Looking up... and down

From late 1964 into the 1980s, Saint Louis Country Day School had its own observatory, built in memory of Fred Cox Derrickson ’65, who died in 1963. The observatory was located adjacent to the south entrance of today’s Upper School building.

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OUR MISSION

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

Our School cherishes academic rigor, encourages and praises meaningful individual achievement, and fosters virtue. Our independent education prepares young people for higher learning and for lives of purpose and service.

OUR STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES

TRANSFORMATIVE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

GREAT TEACHING AND LEARNING 2.0

ENSURING A VIBRANT SCHOOL FUTURE
Dear MICDS Family,

By the time that you open this magazine, I will have been working at MICDS for two months, but as of the morning that I gather these words to you – my very first on campus – I have only just begun. Outside my office window, a lone member of the summer grounds crew is blowing grass clippings off the brick pavers behind Olson Hall. Here indoors, a scant few of us are going about the quiet work that occupies a school in July.

These hushed circumstances notwithstanding, I already feel such a close connection to all of you – to this dynamic school community that I feel so privileged to lead – as another year in the long life of MICDS draws near to us. “Our share of morning, Our blank in bliss to fill.” Emily Dickinson would have written these words not long after her father’s New England acquaintance and our founder, William Greenleaf Eliot, took up residence in St. Louis. Just as 1859 was “morning” for Mary Institute, Eliot’s “blank in bliss to fill,” so is 2019 a new morning for all of us together, inscribing the blank page of another school year.

We have so many compelling stories to tell about MICDS in these pages. From a feature article on Sproule Love ’89, a champion stair racer, to the story of how 7th Grade Dean and Drama Teacher Charlotte Dougherty brings her love of theater to the School, to articles about students leading their peers through a Black History Month celebration, to a showcase of the Beasley educational experience – there is so much to enjoy.

This issue also highlights some of our beloved traditions at MICDS, including Commencement and May Day. You will witness once again, in a special section honoring our MICDS Fund donors, the remarkable culture of giving that distinguishes us among independent schools across the country. I hope you will also take time to enjoy our teacher recognition page, where we honor faculty excellence and celebrate service milestones and awards.

Now that I am here, you will be seeing a lot of me! I will be all over campus with students in all three divisions and at special events with parents, faculty, staff and friends, and I will be reaching out to connect with alumni at every opportunity. When you see me, please introduce yourself and tell me your stories. I want to know what it means to be an MICDS graduate, just as I want to know what it means to be an MICDS student today. Parents, I want to learn about the connections you’ve made, hear how we’ve made a difference in your child’s life and learn what we can do better. Knowing your stories will make me a stronger leader of this wonderful school.

In 21 Lessons for the 21st Century, reflecting on our increasingly online interactions, Yuval Noah Harari writes, “In order to flourish we still need to ground ourselves in intimate communities. The attempt to replace groups of people who actually know each other with imagined communities will never succeed.” I am committed to ensuring that we are a community at MICDS not merely in imagination but in fact, and in the most authentic and meaningful ways. I cannot wait to get to know you in the years to come.

Head of School

Jay Rainey
Head of School
Head of School and Board Leading Together

As Jay Rainey settles into his role as Head of School at MICDS, the Board of Trustees outlined a clear charge to him to establish priorities in his first few years. The charge will be revisited and updated from time to time as progress is made in achieving goals and as new opportunities and challenges arise.

MICDS Board of Trustees Charge to Jay Rainey:

- Be a visible, accessible and approachable leader who invites and respects all viewpoints.
- Foster a welcoming School community where every student, family and faculty member feels a sense of belonging and connection.
- Unite students, parents, faculty and alumni in a shared commitment to excellence and high standards of scholarship, citizenship and personal responsibility.
- Advance MICDS’ tradition of educational excellence and innovation with exceptional curricular and co-curricular programming and teaching.
- Live and articulate the School’s educational vision to inspire, unite and motivate all constituencies.

- Engender a spirit of compassion and empathy among students and faculty.
- Continue to build an understanding of and support for inclusion initiatives and cultural competency.
- Promote and inspire a collective spirit of joy and love of School.

Mr. Rainey is also charged with continuing ongoing School objectives:

- Apply a collaborative yet decisive leadership approach that, through appropriate delegation, effectively draws on the commitment, energy and wisdom present in the faculty, staff, Board of Trustees and broader MICDS community.
- Communicate effectively with faculty, parents, students, alumni and the Board of Trustees, keeping these groups appropriately informed of successes, potential issues and/or needs.
- Uphold MICDS’ Mission and continue implementation of the 2015-2022 Strategic Plan.
- Lead ISACS accreditation, self-study and development of the next Strategic Plan in partnership with the Board of Trustees.
- Work in a true partnership with the Board of Trustees in governance and leadership of the School.
- Attract and retain talented, committed and diverse teachers and administrators.
- Oversee strategic external affairs, including admissions, fundraising, marketing, college counseling, risk management and broader community involvement.
- Promote the School’s financial sustainability and exercise prudent fiscal and facilities management.
- Foster a culture of philanthropy and partner with the Board of Trustees in fundraising efforts.
Why Are You Excited About This Position at MICDS?

I feel honored, probably more than excited—extraordinarily honored and privileged to lead such a strong and manifestly aspirational independent school.

What is eminently clear is the strength of the faculty and staff at MICDS. Connected to that is the relevance and currency of the curriculum and the strength of the extracurricular program, especially the arts and athletics programs.

Recent fundraising through capital campaigns was extraordinarily successful, so the School has seen significant facilities and endowment growth. Our endowment is the greatest bulwark against one of the biggest challenges facing independent schools: affordability.

I have also observed former Head of School Lisa Lyle’s keen interest in having the School’s student body mirror the heterogeneity and reach of the St. Louis community. I am committed to making MICDS a welcoming place for students and families of diverse backgrounds and interests. Schools are more relevant and stronger when
they reflect the communities they inhabit, and students are better prepared for the expansive world that awaits them.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES MICDS STAND OUT FROM OTHER SCHOOLS?

The age and history of the school, with its deep roots and time-honored traditions, make it stand out. Schools have to be at once current, relevant and reflective of today’s society and the world and its expectations, while also remaining connected to families who have sent their children here for generations. MICDS gets both of those things done.

MICDS also stands out for its JK-12 program, which is distinctive in the St. Louis independent school marketplace. MICDS is a family school, a school that understands children from their very earliest years as learners until they’re ready to graduate.

I also think MICDS’ culture of philanthropy is a unique strength. There’s such a strong love of the School among so many alumni and parents, even grandparents. That’s essential to the health of the school.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT MOVING TO ST. LOUIS?

As a history buff, I am well aware of the importance of St. Louis in the 19th Century, from westward expansion to the Missouri Compromise. When you’re in the city today, you can see its age, just by dint of the architecture alone and the layout of the city. As a former English teacher, I love that MICDS was founded by T.S. Eliot’s grandfather.

In terms of St. Louis today, I’m aware of the challenges the city has faced—including the sale and relocation of corporate leadership and the resulting economic adjustments—and the exciting transformation the city is currently experiencing.

I’m interested in how America’s conflicts and points of discord come home to Missouri. Tackling tough issues can be healthy, because you can’t run away from issues that are right in your community. You have to come to the table and work together. I’m excited to be a part of 21st century St. Louis.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING IN YOUR SPARE TIME?

I love to read. I think it’s an obligation of a head of school to be well-read. I hope to find some way of sharing what I’m reading with the community. I play the piano to relax. Old jazz standards and pop songs are fun to learn.

I also love to ride my bike. I hope to start golfing, and maybe get back into tennis because it’s such a great sport.

“You have to come to the table and work together. I’m excited to be a part of 21st Century St. Louis.”
I enjoy watching baseball and listening to a well-called game in my car or in the background. The strategy and pace of baseball are so fascinating. It’s like chess on a playing field. With a raucous crowd. And hot dogs.

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TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY.

Ruth and I have been married for 21 years, and we have two children. Jed, a senior this year, was born in Chicago. Elizabeth, a sophomore, was born in Norfolk, Virginia. We have a really wonderful family life. We’re close, and it’s been nice to watch the kids grow up and become their own people. We also have a lovable, but lazy, English bulldog, Silas.

Jed and Elizabeth are at boarding schools. They’re happy to have schools where they’re just normal kids, not associated with the head of school. When they’re home, they will be visible in the MICDS community. They’ve already made friends here and lined up summer jobs at MICDS - Jed as part of the grounds crew and Elizabeth as a Pegasus camp counselor.

HOW DID YOU COME TO LEAD SCHOOLS?

As a teenager I gravitated to work with children. I worked at the local YMCA as a coach and day camp counselor. As I got older I moved into leadership roles. My mother is a retired lower school teacher, so I saw teaching modeled in her.

When I went to college I taught math SAT classes in high schools around central New Jersey for The Princeton Review. I loved
the experience of teaching, of working with students. I went back to Virginia and created my own SAT prep business.

At the end of my senior year of college, I decided to go into teaching, and after graduation I worked for one year as an English teacher at Hampton Roads Academy, a small independent school in Virginia. I liked the work, but I decided to move to Richmond and started another company. I persuaded an angel investor to fund an internet start-up that hosted an online portal for teachers to share resources and lesson plans. My company didn’t take off, but it opened the door to an opportunity to move to Chicago for an education company that was adapting its products for digital and online delivery.

After working in the education market but not in a school setting for seven years, I realized how much I missed direct interaction with students. I left Chicago for a position back home in Virginia. I taught English and Math, served as a swim coach and even advised the yearbook staff. Eventually I moved into administration, starting in college counseling and then overseeing curriculum design and advancement, library and media services and even IT. That led to an assistant head position, and then to the head of school opportunity at Randolph School.

My intellectual life was formed early and heavily, and I’ve always wanted to teach and to be around young people. My experiences as an entrepreneur taught me to be thoughtful about design, innovation and opportunity — to always be looking for a better mousetrap.

So, in a nutshell, I’ve come to lead schools because of three things: a love of children, a love of the life of the mind and an entrepreneurial inclination that seeks forward momentum.

WHAT WILL BE YOUR PRIORITIES DURING THE FIRST YEAR?

My first priority is to observe and to listen. I want to take the measure of MICDS across the three divisions and all other areas of school operation. I plan to receive as much input as I can. I’m looking forward to the ISACS self-study this year, a process that will allow us to be reflective and thoughtful about our work together. Through conversations already well underway, I’ve learned about challenges and opportunities in a variety of areas. I want to join with faculty and staff to tackle identified initiatives for improvement.

I’m not coming in with a handful of to-do’s that I think need to be executed on in my first 100 days. MICDS is not a fixer-upper; it’s not a school in distress, and it would be the acme of hubris for me to come in and say, “I know what’s best.”

Everyone who comes to a school in whatever capacity should feel good about themselves and their community. I hope to enable and promote that kind of atmosphere. The work of a school should be about lifting up every child in its care.

I hope to set a tone for reflection and to be an effective communicator as part of my leadership style at MICDS. Policy and strategy will come in time, but initially I will be leading more in terms of tone-setting.

WHAT IS YOUR PHILOSOPHY ON LEADERSHIP?

I can sum this up in two quotes. The first is, “Be kind, for everyone you meet is engaged in a great battle.” It has to do with an understanding of leadership as essentially and inherently relational. It’s important not to judge or be cynical.

The second quote is from computer scientist Mark Weiser: “The most profound technologies are those that disappear. They weave themselves into the fabric of everyday life until they are indistinguishable from it.” I think great leaders are that way. They lead
almost invisibly. Great leaders set the tone of the organization. The culture they help create is this kind of profound technology that people can depend on and trust that it’s working and healthy.

CAN YOU SPEAK TO YOUR THOUGHTS ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION? WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT IN SCHOOLS?

There’s a three-fold mantra of learning and growing, individually and in community with others, that I will express as frequently as possible at MICDS: Always reason, always compassion, always courage.

Respecting the first of these, great schools like MICDS are nothing if not sites of intellectual formation and the cultivation of our capacity to think critically and objectively. We have an unfortunate propensity as a species to be tribal — to diminish or to exclude those who appear to be different than we are — and to defend our beliefs however baseless. But unthinking intolerance and narrow-mindedness cannot survive a culture that elevates reason as an essential quality of mind, that teaches young people not what to think but how to think, that values hard questions more than easy answers. Reason is the antidote to our confirmation bias and our tribal instinct to label, disparage and even dehumanize other people in terms of their surface differences, because it is the means by which we realize how much more unites us than divides us.

The next word in the mantra, “compassion,” literally means “suffering with.” Compassion allows us to move out of our minds and into our hearts. MICDS is and must continue to be a place where students get to know each other and therefore open themselves to perspectives of empathy and compassion very naturally.

Finally, as for courage: I hope to set an expectation of MICDS students that they act on their moral compass, that they act on their best judgment, that they act on their compassion and kindness and empathy for others.

We need to help children be the most thoughtful, empathetic and courageous people they can be. It’s about nothing less than a culture of prevailing human kindness. Racism is real and bigotry is real. If we can create an environment that provides no safe harbor for irrational stereotypes or prejudices, for bullying or meanness, for cowardice through inaction — if we can always emphasize reason, compassion and courage — we will be doing diversity, equity and inclusion work in the most authentic, character-forming and universal ways.

CAN YOU TALK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF COLLABORATION?

Healthy collaboration follows a very strong sense of community and mutuality. Collaborative people place value on diverse perspectives and approaches and ways of being in community. The more that we can do to spread goodwill throughout the MICDS family, the more that healthy collaboration will be second nature.

THANKS, JAY. ARE THERE ANY OTHER THOUGHTS YOU’D LIKE TO ADD?

I understand the scale of the challenge of leading an institution with such high standards and such a powerful legacy. I am very hopeful to earn over time the trust and affection of the School community.

A leadership transition is an opportunity for a school to take stock of itself. It surfaces a lot of passion about where the school is heading and the work that it needs to be doing. I intend to make the most of this opportunity on behalf of the entire school community. I look forward to leading MICDS into the future.
Educators Convene at MICDS for STLinSTL

5th annual conference focused on transformative teaching and learning

More than 350 educators from 15 states traveled to St. Louis in June to spend three days learning and engaging with peers on the MICDS campus. The Summit for Transformative Learning (STLinSTL) offered 90 conference sessions that brought experts and educators together in small group settings to explore new ideas for maximizing student engagement and learning.

Attendees chose from sessions related to the conference’s themes: Amplifying STEM, Best Practices in Pedagogy and Assessment, Contemporary Literacy and Fostering Diverse, Equitable and Inclusive Schools. Fifteen MICDS faculty members were among the presenters, including Patrick Woessner, Amy Scheer, Tex Tourais, Dr. Tanya Roth, Tiffany D’Addario, Erica Moore, Dr. Jody Marberry, Sarah Levine, Carla Federman, Grace Barlow, Maggie Dunson, Marshall McCurties, Stacey Morgan, Bob Shaw and Lynn Mittler.

Elizabeth Helfant, Coordinator of Pedagogical Innovation and director of STLinSTL, said, “As learning scientists, we need to make smart, measurable goals to ensure we are perfecting our practice. We aren’t doing something new—we are doing what we do better, and what research shows works best for learning.”

01. Jaclyn Miller and Sarah Masanek from The Frances Xavier Warde School discuss standards-based grading with fellow educators.

02. Mark Duvall, Rachel Maurer and Robyn Williams learn how to use games to promote student engagement.

03. Science teacher Kelly Long participates in a session about using LEGO building, robotics and enrichment math topics to develop STEM education for high-ability learners.
MICDS CLASS OF 2019 Celebrates Commencement
We celebrated the Class of 2019 during our School’s 160th Commencement Exercises on May 19, and it was an emotional day for graduates and their families, teachers and younger classmates.

As always, Commencement speakers offered words of wisdom, gratitude and pride to the Class of 2019.
Diane Gioia, Dean of the Class of 2019 and Upper School History Teacher, encouraged the graduates to remember that they will always have a home at MICDS. Board Chair Michelle Leith Cohen ’88 reminded students about the lessons they’ve learned. “Character, compassion, honor, citizenship, integrity, personal responsibility and standing for what is good and right are the qualities and attributes that will serve you best in life, and they are the enduring principles and core values that have long defined our School.” David Doherty, Upper School English Teacher and faculty speaker selected by the Class of 2019, charged students to always remember the connections they’ve made. “You have the self-awareness and confidence to contribute meaningfully to your community.”

Michael Gira ’19 was selected by his peers to address the audience. He encouraged his classmates to “remember to learn from your mistakes, appreciate the people around you and always take the leap of faith to make your dreams a reality.” Scott Small, Head of the Upper School, encouraged the Class of 2019 to “Continue to ask big questions, continue to explore big ideas, continue to embrace every opportunity to grow as a learner and a person.” President of the Alumni Association Kevin Coombs ’05 welcomed the new graduates to the Alumni Association and said that their MICDS experience will echo across the decades they will spend as alumni.

MICDS’ newest alumni headed off to major in theater and tech theater, design and literature. They’re studying political science and history, engineering, computer science and chemistry. Four students began medical school right away. We have every confidence that members of this class will step up in big and bold ways.

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01. Zion Thomas, John Patchett and Bryce Berry exude joy and MICDS pride

02. Labrill Collins, Katie Flemming and Gabrielle Carmichael celebrate their big day.

03. Layth Hamed and Caley McCline proudly display their diplomas.

04. Michael Gira sails across the stage on his dress shoe “Heelys” after delivering remarks.

05. Congratulations to Valedictorians Julia Amato and Mimi Klahr, and Salutatorian Sonya Shafqat.

06. The Class of 2019 enjoys remarks by Michael Gira, whom they chose to speak at Commencement.


08. Upper School English Teacher David Doherty gives an inspiring speech.
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Reading, Writing and Running, Too!
With the Beasley Community

Beasley students showcased their learning experience with their passion for books while stretching their brains and bodies.

Reading, Writing and Running, Too! kicked off with “picnic” lunches including an Italian ice treat. Students then engaged their family members with a variety of different activities. Lower Schoolers shared books they created themselves or selected from classroom shelves. Hands-on fun included games, craft projects and a wax museum that was part of a Third Grade drama unit. Family members pushed a “button” to see students perform as a historical figure or modern celebrity.

The community gathered in the McDonnell Athletic Center for the Beasley student parade and field day activities. Fun, exercise and teamwork were at the core of the field day experience. Whether students were sitting on balloons to pop them as quickly as possible or carrying large stacks of pizza boxes in the relay race, you could see how much fun they were having with their ear-to-ear smiles.
Lower School Physical Education Teacher Jim Lohr oversees a game in the MAC.

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Stacey Morgan, Upper School Science Teacher and Head Athletic Trainer with Carol B. Loeb ’59, whose family endowed the Loeb Prize for St. Louis teachers.

