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Our Mission

At the American International School Vienna, we empower each student with the skills and character strengths necessary to be positively impactful global citizens who strive for personal growth and excellence in an ever-changing world.

Our Vision

A community of innovative learners realizing their chosen futures with courage, curiosity, and joy.

Our Values

Respect

We will be kind, considerate, inclusive, and thoughtful in our interactions with others and the environment.

Aspire

We will pursue our passions, imagine possibilities, and make them real.

Achieve

We will apply ourselves to the best of our ability with effort and ingenuity, and strive for personal growth.

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Strategic Plan 2021-2026

Priority Areas

01

Teaching & Learning

Empowering students to strive for personal growth and excellence.

02

Character & Community

Cultivating ethical, purposeful, and balanced citizens of a diverse community.

03

Facilities

Creating spaces to support innovative learning.

04

Finance

Stewarding resources to support current and future students.

Environmental Ethics & Sustainability

The AIS Vienna community is committed to developing an environmentally friendly school by raising environmental awareness, making environmentally friendly decisions, including environmental action and education in our daily routine, and supporting the environmental policies of Austria.

Key Facts



STUDENTS **801**

NATIONALITIES **79**

LANGUAGES SPOKEN AMONG STUDENTS **51**



STUDENT MACBOOKS & IPADS **1:1**



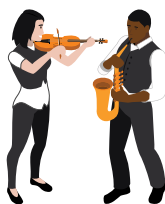
FAMILIES **518**



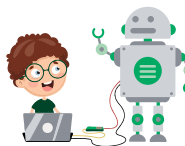
CLASS OF 2023 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE RATE **100%**



ATHLETIC TEAMS **40**



ARTS EVENTS **55**



CLUBS & ACTIVITIES **75**

ALUMNI NETWORK MEMBERS **13,915**

CAMPUS AREA **45,000 m²**

YEARS IN EXISTENCE **64**

EMPLOYEES **192**

*All data as of November 2022

A Letter from the Director

An outstanding school not only continually improves educational programs and practices, but also reinvests in its facility to renew and repurpose space and improve access to technology to maximize student learning. Check out some of our most recent renovations!

Thanks in part to the generous support of an anonymous donor, we were able to completely renew our Early Childhood Discovery Garden over the summer. This new space was designed for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students to engage in scientific learning of physical, life, and earth sciences through direct manipulation and exploration of natural materials and phenomena such as sand, water, leaves, plants, insects, etc.; and develop fine motor and gross motor skills through climbing, digging, art, and music activities.

The AISV Annual Fund allowed us to furnish the new Middle School Learning Commons, a flexible multipurpose learning space, shared by Middle School faculty, students, staff, and the wider community. It improves upon the previous configuration, increasing flexibility, usability, and aesthetics. It serves as a large group gathering space, facilitates student solo or group work, and offers breakout areas for classroom projects, among a host of other possibilities.

Our renovated Grade 2 and Kindergarten classrooms include major structural changes to create more flexible multipurpose learning spaces, along with important updates to furniture, flooring, lighting, and temperature regulation. The Kindergarten classrooms and Early Childhood Discovery Garden were

purposefully designed together to integrate the indoor and outdoor learning experience.

Thanks to support from the AIS Vienna Foundation, our students are now benefiting from a new cutting-edge LED stage lighting system in the Theater. This transformative upgrade from our previous halogen system is not just a leap in technology but a commitment to sustainability and artistic excellence. The LED system ensures a cooler and more comfortable environment for both performers and the audience. This new modern lighting system not only reduces our electricity consumption in this area by an estimated 75%, but enables students to experiment with color theory in all of our theater and musical performances. It provides opportunities for students who may not be inclined to perform, but are interested in the technical side of the industry, to participate in the arts.

We are thrilled with our recent renovations and improvements to our facility, which have resulted in a more personalized and collaborative approach to student learning. With a number of alumni reunions already in the works for this year and next, I hope many of you find an excuse to come to campus and see all of the exciting developments underway!



Kathy Miner, DEd
Director

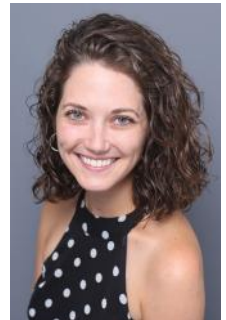
A Letter from the Community Engagement & Advancement Coordinator

We have really enjoyed the recent surge in engagement and connections among our alumni, spanning across continents and generations. This growing network is a testament to the profound impact our school has had in nurturing global perspectives, cultural understanding and lifelong friendships.

We are committed to fostering a vibrant alumni network that celebrates the achievements of our graduates and provides them with opportunities to stay connected to the school we all love. Your participation

at reunions, as volunteers on campus, and in our philanthropic initiatives is invaluable in strengthening our alumni network and reinforcing the spirit of our school community.

If you are planning a trip to Vienna, please let us know! We would be delighted to connect with you, show you around campus and share the latest updates on our school. To any of our local alumni: please don't hesitate to contact me if you're interested in volunteering to support current and future generations of Knights.



Stephanie Hilliard
*Community
Engagement &
Advancement
Coordinator*



A Letter from the Alumni Affairs Manager



Zeynep Gürkök-Müllner '87
Alumni Affairs Manager

My Dear AIS Vienna Alumni,

We are going through rough times. Way too many conflicts, wars, natural disasters, economic crises, etc. Our planet earth seems to be shaken by some unknown, unfriendly, and undesirable forces. But you know what? We are the Knights! We know how to hold together as well as support and help each other. After all, with our actions, presence, and care for the less fortunate we make this world a better place to live in. Please be assured that the AISV community and I have your back. If you need someone to talk to or a hand to hold, please reach out, 24/7 (in person or virtually). Always here for you!

