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Photo: The third annual Junior School Kindergarten Art Show was held April 19 at the Benedum Visual Arts Center on the Senior School campus. The show gave students the opportunity to showcase artwork for family and friends.
DEAR SHADY SIDE ACADEMY COMMUNITY:

When I was in school here in Pittsburgh, Shady Side was an option for my brother but not for me, as girls were nowhere in the picture at that time. How things have changed! I have watched our evolution over many decades – as an outsider, as a parent and as an Academy teacher and administrator – and have marveled at our strength and resilience, and our ability to change while still adhering to our tradition of excellence.

Over the last eight years, Shady Side Academy was extremely fortunate to have a dedicated and focused president in Tom Cangiano. Tom attended to the many needs of the Academy, be they programmatic, physical plant, personnel or financial, and he moved us forward in each area. In doing this, Tom never lost sight of the most important piece of the puzzle, which is the student experience. Our proud tradition of educational leadership in Pittsburgh continues thanks to Tom’s vision, perseverance and dedication.

Think Expansively, Act Ethically and Lead Responsibly. Our mission statement reverberates on each campus, and we carry it out in different ways. While most families come to Shady Side for our academic excellence, our work with students on character education is no less important to us. Responsible, ethical leaders who can think in new ways will always be in need, and Shady Side will always be at the forefront of molding them. Tom Cangiano understood that mere excellence in a vacuum is not enough, and that how we strive for excellence matters. We do it with honor, with joy, with sweat and with enthusiasm, thanks to our incredible faculty and amazing students.

We in the Shady Side community owe Tom Cangiano a debt of gratitude for his guidance and stewardship of this remarkable institution over the last eight years. As interim president, I will do everything I can to follow in his steady footsteps as we continue our forward momentum. I am honored and humbled to have been asked to serve, and I look forward to seeing many of you here on campus or on our alumni visits. We will keep you abreast of the news of the presidential search process for Tom’s permanent successor. Thank you, as always, for the many ways in which you support Shady Side Academy.

Sincerely,

Amy Nixon
Interim Academy President
New Treehouse Classroom Opens at Country Day School

For students at Shady Side Academy Country Day School, the “magic treehouse” is no longer just a children’s book series – it’s a real place! On May 31, Country Day officially opened a new treehouse classroom, nestled in the woods of the school’s 17-acre campus in Fox Chapel. It is the only treehouse classroom of its kind in Western Pennsylvania, and one of only a few across the country.

The treehouse was a longtime dream of Country Day School Head Sharon Smith, who retired at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. The lookout was named “Mrs. Smith’s Lookout” in honor of her 19 years of service to the school. “I have been fortunate to be among many Country Day teachers who believe the outdoor environment is an extraordinary opportunity for children’s learning,” said Smith. “Children will be inspired by nature, observing firsthand life in the forest, interacting with real animals, touching real trees and leaves, observing the changing seasons of the forest, observing and recording animal life and participating with nature – not just viewing it in textbook images.”

The total cost of the treehouse and ramp was approximately $150,000. More than $100,000 of the cost was covered by fundraising efforts by the school and the Parents’ Association over the past two years, including a “Magic Treehouse” benefit event held in March 2017.

The treehouse is the perfect addition to Country Day School, where classes have never been limited by walls. Teachers in all grades and disciplines utilize the campus’ 17 wooded acres to take lessons outside, where students engage with nature and explore the world around them. The campus already has an outdoor classroom nestled in the woods (on the ground), not far from the new treehouse.

The treehouse was designed and built by Tree Top Builders of Chester County, Pa., using live-edge cedar siding and reclaimed wood from an Amish barn for the flooring. The ADA ramp was constructed by the SSA facilities staff and subcontractors.
Positive Athlete Award and Scholarship

Senior Ezekiel Roberts was one of 30 Western Pennsylvania high school student-athletes awarded the 2017-2018 Positive Athlete Award. Each winner received a $500 C. Harper Scholarship presented by former Pittsburgh Steeler Hines Ward. Roberts was the Positive Athlete Award winner for the sport of boys track & field. He also won The Wilson Group Positive Solutions Award, a $1,000 college scholarship given to a student-athlete who has helped others on their team, school and/or community create a positive solution to a difficult situation. Roberts will attend the University of Pittsburgh this fall to study engineering.

Two Students Accepted to Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra

Junior Mark Appleman and freshman Nora Navid, both talented violinists, were accepted as members of the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra (PYSO) for 2018-2019 after competitive auditions throughout May. Appleman and Navid join violinists Nicole Jani and Amanda Zeng, who were accepted to the PYSO in 2017-2018, bringing the number of SSA students in the PYSO violin section to four in 2018-2019. All four students are members of the Senior School String Orchestra, which is under the direction of music teacher Dr. Dan Brill.

Academic WorldQuest Nationals

A team of four Senior School students competed at the Academic WorldQuest national competition, held April 28 in Washington, D.C. As regional champions, they were one of 47 teams to qualify from more than 35 states. The team consisted of seniors Nick Becker, Fuad Youssef and Will Davis and junior Matteo Secomandi. Sponsored by the World Affairs Council of America, Academic WorldQuest is a competition that tests students’ knowledge of international affairs, current events and other information about the world. SSA has won the Academic WorldQuest regional competition and advanced to nationals in four of the last five years (2014, 2016, 2017, 2018).
Debate Students Travel to South Africa

Senior School Speech and Debate Team members Antoni Yotov and Koji Shimada competed as part of Team USA at the 31st World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championship, held in Cape Town, South Africa, at the Bishops School from April 9-14. The Worlds tournament featured 120 student competitors from 10 countries. Each student competed in four events in the preliminary rounds: Impromptu Speaking, Parliamentary Debating, Interpretive Reading, and either After-Dinner Speaking or Persuasive Speaking. The top 8-12 students in each event advance to the finals, then the top 2-4 students in the finals advance to the grand finals, and then a winner is chosen in each event. Yotov, a senior participating in Worlds for the third straight year, placed third in the preliminary round and advanced to the finals in Interpretive Reading. Shimada, a junior participating for the first time, placed fourth in the preliminary round and advanced to the finals in After-Dinner Speaking.

Speech & Debate Students Compete at Nationals

Two members of the Senior School Speech and Debate team qualified to compete at two national tournaments this spring. Sophomore Akshay Amesur qualified for the National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) National Tournament in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on June 17-22. He competed in Informative Speaking, Extemporaneous Debate and Impromptu, finishing in the top 80 in Impromptu. Sophomore Max Minard qualified for the National Catholic Forensic League (NCFL) Grand National Tournament in Washington, D.C., on May 26-27 and competed in Humorous Interpretation.

Middle School Science Olympiad Team Competes Nationally

The Middle School Science Olympiad Team placed 13th out of 60 teams at the Science Olympiad National Tournament, held May 18-19 at Colorado State University. This marks the 12th time the Middle School team has competed at the national tournament since 2003 and the 11th time the team has finished in the top 20 at nationals. SSA qualified for nationals by earning a second-place finish at the Pennsylvania Science Olympiad Tournament at Juniata College on April 28.

Quiz Bowl Team Competes in NAQT National Championship

The Senior School Quiz Bowl Team competed in the National Academic Quiz Tournament (NAQT) 2018 High School National Championship, held May 25-27 in Atlanta, Ga. SSA placed 150th overall out of 352 teams from across the country, going 6-4 in the preliminary rounds to qualify for the playoff round, but falling short in the first round of playoffs. The SSA team consisted of seniors Nick Becker, Will Davis, Jude Rosen, Fuad Youssef and Justin Yuan. Individually, Davis was among the top 10 percent of competitors at the national tournament, ranking 150th out of 1,664 students, while Youssef ranked 308th.
Eighth Annual MLK Day of Service

Approximately 150 Shady Side Academy volunteers engaged in hands-on community service projects at six locations on the Academy’s eighth annual MLK Day of Service on Jan. 15. The volunteers, which included students in grades PK-12 plus parents, faculty and staff, celebrated the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday by volunteering on the national day of service, making it “a day on, not a day off.” The volunteers’ work benefited seven partner organizations, including Beverly’s Birthdays, Meals on Wheels Southwest PA, Center for Victims, Soldiers’ Angels Treats for Troops, Family House, HealthSouth Harmarville Rehabilitation Hospital, and the H.J. Heinz Campus of the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System.
Junior School kindergarten students raised a total of $3,791.57 for Project Bundle-Up by participating in “Bounce for Bundle-Up,” an annual class service project. The kindergartners worked with their third grade buddies to practice dribbling basketballs and collected pledges from family and friends to support their efforts. On “bounce day,” third graders counted how many times their kindergarten buddies bounced a basketball, totaling more than 12,000 times! The donations will help children receive new winter outerwear through Project Bundle-Up.

Ceramics Students Design Bowls for Charity

Senior School students in Mr. Scott Aiken’s ceramics class made bowls on the pottery wheel to donate to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and Just Harvest’s Empty Bowls Dinner, an event held on March 18, designed to raise awareness about hunger in our community. Those in attendance received a simple meal of soup and bread, donated by some of the best restaurants in Pittsburgh, and a beautiful handmade ceramic bowl to take home.

Third Grade Collects Pajamas

The Junior School third grade class collected 388 pairs of pajamas and raised $350.90 to purchase even more pajamas for local foster care children through the second annual pajama drive fundraiser benefiting the Mattress Firm Foster Kids program. Pajama donations were delivered to a local Mattress Firm store for distribution to one or more local foster care agencies that are partners in the campaign, including Every Child, Pressley Ridge, Three Rivers Adoption Council and Ward Home.
1. Junior School PK Alphabet Parade
2. Junior School Kindergarten Art Show
3. Junior School First Grade Play
4. Country Day School First Grade Restaurant
5. Junior School Second Grade Play
6. Country Day School Second Grade Wax Museum
7. Junior School Third Grade State Fair
8. Junior School Fourth Grade Greek Museum
9. Country Day School Fourth Grade State Box Fair
10. Junior School Fifth Grade Night of Wonderful Themes
around the academy

11. Country Day School Spring Show
12. Middle School musical, Peter Pan Jr.
13. Senior School musical, Anything Goes
14. Senior School Original Works Theatre Festival
Students Organize TEDxYouth@Shadyside

Thirteen Senior School students organized the third annual TEDxYouth@Shadyside, an independently organized TED event, at the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust’s August Wilson Center on April 22. The event featured speakers from various fields such as health/wellness, research and medicine, who together illustrated the many revolutions taking place in Pittsburgh. Seniors Anna Jovin and Lauren Levy were co-organizers of the event. Other students on the organizing committee included: seniors Dan Counihan, Meredith Cummings, Ashvin Dhawan, Eliza Fisher, Megan McInerney and Oliver Zunder; juniors Kenny Shergill, Abby Todd and Madigan Wolfanger; and sophomores Akshay Amesur and Giri Viswanathan.

Holocaust Survivor Speaks to Middle School Students

Irene Furst, a Pittsburgher and Holocaust survivor, spoke to Middle School students about her experiences during World War II. Furst shared the harrowing circumstances she encountered as she survived the ghettoization of her hometown of Lodz, Poland, as well as the Auschwitz concentration camp and the Stutthof Death March. She explained how working in conjunction with others helped her live and gave her hope. The students were poised and attentive during her talk and asked very insightful questions.

SEVENTH GRADER PERFORMS AT THREE RIVERS ART FESTIVAL

Seventh grader Sloane Simon was one of the featured artists at the 2018 Three Rivers Arts Festival in Pittsburgh. Simon was the only young solo performer selected by the festival committee. At just 13 years old, Simon is a vocalist, songwriter and guitarist. She began playing guitar when she was 8 years old, after her mother was diagnosed with aggressive spinal cancer. Until that point, she had been studying piano but wanted an instrument that would allow her to always be by her mother’s side. She wrote and recorded her first song when she was 9 about being brave when you are scared. Her mother is healthy now, and Simon continues to use her guitar to narrate her journey through life’s challenges and celebrations.
Farewell Event
Honors President Tom Cangiano

On May 17, the Shady Side community gathered in the Hillman Center for Performing Arts to raise a glass in celebration of the eight-year tenure of Academy President Tom Cangiano. The evening program featured musical performances by the Intonations and Chamber Choir, remarks by Board of Trustees Chair Mike Hannon ’74, Board Chair-Elect Jon Kamin ’91, Board of Visitors co-founder John Kramer ’57, and Trustees Emeriti Susanne Wean, Floyd Cephas and Stephen Halpern ’74, as well as the presidential portrait unveiling. Following the ceremony, guests mingled at a reception featuring food and drink from some of the key places in Cangiano’s life and career, including Boston, Bulgaria, Pittsburgh and Chicago. It was a great opportunity to share fond memories and bid farewell to the Cangiano family.

Celebrating Country Day School Head Sharon Smith

On May 21, guests gathered in the Great Hall on the Country Day School campus to celebrate the tenure of Sharon Smith, head of school at Country Day. Smith served at Country Day for 19 years, the first 13 of which were spent as a pre-kindergarten teacher. She was beloved in the classroom and known for her hugs, smiles and caring approach towards students. Smith was asked in 2007 to lead the Country Day admissions process, and in 2012 she became head of school. The celebratory program included remarks from former CDS board member Karen Dunn Kelley and kindergarten teachers Cara Hartsock and Melissa Morris. Incoming SSA Board Chair Jon Kamin ’91 and Academy President Tom Cangiano gave short remarks and presented Smith with gifts to commemorate her tenure at Country Day.
Presidential Search Update

The search for Shady Side Academy’s next president is well underway. Following Tom Cangiano’s announcement last November that he’d be departing SSA at the end of the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Trustees convened a Presidential Search Committee of 16 trustees, co-chaired by Jeff McDaniel ’88 and Rob Mullin ’93. The committee researched and interviewed several reputable national search firms to assist in the process, ultimately choosing the firm Research Group 175, or RG175.

