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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,

The Latin derivation of our English word “tradition” is a felicitous one: something that is given (“donum”) across (“trans”). How inspiring it is to view traditions through this etymological lens, as activities or rituals bequeathed to us by our forebears across years or even generations of human experience and endeavor.

Traditions are frequently referenced at MICDS, and I am often asked to cite my own favorites. Of course, I have not been here long enough to witness them all (as I compose this letter to you, we are 20 days out from this year’s Thanksgiving Turkey Train!), but several leap immediately to mind: the Middle School Honor Assembly at the outset of the year; our all-school gathering in September; the Homecoming week boat race, pep rallies, bonfire, Fun Run, family carnival and games against Burroughs; roller skating in Beasley; and the Lower School Halloween Parade and Upper School Halloween Assembly.

These are all obvious examples, but the word “tradition” at MICDS also brings to mind more quotidian instances of “giving across”: our custom of honoring our past by not stepping on the School seal as we go about our daily routines on campus; our habit of greeting one another with words and eyes and smiles of welcome as we cross one another’s paths; and our attendance at arts exhibitions and performances, athletics contests and other School events in constant support of one another. These patterns of our lives at MICDS are traditions in their own right. They are manifestations of the depth and strength of community spirit that distinguished Mary Institute, Saint Louis Country Day School and MICDS through the many years that have preceded us, and they are guarantees of their own preservation in the lives of MICDS students and families in the many years to come.

A friend and former colleague of mine used to joke that at independent schools, any given event or activity is someone’s absurd new idea in its first year but a hallowed tradition every year thereafter. He is not far off the mark, but I like to think that his observation reflects an essential and healthy tension within institutions like MICDS between our commitment to innovation and progress (ergo our “absurd new ideas”) and our pride in our past (ergo our “hallowed traditions”).

“New tradition” might be my favorite oxymoron, and in this my inaugural year I am introducing a few of my own: Saturday pancake brunches with students at the campus residence; “ZIP Code field trip dinners” with MICDS families in the many locales around St. Louis that our students call home; and handwritten notes to randomly chosen students to let them know I am cheering them on. The sentiment behind each is the sentiment that sustains all of our precedent traditions at MICDS: an overwhelming love of and gratitude for this special school.

Channel your best Tevye or Golde from Fiddler on the Roof and sing it with me: “Tradition!”

My best wishes to you and your loved ones this winter season.

Head of School
Students Named National Merit Semifinalists

We’re proud to report that 17 MICDS seniors were named National Merit Semifinalists. Approximately 16,000 Semifinalists were recognized from among over 1.5 million juniors in about 21,000 high schools who took the PSAT in October 2018. National Merit Semifinalists represent less than one percent of all high school seniors.

James Bilderback ’20*  
Tanay Chandak ’20  
Jialin Chen ’20  
Nick Clifford ’20  
Ceci Cohen ’20  
Stanley Ding ’20  
Kyle Fehr ’20  
Lauren Goldberg ’20  
Benjamin Hollander-Bodie ’20  
Tista Mandal ’20  
Henry Posega Rappleye ’20  
Jude Sorkin ’20  
Lisa Speegle ’20  
Renee Stanec ’20  
Aanjaneyaa Venkataraman ’20  
Jon Zhang ’20  
Jenna Zhao ’20

*Not pictured in group photo.

“Their accomplishment is a testament to the rigorous education offered at MICDS, and we are excited to see what lies ahead for these young scholars.”

— MATT ESSMAN  
Director of College Counseling
A Warm “Ram-Nation” Welcome

01. Head of School Jay Rainey addresses students, faculty and staff.
02. Students of all ages enjoy a field day with games.
03. The Upper School band welcomes the community.
The School community gathered in Ron Holtman Stadium to the sounds of the MICDS Pep Band for a program welcoming Head of School Jay Rainey.

The event featured remarks from student leaders and Board of Trustees Chair Michelle Leith Cohen ’88.

Ms. Cohen said, “While Mr. Rainey has been here only a few short weeks, he has already immersed himself in the energy and excitement of our community and made an impact!”

Mr. Rainey shared that names are important, and he’s excited to learn the stories behind the names here at School. He said every single student is a member of the MICDS family, then donned a Rams cap and announced, “We are one MICDS. We are Ram Nation!”

Students welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Rainey with personal gifts. Upper School STUCO co-heads Meredith Goldberg ’20 and Tanay Chandak ’20 offered personalized stadium seats for all the bleachers they’ll visit. Eighth grade leaders gave an embroidered chef hat and apron, plus a new spatula that comes in handy when the Raineys host pancake brunches for students. Fourth graders offered gifts for Silas the bulldog, including an MICDS collar and leash, and a comfortable wagon.

The Chamber Choir sang the MICDS Alma Mater before students enjoyed a picnic lunch. After, the entire school community played field games. Students connected and spontaneous foot races broke out between tall Upper School students and much smaller Beasley friends. It was a wonderful chance for students of all ages and faculty to experience the community, collaboration and engagement that MICDS is known for!

— MICHELLE LEITH COHEN ’88
Board of Trustees Chair.

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MICDS Varsity and Junior Varsity Field Hockey teams, coaches, parents, fans and friends gathered at Thomas Field in the fall for the first game of the season and to dedicate the new, state-of-the-art water turf installation. This type of field is used at collegiate and elite levels because it allows for smoother, faster play and can be used either wet or dry.

Varsity Field Hockey Coach Lynn Mittler, Molly Christopher ’20 and Mia Duchars ’20 cut the ribbon to dedicate the new water turf on Thomas Field.
A Transformative Summer Near and Far

Upper Schoolers venture to China, South Africa, Peru and the Grand Tetons.

Last summer, our global learning program brought students and teachers together through acts of service, exploration and education—starting with a partnership with educators from the Shanghai Foreign Language School. Students and teachers learned about local traditions and customs; toured Shanghai and Xian; and visited the City Wall of Xian, Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City.

Fifteen MICDS juniors and seniors went on a similar mission to South Africa. They visited the Apartheid Museum and Kruger National Park, where they participated in data collection surveys to support research and helped clear invasive plants. The students also went on safaris and sightseeing adventures, worked with local students, hiked Lion’s Head Peak and visited Cape of Good Hope.

Our global learning Peru trip participants had a wonderful time exploring Cusco, where they interacted with children and distributed school supplies, winter clothes and books written by MICDS Spanish 200 students. Students volunteered at a health fair and a local school. They learned how to harvest salt in the Incan tradition, and visited a farm and Tabernero, a pisco distillery.

Bonnie Sneider ’21 said, “I realized more than ever why we study foreign language: to open up the doors to the importance of engagement with people who are different than us.”

Twelve Upper School students visited the Teton Science School in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, where they took a course on geology and biology. They developed field science practices and explored local landscapes.

Science Teacher Laura Bradford said, “Our hope is that we never stop asking questions and that we keep that spirit of inquisitiveness alive.”
01. Extended Day students learn movement and dance routines as superheroes.

02. Free play with construction blocks allows children to explore their imaginations.

03. An Extended Day student creates a habitat for her animals.
At MICDS, teachers know that learning doesn’t stop after students are dismissed at the end of the academic day. For younger students, there’s still time to explore new activities and engage their minds. And for older students, the time before sports practices and extracurriculars is an opportunity to get ahead on their work or spend extra time with their teachers to better understand the material.

That’s the thinking behind the MICDS after-school enrichment programs: take advantage of the time at the end of the day by having students explore, inquire and learn. Whether it’s the weekly chess club in the Lower School, the Academic Support After-school Program in the Middle School or the Academic Center in the Upper School, MICDS students have ample opportunity to keep learning outside of class.

**LOWERSCHOOL:**
Exploring Opportunities with Extended Day

For students from junior kindergarten through sixth grade, the Extended Day program gives them time after the school day to try out a variety of enrichment activities they may not otherwise experience.

“These enrichment classes are a learning experience for the children much different than the school day,” said Matt Blair, Director of Extended Day. “They give students an opportunity to learn new skills, hang out with friends and try things they normally wouldn’t do.”

One of the longest-running and most popular activities is an after-school chess club for students from senior kindergarten through fourth grade. While having a child that young playing one of the most mentally taxing games is certainly unusual, both the students and parents love it, Blair said.

Other popular enrichment activities include Icky Sticky Science, where students get hands-on with introductory experiments, and Supersonic Superheroes, where children get to dance off some of their cooped-up energy. For the latter, MICDS partners with the Center of Creative Arts (COCA) to teach students movement, exercise and dance routines based on a superhero of their choice that culminates in a performance for parents.

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**Quick Facts**

**SEASONAL ACTIVITIES:**
Each enrichment activity happens once a week and lasts six to eight weeks.

**STUDENTS HAVE A SAY:**
One recent student proposal resulted in a new field hockey enrichment program.

**BETTER HOME LIFE:**
Having planning skills also allows the students to be fully present at home.
Each enrichment activity happens once a week and lasts for six to eight weeks, and is reasonably priced. The activities rotate across four seasons: fall, winter, spring and a newer season, called “late fall” by Blair. In late fall, rather than partnering with St. Louis organizations, MICDS teachers design their own enrichment programs for the students.

That’s not to say all of the classes are decided without student input. Blair is always looking for new classes and welcomes student proposals for new activities. One recent student proposal resulted in a new field hockey enrichment program.