In the meantime, welcome to the next issue of our alumni magazine, the *GlobeSpotter*. So much has happened during the past one year. Since almost all the rules

and regulations concerning Covid have been dropped, we have seen a high number of reunions taking place in Vienna as well as around the world. Many alumni also took their families and friends to pay a visit to their old stomping grounds. It was a delight to welcome so many smiling faces back to good old AISV.

If you have any questions concerning updating your contact details, tracking classmates, seeing upcoming reunions - all in our new Alumni Portal; or simply promoting the good name of our school, please contact the [Alumni Office](#).

Until we meet, stay in touch, stay safe, and keep spreading that incredible Knights' spirit wherever you go.

Servus from Salmansdorf!



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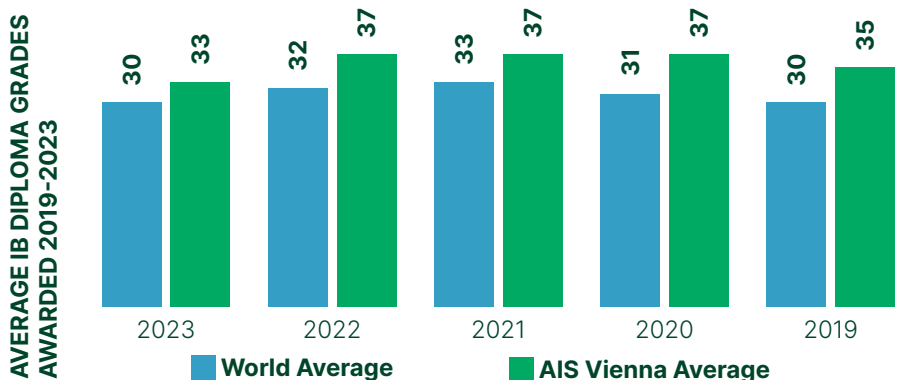
Congratulations to the 48 students who completed their International Baccalaureate (IB) exams and coursework this past spring!

Our students had a fantastic 100% diploma pass rate! The Class of 2023 should be proud of their accomplishments, especially considering the challenges over the course of the last few academic years.

Our 100% IB pass-rate highlights our ability to keep learning and students at our center. We know their IB experience has prepared them well for university and the future.

As an inclusive school, we celebrate all students who challenge themselves with the IB Diploma Programme reaching beyond what they perhaps thought was possible.

Congratulations to our students! We're so very proud of you!





United Nations Learning 2023

We culminated our United Nations learning with a wonderful Elementary School assembly last March. Our UN and Sustainable Development Goal learning has taken place throughout the school year, with various activities and projects, and on the final day Mr. Martin Nesirky of the UN Information Service gave an inspirational speech to our students. The assembly began with a parade of 61 flags from the countries represented in our Elementary School and included amazing student instrumental, dance, and choir performances. Thanks to all the teacher and parent volunteers the learning came alive for students. This UN learning ties directly to our mission, to empower each student with the skills and character strengths necessary to be positively impactful global citizens who strive for personal growth and excellence in an ever-changing world.

Alumni Connections

AIS Vienna is proud to nurture a community of innovative learners in which students pursue their passions, imagine possibilities, and make them real. Our talented alumni are part of this legacy, and we were thrilled to welcome 10 alumni from the classes of '22, '21, and '20 to speak with the former senior class. Seniors were able to speak with recent alumni representing various regions of the world to discuss university life, tips for the remaining weeks of senior year, life after AISV, and more. Thank you to our alumni for supporting this innovative new learning experience for our students!



World Teachers' Day

Recently, on World Teachers' Day, we celebrated our amazing AIS Vienna teachers who continue to innovate and create opportunities for our students to thrive. Our teachers help shape the kind, considerate, inclusive, and thoughtful students that inspire all of us. In appreciation of their hard work and dedication to our students, we were thrilled to welcome an EspressoMobil to our campus to provide our employees with free coffee, courtesy of the Director's Office & Community Engagement Team. Please join us in saying: Thank you, teachers, for all you do for our students every day. We appreciate you!



Design Your Own Skatepark

In September, our Grade 6 STEM elective students traveled to Währinger Skatepark to gather information and ideas on what type of elements they might include in their own skatepark designs. While there, they were extremely lucky to have met Kristopher, a local skater and skatepark fanatic. He spoke with the students about what makes a superior skatepark: a variety of elements made with different types of materials, a prepared flow, and of course it should be challenging and fun. The students really enjoyed their time there and will now incorporate their experience into their designs. This is just one of the many ways the city of Vienna makes up our extended campus and allows us to create authentic learning experiences. We can't wait to see what they come up with!



Visiting Author Ying Chang Compestine

We were delighted to welcome multiple award-winning author Ying Chang Compestine to AIS Vienna this past September. Ms. Chang Compestine discussed her life, books, and writing process with students in Elementary School, Middle School, and High School.



International Food Festival 2023

Last May, we held our International Food Festival! There were tables from over 20 countries, an international wine bar, and beautiful country raffle baskets. Our IFF really is a testament to the diversity found across our community. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to making this wonderful event a success. We are already looking forward to next year's International Food Festival!



IB Theater Students Travel to London

In October, our IB Theater students traveled to London for the annual International School Theatre Association (ISTA) workshops, delving into a myriad of theater techniques.

Sparkling Science: Wildlife Crime

Forty-one students are participating in an exciting new program as part of the HS Environmental Science class. Sparkling Science: Wildlife Crime is sponsored by Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation and organized by the Natural History Museum Vienna to sensitize students to the topic of illegal wildlife trade and its importance for international species protection.