In April, Tom Hudnut, Bob Henderson and John Farber of RG175 traveled to Pittsburgh to visit SSA’s four campuses and personally meet with administrators, faculty, staff, parents and students. After the weeklong visit, an anonymous electronic survey was sent via email to the broader SSA community asking for opinions on the current state of the Academy, its challenges and opportunities, and the professional and personal qualities most important in the next president.

Based on insight gained from the visit and the strong response to the survey, RG175 crafted a position statement outlining what SSA is looking for in its next president and began a nationwide search for the most qualified candidates. Over the summer, RG175 has been carefully screening applications to narrow down the pool of candidates to present to the Search Committee for further consideration.

An update on the search will be sent to the SSA community via email in early fall. Be sure SSA has your current email address to receive updates. To read the position statement and the latest updates on the presidential search process, visit www.shadysideacademy.org/presidential-search.

STRATEGIC VISION FINAL REPORT

Our five-year Strategic Vision, Challenging Students to Think Expansively, Act Ethically and Lead Responsibly, was successfully completed in 2017-2018. Read the final report detailing the many achievements that fulfilled the Strategic Vision goals at www.shadysideacademy.org/strategicvision

David Caplan Named Safety and Security Coordinator

In February, Shady Side Academy appointed David Caplan as its new safety and security coordinator. In his role, Caplan ensures the safety of students, faculty and staff and oversees the security of the Academy’s four campuses.

Since February, Caplan has conducted threat assessments of all campuses with the assistance of the Allegheny County Sheriff’s Office, hosted meetings at each campus to discuss parental concerns, installed new door locks, FOB systems and cameras, conducted emergency drills, developed an Academy Incident Action Plan, hired three police-trained security officers and held ALICE training for the entire faculty and staff.

Caplan brings more than 30 years of experience in the law enforcement and emergency management fields. Prior to SSA, he served as the chief of police for the Borough of Aspinwall from 2015-2017. From 1995-2015 he served in the City of Pittsburgh’s Department of Public Safety as a police officer, a police detective in the Criminal Intelligence Division, and a police sergeant in the Special Deployment Division and the Zone 4 Station. Prior to becoming a police officer, he spent 10 years as a paramedic and emergency medical technician with the City of Pittsburgh. Caplan holds a bachelor’s degree in public administration from Point Park University and a master’s degree in organizational leadership from Geneva College, and is a graduate of the Allegheny County Police Academy. He is currently working on his doctorate in leadership and administration.

In addition, Caplan has been a member of the SSA community for many years. As a child he attended SSA’s Junior and Middle Schools, two of his daughters, Erin ’12 and Taylor ’17, are SSA alumni, a third daughter, Brenyn ’28, currently attends the Junior School, while his son, George ’32, will begin pre-K in the fall.
One of the academic program goals was to strengthen the science curriculum and the use of technology to inspire and prepare more students to pursue STEM disciplines at the university level. Between 2014 and 2016, the Middle and Junior School science labs were renovated and expanded to create more flexible spaces that support an interactive, collaborative, project-oriented approach to teaching. The Senior School Science Department also began working with the Western PA Conservancy to strengthen portions of curriculum. The number of students in advanced computer science courses also has increased.

The biggest change to the science program, however, sits on the left-hand side of the road as you enter the Senior School campus. Completed this spring, the McIlroy Center for Science and Innovation is a 22,000-square-foot, Gold-LEED-certified facility meant to help take SSA’s science program to the next level. It also supports the strategic goal of leveraging the school’s physical assets to enhance programming in an efficient and environmentally responsible manner.

“The fun thing about having a career in education is we’ve been able to live in a lot of cool places,” said Cangiano. “Chicago is just the next chapter.”

It’s the next chapter in what has been a storied career in education for Cangiano, and one that has left an indelible mark on Shady Side during his eight years as the leader of the school.

Not long after beginning his tenure, Cangiano collaborated with other thought leaders to develop a strategic vision that mapped out the Academy’s goals for the next five years and detailed plans for reaching those goals. Called Challenging Students to Think Expansively, Act Ethically and Lead Responsibly, the strategic vision was so successful that the name was later adopted as the Academy’s mission statement. The vision targeted six different areas for improvement: academic program, faculty development, student experience, community connections, physical resources and financial stability.

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“When I first got here, science was definitely one of the areas we saw as an opportunity for improvement,” said Cangiano. “Working with the Science Department, we were able to recalibrate and offer a few different tracks for kids who were math- and science-focused and who wanted to move at a quicker pace.”

Once they were happy with the science program itself, they switched the focus to building a new home for it. “We knew we wanted a real awesome space for kids to do science,” he said. “The McIlroy Center allows for the kind of class experience and research experience that our kids and faculty both want.”

The final phase of the project, which will begin during the 2018–2019 school year, will see the renovation of the existing science area in the basement of Memorial Hall and Rowe into a technology and maker space.
Cangiano has also helped usher in campus-wide improvements in technology, with a big part of it being a more robust wireless infrastructure. The Academy hired a new director of educational technology and added a technology integration specialist, who’s been working with faculty on all four campuses to better utilize technology in class and in their curriculum. “Technology is a tool,” said Cangiano. “It’s not the centerpiece, and it shouldn’t be. The teachers should still provide the main experience for our students. But technology as a tool has certainly improved in recent years, and we want to make the most of it for our students.”

Having traveled so widely himself and experienced the benefits first-hand, Cangiano also made it one of his goals to increase cultural and socioeconomic diversity at Shady Side. In 2012, the school began a collaboration with Beijing School No. 4 that had upper-level students and faculty from both institutions participating in cultural and academic programs in both countries. The Academy has maintained this relationship through CULSA – the Chinese-U.S. Leading Schools Association – a consulting firm that helps SSA find students who are good matches. It’s also led to other things like teacher and student exchanges. In January 2018, nine Chinese exchange students spent two weeks at the Junior School learning from students and teachers while staying with SSA host families; a similar exchange took place at the Middle School in 2014. “These kinds of experiences really make for some nice interaction opportunities for both our faculty and kids,” said Cangiano.

Another way Cangiano helped increase diversity was by reinstating seven-day boarding at the Senior School beginning in 2015. This past school year, the Academy had 37 seven-day boarders, representing eight countries and 10 states. “It’s really helped diversify our school populations,” said Cangiano. “Before we were pretty much a Western PA school with a couple students from Ohio and West Virginia. Reintroducing the program has broadened our geographic reach, and we’re constantly trying to build those networks.”

Cangiano says having this type of diversity in SSA’s student population adds a global perspective that students experience daily in their classes. “As the world becomes smaller and more interconnected, having that experience better prepares our kids for things like cultural understanding and conflict resolution. It just makes them better citizens in general.”

Dean of Student and Residential Life Chad Green sees Cangiano as a visionary leader. “His impact has been strong,” said Green. “He thinks of education globally, beyond the pure practicality of it, and understands what that brings in terms of the value to our students’ classroom experience. The reopening of the seven-day program will go down as something that’s very important for the Academy.”

Cangiano on the fields of the SSA Farm.
Another one of Cangiano’s goals was to ensure financial stability by making sure the Academy was operating at full capacity. Cangiano had come to Shady Side toward the end of the Great Recession, which had affected private school enrollments around the country. “Things were tough for all independent schools in Pittsburgh in 2008-2009,” said Cangiano. “Part of our strategic thinking was, how do we make sure we have good reliable feeder schools to help us keep enrollment strong in the long-term?” He says they used a two-pronged approach: 1) improving the Junior School to provide an attractive opportunity for families in the East End of Pittsburgh, and 2) adding an elementary campus in the Fox Chapel area. “That’s what helped bring about the merger with Fox Chapel Country Day School,” he says.

Shady Side and Country Day officially came together in 2017, giving SSA a second elementary campus that is more accessible to families in the north suburbs. “The addition of Country Day gives us another reliable feeder going into our Middle School,” says Cangiano. “Down the road it will be easier fill that normal compliment in the ninth grade.”

Tom Karet sits on SSA’s Board of Trustees and is the former chair of Country Day’s board. His three children – Will ’21, Charles ’22 and Alexa ’24 – are all current SSA students and alumni of Country Day. Karet says Cangiano did a good job balancing the concerns that Country Day administrators, teachers, and parents originally had about the merger. “Tom took a lot of time to try to really understand Country Day,” says Karet. “The success of the merger is largely a result of Tom’s efforts in bringing the schools together and being sensitive about what makes Country Day so special for the kids who go there.”

Creating opportunities for students to enhance their experience and build a sense of community has always been an important part of Shady Side’s mission. One of the ways Cangiano worked to continue and grow this is through the Academy’s farm and sustainability initiatives.

“We were not a very green school in 2010,” said Cangiano. “Since then we’ve moved to single-stream recycling, formal composting in the dining halls, and we added the SSA Farm program as a way in which our kids can actually grow things and learn the science behind it.”

One important part of Cangiano’s emphasis on sustainability was the hiring of Gianna Fazioli as director of farms in 2016. In the position, Fazioli oversees both the Fox Chapel Farmers Market, which began in 2011, and the SSA Farm initiative, which launched the following year. “Gianna has been collaborating with teachers to bring some of the concepts she’s been working on with the farm piece into classroom itself. The farmers market, which has been going on for years now, is a key part of this,” said Cangiano.

Fazioli says Cangiano’s dedication to sustainability provided the deep roots and foundation for the farm program. “Through his leadership and support I’ve been able to grow our food production operations and expand our on-campus farmers market. We’ve been able to enhance our students’ experience in ways that foster global citizens with strong ethical responsibility and regard for land stewardship, community and our food system.”

Fazioli adds that Cangiano has played a crucial role in helping her develop an Academy-wide initiative to make the school a more livable and healthy environment. “With his encouragement, I’m continuing to work in cross-collaboration with the Green Building Alliance, Chatham University’s K-12 education program, Grow Pittsburgh and Phipps Conservatory to broaden our community involvement in the school...
sustainability movement and to bring back resources to make Shady Side a living laboratory where our students can thrive.”

Cangiano has also focused much of his time at SSA on fostering leadership, a moral compass and a culture of service within students. “We tie everything down to our core values,” he says. “We want kids to take ownership of the school’s culture as well. We want to help them become leaders with good character and strong values.”

Mike Hannon ’74, chairman of SSA’s Board of Trustees from 2016-2018, believes Cangiano’s efforts will have a long-lasting and positive imprint on SSA. “Shady Side is all about giving students opportunities and helping them succeed in academics, athletics and the arts,” says Hannon. “Tom’s done a wonderful job of growing our capabilities in those areas, and we’ve enjoyed significant successes, particularly with the seven-day boarding program, the Country Day merger, and now the new McIlroy Center.”

Amy Nixon, head of the Middle School and now interim president, says Cangiano has always been supportive. “Tom has supported our curricular initiatives, as well as our needs in terms of co-curricular support, which has been huge for us here. We have been fortunate to have as our leader a good man, and one who is even-keeled, even-tempered and decisive. The combination has benefitted the Academy, the students and the people who work here.”

Junior School kindergarten teacher Fran Gardiner appreciates the time Cangiano has given to her younger students. “He took the time to be a mystery reader this year in my class,” she said. “I can’t tell you how much we enjoyed him reading to us and sharing his favorite book from when he was a boy.”

Eugenia and Dr. Robert Friedlander are current parents to both a recent SSA graduate and a current Junior School student. “Tom has been an inspiring and engaging president,” said Eugenia. “He’s committed to providing a nurturing environment for intellectual growth and risk taking and to providing a community to help students maximize their potential and interests. And he accomplished all of this with a sense of humility and openness. He made a tremendous difference and made Shady Side an even better school.”

Although he’s excited about his next adventure, Cangiano says he’ll definitely miss the Shady Side community. “It’s one that struck me when I first got here and it’s one that has sustained me and my family professionally and personally. A big part of that is the student body. They’re thoughtful and welcoming, all the things you want to see in kids.”

He is also grateful for the many faculty members he’s worked with over the years. “We’ve changed a lot of things in the last eight years. The faculty have been amazing, both in their input and in their willingness to try new things. They’ve really been incredible partners.”

Cangiano says he definitely hopes he can find time to come back and see the Academy’s ongoing progress. “I’ll be back for sure,” he said. “Chicago’s not that far away.”

### Tom Cangiano Accomplishments 2010-2018

**ENROLLMENT**
- Led merger with Fox Chapel Country Day School
- Reinstated seven-day boarding program
- Added several new financial assistance programs

**MISSION/VISION**
- Developed and implemented five-year strategic vision
- Authored new mission and philosophy statements

**ACADEMICS**
- Strengthened PK-12 science curriculum
- Implemented Junior School Singapore Math, Writing/Reading Workshop, and Wellness curricula
- Launched Middle School 1:1 iPad program
- Implemented Middle School FLEX language program, adding Chinese
- Strengthened College Counseling program
- Forged partnerships with schools in China

**STUDENT SUPPORT**
- Expanded student support staff to include counselors, nurses and learning specialists at each campus.