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Three MICDS students are being honored for their participation in the Molecular Frontiers Journal student competition on “Solutions for Future Earth.” Congratulations to Sam Baumohl ’22, Palmer Mihalevich ’20 and Jonah Zacks ’21! Sam received the Exceptional Mention honor and was acknowledged during the Symposium on the Planet Earth program while his poster hung at the conference. Palmer and Jonah received Honorary Mentions and have a chance for their essays to be included in an upcoming book which will be published by World Scientific. All three students served as ambassadors to the program.

Student Doctors Make the Rounds

MICDS students to McDonnell Hall 210, stat!
Freshmen and sophomores in the Bio-Chemicals Applications Accelerated class dove headfirst into medical drama, ending a research process in a group exercise that they say was a lot more fun than taking a test.

Led by Science Teachers Annie Knapp and Kelly Anderson, the class allows students to demonstrate what they’ve learned through a process that goes beyond rote memorization and regurgitating facts onto a piece of paper during an exam. “Ideally, we wanted our students to delve into something complex,” said Knapp. “This is not the first research project they have done, but they do come across very complex vocabulary and medical terminology.”

Students were divided into teams and given genetic diseases to research and study. They then used their research to compile a case study for presentation to classmates. Some students used the Maker Space to create 3D models of physical symptoms.

Each “doctor team” stood before the class (everyone decked out in lab coats, of course) and gave their fictitious patient’s background, symptoms and family history. They provided the results of any medical tests that had been run on their patient and then opened the floor to questions.

Classmates served as a panel of “medical students,” working to solve the case and correctly diagnose the patient. They asked questions, requested additional medical testing and debated answers and possible diseases. Having done their own research, they were well-prepared with proper medical terminology and appropriate questions about symptoms. Presentations and discussion took 10 to 15 minutes before the next team of “doctors” took the floor, and students were given more time after to continue narrowing down possible diagnoses.

Raneem Alzahabi ’21 is interested in studying dermatology. She said that the experience only strengthened her excitement to go into medicine. Her teammate, Lucas McCarty ’21, enjoyed the process as well. He plans to study engineering and is interested in robotics, but said that studying human genetic conditions and debating possible diagnoses gave him a better understanding of how his own body works.

Twenty-nine students from the Class of 2019 were inducted into the MICDS Chapter of the Cum Laude Society on Friday, April 12.

The MICDS Chapter of the Cum Laude Society honors 12th grade students who have distinguished themselves academically during their 9th, 10th, 11th and first trimester of 12th grade years.

The Saint Louis Country Day School chapter of the Cum Laude Society was formed in 1926, and the Mary Institute chapter originated in 1941. The mission of the Cum Laude Society is to "recognize academic achievement in secondary schools for the purpose of promoting excellence (Areté), justice (Diké) and honor (Timé)."

Promoting Areté, Diké and Timé

The 29 newest members of the MICDS chapter of the Cum Laude Society

Caroline Abel
Hope Abel
Fatima Ali
Julia Amato
Caroline Arnold
Jack Cai
Kelci Creath
Jennifer Goldberg
Maddie Goldberg
Eleanor Goldman
Layth Hamed
Sam Hanser
Jonas Hart
Catherine Holt
Mimi Klahr
Katherine Kosup
Ana Larsen
Abigail Lee
Luke McCollough
Nicholas Mellanby
Srujay Pandiri
Jacob Peistrup
Rida Qazi
Katherine Rianhard
Jordan Rothrock
Sonya Shafqat
Kate Trowbridge
Andrew Zhao
Katherine Zheng

Congratulations to the Class of 2019 Inductees:
Learning from a Survivor at the Holocaust Museum

Seventh grade students studying American History learned about the Holocaust and World War II. They read *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand and they visited the Holocaust Museum & Learning Center at the Jewish Federation of St. Louis. This visit was an opportunity for the students to gain a deeper understanding of what they have learned in English and in history.

The seventh graders were fully immersed in the museum for the morning. During their visit, they met with docents who walked them through the timeline of the Holocaust and provided insight and connection to the personal stories of victims and survivors of this period of history. They heard from Holocaust survivor Rachel Miller. The students and teachers were completely in awe of Ms. Miller’s story of survival as a child and devastated by the profound loss she endured.

In the afternoon, students took a deeper dive into modern-day genocide and discussed how to spot and prevent future atrocities from occurring.
When Charlotte Dougherty shows up for work at MICDS as the 7th Grade Dean, drama teacher and director of Camp Pegasus, she brings her adolescent self with her. She remembers how difficult it was to be a middle schooler, the angst over a changing body and conflicting emotions. And she remembers how theater changed her life.

Finding Her Place in the World

The oldest girl of five children in her Canton, Ohio family, Dougherty struggled to find her voice within her family and to sit still at her Catholic school. “I spent a lot of time in the hallway,” she said. Thankfully, a music teacher recognized her spirit – and her proclivities towards drama and singing – and called her mother to ask if she could take Dougherty to audition for a local production of Carmen. She earned a role as one of the street children, and a door opened to a different world.

She met teenagers from all over who were unlike the people in her family and small community, and they accepted each other without reservation. “It was amazing. Everyone was so nice and sweet and kind. And I loved being on stage.” Dougherty’s experience led to classes at the Players Guild every Saturday. The cast and crew engaged in vibrant discussions that showed Dougherty that the world was much larger and that she had a place in it.

Later in high school, Dougherty’s theater mentor became an extension of her family, providing her with a place to do homework and relax. “She was there for me, and I know how that can be life-changing. Kids need to know someone loves and respects them, that they can be themselves, feel safe and flourish.” She sees her work today as an opportunity to provide that safe place for her students, beginning each August when she learns every single 7th grader’s name. It continues throughout
the academic year, even in disciplinary situations. “The first thing I say is ‘Let’s talk about you,’” she said. “I can’t make a decision about discipline if I don’t know whom I’m talking to. What’s going on in their lives has a lot to do with the choices they make.”

She thinks it’s important to always keep the students as the first priority. “Our primary focus is not our boss, not parents, not the curriculum, but the kids,” she said.

Making Her Way to the Lou

After high school, Dougherty went to college to study theater performance. She graduated with a bachelor’s of fine arts from Otterbein College and moved to New York. She found a husband-and-wife-run theater company that wanted to also produce children’s theater. Together they started Piwacket Theatre for Children where she wrote plays and performed, touring at hospitals, migrant centers and children’s homes. The company eventually moved its base to St. Louis. With no ties to the Gateway City before, Dougherty agreed to make the move, too. The company is Edie’s Fairytale Theater now, and she still writes and serves on its board. Along the way, Dougherty met her husband Chris and had two children, Mason and Olivia. She then began her teaching career with a part-time position at MICDS.

“Teaching theater is really my calling. I knew after the first year. I like the fact that students are in that malleable age where they need someone to help them build empathy, discover themselves and think globally,” said Dougherty.

She eventually went back to school to earn a child development certificate from the Psychoanalytic Institute of St. Louis and a masters in educational psychology from Webster University.

“I love the outlet of creating art,” she said, “but I really love teaching.”

Dougherty admits she is process-oriented, and her goal is to teach children to enjoy the process of life, learning and creating. “We’re in such a race for the product that we lose the joy of the process.”

She embraced the opportunity to serve as 7th Grade Class Dean and enjoys being able to interact with the entire class now, instead of only those students in her theater classes. Becoming the director for Camp Pegasus this year was a natural extension. She’s excited when the campers she taught in Summer Stock return as counselors.

Passing Along Her Passion

The theater world that threw an antsy girl a lifeline continues to influence the life lessons Dougherty applies to her teaching today. When she’s working with young people, she stresses flexibility and creativity: “Theater—and life—are never finished products. They’re messy and chaotic and unfinished, and that’s what is exciting.” She strives to make sure middle school students feel loved, as she felt when she joined the cast of Carmen. She said, “Theater people are the kindest you’ll ever meet, they’re ragtag misfits who welcome everybody, no matter the color of skin, sexual orientation or the pimples on a middle schooler’s face. When middle schoolers look in the mirror they see the process, not a finished product. If I can get them to appreciate the process of becoming who they are, they will love themselves.”

01. Charlotte Dougherty comforts two children in her 1979 role in *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*.

02. Charlotte Dougherty (right) performs in *Ah! Wilderness* in 1986.
Creating an Extraordinary Learning Community

Each April, our Faculty Awards Ceremony honors, promotes and celebrates the extraordinary teaching that takes place at MICDS. It’s a time to recognize the outstanding work and tireless dedication of our faculty. Former Head of School Lisa Lyle spoke about how the MICDS campus is impressive, but that it’s our faculty who make MICDS the truly remarkable learning community it is. “In the learning spaces you create,” she said, “students discover their passions, develop skills and knowledge; they learn to think critically, demonstrate compassion for all the world’s people and stand for what is good and right, as our mission calls us to do!”

The School is able to present summer sabbaticals, fellowships, merit awards and Chairs of Distinguished Teaching thanks to the generosity of alumni and friends who value their experiences at Mary Institute, Saint Louis Country Day School and MICDS. Congratulations to the 2019 honorees!

Summer Sabbaticals and Fellowships

| Mary Institute Class of 1957 Endowed Fund for Faculty Continuing Education | Summer Beasley
| Soledad Villagomez |

| The Edward M. Rivinus Memorial Summer Sabbatical | Gabe Grabarek |

| Wilma and Roswell Messing Jr. ’34 Summer Sabbatical | Natalie Griffin |

| Thomas Family Fellowship | Robin Campbell
| Veronica Wachtler |

| Polk Family Summer Sabbatical Fellowship for the Teaching of English | Tex Tourais |

| Carol B. and Jerome T. Loeb Fund for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics | JK-12 Math Department
(All department members will be working with concept-based math curriculum and instruction expert Jennifer Wathall.) |

Faculty Merit Awards

| Mary Institute Class of 1940 Distinguished Faculty Award | Kelly Walsh |
| Country Day School Class of 1958 “Extra Effort” Award | Khannie Dastgah
| Denise Douglas
| Ashley O’Toole
| Brian Purlee |

| Dorothy Wray Roberts 1917 Faculty Merit Award | Christy Moore ’72 |

| Sears Foundation Faculty Merit Award | Darrett Thompson |

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Chairs of Distinguished Teaching

| Albert G. Blanke Jr. ’28 Chair of Distinguished Teaching | Kelly Hummel |
| Country Day School Class of 1959 Walter J. McCreery Chair of Distinguished Teaching in Memory of George P. Braun ’59 | Sara Levine |
| Eugene A. Hecker Chair of Distinguished Teaching in Humanities | Elizabeth Wells |
| David S. Turken Chair of Distinguished Teaching | Sarah Garner |
| Donald H. Webb Chair of Distinguished Teaching | Sarah Elliott
| Aaron Proctor |
| Gilbert-Werremeyer Chair of Distinguished Teaching | Janet Purdy
| Jason Roberts |
| Sander H. Coovert Chair of Distinguished Teaching | Zuowei Chang |
| Suzanne Siegel Habison ’45 Chair of Distinguished Teaching in Science | Michelle Hrastich |
| Craig E. Jones Chair of Distinguished Teaching | Celeste Prince |
| J.R. Johnson Jr. Chair of Distinguished Teaching | Maggie DesPain Dunson ’09 |
Faculty and Staff Celebrate Milestones and Awards

Students from all three divisions assembled in the MAC on April 25 for the final all-school assembly of 2018-19. The event recognizes teachers from the Middle and Upper Schools who receive awards based on student votes and honors faculty celebrating milestone employment anniversaries of 25, 20, 15 and 10 years. Twelfth graders presented the Rivinus Award to Greg Huntoon, and 8th graders honored Andy Kay with the Duncan Award.

Dr. Jody Marberry calls for students, faculty and staff to stand if they’ve been impacted by Pat Woessner (seated, right), who was honored for 25 years of service at MICDS.
Thank you for a wonderful all-school celebration at Grant’s Farm this past spring! We had so much fun “celebrating the journey” of Former Head of School Lisa Lyle’s tenure and the Bold Action Campaign thanks to your presence, your volunteerism, your musical talents and your well wishes from afar.

Between the impressive student performances, delicious food and engaging conversations with MICDS friends, there was a lot to do in the Bauernhof area. Guests also enjoyed engaging with a variety of animals after a ride through the Grant’s Farm deer park.

Thank you to Lisa Lyle for her dedicated leadership and to Bob Hermann ’70 for his service as the Chair of the Bold Action Campaign. Ms. Lyle shared, “My heart was filled with gratitude and joy as I got to visit with alumni, current students, families and colleagues from every year since my arrival. It has been such a gift to be part of and lead this amazing community!”

The MICDS community truly does have so many reasons to celebrate. The success of the Bold Action Campaign supported superior academic and athletic facilities, faculty excellence and student access. The legacy of Lisa Lyle will continue to benefit the MICDS community for years to come. MICDS thanks each and every one of you who make our community so special and welcoming.

*Our hearts are filled with gratitude!*
**Dancing “For the Kids” is Huge Success**

Students were on their feet dancing with their friends at the first-ever MICDS Dance Marathon this spring. The all-school event brought together Lower, Middle and Upper School students who danced the night away for a wonderful cause: fundraising and support “For the Kids” of Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals.

There was something for everyone, including Giant Jenga and cornhole games, face painting, cotton candy and popcorn, a photo booth, card making for miracle kids, a fundraising jail and even a life-size game of Hungry Hungry Hippos. A DJ guided the rhythm of the night, creating a soundtrack of support for a great cause. “We heard from children who had their own miracle stories, including former miracle ambassador Michael, as well as two members of our MICDS community,” shared one of the lead event organizers, Jennifer Goldberg ’19. “[The stories] were all extremely inspiring and helped everyone connect with the cause.”

MICDS Dance Marathon was completely student-organized and student-run. Julia Amato ’19 and Goldberg led the effort to plan the spectacular event. The evening culminated when the committee had a special, confetti-filled reveal of the total amount raised: $12,531.01!

“I am very excited to know that the money we raised will help hospitals, doctors and nurses treat children who are not able to do some things that we do all the time, like dancing,” said Amato.

A huge thank you goes to all of the student dancers, morale boosters, sponsors, chaperones, volunteers, parents and the Dance Marathon committee who helped make this first MICDS Dance Marathon a remarkable success.
May Day 2019
Seniors, juniors, 8th and 4th graders gathered on Lilly’s Field on May 4 for the annual May Day Celebration. Thankfully, the weather cleared after a week of rain, and guests assembled early to be ready for the event.

Fourth graders performed to Mock Morris by Percy Grainger, and 8th graders twirled ribbons to Dance of the Tumblers by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov. The junior girls presented the Daisy Chain accompanied by Carillon from L’Arlésienne Suite No. 1 by Georges Bizet. Seniors wove the May Pole to the music of Fantasia on Greensleeves by Ralph Vaughn Williams.

After the Maypole Dance, Coronation Pages Hope Pohlman ’20 and Renee Stanec ’20 began their journey around the circle of seniors, bearing flowers and a flowered crown to Grand Walkaround from Cakewalk by Louis Moreau Gottschalk, while the Co-President of Student Council Jamerson Durrill ’19 waited to crown the class’ new queen. The Class of 2019 chose Megan Smith ’19 as its May Queen. In keeping with the MICDS Mission, the girls requested that gifts be made in their honor to a charitable organization, and this year, they chose Children’s Miracle Network.

01. Megan Smith ’19 is presented as May Queen.
02. Seniors weave the May Pole.
03. Fourth graders perform to Mock Morris by Percy Grainger.
04. Eighth graders offer a ribbon dance.
OUR COMMUNITY

MICDS’ Black Student Union Hosts Celebration

Members of the BSU and the AAMP with Dr. Mike Jones.

Dr. Mike Jones of the Gephardt Institute addresses the audience.

OUR COMMUNITY
The Black Student Union (BSU) organized a celebration of Black History Month in February. The event, planned by Bryce Berry ’19 and Asia Johnson-Brimmage ’19, co-heads of BSU, was entitled “Because of Them We Can.”

Berry and Johnson-Brimmage welcomed guests and invited them to rise and contribute to Lift Every Voice and Sing by J. Rosamond Johnson and James Weldon Johnson, which is often referred to as the Black national anthem.

Two 8th grade students, Mat-Mat Hardy-Lyles ’23 and Devyn Rodgers ’23, presented on the purpose of Black History Month. Rodgers said, “A celebration of one culture is a celebration of them all.” Upper School English Teacher Celeste Prince offered a beautiful reading of Maya Angelou’s Still I Rise, and guests were encouraged to enjoy the artwork of Johnson-Brimmage and Tea Mitchell ’21 just outside the auditorium.

Kenny Townsend ’19 and Ivy Pease ’19 provided background on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Erica Moore, Director of Faculty Equity and Inclusion and Student Activities, spoke on historically Black Greek letter organizations, also called “The Divine Nine.”

Krysten Holmes ’19, co-head of the African American Mentor Program (AAMP), introduced the evening’s keynote speaker, Dr. Mike Jones, Student Engagement Coordinator for the Gephardt Institute for Civic Engagement at Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Jones told the students that they are their ancestors’ wildest dreams.

After the keynote, Gerald Bentley ’19 and Jala Muhammad ’20 moderated a question-and-answer session with Dr. Jones. Najaah Muhammad ’21 and Afriky Lolo entertained the audience with a vibrant dance and musical performance. Brian Thomas, Assistant Head of School, closed the evening by reminding students how much they are loved and encouraged them to embrace and accept their responsibilities to shape the world with the gifts they’ve been given while remembering those who have come before and those we are missing now.
OUR COMMUNITY

Spring Break Service

Over Spring Break 2019, some MICDS students helped improve the world.

Habitat for Humanity in Baytown, Texas

A group of 37 students donated their time and traveled to Baytown, Texas to help build houses for Habitat for Humanity. “My biggest takeaway from the trip was how rewarding it was to be able to spend some of my time and energy to help people who need it,” said Jessica Brooks ’20.

“This was my third year on the trip, and every year I am still astounded by how grateful the people of Baytown are for our service,” continued Annie Knapp, Upper School Science Teacher. “I really enjoyed seeing the previous houses we have worked on being lived in. It is amazing that MICDS students have helped to build so many houses where families now reside.”

Iceland

Another group of students took a trip to Iceland. Students and faculty chaperones began the trip by touring the capital Reykjavik, taking in the beautiful scenery and architecture of the city as well as dining on some traditional cuisine.

The trip included community service time, where students and faculty helped clean a park and collected plastics from a beach.
St. Louis artist Mark Borella visited the MICDS Lower School to deliver a message about kindness. The “Seeds of Happiness Guy” explained that sharing a smile can brighten a day, no matter how little you are. “You can share any token of happiness. It could be a note with a smiley face. You might just change someone’s life. Kids can change the world,” he said.

Borella also worked with 3rd and 4th graders to create a colorful coral reef. Before his visit, Beasley friends shared seeds of happiness with students, teachers and support staff in all three divisions. They learned that happiness is contagious! (See the video online. It’s sure to make you smile!)
Bravo to Beasley Opera

If every adult could start their day by attending an opera created, produced and starred in by Beasley second graders, the world would be a happy place.

Lower School Music Teacher Barbara Spieler worked closely with both second grade classes to create fun pieces loosely based on two children’s books. They collaborated as a team, and she also worked with each child individually on their parts.