Throughout this school year, students will visit the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Austrian customs office and the Vienna Open Lab. They will also have a virtual meeting with the Snake Farm of the Queen Saovabha Memorial Institute Bangkok and a campus visit from the Crocodile Specialist Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Students attended a kick-off meeting at the Natural History Museum Vienna on September 21, which included hands-on exercises to learn about international uses of protected species as "medicine", fingerprinting, identifying real vs. imitation specimens, CITES (a multilateral treaty to protect endangered plants and animals from the threats of international trade), and Austria's most vulnerable species.

Special thanks to our students for being engaged and respectful representatives of our community, and to Dr. Hanrahan for enabling us to offer such an innovative learning opportunity.

This is just one of the many ways the city of Vienna makes up our extended campus, with its many cultural offerings.



HS Career Fair 2023

Last March, we welcomed 35 volunteers to campus for the High School Career Fair. We are so grateful to the parents, alumni, and extended community members who have so graciously given the gift of talent to support our students. Opportunities such as these are extremely valuable and embody our core value of *Aspire*, as we help students pursue their passions, imagine possibilities, and make them real. Thank you to everyone who has worked to support this event. It was fantastic to see our High School students actively engaged in their sessions and asking insightful questions.



Helping Hands Club Volunteers at the UN Women's Charity Bazaar

In December, the Helping Hands Club volunteered at the UN Women's Charity Bazaar. It was a lovely experience for everyone who participated and our Helping Hands Club members were able to volunteer for the whole city-wide community.



AISV Community Advertisements on Facebook

This [private Facebook group](#) is our free online community “Craigslist” or “Willhaben”, filled with information about local housing for our new faculty and staff as well as information about childcare, jobs, items for sale, etc.

Student Led MUN Club at MUN Conference

Our HS Student Led MUN (Model United Nations) Club recently participated in the Vienna MUN Conference organized by the Vienna International School. Our nine-student team participated in simulations of the Security Council (SC), UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC), and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). All students researched their topics, participated in heated debates, and gave speeches defending their county's positions. They contributed significantly to the smooth and productive operation of their committees and returned with accolades. Two of our students won the Best Speaker Award and one received an Honorable Mention Award. Congratulations! They truly earned the respect of their fellow delegates for their achievements. It was a memorable experience for our students complemented by a large range of genuine learning outcomes.

The AIS Vienna YouTube Channel

Want to see the school in action? Feel the Knights' spirit again with concerts, events, and even athletics live streaming on the [AIS Vienna YouTube Channel](#).

AIS Vienna School Stories

For more fantastic, fun, and interesting news and stories from AIS Vienna, take a look at our School Stories on [the AIS Vienna website](#).

View from the Hill

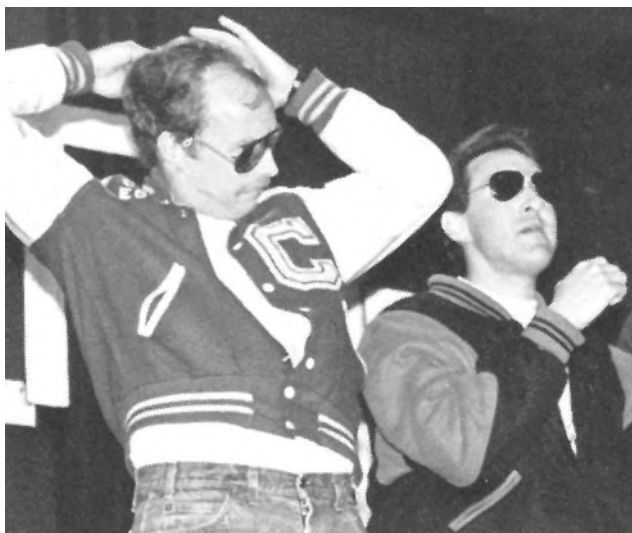
View from the Hill is the AISV extended community newsletter. Whether you are an alum, a retiree, a former parent, the grandparent of a current student, someone interested in joining the AISV family, or just a friend of AISV, [sign up](#) to peek inside our community of innovative learners realizing their chosen futures with courage, curiosity, and joy.



HS Global Builders in Portugal

Fourteen High School Global Builders recently embarked on a rewarding journey to Braga, Portugal where they joined forces to construct a home for families in need. The ongoing project aims to transform an old carpentry workshop into six distinct residences, providing shelter for four refugee families and two local families facing hardship.

A Walk Down Memory Lane





Time to Say Goodbye



Congratulations, Graduates!

The 63rd Commencement Ceremony of the American International School Vienna for the Class of 2023 took place on June 3, 2023 at the beautiful Palais Ferstel. It was wonderful to be able to come together to mark this achievement for our graduates. We know they have cultivated important skills and values for a successful future. Special thanks to all our faculty and staff who have helped our students realize their chosen futures with courage, curiosity, and joy.

The students from the Class of 2023 received **158** acceptances at **104** institutions in **13** countries/regions.

Our students' achievements are many and they are thrilled as they plan their transition to university. Many thanks to our amazing counselors who supported seniors and their parents in their search of their best fit universities to ensure a successful year and transition to university.

The full graduation ceremony was recorded and can be seen [here](#). Congratulations to the Class of 2023!

Retiring Staff and Faculty

People are at the center of our work, and AIS Vienna has said goodbye to a great number of faculty and staff over the years who had huge impacts on our program. In June 2023, we said farewell to 2 beloved faculty members. We wish them the very best in their future endeavors and look forward to seeing them again someday.