**Middle School: Structure and Study**

A few years ago, a homework club for Middle School students had dissolved and parents bewildered by a curriculum different from what they had experienced were turning to tutors. Jen Schuckman, Head of the Middle School, had an idea.

So many seventh and eighth grade students stay at school until 4:30 or 5:00 p.m., waiting for their practices to start, that Schuckman saw an opportunity to make that time fruitful. The Academic Support After-School Program, popularly known as ASAP, was born.

ASAP officially started during the 2016–2017 school year and is included in tuition fees. From the beginning, a thoughtful format was established to ensure success. “We wanted to make sure that we had a really structured area where students could grow academically,” said Callie Bambenek, Director of ASAP.

ASAP focuses on providing resources to help students finish their homework, including having both humanities and STEM teachers present. More importantly though, ASAP seeks to help students organize and plan their weeks to build “executive functioning” skills that will be needed in the Upper School environment.

“We try to push them, especially as they go into ninth grade, toward independence,” Bambenek said. “We ask, ‘How are you going to take a look at your week and know all these different organizational things that you need?’”

Having planning skills also allows the students to be fully present when they go home for the day. Diane Li ’24 said, “It gives me a quiet environment where I can focus on my homework and get it done efficiently.” Her classmate Jeremiah Clay ’24 agreed, saying ASAP lets him finish...
all of his homework before football or track practice.

“We talk with teachers about work-life balance,” Bambenek said, “and I think this helps advocate for a work-life balance for our students, too.”

**UPPER SCHOOL: Making the Difference**

Vicki Thurman, Director of Student Services, remembers the mother of one ninth grader coming to her last spring determined to find a tutor for her son. The student was smart but underperforming in Integrated Math One, and his mother thought a tutor could help him improve. “Have you tried the Academic Center?” Thurman asked.

One session later, after working with Aaron Proctor, Upper School Math Teacher, the student came home and said, “Mom, Proctor’s great. Oh my gosh, I can’t believe he helped me out.”

Over the rest of the trimester, the ninth grader improved his grade in Integrated Math One into the A-range and his mom saved the money on tutoring. In general, the after-school hours offered at the Academic Center on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays can beat outside tutoring because STEM and humanities teachers familiar with the intricacies of MICDS’ curriculum are always there. “Having a teacher who actually knows what those units of study are and what the flow is in the sequence is really beneficial,” Thurman said.

In part, that’s how the initial idea for the program came about. It began as a design-thinking concept between then Athletic Director Don Maurer and Upper School leadership. “We were trying to think through how we could meet more students’ needs without increasing cost to our families,” Thurman said.

Now, a wide range of students use the program. From students like the ninth grader looking to improve his grade to athletes coming before practices to get extra help, Thurman says she sometimes sees 30 or more students coming in on a given day.

But one of the best things that has come out of the program, Thurman says, is that students are seeing it’s okay to ask for help, and they’re becoming more comfortable reaching out to teachers to get it.

With all of these academic resources available to every student from junior kindergarten through 12th grade, staying after school is a good thing after all.
Jodie Brodhead Moore ’68 uses education to make the world better.

Paying it Forward
Quick Facts

EDUCATION:
Received her undergraduate degree in Russian history from the University of Pennsylvania.

BY DESIGN:
Spent years working for interior and commercial design firms in New York City, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh.

For Jodie Brodhead Moore, Mary Institute Class of 1968, the image of the consummate educator was Ronald Beasley. Kind and approachable, he ate lunches with students, hosted Tuesday afternoon discussions with seniors in his office and was always ready to step in as goalie during the yearly student vs. faculty hockey games. Tall and imposing, he towered over his students as he joined them in Mary Eliot Chapel for their daily service. On special occasions, he would send students off with a repeated benediction. In a stentorian Cambridge accent, echoed by the voices of his students, he would repeat, “Watch over our school, oh Lord, and bless and guide our daughters wherever they may be, keeping them ever unspotted from the world.”

Moore was enamored with the history teacher and leader who served as Headmaster of Mary Institute and was the namesake for the MICDS Lower School.
"He was the most unbelievable human being. He was highly intellectual, keenly interested in women’s education, extremely available to talk with students and a superb public speaker,” she said.

Recalling the leader of the school she attended from kindergarten to her sophomore year, Moore remembers that his vision for the pupils of his school was unusually progressive for that historical moment. While many girls schools at the time were intent on molding dutiful wives and mothers, Ronald Beasley had loftier goals.

“His constant communication to us was that we were women who should be leaders. He reiterated that much was expected of us, that we had incredible gifts and talents and that it was our job to change the world. He was extraordinary in his vision for women and women in education,” she shared.

After her time at Mary Institute, Moore left St. Louis for boarding school at Miss Porter’s School, followed by college at the University of Pennsylvania. Upon receiving her undergraduate degree in Russian history, she moved to New York City to accept a position with McMillen, a residential interior design firm started by a St. Louisan in 1924 and widely considered the oldest design firm in the country. Then, Moore married a Philadelphian and moved to the City of Brotherly Love, taking a job with Innerspace, a local commercial design firm. In the wake of an oil crisis and the resulting economic slowdown, much new construction was delayed or halted in Philadelphia, so she began looking for business opportunities elsewhere. Moore found herself intrigued by a construction boom in nearby Pittsburgh. She saw an opportunity, pitched it to leadership, and opened a successful satellite location that within three years of opening housed over 30 employees.

While Moore achieved success and recognition for her work in design, it’s not what she’s known best for in Pittsburgh. Primarily, she’s been lauded for helping transform Pittsburgh’s educational landscape by co-founding

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— JODIE BRODHEAD MOORE
The Neighborhood Academy, a rigorous college preparatory school that has been in operation for nearly two decades. In fact, she was recently honored as a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania by Governor Tom Wolf for her work in education. For 18 years, The Neighborhood Academy has helped empower its student body to achieve great successes. It’s now the alma mater of a cadre of Pittsburgh youth who have gone on to meaningful careers in education, social work, medicine and other industries.

Moore had never planned to start a school and her decision to do so was unexpected, even to her. For many years, she worked with Dan Meyers to develop and facilitate an after-school program for African American youth. As she continued to spend time with young people in Pittsburgh, addressing their needs became paramount in her mind. As she put it, “I responded to a call to work for social justice in the best way I knew how. I didn’t set out to start a school, I set out to right a wrong.” Ultimately, she believed that providing a haven for learning, development and personal growth was the best way to address the injustice she witnessed.

Moore is a woman who makes friends easily and the idea of starting The Neighborhood Academy was born out of a unique friendship. While attending classes at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, she forged a relationship with the Rev. Thomas E. Johnson Jr., a history teacher and coach at Shady Side Academy where her son Tory attended school.

The two bonded immediately, and Moore invited Johnson to join the after-school group as a facilitator. Not long after, Johnson began a summer program for the children in the group. This was the perfect laboratory for testing the approach and philosophy that would later come to fruition in the founding of The Neighborhood Academy. As Moore and Johnson watched the summer program grow and outcomes improve, they began exploring the idea of creating a school to meet the needs they saw in the community on an even larger scale. While the two of them imagined what such a school might look like, the memory of Ronald Beasley resurfaced for Moore.

After the summer program had been in operation for almost a decade, it seemed like the time was right to start a school. In many ways, the two were an excellent

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1992
- Starts summer program with Rev. Thomas E. Johnson that runs for nearly a decade and leads to her next venture.

2001

2016
- Honored as a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania by Governor Tom Wolf for her work in education.

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Johnson’s background as an educator found a perfect complement in Moore’s business acumen and passion for planning. As the process began moving forward, Moore applied for a grant.

“I wrote a grant proposal and submitted it to the R. K. Mellon Foundation to see if they would fund a feasibility study for starting a school. Charter schools were really gaining traction in Pittsburgh in the late ‘90s and foundations were funding the charter school movement. R. K. Mellon gave us a small grant that allowed me to investigate the possibility of opening a school,” Moore explained.

The business plan she put together for the feasibility study described a school that would start with 8th and 9th grades and then expand into a high school, adding a grade each subsequent year. With that in place, she formed a board of trustees, hired a development officer and began a three-year fundraising campaign to build the school and prepare it for students. Moore and Johnson wrote a mission statement, began developing the curriculum and continued to engage with the community around them. The doors of The Neighborhood Academy opened on September 12, 2001, and the adventure began.

“Everything we do is purposeful and intentional,” said Moore, “especially our emphasis on developing a technique for teaching children who enter the classroom with gaps in their education. We also think about how students function physically, how they process and adapt emotionally and the psycho-social support necessary for them to learn. The traditional view of school as simply a place where you are taught information doesn’t work for our kids. Here, we relieve children of the traumatic baggage they carry so that they are ready to learn. That’s how our students thrive and achieve.”

Eighteen years after the first two classes walked through the doors, the school continues to serve boys in 6th through 8th grade and both genders in 9th through 12th grade. Admitted students have access to small classes, arts and STEM education and opportunities for

Moore with an alumna from the first class at TNA (2005), at her college graduation.

The Neighborhood Academy by the numbers

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FREE MEALS A DAY
All students receive a free breakfast and lunch, regardless of their financial standing.

100% GRADUATION RATE
One hundred percent of all graduates go on to college and many embark on career paths that change the trajectory of their lives.