**FACILITIES**
- Senior School McIlroy Center for Science and Innovation
- Country Day School Treehouse Classroom
- Senior School Health Center
- Junior School science lab renovation and expansion
- Middle School science labs renovation
- Junior School pre-kindergarten building expansion
- Senior School dormitory renovations
- Senior School swimming pool renovation
- Senior School Michael J. Farrell Stadium

**SUSTAINABILITY**
- Established SSA Farm program
- Established on-campus Fox Chapel Farmers Market
- Instituted composting in the cafeterias
- Increased energy efficiency through facility improvements

**SERVICE**
- Established annual SSA MLK Day of Service
- Established Urban Pathways tutoring program

**PHILANTHROPY**
- Launched $31 million Campaign for Shady Side, raising more than $26 million by 2018
In the summer of 2010, my family and I moved from Sofia, Bulgaria, to Pittsburgh to begin my tenure as president of Shady Side Academy. At the time my children, George, Grace and Celia, were 11, 9 and 7. Our dogs, Fred and Floyd, made the journey on a separate cargo flight to JFK in New York, because Floyd’s travel kennel was too big for the planes that flew to Pittsburgh. I was 45 with just a hint of gray hair on the sides of my head. Linda was only 44 and immediately saw great garden potential on the Eastover grounds.

What a difference eight years makes. George is off to the University of Denver this fall, and Grace will be a senior at The Lawrenceville School in New Jersey. Our baby, Celia, is off to Lawrenceville as well to follow in the footsteps of her two older siblings. Fred and Floyd have both recently passed, after bringing years of joy and companionship to our entire family. Fred had the privilege of living on three different campuses during his long life, and, as anyone knows who observed him stubbornly standing in the street holding up traffic or visiting the back entrance of the dining hall in search of scraps, he owned all of them. I recently turned 53 with a lot more gray hair (but, thankfully, still lots of it) and a few extra pounds that seem to be pretty persistent in their desire to stick around despite my best efforts to ditch them. Linda has said goodbye to the garden she groomed and cultivated each spring and summer, endlessly editing and transplanting, the consummate perfectionist artist for whom the canvas is never really done.

It is a common refrain of heads of school that they want to leave a school in a better place at the end of their tenure than it was when they arrived. I certainly hope that has been the case during my tenure at Shady Side. We have been able to implement most of what we articulated in our comprehensive strategic vision in fall 2012, and I think we’re in very good shape to address future challenges and needs. I am very pleased that our campus is so much greener than it was, that we were able to re-establish seven-day boarding at the Senior School, that our Junior School is flourishing, and that we’ve been able to update and improve our campuses and facilities while at the same time ensuring that our annual tuition increases are at historic lows. The Campaign for Shady Side has made possible the construction of the McIlroy Center for Science and Innovation, the crowning achievement of our multi-year effort to improve science teaching at Shady Side. I am proud that we were able to construct a modern, forward-thinking building that complements our traditional campus. It is a truly stunning facility.

As the next president of Shady Side will quickly learn, this is a remarkable community of talented, friendly students; passionate, accomplished faculty; supportive, generous parents; and engaged, dedicated alumni. Linda and I are grateful to have been a part of this community for the past eight years, and we will miss it very much. Thank you to the Board of Trustees for giving me the opportunity to lead this great school and supporting the many initiatives we’ve undertaken. Finally, as we embark on our new adventure in Chicago, and as premature empty-nesters, I hope people will look us up and drop by for a visit.

With very fond memories and sincere thanks,

Tom Cangiano
MCILROY CENTER FOR
SCIENCE AND INNOVATION
DEDICATION
Shady Side Academy

dedicated its new Senior
School science building, the
McIlroy Center for Science and
Innovation, with an afternoon ceremony
and reception on Friday, May 18.

The ceremony began with remarks from
Academy President Tom Cangiano, Jeff McIlroy
‘86 (on behalf of his parents, Peter ’61 and Pam
McIlroy and family, for whom the building is
named), The Campaign for Shady Side Co-Chairs
Lou Plung ’80 and Rob Mullin ’93, Board of
Trustees Chair Mike Hannon ’74 and Chair-Elect
Jon Kamin ’91. Then, the ribbon was officially cut
by donors Jeff McIlroy and Bruce Wiegand ’65,
alongside their wives, Erica and Barbara, as well
as Robert and Megan Glimcher, Cangiano, Hannon
and Kamin. A festive reception followed inside,
including student-led tours of the building.
The 22,000-square-foot, U-shaped facility is the new home of the Senior School Science Department and includes 10 flexible classroom/lab spaces for physics, biology and chemistry; spaces for research, collaboration and independent study; faculty offices; and an outdoor amphitheater for classes, lectures and events. The building incorporates sustainable features that reduce environmental impact while creating teaching opportunities, such as a rain garden that collects storm runoff and rooftop solar panels that supply electricity to the grid. The building is expected to earn LEED Gold certification.

The science faculty, which includes several PhDs with college teaching experience, is particularly excited about the state-of-the-art, college-level lab equipment that will be inside the building – such as a gas chromatography (GC) machine, nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) machine, real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR) machine, materials testing bench, fluorescent microscope, scanning electron microscope, gel documentation system and -80º lab freezer. With that caliber of equipment, students will be able to do more in-depth experimentation, and advanced classes can engage in higher-level research.

“Not many high school labs have this type of equipment,” said Science Department Chair Dr. Joe Martens. “When our kids go on to study science in college, this is the kind of equipment and methodology they’ll be using.”

The new facility will allow SSA to better support student independent research. A special projects room is adjacent to the faculty office suite, separated by a glass partition, giving students supervised access to research space throughout the day, with storage for long-term projects.
The building was designed by the architectural firm Frederick Fisher & Partners of Los Angeles, Strada was the local construction architect, and PJ Dick oversaw construction. Scalo Solar Solutions provided the solar rooftop array and monitoring.

The McIlroy Center is a $14 million capital project of The Campaign for Shady Side, including $12 million in construction costs and a $2 million endowment for maintenance. A seven-figure leadership gift to name the building was made by alumnus, past parent and current grandparent Peter McIlroy ’61 and his wife, Pam. Other lead donors include the Bruce ’65 and Barbara Wiegand Family, the Cleveland Family, an alumnus of the Class of 1956 who wishes to remain anonymous, and the Richard King Mellon Foundation.

Thank you to all of the donors who made this building possible! A donor wall will be unveiled during Homecoming 2018. Learn more about the McIlroy Center at www.shadysideacademy.org/campaign.
The completion of the new McIlroy Center for Science and Innovation marks the formal launch of The Campaign for Shady Side, an ambitious $31 million initiative in place to advance Shady Side Academy’s science education experience, to strengthen our endowment for student financial assistance and faculty excellence, and to cultivate our growth through the Blue & Gold Fund (annual fund).

Stepping back to see the big picture, The Campaign for Shady Side is a comprehensive campaign focused on moving Shady Side Academy forward by building on our science programs and keeping the importance of our students, faculty, alumni and parents at the heart of everything we do. For this reason, The Campaign for Shady Side includes a variety of targeted initiatives to allow all of our supporters to get involved.

The leadership and major gifts phase of this exciting initiative kicked off in 2015 with a goal of $16 million. Thanks to a strong initial push, signs of this drive for innovation can be seen through science lab renovations at the Junior and Middle Schools and the completion of the McIlroy Center for Science and Innovation.

This initiative now moves into its final phase, a Maker Space and Technology Renovation at the Senior School. Located in the lower level of Rowe and Memorial Halls in the space formerly occupied by science, this innovative new space will be located directly across the street from the McIlroy Center, completing a new academic quad.

The Maker Space and Technology Renovation will create spacious new computer labs plus a modern fabrication space and robotics arena. Also included in the plans is a café, funded by the Parents’ Association, where students can gather and grab a drink or snack between classes. This new space will provide a state-of-the-art home for our thriving computer science program and highly successful Robotics and Science Olympiad teams, and encourage students to reach further into the future of artificial intelligence, automation and technology.

Although funding for science, technology and innovation facilities is well underway, we still have approximately $2.9 million to raise to achieve our goal, including less than $1 million to close out the McIlroy Center project. Naming opportunities are available in both the McIlroy Center and the Maker Space and Technology Renovation.
Shady Side Academy is in a state of innovation. Construction of the McIlroy Center, reinstatement of the seven-day boarding program and the merger with Country Day School are just a few examples of our momentum. Through all of this change and discovery, the Shady Side Academy spirit remains the same. We uphold the power of human potential. The Campaign for Shady Side helps to keep this spirit alive.

How Can I Get Involved?
If you are interested in making a gift in support of The Campaign for Shady Side or would like to learn more about naming opportunities, please contact Director of Alumni and Development Dr. Allison Saras at 412-968-3077 or asaras@shadysideacademy.org.

BLUE & GOLD FUND
[$7 million goal over 5 years]
The support of alumni, parents and friends continues to be the backbone of Shady Side Academy’s ongoing success. We will continue to drive this focused approach to giving, to help enhance the SSA experience and further develop a culture of philanthropy.

The importance of Shady Side Academy’s Blue & Gold Fund is profound. Also known as the annual fund, the Blue & Gold Fund supports the highest needs of the Academy, funding 4 percent of SSA’s annual operating budget. Through the generosity of our dedicated alumni, parents, faculty and grandparents, as well as corporate and foundation support, we are proud to report that we have achieved our $7 million goal over five years and are now looking to build on that growth and momentum in the future.

ENDOWMENT FUND [$8 million goal]
In a time of rising tuition and increasing need for financial assistance among families, the need for a strong endowment to ensure long-term financial sustainability is paramount. Endowment contributions are critical to achieving the financial flexibility necessary to make vital investments in the Academy’s future. For this reason, we have structured our endowment to support students and faculty. Thanks to several generous leadership gifts we’ve already raised $6.4 million for scholarships and faculty support but still have $1.6 million to go to reach our goal.

Student Financial Assistance
We are committed to making a Shady Side Academy education accessible to more families through financial and merit aid programs. The Endowment for Student Financial Assistance allows donors to give the gift of opportunity and help us to attract bright, curious students who would add immeasurably to the SSA community.

Faculty Excellence
Our faculty don’t just teach – they coach, advise, mentor and challenge our students on a daily basis. The Endowment for Faculty Excellence allows donors to give the gift of mentorship and support our faculty by expanding professional development and ensuring competitive compensation and comfortable retirement.

To learn more, visit www.shadysideacademy.org/campaign
SENIOR SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT 2018
2018 PRIZE WINNERS

John C. Buchanan Prize: Fuad Youssef
John Daniel Baum Prize: Charlotte Everett
Raymond F. Arnhem Memorial Award: Madeleine Condron
Richard S. and Kenneth L. Simon Award: Rebecca Huss
Princeton Alumni Awards
  Fifth Form: Connor Leemhuis
  Fourth Form: Arushi Nirvan
  Third Form: Xinran Wang
Alfred C. Dickey Memorial Prize: Xinran Wang
Joseph Bole Hare Steffey Memorial Prize: Nicholas Becker
Edward Ernest Ebbert Memorial Prize: Jeanne Lauer
All-Round Cup: Jeanne Lauer
Todd Drelles Memorial Prize: Emily Weiss
Lowell Inness Award: Chester Todd
President’s Prize: Charlotte Everett

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THE CLASS OF 2018
BY THE NUMBERS

College Matriculation

131 GRADUATES

Were admitted to 173 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
55% OVERALL ADMIT RATE compared to national average of 38%

72% will attend college OUT OF STATE
Will attend 80 COLLEGES IN 22 STATES plus D.C., Canada and the U.K.