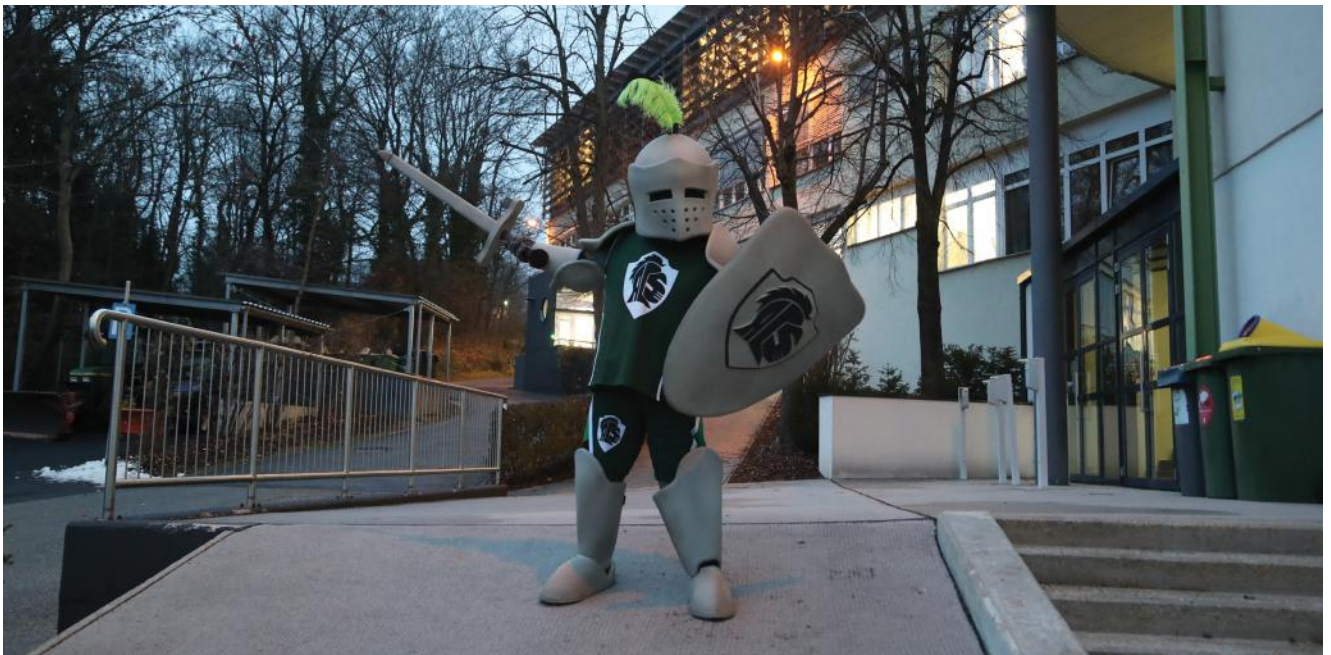


Lucinda Edmunds
HS English Teacher
10 years at AIS Vienna



Chrys Pappas
HS Science Teacher
27 years at AIS Vienna

Once a Knight, always a Knight!



Time to Say Goodbye

Sad Farewells



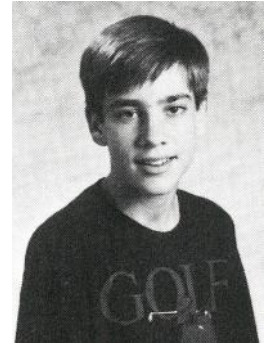
**Tamara
Trinka '78**

She fought hard but, unfortunately, lost the battle at the end. An adventurous, cool, a bit of a rebel, smart cookie, and a beautiful person inside out. Rest in peace Tamara! Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.



Blair Tindall '78

Saying goodbye to beautiful and talented Blair, who was a successful and Grammy nominated oboist, producer, speaker, and journalist. Blair is the author of the bestseller "Mozart in the Jungle" which was later on adapted for the Emmy winning Amazon Studio series of the same name. Our hearts are broken - Blair was meant to marry her big love Chris this year. Lebewohl dear Knight , you will be dearly missed!



Neil Claasen '91

It is with great sadness that we received the news of Neil's passing. Neil left AISV in 1988 after finishing 9th Grade, but would have been a Class of '91 member if he had stayed. What a sweetheart he was. Funny, smart, easy going, and a total team player. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. May his soul rest in peace. Lebewohl Neil - another Knight gone too soon! PS: if you want or need more info, please get in touch with Mathias Hiesmayr via FB.



**Heiko
Buerger '83**

Another alumni gone too soon. He fought hard and bravely, but unfortunately lost his battle with cancer. Heiko was such a happy soul, multi-talented, easy going, smart, fun to be around with, and a sweetheart. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. Servus Heiko, you are dearly missed!



Dannie and Daryle Russell

We have, unfortunately, received the sad news that Mrs. Russell passed away in September 2022 and Mr. Russell, former AISV High School Interim Principal, passed away in June 2023. This adventurous couple of more than 60 years were two of the original Peace Corps Volunteers in Ethiopia at the beginning of the 60s, after which they spent all their active career years in international schools and communities. Smart, creative, patient, easy going, and friendly team players, these two were a perfect match for AISV for a short but fine time. Thank you Dannie and Daryle for being wonderful Knights. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family and friends. You will both be dearly missed!

Dawn Lewis

We have, unfortunately, received the sad news that Mrs. Lewis has passed away. She was the loving wife and partner of Mr. Dexter Lewis, former AISV Director, for over 67 years. She was beautiful inside and out, loved books, was smart, friendly, a team player, and always had an open ear to listen to you when you needed to talk. She had a deep affection for Austria, especially Bad Hofgastein, which engulfed her with its beauty and calmness. Dawn will be deeply missed by the AISV community. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. Another Knight leaves us behind and starts her journey to embrace new adventures on the other side. Lebewohl Dawn!

“Don’t be dismayed at good-byes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again.”

- Excerpt from Joy Dillow’s senior yearbook quote, originally by Richard Bach.

