reed began a new position in July as the Site Financial Officer (SFO) of the Tallahassee Boys Town, a non-profit in North Florida.

1998

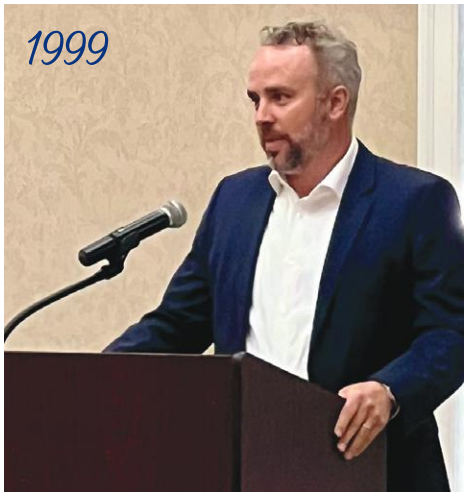
Janice Baiada Lovequist

1999

Matt Riggins was elected Chairman of the Burlington County Democratic Party in June. "I am honored to be elected Chairman of the Burlington County Democratic Committee," Riggins said. "Over the last decade, my fellow Burlington County Democrats and I have worked hard to elect smart, pragmatic leaders like Senator Troy Singleton, Congressman Andy Kim, and countless others who live their values everyday. And now, as our state and our nation face an inflection point in our democracy, we need serious people to step up and lead with character, decency, and integrity. I thank all those who have supported my candidacy, and I am ready to get to work in amplifying our committee's values across Burlington County, our state, and our nation." Matt serves as Chairman of the Burlington County Bridge Commission, and as the Executive Vice President & CFO of his fourth generation's family business, Riggins,



***Christie Joyner Read** has joined the Tallahassee Boys Town.*



***Matt Riggins** was named Chairman of the Burlington County Democratic Party.*

Inc., a mid-market energy and transportation business in South Jersey. He previously worked as a management consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton.

2000

Steve Gifford see Spotlight on page 79.

2003

Rachel Cope Tarvin and her husband, Luke, are the owners of NJ Nut Farms. They have planted 2,000 chestnut trees over the last five years and were expecting their first commercial chestnut harvest this Fall at their Medford location. Rachel reports: "We are excited

Pretty Damn Sweet and Steve Gifford '00 Recognized for Work with Blue Man Group.



*Pretty Damn Sweet Co-Founders **Steve Gifford** (left) and Rick Sebeck with the Blue Man Group.*

Co-founder **Steve Gifford** and his company Pretty Damn Sweet were the cover story in the July-August issue of *Philly Ad News* featuring immersive entertainment. Blue Man Group recently retained Pretty Damn Sweet to help evolve their use of media. Steve is quoted in the article: "It's exciting to see a global entertainment brand such as Blue Man Group invest in pushing the production to the cutting edge. Through this partnership, we've created new and exciting content that will take Blue Man Group audiences on a gorgeous abstract ride of humor, science, art, and more."

Pretty Damn Sweet also received numerous awards and recognition for their work with Adobe's MAX Creativity Conference. Directed by Gifford, the overall design for the event and opening film experience was shortlisted for a prestigious D&AD award, One Show Award, and won best Motion Graphics in the Communication Arts competition which were featured in *CommArts* magazine. Adobe MAX is an event like no other. Tens of thousands of creative minds from around the world gather to create, play and learn from some of the most influential artists in the industry. The opening film played on massive 30+ million pixel screens on the main stage at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

Pretty Damn Sweet is an immersive content studio with a passion for mixing imagination with innovation. Its work for clients such as Adobe, Warner Media, ESPN, Disney, and SXSW has also earned recognition from *Rolling Stone Magazine*, Webby, Clios, One Show, and Addys.

to begin bringing this seasonal food back to the American diet. As part of our permaculture plan, we have planted asparagus, elderberries, and pawpaw. Our Chesterfield location opened our two-acre blueberry patch to the public this summer as a 'pick-your-own' experience. It's been equally rewarding and exhausting starting two farms and welcoming two daughters since 2019 but we couldn't trade it for anything."

2005

Will Stouffer and Iris Walls were married on September 7 at Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve in New Hope, PA.

2006

Maura Burk and husband Keith Nagy welcomed their second child, baby boy Oliver, on Leap Day, February 29!

Rachel Thomas Horvath and her husband Brian welcomed their first child, Eloise Darnell Horvath on January 14. Eloise is the granddaughter of **Janet Sawyer Thomas '67**.