Mrs. Spieler said, “It was rewarding to see the enthusiasm and creativity that our second grade students demonstrated as they composed, produced and performed their original operas.”

Allison Felter, Director of Education and Community Engagement for Opera Theatre of Saint Louis, enjoyed the performance. She said, “Mrs. Spieler’s second grade music students were nothing short of stupendous! I am in awe of the cooperative learning, collaboration and creativity packed into writing an original opera in just 10 short class periods.”

01. Sanako Itoh ‘29 and Samar Patel ‘29 perform an opera they based on David Small’s Imogen’s Antlers.

02. 2nd Graders adapted Giggle, Giggle, Quack by Doreen Cronin to produce their opera.

03. William Rose ’19 starred as a doctor in one of the Beasley operas.
7th and 8th Grade Thespians Tackle Bullying

Middle School thespians took to the stage to tackle the tough issue of bullying in a series of short plays called *Bullying, Ink*. From social media to overt bullying, from the feeling of being on the outside to the stress young people face today, performers creatively showed the audience what it’s like to be on both sides. Alice Ma ’23 said, “This play brings attention to a serious matter. I think it’s great that we focused on both the bully and the victim.”

Charlotte Dougherty, 7th Grade Dean and Drama Teacher, selected the work. The 7th/8th grade play alternates between being a comedy one year and a drama the next. She was encouraged that students were able to use the stage as a safe zone to explore a topic so prevalent in society. Actors cast as “mean characters” struggled to be mean, and Dougherty used that discomfort to talk with the cast and crew about bullying and how quickly it can escalate.
Nearly 60 students produced and performed the Troubadour’s musical *Ragtime* in the Orthwein Theatre this spring. "Ragtime deals with a lot of raw emotion that it almost forces its audience and actors to feel," said Zion Thomas ’19. "I am no exception. Emotions related to injustice, degradation of manhood, loss and revenge are difficult to superficially replicate. They must be deeply understood and felt if one is to communicate them successfully. I welcomed the intensity of the material and I tried my best to do it justice."

Harry Coovert ’19 played the role of Tateh, a determined Jewish immigrant. He said, "Ragtime deals with controversial material. This was a great experience because it gave me historical insight on the issues we face in today’s society."

The production garnered three nominations from the St. Louis High School Musical Theatre Awards for Best Actor (Zion Thomas ’19), Best Choreography (Middle School History Teacher Grace Barlow) and Technical Excellence (Backstage and Costume Crews).
A darkened Orthwein Theatre filled with beautiful music when the Middle and Upper School bands performed their Spring Concert. Parents, faculty, staff, friends and loved ones filled the seats, enjoying a variety of music from 6th grade, 7th grade, 8th grade and Upper School students.

The 6th grade band kicked off the evening by performing three pieces. Instrumental Music Instructor Josh Baumgartner welcomed guests before introducing the youngest band members.

The 7th Grade Band then took the stage, preparing for their own three pieces: Chant and Ritual Dance by Joseph Compello, Discovery Overture by Anne McGinty and Robotics by Rob Romeyn.

Mr. Baumgartner thanked parents for their support of band students. “Learning to play an instrument isn’t easy,” he said, “and it isn’t easy for the people they live with, either. Encouragement and support are so important to education, and especially to our band program.”

After the 6th and 7th grade bands performed, musicians retired to the Alumni Dining Hall to enjoy dinner provided by the Arts Backers and served by band parent volunteers. Then the older students headed back to Orthwein to perform.

The 8th Grade band played two pieces before turning the stage over to the Upper School band. Mrs. Becky Long, Instrumental Music Instructor, welcomed the guests and shared her thoughts on the evening. She said, “What a wonderful year of music making we have had. I am so proud of each one of the musicians on stage.”

One of the pieces was An American Elegy composed by Frank Ticheli in memory of those who lost their lives at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999, and to honor the survivors. The performance was supported by members of the MICDS Upper School Choirs, under the direction of Mr. Dana Self. It was an extraordinary performance by both groups of students that left the room in awe. Rafi Gil Diaz ’19 performed a clarinet solo with accompaniment by the rest of the band.

Several awards were presented throughout the evening. Kelci Creath ’19 earned the MICDS Band Outstanding Musicianship Award. Gil Diaz was awarded the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award. The James Andrew Benecke ’06 Band Award went to Tommaso Maiocco ’19, and Chris Shannon ’19 won the John Philip Sousa Band Award.

Musicians and guests then retired to the Messing Art Gallery to enjoy a reception, while some of the state-bound solos and ensembles continued performing.

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Student Musicians Dazzle in Spring Band Concert
Make it Pop!

Our MICDS Pops Concert is a high energy, fully choreographed concert accompanied by a professional stage band and featuring some of the best in pop music—both current charts as well as several throwback pieces. Students offered an enthusiastic audience a wide variety of pop hits combined with creative choreography and stage design.

Artists featured this year included Imagine Dragons, Walk the Moon, Bruno Mars, Pink, DNCE and PORTUGAL, The Man. Throwback artists included Twisted Sister, Toto, Survivor, Whitney Houston and Billy Joel. Every generation in the audience found something to enjoy.

In between each song, students introduced the next choral group or performance. They usually included a joke or witty commentary, and it was evident every performer was having a blast.

Mr. Dana Self, Upper School Choral Director, took the stage at the end to introduce seniors, recognize achievements and thank supporters. Mr. Self also recognized the work of the Class of 2019 to raise money for the Children’s Miracle Network. A series of events held throughout the year raised over $13,000 for CMN. The MICDS Arts Backers hosted a reception in the Messing Gallery following the concert.
The annual Blue Whale Café took place in March in the McCullough Library and resulted in the most money donated in the history of the event. Organizers sold 175 tickets, leading to over $2,300 donated to Clean Ocean Action, an organization that researches pollution issues affecting the marine environment and then works on policy changes and campaigns to eliminate those pollution sources.

The event was a joint effort between the Arts Council and the Environmental Club, with members of each volunteering their time performing and running the show. The huge success of this year’s event shows continued momentum to highlight community performances as well as raise money for a great cause.

"Next year is the 25th anniversary and we are working on making it very special," said Tiffany D’Addario, Upper School Art Teacher and organizer of the Blue Whale Café.
After reading Refugee by Alan Gratz over the summer, Middle School students met the author himself. Gratz’s presentations were styled like “choose your own adventure” books. The format let students drive the path of his talks. He explained the process behind one of his books, from how he came up with the original concept to how he researched events and developed characters. Students left his presentations inspired to keep writing and creating.
Sproule Love ’89 remembers the hard tackle in middle school that sparked a love for running that has led to recognition as one of the top stair racers in the world. Country Day’s required sports program meant most boys in Love’s class played football. “The younger boys played scrimmage games during halftime at varsity games, and it was a mob chasing the ball on a big field,” Love explained. He was small and a self-described late bloomer, and he remembers the hit that changed his life. “I went for the tackle against an early bloomer who knocked me into cross country running in 8th Grade. I didn’t think of myself as an endurance athlete. I was literally running away from football!”

Today, over 30 years later, he’s a leader in the sport of stair racing, also known as tower running. That’s right, he regularly charges up flights of stairs in skyscrapers around the world, and he does it for fun. “I’ve been stair racing for 20 years, and it still strikes me as this bizarre thing,” he said.
**A RUSH, A MAD RUSH**

He was 28 and living in Brooklyn when he heard a radio interview with the winner of the Empire State Building Run Up (ESBRU). He was taking a year off cross country skiing and winter biathlon competitions, and the oddity of competing in this manner intrigued him. On a whim, he signed up for the next ESBRU, and on race day he experienced a rough introduction to a new sport. “It was on a Tuesday morning and employees were going in and out, using the elevators. When the gun went off, 150 people ran 30 feet to a four-foot doorway with a 90-degree turn and a banister.” Love was shoved into the banister in the chaos, but he charged on. He finished in a little over 12 minutes, climbing 86 stories—1,576 stairs—to earn 7th place. The win earned him a spot on the front line the following year, which helped during that mad rush to the door. He’s done the ESBRU 10 times over 20 years, making the podium five times, usually the top American.

“I was interviewed on 1010 WINS, the radio station playing in virtually every yellow cab in New York, so I felt like I made it after that,” he laughed.

**A TALENT FOR SUFFERING**

Love’s success in tower running mirrors his experience at Country Day. He made the Varsity Cross Country team his freshman year, lettering all four years and serving as team captain senior year. “I discovered a talent for suffering, which is what endurance sports come down to,” he explained. He calls his athletic experience formative; he learned through sports that he could continually surprise himself. The year he captained, the team came in 2nd at State after winning Districts and the ABC League. He’s proud that the cross country team led cheers at the annual Red and White Day assembly his senior year. He also ran track for three years, losing one season to injury. He won Sectionals and Districts in the mile and he made All-State in both cross country and the mile. He set the school record for the mile in his final race.

He looks fondly back on that time. At his 30th reunion this year, he found his old team awards on display in the Steward Family Aquatic Center. He credits track coaches Duncan Marshall, Chris Gould and Tom Fitzgibbon as influences in his athletic life, along with calculus teacher Will Hansen, English teacher Dan Piquet, and drama department head Peter King as influential teachers. “I think the teaching was better than at Harvard, where intro classes were taught by graduate students who weren’t as inspired, committed or qualified as these long-tenured teachers at Country Day,” he said. He remembers the dedication of his CDS teachers. “They were clearly invested in us and our success, and now that I’m a parent, I know how much that matters. They didn’t tolerate any sense of entitlement.”

He continued running cross country while studying economics at Harvard, but stopped after unsupportive coaches, grueling workouts and intense competition doused the joy he found in running. He found an outlet in cross country skiing, competing for three years in college and becoming team captain. That led to training for
winter biathlon, and Love became a top 10 biathlete in the country. He qualified for Olympic Trials but fell just short of making the U.S. team. After years of self-training and traveling for races, he needed a break. He moved to Brooklyn and heard the interview with the ESBRU winner. He had done some mountain running, charging up ski areas for training and thought he could be competitive.

RUNNING THROUGH ICONS

When Love first started stair racing, the Sears Tower (now Willis) and the ESBRU were the two main races in the United States, so he competed consistently in both for about six years. He met his wife, Farah, and took five years off to get married, go to business school and have his first child. Then, he was back at it. "We moved to a high rise with 40 stories on the west side of Manhattan. I put my 25-pound son on my back, gave my wife a break and climbed in the stairwell across from our apartment." Mazin, now 9, loved it. When his daughter Yasmine, now 5, was born, he trained with her on his back. "It’s a rite of passage in my family," he said. At 40, Love set a new record at the Willis Tower. The win kicked off a fun five years of traveling around the world to compete, racing in Asia, Central America, South America and Europe. He gained international rankings and sponsorships. He holds records at the Hancock Tower in Chicago, the Space Needle in Seattle and the Metropolitan Building in St. Louis. His Willis Tower record was finally broken last year, "by a guy 20 years younger and 30 pounds lighter." He’s been crowned U.S. champion three times and has ranked as high as 6th in the world.

His favorite race is the Eiffel Tower, which he’s run four times. It’s a difficult race to get into, and only 50 runners compete each year. "There’s no prize money," he said, "but it’s so iconic. The strobes go off during the race and it’s amazing. They don’t let the public go up the final staircase, so to get all the way to the top you have to enter this race. At the end, it’s a spiral staircase with metal grating and you can see through to the bottom. There’s a dramatic view of Paris at night after you’ve raced up the building."

A MIDWESTERN SENSIBILITY

Despite his world travels and living in New York, Love still considers himself a midwesterner. He works for his family’s business, The Love Companies, and visits his hometown often. "The authenticity of St. Louis is great," he said. His experience at CDS still keeps him grounded. "It was pretty formal, and our class was a great group. We had family-style dining and each student would do a rotation as a server." The experience was humbling, and just one example of how CDS prepared students for lives of humility, fairness and dedication. He fondly recalls that CDS also gave him the opportunity to tutor at Mathews-Dickey Boys & Girls Club. His family lived in the city, and "Country Day supplemented my view of the world and
how people can come together.” He bonded with his classmates, many of whom are still friends today. His teachers didn’t coddle students, and he admires the work ethic they instilled in generations of boys.

Today, he passes along what he learned to his own children. “It may be easier to do it for them, but I make them do the work and clean up after themselves.” If anything, living on the East Coast has only galvanized his pride in his hometown. “I’ve been in New York for 20 years, and I call myself a St. Louisan,” he said. He still roots for his hometown teams, going to see the Cardinals when they play the Mets in town and staying up late to cheer the Blues to their first Stanley Cup win in June.

He applies the guidance he received at CDS to today’s life, even though so much has changed: Stay true to yourself and be authentic. Slow down and turn your phone off every once in a while. “With the flood of information and social media echo chambers today, I think it’s imperative that people at any age take a step back, pause and give themselves room to make thoughtful decisions.” And he’d tell Upper School students today, “You may not save the world in high school, so don’t avoid the tedious work that will prepare you for shining moments that eventually come along.”
#RamNation

**Rams Rewind**

**SPRING SPORTS SEASON RECAPS**

**Baseball**

Second in the Metro League

The Rams finished the 2019 season 15-10 before falling in the district championship. Only three teams in the past 20 years have won more games. Their 7-3 conference mark was also good enough for a second place finish in the Metro League. The Rams were led by Michael Long ’19 (.628 OBP and .791 SLG), Grayson Senn’19 (.453 BA and 2-0 W/L) and Gus Pulos ’20 (5-1, 1.89 ERA). The team proudly boasted four First Team All-Conference stars including Long, Senn, Pulos and Griffin Baur ’20 as well as two Second Team All-Conference members including Sam Kohler ’19 and Jack Brooks ’19. Garrison Moody ’20 received Honorable Mention.

**Cycling**

Most Successful Season

The 2019 Cycling team wrapped up one of their most successful seasons as the young team continues to grow individually and collectively. Kellen von Hoven ’19 and Fiona Richards ’21 led the team built mostly of underclassmen. The young team found success at Tuesday Night Worlds held weekly in Carondelet Park with Will Falk ’21, Jonah Zacks ’19, Joey Roth ’21 and Garren Engle ’21 all finding the podium throughout the season. The wind and a crowded field played a role in the final road race of the season in O’Fallon, Illinois, but Richards took 6th in the Women’s 3,4,5 field and Falk slipped into a 2nd place finish in the Men’s 5. Half of the team was back in action in August for the Fall Cyclocross Season as they prepared to become a dominant force on the local racing scene in the spring of 2020.

**Boys Golf**

Second in State

The team of Jeffrey Desloge ’19, Sam Hanser ’19, Zak Mitra ’20, Cal Barton ’21 and Henry Mikula ’21 took second place in the Class 3 State Tournament. Mikula finished second overall and Desloge finished seventh, and both earned All-State honors. The entire Boys Golf team has had a tremendous season, and we look forward to years of golf success ahead.
01. The Boys Golf team earned 2nd place in the Class 3 State Tournament.

02. Michael Long ’19 takes a swing as his teammates look on from the dugout.

03. A young Rams Cycling team celebrated their most successful season yet.
Boys Lacrosse
State Champions for 6th Consecutive Time;
Bundy Jr. ’19 Becomes State’s All-Time Leading Scorer and Missouri Player of the Year

Once again, the MICDS Boys Lacrosse team had another exceptional season! They clinched the State Championship against De Smet, winning 15-1 for their 6th State Championship title in a row. For the fifth consecutive year, they went undefeated in Missouri games and extended their in-state win streak to 92 games. Key wins included victories over Cincinnati Saint Xavier, Columbus Upper Arlington and Memphis University School. Individual successes were abundant as well. **Graham Bundy Jr. ’19** was named MVP of the State Championship game and Missouri Lacrosse Player of the Year, became the state’s all-time leading scorer and finished the season with over 400 career points. Bundy Jr. also became the third Ram to be selected to the Under Armour All-American team. **Thomas Niedringhaus ’19** also had a spectacular season and became just the second Ram to have back-to-back 100-plus point seasons. With the #1 seed in state playoffs also came a number of All-State selections. The Rams placed seven players on the All-State list: Bundy Jr., Niedringhaus, **Henry Carpenter ’19, Nico Feldman ’19, Joe Maguire ’19, Will Kacmarek ’21** and **Crawford Bundy ’21**. All-Conference selections for the Rams included the aforementioned all-state players along with **Bobby Byrne ’21, Joe Condie ’20** and **Thomas Clarkson ’19**. All Americans included Bundy Jr., Carpenter and Niedringhaus while Maguire earned Academic All American.

Boys Lacrosse photos: Tim Parker Photography.
Girls Lacrosse
Fourth in State

With a young, fresh team, it was a slow start for the Rams this season. Their overall record was 10-10, and they carried a 9-5 record for in-state games. Five of those losses were to stiff, out-of-state competition. The team turned things around with nine straight wins at the end of the season. They took 4th at State, losing to St. Joseph Academy in the semi-finals by one goal. Throughout the year, the team had to overcome a few hurdles, including the loss of All-American and Harvard commit Olivia Proctor '19 to a knee injury mid-season and the vacancies left by eight talented seniors from last year. Five Rams were named to the Metro Girls All-Conference: Caroline Carr ’20, Kiki Arnold ’19, Arden Lilly ’19, Livie Warren ’21 and Kate Oliver ’22. Arnold and Carr earned All-State selections. It was an incredible turnaround season, and the team fought until the bitter end!

Girls Soccer
Played Tough and With Heart

The MICDS Varsity Girls Soccer team had another successful season this spring. Senior captain Eleanor Goldman ’19, along with juniors Barbara Ribeiro ’20 and Lisa Speegle ’20 were instrumental in creating a culture of competition and team spirit.

Despite a very young roster, the Rams played several of the top teams in the area and held their own against a very difficult schedule. Highlights of the season include hard-fought victories over league rivals John Burroughs and Principia. Unfortunately, the season came to an end in a competitive District match vs. Parkway Central. The soccer program is deeply thankful to the contributions of this graduating senior class.

Boys Tennis
Second in State

The Boys Tennis team qualified for the State Team Championship with a 5-0 win over Thomas Jefferson Independent from Joplin, Missouri. They finished 2nd in the Team State competition to John Burroughs School 5-2. Evan Erb ’21 and Chase Nwamu ’20 finished 3rd and 4th respectively in the individual singles competition. This was the first trip back to the State Team Final in three years for the Boys team.

01. The Boys Tennis team were Districts champs and took 2nd at State.
02. Greta Wolfsberger ’22 charges up the field.
03. Lisa Speegle ’20 moves to intercept while Katie Nuzum ’21 advances to help.
Boys Track and Field
Third at Districts; Sutton ’19 Repeats Individual State Championships

The 2019 MICDS Boys Track and Field team had numerous highlights including a team finish of 3rd place in the District Championship this season, and with some spectacular running from Josh Sutton ’19 they finished 10th in the State as a team. Sutton was again the State Champion in the 100-meter and 200-meter sprint races. Going into the season, he held the 100-meter record at 10.62 seconds but managed to lower the record three times throughout the season. He set a personal record at the Sectional Championship with a time of 10.48 seconds. In the 200-meter dash, Sutton also holds the school record of 21.23 and was able to get within two hundredths of lowering that record as well, running 21.25 this season at the State Championship. Pole Vaulter Tommaso Maiocco ’19, new to this event this season, qualified for the State Championship and finished in 11th place.