Recent Alumni Events

Class of 1971+/- Reunion April 2023 via Zoom



Class of 2003 Reunion May 2023 in Vienna



**Class of 1991 Reunion
May 2023 in Vienna**



**Class of 2002 Reunion
May 2023 in Vienna**



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Class of 1998 Reunion July 2023 in Vienna



Class of 1993 Reunion July 2023 in Vienna



**Class of 1973 50th Anniversary
September 2023 in Vienna**



**Class of 1970s Reunion
October 2023 in Austin, Texas**



Recent Alumni Events

Lindsay Koob '64

I am long since divorced, and have a son (Todd Koob), two grandsons and one granddaughter. I remain active as an internationally respected freelance classical music journalist and critic. Since 2011, my primary freelance client has been Delos, "The Great American Label." Out of the 150-plus Delos classical CDs for which I wrote the liner notes and/or helped to produce, 5 were nominated for GRAMMY awards, and 16 were nominated for Europe's International Classical Music Awards (ICMA). I have also published (in the Charleston City Paper) an article on gay issues and a newspaper cover story about global warming, namely the risks of sea level rise to my hometown: the low-lying coastal city of Charleston, SC.

Margie (Arms) Nalezny '64

I work PT as a Senior Companion and help care for and provide transportation for 3 of my 7 grandchildren, who keep me young. I'm content with my life.

Sherry (O'Donnell) Burns '64

The beauty of the time I spent in Vienna (1961-1964) is that many friendships that were made are still strong today. I have been lucky enough to travel to see friends and have them come here and of course technology has created many ways to easily stay in touch. My husband, Bob, who many of you met, was in poor health for almost 12 years so travel was limited. Now Vienna is once again on my list of trips to take. Thank you for all the wonderful memories.

Lynda Karen Laun '65

I work at Menards, a Midwestern Company, in the Plumbing Department. I have a brother named Paul, whom Alex Mehdevi met in New York years ago. Paul is ok. I would love to hear from Florence Mehdevi, Mary Kiersch, and Dana Kiersch Haycock. My email address is sealionq1@outlook.com.

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I always loved going to AIS Vienna.

”

Sandy Kiefer, Class of '69

Isabella Harnoncourt-Franckenstein '67

I still see Cookie Engländer when I am in Vienna; a few times a year, and we communicate by mail a lot. Not on a regular basis but occasionally Fig Newton (on Denman Island) and I write mails and catch up on all sorts of issues; music and grandkids for example. I exchange Christmas Cards with Winnie Anninger (Sorio), Miya Maruo-Duque (who incidentally married the brother of the husband of my best friend when growing up in Vancouver in the 1950s and 60s (small world) and often Joanne Scheuer. So you see we're keeping in touch and that means a lot to me. I'm retired now for some time (as Psychologist and Psychotherapist) and enjoy my daughter Agnes with her family, my husband, and our life in the country doing a lot of gardening and cooking, trips with friends; next week we're going off to Burgundy. Our oldest daughter Margret died 2016, which is an everlasting pain, but we are so thankful for the 37 years we shared with her.

Sandy Kiefer '69

I always loved going to AIS Vienna. I have spent my life as a cellist. I now live in Los Angeles. If you come this way be in touch. My cell and text are 857 8004195.

Warren Brickell '67



A very rare occasion: Manongo was in town with his famous jazz group PERUJAZZ performing in Porgy & Bess. The picture shows Hannes, me, Manongo and Yvonne. It was a real musical treat.



A mini Knights meet-up with Gina Wentzel (now Wolfe) '64 and her husband Steve.



Another mini Knights meet-up with Nebojsa, me, and Jan, all Class of '67 at a recent lunch.



Cicely Gilman-Thorne '75

Cicely designs bohemian and surreal fabrics, many that have an art nouveau twist. She is also a silk painter and a photographer. She has a cute online shop on Spoonflower under the name “ciswee”.



Jacqueline Hunt & Ingrid Toth '77

Jacqueline and Ingrid, besties from school days, came back to visit the campus for the first time since leaving Vienna decades ago.



Anton Wendrinsky '78

I recently came across an old photo of Josef Ahorner, Geoffrey McIntyre, myself, and Georg Zoltan on a school trip to Hallein.

Wendy Skorupski '78

Wendy has a new book on the market called “Infinite Stranger”.

Airan Berg '79

Currently, I am the Circus Director of the “Circus of Knowledge” at the Johannes Kepler University in Linz, Austria, which dedicates its work to connect art, science, and citizens. I am also the artistic director of “Floods of Fire”, a participatory project commissioned by the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra and the Adelaide Festival connecting creation stories and climate change. I live between Vienna and Istanbul with my wife Sema. My private email is: Airan.berg@yahoo.com.



Angela Logan-Jordan '79 & Mark Logan '83

The siblings came for a campus visit to take a walk down memory lane with Mark's daughter.

Erika Levy '82

Erika Levy is still a Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Teachers College, Columbia University, living in NYC with her husband and her son. She researches speech treatments for children with cerebral palsy and cleft palate. Her daughter is in college and her son is applying to colleges. Loves hearing about AISV folks and would like to keep in touch. Couldn't make the DC reunion, alas, but hoping for the next one.

Holly Bull '80



I had a wonderful trip to Vienna this October and saw remarkable changes in the city as well as at AIS Vienna. My last visit was during my second gap year in 1983. Alan Beasley and I drove to the school from Geneva and I stayed in my old bedroom in the Villa (before the top floor became admin offices - what a shock to see this visit!) A highlight of this current trip was dinner with Irene Meier Moser and her husband at their splendid hotel/restaurant. I hadn't seen Irene since college when she visited the USA - what a long overdue trip. Irene and I agreed that AISV alumni who have lived in many places growing up are what I call "fringe dwellers" - not so connected to the place, able to navigate situations and different groups of people from all walks of life. This is a unique legacy of the international school experience and I'm grateful for what AIS Vienna gave me during the five years I lived at, and evidently climbed all over the school!