12 WILL ATTEND AN IVY LEAGUE or Ivy+ school (+ includes Chicago, Duke, MIT, Stanford)
Were admitted to Ivy and Ivy+ schools at MORE THAN 2.5X THE NATIONAL RATE

27% will attend a US NEWS & WORLD REPORT TOP 25 National University or Liberal Arts College; 51% will attend a Top 50 school
15% will attend a TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION Top 25 World University

52% will attend a "MOST COMPETITIVE" COLLEGE, the highest rank by Barron’s Profile of American Colleges
100% OF THOSE SEEKING MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS were successful in earning awards
8% will go on to PLAY COLLEGE ATHLETICS in 8 different sports

SSA Experience

21% are “lifers” who attended SSA from grades K-12
14% participated in the Senior School boarding program
15% were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship program
35% participated in a global or off-campus program

15% completed an independent study or senior project
40% participated in the performing arts (theatre production or musical ensemble)
74% lettered in at least one varsity sport
30% lettered in two or more
CLASS OF 2018 COLLEGE CHOICES

Allegheny College
American University (3)
Amherst College
Arizona State University
Babson College
Barnard College
Boston College
Boston University (3)
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University (3)
Carnegie Mellon University (2)
Case Western Reserve University (2)
Chapman University
College of Charleston
College of Wooster
Cornell University (2)
Dartmouth College
Dickinson College (2)
Drexel University (2)
Duke University
Elon University (5)
Emory University
Fordham University (2)
Franklin & Marshall College
George Washington University (2)
Georgetown University (3)
Georgia Institute of Technology
Goucher College
Grove City College
Harvard University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Ithaca College (2)
Johns Hopkins University (2)
Kenyon College
Lake Forest College
Lehigh University (3)
Marietta College
McGill University
Mercyhurst University
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
New York University
Northeastern University
Ohio State University
Pennsylvania State University (4)
Pennsylvania State University, Greater Allegheny
Pennsylvania State University, World Campus
Pennsylvania State University Erie, The Behrend College
Princeton University
Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (2)
Rice University (3)
Rochester Institute of Technology
Southern Methodist University (2)
St. Lawrence University
Stanford University
Tufts University
Tulane University
Washington University in St. Louis
York College of Pennsylvania

University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Los Angeles
University of Chicago (2)
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Michigan (3)
University of Notre Dame (3)
University of Pennsylvania (2)
University of Pittsburgh (7)
University of Richmond
University of San Diego
University of Southern California (2)
University of St Andrews
Wake Forest University (4)
Walsh University
Washington and Jefferson College
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis
York College of Pennsylvania
2018 PRIZE WINNERS

Willard E. Mead English Award:
Sydney M. Demchak

Charles P. Shriver Mathematics Award:
Meredith A. Rath

Robert B. Stiffler Athletic Award:
Cecelia R. Messner & Thompson S. Lau

Betsy Watkins Form II Improvement Award:
Breonna J. Green

David A. Mancosh Award:
Cecelia R. Messner

Kenneth M. Vasko Memorial Award:
Molly R. Braver

E. Bruce Hill Memorial Award:
Ava C. Kronman

The Sixth Grade Academic Award:
Harihar P. Viswanathan

The Betty C. Labun Citizenship Award:
Sara V. Laman

The Audrey Ashworth Sixth Grade Award:
Leo M. Rickard

The Blanche C. Wick Mathematics Award:
Harihar P. Viswanathan

The Erwin W. Cole Award:
Elaine Y. Gombos

The Form I Improvement Award:
Tiba Bakuri

The David McNaugher Marsh Memorial Award:
Benjamin J. Rohr
JUNIOR SCHOOL CLOSING EXERCISES AND MOVING UP DAY
COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL CLOSING EXERCISES
THE POSNER AWARD
FOR MERITORIOUS FACULTY PERFORMANCE

Thanks to the generosity of the late Henry Posner Jr. ‘37 and the Posner family, the Academy has extended the Posner Award for Meritorious Faculty Performance to 28 faculty members since 2004. The purpose of the Posner Award is “to recognize, inspire and reward those faculty members at Shady Side Academy who, through their special ‘gift of teaching’ and mentoring, have affected, in a highly special way, the learning, development and lives of one or more individual students. This award, presuming as it does a high quality of teaching in all Shady Side faculty, recognizes and honors a teacher of transcendent influence, one whose impact on a particular student or group of students has been uniquely beneficial and enduring.”

Carol Hendershot
Junior School First Grade Teacher

Carol Hendershot has seen plenty of changes in her 29 years at SSA and now embarks on a well-earned retirement. Change is sometimes hard for teachers who have been at a school a long time, but never for Mrs. Hendershot. Always willing to try new things, she is constantly evaluating her teaching and adapting her practice to ensure students are engaged in learning. Her classroom interactions with students are highly respectful, reflecting warmth, caring and sensitivity. The result is an environment where all students feel valued and comfortable taking intellectual risks. Her faculty colleagues speak of her with the utmost respect and praise, saying that it has been a privilege to work alongside her and learn from her. As one colleague put it, “Carol always saw the good in every student. She brought out their best qualities and helped them polish their rough edges… first grade will forever hold her spirit.”

Stanley Nevola
Senior School Music Teacher

Gifted, passionate, inspiring. These are all words used by members of the SSA community who nominated Stan Nevola for the Posner Award. These nominations describe a teacher and mentor who pushes and challenges his students, but does so with patience and kindness that never falter. They speak of his dedication to music, to students, to the Academy and to lifelong learning. They speak of his generosity, especially with his time and expertise, both of which he will share with any student who wants to explore, expand or enhance his or her musical skill and individuality. They speak of his genuine concern and caring for every student who crosses his path. These qualities, and so much more, have caused him to have a life-changing influence on many Shady Side students.
Girls Swimming – WPIAL Champions
by Jeanne Lauer ’18

The girls swimming team had a fantastic season, finishing as WPIAL champions. The girls earned the WPIAL team victory for the fourth consecutive year, with stellar performances by seniors Sasha Arefyev, Meredith Cummings, Heather Grune, Lindsey Grune and Jeanne Lauer, junior Marie Kim and sophomore Maya Groff. Lindsey Grune claimed a WPIAL title in the 200 individual medley, as did two of the relay teams – the 200 free relay (Arefyev, H. Grune, Cummings, and L. Grune) and 400 free relay (Cummings, Lauer, H. Grune and L. Grune). Arefyev, Cummings Groff, Heather and Lindsey Grune and Lauer all advanced individually to the state meet, where they took fifth place as a team. The 400 free relay team earned a PIAA victory, and Arefyev finished eighth in the 500-freestyle. A dynamic group of eight seniors provided excellent leadership throughout the season. The team was thrilled with its performances this year and looks forward to further success next winter.

Girls Prep Squash
by Caroline Barkman ’19

The girls prep squash team, led by its captains, senior Jolie Rosenberg and junior Isha Reddy, had a great season despite an 0-5 finish. Under the guidance of the coaches Mary Georgis and Mike Doyle, strategy and technique were improved upon throughout the year. The team played hard against the co-ed Sewickley Academy team and travelled to Buffalo, N.Y., to play in a tournament against Nardin Academy, Buffalo Seminary and Nichols School. With a solid group of returning players, the team is looking forward to next season.

Boys Prep Squash
by Johnny Andreos ’19

The boys prep squash team was led to a 2-4 record by captains Henry Friedlander and Johnny Andreos along with veteran player Will Davis. The team competed against Mercersburg Academy, Sewickley Academy, Winchester Thurston and University School. Coaches Mary Georgis and Mike Doyle led a season filled with laughs and solid competition. Overall it was a successful season, and the team is looking forward to next year.
Girls Basketball
by Megan McInerney ’18

Led by coach Amy Szlachetka, the girls varsity basketball team finished the season with a winning record of 11-10. In non-section play, the team was 7-2, defeating five opponents who qualified for the WPIAL playoffs. Unfortunately, the team lost too many tight games in their highly competitive section schedule and missed the playoffs. The final three section losses were by a combined total of six points. The team was led by the dynamic guard tandem of leading scorer junior Ariana Goitz and floor leader Catherine Jewart. The experienced and talented roster and a section realignment bodes well for next year’s team.

Boys Basketball
by Frankie Fuhrer ’18

The boys varsity basketball team had a very successful 2017-2018 season. With an overall record of 14-9 (7-3 in the section), the team clinched a section title for the second year in a row. With a young but experienced group of players, led by senior captains Frankie Fuhrer and Peter McIlroy, the team had a successful postseason to match its regular season play. The team advanced to the WPIAL quarterfinals and qualified for the PIAA state tournament, but fell in the first round. Abiding by the phrase, “strength in numbers,” the team played roughly 14 players per game, with huge contributions from the entire team. The team hopes to have an even more successful season next year led by a talented group of players.

Boys Prep Hockey
by Jackson Clark ’18

The boys prep hockey team had a very successful season this past winter. Coaches Jonathan Johnson and Stu Smith guided the team to a winning record of 23-14-0, coming close to the all-time record of 27 wins. The tight senior core, consisting of Jarrett Fiske, Jackson Clark, Alex Ziatek and Spencer Smith, provided leadership and skill throughout many long weekends of hockey in Vermont, Chicago, Cleveland and Buffalo. First-year players Will Laychur and Jacob Mancz were key players, contributing many points throughout the season. The highlight of the season was winning the Shady Side Thanksgiving Classic for the first time in school history. Individual highlights included Fiske being the first to record 1,000 saves in the MPHL, four-year veteran Ziatek recording the most wins as an SSA hockey player, Clark being named an MPHL all-star, and Smith maintaining the best GPA on the team for three years straight. Overall, it was a great year for SSA hockey.
Girls Prep Hockey  
by Shaia Fye '18, Becca Huss '18 and Abby Todd '19

Girls prep hockey ended the 2018 season with another trip to WIHLMA finals. With a team of only 13 players, the girls were able to come together for an incredibly successful year, finishing 13-6-4. Led by captains Hannah Steffey, Becca Huss and Shaia Fye, the girls beat longtime rival and higher-seeded Morristown Beard School to make it to the finals. During the game, Chayla Edwards ripped a coast-to-coast goal in second overtime. Unfortunately, the girls lost to the Hill School in the championship game. But, the team is already planning for a comeback victory next year. Overall, the leading scorers in WHILMA play included Price, Edwards and Fye. The senior captains finished their high school hockey careers with three WIHLMA championship banners hanging on the walls of the Roy McKnight Hockey Center.

Boys Swimming  
by Sev Napora '18

Coming off one of the more successful seasons in recent history, the boys swimming team was primed for another excellent year in the water. Senior captains Sev Napora and Christian Taylor led the Indians to a 9-3 record, falling just short of the section title. The team’s best moments were captured at the WPIAL Championships, when Taylor, Napora, juniors Nick Lauer, Will Engel and Adrian Beckford and sophomore Sean Kelley led the team to a sixth-place finish. The 200 free relay team of Taylor, Napora, Lauer and Beckford beat rival Northgate to secure the team’s first WPIAL gold medal in years. The same six swimmers carried this momentum into the PIAAs, where they put in another strong performance. With much of the team remaining intact, the team will be a force to reckon with this upcoming season.

2017-2018 WINTER SPORTS RECORDS

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Softball
by Kate Hart ’19 and Trinity Murphy ’19
The softball team saw continued success this season, finishing second in the section with a 7-3 record. Multiple seventh inning wins and walk-offs proved to be the difference between SSA and the other teams. Unfortunately, the team’s season was cut short in the first round of WPIAL playoffs, but the team has high hopes for next season with the return of Head Coach Dave Havern. With no seniors graduating, the rapidly improving core of returning players can hopefully pick up where they left off.

Baseball
by Jackson Clark ’18
With a new coaching staff led by former Pittsburgh Pirate Jordan Steranka, the baseball team started off its preseason with its annual Florida trip. The team suffered a slow start to the regular season due to being indoors for most practices due to weather, but began to pick up the pace midway through the season thanks to the leadership of the senior class and co-captains Luke Keenan and Ben Kosbie. Highlights included beating rival Steel Valley. The team’s top hitter was Kosbie, who batted .418 with 11 RBIs. Senior Colin Kolano led the team in pitching with 27 strikeouts, and freshman John Salvitti had a notable .909 fielding percentage at shortstop. The team finished the regular season with a 6-9 record, and beat Waynesburg Central in the first round of the WPIAL playoffs, before getting knocked out by Avonworth in a nail-biter in the quarterfinals. Despite losing a large senior class, next year’s team is looking very strong with a lot of young talent.
Boys Track and Field

The boys track and field team had a successful season, finishing 5-4 in regular-season action. At the WPIAL Championships, junior Dino Tomlin won a gold medal in the 300-meter hurdles, plus a silver medal in the 100 meters and a fourth-place medal in the 110-meter hurdles. He earned a fourth medal as part of the 400-meter relay team, which placed fifth, together with senior Ezekiel Roberts, junior Sky Moore and junior Brendan Gaffney. Also earning a WPIAL medal was junior Leo Liu, who finished eighth in the 3200 meters. At the PIAA Championships, Tomlin won a gold medal in the 300-meter hurdles with a school-record time of 37.93 and a silver medal in the 100-meter dash.

Girls Track and Field

The girls track and field team had a strong 2018 season, led by captains Lindsey Grune, Jeanne Lauer, Hannah Steffey and Gabby White. The team finished 3-6, but had one of its best post-seasons ever, sending nine athletes to the WPIAL Championships. Freshman Melissa Riggins won gold medals and set school records in both the 800 meters and 1600 meters, and earned a third gold medal as a member of the 3200-meter relay team with Lauer, Steffey, and junior Krystyna Rytel. Grune also won a silver medal in the high jump. At the PIAA Championships, Riggins collected two state titles, winning gold in both the 800 and 1600 meters. The 4x800-meter relay team of Steffey, Rytel, Lauer and Riggins earned a fourth-place medal at the PIAAs. Despite competing in only three events, the SSA girls finished fourth overall in the PIAA team standings with 25 points.

Boys Lacrosse

The boys lacrosse team began the 2018 season heading in an entirely new direction. With a small roster of predominantly underclassmen, the team was not given high expectations around the WPIAL. However, with new Head Coach Cam Thompson’s guidance and emphasis on doing all the small things right, the team was able to prove their critics wrong. Some notable victories came over longtime rivals North Allegheny and Mt. Lebanon, as well as the University School at the MSLCA tournament in Columbus, Ohio. The season ultimately came to an end when the Indians were defeated by Mt. Lebanon in the WPIAL quarterfinals. The team looks forward to carrying the momentum built this season into next year and beyond.

Girls Lacrosse

The girls lacrosse team had a spectacular 2018 season, ending the year with a 21-5 record. With new Head Coach Katy Phillips leading the team, the team was prepared and made a great run in the playoffs. Unfortunately, the season ended in the AAA WPIAL semifinal game against Pine Richland. During regular-season play, the team had a great match against rival Fox Chapel, beating the foxes on senior night in overtime. The lacrosse team has a large number of returning players and is filled with promise for the upcoming season.