18 YEARS
For 18 years, The Neighborhood Academy has helped empower its student body to achieve great successes.
national and international travel. They attend theatrical performances, receive extensive college counseling and have access to highly-trained counselors in order to support their social and emotional wellbeing. One hundred percent of all graduates go on to college and many embark on career paths that change the trajectory of their lives. Above all, Moore says, “The Neighborhood Academy is a place where kids learn they count and that their lives matter. It’s the utmost privilege and honor to be a part of helping young people achieve the American Dream, which is getting harder and harder to grasp. The key is having rigorous expectations while providing holistic support. Within that environment, they thrive.”

Fifty years after Ronald Beasley served as Headmaster of Mary Institute, on the other side of the country an entirely different chorus of voices ends graduation in exactly the same way. Students at The Neighborhood Academy repeat the same closing words in chorus: “Watch over our school, oh Lord, and bless and guide our sons and daughters wherever they may be, keeping them ever unspotted from the world.”

In 1965, Moore learned from Ronald Beasley that “education was meant to open your eyes to the world and to help you see how you can make it a better place.” By creating a school that lifts up and supports Pittsburgh youth, there’s no question that Moore has fulfilled her Headmaster’s exhortation. Mr. Beasley would be incredibly proud.

“Watch over our school, oh Lord, and bless and guide our sons and daughters wherever they may be, keeping them ever unspotted from the world.”

— THE NEIGHBORHOOD ACADEMY’S GRADUATION CHORUS, INSPIRED BY MR. BEASLEY’S BENEDICTION
Exploring Mary I

Students in Dr. Tanya Roth’s History of Women’s Rights in the United States class are exploring their own school’s past. They gathered in the Alumnae Room in Danforth Hall, the original Mary Institute, to review Mary Institute yearbooks from each generation, including those with connections to the current class via mothers, grandmothers, and aunts. Students also visited with Mary I alumna and archivist Mrs. Anne Stupp McAlpin ’64, who discussed her experiences and fond memories. Students gained a more personalized perspective of their School’s history and how the women before them helped to make MICDS what it is today.
Creating Art in the Pursuit of Science

Paul Zahller, Upper School Science Teacher, created a new project for Exploratory Botany, a student-led, inquiry-based scientific study of plants that explores the interconnection between diverse plant types and the importance of plants in the environment and society. Students learn creative observation and how to investigate plant phenomena.

The class created a virtual herbarium, a collection of specimens that reside in a digital space. The work is going to be continued each year and can be easily shared with others.

Tiffany D’Addario, Upper School Fine Arts Teacher, helped launch the creative and technical component of the project. She led students through the process of photography lighting for botany using available resources. “Students learn how using the process of creating art elevates the desired outcome,” D’Addario said.

Students use everyday objects to create beautiful and realistic portraits of plants for a virtual herbarium.
Giving a Hand

Experiential learning wows students.

Students in Ms. Stacey Morgan’s Kinesiology class learn beyond the textbook. Kinesiology, the first course in MICDS’ Human Body Science Strand, is the study of biomechanical movement. Students learn the application of anatomical and mechanical principles and gain an understanding of human movement and physical performance.

Students built prosthetic hands using 3D printers, connecting what they’ve learned about movement, anatomy and muscle structure to how hands actually work. Each model works differently and is better suited to certain tasks. Trevon Bobo ’21 said, “It made us think how an anatomical hand functions in comparison.” After the unit, they send their prosthetics to an online global community making free and low-cost prosthetic limb devices for children and adults.

A reproductive endocrinology and infertility specialist visited with two surgical simulators. Bobo said, “The surgical simulator allowed us to work side-by-side with a trained professional who performs surgeries often.” This experience is part of Morgan’s goal to have MICDS students learn about different types of professions that deal with the human body.

“The simulator allowed us to work side-by-side with a trained professional who performs surgeries often.”

— Trevon Bobo ’21

Kinesiology students construct prosthetic hands in the Maker Space.
Community Time offers Upper School students the opportunity to develop social and emotional learning skills. Time spent in advisory, as a class and as an Upper School community, includes activities, discussions and guest speakers that encourage students to grow in self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, responsible decision-making and relationship skills.
Local History Comes Alive

The city of St. Louis becomes a classroom.

Eleventh grade students studying the History of St. Louis have enjoyed several community-driven learning opportunities, including panel discussions with local experts, connections to notable St. Louisans, and day trips ripe for exploration. They’ve heard from the co-founder of the Humans of St. Louis project, and experienced “Economics in St. Louis,” “Social Issues in St. Louis” and “Politics in St. Louis” panels which featured business people, politicians, reporters, activists and nonprofit organizers. Four field trips offered students opportunities to enjoy a walking tour of downtown, a visit to Soldiers Memorial, a Bellefontaine walking tour and a trip to the National Blues and Federal Reserve museums.
Sixth graders enjoyed a field trip to Laumeier Sculpture Park—an open-air museum in Sunset Hills—to learn about perspective while incorporating art, math and creative writing. The park was the perfect setting for this triple-subject lesson called “One Sculpture – Three Stories.”

In preparation for the outing, students learned specific math concepts. At the park, they were assigned sculptures and applied those concepts to their respective sculptures as they recorded measurements.

Back on campus, students created scaled-down replicas of their assigned sculptures in the art studio. They also co-authored creative writing pieces focused on their works of art and then presented their replicas and stories to their classmates.
For Becky Long, MICDS Upper School Band Director, a life in music was destined, set in place even before she was born.

Her mother, a talented singer and flutist, fell in love with her father, an Air Force musician, as she watched him play a grand piano. At the age of six, Long began her own musical life by taking piano lessons from a French opera singer.

Long’s love of music started with the piano, but in 4th grade, she picked up her mother’s old flute and took to marching around her small Illinois town’s streets with her school bandmates during practice on summer mornings. At 12 years old, inspired by a strong female band director, Long decided to become a band teacher. She played flute freshman year in the intensely competitive marching band at her local Catholic high
school and watched a committed percussion teacher work with the school’s state champion drumline program. “It took me five minutes to see how much fun they had and say, ‘I have to do that.’” She added percussion to her repertoire and music continued to fill her days.

After high school, she studied music education at Illinois Wesleyan University where she was selected for top ensembles as a percussionist. Wesleyan also gave her the opportunity to start doing what she loved: teach music.

After graduating, a solid network combined with being in the right place at the right time led to more opportunities: She directed school choirs and bands, tutored privately and served as a church choir director. The University of Illinois—her first choice when she looked at colleges in high school—offered her full tuition remission for a master’s program. She taught music at her high school alma mater while completing her masters over three summers.

Throughout her journey, Long recognized the support her parents provided, and how important that was to her success as a student. She vowed to pass that support on to her future students.

She came to know MICDS while working as an education representative for the local branch of an instrument shop. For Long, the School felt like home from the very beginning, and she saw immediately how her talent and experience might benefit the band program. She says that MICDS offers a global view of music, where it is and how it is today, and she credits Middle School Band Director Josh Baumgartner’s support and enthusiasm for developing a strong vision for the MICDS band program.

Ultimately, she’s striving to create a warm community within the MICDS band program. “I want to show students what they are capable of doing with music, and what it can do for their lives,” she said. “If I can teach students how to practice, they can take that experience to their other classes. Or maybe they’ll struggle to play a hard piece and learn about grit, and that lesson on perseverance will transfer to other parts of their life,” she said. She gives departing seniors copies of the children’s book *Mole Music* when they graduate, including a handwritten note inside the cover. The book is a reminder of how you can affect the world even when you don’t realize it.

Long’s family is still her biggest supporter in her musical life today. Her father and her husband pitch in with the pep band and help out at MICDS concerts. Her mother is often in the audience, encouraging Long’s sons Jace and Grayson, a new Ram this year, to appreciate the music their mother inspires from student musicians. Long’s band family extends to include friends, students and colleagues, so whether she’s at home jamming with her husband and dad or conducting the Upper School Winter Band Concert, she’s always among family.
Completing the Circle

By Cassandra Galluppi ’10

There are many things I find myself saying or doing that I can trace back to MICDS. As I transition from a researcher into an educator, I use my MICDS teachers for inspiration. I had the privilege of studying at the feet of so many charismatic, patient and generous educators, and I think about their teaching styles and use those memories to try to improve my own. If I can even come close to emulating the staggering number of favorite teachers I had at MICDS, I’ll be doing right by my students.

My teaching philosophy centers around helping students develop their critical thinking abilities and increasing their sense of self-worth. I believe in giving each student a measure of agency in relation to their own education, and in doing so, I hope to increase their engagement with the material and make them feel empowered as learners.
On Sabbatical

Teachers Experience Continued Learning

Thanks to the generous support of donors, MICDS teachers took advantage of professional development opportunities and brought back what they experienced and learned to their classrooms.

The Thomas Family Fellowship allowed Lower School teachers Ms. Robin Campbell and Ms. Veronica Wachter to travel to Beijing, China. The sabbatical featured cultural opportunities to expand their knowledge and extend their educational repertoire of Lower School Social Studies.

The Polk Family Summer Sabbatical Fellowship for the Teaching of English offered Mr. Tex Tourais time at Washington University’s Summer Writer’s Institute. He received instruction, feedback and short story recommendations that benefit his classes.