Here is an excerpt from Bob Hiller, the architect of the original AISV Middle School, who was writing to one of my current gap year families from Princeton on Sept 26: "I was so happy to learn from Stella that she is taking a "Gap Year" under the auspices of Holly Bull, who is the daughter of one of my teachers at Lawrenceville, Neil Bull. When I had been in practice for about three years, Neil Bull came to my office and interviewed me for a project for a school in Vienna, Austria, where he had just been appointed Headmaster. We were awarded the project and that's how I met Holly...What's interesting is that Neil Bull was so enthusiastic about the architecture that we did for him in Vienna that he would rave about us to every headmaster that he met. Over the years that has resulted in our designing 17 international schools all over the world, including India, Dubia, and Australia."



Grant Anderson '81

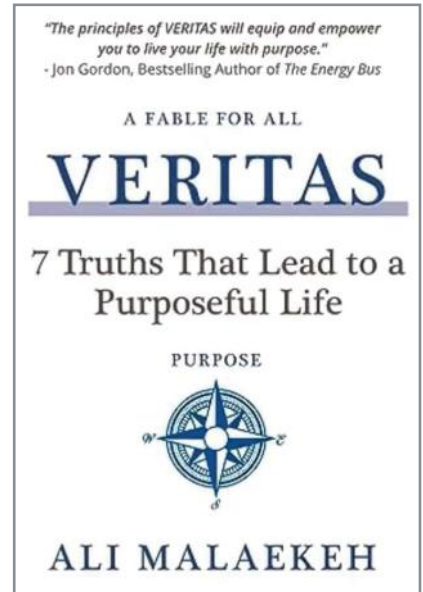
Grant's company "Paragon" was featured on the cover of "[The Enterprise World's](#)" special addition as a "Most Trusted Space Life Support Technologies Solution Providers 2023".

Ahmad Majid '83

Ahmad is the proud owner of "Marcy Vintage", a flagship concept store with the aim to contribute meaningfully to the circular economy by prolonging life and offering alternative use of second hand clothes, shoes, and accessories. At the moment, the shop is cooperating with Radio Africa and donating a percentage of its daily sale to the "Water Project in Africa". It is located at Gußhaus Strasse 23/1 in the 4th Viennese district. Please stop by when you are on the lookout for something unique.

Monika Lynde '81

Next time you are searching for a new home, remember to contact Monika. She is a global real estate advisor and can place you with a Sotheby's Realtor anywhere in the world.



Ali Malaekheh '83

Ali has a new book on the market called "Veritas".



Vinod Edward '83

I bumped into my classmate Flavio Canali in Munich recently, we both graduated in 1983.

Sara Nardi '83



A mini Knights meet-up in NYC, May 2023 (Amy, Sara, Steve).



A mini Knights meet-up in NYC, October 2023 (Sara, Jon, Leslie, Brett, Chris).



Amy (Palmer) Benavides '85

Amy was back on campus walking down memory lane.



Allen Ghorashi '85

Allen ran into Lawrence by luck when traveling. What are the odds? He happened to be in Las Vegas during my stay there.

Lawrence Awwad '85



Lawrence was in Vienna for a business trip which he combined with some Knight meet-ups.



Doug Adams '86

Greetings from Lancaster, PA. Recently I had a chance to grab a cup of coffee in Lititz, PA with Suzanne (Stephan) Neely '87, who had moved down to Lancaster from State College, PA. My family and I moved to Lancaster five years ago when I took a job at Franklin & Marshall College. It was great to catch up on our Vienna and college days - Suzanne and I both went to the College of William & Mary in Virginia as undergraduates.

Jasenka (Oremovic) Loebus '87:

In 2015 I founded Move-It Relocation Services, a company which offers tailor-made solutions for a stress-free move to Vienna. I focus on finding a comfortable new home for the family, taking out the headache of administrative paperwork, looking for a good educational institution for the children, and last but not least, when the time comes to say goodbye, I handle all the departure arrangements. As an expat myself, I love working with international expats to make their time in Vienna an enjoyable experience.

Zeynep Gürkök-Müllner '87

Here are a few meet-ups.



Barbara Dragoni & Marcus Kern '88

A mini Knights meet-up.



Robert Rice '89

In October I retired from the US Marine Corps after a 31 year career. I graduated from AISV in 1989 and then attended the University of Washington, and upon graduation in December 1992 was commissioned into the Marine Corps. I am grateful for the opportunities my career afforded me to include many deployments and assignments throughout Europe, Asia, and Africa. My last assignment was leading a team of military advisors in the United Arab Emirates. I now live in the Washington DC area with my wife and 11th grade son. We also have two daughters in college, one of whom is currently doing a semester abroad in Vienna.

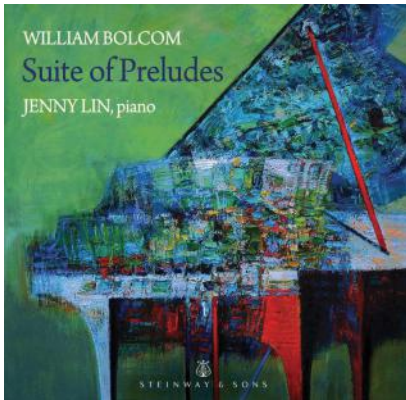
Natalie (Bizic) McCollum '87

A mini 80s reunion in Colorado with hubby Carl, Alison, and Lawrence.