Boys Tennis

The boys tennis team had an outstanding season this spring. In the regular season, the team went 6-1, with notable wins over Central Catholic and Allderdice, and placed second in the section. The team qualified for the WPIAL tournament and finished as the runner-up, qualifying for the state tournament, which was the team’s goal for the season. Despite losing in the first round of the PIAA tournament to Cathedral Prep, the team was proud of its season and hopes to build off this year’s success next spring.
To better suit our ever-growing audience, the Hillman Center for Performing Arts is making some exciting changes to the Hillman Series 2018-2019 lineup. The upcoming season will offer more shows than ever, in two locations – a four-show Main Stage Series in the Richard E. Rauh Theater, and a three-show Black Box Series in the Peter J. Kountz Theater.

The Black Box Series kicks off Sept. 15, 2018, with the ChamberSoul™ stylings of singer-songwriter Shana Tucker. Her lyrical melodies evoke strong hints of jazz, soulful folk and acoustic pop, woven into a unique rhythmic tapestry. On Oct. 20, we launch the Main Stage Series with the live art performance troupe Artrageous. Their unique shows mix captivating vocals, intricate choreography, and exciting audience interaction. Watch them create a one-of-a-kind piece of artwork during this exciting and interactive performance. Then, on Nov. 17, ventriloquist and comedienne Lynn Trefzger and her “trunk full of toys” hit the main stage. Audiences will be treated to her vocal illusion talents when they meet a lovable camel, a grumpy old man and a feisty little girl. Deanna Witkoski will finish out 2018 in the black box on Dec. 8 for Raindrop: Improvisations on Chopin, a solo piano session that seamlessly combines jazz, Chopin and the music of Brazil.

Just in time for St. Patrick’s Day, Poor Man’s Gambit will close our Black Box Series on March 9, 2019. The trio of traditional Irish musicians blends Celtic and American music to create a unique and energetic sound. The Main Stage Series resumes on March 16 with magician The Amazing Max. Max promises that “every show is unique because every child brought to the stage is unique,” and delivers a custom magic experience that kids will carry with them long after the show ends. A pre-show magic lab is included in the ticket price. Finally, on April 13, The Flying Karamazov Brothers close the Main Stage Series with a night full of fun and zany antics. Come belly-laugh the night away with their wild theatrics, arcane errata and astonishing juggling feats.

With the new format, the Hillman Series is offering several subscription packages for 2018-2019. Subscribe to just the Main Stage Series, just the Black Box Series, the entire seven-show Hillman Series – or purchase individual show tickets!

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.thehillman.org. We look forward to seeing you at the Hillman!
Leon Haley

Marc Harrison '82

Classmates Connected by Career

BY CRISTINA ROUVALIS
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Even as a young child, Leon Haley Jr. had big dreams for his future— he would be the first African-American broadcaster on national TV. When Max Robinson appeared on screen as the new co-anchor for ABC World News Tonight, the career lost its appeal for the young teenager. He decided to look for another way to make his mark.

The inspiration came to him after a trampoline accident in the gym at Shady Side Academy Senior School. He was goofing off, and had things gone according to plan, he would have made an impressive midair slam dunk in the basketball hoop. But he landed awkwardly. Pain shot through his knee. He had to undergo knee surgery, but instead of the fear most kids experience, Haley was fascinated by the surgeons, the operating room, the equipment.

He knew then that he would become an orthopedic surgeon.

About the same time Haley had his career epiphany, his Shady Side Academy classmate, Marc Harrison, was narrowing his own career choices. Harrison knew he wanted to become a kayak river guide or a doctor. Getting some experience on the river and sleeping out in a truck made it clear that he didn’t want to rough it all the time. After that, the decision to become a doctor was an easy one. “I always knew at the back of my mind that I would love medicine.”

Both Haley and Harrison began their careers administering care to patients as physicians but have since transitioned to administrative roles as the CEOs of their respective health care systems.

Haley is the CEO of University of Florida Health Jacksonville, overseeing 6,200 employees, two hospitals, a medical and other professional schools in a system with gross revenues of almost $4 billion.

Harrison is the CEO of Intermountain Healthcare in Salt Lake City, Utah, overseeing 22 hospitals and 39,000 employees in a company with $7.2 billion in revenue.

When orthopedic surgery lost its appeal, Haley chose emergency medicine, which he enjoyed, but he likes the challenge of running a health care system even more. “When I worked in the emergency room, I was taking care of one patient at a time. But what interested me was how could I take care of just not one or five patients, but how do we take care of hundreds? Each step along the way I got a bigger and bigger group of patients to take care of.”

Dr. Harrison said he loves the challenge of building a good health care team. “It takes teamwork to run a great ICU. It takes teamwork to run a good health system. I have always been lucky to work with good, talented folks. Individually we are useless. Together we can do anything.”

— Leon Haley ’82
Haley was always a natural leader, even in his Junior and Middle School years at Shady Side Academy. “If there was an argument among friends, Leon was the moderator,” said Judith Davenport, a family friend whose son, Ronald, was good friends with Haley. “Leon made sure everybody had their say. He was a very fair kid,” said Davenport. “If someone said something negative, he would turn it into a positive.”

Looking back on his years at Shady Side, where Haley started in first grade, he thinks of his many outstanding teachers. To this day, he remembers Mrs. Chase, his third-grade teacher, as a source of inspiration to learn and motivation to succeed in school.

In high school, the future doctor enjoyed his science classes, especially biology with Mr. Sayles.

Haley was also a star athlete, his speed propelling him on the track and the football field, where he was a running back. “They would give Leon the ball and he would take it to the outside and it would be gone,” said his friend, Lee Washington.

“He was always serious about what he wanted to do,” said Washington, impressed yet unsurprised by his former classmate’s career achievements.

The rigorous academics of Shady Side prepared him for his undergraduate education at Brown University, where he studied human biology. Then he returned to his hometown to attend the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine before doing his residency in emergency medicine at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Though surgery fascinated him, he discovered that he was too restless for the long hours it required him to stay focused on a single task. “In the operating room, you had to be gowned, gloved up and masked, and obviously, it was very meticulous surgery. It wasn’t my personality to stand still that long. I had to be more fluid.”

In the fast-paced environment of the emergency room, he began to think about how he could improve the quality and efficiency of the patient care process. “We were busy, but the systems weren’t working. Emergency medicine is kind of the canary in the healthcare coal mine. Could I make a bigger difference through an administrative route?”

Haley continued to work in the ER at Henry Ford while he earned his master’s degree in health administration at the University of Michigan by taking once-a-month weekend classes.

In 1997, he moved to Atlanta to become the chief of emergency medicine at Grady Hospital. He and his team were credited with reducing patient wait time, establishing electronic health records, and making multiple other improvements to patient care. Haley went on to be named deputy chief medical officer at Grady and then vice chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine. He was ultimately promoted to executive associate dean in 2013.

His children attended The Lovett School, a private school with a Shady Side Academy connection. The children’s social studies teacher, Andy Sayles, was the son of Leon’s favorite science teacher. Dr. Haley reconnected with his former teacher when he came to Atlanta to visit his grandchildren.

He then moved south to take a position as dean of the University of Florida College of Medicine before being named the CEO of UF Health Jacksonville in 2017. He likes wearing the many hats his job requires. “I like that I get to improve the care of hundreds of thousands of patients every year who impact our system,” he said. “I get to work with my faculty and staff in the college and hospital. I am really engaged in helping to trying to help people grow their career.”

Haley credits his mentors and teachers for helping him grow into the doctor and the CEO he is today – now he gets to return the favor.
ARRISON WAS A SECOND-YEAR medical student at Dartmouth Medical School when he ran his first Ironman, the grueling triathlon that combines a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile run.

He’s been a committed triathlete ever since, finishing seven Ironman events and many shorter races. In 2014, Harrison competed in the sprint distance racing World Championships with the U.S. team.

Known for pushing himself, Harrison often gets up at 4 a.m. to put in an hour or so of exercise before work. “I love running on trails.”

That level of discipline comes as no surprise to his Shady Side classmate, Owen Young, whom he met the first day of high school. “I saw that spark in him in high school,” Young said. “He is quite a marvel that way. He has a combination of optimism and high pain tolerance that you need to do triathlons.”

In high school, Harrison’s rugged, outdoorsy side rubbed off on Young. “He’s the guy who got me on skis at Seven Springs,” said Young, now a cellist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra. “He taught me how to waterski. He was always outdoors, horseback riding, running, kayaking, canoeing, snowshoeing. He liked the challenge of learning the technique, and he loved the exercise and physicality. He always had a drive and intensity about him.”

The son of a surgeon, Harrison was also highly motivated in his studies – in the sciences as well as literature and history. His hard work at Shady Side Academy prepared him to succeed at Haverford College, where he majored in psychology before going to Dartmouth Medical School. “I felt like I was extraordinarily prepared because of Shady Side,” he said.

In medical school, the physicians who went into pediatrics and their mission to help children inspired him to specialize in pediatric critical care.

During his fourth year of medical school, he found love in the delivery room while working with fellow physician Mary Carole, also a pediatrician specializing in critical care. “I was delivering the baby. She was resuscitating it,” he said. “We met over a laboring mom.”

That might not be a romantic first date, but it was the start of a whirlwind romance. The couple met in July, got engaged in November and married in June, and then moved to Utah, where he worked as an intern and she was the chief resident at Primary Children’s Hospital.

The Harrisons soon moved again so that he could work at the Cleveland Clinic in the pediatric critical care unit. He hadn’t planned on becoming a supervisor, but he was named department chair. After several promotions, he took an administrative position as chief executive officer and then as the chief of international business for development.

His next promotion would take Harrison and his family halfway across the world to Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates. The challenge: lead a team of 35 people to develop a world-class medical facility. “It was not easy,” he said. But he and his team succeeded in establishing 2.6 million-square-foot health system with more than 3000 employees. It was an adventure for his family. “We had an incredibly diverse experience.”

He returned to the United States after being recruited by Intermountain Healthcare as the new CEO in 2016.

Harrison is committed to reducing health care costs. To that end, he will oversee Intermountain’s launch of a nonprofit generic drug company in 2019. “We think generic drugs are often in short supply and exorbitant. We will run it like a public utility with lower margins and lower prices.”

“We try to wake up every day and do what is right for the patients,” he said.

Despite their geographical differences, Harrison and Haley have kept abreast of each other’s promotions in the ever-changing world of health care. When Haley read that Harrison had moved back from Abu Dhabi to take the new job in Utah, he reached out to his former classmate through Facebook, congratulating him on the latest achievement. The two former classmates know what it’s like to work hard and achieve great success in the same field.
How Sibling Rivalry Fueled Success on Land, Sea and in the Sky

BY CRISTINA ROUVALIS / PHOTOGRAPHY PROVIDED BY JORDAN AND GRANT FOLEY

Like many brothers, Jordan and Grant Foley grew up as equal parts good friends and fierce competitors. The boys would go head-to-head in basketball, football and baseball — each win or loss was another round in their never-ending game of one-upmanship. Jordan, the more serious one, was four years older, but Grant was determined to keep up and scrappy enough to hold his own.

As high school students at Shady Side Academy, they both lettered in football, basketball and baseball. Their father, Jeff, who was the JV coach for all three sports at various times, coached both of his sons.

When his sons would approach him and ask who the better athlete was, Jeff mustered his paternal diplomacy. “Jordan is better at football and Grant is better at baseball. Grant is a better offensive player and Jordan is better defensive player.”

In other words? “It’s a tie.”

The brotherly rivalry and good-natured banter have never let up. But instead of the court, the field, or the rink, the Foley brothers have taken the quest to distinguish themselves to their military careers.

Jordan, 30, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, just completed six years as a submarine officer in the Navy. The lieutenant has been accepted into the Judge Advocate General’s University Corps (JAG) so he can become a military lawyer. He will start Georgetown Law School this fall.
Grant, 26, a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, is a Navy pilot. He is completing his advanced flight training on multi-engine planes from his post in Corpus Christi, Texas.

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**GROWING UP IN BUTLER, PA., GRANT ALWAYS WANTED**
to be like his brother, even if it meant skipping out on the latest hit Disney movie and other activities with kids his own age. When the boys weren’t competing in sports, dribbling on the full-size basketball court in their yard, they played with G.I. Joe figures and model planes and ships. But they had no dreams of growing up to be sailors or military pilots.

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From that day on, he knew exactly what he wanted to do. He also knew that admission to the U.S. Naval Academy was highly competitive. He had always been driven, carrying a planner for his homework assignments as a boy, but transferring to Shady Side sharpened his academic skills and focus. “I loved it there,” he said. “Looking back, I think the best thing that came out of it was my writing ability. That really set me apart in college. We had to write a paper every week in Middle School.”

In Martha Banwell’s eighth grade English class, he learned how to structure an essay. In high school, another favorite English teacher – and future father-in-law – Jeff Miller showed Jordan how to take his writing one step further. “He put an emphasis on really diving into literature, something I enjoyed,” Jordan said. “He taught us to see how great authors write and then develop our personal styles.”

Miller remembers young Jordan as an excellent writer and highly motivated student who often handed in his papers early. For one assignment, Jordan not only turned in his paper on time but followed up with a second composition, just for good measure.

The English teacher got to know him better when Jordan started dating his daughter, Katharine. The couple, who married in 2015 with Grant as the best man, started dating when he was a senior and she was a junior at SSA.