Girls Track and Field
Fourth at State

At one of the most competitive meets in State history, everything came down to the final race and the MICDS Girls Track and Field team was able to hit the podium for the fifth straight season with a fourth-plac team finish. The team was led by Jhordin Galmore ’19 who was All-State four times this year again bringing her total to 16 times as an All-State Performer. Galmore will leave her legacy as the best sprinter in MICDS history and all-time leading scorer at the State Championship. In the 4×800 meter relay, the team of Palmer Mihalevich ’20, Ana Larson ’19, Ellie Gira ’22 and Athena Theranos ’20 was able to shave 20 seconds off of their best time in one of the most inspiring runs of the meet for the Rams as they finished in 3rd place. Alexis Bellamy ’21 put together a stellar final high hurdle race and earned All-State Honors finishing in 6th place. Zuri Reid ’19 qualified for State in three events. After a personal best in the long jump that had her outside the finals, she made the finals in the triple jump bouncing out to a personal best on her final jump in an MICDS uniform. She went from a tie for 8th place to 6th place in addition to clinching a valuable three points for the Rams. New to both MICDS and pole vault, Kelly Ross ’20 had already broken the school record twice this season and jumped a record-tying 13-6 in the pole vault to earn 4th place. In the High Jump, Bellamy jumped 5’3” ending up 11th after having set a school record earlier in the season. Mihalevich ran her season’s personal best of 2:21:72 in the 800-meter finishing just out of the points by three-hundredths of a second. The team race came down to the 4×400 meter and MICDS had to finish in 3rd place or better to grab a team trophy. The crew was seeded in 6th place based on times going into the meet, but Mihalevich, Gira, Theranos and Galmore were able to run a season-best time by three seconds, finishing in the second spot to secure a trophy once again. The girls earlier in the season clinched their 13th straight District Championship and also won the Sectional Championship.

Water Polo
Fourth at State

The Varsity Boys Water Polo team enjoyed a second season in the Steward Family Aquatic Center. They had a tremendous year, working hard throughout the season. Congratulations to the team on taking 4th place at State! Varsity Coach Don Casey was named as the Blue Team Head Coach for the Senior All-Star Game, and his roster included Davis Johnson ’19. In the 2019 White Conference, Mr. Casey was named Coach of the Year, and Filip Aleksic ’20 was named Player of the Year. Aleksic was also named to First Team, along with Mika Shapshovich ’20 as Goalie. John Curylo ’20 was named to Second Team and Davis Johnson ’19 was named to Third Team.
2019 Post-Dispatch Scholar Athlete

Julia Amato ‘19 was chosen to represent MICDS as a 2019 St. Louis Post-Dispatch Scholar Athlete. In her time as a student at MICDS, Julia participated in:

**TENNIS:** Third place Class 1 State Team in 2017

**SQUASH:** National qualifier, Coaches’ Award, Sportmanship Award

**TRACK AND FIELD:** Team took first at State in 2018 and fourth in 2019

In addition, Amato was one of this year’s Co-Valedictorians and a National Merit Scholar Finalist, and she was inducted into the Cum Laude Society. She earned First Honors and won the Bausch and Lomb Science Award.

Amato is currently studying at Vanderbilt University, and is determining whether she wants to work in medicine or business. “I do not know exactly what I want to do, but I would like to use math and science in my career. I’ve always loved math because I find it challenging and interesting.”

Her life of service started at MICDS, where she served as co-head of the MICDS Activities Committee and was a co-founder and co-president of the MICDS chapter of Children’s Miracle Network. (See more about her work to create the first annual Dance Marathon on page 27.) Last summer, she volunteered at a medical clinic and orphanage in Peru.

“I have realized that I always need to see the beauty that is present in front of me. As the Dalai Lama said, ‘The roots of all goodness lie in the soil of appreciation for all goodness.’ I do think that the key to happiness is gratitude,” Amato reflected.

Lacrosse Player of the Year

After securing his fourth consecutive lacrosse State Championship, Graham Bundy Jr. ‘19 was named the All-Metro Boys Lacrosse Player of the Year. For anyone who has been following Bundy Jr.’s sports career, this is no surprise.

He committed to playing Division I college lacrosse at Georgetown when he was a freshman at MICDS, and then spent the next three seasons proving himself. He is Missouri’s all-time career points leader, having racked up 421 points over four years. His final season, he scored 137 points through 72 goals, 65 assists and 44 ground balls. He’s a four-time, First-Team All-State honoree and two-time captain of the Adrenaline All-American team. He won the State Championship MVP award twice, once as a sophomore and then again as a senior. No stranger to the pressure of a state championship, he helped take the football Rams to the final round against Ladue last season.

Congratulations, Graham. We’ll be cheering for your Georgetown team!
MICDS 2019 Day of Giving

Let’s Celebrate!

On April 17, we celebrated our annual Day of Giving (D.O.G.) with Ellie, the campus dog of former Head of School Lisa Lyle. #PawsforMICDS was an op-PAW-tunity to encourage all members of the MICDS community to come together, make a gift and celebrate all things D.O.G. We welcomed two teams of Duo support dogs on campus, hosted a dog show with Kennelwood Pet Resorts (who also sponsored a giveaway for a Weekend Boarding Stay Package to a lucky winner) and passed out doggie treats in morning carpool. All in all, it was a PAW-some day that benefited 100% of our students, teachers and programs. Thank you for your support!

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REUNION GIVING

Generous Alumni Continue to Support Their School

Each spring, hundreds of MI, CDS and MICDS alumni return to campus to celebrate Reunion Weekend. With more than 600 alumni in attendance, classes representing the 5th to the 80th reunions reconnected over the 2019 Reunion Celebration Dinner and campus tours in addition to class parties, luncheons, baseball games, academic programs and more!

Classes also took part in the longstanding custom of the Reunion Class Gift, giving back in honor of their milestone reunions. Volunteers within each class partnered with the Alumni & Development Office to set fundraising and participation goals. All alumni celebrating a five-year reunion were asked to make a meaningful gift and help their class reach its goals. The 25th reunion class of 1994 celebrated their reunion by raising more than $100k in support of Tuition Benefit while the 50th reunion class celebrated by reinvesting in the James A. Baur Class of 1969 Financial Aid Fund. Together, reunion alumni raised $520,698 for MICDS this year!

It is with deep gratitude that we thank those who participated in their Reunion Class Gift. In the 2019-2020 school year we will welcome back a new cohort of reunion classes, including the Mary Institute and Saint Louis Country Day classes of 1970 who will celebrate their 50th reunion and the MICDS class of 1995 celebrating their 25th reunion. We look forward to honoring them at the 2020 Reunion Weekend and helping them achieve their own Reunion Giving goals.
When the Country Day School Class of 1969 celebrated its 50th Reunion last Spring, we heard many of them speak about the strong foundational impact their CDS education has had on their lives. At least three of them have now decided to give back by including MICDS in their personal estate plans.

Reunion volunteer Joe Rechter ’69 and his classmate Steve Turner ’69 were the first to step forward—long before their most recent reunion—by making unrestricted bequests to the School’s endowment. Both say they were inspired to leave a legacy gift to the School because they believe Country Day provided a framework for how to live their lives.

“Country Day provided a framework for how to live their lives,” recalls Rechter. “The bar was set high for us to embrace excellence and leadership, and it still is. Now I’ve decided to leave a giving legacy to let my family know that CDS and MICDS made a difference in my life.”

Turner echoes a similar sentiment: “I have since found it personally gratifying to include MICDS in my estate plans because I am able to recognize in a more meaningful way some of what the School provided me.”

Mark Throdahl ’69, back in St. Louis after several decades of living on the east coast and abroad, made the decision to arrange a planned gift to MICDS after attending his 50th reunion.

“Country Day gave me a foundation to handle an enormous workload in college and graduate school as well as how to think critically, write effectively and balance multiple priorities. Since then, I’ve seen the School reinvent itself by becoming more diverse, inclusive and co-educational. Success in today’s world requires you to be comfortable with diversity. MICDS is an even better place now,” notes Throdahl.

MICDS is, of course, better for the generosity of these forward-thinking alums. Thank you, Joe, Steve and Mark. You join a distinguished list of Eliot & Thompson Society donors who have chosen to help secure the long-term financial stability of your alma mater by making a planned gift to benefit the School’s endowment.

If you are interested in joining the Eliot & Thompson Society for planned giving donors and creating your own legacy at MICDS without costing you anything today, contact Kalleen Capps Rose, Director of Major & Planned Gifts, at 314-995-7455 or krose@micds.org.
As we welcome our new Head of School Jay Rainey, MICDS has much to celebrate! Our School is performing at the highest levels across key measures used to evaluate independent schools including college placement outcomes, standardized and AP test scores, enrollment and endowment. Our facilities are exceptional, and our students are being recognized nationally and locally for achievements in community service, STEM research, robotics, athletics and visual and performing arts.

The extraordinary achievements of our students and School are only possible with the generous philanthropic support of alumni, parents, grandparents, faculty and administrators through the MICDS Fund.

Annual giving is critical to ensuring MICDS’ position as a leading independent school in the country. MICDS Fund gifts benefit every student and directly impact the student experience, assuring robust resources for opportunities and experiences that deepen and extend learning and engagement in and out of the classroom. MICDS Fund gifts contribute to the operating budget and support all aspects of School life including:

- cutting-edge curriculum, field trips and interdisciplinary experiences;
- innovative resources and classroom tools;
- continuing education for faculty;
- financial aid;
- physical education and sports team equipment, training, mentorship and transportation;
- music, dance, theater and the visual arts; and
- facilities maintenance and repair.

Our Honor Roll of Donors includes every community member who made a gift of $100 or more to the MICDS Fund in the 2018-2019 academic year as well as individuals who made gifts to the Bold Action Campaign, 25th and 50th Reunion Class Gift Program, Special Projects, Memorials, Tributes and Bequests.

I am awed and inspired by our community’s incredible generosity and deeply grateful to these individuals for their critical support and commitment to our students and School.

Thank you for making MICDS a philanthropic priority. Together, we can nurture student passions and prepare our students to live and lead in the world that awaits them.

With gratitude,

Michelle Leith Cohen ’88
Chair, MICDS Board of Trustees
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$1,637,234
TOTAL RAISED

10,851
Number of Miles the Farthest Gift Traveled

FALL 2019

Congrats First Grade Parents!

TOP 3 PARENT CLASSES WITH HIGHEST PARTICIPATION

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CLASS OF 2030

OVERALL PARENT PARTICIPATION 73%

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MICDS Fund & Special Project Volunteers

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FOR THE RECORD

Members of the wedding party gather at Forest Park for the marriage of Matt Levis ’05 and Alex Schaefer ’08 on May 11, 2019. The party included maid of honor Sloane Schaefer ’12, best man Jack Levis (former class of ’06), bridesmaids Cate Levis ’10, Hillary Lux ’08, Callie Burrows Rapp ’08, Kelley Rouse ’08, and groomsmen Andrew Grumney ’05, Daniel Kennedy ’05, Alex Rapp ’05 and John Sedgwick ’05.

Marriages

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ALUMNI/AE ON THEIR RECENT NUPTIALS.

Matthew Levis ’05 and Alexandra Schaefer ’08
May 11, 2019 (photos 1 & 2)

Mollie Finch ’85 and Bixby Childress ’78
May 4, 2019 (photo 3)

Peder Arneson ’84 and Carrie McDonald Martin ’84
October 20, 2018. (photo 4)

Peder Arneson ’84 and Carrie McDonald Martin ’84 were married on October 20, 2018.
For the Record

Alumni/ae Deaths
Through June 30, 2019

Our deepest sympathies to the families of alumni/ae we have lost.

Carolyn Lansing McCluney ’36, September 26, 2018
James R. Couper ’43, April 20, 2019
Ellen Wentworth Miller ’44, August 2017
Richard L. Yalem ’46, March 29, 2019
Barbara Niedringhaus Ashby ’48, February 23, 2019
Joan Oberjuerge ’49, August 7, 2015
Marilyn Schuessler Reynolds ’49, April 11, 2015
John D. Lipscomb ’52, April 15, 2019
Mahlon B. Wallace III ’52, May 19, 2019
Lewis Bettman III ’53, June 25, 2019
Harry B. Mathews ’54, March 5, 2019
Herman M. Katcher ’54, May 11, 2017
Daniel E. Singer ’54, April 22, 2019
Elizabeth Christy Chouteau ’55, March 10, 2019
Thrude Saylor Breckenridge ’57, February 22, 2019
Nancy Schumacher Dennis ’58, March 25, 2019
Carolyn Glaser Caplan ’58, April 18, 2019
Orrin Sage Wightman III ’58, May 10, 2019
Elizabeth Terry ’59, April 19, 2019
Frederick T. Taussig ’62, June 3, 2019
Gary S. Godwin ’69, April 1, 2019
Valier Phelps Stewart ’86, March 13, 2019
Thomas M. White ’87, May 6, 2019
Chase E. Schaefer ’09, April 19, 2019

Faculty Deaths

Barry Kayes, MI faculty member from 1981 to 1991

Births and Adoptions

We welcome the following child to our MICDS family.

KC Stahlhuth Holthaus ’07 and Turner Holthaus ’07
Paige Virginia Holthaus, April 21, 2019

Getting Married? Expecting?

We’d like to help you celebrate, but we can’t print news about future weddings or babies. When your plans become reality, please let the Alumni Office know and we’ll gladly print your news after the fact, and all share in the excitement!
1944

Patricia Niedt McCadden sincerely thanks everyone involved in the Reunion Luncheon. Although she was the only one representing her class, Patty felt the organizers “created a wonderful reunion party. I enjoyed being there, and I was able to spend time with my niece.” A special surprise was the mini-Chronicle the staff printed, with Patty’s senior picture and yearbook pages of her club and sports activities. “I love having those pictures,” she said. Patty lives at Friendship Village in Chesterfield. Three of her four sons live in St. Louis, and she has nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Submitted by her niece, Helen French Graves ’68.

1952

WARREN B. LAMMERT JR.
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In April and May of this year, we were saddened by the losses of John Lipscomb and, about a month later, Lonnie Wallace. Known affectionately as the “glue” of our class, John was really key in our staying in touch with each other over the years and a great organizer of class gatherings. And Lonnie was a regular at those gatherings, including hosting some memorable reunion parties.

Will Barker wrote, “John Lipscomb was the catalyst for keeping CDS ’52 connected for the last 67 years. One example was creating a ‘before & after’ picture of John, Drummie Darmstaedter and me in our senior-year athletic garb, and then again today. As health issues made it difficult for Drummie to join us, John provided him transportation for the ‘after’ picture. This is just one example of John’s love for Country Day and the Class of ’52.”

Howard Elliott reports, “We moved to The Gatesworth two years ago in June, and it has worked out very well. Come October we go to Florida, and except for returning to St. Louis for Christmas, we are in Florida until the end of May. Leaving The Gatesworth is so easy; we just turn the key, lock the door and away we go. We do a lot of biking and swimming in Florida and especially like the warm weather.”

Peter Fuger said, “Sally and I hope to see some of Adie Dietz at Harbor Beach in August. Then head off to a cruise in Portugal/Spain in September. May be a challenge for a wife recovering from new hip and new knees. Still playing tennis three to four times a week and scheduling five courts of players - a task inherited 25 years ago ‘cause no one else will do it! I hope you all have your health.”

Roger Reynolds reports, “I ski at local resorts and end the season with a trip to Colorado. Had another great season this year with five days of skiing in March at Aspen-Snowmass. I truly enjoy skiing even if it is cold and dangerous. At 85 I no longer do steeps, bumps or powder - best to just cruise the groomed intermediate runs. Skiing is also a wonderful family activity, as my children and grandchildren join me once a year.”

Torrey Foster wrote, “In May, Anne and I went on a Lewis and Clark riverboat cruise on the Columbia and Snake rivers. We started in Portland with a dinner with Becky and Bob Post. They are both doing just fine. Also, in early March we had lunch with Lois and Bo Meyer in McLean, Virginia while we were ‘babysitting’ for Stuart and Sarah Foster in Great Falls, Virginia.”

Jody and Adie Dietz have downsized to a dog-friendly apartment complex just a mile away from their home of 51 years. They got a lot of help from their children, Sarah and Terry Erwin ’80, Tom Erwin ’83, grandson Sam Erwin ’17 and granddaughters Brooke and Christine. Now it’s off to Harbor Beach, Michigan, for some cool times.

The Alumni and Development team printed a mini-Chronical for Patricia Niedt McCadden ’44.

The Fosters with the Meyers in McLean, Virginia.
Nancy Jane Miller Berner writes, “I’m delighted to announce the arrival of our second great granddaughter, Reagan Barbara, born March 5, 2019, younger sister of Hailey Maureen, born June 28, 2016, daughters of our grandson Timothy Gottschalk and his wife Nichole in Junction City, Kansas.

1954 MI

SUSAN SPOEHR ELLIOTT
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Jeannie D’Oench Field ’54 shares with us, “We had a great time at the reunion! It was a pleasure to see so many classmates, but unfortunately not enough time to talk with everyone. I especially enjoyed the tour of the impressive campus. It was really fun to be back in St. Louis and visit old haunts.”

1954 CDS

Julia Hurd Taylor

The Class of 1955 lives nationwide - both coasts, north and south (see list below). The largest group of seven are in and around St. Louis. Those with a star live in Missouri.

Wanda Bickel
Sally Dobson Danforth*
Betsy Stevens Emerson
Marian Shipley Hill
Ellen Kennedy
Penny Worth Kodner*
Suzanne Japha Kyger*
Eleanor Price Lloyd
Rosalind Tupper Maiden
Susan Richman Pittman*
Elizabeth Hobson Rand
Ellen Bernoudy Reay
Lynne Slavin Rosenfeld*
Caryl Green Simon*
Patricia Olian Tanenbaum
Julia Hurd Taylor*
Susan Dubinsky Terris
Elizabeth Swarts Wood
Wendy Kratz Yager

Elizabeth Hobson Rand’s trip to Provence, France was “a joy.” Liz mentions that her three children and eight grandchildren are “all well and happy.”

Liz Swarts Wood sent a quick note to say she and husband Bob are living in Florida. Great to hear that all is well with them.

Caryl Green Simon is still connected to MICDS and “its amazing and beautiful campus” with her next generation of family. Her son Kenny Simon ’79 returned from Chicago this May to celebrate his 40th MICDS class reunion. Stephen Simon ’81 is not far away from his 40th. Stephen is now living in Dallas and Chrissy Simon Sugavanam lives in St. Louis. Grandchildren Jason ’18, Kevin ’19 and Lauren ’21 kept Caryl busy at many MICDS events. She reminds everyone in the Class of 1955 to plan to return for the 65th reunion. She welcomes one and all in 2020.