The generous funds provided by the Edward M. Rivinus Summer Sabbatical Award allowed Dr. Gabriel Grabarek to dig deeper into Roman culture through a trip to Italy, look at it in a way that is often unnoticed and share that knowledge with his Latin students.

The Mary Institute Class of 1957 Endowed Fund for Faculty Continuing Education offered Dance Teacher Ms. Summer Beasley the opportunity to experience performing, teaching and learning in Cape Town, South Africa. This endowed fund also gave Senóra Soledad Villagomez the opportunity to participate in a language and cultural program for Spanish teachers in Mérida, Mexico, where she learned about the culture, food and traditions of the Mayas in Yucatán.

Ms. Natalie Griffin, Middle School Spanish and Latin Teacher, received The Wilma and Roswell Messing Jr. ’34 Summer Sabbatical, which allowed her to spend time on the Spanish Mission Trail in California. She uses first-hand experiences to educate students about the cultural relevance of the Mission period and its importance to the United States today.

The Carol B. & Jerome T. Loeb Fund for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics award went to Mr. Greg Huntoon, Upper School Math Teacher, for the Stats Medic Summer Camp. He dove deeper into the specifics of the AP Exam, made connections with AP Statistics teachers from across the country and learned a new style of teaching.
Rams Celebrate Homecoming 2019

After a week of celebration in school, the MICDS community gathered for a weekend of fun and school spirit that kicked off with a varsity parade through Beasley, a Middle School Pep Rally and Friday food trucks.

The Pep Rally began with bagpipers — our tradition — before varsity captains introduced their teams. The night finished at the bonfire with the CDS fight song.

Saturday began with the annual Fun Run. The festively dressed crowd of runners and walkers enjoyed the 2.6-mile trip from John Burroughs School to MICDS. Families gathered at the MAC to enjoy the Family Carnival, and then the campus was abuzz with varsity sports. Rams Football dominated the JBS Bombers, winning 43-22!
A Race to the Finish

The annual Senior Boat Race started with four heats of advisory-constructed boats, a generous term to describe the constructions of cardboard, duct tape, plastic and paint. What added to the fun was that the race was the first opportunity to check sea worthiness.

Top finishers then competed in the final race. Some boats tipped almost immediately, while others made it halfway across the pond before succumbing. Cheers and laughter filled the air as students encouraged their rowers.

Dr. Gabe Grabarek’s advisory came out on top, winning the coveted first place title — and very illustrious trophy — in this year’s Senior Boat Race. After the race, as per tradition, seniors jumped in and cooled off in Polk Pond.
After discussing kindness and how it can make others feel, and reflecting on how they share it through words and actions, Lower School students brought it to life. They placed “kindness rocks” by the sidewalk where everyone who passes by can enjoy them.

Kindness Rocks

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Beasley on the Field

The Varsity Field Hockey team invited Beasley students to a fun afternoon on our new Thomas Field. Beasley students were excited to show off their skills and run around on a beautiful day. “When my former players bring their children to be coached by my current players, it reminds me that field hockey is about community, tradition and fun,” said Varsity Coach Lynn Mittler.

An Honor We Share

On August 27, Middle School students gathered in Eliot Chapel to reflect on the meaning and significance of their Honor Code. Devon Catsavis ’24 and Camden Miller ’24 felt particularly drawn to the key values of mutual respect and kindness. Catsavis said, “If we all thought about each others’ feelings more often in our day, many conflicts could be avoided.” Miller said, “As MICDS students we’ve been gifted with the opportunity to receive a great education. With this gift comes the responsibility to work hard, to do what is right and to treat each other well.”

“If we all thought about each others’ feelings more often in our day, many conflicts could be avoided.”

— DEVON CATSAVIS ’24
Two large maps — the world and the St. Louis region — appeared in Danforth Hall. Then flag pins began populating the maps, slowly at first and spreading quickly. Clusters of students and teachers could be found studying the wall, asking each other for help and explaining locations.

The maps bring our community together through our own personal histories. By marking where they are from or where they were born, students can engage with their peers and enjoy a visual aid that exemplifies MICDS’ global reach.

“We begin each year with new Middle School friends and I wanted to provide a fun opportunity to learn about each other and make connections about our histories,” said Head of Middle School Jen Schuckman.

While Middle School students, faculty and staff arrive on campus each day from 53 different ZIP Codes, they come to St. Louis from a much wider area. Many in our Middle School community were born in the United Kingdom, Belgium, Spain, Ukraine, China, the Philippines, Australia, Nigeria and Peru, among other places. We are fortunate to have such a global community, rich with diverse experience of culture and place, joined each day in school spirit.
A Box of Pax

By Sarah Garner, Lower School Art Teacher

After observing Nicaraguan artist Franck de las Mercedes’ art, second grade students created “Peace Boxes,” brightly painted packages figuratively filled with fragile ideas including peace, love, kindness, courage and more. The boxes are labeled “Handle with care. Fragile. Contains peace.” Students chose what they would symbolically put in their boxes and with whom they would share their packages. As they painted, they talked about making others feel happy, empowered or loved.

They learned about different color theories and how to best convey a message using acrylic paint as the medium. And they learned how sharing an idea through art can be very powerful and can even change the world.

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Rave Reviews

Upper School thespians presented *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* to sold-out audiences. Christopher, a mathematics whiz with autism played by Cal Barton ’21, struggles to sort out a mystery surrounding the killing of a neighbor’s dog. He pushes against his own boundaries in an attempt to discover the truth, and emerges stronger and with renewed relationships.

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The following students were selected to perform with the St. Louis Metro Women's District Choir:

MacKenzie Macam ’20
Hope Pohlman ’20
Nanayaa Ashie-Winns ’21
Lauren Douglas ’22

The following students were selected to perform with the St. Louis Metro Mixed District Choir:

Meaghan Cannon ’20
*Nick Clifford ’20
Alysha Ford ’20
*Weijia Jin ’20
*Akshay Patwardhan ’20
*Arjun Ramakrishnan ’20
*Elena Thomas ’20
Jaylah McMurtry ’21
Annabelle Abramov ’22
Samantha Iken ’22
Isaac Angelo Layugan ’22
Ittmum Zahir ’22
Alizeh Jawaid ’23

Students with a * scored in the top 20 of their respective voice parts and auditioned for the 2020 Missouri All-State Choir.

SING!
Students Selected for District Choir

Congratulations to the 17 MICDS students selected by audition to perform with the 2019 St. Louis Metro District Choir. Each student prepared a 90-second solo and completed an intense sight-singing audition to qualify for a spot in either the district mixed choir or district women’s choir.
“What is MICDS’ value proposition of being a JK-12 school?”

— BOARD OF VISITORS

Board of Visitors

The Board of Visitors alumni group joined us on campus to offer counsel and support. Members were asked “What is MICDS’ value proposition of being a JK-12 school?” which led to a vibrant discussion on how we can leverage and amplify our promise, program, identity, history and energy as the only non-sectarian school in St. Louis.
#RamNation

Rams Rewind

FALL SPORTS SEASON RECAPS

Field Hockey
Midwest Champions

The MICDS Field Hockey team took every advantage of their new field to play their best games of the season in the Midwest tournament semifinals, winning 6-1 over Nerinx Hall, and beating Villa Duchesne 1-0 to capture the 41st Midwest Championship. Finishing the season 18-3-1 with all three losses coming to top 20 Midwest Ranked teams, the Rams overcame injuries and adversity to win in the final game of the season after two previous losses. The Rams will graduate seven seniors, six of whom will go on to play field hockey in college. Mia Duchars ’20 was named Metro League Co-player of the Year while 11 other players were recognized on First and Second All-Metro teams.

Girls Cross Country
Class 2 State Champions

The 2019 season was the best in program history. The Rams won the Class 3 State Championship and Julia Ray ’23 was the individual Champion. Captain Palmer Mihailevich ’20 finished 6th overall to earn All-State honors for the second time. Riley Noonan ’22, Simrin Phatak ’21, Morgan Weber ’21, Captain Sarah Reed ’20 and Ashley Benoist ’23 are the other members of the State Championship team. MICDS also won the Class 3 District 4 Championship. The Rams scored 37 points led by Ray who was the District Champion and set a course record for the challenging layout. Mihailevich finished in 3rd overall. Three other Rams earned All-District honors by finishing in the top 15. The team also won the final Lutheran South Invitational, the Lutheran North Invitational and the Frank Lemmons Hannibal Invitational. They defended the belt in the MICDS-JBS Fun Run. Mihailevich won the Harriet Green Award given by the team annually to the most inspirational team member.

Girls Golf
Second at Districts

Lady Rams bounced back from disappointing ’18 regular season with a 6-2 record in ’19. They placed 2nd at Districts at Lake of the Woods before moving on to Sectionals at Country Club of Missouri, where they finished 3rd, eliminating the team from competing at State. Captain Parker Perry ’20 took medalist honors at Districts and qualified for State individually after medaling at Sectionals, as did GiGi Goltermann ’20, making it for her 4th straight year, and Katie Mikulec ’22, her 2nd straight year. Perry placed 5th, Goltermann 16th and Mikulec 22nd individually. Christine Zhang ’20, Zoya Qayyum ’20 and Elena Thomas ’20 were great contributors over the successful season. We’ll miss the leadership as seven seniors move on to greater opportunities in college.
01. Congratulations to the Field Hockey team for capturing the Midwest Championship.