The first time Jordan applied to the Naval Academy, he was rejected. And disappointed. He attended Case Western Reserve for a year before reapplying, and then he was accepted to his dream school. Once he got there, it took a while to get used to the regimented lifestyle. “A lot of people think, ‘What did I get myself into?’ If you just wanted to go out and grab a burger somewhere on a Thursday night, you can’t leave campus. You can only leave on weekends. It’s not the college life that you see all your friends having on Facebook. But as soon as you buy into the system, it’s really a great place.”

Being apart from Katharine was difficult. During basic training, cell phones were not permitted, and he could only write letters. The fact that their relationship endured his years at the Academy made them part of what is jokingly called “the two percent club,” the small minority who leave the Academy with their romantic relationship intact.

He excelled, graduating first in military order and 12th in academics. That ranking meant the Navy helped to pay for graduate school at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he studied political science and technology policy. In his class on technology law and public policy, he did so well that the professors, two attorneys, told him that he should consider a career in law.

But before he could consider the suggestion, he spent six years as a submarine officer. After attending nuclear power school in Charleston, he reported to the USS Annapolis, a 362-foot long fast-attack submarine used for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

He likens life on a submarine to a cross between the movies *The Hunt for Red October* and *Office Space* – moments of sheer excitement interspersed with the tedium of filling out reports.

“IT will beat you up pretty good. You’re always at work – 12-hour shifts are standard. It teaches you how much you can push yourself.”

Jordan is excited about his next chapter in the military – attending law school at Georgetown, which will allow him to spend more time with Katharine and their baby daughter, Aida.

He said the JAG Corps will open the doors to all types of legal assignments, from representing sailors and Marines accused of violating the Uniform Code of Military Justice to environmental law to international law. “The career path for a JAG is really interesting and broad. And you get to see the courtroom right away.”
Grant Foley was known as the more laid back, fun-loving brother, but he became more serious about his studies when he transferred to Shady Side Academy in high school. “It was the best choice of my life. The teachers there were awesome.”

He also developed as an athlete and person under the leadership of many coaches, including baseball coaches Bob Grandizio Jr. ’91 and John Cappa, and football coach Dave Havern. “They taught me leadership and how to work hard on and off the field. They were all great role models. They always took time to know each individual player.”

Jeff and Kathy Foley attribute the success of both of their boys to the discipline they developed at SSA. “If we had to do it over, we would do Shady Side Academy again, no matter what the cost. They really made those two boys into men. They both worked very hard and developed great study habits and they have great careers ahead.”

After high school, Grant attended the New Mexico Military Institute, a feeder school for the Merchant Marine Academy. He was accepted and awarded a baseball scholarship at the academy. Majoring in marine transportation, Grant went out to sea for a year, sailing off southeast Asia. He worked as a deck cadet from 4 to 8 a.m., standing watch on the bridge, and learned navigation via radar, GPS, the sun, moon and stars. In the afternoon, he would work on the decks, chipping rust and painting and organizing cargo for loading and unloading. During his time on three different ships, he sailed through the Panama Canal and visited Hawaii, Guam, Canada, Philippines, Singapore, Japan, Okinawa, South Korea and Thailand.

From the time he was in college, Grant knew that he wanted to spend his career in the air, not on the waves. He was accepted to flight training school for the Navy, where he did simulation training before flying T-6B planes. He loved the thrill of following another pilot as they performed acrobatic moves in the sky, the G-forces so high that his vision clouded up. “My vision went gray. But you clench your core and you squeeze your legs and your vision comes back.” Now 6 feet tall, three inches taller than his older brother, he approaches aviation like a sport, working out every day.

His father sends him emails before his flights. “Godspeed. Get a good night’s sleep. Be prepared. Email us how your flight went.”

As Grant said, “My risk is more life-threatening, and Jordan’s is more mental. He found a way to get what he wanted, like law school, no matter how tough it was.”

Grant said he will have the option to transition to the commercial airlines after serving as a military pilot.

He likes the freedom and the responsibility of being a pilot. “With flying, it’s just you and a copilot in charge. You learn how to make critical decisions in split seconds.”

The only problem with their far-flung military careers is that the Foley brothers only see each other a few times a year, the last time being during Christmas at their childhood home in Butler. But when they get together, they pick up the basketball or football and head outside – and the competition is on.

Last Christmas, they played a one-on-one basketball game, with Grant’s girlfriend, Erin, acting as the ref. “I totally dominated him,” Grant said.

But there was a good explanation for the lopsided score. Inside the cramped quarters of the submarine, Jordan couldn’t work out and pack on muscle on the submarine, while Grant was lifting and exercising every day at flight school.

Jordan turned to his little brother. “Must be nice to be a pilot and only work one day a week.”
ALUMNI EVENTS

ALUMNI GATHERINGS

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3. **Vero Beach, Fla.** Betsy Grzymkowski, Tom Cangiano, Dr. Jim Vaux ’49, Judy Walck and David Vogt ’67 at Vero Beach Hotel & Spa on Jan. 29.

4. **San Francisco** Tom Cangiano, Wendy Parkin and event host and Board of Visitors member Fred Parkin ’59 at Parigo on Feb. 28.


6. **Palo Alto, Calif.** Tom Cangiano, Zachary Kaufman ’96, John McGowan ’64, John Taylor ’64 and Harsha Krishnappa ’90 at Vino Locale on Feb. 27.

7. **Naples, Fla.** Paul G. Benedum Jr. ’50 and Mary Ellen Kennerdell hosted an alumni gathering at their home on Feb. 1.

8. **Chicago** Alums gathered at River Roast on April 5.

9. **New York City** Jen Portland ’99, Joyce Fu ’99, McKenzie Craig ’01, Andrew Ross ’98, Andy Seguin ’99 and Chad Martin ’98 at Balvanera on May 9. The event was hosted by Meredith Boyle ’02.

10. **Darien, Conn.** Event co-host Mark Kramer ’96, Cullen Griffith ’96, Jamie Brush Scott ’98, co-host Tia (Grzymkowski) Whinery ’94, Tom Cangiano and Jay Pottenger ’67 at The Goose American Bar & Bistro on May 8.

11. **Pittsburgh** Sarah Casey ’03, Lauren Pinkser Kusher ’96, Hillary Friedman ’04 and Carli Siger ’03 at SLATE on May 30.

1. **Philadelphia** Amanda Tronzo, Ashley (Dalton) Forsyth ’99, Rob Tronzo ’99 and Mark Forsyth at the Wells Fargo Center for the Pittsburgh Penguins vs. Philadelphia Flyers hockey game and alumni gathering on March 7.

2. **Washington, D.C.** Tom Cangiano, Sean McCarthy ’65, Lough Kuhn ’63, Bill Hughes ’66 and George Kreis ’80 at Woodward Table on March 6. The event was hosted by Board of Visitors Co-Chair Tom Worrall ’87.
The Shady Side Academy Board of Visitors (BOV) was founded in 2001 with a desire to revitalize and strengthen the Academy’s bond with alumni across the globe. The BOV exists to serve as ambassadors for Shady Side, to communicate and promote the school’s mission, and to offer expertise to the president, Board of Trustees and administration on important topics. Comprised entirely of alumni who are leaders in various fields, members are strongly committed to maintaining and enhancing the values and resources that make the Academy a center for academic excellence.

BOV co-chairs Linda LaMagna ’83 and Tom Worrall ’87 planned a robust agenda and led the annual spring meeting on April 27 on the Senior School campus. The morning session involved updates from school administrators on enrollment, finance and student culture and a visit to Senior School assembly, where BOV members Bart Griffith ’93, Kerry Hannon ’78, Remington Jackson ’08 and Andy Mathieson ’74 participated in a Q&A panel on stage. After lunch with students and faculty, the BOV joined the Board of Trustees (BOT) for a sneak peek tour of the new McIlroy Center for Science and Innovation. The joint BOV/BOT afternoon session included a student Q&A panel, initial discussion of a future master plan for athletics, and an update and discussion on the presidential search process. After a productive day of meetings and planning, all in attendance were invited to Eastover to join President Tom Cangiano for a reception.

In addition to LaMagna and Worrall, BOV members in attendance included Fred Parkin ’59, Bill Wallace ’66, Andy Mathieson ’74, Doug Mancosh ’76, Kerry Hannon ’78, Catherine Vodrey ’81, Alex Howson ’82, Margaret Hazlett ’84, Dan Haas ’84, Michele Lieber ’86, Ryan Ruskin ’86, Bart Griffith ’93, Abhishek Mehta ’01 and Remington Jackson ’08.

**SPRING DOWNTOWN LUNCH**

In conjunction with the Board of Visitors (BOV) meeting, the Spring Downtown Luncheon was held at the Duquesne Club on April 26. The Alumni Association welcomed BOV member Kerry Hannon ’78 as the featured speaker. Hannon is a best-selling author and nationally recognized expert and strategist on career transitions, personal finance and retirement. She has authored 12 books and is a columnist for The New York Times. In a format new to the downtown lunch series, Hannon sat down with her brother and SSA Board of Trustees Chair Mike Hannon ’74, for a conversation about finding passion in careers. Video of the event can be viewed in entirety on the SSA YouTube channel.

Kerry ’78 and Mike ’74 Hannon with their mother, Marguerite Hannon
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More than 1,400 alumni, parents, grandparents, corporations and friends contributed this year.

143 first-time gifts, totaling $161,000

180 Founders Society gifts totaling more than $980,000

We held the second annual Alumni Cornerstone Giving Challenge, raising more than $55,000 in 24 hours!
Included in this section are news items received through May 1, 2018.

1940
Ben Dangerfield writes: “I am still in Wallingford, Pa., with my wife Dorothy, granddaughter Michele, and two great-grandsons.”

1946
Edward Jew writes: “I am now 90 years old. Having retired 22 years ago, I continue to maintain a vibrant, viable way of life that allows me to participate in many athletic and social activities. My most recent adventure is theater drama, both as an actor and director.”

1951
John McKee writes: “Good news is we are still stable. My PSA remains undetectable, which means the cancer has not metastasized. My wife, Rita, has added a CPAP machine to help her sleep much better and still lives with hearing aids and an ostomy. We spent a lot of time seeing doctors. We keep active going to many events in Rockville, Md., and local senior center events, such as an antique car show and concerts. We visit the kids (and they visit us) and we returned to Bucknell University for a reunion. We also enjoy eating out every so often.”

1953
Tony Wolk writes: “I am sad to report the death of my brother, Jerome Wolk Jr., on Dec. 16, 2016, at the age of 90. Jerry was from the accelerated class of January 1944 and, as I recall, was the valedictorian speaker. He worked for more than 60 years in the fur business. He served in the military service with the blackhawk division, infantry, battle of the bulge. Jerry was an avid golfer and loyal brother. As for myself, I am still teaching full-time at Portland State University. I am in my 53rd year of teaching English and university studies, a record for longevity.

1954
William Treese writes: “I am still vegetating on Cape Cod.”

1955
Jerry Fincke writes: “At my age, no news is good news!”

1959
Rick Taylor writes: “I published a book of poetry entitled Never Alone in a Cemetery. It is available at any local bookstore and through Amazon. In the near future, I’m scheduled to publish a book of short stories entitled Against the Grain.”

Foster Goldman writes: “I am still practicing, but not close to perfect yet.”

1962
Louis Martone writes: “After 42 years in private practice in dermatology, I finally retired and can spend more time following the careers of my children and activities of my grandchildren. I also have a little more time for golf and racing my Corvette.”

1964
William Rial writes: “It’s great to live long enough that my grandchildren think I’m as old as dirt, if not born in the time of dinosaurs.”

1966
Jeff Varadi writes: “Now that I have something that I consider important, although not unique to most of us, I can share that as of Feb. 18, 2018, I turned 70 years old and am officially retired. Now having more spare time doesn’t mean that I will be sending out even more pithy emails. Laura will see to it that I remain productively busy. Both she and I have been taking art classes and are progressing surprisingly well. We both started with watercolor and I have moved over to acrylics, which I did in high school and college. Watercolor is tough, tough, tough… acrylics are not so tough for me. We are doing well enough that we are showing our work locally.

I remain active with the library district volunteer group. Actually, it’s more like helping Laura with her volunteerism, and so far, we have built three little free libraries for our neighborhood. The kids love them, and they are well used by adults as well. I have joined the Clark County Museum Guild and will lend my hand to fundraising (if you recall, I am a pretty good arm twister). The museum is categorizing tons of stuff and most importantly for the community, the crosses and other remembrance mementos for the victims of the Oct. 1 tragedy in Las Vegas. We are looking to build another archival storage facility, which will include those items as well as a massive amount of history considering how young Southern Nevada is.

Those of you who are fans of Pawn Stars will recognize the black hat, big beard and red shirt historical expert Mark Hall-Patton. He is the administrator of the museum, and no, he doesn’t wear the same shirt every day.

I just looked at this missive and realize that I have used up my copy space for future publications. Laura and I wish all of you happiness, love and laughter.”

Lance Labun writes: “I am wrapping up my study of wide-body and narrow-body airliner mishaps for the Federal Aviation
Administration. This is a follow-up to an earlier study of ditching and regional jet mishaps. After this is delivered, I think I will finally take retirement seriously. I went to Australia in late May to teach a crash survival course to Australian defense forces. Patricia and I spent a week in the Marlborough region of New Zealand on the way back. In July, we celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary.”

1968

Erik Buell writes: “I am coming to the reunion, although I am not sure if on a Buell or an EBR or in a car. If my wife comes, it won’t be a bike. She’s too smart for that!”