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- Dieter Fenkart-Froeschl '93



Jenny Lin '91

Jenny released another album on the Steinway & Sons label. Born in Taiwan, raised in Austria, relocated to New York City, she regularly appears in concerts and classrooms at the 92nd Street Y, Miller Theater, and Museum of Modern Art. She records frequently, and brings out on average at least one album a year.



Awiruth Keshagupta '92

A mini-reunion in Bangkok with Takuya, who came for a business trip, and Parisuthi (Paris). It was great catching up with each other.



Dieter Fenkart-Froeschl '93

I continue to love my job at the National Park Foundation. When I joined, we had 80 staff and were raising \$75 million for national parks all across the country. Five years later, we have 120 staff and are raising \$170 million from donors to protect and preserve all 423 national parks. Those dollars go directly to supporting new projects and programs at places like Yosemite, Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon as well as to many of the historic and cultural sites that tell the full story of America. This is the perfect blend of history and nature - my passions in life. And, as I reflect on my formative years at AIS Vienna, I can say that they helped define those passions. Thank you to all the AIS Vienna teachers, administrators and staff. As for the family, they are thriving. Miles is an 8th grader at the Washington International School and Sarah is heading up business development for an Italian pharmaceutical device manufacturer in the US. Her company manufactures vials for vaccines so you can only imagine how busy she was the last few years... Roman (12th grader) will be heading off to college next year. He recently completed his pilot's exam after 1.5 years of flight school. He is now an official pilot and we had an opportunity to fly with him as a family (see attached photo). He took us to a restaurant in a town 50 miles north of DC. It was perhaps the most expensive lunch after factoring in plane rental and fuel. (But it was totally worth it).

Class of '94

The Class of '94 is preparing to celebrate 30 years in 2024, back in Vienna and at AISV. The weekend of June 7-9. They want everyone to join them, all classes... since that is the AISV-way. Just another reason for all to come together. Festivities and events will be announced at a later date, but in the meantime, mark your calendars: June 7-9, 2024!



Mary Jane Rogers '94

My siblings and mom in front of our home in Vienna, Austria from 1990 to 1993. Five of us went to AIS Vienna.



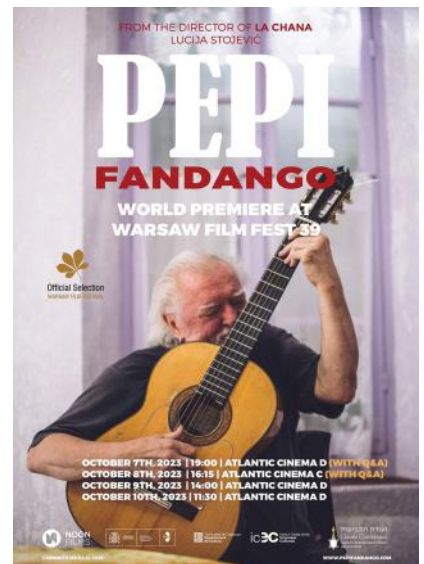
Natascha Demner '94

A mini Knights meet-up with the Millers in Maine.

Jelena Panza '98

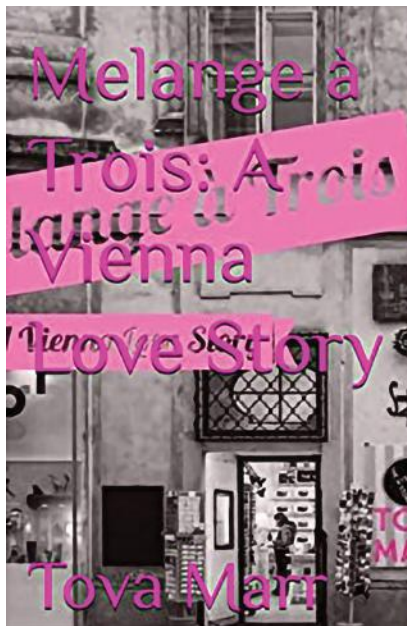


At the summer '98 reunion with Ms. Kurley, Ms. Gutmann, and Ms. Winner.



Lucija Stojevic '99

Lucija recently finished directing and producing a-must-watch documentary, "Pepi Fandango".



Tova Marr '99

I moved back to Vienna in 2004 and continue to love it here. I also wrote “Melange a Trois: A Vienna Love Story” which is kind of my love letter to the city. My husband and I launched a podcast called “Melange A Deux” which will have weekly episodes about famous Austrian people and places (available on Spotify and Apple Podcasts). One recent highlight was Hedy Lamarr and the week after Freud. I was in the Class of '99 but left in '97.

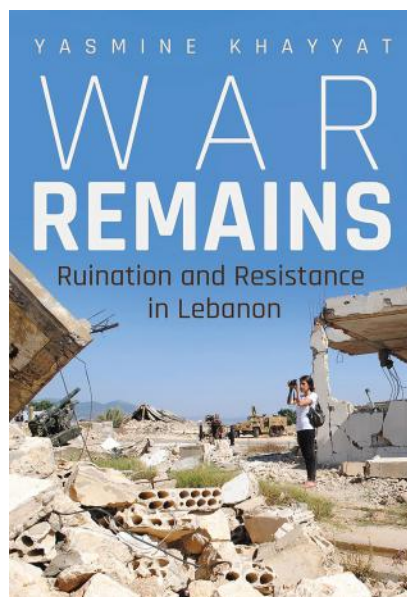


Oliver Zehetner-Loffredo '01

A mini Knights meet-up in NY.

Lennart Poulsen '95

I count myself as an AIS Vienna alumni even though I only spent a few months there in 1992. Just writing this makes me feel old! After Vienna I returned to Denmark and finished high school and then went to the UK to go to university and have been there ever since. I am now a lawyer and am married to my Turkish-Cypriot wife Emel; also a lawyer (our house is party central!). We have a 2 year old boy, Roman.