02. Girls Cross Country had their best season in program history, bringing home the Class 3 State Championship.

03. Garrett Golterman ’20 lines up her shot at the Girls Golf State Championship.
Boys Cross Country
Falk Qualifies for State

The team finished 3rd in the highly competitive Metro League meet. Will Falk ’21 and Luke Rickers ’21 qualified for All Metro-League honors with 7th place and 13th place finishes, respectively. The team fought valiantly at Districts, but despite fantastic efforts did not qualify for State. Several runners had their season best time on a challenging course, including co-captains Henry Posega Rappleye ’20 and Rickers. Falk placed 8th to qualify for State. Other best times included Jonah Zacks ’21, Jackson Strelo ’21 and Joseph Coolidge ’20. Falk set a personal record at State, breaking the 17-minute barrier for the first time and finishing 36th out of 169. Only one runner from Districts and one runner for the League meet placed ahead of Falk. He rose to the occasion in the championship moment and represented MICDS admirably with a fantastic race.

Girls Tennis
Success at Districts and State

This team combined youth with experience to achieve positive results, including runners-up at the Metro League Tournament and second at Team Districts. Captains Meredith Goldberg ’20, Eliana Brook ’20 and Neil Melton ’20 significantly contributed with Brook at the #4 singles spot and Melton at #3 doubles. At individual Districts, Goldberg and Brook combined in doubles to finish 4th. Lauren Ferguson ’20 had a strong season playing at #5 singles, clinching a 5-4 victory over Ladue and finishing 2nd at the Metro League tournament. Ashley Kane ’21 had a standout performance at #3 singles in the Metro League Tournament with a 2nd place finish. Jordan Miller ’22 and Kashish Motwani ’23 finished 2nd at the Metro League Tournament at #5 doubles, Stella Kreisel ’23 and Nia Cooper ’23 finished 2nd in singles, along with Journee White ’22. White and Cooper came in 2nd at #1 doubles and Kasia Gorzko ’22 teamed with Daphne Burgis ’20 to finish 2nd at #6 doubles. Chelsey Nwamu ’23 returned from an injury early in the season to have a remarkable 3rd place finish in singles at Districts.

White and Cooper won the District Doubles Championship to qualify for the individual State Doubles Championship, where they reached semi-finals and played a close match against eventual champion John Burroughs, finishing in 4th place overall. This was White’s second straight top-five finish at State.
**Football**

**4th Consecutive Winning Season**

The MICDS football program completed its 101st year of football with a record of 7-4. The Rams fought through a number of bumps and bruises throughout the season to finish with a winning record for the 4th consecutive year. **Luke Bernstein ’20, Jalen Pace ’21** and **Nate Smith ’21** all received 1st Team All-Conference honors. Further, Smith became the first player since 2011 to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a single season, placing him 10th on the All-Time CDS/MICDS program rushing list. His 110 points also placed him 10th on the All-Time CDS/MICDS program single season scoring list.

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**Volleyball**

**Silver Division Tournament Winners**

The 2019 Volleyball season was one of learning and growth. The season theme of “Together We Are United” was put to the test week after week as they learned how to deal with winning and losing as a team. Throughout the season, they played with determination to improve not only in their skill level, but in their knowledge of the game. They fought through hard losses and exciting wins and ended the season by winning the Silver Division of the MICDS Invitational Tournament. **Cece Nourie ’21** was named to the All-Tournament team at both the Alton Classic and MICDS Invitational tournaments, and to the 2nd Team All-Metro League. Co-Captain **Asher Clarke ’20** was named to the 2nd Team All-District and 2nd Team All-Metro League.

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01. Will Falk ‘21 chalked up a new PR at the State Cross Country Meet.

02. Journee White ‘22 achieved her second straight top-five finish at State.

03. Rams Football celebrated a 4th straight winning season.

04. Rams Volleyball won the Silver Division of the MICDS Invitational Tournament.
Boys Swimming  
Individual and Team Success  

The team finished the season 7th at Class I State Champs, ending up 6-3 in dual meet competition. All three of the boys relay teams scored at State, with the 200 Medley and 400 Free relays finishing in the top eight. Eric Ji ’21 and Greg Dreisewerd ’21 finished top-eight in all of their individual events. Captain Jackson Fox ’21 and Ryan Mauney ’22 both scored by finishing in the top-16 for their individual events. Captain Mika Shapshovich ’20 and Jon Zhang ’20 also competed in individual events and the scoring relays. This year’s squad featured a strong freshman class, including standout sprinters Wayne Webster ’23 and Mason Boon ’23. Chase Bouchein ’21 came close to qualifying for State in the 500 after making some major time drops throughout the season. He was also part of the top-16 scoring 200 Free Relay.

Boys Soccer  
Top-10 State Ranking  

Boys soccer had another successful season finishing with a record of 13-9. Highlights from the season included victories over rivals Ladue and Priory. The Rams tested themselves against a difficult schedule and maintained a top-10 ranking in the state throughout the season. Captains Will Bohlmann ’20, Stanley Ding ’20, Zak Mitra ’20 and Evan Hofer ’20 provided outstanding leadership throughout the season and helped the team to play an attractive style of soccer. Walter Ralph ’21, Alexander Birkel ’21 and Hayden Fischer ’21 paced the attack, scoring a combined 36 goals while Joe Nicpon ’21 led a stingy defense.

Boys Varsity Cyclocross  
Meeting Challenges  

Rams Cyclocross was back in action this year and did not miss a step as many on the team capitalized on big fitness gains from the spring road season. Garrett Christian ’20 led the way and was the first to step up into Men’s Cat 5 closely followed by Quin Moore ’20, Lucas McCarty ’21 and Joey Roth ’21. The team met the challenge of the much longer Men’s races and quickly positioned themselves as hardworking competitors. Christian just missed the podium several times with 7th place finishes at St. Vincent Park and Creve Coeur Park. In December, Christian and Moore looked to build on the success of last year’s 2nd and 3rd place finishes in the Juniors division at the State Championship but had to fend off significant challenges from their teammates as they raced in the more competitive Men’s division.
The Cheerleading Squad started their season with an intensive camp in Branson, Missouri during the first week of June focusing on skills and team building. They continued to work together and support our football team through the regular and playoff season. Toward the end of the season, they took time to share their wealth of knowledge with the Beasley students when they held a mini-clinic for future cheerleaders. Prior to the last home football game, the cheerleaders helped coach the Beasley young ladies. The cheerleaders endured heat, rain and cold while keeping their spirits high and helping the crowd cheer on the Rams. They are excited to continue to build their strong team bonds as they move into the winter season!
“Technology isn’t neutral, so we need to be skeptical.”

— Anthony Chivetta

Learning from Mistakes: The 2019 Harbison Lecture

Upper School students gathered in October to hear from Anthony Chivetta ’08 speak about where technology and engineering have gone wrong, how we learn and grow from those experiences, and how technology uses “dark patterns” to manipulate users. Mr. and Mrs. Harbison established the Harbison Lecture Fund in 1994 to commemorate Mrs. Harbison’s 50th Class Reunion.
PLANNED GIVING

Alumna Places MICDS Center Stage in Giving

Noel Messing Hefty ’66: Dancer / Choreographer,
Mary Institute Alumna, MICDS Planned Giving 
Donor, Enjoys waltz, cha cha, merengue  
and jitterbug.

“Dance brings me joy. It fills my soul,”
recounts Noel Messing Hefty ’66. 
“Whether watching or doing, movement 
done creatively and expertly fills my 
heart. My parents taught me how to 
dance...and our dance teacher at 
Mary Institute taught me to have faith 
in my ability.”

Today, Hefty looks back at a life lifted by 
all aspects of dance - as a choreographer, 
instructor, performer and philanthropist -
and is quick to credit her days in the 
Mary I dance studio for her development. 

“I always wanted to be a dance teacher, 
and Mrs. Joan Matranga was the person 
who really mentored me. The dance 
program at MI was very powerful in my 
day,” she recalls. “I will always be 
grateful for that.”

And we will always be grateful to Hefty for 
the many ways she has held the bar high 
for MICDS. As a former member of the 
National Board of Visitors, 50th Reunion 
Class Treasurer, Reunion Volunteer 
and regular MICDS Fund donor, she has 
kept her alma mater in first position 
throughout her life. But a few years ago 
when she informed the School of her 
decision to include MICDS in her estate 
plans, she out-leaped even herself.

“Sustainability is my ultimate hope for 
the School. The educational experiences 
at MICDS are so unique and amazing, and 
the students who go there are so lucky. 
I want to continue to help create unique 
experiences for them, and I know that 
by keeping the library with my sister’s 
name on it well endowed, it helps to fund 
amazing programs.”

Hefty’s sister, Wilma J. Messing ’62,
known as “Jeanne” to family and friends, 
passed away her freshman year at Mary 
Institute. Their parents, Wilma and 
Roswell “Bud” Messing ’34, made the 
generous decision to fund what is now the 
Middle School library in Jeanne’s name. 
“My estate plan is very focused on my 
sister’s library. Planned giving was never 
really a conversation in our family as 
much as it was an example. After Jeanne 
died, it was important for my parents to 
create a legacy for her.”