Joe Safier continues to serve on the City of Beverly Hills charitable solicitations commission, currently as vice chair. In late 2015, he was appointed to the Beverly Hills Unified School District finance committee. Joe has breakfast regularly with his Morewood Form V and VI roommate, Fred Kaplan. Both Joe and Fred are looking forward to seeing classmates at the upcoming 50th class reunion in September.

Ed Strauss writes: “I am canvassing classmates in advance of our 50th reunion, as we’ve encountered some remarkable stories of lives, families and careers. I already noted with pride the achievements of U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack and dance-company leader Bob Swinston, curator of Merce Cunningham’s artistic legacy. But who knew that our ranks included an entrepreneurial brewer? Check out Rick Reed’s Cricket Hill Brewery, just off Route 80 in Northern New Jersey. Find out more information about the brewery and Rick’s story at crickethillbrewery.com.

Doug Campbell, who has lived his entire adult life within 10 miles of where he grew up (Squirrel Hill, Point Breeze and now Fox Chapel), has been happily married since 1981, and has two swell, living children. He continues to practice law in the firm he started in 1978, recently served four years as the president of the Board of Trustees for Winchester Thurston, goes to pilates twice a week, plays golf, loves to read, and would like to write a good book. He and Shelley are having an open house at their home for all classmates the Friday night of the Homecoming weekend. He observes that “we are to the class of 2018 as the class of 1918 was to us... but way cooler.”

Larry Gilbert writes: “I am hoping that many of our class brethren return for the 50th. We have now survived the vagaries of SSA and our careers, and it’s a right time to meet and celebrate having come out the other side intact. I will see those who choose to attend in September.”

Tom Peters is recently “reborn” and cancer-free after being close to death with Stage 4 bone lymphoma last year, having refused chemo and radiation and receiving alternative treatments at a Mexican hospital. He is currently writing his second book which will be about his healing experience. He is also launching a company in California that develops net zero, indoor vertical farming systems, whose energy and water come from the conversion of food waste.

Andy Hanson reports: “Our daughter, Laurel, works in Mongolia for People in Need. Her projects try to preserve the nomadic herdsmen culture, which faces climate change and desertification. Our son researches and writes internet video scripts. We still live in our first house. My conifer garden is maturing after 30 years of gradual building.”

Joe Tritschler submitted a poem, entitled On Second Thought:

At first I think of something, an idea dear to heart. I think and think and think...

On second thought, I think that I’ve forgot what at first it was that I had thought.

S. John Whitehill writes: “I am happily married and living in Shadyside, the place, not the school. After a long and diverse 50-year journey, I am looking forward to the next stages of our lives. I expect to see many of our distinguished classmates at Homecoming in September.”

1976

Kathy (Walker) Laramie writes: “My husband Russ and I are living in St. Louis, Mo., on a 36-acre horse farm. Our daughter, Amy, and her husband, Matt, and our grandchildren, Saylor, 5, and Weston, 2, just built a house on the farm and are helping to take care of it. It’s great having grandkids running around! Our other daughter, Julie, is married to Kevin, a Navy man, and is living in Virginia with three kids, Gage, 9, Mallory, 3, and Millie, 1. I have been working for Boeing Aircraft for most of my career, with no plans to retire anytime soon. I am currently in structures technology for Boeing, managing engineering teams on space programs, and other development programs.”

Michael Vogan has retired from his teaching position in Fairfax County Public Schools, only to take a position with Easterseals teaching physical education to students with disabilities in a residential facility. Mike and his wife, Lisa, are now living in Nashua, N.H., enjoying the beautiful New England coast, lakes and mountains. Mike recently welcomed his third grandchild, Declan Gilberto, born March 18, 2018.

Pam (Germain) Matt writes: “FX and I have five adult children living in five states. We have joined the ranks of grandparents with Penelope Jane.”

1980

Jeff Pollock writes: “I co-captain a softball team, ‘The Bomb,’ which won the Allegheny County Bar Association softball championship for the 16th time this past fall.”

1981

Catherine Vodrey was a semifinalist in a pie contest for the show Waitress. A press release stated, “Catherine S. Vodrey of East Liverpool, Ohio, said she was all too familiar with the pothole mess in Pittsburgh, having lived in the city for many years when she attended Shady Side Academy, Carnegie Mellon University and Duquesne University, and so christened her chocolate-pecan creation ‘When You Turned Left and Left, You Left a Pothole in My Heart’ pie. The filling is so dark and chunky, and it looks like tar and resembles the mixture that is used to fill potholes. Vodrey noted that she has made the pie for years and created the recipe from scratch.”
Gary Middleton writes: “I served as assistant director/producer of SSA’s Gargoyle productions during my 10-year tenure from 1986-2000, and in doing so, coordinated video productions. I have preserved full-length Gargoyle productions from that time on an SSA Gargoyle Productions playlist on my YouTube channel.” Alumni may search for the productions on YouTube or contact the SSA Alumni Office for more information.

Liz (Dickson) Marchionni writes: “My husband, Bill, and I continue to celebrate the ‘almost-empty-nest’ life in the Atlanta area. Our older son, William, recently graduated from the University of Michigan and is now serving as a medical services officer in the United States Army. Our younger son, James, is a junior at the University of Georgia. I get a kick out of traveling to visit and keep tabs on my enormous family. My brother, David Dickson ’82 lives with his lovely wife, Laura, and their two young children, Craig and Sarah, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Frank Dickson ’82 enjoys the crab cake life with his fabulous designer wife, Liz, of HGTV fame. Their son, Tommy, engineers with GM in Detroit and their talented artist daughter, Emily, is finishing up at Virginia Commonwealth University. Mary Lee (Dickson) Citrino ’83 started a new position as an arborist expert with Bartlett Tree Experts in the north shore of Long Island where she continues to ‘blossom’ with her husband, Rob. Their sons, Robbie and Dean, both work in New York City at UBS and at Amenity Analytics, respectively. Their daughter, Marion, is a student at St. George’s School. Sonia Dickson ’90 is living in Santa Monica, Calif., launching a swimwear line for summer 2018. Her brother, Andrew Dickson ’99, and his wife, Anne (D’Appolonia) Dickson ’99 are raising three extremely active lacrosse players, sons ‘G-man’ (George), ‘Fozzy’ (Foster) and ‘Teddy’ or ‘Tedster’ (Edward), in their home field of Fox Chapel. My late ‘heavenly’ sister Jennifer ’87 would be especially proud of her husband and my wonderful brother-in-law, Eric ‘Barney’ Barnfather ’87, for raising a kind, intelligent gentleman, Eric Barnfather ’16. Barney has been an active member of the Fox Chapel VFD for 25 years. He and his wife, Mindy, and his stepdaughter, Brittnay, live in Fox Chapel. Eric Jr. is a sophomore studying engineering at Purdue. Blessings to all our SSA alumni friends! Fide Semper Vincere, y’all!”

Rob Sanner is director of undergraduate studies in the University of Maryland’s Department of Aerospace Engineering. He writes, “We’re still living in Clarksville, Md. I’m mostly enjoying teaching and working on different projects, especially with folks at the Goddard Space Flight Center, where my wife is employed as a senior research engineer. I also do a lot of recruiting, so if you have any young’uns interested in aerospace specifically, or STEM generally, send them my way for a motivational (and, I hope, entertaining) talk. We have two daughters, Aeryn (almost a teenager) and Keira (4th grade). They are each first chair in their respective orchestras; Aeryn plays flute and Keira plays clarinet. They also both play piano. After much concern and confusion, Keira was diagnosed with celiac disease when she was two, which caused us to undertake a crash course in the definition of ‘gluten’ and how we could best protect her. Fortunately, her condition is now well-managed and Keira is thriving! Getting older is weird, especially when you are interacting with kids in their late teens every day. I catch myself saying in class, ‘Up until recently, like mid-late ’90s or so…’ then look at my students and realize I am describing events that happened before they were born, even though these things seem like yesterday to me. I need to recalibrate my definition of ‘recently,’ I guess.”

Dr. Chris Meyer spoke to three art classes at the Senior School, including Photography, Glass and Studio Art 3D Foundations. Meyer works at the Smithsonian Institute as the curator of the National Museum of Natural History for Invertebrate Zoology, and led a classroom-based discussion on the numerous connections between science and art. He focused on beauty found in nature, specifically cowrie shells, and the fact that mankind has always placed values on beautiful objects. Meyer organized a
hands-on project, which enabled each student to randomly select five cowrie shells (from a collection of 75 shells) and place them in order of most beautiful to least beautiful. He then spoke to each student individually about the historical significance of each of the five shells selected. The voting results were added to Meyer’s master database at the Smithsonian, which seems to challenge the adage that “beauty is in the eye of the beholder.”

1986

John Saaty writes: “My father, Thomas Saaty, a longtime professor at The Katz School of Business at Pitt, passed away in August 2017. Many of my classmates took classes at Pitt and knew my father, Dr. Saaty.”

1992

In 2010, alumnus Carmen Gentile was a journalist embedded with U.S. forces in Afghanistan when he was hit in the face by a grenade. He survived, but his face was shattered, leaving him blind in his right eye. In his memoir, Blindsided by the Taliban: A Journalist’s Story of War, Trauma, Love, and Loss, Gentile chronicles the physical and mental challenges in his recovery. He recently recounted his experience on NBC’s TODAY with Megyn Kelly and held a book signing in Pittsburgh on May 9.

1994

Jose Amayo writes: “I am excited to share that I co-founded a boot-strapped startup focused on marketing technology for higher education. We have a sales contract with The Princeton Review and already have a few clients admitting students to their schools with our personalized videos. We are working on developing a blockchain-based application for communication, content sharing and authentication for high school and college students, as well. It’s an exciting time in the Pittsburgh tech scene! Also, my middle daughter started training with Arsenal FC at the Senior School and we are strongly considering enrolling my children at SSA. I am looking forward to the Class of 1994 25th reunion in 2019!”

1995

Erica Love received a New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowship and a Creative Capital Andy Warhol Foundation Arts Writers Grant for 2017.

Aaron Adler writes: “My family and I have been living in Boca Raton, Fla., for several years and I have been fortunate to reconnect with Richard Feldman, whose stock investment ideas have significantly outperformed the broader market in 2017. His investment strategies have come a long way since he lost a statistically significant number of consecutive heads coin tosses in Rowe Hall back in 1998 when experimenting with game theory. Richard’s most compelling idea to date is up 400% in 14 months. When asked which SSA teacher had the greatest impact on his life, he responded, ‘Dr. Sauers, because he taught me the importance of reading The Wall Street Journal every day.’”

1998

Mary Watson Montgomery married Jessie Margaret Brain at Belle Mer in Newport, R.I., on Sept. 2, 2017. In attendance, left to right, were Chad Martin, Ronen Gal-Or, Julie (Medina) Gal-Or, Lauren (Droz) Lieberman, Joyce Fu, Marie (Otterbein) Muehlethaler, Quinn (Stanton) Bonnett, Mary Montgomery, Jessie Brain, Maggie Feinstei,n, Eva Rebek, Daniel Leers and Ariel Brice. Montgomery is an infectious disease physician at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, Mass., and teaches at Harvard Medical School. Her wife, Jessie, is a nurse in the medical intensive care unit at Brigham and Women’s Hospital.

Nikitas Menotiades writes: “I just earned my master’s degree in theatre from Villanova University. I passed my acting thesis defense on May 15, 2018. I’m always so glad when I’m reminded that SSA keeps tabs on our class.”

1997/2006

Pittsburgh online news organization The Incline named three alumni as part of their piece, “Who’s Next: Philanthropy; 17 people invested in making Pittsburgh a better place.” Included in the story were Sloane (Berrent) Davidson ’97, Sean Gray ’97 and Jay Mangold ’06.
Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto’s chief of staff, Dan Gilman, was the featured guest at Senior School assembly in January 2018 as part of the Alumni Fireside Chat series. Gilman, who previously served as the Pittsburgh City Council member representing District 8, answered questions asked by student host, senior Nick Becker, and from students in the audience. Topics included: how to define success; the challenges of moving from City Council to the Mayor’s Office; dealing with federal and local policy differences; issues such as affordable housing, sanctuary city policies, renewable energy and gentrification; the Amazon HQ2 proposal; and how his SSA education impacted his life and career. Gilman credited SSA for equipping him with three skills he believes everyone needs to be successful: the ability to write, the ability to speak publicly and the ability to think critically to solve problems.

Brothers Evan Frye and Colin Frye celebrated their first anniversary of operations at Silver Horse Coffee, Donegal, Pa., which is an independent coffee shop dedicated to providing the finest artisanal coffees and Pennsylvanian-produced goods showcasing the best of the Laurel Highlands.

Andrea (Hohler) Karsko ’00 and Ashley (Dalton) Forsyth ’99 ran the Pittsburgh Marathon on May 6, 2018, in memory of Ben Follansbee ’99. Adrienne (Tolentino) Essey ’00 and Matt Mallet ’99 both ran the half marathon. Ben passed away five years ago and the four wanted to find a way to honor his memory this year. In addition to running the race in his honor, they raised money for Animal Friends’ Major Ben Follansbee Pets for Vets Memorial Fund, set up for Ben by his parents, Bill and Susan Follansbee.

Andi and Ben Schmerin ’05 welcomed William Lucas Schmerin to the world on Feb. 17, 2018, while Andrew Armstrong ’04 and his wife, Elsa (Hellberg) Armstrong ’10, welcomed Hollis MacNeil on Sept. 24, 2017. Pictured are Ben and William (left) alongside Andrew and Hollis (right).