Trustee **Alex Stark** has published a book via Yale University Press titled *The Yemen Model: Why U.S. Policy Has Failed in the Middle East*. She argues that the U.S. approach to Yemen offers insights into the failures of American foreign policy throughout the Middle East. Alex makes the case that despite often being drawn into conflicts within Yemen, the United States has not achieved its policy goals because it has narrowly focused on counterterrorism and regional geopolitical competition rather than on the well-being of Yemenis themselves. She offers recommendations designed to reorient U.S. policy in the Middle East in pursuit of U.S. national security interests and to support the people of these countries in their efforts to make their own communities safe, secure, and prosperous. Alex is an associate policy researcher at the RAND Corporation and a fellow at New America's International Security Program. Her award-winning work has been published in academic and public outlets.



***Will Stouffer** and Iris Walls were married on September 7.*

Ciani Flack–Green '14 Honored with Trailblazer Award

Ciani Flack-Green was awarded the Trailblazer Award presented by ReWorld at the Inaugural TechHer Talk and Awards Reception on July 5. The award was given for ensuring students in the Camden City School District are exposed to and thrive in STEM spaces. Ciani is a Senior Manager, Strategic Analytics in the Camden City School District Superintendent's Office. She is focused on building the Camden City School District's capacity to allocate resources where they will have the greatest impact for students.

Ciani, who has a B.A. in Psychology from Stanford University, reflected on the award: "It absolutely meant the world for me to receive recognition for the work I feel naturally called to do," she said. "I was raised and continued to be surrounded by so many Black women who have taught me the importance of community and self-determination. Many didn't understand and often questioned my path when I decided to move back home after college. I even doubted myself. But I believe in the power of community and I've seen the talent and potential of our city. This award affirmed for me that I'm where I'm supposed to be and doing exactly what I should be doing."



Ciani Flack-Green *(center) was honored with the Trailblazer Award for ensuring students in the Camden City School District are exposed to and thrive in STEM spaces.*



Rachel Thomas Horvath *and her husband Brian with their daughter Eloise.*



Maura Burk *and Keith Nagy welcomed their son, Oliver, on February 29.*



Josh Sackstein *and his wife Julia welcomed their second child, Sophia, on April 30. Also pictured is Sophia's older brother Elijah.*

2010

The full feature film of **Emma Baiada** (producer, co-director, and co-cinematographer, co-editor), *Song of Salt*, is now available to watch on Amazon Prime. It's an observational documentary set in a fledgling post-industrial California desert town called Trona. This intimate film is about struggle, but mostly about the beauty of the human spirit in all its hopefulness, evidenced by the town's community spirit and the connection they have with each other.

2011

Liz Boccolini coached a U10 girls soccer team this summer through the South Jersey Summer Select program. Reflected Liz: "The girls got to make new friends and play against quality competition, and I met some awesome parents and continued to develop as a coach!"

2012

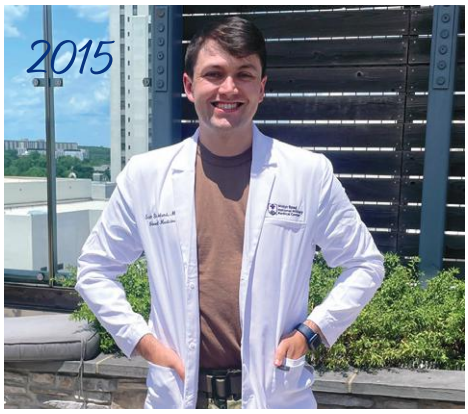
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2014

Ciani Flack-Green



***Liz Boccolini** is enjoying coaching youth soccer in South Jersey.*



***Scott Strickland** is a U.S. Navy physician now practicing at the Walter Reed internal residency program*



Natalie Zakroff Cesario** at her wedding with **Rebecca Berg** and **Hunter Harris.

2015

Scott Strickland graduated from McGovern Medical School (located in the Texas Medical Center in Houston) in May 2024. He is now a U.S. Navy physician at the Walter Reed Internal Medicine residency program in Bethesda, MD.

2017

Natalie Zakroff and Nicholas Cesario were married on August 12, 2023 in Marlton. **Rebecca Berg** and **Hunter Harris** attended the wedding. The Cesarios live in West Deptford.

2018

Roman Daniel spent the last year completing his flight school program. He is currently employed as an instructor at Mercer County Community College out of Trenton-Mercer Airport. He believes time spent substitute teaching at MFS in 2022-

23 helped prepare him to teach students how to fly. Roman wishes classmates and friends well!

Rowan Suarez graduated from the United States Naval Academy in May with a major in Ocean Engineering. She was selected to become a Navy Pilot following graduation and began flight school training in September.