Roz Tupper Maiden writes from New Jersey that living so close to NYC is great. Her sons, Tom and Mike, are living nearby. Mike’s daughters Charlotte and Alice are recent college graduates. Roz continues her volunteer work, which benefits Englewood, New Jersey’s library. Roz attended Susan Dubinsky Terris’ book event in May in New York City, promoting Susan’s most recent book entitled Familiar Tense, which was published by Marsh Hawk Press. Here is a picture of the cover with the Degas pastel.

Cover of Susan Dubinsky Terris ’55’s newest book.

Julia Hurd Taylor continues to love life in Washington County. Her house and land give her room for beloved pets and artwork. Julia continues to participate in art shows and fairs with her wool and knitted silk clothing and accessories. Her grandson, Dylan, recently produced his second album in Los Angeles.
with great reviews for his music. Her love of gardening and design have recently been very handy in helping with the new Washington County Farmers Market Cookbook.

For those we’ve lost and those we miss, our thoughts and prayers are sent. For those who sent a line or two, please come again.

May 2020 is our 65th Class Reunion Celebration - please mark your calendars - more information to come.

1956 MI

ANN LUEDINGHAUS CASE

The Class of 1956 extends its deepest sympathy to Carolyn Frank Henges on the loss of her husband, Jay, and her granddaughter, Victoria. Our sympathy also goes to Jane Lipscomb LaBonte and Peggy Wightman Kobusch on the loss of their brothers, John Lipscomb ’52 and Sage Wightman ’58.

Jane Speocher Tschudy is living at the Gatesworth and was honored by Forest Park Forever with the Leffingwell Award for her dedication to and support of Forest Park.

Blair Smith Lawlor, Nancy Green Maune and Julie Williams Deggendorf have all moved to retirement centers – Blair to The Mather in Evanston, Illinois; Nancy to Richmond, Virginia and Julie to Mother of Perpetual Help in St Louis. Julie is still swimming and singing with the “Ding a Lings.” She says she could not have managed without the help of Nancy Noland Kurten. Nancy and Nick were honored with the Chairman’s Award by the Whitfield School Board for their support of and commitment to the school.

Mary Morey Bradley has moved to Naples, Florida, joining Susie Fischer Yoder and Page Sharp Jackson. Page and Barry ’51 went to Abu Dhabi, Dubai and India last winter. Serena Stewart visited Page and also went to Madagascar and Reunion islands. She says she loves the lemurs. Serena and Priscilla Hocker Claman have big birthdays; they’re catching up with the rest of us.

Also on the move is Lolly Deslorge Hogan. She has moved to the coastal town of Yachats, Oregon, and has a “gaggle” of Welsh corgis. Her home overlooks a large beach and the ocean. She has a garden of rugosa roses and hydrangeas. Jody Noel Dietz and Adie ’52 have sold their house and moved into an apartment.

Eight Mary Institute alumnae gathered in Naples to celebrate the birthday of Lisa Keyes White ’78, daughter of our beloved classmate Pitty Elliott Brandin ’56.

I have not moved and still volunteer at Missouri Botanical Garden two days a week. Let me know your news.

1956 CDS

TOBY JAMES
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I’m glad to see updates from a few of you. How about the rest of you?

Joe Sparks writes: “My wife Petra has made life a joy for me, my son Joe and his wife, eight really great children and her son Stephan. We retired in April 2000 and said goodbye to ice, snow, cold and high taxes and headed to Naples. We loved St. Louis and our friends, but stopping to smell the roses every day cannot be beat! To our treasured friends we give you our best wishes.”

Jon Ord has a new email: jonathanord1@hotmail.com. He has moved back to South Ft. Myers, Florida after living in the Sarasota area for many years.

John Caulk reports: “Moved into ‘the home’ last summer and maintain an apartment in town, a two-bedroom unit on a deer park and a studio for my arch library. I gave a lecture on the Acropolis. Our entire four-generation family of 15 reunited for several weeks at a farmhouse in southern France near Font-de-Gaume and Lascaux. We explored Tbilisi with a small group of local friends. Our family is meeting in Berlin for a wedding. We have three granddaughters and two great-grandsons.”

I visited Naples last year to celebrate my wife’s 75th birthday and we would have loved to see those of you who live there. Unfortunately, Betty passed in May. I have been involved in St. Louis parades since the early ’70s, including our Super Bowl Parade and two World Series Parades. Our latest for the Stanley Cup Champions was absolutely incredible. It had the biggest crowd ever seen in St. Louis. In my “spare” time I am still working as a tax accountant for a CPA firm.

1958 MI

We send our deepest sympathy to Lee Stephens Wightman on the death of her husband, Sage Wightman ’58, in April 2019.

Mary Koenigsberg Lang and husband Cary attended the funeral of Carolyn Glaser Caplan in Ohio in April 2019.

Cy Williamson Metcalfe and Libby Hall McDonnell attended the memorial service in May 2019 for Nancy Schumacher Dennis in Corvallis, Oregon – a great tribute, and lovely to be with Nancy’s husband and two sons and four grandchildren.

Marnie Crossen Bell traveled in Germany and Scotland in June with her son and his musical ensemble. She describes the experience as “Grapes of Wrath-style” with lots of family and musical instruments in a van!
Kent Ravenscroft just sent off his sculpture of Michelle Obama to be cast in bronze at his Baltimore Foundry. Through a connection, he was told Michelle herself may get a chance to look at the finished product. As Sparksy said, “We shall see. We guys are getting older, aren’t we, but we still have dreams!”

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Warren Boeschenstein is exhibiting his recent oil paintings at the “City Space Gallery” in Charlottesville, Virginia, October 4-27. Boesch says, “Classmates are most welcome to come and critique.”

Frank Elliott and Karen recently celebrated the high school graduation of their oldest granddaughter and the 50th birthday of their youngest daughter. Frank says it is a perfect excuse to take the family to Santorini, Mykonos, Naxos and Athens, Greece for a well-deserved family celebration. Opa!

Lou Goldring said he had nothing to report. He finds that to be a good thing as far as he is concerned.

David Hanks continues to live in Montreal, working for the Stewart Foundation, as well as in New York. The most recent project to be initiated for the Stewart Foundation is Women in Design, a website that explores industrial designs by women in the Stewart Collection, as well as throughout the world. This three-year project will include an object-based exhibition as well.

Benny Miller reports that he and Carter ’64 enjoyed a WWII Museum cruise, which ended with attendance at the U.S. Cemetery for the 75th Anniversary observance of D-Day. Benny says “What a privilege! Because I fared so poorly in Mr. Phil’s classes and avoided history in college, I crammed for a month before the trip and am still reading everything I can get my hands on, though with some coaching from Goldring. Funny how subjects you avoided become your favorites. Be well, all.”

John Quigley says he has not been smart enough to retire and is still doing international law. In May he conducted a briefing on legal issues in the Arab-Israeli conflict to a meeting of the United Nations Security Council in New York. He says not to expect world peace to break out any time soon.

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First: sad news. Our very sincere sympathy goes to Stella Saxon Guy, who lost her husband Ted Guy in December.

Our 60th reunion in May was a delightful gathering of classmates. Lydia Ann Long, Carolyn Wilson, Jinks Haigler, Sally Curby Johnston, Quinta Dunn Scott, Marilyn Janning Bollmeier, Nicki Mitchell Gillis, and Carol Bodenheimer Loeb joined six of us who flew in from afar: Nancy O’Neil Rathburn, Janet Beeler Nesin, Carol Jacobs Montag, Sue Forney Boyd, Carol Wenthre Palmer and myself.

At the luncheon hosted by Lisa Lyle at the Log Cabin Club, we recognized Janet Beeler Nesin and her mother, Jane Elizabeth Stocke Greenfield ’31, from the first class to graduate at the Ladue campus. Those of us who attended the 50th at MICDS recall with pleasure when Mrs. Greenfield and Sue’s mother, Mrs. McDonnell, invited us for coffee. As of this writing, Janet’s mother was anticipating her 106th birthday. Janet reported, “Mom was at my house in Michigan yesterday and she is doing well and most important she is content. She lives in Bellaire, Michigan, at an adult care center with 11 other residents.”

Lydia Long entertained all of us at a lovely dinner party at her condominium. Carol Jacobs Montag read aloud messages from absent classmates (see below).

Sue Forney Boyd made a heroic trip to join us for one day, sandwiched between her husband’s birthday and a wedding anniversary party. At our lunch in the Forest Park Boathouse, Sue presented Carol Jacobs Montag with a pen in thanks for her decades of service as class secretary for the Notes. We were then generously invited to visit Josephine Christian Well in her spectacular garden, Josephine, who had just had knee surgery, was a real trouper: “I was glad I got to see some of you in my garden when you came to St. Louis for the reunion.”

Josephine reports, “My sister had a major birthday, which we celebrated as a family by visiting Crystal Bridges, Arkansas. Her daughter Allisson questioned the destination: ‘I am going from L.A. to Arkansas?’ She loved it as did we all. You may not know of this new hot spot. It is a five-hour drive from St. Louis or a quick plane ride. Mrs. Alice Walton (Walmart) built a beautiful museum with wonderful art, great sculptures and a Frank Lloyd Wright house on the grounds.”

We are glad to send along messages from some classmates who were unable to join us:

Lisa Strelinger Beckers has moved to Cleveland. After enduring January and February winter, March 1st found her right back in Stuart, Florida at Stella Saxon Guy’s beautiful home. “I stayed through Easter, returning to Cleveland and Spring in full bloom. I hadn’t experienced a change in season in over 10 years! Our youngest son Chris lives in Cleveland and it’s wonderful to be able to see him and my grandson. Sadly, Stella’s husband Ted died on Christmas Eve after a year-long battle with lung cancer. Stella scared her family and me in June when she had five stents put in, avoiding a massive stroke that her doctor said was about five minutes from happening. Thank God for medical science’s miracles! She is doing fine now and is looking at retirement communities.”

Lucy Smith Haynes writes that she comes to the States once a year to visit her sister Blair Smith Lawlor ’57 in Chicago. “I love being retired. London is full of things to do. I go to concerts and volunteer at Shakespeare’s Globe Theater and at our local private library. My grandchildren - well, they are all bigger than I am. Charlie is 20 and at university, his brother Jonny is 17 and a junior in high school, and their sister Olivia is 15. Laura is 18 and her younger brother Ben is 15. I still travel but not long distance any more; the flights are just too tiring. There is still so much to see in Europe, a lot of which I can reach by train.”
Meredith Ittner reports, “I am busy with a class each morning: collage and fitness (yoga, gym, Qigong, Feldenkrais). I try to complete a collage project each week; I have had a piece in a local community show for the last couple of years. I also love to garden, and spend many hours tending the yard and potting plants. And then, of course, there is reading, another love. So I find myself occupied and engaged.”

Sandy Doughton Chapin was unable to come to Reunion because she was helping her daughter. “I am happy to report that after three brain surgeries and one ablation Ceciile is sticking with the program. Although the meds are rough she manages being a wife and mother although she misses working. Happier news: we survived our trip to the UAE, Qatar, Oman, Suez Canal, Jordan and Israel when the oil tankers were being bombed. It was enlightening. I had long wanted to see Petra and was not disappointed.”

Mary Swarts Singer committed to babysitting for her grandchildren in Connecticut at the time of our reunion and regretted that she could not attend. Mary has long worked professionally in publishing and editing, as well as art, and so was the perfect person to put together a beautiful commemorative booklet of some of Betsy Terry’s lovely watercolors after Betsy’s death in April.

Molly Macon McHenry could not attend our reunion because her husband had health challenges, having broken his hip. She wrote, “I do hope that you will email photos, etc. from the reunion. I would love to get updates on everyone and send much love and many hugs to everyone who attends. Mary Institute was and is a very special place. I am so glad that I was part of its history and it was part of my history. So many good memories!”

Margaret (Margi) Cardwell Higonnet wrote from Paris during the tragic fire at Notre Dame about the time of our reunion. She could not join us because of her continuing mentoring of graduate students. One of her students flew in from Taiwan for graduation and requested that Margi be there to “hood” her. She wrote “Please do give lots of hugs to those who attend on my behalf.”

Jane Simmons Bickford drove through St. Louis in May on her way back to Vermont from New Orleans, where she now spends the winter. Jane has roots in New Orleans, the city in which her father was born. She stayed with Josephine Christian Weil and visited with several classmates. Jane will travel to Iceland by boat above the Arctic Circle in August on one of her adventurous walkabouts.

Lydia Ann Long continues to be fully engaged in her classes at Washington University. Among them are courses based on weekly discussions of the New Yorker cover to cover and climate change. Lydia gathered two of her sons and their families, and two nieces and grandchildren for a family reunion in June at Lake of the Ozarks.

Anne Scherck Morrison writes: “I have been taking courses with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute for several years. Among the courses I have taken recently are Great American Trials, Myth and Reality of the Wild West, The Idea of the North in Canadian and American Literature, La Famille dans la Littérature Française. I wanted something light in June, so I signed up for Comedy Improv. We learned short-form improv. Performers get suggestions from the ‘audience.’ It was incredibly fun.”

Jeannie Hamilton Pearman reports, “I am afraid I can’t make the reunion but here is my news.

I’m a widow of five years blessed with 11 grandchildren who live in Aspen, Bermuda and New York, where I live with an old boyfriend from 50 years ago, Don Hannah. We reconnected happily, so he is selling his house in Phoenix and I my New York apartment. I can’t believe we are all so old! Still I have such fond memories of M1.”

Thanks to all of you who sent a message. I will try to fill the Class Notes void left by Carol Montag. Special thanks to Lydia, Sally, Carol and Josephine for your reunion hospitality. Special appreciation to our CDS ’59 classmates who joined us at the Log Cabin Lunch: Chip Matthews, RK Barton, Luke Fouke and Art Lucking. Many of us missed catching up with CDS friends of long ago.

Finally, I completed a long essay on the history of diversity programs in engineering at UC Berkeley, the focus of my work for 40 years. Email if you would like me to inflict it on you. Next I will write about my mother and look forward to researching trips to St. Louis. My husband and I are taking our 14-year-old granddaughter, Wendy, on a trip to Paris, shades of the junior year Anne Morrison and I spent there from Smith. We spent August in our small farmhouse in mid-coast Maine. Call if you are nearby!

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What an amazing weekend! On June 21, 19 members of the Class of ’59 (and wives) assembled to celebrate the 60th anniversary of their graduation from St. Louis Country Day School. There would have been 21 (more than half the graduating class), but Chip Matthews was recovering from hip replacement surgery and Weldon Rogers was unable to travel. We met in the owners’ box at Busch Stadium for a game between the Cardinals and Angels hosted by Bill DeWitt and Fred Hanser. (For you baseball nerds, it was Albert Pujols’ return to St. Louis and the Cards won 4 to 1). The camaraderie, catering and dessert cart were all first-rate. Thank you for your generosity, Bill and Fred!

The next morning classmates and some wives attended presentations in the Vincent Price Theatre on the MICDS campus. Butch Welsch regaled us with the history of the Indianapolis 500, which he has attended every year since he was 5 years old. His enthusiasm for the event and love of the sport came through with every slide. This was followed by a more scholarly presentation by Cody Westerbeck on the works of Irving Penn who, while best known as an outstanding fashion photographer, advanced the art with still life and austere portraits. Cody’s knowledge of his subject was both broad and deep.
Lunch, hosted by Butch Welsch at Forest Hills Country Club for classmates only, provided an opportunity to recall memories, many of which might better have been unremembered, all of which were either warm, humorous or both. We had some fun! We decided we were fortunate to have had remarkable teachers, mentors, coaches and role models, many of whom were recalled.

Finally, that evening classmates and their wives were treated to an elegant dinner at St. Louis Country Club. This wonderful evening was put together through the efforts of Kent Faerber (who came in from Massachusetts with his wife, Scottie), assisted by Butch Welsch and Fred Hanser. Thank you, gentlemen!

Also attending from out of town were: R. K. Barton in from Michigan who is in the process of “downsizing” and moving “north” from Ann Arbor who, as professor emeritus, “writes when I want to”; Bill DeWitt and his wife Kathy commute from Cincinnati for Cardinal games; Nat Griffin on his way from Texas to Michigan brought his daughter Natalie (MICDS Faculty) to the ballgame and presentations and his wife Jane to the dinner; Sonny Harrison from Maryland is filled with blackmail-worthy stories of past exploits (his and others); Tom Hirsch from Fairfield, Iowa has worked for Maharishi University for more than 35 years; Norman James and Leslie ’61 retired, closed their tour business and continue to reside in the Boston area; Thruston Pettus deservedly lives the life of a retiree and divides his time between the New York City area and South Carolina; Bill Tucker with his wife Sheila Kohler live in New York where he teaches two days a week; Cody Westerbeck and his wife Clare have settled in Los Angeles where he writes columns “when I feel like it.” (Just like Bornstein.)

Those who divide their time between St. Louis and other places are: Julius Frager and his wife Susan spend much of the year in Boca Grande (close to Weldon) when Julius is not off on some adventure; Fred Hanser and Kathy spend part of the year in Jupiter; Mike Latta and his wife Margaret Ann, having downsized to Clayton, spend much of the summer in Park City; Jim Schneithorst and Caro ’60 spend late winter and spring in Vero Beach; Butch Welsch and Carol spend several weeks in Longboat Key, although Butch is still very much involved with his company and industry and is effectively a full-time St. Louisan.

Which leaves the locals: Luke Fouke with Becky ’64 is fully retired and lunches on Mondays with a group which he prefers to the Matthews-Lueking-Welsch-Schneithorst bloc because he is the youngest; Art Lueking with Laura is still working full-time at Webster University as Director of the Loretto-Hilton Performing Arts Center and adjunct faculty member of the Conservatory; Chris Peper is “retiring from the law.”

It was great to see everyone! I feel sorry for those members of the Class of ’59 who missed the weekend. One last note, the Monday lunch group has moved to Lester’s Restaurant, 9906 Clayton Road since Schneithorst’s is now closed on Mondays. All members of the Class of ’59 are welcome at 11:30!

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Charlie Homeyer had this to report: “For over two years I have been serving on the resident council of Clark Retirement Community in Grand Rapids, Michigan, as president and now immediate past president and on the Board of Trustees, holding the administration responsible and supporting their efforts.”

We lost two classmates this past year: John Mitchell and Fred Taussig. Charlie Homeyer had this to add about them: “I remember John Mitchell as an intensely intelligent, competitive and talented football player even in intramural Red and White games. I remember Fred Taussig as a quiet, shy friend in Class 8 and as a talented tennis player in high school.”