Over the years, Hefty and her family have 
put MICDS center stage in their giving. 
The Messing family name appears on 
a variety of spaces and programs that 
they have funded for many generations, 
including the first-floor hallway of 
Beasley, Messing Library, Messing 
Gallery, The Messing Summer Sabbatical 
and The Messing Endowment for Online 
Technology. Their philanthropic habit 
has spanned several acts, and given 
the family much satisfaction. “Find 
something you are passionate about, 
and give to that,” Hefty recommends. 
She has certainly followed her own 
advice, and we applaud her.

If you’re 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 and Planned Gifts, at 314-995-7455 
or krose@micds.org.
Julie Loydon Ralph

Julie Ralph, parent of Walter ’21 and Philip ’23, shares why she and her husband, Eric, support MICDS.

Why do we give to MICDS? There are many reasons.

50 Hours - The average time Walter and Philip each spend weekly at school. For all the moments where our sons are known, valued, supported and believed in, we support the MICDS Fund.

Sitting in Walter’s seventh grade advisory conference as Tim Canavan reassuringly tells him, “Preparedness lessens anxiety.” Listening during his tenth grade advisory conference while Christopher Barker looks at him and says, “I have your back.” Attending Walter’s eleventh grade math conference as Melanie Moody looks at him and says, “You can do this, I know you can.” Walter being known, supported, and valued by Dean Ludbrook. For these moments, we support the MICDS Fund.

Moments of excitement as Walter and Philip play together on the soccer field. Scoring a winning goal. A hat trick. Losing and managing the intense disappointment with support from teammates and Coach Fischer. For these moments, we support the MICDS Fund.

Philip heading off to ninth grade happy and desiring challenge, even while missing Will Shockley’s and Darrett Thompson’s middle school classes. Seeing him engaged by Changa Bey’s history class and embracing the challenge of science with extra help from Annie Knapp. Philip receiving support and guidance from Dean Gioia when faced with a challenge. For these moments, we support the MICDS Fund.

For all the other faculty and staff who meaningfully impact ours sons’ learning and development and for all the other moments that are joyful, frustrating, rewarding, challenging, invigorating, and worrisome, Eric and I support the MICDS Fund. We hope you will, too.
A Golden Ticket

By Allison Light, Director of Annual Giving

As my son started Middle School, I knew he was going to have to learn independence and manage more complex schedules and academic experiences. I needed a creative perspective to pump him up. I want him to approach learning with joy, excitement and curiosity. What does that look like?

Willy Wonka.

I told Charlie (yes, that’s really his name) he doesn’t have to be at MICDS. “We made this choice because of the programs and opportunities, and Charlie, you have been handed a Golden Ticket. Drink from the chocolate river, eat the everlasting gobstoppers and lick the lickable wallpaper.” He laughed; the twinkle in his eye meant he got it.

Our kids are going to show their character flaws, they are going to fall into the chocolate river or chew themselves into a giant blueberry, but they will do it in a container of compassion, courage and empowerment and the perfect amount of trust that it is all going to work out.

The MICDS Fund makes this possible. We rely on donations, in addition to tuition and endowment income, to keep the lights on, ensure our faculty and staff are paid and that our student-teacher ratio remains low, provide nutritious food in the cafeterias, support financial aid for every child (because tuition doesn’t cover it all), fund field trips and technology and exceed all expectations.

My wish for all MICDS students is that they eagerly sample all the candy in this factory with curiosity and joy. I also hope you will support the MICDS Fund at a level that feels right for your family. It’s the most important gift you can make that will benefit every child every single day, allowing all our students to try that glass elevator.
NEWS FOR MARY INSTITUTE AND SAINT LOUIS COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL ALUMNAE AND ALUMNI

The following pages reflect notes submitted through
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FOR THE RECORD

Births and Adoptions

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN TO OUR MICDS FAMILY.

Lindsay Haffner Eagleton ’00 and Mark Christopher Eagleton ’00:
Beatrice Jane Eagleton, March 7, 2019 (photo 1)

Charles N. McAlpin Jr. ’01 and Allison:
Eleanor Margaret McAlpin, July 12, 2019

Margaret Jordan Chastain ’07 and Chris:
Oliver James Chastain, July 15, 2019

Anne Gaebe Stanley ’00 and Bradford:
Virginia Keating Gaebe, August 20, 2019 (photo 2)

Michael Sedwick ’08 and Emily:
Diana Swann Sedwick, September 4, 2019 (photo 3)
Marriages

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

Aisha Bell Robinson ’99 and Manvel L. Robinson, September 28, 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!

Alumni/ae Deaths

THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2019

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES OF ALUMNI/AE WE HAVE LOST.

Esther Baker Fuhrer ’35, March 24, 2018
Frances Catlin Tilt ’35, June 23, 2013
Thomas A. Cooper ’40, April 20, 2014
Patricia Adams Sterling ’42, June 25, 2019
William Wolff ’43, July 26, 2019
Dixon F. Spivy ’43, August 3, 2019
Patricia Lawton Miller ’45, July 23, 2019
William W. Sant II ’45, August 6, 2019
James K. Mellow ’45, August 5, 2019
Margaret Campbell Minnis ’45, August 22, 2019
Ruth Antrim Stanley ’46, October 2019
Alva Moog Jr. ’47, September 3, 2019
Sharon Wemhoener Keith ’49, April 21, 2019
James G. Houzer ’49, September 11, 2019
Helen Laird Hetlage ’49, October 7, 2019
Patricia A. Reaves ’50, July 26, 2019
Sandra Collinger Rosen ’50, August 16, 2019
Margaret Bragdon Shepley ’52, July 25, 2019
Louise Levin Mandel ’53, August 30, 2019
Athar G. Mertis ’53, September 25, 2019
Emery T. Cleave ’54, February 4, 2018
Gay M. Hirsch ’55, July 10, 2019
Leslie Shepperson Watson ’55, July 22, 2019
Drummond B. Hadley ’55, November 26, 2015
Frederick B. Drosten ’55, September 2, 2019
Julianne Williams Deggendorf ’56, September 23, 2019
Thomas A. Mason ’59, June 12, 2019
M. Weldon Rogers III ’59, July 19, 2019
Cyril Smith Jr. ’59, March 19, 2014
Steven L. Lopata ’60, March 5, 2018
Angus L. McQueen ’62, July 16, 2019
Nancy O’Leary ’62, October 2, 2019
James R. Lopata ’63, August 6, 2019
Ann Calfee Alden ’65, July 25, 2019
Mark W. Brandhorst ’72, August 8, 2019
Gordon Z. Newton ’80, February 24, 2019

Faculty Deaths

Elson T. Harmon, CDS faculty member from 1975 to 1986
Colette J. “Madame Ely” Scott, MI faculty member from 1951 to 1987
Elaine Alexander, MI faculty member from 1973 to 1990
**MICDS Reunion Weekend**

**Celebration Classes**

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An invitation to reminisce & reconnect.
Chicago Alumni Event

Chicago-area alumni (photos 1-4) gathered at the Racquet Club of Chicago on Wednesday, September 18, to kick off the first of many Meet and Greets with new Head of School Jay Rainey. Graduates from the classes of 1961 to 2017 enjoyed chatting with Rainey over hors d’oeuvres and cocktails. A former Chicago resident himself, Rainey shared some of his favorite memories from living in the city. He also talked about exciting happenings at MICDS. Many thanks to Kirk Baldwin ’83 for sponsoring the evening as a club member.

New York Alumni Event

On Tuesday, September 24, nearly 100 alumni filled the Schermerhorn Room at the Union Club of the City of New York for an opportunity to meet and greet our new Head of School (photos 5-7). Graduates from the classes of 1951 to 2015 mingled over hors d’oeuvres and drinks and enjoyed the chance to hear Rainey’s reflections on his first few months at MICDS. Many thanks to club member Jack Burkhardt ’07, for sponsoring the event.

Washington, D.C. Alumni Event

The party atmosphere then progressed to Washington, D.C., where area alumni gathered for a cocktail reception (photos 8-10) at the University Club on September 25, sponsored by Zach Archer ’02. The intimate setting of the Keefer Memorial Library allowed attendees from the classes of 1952 to 2015 to talk one-on-one with Rainey throughout the evening before he shared his remarks on the state of the School.
The Mary Institute Class of 1954 gathered at the Racquet Club Ladue on September 18. The event was sponsored by Sandra Humphreys Stemmler ’54, who invited her classmates with a poem:

Come for supper, enjoy the crowd ’54 is standing proud!
Sip a drink, have some dinner This eve is sure to be a winner
So join the fun while we still can
Bring yourself, but not your man!

Bob Jackes ’55 reports, “I have written a book called What a Way to Make a Living that is for sale on Amazon.com. It starts in 1953 in Mr. Twitchell’s English class, so it should register with some of the ’53-’55 classmates.”

The Mary Institute Class of 1955 lovingly remembers our classmates who are lost to us and sends our best wishes to all. For those of you who are able, please energize yourself for our 65th reunion in May 2020.

The Mary Institute Class of 1956 lost one of its finest. We mourn the loss of Julie Williams Deggendorf, who was a member of our class for 14 years. We will miss her kindness, smile, and sense of humor. We are grateful for the care Nancy Noland Kurten and her husband, Nick, gave her. Nancy and Nick have had time to relax on Whidbey Island near Seattle.

On a happier note, Page Sharp Jackson and Barry ’51 had a wonderful cruise to Alaska with their son, Josh.