Anastasia (Rygle) James is curator of exhibitions and programs and faculty at The Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, SUNY New Paltz. In 2017, Anastasia and her husband, Dagon James, welcomed their first child, Winter William James.

Sara (Mangold) Scott and Brendan Scott were married June 24, 2017, at First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh with a reception following at the Duquesne Club. Alumni and friends in attendance included Joe Bartolacci, Jason Deal, Andrew Ellis, Michael Hannon ’74, Mary Jean and Dave Havern, Susan Magovern ’76, Ann Magovern ’86, Frances (Magovern) O’Connor ’79, Dr. George Magovern ’70, Charlie Magovern ’07, Molly Magovern ’12, Jay Mangold, Jr. ’06, Michael McDonald, Alison Mears, Lauren Mears ’07, Haley Mears ’11, Matt O’Connor ’14, Ronan O’Connor ’19, Colm O’Connor ’19, Alexandra (Petredis) Cameron, Christian Petredis, James Royston, James Royston Jr. ’07, Scott Royston, Amanda Saenz, Patrick Scott ’06, Peter Scott ’11, Maggie Scott ’14, Former Academy President Thomas and Donna Southard, Bo Stewart, Basyl Stuyvesant, Karen West ’75, Stewart West ’05, Erik Zentgraf. The couple resides in Chicago.
2009

Scott Majesky and Maia Taft were married Sept. 16, 2017, in Martha’s Vineyard, Mass. Attendees included Sara Tisherman, Becky Tisherman, best man Luke Racek, groomsman Martel Brooks, Chris Majesky ’13 and Jon Chu, Alex Dowd and Ethan Schneider. Middle School teacher Bonnie Maxwell and former Middle School teacher Chris Erler.

2012

Erin Gorse was the honored speaker as this year’s Senior School Cum Laude Induction Ceremony. A four-year varsity letter goalie for the SSA field hockey team, Gorse competed on four different NCAA Division I athletic teams at two universities during college. She is currently pursuing her doctorate of pharmacy degree at Duquesne University, where she has collaborated on and coauthored published pieces in various journals. She has completed multiple academic research and industrial roles, earning intensive internships at Magee Women’s Research Institute, Celgene Corporation and AbbVie. In 2016, she competed in the graduate student case competition sponsored by Novo Nordisk, and her team placed first in both the United States and International divisions for their work on diabetes research in Shanghai, China.

2014

Jason Weis, a biomedical engineering student at Georgia Tech, co-authored a published research study on remote-controlled cancer immunotherapy treatment. To read more about his findings, visit www.rh.gatech.edu.

Harris Samad was accepted at Georgetown University to pursue an M.A. in conflict resolution. Georgetown earned a first place ranking by Foreign Policy Magazine for the master’s program in international relations.

Claudia Mihm, a recent graduate of Tufts University with dual majors in computer science and child development, met with Senior School students in January 2018 for a discussion about opportunities for computer science majors. Upon graduation, Mihm accepted a position for Education First as a software engineer. She previously worked in the Tufts DevTech research group. Last summer, Mihm worked at CoGo Labs, a startup accelerator in Boston, and in the summer of 2016 she worked with the Coding Space in New York City, where she helped to run summer programs teaching middle school students coding.

Shaun Gohel, a recent graduate of Harvard University, was a co-writer of the 2018 Hasty Pudding Theatricals show, along with Harvard classmate Mike Skerrett. The Hasty Pudding Theatricals is the third-oldest theater organization in the world and a well-known Harvard tradition. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Jack Lemmon, Stockard Channing, Mo Rocca, Rashida Jones and BJ Novak all participated in Hasty Pudding shows while at Harvard. The Theatricals have presented their unique brand of student-written theater since 1844. With sets and
2014/2016


2016

Blake Goodman is the starting lacrosse goalie at University of Richmond. The Spiders won the Southern Conference title this year, but lost in the first round of the NCAA Tournament to Albany. Goodman was selected as the Southern Conference defensive player of the week twice this spring, and also won the 2018 Pinnacle Award at the Southern Conference Tournament which recognizes the student-athlete with highest cumulative GPA on the champion team.

2017

Elizabeth Harper currently attends West Point, United States Military Academy.

2017

Dante King, a first-year student at The College of Wooster, earned second-place honors in Eta Sigma Phi’s 2018 Maureen Dallas Watkins Translation Contest for intermediate Latin. The long-running set of competitions, which consists of sight translations of a passage in Latin or Greek, is named after the American playwright most famous for the play Chicago. In addition, Dante wrote an essay which was chosen as a winner in the College of Wooster’s 2017 summer reading essay contest. The essay was a discussion on the ideas raised in Writings on the Wall by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. As one of 10 winners, out of 400 entries, Dante was invited to join Abdul-Jabbar for dinner.

costumes rivaling those of professional shows, the production is a no-holds-barred burlesque, with men playing both male and female roles. This year’s show, titled HPT170: Intermission Impossible, ran from Feb. 3-March 16, with a month of performances in Cambridge, followed by two shows in New York City and three shows in Bermuda. Gohel is also a staff writer for The Harvard Crimson and a member of Harvard Student Agencies and Harvard Model Congress.
The Academy expresses its deepest sympathy to the families of the following Shady Side Academy alumni and friends. Although we are unable to include remembrances of all, we sincerely value the special involvement in and contributions to the Shady Side Academy community during their lives. These listings include all information received by May 1, 2018.

**HARRY J. BECHMAN JR. ’45**
Harry J. Bechman Jr. passed away Oct. 18, 2017. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary Kelly Bechman. He is survived by his children, Harry (Mary) Bechman III, Andrew (Maureen O’Brien) Bechman, Janet (Daniel) Kiefer, Judith Bechman and Susan (Felix) Mackey; and 11 grandchildren.

**RAY ROSENBLUM ’52**
Ray Rosenblum passed away Feb. 27, 2018. A graduate of Princeton University, he spent the majority of his career as a radio broadcaster, manager and station owner. In 1980, he left radio station ownership to begin a second career as a consultant, broker and appraiser of broadcast properties. He is survived by his wife, Helen Faye; sons, Joshua Rosenblum, Steven Rosenblum and Charles Rosenblum; and three grandchildren.

**JAMES H. HARDIE JR. ’47**
James Hiller Hardie Jr. passed away April 8, 2018. He earned a bachelor’s degree in history from Princeton University and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1954. He spent nearly five decades as a corporate lawyer for the Reed Smith law firm, where he also served as head of the corporate department and was a member of the firm’s executive committee. He was predeceased by daughter, Rachel Share ’84. He is survived by his wife, Francis Curtis Hardie; children, J. Hiller Hardie ’74, Andrew Hardie ’78, Michael Hardie ’80 and Janet Harvey ’76; brothers, W. Logan Hardie and Thomas Todd ’60; 10 grandchildren, including Greggory Hardie ’12; niece, Heather Lorch ’85; and nephew, T. Spencer Todd ’89.

**JAMES V. DINKEY ’55**
James Vail Dinkey passed away on Nov. 17, 2017. He earned his bachelor’s degree in industrial engineering from Lehigh University. He worked at IBM, Hewlett Packard and several other high-tech companies. His affinity for computers lasted into his retirement, where he spent many years as president of SPAUG (Stanford Palo Alto User’s Group.) He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosalie Dinkey.

**THOMAS R. ANTHONY ’58**
Thomas R. Anthony passed away Dec. 12, 2017. He earned his B.S. from the University of Florida in math and physics, and went on to obtain an M.S. and a Ph.D. in applied physics from Harvard University. He worked for General Electric (GE) for most of his career, publishing almost 200 papers, many of which dealt with the physical properties of diamonds. He was awarded 168 patents, the third highest in the history of GE. In 1990, he was inducted into the National Academy of Engineering. He is survived by his wife, Angela, and two children, Wendy and Jason.

**RICHARD W. KAPPEL ’50**
Richard “Dick” Kappel passed away Jan. 22, 2018. He was a graduate of Lehigh University and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was the former CEO of Kappel’s Jewelers. He was predeceased by his daughter, Caroline Haak, and son, Richard Kappel. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Elaine Kappel; and two grandchildren.

**JAMES M. MCGOWAN ’63**
James Michael McGowan passed away Nov. 25, 2017. He earned a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from Penn State University, and a J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. He worked in a variety of career fields, including serving as deputy district attorney for Fresno County, Calif., and working as a stockbroker and Certified Financial Planner. He authored two books, *Terror-Proofing Your Money and Your Life* and *Financial Foghorn’s Guide to Gold*. His is survived by his siblings, John (Dianne) McGowan, Susan McGowan and Christine Hess.

**RICHARD H. RICH JR. ’65**
James H. Rich Jr. passed away Jan. 20, 2018. He was a graduate of New York University’s Film School and worked for nearly 50 years in the film and television industry. Throughout his career, he worked on hundreds of television shows and was the winner of a prestigious Ace Award. Upon retirement, he co-founded The Great Beer Company in California. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his father, James H. Rich; children, Nicholas (Cara Delizia) Rich and Kit Rich; and three grandsons.

**DAVID J. CHATLOS ’70**
David J. Chatlos passed away Dec. 17, 2017. He is survived by his children, Colleen Chatlos (John Nolan), David Chatlos, Sean Chatlos and Deirdre Chatlos.
ARJUN M. PATEL ’06
Arjun Mohan “Arjy” Patel passed away Nov. 8, 2017. He is survived by his parents, Dr. Mohan and Bharti Patel, and siblings, Meera Patel and Vedant Patel.

KILLIAN CAVANAUGH ’16
Killian P. Cavanaugh passed away Dec. 9, 2017. He is survived by his parents, Patrick and Susan (Rouda) Cavanaugh, and sister, Vivian Cavanaugh.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Jeff Allman, Facilities staff member, 2007-2018
Willard Bellows, father of Allison Bellows Tiernan ’93
Frank Dlubak, father of Junior School faculty member Amy Kim, Damon Dlubak ’98 and Alana Dlubak ’95; and grandfather of Junior School students Basil ‘27 and Calabria ’30 Kim
John Gricas, grandfather-in-law of Junior School faculty member Alexis Randall
John “Jack” Hannon, brother of Board of Trustees Chair Michael Hannon ’74 and Board of Visitors member Kerry Hannon ’78; and uncle of Brendan ’08, Sean ’09, Brian ’13 and Conor ’12 Hannon
Dr. Thomas Paul Hohler, father of Andrea (Hohler) Karsko ’00 and husband of former Senior School faculty member Christine Czapleski

Tiida Munroe Klaus, mother of Bob Munroe ’82, Rick Munroe ’84 and Wendy Munroe ’87; and grandmother of Clyde ’15, Willis ’18, Grady ’20 and Finn Munroe

Thomas MacRae, father-in-law of Middle School faculty member Camille MacRae

Tom McPherson, husband of Athletics staff member Terri Trenz McPherson

Jeffrey Peterman, brother of Country Day School faculty member Amanda Peterman

Estella Smith, mother of Business Office staff member Kathy Stanton and Country Day School custodian Mark Smith

Genevieve Sparvero, grandmother-in-law of Senior School faculty member Liz Garvey and great-grandmother of Katie Sparvero ’21

Arthur “Jay” Stone, former Metz dishwasher at the Senior School

Dr. Jeremy Whitney, father of Senior School faculty member Sue Whitney, and grandfather of Weezie McVeagh ’18 and Whitney McVeagh ’21

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Shady Side Academy has graduated countless notable and prestigious alumni throughout its 135-year history: a Pulitzer Prize winner, a Tony Award winner, an Emmy winner, Grammy nominees and, we recently learned, a Noble Prize winner.

Dr. Philip S. Hench, class of 1912, won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1950 for his contribution to the discovery and use of cortisone to treat arthritis.

Shady Side has never listed Dr. Hench among its notable alumni because the current alumni database does not have access to information from the early 1900s, and it was unclear if he had attended or graduated from SSA. After a conversation during an alumni reception in Naples, Fla., Dr. David Hiles ’51, accomplished Pittsburgh ophthalmologist, decided to explore Dr. Hench’s history further. Dr. Hiles was familiar with Dr. Hench’s work, as both men studied at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. What became clear was that Dr. Hench’s father was a Latin teacher at Shady Side from 1893-1911. Dr. Hiles then stumbled across an excerpt in the 1950 Academian, which said “…Dr. Phillip Hench, an ex-student, famous for his part in the discovery of a new cure for arthritis…” After hours of research and further discussion with the Alumni Office, Dr. Hiles confirmed that Dr. Hench did attend SSA until the beginning of his senior year. Hench then left to finish at the University School in Shadyside, a school his father founded after his teaching tenure at SSA.

Dr. Hench attended Lafayette College and the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He interned at St. Francis Hospital, Pittsburgh, and the Mayo Clinic, beginning in 1923, where he specialized in arthritic disease and met one of his fellow prize recipients, Dr. Edward Kendall, a biochemist. In 1950, the duo, as well as Swiss chemist Thadeus Reichstein, won the Nobel Prize “for their discoveries relating to the hormones of the adrenal cortex, their structure and biological effects.”

Thank you to Dr. Hiles for his research. We are proud to call Dr. Hench a member of the class of 1912 and alumnus of Shady Side Academy.

If you have additional information, please contact Jamie Scott ’98 in the Alumni and Development Office at jscott@shadysideacademy.org
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