Joe Griesedieck had this to add about John Mitchell: “John and I became friends when I started CDs on the old campus in Class 7. Over the years, we were part of a closely-knit group of friends that included Lanny Jones, Terry Scherck, Tom Convey and George Robinson. From our crazy Saturday antics in Clayton every weekend (including Lee’s Grill and the Record Bar) to spring breaks in Ft. Lauderdale and a classic trip to Europe during
our sophomore year in college, John was always at the center of whatever fun and mischief went on. I remember driving down from Brown to pick him up at Princeton at the end of our senior year. We spent two days crammed into my VW Beetle with all of our junk, including my mynah bird, before we finally made it home to St. Louis. I was in John's first wedding, along with the other friends noted above. It was a predictably fun and wild event. And that's how it was with John. In his own quiet way, he had a marvelous sense of humor and a great sense for the ironic. Taken too soon, I know that a great many of us still breathing will miss him for a long time to come.”

John Hensley remembers John Mitchell as a hard-charging football and basketball player. In intramural play he was captain of the Whites and you sure wanted him on your football team. Fred Taussig was also very athletic. You wouldn’t want him to be playing center linebacker on your football team because he didn’t have a mean bone in his body, but if you were playing doubles tennis you sure wanted him on your side because he could make a tennis ball do things that were truly mystifying.

Terry Scherck shared this comment about John Mitchell: “He was a very close friend for many years, through CDS, roommate in college freshman year, standing up for each other at our respective marriages (first ones!), godfather to his and Eileen’s daughter, Maria, and many great times through the years. Perhaps one of my favorite recollections was when, after being a lifeguard in Harbor Beach, Michigan one summer, the resort asked if I could recommend anyone to be the head sailing instructor. John and I connived to get him the sailing post, as he didn’t have a mean bone in his body, but if you were playing doubles tennis you sure wanted him on your side because he could make a tennis ball do things that were truly mystifying.

When Steve Schaum transferred to CDS into Class 4, Fred Taussig would spend 45 minutes a night four or five times a week talking on the phone to help him complete Latin homework. Fred was his first friend at CDS.

Mike Witten remembered Drew Baur regaling several classmates with the story of being at the Fox Theater for an event with Sophia Loren and being stunned to see Fred walk on stage, give Sophia a big hug and kiss her on both cheeks. Apparently they had become friends while living in the same building in Paris and raising similar-aged children. Mike’s parting comment was that he would “miss Fred, his kind nature and welcoming smile.” I suspect we all agree.

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Just a few nuggets from our classmates this time. It’s always great to stay in touch with you outstanding women!

Nancy Shoenberg Sanders and Barry are traveling to Europe for music this summer with the L.A. Opera and the L.A. Philharmonic. She and I (Ann Keeler Poucher) hope to get together in Colorado sometime.

From Lynn Frazier Gas, “Libby Goltra Winthrop and I had lunch in D.C. recently. We had such fun catching up! Hope to see her at her home in CT this summer and maybe drop in to see Edie Levy Brown as well.”

Peggy Blanke Henderson is headed to Switzerland for a visit to her grandmother’s village with her son Lucas and his family. She is very involved in improving the air, water and wild areas of our planet - to the point of buying carbon offsets from Rocky Mountain Institute’s thegoodtraveler.org “which uses the money to support wetlands, wind farms, compost projects, and other means to sequester carbon used in travel.” She sends love to all our classmates.

Suzanne Franklin Corry is taking a Viking cruise to the British Isles in August. She spent New Year’s with “Frazier, which was such fun!”

Suzanne Williams Haaland and I talked about getting together next winter since we both spend the winter on the west coast of Florida about 1.5 hours apart. Naples, where she lives, has great shopping, and Boca Grande, where I live, has some great spots for eating and drinking - so maybe we’ll have to do a “home and away” thing.

Barbara Martin Smith and Tim have spent some time traveling to San Jose, California and Tallahassee, Florida to see their daughter and son, respectively. They were looking forward to spending August at their camp in the Adirondacks.

Nettie Orthwein Dodge sent news of her family: daughters Carolyn and Nina took their families to South Africa, and daughter Andi is focusing on her naturopathic healing career, helping families in and around Wheatland, Wyoming. Her eight grandchildren range in age from 12 to 27 and are engaged in all sorts of interesting things from working in real estate in Denver, to starting law school, to doing a mission trip to Nepal, to focusing on coding in school, to acting and singing in grade-school plays.

Ann Haigler Rittenbaum travelled to Detroit for Jane Lewin Steiniger’s granddaughter’s Bat Mitzvah in June. She said that she had no earth shaking news, but her earth has been shaken with the 16th birthday of her oldest granddaughter! I hear you, pal - mine just turned 17! Some of us are approaching - or have had, in Nettie’s case - our 50th wedding anniversaries! Can this be possible?

Stay in touch,
Love, Keeler

1963 CDS

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So, an email landed suggesting that we could skip Notes this time. It was tempting, kinda like having an exam canceled, but there would be a blank page beneath my name and everyone would think we were slackers...can’t have that.

I could summarize a furious exchange of emails recently, started by Dick Grote, who
dredged up a “program” from the (in)famous sports event from the Winter of 1963: The Bodybuilders battling some other “real” team (varsity soccer?) during halftime of a CDS varsity basketball game. The “uniforms” were conceived by Paul Hales; red felt bowler hats and jerseys all bearing the Number 44 (you had to be there), which led to a spirited debate about the I.Q. of those who played outdoor sports in the Winter - that would be soccer. This led me to do some research on a sport of which I was a member: the 1963 CDS Track and Field team. After winning the District Meet, we came in 2nd in the Mile Relay at the State Meet to a small school in the “boot” of Missouri and 2nd in the meet overall (thanks to “hardware” won by Ernie Rouse, David Elliott, John Allman, Ollie Hickey and others) to one guy who won five events from an even smaller school in the “boot.” Go figure...still, well done.

But here’s some real news:

John Bartlett finished a month-long trip to the Southwest and West culminating with a visit to Pebble Beach to watch the U.S. Open golf tournament (I’m envious). He’s also treasurer of the Kiwanis Club of Culver, supporting youth in the community, playing golf and trying to stay healthy. Good stuff and a good plan.

John Macdonald started a nonprofit to help veterans get free dental care; the need is huge. Contact John for more details on how you can help.

Then I got a report from John Kittner of a gathering at a “watering hole” where he, Grotc, Rush Shapleigh and George Diehr did some serious reminiscing about some of our academic attempts at achievement and some “wild exaggerations” about something called the “Campagna Parties.” (Can someone help me with what those were?)

Just to get the academic part out of the way, Kittner learned that a “D-” is a “double minus” (I didn’t know that). That should not be confused with the infamous tirade by Franken Wardus: “I cannot spell D; I give the man an SAT.” (Ask someone to explain that; the Brown Road campus comes into play.)

As for these so-called “Campagna Parties,” I do recall a couple of things: driving on Upper Ladue Road was a bit of a challenge, parking even more so. And the night when Gig Giger asked the owner of the property, who arrived mid-party, for some kind of I.D. This was way before TSA and any of that. He complied, thankfully.

I’m making a promise to check with MICDS before writing another version of the Notes to see if we can update the email list; for those brave enough to venture into the world of Facebook, it’s possible to find folks. An example would be Bob Kaplan, who is seriously into Facebook. Several asked recently how to find Bill Cooper. Does anyone know where Bill is now?

Some will remain “lost” no matter what we do; some were “lost” in 1963 and probably still are. The core of those in this class who have made an effort to stay in touch over all these years is what makes the friendships special and writing this fun; for those who just get the MICDS magazine, don’t do Facebook (good) and maybe still have a landline (good #2), contact me and share what’s going on in your life and a brief report on the last 40 years or so.

Neil Senturia presents a challenge for all of us, on a darker side of current events: he’s angry about the Show Me State going in the wrong direction. In his words: “I am still raging against the dying of the light...we need to recognize that wrongs cry out to be righted.”

The Class of 1964’s 55th Reunion took place May 2-5, 2019. As far as we can tell, everyone had a great time and those who couldn’t didn’t attend truly were missed!

We need to pause here to give credit to the heart and soul of our wonderful reunion: Kimmy Thompson Brauer. When some of us were a bit lazy about planning, Kimmy said: “As time goes by and we get older, we need each other more, not less.” We took her words to heart and achieved a splendid “Happening.”

Thursday, May 2 began with the School’s Golden Rams Reunion, a lunchon for “mature alumni(e)” held at the Log Cabin Club. About 10 of our classmates attended and said they really enjoyed being with each other and the event. There were two CDS ’64 attendees and our “girls” invited them to join their table. Thursday evening was the Hen Party hosted by Betsy Payne Biggs, Marianne Schultz Galt and Kimmy Thompson Brauer at Kimmy’s house. After drinks and hors d’oeuvres inside, we moved outside for dinner on the terrace. There were 19 of us at adjacent tables enjoying gourmet food and elegant service, setting the tone for a week of good friends, great food, and valet parking. We talked and talked! Patty Flance Croughan, at dessert time, asked if everyone could give a brief update about herself—a wonderful idea! It was our only chance to see Patty, whose daughter had just arrived from Israel for a brief trip, and Debby Rouhlac Poitevent. This was the first evening warm enough this spring to eat outside. It was also the first time in several months for so many of our St. Louis group to be in town. Our out-of-town contingent added to the pleasure and we probably overstayed our welcome.

Friday, May 3, was the School’s main reunion dinner in the MAC. Our group included about a dozen classmates and spouses. It was fun to hob-nob with other alums and longtime friends. The evening seemed to have a great rhythm; it was upbeat and it moved along quickly, staying on script.

Saturday evening, May 4 began at the Boathouse at Hunter Farms and was for classmates and spouses plus significant others (i.e., Susan Kahn Bromberg’s brother Tom Kahn and Tee Baur ’64, who was hosting his twin, Barbara Baur Dunlap for the weekend). This evening was hosted by Marie Campagna Brauer and Kimmy. We “cocktailed,” caught up, took boat rides, and watched the sun set. Some of our group had gone to May Day and arrived for dinner at the main house, where we enjoyed another gourmet meal, toasting Jane Cox’s birthday, and a fabulous time.

Sunday, May 5 featured a Bon Voyage Brunch at the Deer Creek Club for classmates and

02. Jane Cox (left) and Carter Simpson Miller reminisce.

03. Members of the Class of ’64 catch up (l-r): Patty Flance Croughan, Barbara Baur Dunlap, Penny Forney Canny and Debby Roulhac Poitevent.

04. The MI Class of ’64 gathered a few times over Reunion Weekend (l-r): Betsy Payne Biggs, Philip George, Penny Williams George, Tom Kahn, Punkin Hirsch, Howard Millman.

05. Betsy Payne Biggs, Kimmy Thompson Brauer and Marianne Schultz Galt hosted the Class of ’64 "Hen Party."
01. Connie Shapleigh Martin traveled the Silk Road. One stop was a rooftop view in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kiva.

02. William Bodhi and Leah, great grandchildren of Linda Glick.

03. Ann Calfee Alden with granddaughter Sydney Smith.

04. Louisa Legg Deland, Anne Kennard, Nancy Burkham Williams and Jane Atwood Whitehead get together in Naples, Florida.

05. Tom, Siena and Katie Price Testo ’03.
significant others hosted by Charles Newblock “Blockie” McAlpin ’65 and Anne McAlpin. Helen Vollmar Diepenbrock, who was with us from JK through sixth grade, came from Sacramento, California to see everyone. What an addition! Our very special, last minute guests were Tom Kahn and Dr. Lawrence Kahn, Susan’s father. How wonderful it was to have a class parent at our 55th! Jane Cox brought everyone who attended the brunch a miniature green and yellow flower arrangement. She took one the next day to Mary Vogt Myers and met her husband. Jane has spoken to Cherie Hagnauer Pautler who has grandchildren attending the STEM School at Highlands Ranch, Colorado. They were not injured during the shooting but it was a frightening time, Cherie said. Jane observed that a chat with Patsy Clark Ball and Eldon ’64 indicated that they raced back from a visit to California for a grandchild’s graduation to attend our reunion. Also, she mentioned that Josie Pettus Wiseman hosted a Mint Julep and Kentucky Derby gathering on Race Day. She made mint syrup and brought the fixings from her home in Kentucky. Ellen Day Hoff met her there and they drove to St. Louis. One small glitch though...they had to go back and get the syrup which didn’t make it into the car. In lieu of official sterling silver julep glasses they found silver-colored plastic glasses at a discount store. Even better. Also, Jane claims that she “reuned” silver-colored plastic glasses at a discount store. syrup which didn’t make it into the car. In lieu of official sterling silver julep glasses they found silver-colored plastic glasses at a discount store. Even better. Also, Jane claims that she “reuned” so intensely that she has since needed two stents! All is well now. What a souvenir! Jane so intensely that she has since needed two stents! All is well now. What a souvenir! Jane

Peggy Duhinsky Price with Wellesley College classmate, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Here’s what other classmates have been doing.

Linda Glick: “I am now a great grandmother of two. My granddaughter, Rachel Rapson Stanik, welcomed her second child, William Bodhi, in May.”

Irene Leland: “In April, I was awarded the Akademia Executive Award, the Akademia’s highest honor, for exceptional talent, dedication and contribution to the field of music. I just signed an amazing offer from renowned Nashville music producer, Doc Holiday and Dream Machine Productions for the recording, release and worldwide distribution and radio airplay of my song, Cracks in the Sidewalk! My classic ballad has been waiting for this big break!”

Connie Bascom McPheeters: “Our family business, Bowood Farms, has expanded across the street from the original Bowood with a new shop called Holliday. Holliday is the creation of Katherine McPheeters ’99 and she has wonderful taste if I do say so! My group is all doing well, busy keeping up with teenagers and tweens. With everyone living in St. Louis, we are very lucky!”

Connie Shapleigh Martin: “Life is good as we turn 72, dear classmates! Just back from a month following the old Silk Road in Central Asia where the five “Stans” of the former Soviet Union gained independence in 1991. Each is adapting to freedom and democracy in its own way. I love my simple life here in San Diego and having my children and grandchildren nearby. The grandchildren start 2nd grade and kindergarten in the fall.”

Alice Langenberg Abrams: “Took a Maui trip with family in January, then spent six weeks away from New England weather in February and March in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Walter and I have been visiting there for many years; this year was our longest stay. We study Spanish there and I do ceramics. I attended my Tufts 50th reunion in May. The best part was the girls weekend in Toronto with five friends afterwards. Looking forward to lots of time in Vermont this summer.”

My book recommendations: Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens and Normal People by Sally Rooney. Favorite pastime: FaceTiming with granddaughter Siena and watching her gain new skills. Ten-month-olds have a lot to say.
Contact me with news and more book recommendations. Our 55th reunion is on the horizon. Mark your calendars for May 1-3, 2020!

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Nils Ladenburg reports, “Life is good, but I am starting to pay a toll for all the broken bones and adventures I had as a young man. There’s a good fishing area about an hour north of Tampa, and I’m also playing golf. I still have a ski shop in Vail and skied this year. I found a great orthopedic group in Ft. Collins, Colorado that has replaced my hip and shoulder, since Bill Sedgwick retired! Advice: keep on the move.”

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We were delighted to get a response from some members of the great class of ’68.

Becky Wells Mattison says, “Ahh! The bliss of our golden years! We survived a pretty harsh winter without killing each other…and got a dog! That must count for something!”

Jodie Brodhead Moore: “The highlight of 2018 was our 50th.” She is getting used to retirement and starting to enjoy it. She’s singing and playing bridge. She was accepted as a soprano in the Pittsburgh Concert Chorale, a group of 100+ men and women singing a variety of musical genres. Jodie’s keeping her hand in organizational and design consulting and is also development chair in the rejuvenation of a small after-school program on the Hill. She enjoys spending leisure time with her son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter.

Betsy Trent Heberling teaches 12 indoor-cycling classes every week in Connecticut and New York. Her son Trent moved back to Greensboro, North Carolina for a position with Lincoln Financial Group. Her son Andrew has been promoted at Palmer Plastics to run their Phoenix operations. He and Monica are celebrating their first wedding anniversary.

Lou Horan Noland and Ted ’67 enjoyed their barge trip in southern France with several other couples last fall. They spent the winter in Vero Beach where all seven of their grandchildren came for spring break. Next fall the youngest of her daughter Laura ’98 will join her three older siblings at MICDS. Her son Tee ’95 lives in Athens, Georgia with his wife Kim and three children.

Marmee Williams Taylor became engaged last February to Frank Lyon (who came to our 50th reunion) and is now living in New Canaan, CT. Her two girls are married and living in Atlanta, Georgia and Brooklyn, New York. Each has two girls ranging in age from six to one.

Betsy Fordyce writes, “I am changing my life. I have rented a minimalist apartment in the Central West End and will be selling my house in Montana this summer. My goals are to be closer to family and old friends while still traveling the world and, at the same time, to be free of the mundane.”

Karen Smith Hempstead and her husband Ed went on a “canyons” trip to Zion, Bryce and the Grand Canyon, ending in Sedona. Last fall she reconnected with college friends in Southern California for a wedding. She and Ed love spending time with their 10 grandchildren, ages three through nine.

Ann Grossman Boon has a second granddaughter, Cedar. She travels frequently to New York to see her son Penn. She and Holly hiked in Boulder, Colorado, the last two years, and they spent two weeks in Patagonia with stops in Buenos Aires and Valparaíso. She and Jim live in both Denver, Colorado, and Rancho Santa Fe, California, where she rides her horse. She is still working and is studying Bulgarian!

Helen French Graves writes, “I was lucky enough to be in town to take my aunt, Patricia Niedt McCadden ’44, to her 75th reunion luncheon. Here’s to a big showing for the Class of ’68 at that reunion!”

Missy Ingham Pixton is going with Helen on a 23-day trip from Capetown, South Africa to Cairo, Egypt with stops along the way at Victoria Falls, Tanzania, Zanzibar and Luxor! This summer she spent time in Florida with daughter Kim, and son Scott and his family. His boys are three and one. She writes, “I am getting used to being by myself, but life is not nearly as wonderful as it was with Marv. Thanks to everyone for the kind words and prayers.”

Ruth Falchero and her husband, Bill Zaranka, are retired and enjoying their first granddaughter. They live in Denver. They are lucky to have their entire family there. She sees visitors Carol Shepley and Holly Holtz as well as Ann Boon, who also lives in Denver. She expects a call from Janie Jones Ramatici when she comes to see her daughter who is in grad school at the University of Denver!

Jannie Jones Ramatici traveled to Ireland and the Galway Races. “Then we traded our fascinators for baseball caps to hike the Caminho in northern Portugal with my daughters. Grand finale in the Duoro Valley wine region and Porto. Inspired my passion for travel writing and a new blog, Wine Walks with JJ.” She has a part-time escape pouring wine and olive oil and spent time this summer with family and friends in Kauai. “Life goes on after loss, grateful for so many blessings but forever longing for what will never be.”

Bonnie Black Taylor lives part-time in Taos, New Mexico, with Lydia Ruffin. She trail-rides her horse, Argo, and volunteers at the Taos Educational and Career Center. Son Nick and his wife, Metra Mitchell, live in Tower Grove Heights. Nick has his own contracting business, NTNG Construction. Son Jack lives in San Diego, works for The Abbey Catering and Event Design Company and continues to play, compose, and produce music. Last summer, he married Jennifer Irene Barreault. Several of his MICDS friends attended.