Jody Noel Dietz and Adie ’52 are in their new apartment, and they spent much of the summer dividing their time between Harbor Beach and Crystal Lake, Michigan. Carol Culver Bitting also spent time in Harbor Point, Michigan.

Mary Zeppenfeld Glaub and Allyn visited St. Louis briefly. They are very happy living in the Kansas City area. Carolyn Frank Henges spent most of her summer at her home in Idaho with visits from her children. Ellen Armstrong Wallace and John ’52 also spent some time at their home in Idaho.

Judy Trimble Lane reports that her hip replacement went well. Nancy Green Maune loves her new apartment in Richmond, Virginia, and has met other residents who have a St. Louis connection. Nancy Buford Ream made her annual visit to the family farm. Two of her grandchildren also spent time with her. Jody, Adie, and myself (Ann Luedinghaus Case) also visited her. Susie Fischer Yoder entertained Mary Morey Bradley, Page, Barry, and me at a delicious brunch when I visited Susie in Naples, Florida. Email or call me with your news.
DeDe DeWitt Lambert reports: “I am finally settled after moving last November. Downsizing is not fun but now that it is all over I love my new digs.” DeDe continues to spend the winter in Florida; Harbor Springs, Michigan, in the summer; and St. Louis in the spring and fall. She plays duplicate bridge weekly with Ann Lortz Brightman when in Florida, and she played with Cookie Ellermann Arneson over the summer in Charlevoix. She celebrated her 80th birthday with family.

Barbara Kaufman Wood and her husband are still enjoying life in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Penny Gray Howland “wishes each of the class of ’57 a happy happy 80th birthday. Here’s to good health and good times ahead. It seems like yesterday we were dancing around the maypole!” Penny continues to be a Carlisle stylist after 36 years. “Keeps me busy!”

Bonnie Barton Wolfarth writes from Florida that they will be attending three high school graduations in the spring. “We will travel to Choate in Connecticut for Lambert Perkins, our and DeDe’s granddaughter; back to St. Louis for Meade Summers IV ’20 from MICDS; and then off to California for Alexandra Aladham from Pacific Palisades. Whew!” Their oldest grandchild, Catlin Aladham, is a junior at the University of California, Berkeley.

Margaret Drum Bergfeld continues making lawns beautiful with her landscaping business “although I am slower than I used to be,” she writes. The home where she grew up on Spoeed Road was demolished for a St. Louis County Library extension. “I am sad for the house, built in 1865, but more so for the trees.” Husband, Bill, is doing well after surviving cancer. Their oldest daughter lives on the family farm, Susan Aladham, is teaching with the Special School District, and Julie runs a yoga studio and coaches cross-country.

Cynthia Hungerford Gibbons writes: “All is well. I spend my time painting, reading and playing tennis. It’s amazing to be 80.” She and Mike celebrated 40 years of marriage recently. She will have an art exhibition in Palm Beach next spring. Cynthia wishes everyone good health.

Joyce Kohn Pass and Jules continue to enjoy working, Jules with his antique store and Joyce going on 41 years with McAfee Real Estate. They are still traveling to Europe and had a “great Mediterranean cruise in June.” Joyce and Jules get together with Jane Hardesty Poole when they are in New York. “We had a great evening at a clam/lobster bake in Rye, New York, with Jane.”

Suzanne Jones Stolar writes: “Henry and I celebrated our (gulp) 80th birthdays traveling. We spent two weeks in Paris and a week each in Cannes and Nice. Then we were off to explore Morocco for three weeks. A highlight was crossing the Strait of Gibraltar from Tangier, watching North Africa fade away and Spain come into view. We climbed through huge wartime tunnels in the Rock of Gibraltar, quite a British fortress.” Sounds fascinating and exhausting.

Judy Jones Motley tells us she doesn’t have much news. Knowing Judy, I’m sure she is involved in a number of interesting activities.

Louise Bartlett Franklin sold her house in May and is moving into a 55 -community. “Time to leave a two-story house and a mature perennial garden. Getting my house ready to sell, downsizing, inspections and closing have been a nightmare.” Louise is living in the condo of Lana Mueller Jordan ’58 while she is away at her summer home. Louise and her sister Roberta Bartlett Logan ’60 went on an Alaskan cruise in July, and in September, her son, Christo, and his wife, Olivia, invited her to join them in Phoenix to celebrate her 80th birthday.

Margot Maritz Martin writes: “Much of my summer was spent going through years of collections and attending to things that have been put off in my house, where I plan to stay. I continue to work at a mental health outpatient clinic on an as-needed basis. It allows me to have free time to read, garden, walk and keep up with the news. We celebrated my 80th birthday at the Sugar Tree Club. They even managed to get 80 candles on the cake that set off the smoke alarm!”

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The class sends its sincere condolences to Lil Brokaw Metcalfe on the death of her husband James “Jay” W. Metcalfe on October 11, 2019. Lil, we send our love and sympathy to you, Betsy ’94 and Kenny ’91.

Susan Donnell has moved to Columbia, Missouri, and her address is 3700 S. Lenoir St., Apt. 117, Columbia, MO 65201.

Next year we will all turn 80 — Yikes! How does everyone feel about having a mini-reunion here in St. Louis with a private, classmates-only dinner and perhaps a tour of the new Arch grounds and riverfront? Maybe in the fall of 2020? Or any other ideas? Send us an email!

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Charles E. Valier writes: “Greetings from northern Michigan where we have been ensconced for the last five months. Classmates nearby are Geoff McClelland, who lives 40 yards from me, and Louis Goldring, who lives in socially upscale Harbor Springs. Rich Nelson stopped at Louis’ for a day and we had dinner. Bob Barrett ’57 and Dick Engelsmann ’57 are close neighbors on the Belvedere in Charlevoix. Facing the prospect of physical deterioration from the aging process, I have begun a new exercise program. My two-and-a-half-year-old Golden Retriever, Tigger, and I embark on daily two-hour walks down a country road just outside of town.”
Traversing the same road for the last three and a half months has strengthened my knees, reduced my weight and improved my heart rate. You would think it was a solitary enterprise but having a pretty girl with me caused all the local residents to stop and chat. We now know everyone in the neighborhood."

Warren Bœschlenstein reports that he had a showing in October of his recent paintings at City Space Gallery in Charlottesville, Virginia.

**1959 MI**

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Greetings to classmates,

After all the good reports from you at the time of our 55th Reunion, news this cycle is scant. The new Head of School, Jay Rainey, visited San Francisco in November.

Jinks Haigler writes: “Dear Classmates, I miss you all and still remember the fond memories from our MI class reunion. While I have certainly lost a step or two, I am enjoying the Gatesworth and my many local friends and family members. Please give me a call to catch up or let me buy you lunch if you drop by the Gatesworth. Best to all.”

Josephine Christian Weil is busy with three generations. “Grandson, Sammy, woke up singing happy birthday on his 6th birthday. He is in pre-school at MICDS and went in full MICDS regalia. The birthday child and family are invited to the school to make cupcakes for the class. This past weekend was Gabe’s birthday, and 12 of his old friends flew in to celebrate. They had dinner at the Four Seasons overlooking the Arch. Richard and I have gotten involved in the new Girl Scouts organization.”

Margi Cardwell Higonnet reports that she is very busy this fall writing scholarly articles, despite scheduling two cataract operations. “I’ve been distracted by work for a UNESCO environmental group called BRIDGES, which met in Sigtuna, Sweden. My assignment was to develop suggestions about different kinds of educational programs that can promote sustainability.”

Sheila Morrin Humphreys says: “I am having fun as co-chair of a history project for “150 Years of Women at Berkeley,” a yearlong celebration in 2020. The compilation of all kinds of documents will culminate in a permanent website. I had to get a Twitter account because my fellow committee members use Twitter. What is next?”

**1959 CDS**

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Henry Massie reports from Berkeley, California, “I have announced my retirement to my patients after 45 years of psychiatric practice effective April 1, 2020. For sure; no fooling. It will be very liberating to no longer be on call.”

Julius Frager reports that he has been in contact with Don Price, who is living in Sarasota, Florida. He tells me that Don is a serious philatelist (stamp collector) with a very impressive collection.

Bill Dyer wrote: “Kathy and I finally moved out of Chicago to The Villages in Florida. We’re enjoying a very active lifestyle, and I’m playing golf twice a week. Shot my age six times this year, but I moved up to the next forward tees so I can hit the greens in regulation, enjoying golf to the limit. The Cardinals are still my favorite team. My oldest granddaughter is attending the Dental School at the University of Alabama, full ride scholarship, thanks to the Navy. Life is good.”

George Bornstein called to say he is “still alive and still writing articles,” most recently one titled “Irish, Jewish or Both.” It’s on pages 127—139 of Irish Questions and Jewish Crossovers in Culture. He and his lovely wife Jane have celebrated 37 years of marriage.

A quick hit from Bill Spencer (usually a reliable news source), who promises more news next issue since he is “on the road” fishing in British Columbia and cattle ranching in Montana.

R.K. Barton has sold his home of 39 years in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, and moved “up north” to Bellaire within The Shanty Creek Resort, a golf and skiing resort where he has owned property since 1978. Bellaire is just east of Torch Lake and 35 miles northeast of Traverse City. Classmates should let him know when they are coming to northern Michigan.