2020

Hannah Jin graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and is attending Harvard University as a Ph.D. student in Biostatistics



*Nicholas Cesario and **Natalie Zakroff Cesario** were married on August 12, 2023.*



***Bella Runyan '20** concluded a stellar Villanova basketball career.*

Bella Runyan concluded an impressive career with the Villanova University Women's Basketball program and was named Second Team All-Philadelphia Big 5. She started all 35 games for the Wildcats, who finished 22-13 and advanced to the final of the WNIT Tournament. Bella appeared in 129 total games during her four-year career on the Main Line, including the memorable run to the NCAA Tournament Sweet Sixteen in 2022-23 and a NCAA second round appearance in 2021-22.



***Rowan Suarez** graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in May.*

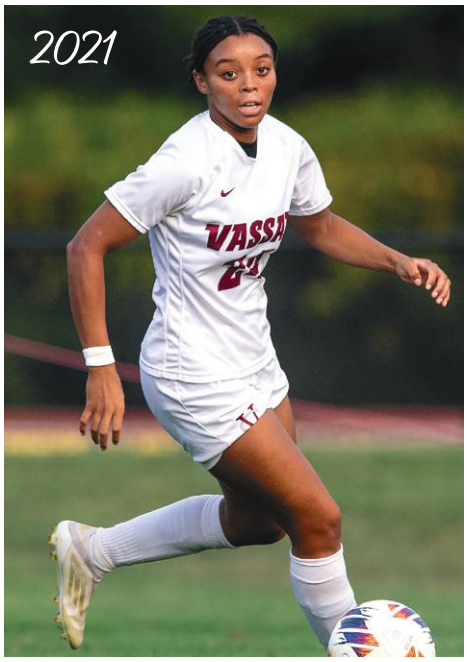


***Lauren Phillips** has had a decorated Track & Field career at Johns Hopkins University.*

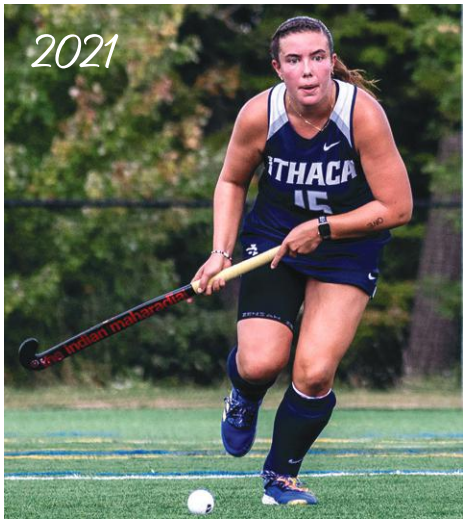
2021

Madison Bouggess is the second-leading scorer with four goals for the Vassar College Women's Soccer team, who at press time were one of the contenders to win the Liberty League championship.

Kat Johnson studied abroad at the University of Otago in New Zealand during the Spring semester. While living in Dunedin, NZ, she pursued her academic track of Public Health, while also being fully immersed in the native Māori culture. "This semester was full of exciting challenges, adventures, and opportunities," writes Kat. "I am thankful for Dickinson College for facilitating yet another enriching abroad experience (the first being Summer 2022 in Málaga, Spain), and can't wait to bring my knowledge back to campus."



***Madison Bouggess** was the second-leading scorer for the Vassar College Women's Soccer team at press time.*



***Isabella McCollister** has enjoyed a stellar Field Hockey career at Ithaca College.*

Isabella McCollister is concluding a stellar career for the Ithaca College Field Hockey team. She was a Second Team NFHCA All-American defender last season. This year she has started every game for the Bombers, who are pushing for a Liberty League playoff berth.

Lauren Phillips competed for Johns Hopkins University in the 200 and 400 meters at the NCAA Division III National Track & Field Championships in Myrtle Beach, SC May 23-25. Lauren won gold medals at the Centennial Conference Championships in both the 100 and 200 meters and was a part of the gold medal record-setting 4 x 400 meter relay.



*Dickinson College student **Kat Johnson** studied in New Zealand in the Spring.*



***Evan Schlotterbeck** is a co-captain of the Muhlenberg College Men's Soccer team.*

Evan Schlotterbeck is a co-captain of the Muhlenberg Men's Soccer team. A defender, Evan has also contributed two goals. At press time, the Mules were in the thick of the Centennial Conference playoff race.



Alumni Boys' Lacrosse

The Annual Boys Alumni Lacrosse Game took place on June 1 with the White team winning the game 10-9 with a goal in the final minute of play.