Victoria Schofield writes: “Since our amazing 50th reunion, I’ve been busy! My destination after St. Louis (via Los Angeles to visit son Anthony) was Mexico where I qualified as a scuba diver with my younger daughter, Olivia. Major writing this past year was editing my father’s memoirs, With the Royal Navy in War and Peace. It was wonderful, reliving my
Their oldest and youngest daughters, Callie ’96 and Mimi ’13, live in New York. They spent spring break in Florida with all three daughters and grandchildren. Bonnie and Carol continue to work on their play about Benazir Bhutto, inspired by Victoria Schofield. They promise to finish it someday.

Jan Howell Wisland says, “Hi to all! I’m happy to announce that I am now a grandmother of four! Ava Wisland Green was born to Laura Wisland Green ’96 and Matthew on his Halloween birthday! She’s precious, with Laura’s eyes and Matthew’s hair! Dave and I are enjoying many trips to Berkeley, California to visit Emily and now Ava! And, two doors down from us in St. Louis, Kemper ’99 and Sally’s Henry and Charlie keep us busy with baseball, Legos, and swimming at Jenny’s pool!”

1969 MI

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Hail to the wonderful Mary I class of 1969! To anyone who somehow managed to miss the barrage of emails this past spring, we celebrated our 50th high school reunion in St. Louis in early May and quite a celebration it was! Organized by our committed leaders, Marki Cady, Jill Goessling Dowd and Barb Kennedy, and facilitated by the tireless Louise Jones and Elizabeth Coulter in the MICDS Alumniac and Development Office, it was a busy weekend full of great opportunities to reconnect. The turnout was quite strong. Attending some or all of the events were: Joan Harting Barham, Lise Valier Barr, Christy Hawes Bond, Phoebe Scott Burke, Marki Cady, Stephanie Spatz Chilcott, Jill Goessling Dowd, Diane DuBois, Molly Eckman, Cathy Harrison Gidcumb, Jane Piper Gleason, Nancy MacDonald Hinkson, Cynthia Plumb Hubbard, Meg Jolley, Barb Kennedy, Beth Green Kling, Marcia McCampbell, Buffy Remington McKay, Parker Block McMillan, Alice Beckers Muckerman, Libby Hager Noack, Paige Peck, Jennifer Limberg Royal, Christine Smith, Tandy Thompson, Christy Trauernicht, Pamela Lanier Valdez and Anne MacDonald Wilson. For those classmates who were unable to attend, please know that we missed you.

The reunion weekend was kicked off with a luncheon on Thursday at the Log Cabin Club which the school hosted for the “more senior” reunions classes – starting with our class, the 50th, and going up to the 70th or possibly beyond. We had two very rowdy tables at that event – clearly we were the noisy children of the group! We all managed to recognize each other, spotting our old friends despite the shades of gray hair and wrinkles and we were delighted to find that time had not diminished our common bonds. I had the pleasure of sitting next to Cynthia Plumb Hubbard who remains active as an Episcopal minister, working part-time on Martha’s Vineyard.

On Thursday evening, Jill Goessling Dowd hosted all of us for a hen party at her beautiful home just down the street from our alma mater. Despite some major rain, we all enjoyed food and conversation inside and out by Jill’s lovely pool. I am happy to report that everyone was in good spirits and we were especially delighted to have in our midst Molly Eckman and Marcia McCampbell. Molly was only in our class for her senior year and Marcia was with us only for middle school, but both felt very much a part of the class of ’69. Molly is a professor in a graduate business school and Marcia is a practicing doctor who runs a medical facility in California. They do us very proud!

On Friday night Lisa Lyle, outgoing Head of MICDS, hosted a cocktail party for just the reunion classes in the school field house. It was noisy and chaotic, but also a great opportunity to connect with friends from other classes.

The final official event of the reunion weekend was an evening gathering at The Deer Creek Club for the MI and CDS classes of 1969 hosted by Joe Rechter. Although many of us “late bloomers” didn’t know too many members of the CDS class from our high school days, we clearly found our way to common ground.
developed over the past 50 years. It was a lovely end to a great weekend.

Major takeaways from the reunion: The Class of 1969 is a strong and active group of women who continue to seek new opportunities for learning and growth. We like each other and clearly the qualities that drew us to each other and facilitated the formation of our early friendships continue to shine brightly. Permeating the reunion was a grateful awareness that we have shared something special and a commitment to nurturing the bonds created during our school days. Hopefully there will be many more reunions in our future!

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A Reunion Weekend Recap from Dick Lammert:

We had a wonderful group of 24 classmates and nine spouses attending some or all of the nine Reunion activities. According to our class statisticians, Peter Griffin and Rick Weitzer, during the eight years the Class of ’69 ruled the Lower, Middle and Upper Schools we had 91 guys who at one time or another were members of the Class. Of those, 58 graduated and, sadly, 11 are deceased.

Travelers from out of town included Lanny Carew (Washington, D.C.), Steve Fihn (Seattle, Washington), Carol and Bob Gray (Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania), Eileen and John Hohlt (Houston, Texas), Wallace Meissner (Washington, D.C.), Steve Turner (Miromar Lakes, Florida), John Rosenheim (West Palm Beach, Florida), Ralph Winkelmyer (Minneapolis, Minnesota) and Mike Wolverton (Richardson, Texas).


The first event was a luncheon at the Log Cabin Club on Thursday with Lisa Lyle, Head of School. That evening we had a BBQ at Lammert’s house featuring the culinary delights produced by Master Chefs Griffin and Hall. The dining room was devoted to posters displaying the Class Group Photos of Classes Eight through Two and yearbooks from all eight years. We also had a poster showing what years all 91 alumni attended, as well as a poster including the senior photos of our 11 departed classmates. The highlights included a short Memorial Ceremony led by Joe Rechter and including uplifting and humorous verbal remembrances from many in attendance. It was concluded with a bagpipe rendition of “Amazing Grace” by Bill Henry. While we partied, the ladies went out to Bricktops for a party of their own, enabling at the men’s BBQ unrestricted storytelling well into the following morning.

On Friday, the golf event was unfortunately rained out, but Joe Rechter hosted an incredible luncheon at Saint Louis Country Club. That evening all the alumni ‘ae gathered at the McDonnell Athletic Center for drinks and dinner. No mystery meat there and much applause when the ’69 Class Gift raised to date was announced!

On Saturday, we had a tour of the campus by members of the Alumni Relations Staff. The final gathering was a dinner and dancing event that evening put on by the Mary Institute Class Of ’69 at the Deer Creek Club. A really fun event but the dancing skills are definitely in need of improvement!

Without exception everyone had a wonderful time; no one got pantsed, and we are already planning for our upcoming 50th. Once the Reunion Committee has recovered, we will be developing a “Flickr” page including photos of our events, old football photos, the Memorial Ceremony Program and Comments, and other items from the weekend, all or portions of which you will be able to download.

1970 MI

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Hello classmates. Here are a few updates from the members of the MI class of 1970.

WENDY COLE DIXON writes that 2019 is shaping up to be a very good year. In June she and husband Dennis celebrated 40 wonderful years of marriage. And on December 14, 2019, she will be ordained an Anglican Priest.

We received a note from KATHY HOBLITZELLE WALLING. “We’ve had lots to celebrate in our family this year! Our son, Alex, graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in May and married Alexandria Evans in Ann Arbor on June 8. My husband, Bill, turned 80 on June 3!”

ANNIE CONANT SCHLAFFY and her husband Joe continue to enjoy their lives in the Lou. They love living in the city and most especially enjoy spending time with their seven grandchildren. In 2017, Annie started an international mentoring program, where local women are matched with women from all over the world to help them feel at home in their new city. Right now there are over 160 women in the program and 61 countries represented. Annie hopes everyone is doing well and staying healthy.

LAWRICE CONANT CHIARO SMYLIC still lives in Los Angeles and teaches music. Her husband Ben died in June 2018. When they found out about his cancer diagnosis in 2016, Ben and Lawrie decided to write a musical that they performed in their living room for 50 friends. It was greeted with such enthusiasm that, after Ben’s death, Lawrie decided to put up her show, Let’s Write a Musical, at the Hollywood Fringe Festival in June 2019. Every performance was sold out and Lawrie’s and Ben’s story was an inspiration for many.

JUDY JACOBS writes “Mihaly and I completed our year-long trip through Asia in March. Some highlights: staying in a village high in the Himalayas of Pakistan; meeting a blowpipe-wielding hunter gatherer in Borneo; traveling..."
with our son Josh through the Golden Triangle in Laos; and being with Kadek and her family in Bali. (We met Kadek the last time I was in Bali in 2000 and took her home to live with us for six months so she could improve her English.) To say the least, it was an amazing journey.”

Ellen Shapleigh Sedgwick has some great news: “We recently bought a house in Vero Beach for the winter months. We’ll be actively traveling the next two years as Bill has just become president of the U.S. Senior Golf Association, a fabulous group! It makes us keep our Golf game ‘up to par.’”

As reported last issue, Maud Essen is renovating a home in the city and is happy to report that she has expanded her grid-tied solar PV system from 4 kW to 9.76 kW! Pam visited Maud’s project in April and was impressed at how much of the renovation Maud is doing all by herself.

Pam Farrell Dupuis was in St. Louis last April to visit her Mom and saw Maud, Genie Cannon Guilliams, Tina Rutledge Veraldi, Sunie Lasky, Mooie and Phil Estep ’70 and Singie Shepley-Gamble (who is back in St. Louis).

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Warm regards to all the classmates, family, and friends reading this installment of the CDS ’70 Class Notes. I hope this issue finds you happy, healthy, and pleased with your summer adventures.

I checked in on Hal Bible. He and Chris spent four months in Santa Barbara. They had some good times there with Bill McMillan and Kim. The summer was spent with travel and visits from their three children and five grandchildren. I’ll let Hal give us the best news: “Now that I have a respite from Mayo until December, we have felt free to plan a significant trip so we’re going to Greenland in late August to a remote basecamp on the eastern shore. We’ll be kayaking among the glaciers on a photography-based trip.”

Tim Barksdale informs us that he covered the Jefferson City tornado as a freelance videographer. Unfortunately, nature struck home when the Missouri rose over the levee near his home and flooded his basement. Tim is fine but had quite the cleanup operation.

As reported in the previous installment, Randy McDonnell moved to Las Vegas. Here is his explanation for this precipitous decision: “Summerlin, Nevada is a 20-minute drive from the Las Vegas Strip (and 2000 feet higher) and just a few minutes drive from Red Rock Canyon National Park. I am hiking and climbing most days. This is one of the five best areas in the world for these activities. I see wild horses, burros and bighorn sheep. You can hike year round. When it is hot in Vegas I can be up at Mount Charleston in 40 minutes, which is at 12,000 feet and 20-30 degrees cooler. There is a ski area up there also.” I’m glad you are enjoying your retirement, Randy.

I was pleased to hear from Larry McDaniel. He informs us: “Chris and I are spending three months in France. Two months in Provence and a month in The Pyrenees. Of note, my French is vastly improved according to my friends here in Haute Provence. In addition, I had the best time for the ascension of Mt. de Lure of anyone in the 60-70 age group. Chris is killing it, too, having won the women’s age group climb. The local bike shop awarded us jerseys and shorts.”

Tom Barad sent me the requisite news. His oldest son Alex and wife Gabbi had a baby girl. This is Tom’s first grandchild. “Everyone has always told us how wonderful it is to be grandparents. Sending lots of love to all.” I hope we will see Tom at our 50th reunion.

Fisherman extraordinaire Jeff Miller informs us that he is going on a series of safaris in Zambia and Botswana. He still fishes “voraciously.” Ed Potter and Jeff are travelling to the Nass River in British Columbia in October to lure some steelhead.
The Weather Channel crew was lucky to have Tim Wagner along as they rode out the nasty weather on the Gulf Coast. Tim will join us at our reunion dinner in September.

Ed Potter reports that he is ecstatic about the St. Louis Blues winning the Stanley Cup. Ed is a member of the team ownership group. “I can’t describe this feeling. Very, very happy for St. Louis.” Check out the photograph of Ed with his son Teddy ’05 in Boston. Congratulations!

Breaking news! Mark Johnson informs me that he just returned from a month-long road trip out west. Part of the trip was a thousand miles of “riding the fences” along the southern border from Arizona to Brownsville, Texas, “talking to locals and border patrol all along the way.” I look forward to hearing what Mark learned from his investigative travels.

I am writing these notes in the evening of Carlisle’s Old Home Day celebration. What a day it was! We had a fantastic road race, parade, dozens of vendors, frog jumping contest, art show, pie bake-off, fire department chicken barbecue and cake walk. I look forward to some weeks at the beach later this summer.

Ed Potter, a member of the St. Louis Blues team ownership group, celebrates the Stanley Cup Championship with son Teddy ’05 in Boston.

I’m also anticipating my annual trek to St. Louis in late September, hoping to see many of my classmates at our reunion dinner and at other get-togethers over the days of my visit.

1971 MI

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Robin Brunner Moores reports: “Two cataracts removed and three hammer toes straightened! So much for scaling tall mountains this year. Cyndi Traucnicht longs to do the Appalachian Trail with me next year. She was set to send me maps for each state, but that’s how far we got! Maybe I’ll try something shorter, more in keeping with our ‘maturity,’ or better yet maybe just try the swings on the veranda that overlooks the mountains! I’m beginning to be drawn to things like hotels and hot baths over tents and cold sponge-baths.”

1971 CDS

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Rick Gevers reports the passing of his mother, Edith Gevers. She died Saturday, October 27, in a Chesterfield nursing home at the age of 84.

1974 MI

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Holly Hermann Gulick said, “Our 45th reunion this past May was a blast! A hearty thanks to Peggy for chairing it. Hostesses Becky and Cindy opened their homes for our gatherings. Cyndy supplied us again with her wine, Jennifer designed the save-the-date cards/invitations and organized a power walk. Muffy held a lunch for us on the terrace at dear old MI. The weather cooperated, too!

Kudos also go to Peggy and Alice and Joan for the unenviable job of collecting funds. Many thanks to all who came in from out of town: Lyn McCandless, Peggy Daniel, Mary Ewing, Muffy Roullac, Jane Spivy, Harriet Travilla—and to all who helped organize and/or hosted: Becky Howe, Cindy Kohlbry, Joan Hagedorn, Jennifer Hayes, Cyndy Knapp, Muffy Roullac, to name a few. See you the first weekend in May 2024!

Margot Lyman Sprague reports, “Christopher and I have been leaning into a little expansion of our house in Dublin, New Hampshire, with plans to call it our full-time spot in a year or so. Hoping the extra space will help woo our kids back for more frequent and comfortable visits from Washington, D.C. and Brooklyn. Also, Nina and I are thrilled that Casey will be moving closer (Hartford) and visiting her house in Maine more frequently. Happy visits more easily orchestrated!

Nina Primm McIntyre...has saddled up again with a full-time job in Boston at www.etq.com - quality management software for manufacturers. She and her husband Archie and her two daughters Ellie (husband Ben) and Georgia (boyfriend Ben) had a fun trip to Fes, Morocco in April. She wrote, “Wish I could have come to the reunion but can’t wait to read more!”

Jennifer Hayes Best said, “The 45th reunion... we have a great class with lots of energetic people and families doing things like teaching, singing, growing wine and owning Airbnbs and VRBOs. Travels around the world, gains and

02. Cindy Kohlbry hosted a class dinner at her house on Saturday night of Reunion Weekend.

03. Muffy Roulhac Sewall hosted a picnic for her ’74 classmates on the patio on the front of the former Mary I building and the weather was beautiful.


05. MI ’74 classmates enjoyed spending time outside.
losses in life and still able to recall memorable past events! The school’s campus is incredibly nostalgic yet new. The pool and upper school in particular, as well as the archives. Friendly classmates had a good time at Becky’s and Cindy’s and school.”

Laura Brooks Meyer continues as principal at Meyer & Meyer in Boston and writes: “Both my daughter Diana and her husband and my son John and his wife are expecting in the fall. John starts his fellowship at BI hospital this summer and has moved back to Boston from New York.”

Peggy Daniel Dechan reports “My son Ian is a second-year internal medicine resident at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. He’s engaged to a second-year pediatric resident. He explores the St. Louis area and enjoys it all, from craft breweries to the Blues! My other son lives in L.A. as a hopeful actor, currently working in hospitality. My husband retired a few years ago; I still work part-time at Bank of America in N.J. doing business development. I had a great time at reunion. Never a dull moment of laughter and friendship.”

Anne Niedringhaus Seeger wrote “I retired May 2018 after 26 years at ExxonMobil and got engaged in January this year. I am sorry to have missed the reunion but we were in the midst of moving to Sarasota! My son Michael is now living and working in Denver and loves it. I hope everyone is doing well. Miss you all!”

Viki Saigh Valli reports, “My husband and I are living in Chesterfield, Missouri with four dogs and two cats. My daughter Emily and her dog Odie live in California and she is in her 4th year of vet school. I see Sue McKinney Maune and Christy Stephens Salmon and keep in touch with Lisa Dozier Stewart and Mimi Johnston Vangel.

Muffy Roulhac said, “It was GREAT to see everyone at the 45th! I love that we are a class of great women! I am largely retired but consult part-time as an executive in residence for the University of Minnesota’s office of technology commercialization, advising aspiring entrepreneurs who want to take their innovations to start new companies! I learn about amazing new life science technology. We continue to run a small event space funding a 501(c)(3) in memory of our son Sam, funding STEM and pediatric oncology programs.”

Susan Tober Goldenberg wrote “Barry and I have been married 38 years, going strong and both fully engaged in our lives and careers. I am still working with Linda Bearman ’78, celebrating our 18th year in business together. Daughter Katie and husband Jeff live in St. Louis with our two grandsons Charlie, 4 and Will, 2. Son Michael was married June 29 and resides in New York City with his beautiful wife. I see Becky Halland on a regular basis and we have now prepared for this next chapter by learning and playing mah-jongg! It was great to see those who attended our 45th reunion. On to the 50th!”

Cathy Mellow Goltermann reports “Catherine is teaching special needs children at Steger 6th Grade Center in Webster Groves and loves it! Christen and Peter Grote celebrated their first anniversary and are busy with their first home and enjoying traveling! Woody finished his second year at WMU Cooley Law School and traveled to Canada, Paris and London this summer. I am still enjoying teaching Nuggets at St. Peter’s Playgroup and babysitting and dog sitting on weekends. Life is good. I was at Burr-Oak Camp and in Wisconsin over the summer.

Cyndy Knapp Keesee and her sister Steffie Knapp Littlefield ’72 keep busy at the farm. Spring found Cyndy sprucing up and planting in the gardens and bottling early releases of Edg-Clif Wines. Weekends she’s with visitors in the tasting pavilion or serving wines and Edg-Clif Brews all over St. Louis. She and husband Girard enjoy their cellar time, making wines. Cyndy spends quieter moments knitting for three grandkids and two grand nieces. Their four kids live in Colorado, St. Louis and Europe, with both girls in St. Louis.