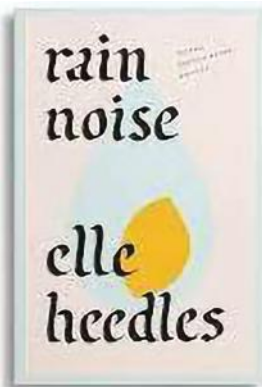


Yasmine Khayyat '00

Yasmine has a new book on the market: “War Remains: Ruination and Resistance in Lebanon”.

Aiko Ihara '10

I've launched a small business specializing in destination weddings and pre-wedding photos in Japan. If you are, or someone you know is, currently planning a wedding, looking for wedding photography services, or arranging a bachelorette party, why not take a look at my website (www.blisstokyoweddings.com) or follow me on Instagram at @bisstokyo_japanweddings. To kick things off, I'm offering substantial discounts on planning fees as I'm eager to gain valuable experience in this field. Your support would mean the world to me!



Elle Rose Heedles '15

Her debut poetry collection is out. Enjoy the read!

August Funered '22

I only graduated two years ago. I am in my second year of university studies where I am studying, as many probably do, Business Administration in the wonderful, but rainy, city of Brussels, Belgium. I loved my Class of '22, of which many I am still in touch with, as we were very close and cannot wait to return to Vienna some day.



Stepan Koncha '23

Since the end of high school, I was able to have a relaxing summer including an engaging graduation trip with my two close friends, Laurenz and Louis, to Monaco, in addition to being part of a company's in-house legal team which was recognized in The Legal 500's GC Powerlist: Austria Teams 2023. This year, I am doing my obligatory Austrian civil service with the Vienna police directory. After the service, I will be moving to London to study Law at UCL starting in September of 2024.



Balint Bogdan '20

Having finished 3 seasons in the day charter market, it was time to move on. After being called on to join the superyacht sales team at YACHTZOO, I decided it was an opportunity I could not pass on. As an independent contractor my job is to connect superyacht owners to potential clients whilst best representing their interests on the market. I had the opportunity to exhibit a 92 foot new build at the Cannes Yachting Festival, and help the team represent the owners of a 30 and a 40 meter motor yacht at Monaco Yacht Show back in September.

Ayfer Gürkök (Former High School Math Teacher)



Ayfer is still enjoying her retirement and spending quality time with her grandkids. Photos show her with former AISV PE teacher Henny Behrendt and her daughters Zeynep '87 and Ayse '95 at a Knights' meet up.

George Weston (Former Middle School Math / Science Teacher)

I'm still teaching in Los Angeles and traveling the globe lecturing on Princess Cruises ship. Life is great and I still have many fond memories of my time in Vienna.

GlobeSpotter Mailbag: Former Staff & Faculty

AIS Vienna Quiz

Here is a bit of background on the AISV Salmannsdorf campus: Mr. Rudolf Hörandner bought this piece of land from Mr. Josef Obrist, who was the former mayor of Salmannsdorf before the turn of the 20th Century. A year later he started construction on the Villa, which cost 1.000.000 Gulden (Mr. Hörandner was a real estate trader). In 1913, he sold the Villa and the gardens around it to Mr. Alfred Heinsheimer, who was a respected banking expert and the general manager of the Austrian Creditanstalt (the biggest bank of the nation back then). In 1926, Annemarie, the only daughter of the Heinsheimer family, married Mr. Paul Imhof von Geisslinghof, a section council member in the Treasury. The pair moved into the Villa after the death of the father. During the hard World War I and II years, Annemarie's heartfelt concern was to help many fellow human beings who had

been persecuted for religious, political, and racial reasons. She was active with advice and action, through housing them on the premises. In 1960, her mother Hildegard sold the property to the "American International School" (founded by the American and Canadian Embassies together in 1959). The construction of a modern campus was finalized in 1964 and classes began.

Question: The main part of the AISV campus is located in the 19th Viennese district, but a small portion (i.e. the Soccer Field and Sports Hall) falls into another district. Which one?

Send your responses to alumni@ais.at. With a bit of luck you can win AIS Vienna goodies. Thank you and viel Glück!

Alumni Portal

The [AIS Vienna Alumni Portal](#) is run through our School Information System (Veracross) and offers alumni easy access to an alumni directory, news, photos, and more! Providing current contact information enables alumni to reconnect with

former classmates, make professional networking connections, and stay in the loop with upcoming reunions and school events. Please contact alumni@ais.at if you have any questions about accessing the Alumni Portal.

Alumni Class Reps

Thank you to all of our Alumni Class Representatives for representing your class so well!

For the complete list of Class Representatives, log in to the [AIS Vienna Alumni Portal](#).

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The AIS Vienna GlobeSpotter welcomes news from all AISV alumni. To share information on your whereabouts, jobs, families, pets, sports, or anything you think might be of interest, please contact us at alumni@ais.at.

For information on AIS Vienna, please visit www.ais.at. Last but not least, please do not forget to sign up for the Alumni Portal by emailing your contact info to alumni@ais.at.

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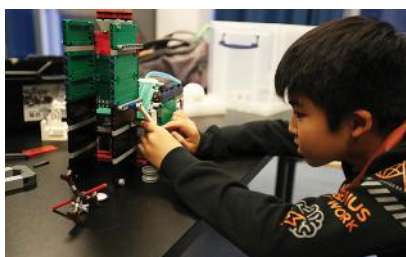
The AIS Vienna experience doesn't last long, but it accounts for an extraordinary amount of lifelong memories.

During this time of year, when it's typical for all of us to look back on those special people and places that have shaped our lives, please help us to keep the Knight experience unforgettable by making your gift to AIS Vienna today.

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