Standing back: ***Spencer Krohn '11, Ken Mills, Jack Bader '20,*** *Assistant Varsity Coach Paul Rizzo,* ***Carrington Mizelle '21, Roman Daniel '18, Leo Dabrow '24, Harrison Kelly '21, Sean Wiseman '21, Buck Smith '10, Dylan Eni '16, Joe Beideman '15, Mike Murray '08, Nick Makar '24, Nick Mandrackie '24,*** *Assistant Director of Athletics Bryan Wright, Neal Murray, former Varsity Assistant Coach* ***Tim Yingling '09, Wesley Yingling****. Seated:* ***Chase Eni '21, Jonah Bierig '24, Jack Rowe '24, Jack Bitman '24, Daniel McGinn '14,*** *Varsity Coach* ***Tyler Mills '14****, Volunteer Coach* ***Greg Yingling '11, Sam Madamba '14, Galen Spencer-Linzie '11, Andy Cook '15, Blaize Nyzio '18.*** *Plus,* ***Joe Nyzio '17*** *attended as well.*



Alumni Baseball

The second annual Alumni Baseball game was held on June 1. The two teams played to a 2-2 tie after seven innings.

Back row: ***Ben Buchdahl '26, Justin Lewis '26,*** *Assistant Director of Development and Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach* ***Justin Spencer-Linzie '10, Alex Boller '20, Danny McCollister '22, Connor Hull '22, Matthew Mullock '16, A.J. Dunham '16, C.J. Eni '15, Peter Bader '14, Tim Stoeckle '10, Stephen Mannion '14.*** *Front Row:* ***Josh Carroll '25, Mark Johnson '20, Colin Gregory '13, Sean Cohen '10,*** *former Varsity Baseball Coach* ***Ron Obermeier, Adam Quaranta '15,*** *and* ***Mitchell Mullock '16.*** *The photo was taken in front of the new scoreboard made possible by contributions from alumni baseball players, their families, and friends.*

In Memoriam

Christine Lilly Backus ’64
wife of the late former faculty member Andy Backus, and sister of Debora Lilly ’67

Martin Belsky ’76
brother of Adam Belsky ’78

Charles “Chuck” Blatherwick
former Science Teacher

Charles Carpenter, Jr. ‘52
brother of the late Cynthia Carpenter Wilson ‘43 and the late Jane Carpenter Post ‘51

Miriam Feyerherm
former faculty member; mother of Elise ’78, Joel ’81, and Sarah Feyerherm ’82.

Lewis Holtzman
father of Doug ’83 and Gary Holtzman ’89

Fredric Jameson ’50

Renee Powell Johnson ’62
sister of George Powell ’65

Charlotte Kushner
mother of Ted Kushner ’88

Shirley Phillips LeQuier ’45

Mary Liddle
mother of Mary Susan Liddle ’80

Mary Alice Marley
mother of Tracy Marley Watts ’80

Polly Price ’62
sister of Christopher Price ’67, the late Harrie Price IV ’65, and the late Margie Price Sunderman ’70, and daughter of late former faculty member Harrie Price III

Reginald Raban ’63
brother of Lynn Raban Palmer ’62

Joseph Reid
husband of Sandra Hartman Reid ’73

Pam Weatherby Rhodes ’65

James Scott ’54

Margie Price Sunderman ’70
sister of Christopher Price ’67, the late Polly Price ’62, the late Harrie Price IV ’65, and daughter of late former faculty member Harrie Price III

Betsy Barclay Wales ’42

Marilyn Wesley
mother of Karlyn Wesley Supple ’84

Editor’s Note: Full obituaries are found on the MFS website. “In Memoriam” lists the passing of the following: alumni; immediate family of alumni (father, mother, child, spouse, sibling); current parents; current and past faculty and staff; spouses, partners and children of current faculty, staff and administration; current and former trustees; and spouses and children of current trustees. Notices will include any of the deceased’s relatives who are MFS alumni. To locate full obituaries on the MFS website, navigate to “News” in the top menu of www.mfriends.org and then select “Among Friends Magazine.” Alumni who do not have access to the Internet may contact Director of Marketing and Communications Mike Schlotterbeck at (856) 914-4434 to request a hard copy of an obituary.

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Indiana University • James Madison University • Marist College • Millersville University of Pennsylvania
Morehouse College • Montclair State University • Mount Holyoke College • Muhlenberg College
New York University • Northeastern University (3) • Nova Southeastern University
Oxford College of Emory University • Parsons School of Design at The New School • Penn State University (3)
Quinnipiac University • Rowan College at Burlington County • Saint Joseph's University (3)
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University of Illinois • University of Maryland • University of Miami • University of Pennsylvania
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Commencement for the Class of 2024 was held on the Oval on Saturday, June 8.

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