Robin Wurdack Lynch reports “Reunion was fun and reminded me what a fun bunch of women we are. I got recruited by Cindy Kohltry to provide menu consultation, recreating my favorite lemon sponge pudding. Son Colin completed the first year of a scientific glass blowing program and launched a jewelry line. Son George serves Moroccan food in the East Village, moving toward graduate school; he also took a symposium in science diplomacy at Rockefeller Institute. Son Michael enjoys retirement. I still make, paint and import pretty things from Italy.”

Hellos were sent from Alice Wuertenbaecher Sedgwick, Reggie Spring Townsend (now living in Denver), and Christy Stephens Salmon with a photo taken at her son’s wedding.

Class Agent Casey Mallinckrodt reports: “After three great years at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, I’m moving to Hartford, Connecticut to the Wadsworth Atheneum. I’ll miss seeing Harrriet Travilla Reynolds in Virginia but will see more of Nina Primm McIntyre and Margot Lyman Sprague and will able to catch up with other megalopolis alums. My daughter Leidis is taking full advantage of life in Denver but it is still too far away from me. MI ’74, keep me posted and see you at the 50th!”

1975 CDS

A group from the CDS class of 1975 celebrate Chris Mozer’s retirement. Back row (l-r): Buddy Bearman, Sandy McCandless, Dan Lane, Vicki Mozer, Joanne Noyes, Cathy Mallory ’75. Front row (l-r): Carter Sullivan, Peggy Lane, Chris Mozer, Tricia McCandless, Linda Bearman ’76.
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Didi McKee Noelker continues to teach science at Villa Duchesne. She is a grandmother for the second time—a lovely boy named Sahil made his debut on April 20. With her husband Tim now working in Washington, D.C., she is splitting her time between St. Louis, D.C., and Tulsa (where her grandchildren reside). Didi and Tim have been able to visit with Melinda Levitt on occasion when Didi is in D.C.

Lisa Wright Nouss reports a busy year for the Nouss family! Son James married Andrea Caron in a beautiful ceremony in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Lisa became a grandmother! Daughter Julia Nouss TenHoeve ’05 gave birth to Elise Frances TenHoeve, “Ellie” in Houston, Texas. Ellie was named after Lisa’s grandmother, Elise Haywood Barrows, Class of 1919! Lisa frequently travels to Houston to see baby Ellie, and enjoys visiting Florida and playing golf and tennis. She is also on the board for the Saint Louis Zoo and the Alzheimer’s Association.

Janet Jones Horlacher is happily figuring out empty nesting. “We went biking and hiking in New Zealand for Tom’s 60th birthday, played tennis in Hawaii with Christy Garesche and Diane Garesche Reed ’71, went snorkeling in Akumal and played golf in South Carolina with Allison Roberts ’88 and Letah Hickman Carruthers ’78. Our sons Murphy and James ’13 live in Detroit. I am busy with work work (Janet McAfee, Inc.) and board work. Thank you Class of ’76 for achieving #1 on MICDS Giving Day. I love seeing all of you when you come to town—so call me!”

Linda Wunderlich Dybus continues to work as a nurse for SLU Care Department of Otolaryngology. “Finally made the leap from SLU Hospital Emergency Department to the busy, but more sane, office. Steve and I travel to see our children and four grandchildren: Philip, Regina and Louis who live in Omaha and the latest addition Jackson in Seattle, Washington. The entire family gathered in Colorado. It’s quite a feat to get us all together!”

Busy year for Renee Reisel Bennett’s family as well. Keith and Renee took a 36-day cruise from Sydney, around the North and South Islands of New Zealand and then to South Pacific islands, ending in Vancouver. It was quite an adventure. They visit with their daughter, Lara ’04, Lara’s husband Ryan, and their grandson, Zachary often. Zachary will turn two in August. Renee has been busy with her church as an Elder and is in two book clubs.

Connie Lane writes “I wrote a play in 1987 called The Night They Lit up Wrigley, a tribute to Rita “Slats” Meyer of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, which was highlighted in the Muny/Student Theatre Project. New York producers, director Eliza Beckwith and actress Sarah Stewart Chapin headed a three-performance run in Cooperstown during MLB’s Hall of Fame Induction Weekend. I am honored that this story, and the legacy of these athletes are kept alive.”

Pamela Edwards Bunn reports “Settled in Naples and serve on boards of Benjamin F. Edwards & Co. and Bible Study Fellowship International. We hiked, explored and snorkeled in Scotland, England and Australia, visited schools in Puerto Rico, and relished trips to see family. Guthrie and Jill have three in Austin, Texas; Riley and Diane have a girl in San Francisco; Macon moved from teaching in St. Louis to a Masters at UPenn. I mentor young women and write a blog, astherainandsnow.com.”

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Anne Gundelfinger ’78 writes that she and her husband Mark Davis are “dialing it back.” “I retired from Swarowski and Mark is part-time at Google. After nearly seven years in Zürich, Switzerland, we are moving back to the States.
in January 2020 to reside in Portland, Oregon. We loved living and working in Europe and feel lucky, but we are also ready to be closer to friends and family. We want to spend more time with our three grandsons, Jack, William and Gabriel.”

LaMont Greer shares that he misses all of you! His oldest daughter, Kendall Greer, was engaged to Evin Smith June 22, 2019. Mom and Dad are excited and look forward to planning a wedding to occur within the next year.

Paul “Goose” Goessling has been in the commercial real estate business since 1995. Recently started a new gig at Outfront Media as a Real Estate Rep. Never woulda thunk it, but dating a JBS grad. Son Paul Henry will be a senior next year and so far has looked at LSU, Georgia, and KU (“I’m doing my best to talk him out of that one”). Parker will be a sophomore and plays baseball and soccer 623 days a year. Both are at Kirkwood HS.

Peder Arneson reports he and Carrie McDonald Martin ’84 were married on October 20, 2018.

Bruce Edwards returned to CDS for the first time in 23 years and was quickly confused and disoriented until the ghost of Hamburger appeared behind the old gym and told him, “Hey hey hey, this IS Country Day. Your friends are in the aircraft hanger down thataway.” Bruce said, “Good to see all of you at the reunion. I’m planning to visit more often.”

1979 MI

MI ’79 and MI ’80 classmates join Martha Meyer Razlins ’79 for her son’s wedding at the Snake River Ranch in Jackson Hole, Wyoming (l-r): Corinne Collins Curtis ’79, Barb Cady Maco 80, Martha Meyer Razlins ’79, CC Bitting Cunningham ’79, Carlota Johnson Taylor ’79.

1984 CDS

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Alessio Doglione writes he is still working as a film editor in Rome, Italy, right now on Devils, an international TV series with Patrick Dempsey, on Sky Atlantic in 2020. He has a daughter Zelda, 18 and a son Teo, 12.

After 31 years in Chicago, Jeff Ross shares that his parole officer allowed him to leave the state. He moved to St. Louis in June before there was a change of mind. JR is working at his father’s company, Indoff. His oldest daughter, Caroline, 20, plays field hockey at Johns Hopkins. Middle daughter Julianne, 18, will play at Amherst. Youngest daughter Celia, 12, will play at JBS (sorry).

Frank Sant shares that it’s been 33 years since he’s been arrested with Ross or Pommer.

1985 MI

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Mollie Finch ’85 and Bixby Childress ’78 were married in a private ceremony in Forest Park on May 4, 2019. Following the ceremony, the couple celebrated with friends and family, including many MICDS alumni, at the Boathouse. They reside in Brentwood with Bixby’s children Ella and Will and their two dogs Chilli Bean and Abbey. Mollie is a 6th grade teacher at Steger 6th Grade Center in Webster Groves, and Bixby serves as Maintenance Coordinator at the St. Louis Art Museum.

1987 CDS

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We heard you, MICDS community. The fact that it had been some time since there was an update from the CDS Class of ‘87 was wearing on you. Your wait ends now!

Ed Cheung writes “Just finished 22 years as a Hospitalist at Kaiser Permanente in Los Angeles, involved in multiple administrative roles. Did not have to bribe too many people and pay too much for my daughter to start at USC this year. One down, one to go. Literally will be traveling around the world for 30 days at the end of 2019.” We would like to congratulate Ed’s daughter for getting into USC on her own. Why, Aunt Becky?! Why?!

Sculptor Tom “No Relation to Lori” Loughlin has been working on a public art piece entitled Signal, made from 36 tons of steel salvaged from the former east span of the Bay Bridge. The sculpture is scheduled to be dedicated on Treasure Island in the San Francisco Bay later in 2019. Tom has come a long way from the shoe drawings of Class 7 Art.

David Son writes “Was able to connect with some CDS ’87 boys this past spring. In April, some college buddies and I were able to play golf and get out on the water in Florida with Todd Stainbrook. His boat was docked at his mom’s home, and we had a chance to catch up. I recalled her being quite the Lower School Study Hall Mom. Thanks for the hospitality Todd…” There’s more, but we’re up against our 80-word limit!

Never fear. Gordy Scherck is donating his allowable 80 words to Brother Son’s cause. David continues, “Headed home to St. Louis for Mother’s Day and as always, found Chris Valier at his home, The Civil Life Brewery Company. In May, Brian Roche was in Louisville for his daughter’s field hockey tournament, and we were able to catch an evening on the patio at our club...” Argh, again we are up against that limit!
Thankfully, David’s football teammate and lead blocker John Hagen is reprising his role from the 1986 kickoff return TD versus Burroughs, by clearing the final hole needed and donating his space to the cause as well. We return to David: “As always, if you are headed to Louisville, please look me up and hope to see some of you soon!”

Congratulations are in order for Gene Toombs, Division Vice President at MiTek, who recently completed his 25th year at the company. If there is another classmate who has worked at the same place for 25 straight years, we are not aware of it.

Eric Van Luven and two partners started the hugely successful Centric Consulting roughly 20 years ago. They fly hundreds of employees every year to a few days at a resort destination. Unfortunately, earlier this year, in the throes of celebration, while trying to join the dance party, Eric tore his Achilles tendon trying to ascend the stage in a panda costume. Those of you who know Eric, and of his escapades, are probably not even surprised by that story.

Rob Klahr’s academic distinctions are many. However, his daughter Mimi ‘19 has high school bragging rights, as she was named co-valedictorian of the MICDS Class of 2019.

Chip Walker writes “Added a fourth child, Otis, to our merry brood, all under 10. Dancing on the line between overweight and obese - ugh - missing gooey butter. Obsessed with tennis. Happy days in NYC; come stay with us, cheap rates!” Chip also was able to get back home for some Stanley Cup Finals action, as well as to a game in Boston. Bonus points to Chip for donning a Garry Unger jersey.

On a serious note, we do want to acknowledge the passing of our classmates Rick Metz and Tom White. Both were great guys. Rick’s keen intellect and mischievous wit provided us with many memorable stories from our CDS days. Tom never once greeted somebody without a smile on his face and was steadfastly a loyal friend. They are missed.

1989 MI

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Libby Curtis McCandless ’89 writes: “What a wonderful 30th reunion last May! We still live in Kirkwood, celebrated our 20th anniversary this year, and have daughters in freshman and senior years of high school. I work part-time doing freelance marketing, French tutoring, and a few shifts at Athleta/Plaza Frontenac. My current passion is volunteering as a weekly group leader for Moms in Prayer International, and serving on the board of The St. Louis Children’s Choirs. Lots of love to the class of ’89!”

1993 MICDS

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Jason Stephenson was promoted to associate professor of radiology at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. He, his wife Laura and twin 10th graders Hunter and Walker are doing well.

2000 MICDS

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Seth Appleton was confirmed as the Assistant Secretary of Policy Development and Research for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He recently served as HUD’s Associate Deputy Secretary. Before that, he served as Acting Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations. He previously served as chief of staff for United States Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer of Missouri from 2009 to 2017.

2002 MICDS

Adam Young is enjoying living in Chicago with wife, Jennifer and son, Jacob, 1. He works as an employment defense attorney with Seyfarth Shaw LLP.

2005 & 2008 MICDS

Matthew Levis ’05 and Alexandra Schaefer ’08 report “We’re excited to share the news that we were married on Saturday, May 11, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri surrounded by friends and family, many of whom are MICDS alumni!”

2007 MICDS

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KC Stahlhuth Holthaus ’07 and Turner Holthaus ’07 welcomed their first child, Paige Virginia Holthaus, on April 21, 2019.

2010 MICDS

Grace Monterubio ’10 is pursuing a Ph.D. from Washington University in Clinical Psychology. She returned to MICDS this year to speak with freshmen about healthy eating, body image, and eating disorders.

Alumni: Please Stay Connected!
• Has your name changed?
• Did you move recently?
• Do you have a new email address?

Please keep MICDS updated with your latest information by emailing the change to update@micds.org
01. **MI CLASS OF 1969**

*Front Row (l-r):* Christy Trauernicht, Meg Jolley, Stephanie Spatz Chilcott, Libby Hager Noack, Marcia McCampbell, Barbara Kennedy  

*2nd Row (l-r):* Jill Goessling Dowd, Phoebe Scott Burke, Cathy Harrison Gidcumb, Christy Hawes Bond  

*3rd Row (l-r):* Anne MacDonald, Cynthia Plumb Hubbard, Alice Beckers Muckerman, Beth Green Kling, Marki Cady  

*4th Row (l-r):* Joan Harting Barham, Buffy Remington McKay, Molly Eckman, Pamela Lanier Valdes, Diane DuBois  

*5th Row (l-r):* Paige Peck, Tandy Thompson  

02. **CDS CLASS OF 1969**

Lanny Carew, Bob Gray, Ed Hall, John Hohlt, Wallace Meissner, Thomas Deaton, Richard Reichle, Dick Lammert, Alan Ritter, Mark Throdahl, Mike Wolverton, Joe Rechter, Bill Henry, Steve Turner, Mike O’Guin, Rick Weitzer, Steven Fihn, Pete Deibel, John Rosenheim, Mike Currier, Andy Glaser, Gordy Pilkington, Peter Griffin, Ralph Winkelmeier  

03. **CDS CLASS OF 1994**

*Front Row (l-r):* Claire Wedemeyer Panopoulos, Annie Vatterott Bailey, Carissa Krawil Turnell, Chris Brennan, Morgan Jensen, Usmaan Ahmad, Nicole Werther, Victoria Caltagirone Iken, Bethany Pugh, Ash Abdel-Kerim  

*2nd Row (l-r):* Mark Thompson, Jason Brauer, Sarah Saghir Brauer, Derek Schwendinger, Jeff Giles, John Pitman, Chris McCarthy, Yasmine Malik, Michelle Wlodearek, Jenny Leydig Charles, Amanda Claypool  

*3rd Row (l-r):* Frecky Lewis, Chris Danforth, David Rouse, Hugh Scott, Matt Pennington, Susan Taylor, Mitchell Klink, Bill McMahon, Sarah Druck Shulman, Sara Osborn Gilbert  

*4th Row (l-r):* Theo Wedemeyer, Jeff LaBrier, David Humphrey, Korbin Tacony, Tarrell Campbell, Jeff Ridgeway, Ben Schoolman, Aja Blue Sullivan, Eddie Ernst, Mark Carter, Eric Gilbert, Mike Hogan, Sterling Brown  

04. **CDS CLASS OF 2014**

*Back Row (l-r):* Robin Thompson, Chad Meine, Harrison Thomilson, Olivia Polk, Charlotte Jones, Geoffrey Raclin, Rebecca Dubuis  

*Middle Row (l-r):* Ian Aitken, Caroline Militello, Gabby Putnam, Abby Desai, Jordan Block, Megan Fox, Lisa Lyle, Head of School, Nikki Werner, Camille Bianco, Bergen Farthing  

*Front Row (l-r):* Arjun Dundoo, Alim Muhammad, Jazmyn Ferguson, Courtney Trowbridge, Liz Lewis, Josie Cusworth
L’Oréal USA named Megan Williams Grant ’93 as the new president of its Luxe division. Grant has worked for L’Oréal since 2002, serving as a marketing manager for L’Oréal Paris and as U.S. brand president of Kiehl’s. Under her leadership, Kiehl’s became the fastest-growing prestige skin-care line in the U.S. In 2017, she was named L’Oreal USA’s Working Mother of the Year.

Tom Ackerman ’93, Sports Director at KMOX, and Chris Kerber ’90, play-by-play announcer and voice of the St. Louis Blues, celebrate the Blues championship with the Stanley Cup.

In May, the California News Publishers Association announced the winners of the 2018 California Journalism Awards. Meredith Cooper ’98, managing editor of the Chico News & Review weekly newspaper, received a first-place award for Breaking News for coverage of the Camp Fire, which ravaged her Northern California community in November 2018. Cooper and her colleagues, competing in the largest-circulation category for weeklies, also took second place for Public Service Journalism for their Camp Fire coverage.

Erin Moore ’00, dancer, actress and member of the inaugural cohort of Muny Kids, returned to the Muny stage for the 101st season opener ‘Guys and Dolls,’ which ran June 10 – June 16.

Peter Condie ’14 recently won a College Television Award presented by the Television Academy Foundation, commonly known as a “college Emmy.” Condie was the lead producer of a program on the Northwestern campus called The Blackout. He was elected to take over the year-old program his sophomore year and rebuilt it from scratch. It is now one of the most popular programs at Northwestern with tremendous school support, sell-out productions, and over 150 students wanting to participate. The show that won the Emmy was Condie’s last performance as a senior.

Madison Wrobley ’15 graduated from Washington University and was named a Fulbright Scholar. She will be going back to Nepal to continue her research on water scarcity. She also received a Fulbright-National Geographic Storytelling Fellowship, which offers her the opportunity to participate in an academic year of storytelling on a globally significant theme.

Drew Lilly ’16, a senior at Southern Methodist University, played in his first United States Golf Association event, the U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship. The tournament was held at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort in Bandon, Oregon. When Lilly was a senior at MICDS, the Rams won State. He still keeps in touch with the players who were freshman when he was a senior, texting them before their postseason rounds to wish them luck.
MICDS, John Burroughs School and Whitfield partnered to bring renowned author and psychologist Dr. Lisa Damour to St. Louis. Dr. Damour visited all three schools, spending time with students, parents, faculty and staff. At MICDS, she offered an interactive presentation to Upper Schoolers in the afternoon. That evening, parents listened as Dr. Damour offered helpful tips and advice to get families through trying adolescent years.

Dr. Damour listens to a question from the Upper School audience.
FROM LATE 1964 INTO THE 1980S, SAINT LOUIS COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL HAD ITS OWN OBSERVATORY, BUILT IN MEMORY OF FRED COX DERRICKSON ’65, WHO DIED IN 1963. THE OBSERVATORY WAS LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE SOUTH ENTRANCE OF TODAY’S UPPER SCHOOL BUILDING.

Today, students learn about a variety of STEM subjects, from gene-editing to astronomy and more, in the labs located in Brauer Hall and McDonnell Hall.