Cody Westerbeck and his wife, Clare Kunny, are about to depart on a month-long trip to the Veneto in Italy, then Paris, and ending with a week in New York with Cody’s daughter and family. The first half, in Italy, is business for Clare and her company Art Muse/ Los Angeles; the rest is R&R with friends and family.

Many of you already know this, but I think it’s my duty to share bad news as well as the good: We learned that Cyril Smith passed away in 2015 at his home in Nashville, Tennessee, and Tom Mason and Weldon Rogers left us this past summer.

The “lunch bunch” -- Chip Matthews, Butch Welsch, Jim Schneithors and yours truly -- continue to meet every Monday at Lester’s, 9906 Clayton Road, 11:30 a.m. sharp. All members of the CDS Class of ’59 are welcome.

**1960 MI**

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Well, as luck would have it, my anticipated six weeks in Belize caring for baby howler monkeys ended after only one week due to a broken foot… slipped on wet tile sending feed bowls and milk syringes clattering in all directions but neither I nor the baby on my shoulder hit the ground! So, while that was a swing and a miss, the good news is that this column will come to fruition after all.
Class Notes

What can I say? Lucy Schmitz Morros, ever our most enthusiastic Francophile and president of the Alliance Française, writes of the hugely successful effort to raise money to repair the organs of Notre Dame de Paris damaged in the fire. Christ Church Cathedral was the scene of a French music organ benefit marathon on Bastille Day and I’m sure Mr. Arnatt, our music teacher and organ enthusiast, was wildly applauding in the rafters. Lucy’s Boyd is still warbling away in his singing group, The Tremble Clefs, an outstandingly named group for those with Parkinson’s. Lucy says their concerts are great!

Leanne Abramson Schneider and her Harvey, in keeping with their new plan to never spend more than four hours on a plane to anywhere, visited Costa Rica in February and enjoyed it thoroughly. (Seriously, who doesn’t love Costa Rica and for those of you who may be geographically curious, they left from Charlotte, thus the four-hour window!) She describes their summer sojourn in Chautauqua, NY, as a sort of adult camp, i.e., no canoeing, horseback riding or archery. There were, however, lectures, concerts, ballet and opera performances and presumably cocktails. She and Harvey plan to return. I may go as well.

Our super-talented photographer, Patsy Kline Hall, writes that she has done nothing interesting. I could very well let this stand but, no...After her heart attack and by-pass surgery last year, Patsy has been forced to slow down a bit but is still taking photography trips, visiting her newly married son in Las Vegas and redecorating their house. Recently, she and Dik enjoyed a whirlwind trip to St. Louis where they enjoyed dinner hosted by Charlotte Johansen Hamilton including Leanne Abramson Schneider, Liz Curtis Allen, Lucy Schmitz Morros and their various handsome spouses. Does this sound like slowing down to you? Any of you who know Patsy know she is a total dynamo and one of the most intuitive wildlife photographers ever. Check out her work on www.photographybypatsy.net.

Since she retired from the real estate business late last year, Carol Thomas Ruikka has been wandering down memory lane, visiting her old college alma mater, Western College for Women, and her cousin in Cincinnati, both scenes of many fun times in the past. Carol hopes to spend some time in St. Louis reconnecting with her MI sisters. They are a rowdy bunch, Carol! Put on your party shoes!

Next up is Anne Baldwin Wetzel who wrote more about everyone else than about herself! Suzanne Macdonald Meirink came up from Florida to see her daughter perform in the Muny Opera’s production of “Paint Your Wagon,” and she, along with Leanne and Anne, got together for lunch. You can’t hide, Suzy Q! Anne’s grandson, Chris, is now in med school and I’m hoping he specializes in geriatric medicine, clearly of looming import for all of us. :)

Carol Willis Clifton reports that her family is doing well and that her son has completed building a beautiful house in Vero Beach “across from the ocean.” Carol, maybe you and Al should consider visiting after hurricane season...just sayin’...Carol’s Al is playing golf and doing his best “Easy Rider” imitation on his bike. Hope he’s got Carol riding pillion!

Sarah McDowell has been off and traveling again, sometimes on Road Scholar trips with her grandsons and sometimes just on her own: trains, blues and jazz in St. Louis, Chicago and Kansas City. When she’s at home in her beloved Denver, she plays piano for the residents of nursing homes and Alzheimer units... Oh Lordy, please put me there should I need it!!!

On a somewhat more disquieting note, Carol Laube Paquin watches from her window as her seasonal Monet-like pond dries up and the remaining fish are picked off by lurking egrets and herons. Well, that’s certainly a visual... Happily, Carol was chosen Artist of the Month displaying a selection of her work in jewelry and ceramics at the rock museum. She is busily directing a large exhibit of scale miniature vignettes and preparing for holiday jewelry and pottery craft shows in southern Oregon.

It would appear that a lot of us are on the road going somewhere or, in Liz Curtis Allen’s case, on the river. That would be the Seine, where she floated from Paris to Rouen, Versailles, Giverny and Normandy. She said the French were nice to her, as well they should be, and a little down home time in Michigan with her large, wonderful family rounded out her summer. 60 years of Croquet Tournaments is very impressive, Liz!

As California wildfire season swings into high gear, Roberta Bartlett Logan has to deal with the latest utility shut down and the not so amusing rapidly defrosting freezer, a nice segue into reminiscing about her cruise to Alaska with her sister, Louise Bartlett Franklin ’57, which she reports was remarkable. This “river” travel thing is gaining some purchase among our classmates, and Roberta is considering a Mississippi cruise after reunion next spring and I think we should all jump on board with this idea...paddle wheeling it down to The Big Easy for a little jazz and jambalaya!

After the loss of her husband, David, Deedee Kessler Ostfeld has been spending lots of special time with her granddaughters and planning trips to visit family in Chicago and Sun Valley. The whole brood will be spending Thanksgiving in Puerto Vallarta, which sounds pretty festive to me. Ole!!

As if film-making, jewelry fabrication and interactive multimedia extravaganzas were not enough, our Jill Evans Petzall continues to reinvent herself. A now-published poet, she draws on 70 years of stored memories to give us an intimate peek behind the door of a relentlessly examined life. She is brave and honest. She also is the doyen of three kids and six grandkids, and while she may long for some great grand, she is aware that that choice is made with more serious reflection than in our generation. Well, thankfully, most choices are! And then, some aren’t. :-(

She of incredible numbers of grandkids and thus birthdays to remember, Barbara Berkley Salsich and her husband, Pete, are also cutting back on travel except for trips to southern California to visit the family offspring not immediately accessible in St. Louis. She reports being extra busy working in her garden, and after completing a massive garden renovation myself, I can totally relate to the demanding nature of all growing things! Little green tyrants!
Not only do she and Ronnie fly back and forth from St. Louis to New York to Aspen and probably a zillion other lovely places, Jan Schonwald Greenberg keeps turning out amazing books for youngsters which might just get them off their phones! Her latest about the Giacometti brothers, *Two Brothers Four Hands*, is now available with apparently great reviews. A picture taken at the St. Louis book signing is of great historical value as it shows Jan with Anne Willis Hetlage, our tenth grade history teacher, Charlotte, Jill and Nancy Freund Kalishman’47, our sixth grade teacher. Now that’s a definite score! Having been married nigh on 56 years, she and Ronnie remain very close to their family and clearly to each other!

Life has been a bit complicated for our Madelon Sprengnether of late. Not only has she dealt with a death in the family but the complex and often difficult business of retiring, she from the University of Minnesota, knee surgery (unfortunately that particular little event looms large in many of our futures!) and writing a memoir, not ever the easiest of introspective tasks. Offsetting all this was a relaxing trip to Baja with her family, where she allowed as how there was a lot of sitting in a deck chair and reading. Perhaps she just forgot to mention the pitchers of margaritas? She, like the rest of us, is appalled that we’ve been out of MI for almost 60 years and will have to make our doddering way back for reunion—but we will all go, right?

Janice Hutto Hoyle, our transplant to England, continues to do a lot of traveling…walking the Loire Valley enjoying its many castles and wandering down the Silk Road in Uzbekistan. Last year she visited southern India and later headed to Peru where she conquered Machu Picchu. With those traveling skills I’m hoping she will show up for Reunion in June…dying to know what she thinks about Brexit and Meghan!!

Charlotte Johansen Hamilton has been engaged in a round of transcontinental birthday celebrations, her husband, Alan’s, in DC and St. Louis and her grandson’s 30th, not to mention hosting dinners for visiting MI sisters! While in Boston for the wedding of Susan Marriott Lorber’s daughter, which by all accounts was gorgeous, she and Alan took a romantic side journey to visit the home of Emily Dickenson. I want romantic side journeys!

So, now me…dragging a cast around is not fun…! I may need to whine more. Eldest grandson is a marine science freshman at UC Santa Cruz, close enough to get home and far enough away to feel independent. Younger grandson wants to be a rapper and has appropriated all the accoutrements; clothing, bling and mannerisms which has given me a whole new appreciation for the genre. Yes, really, I love that my sisters keep sending me stuff to write up and probably mangle. We are a tight group of ladies, and I wish I could see more of them on my occasional forays to St. Louis. Hopefully we’ll all show up in June for Reunion! Ciao for now!

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Ladies:
We have had less luck than usual getting news for these Class Notes. Perhaps our classmates unearthed “all the news fit to print” during our full weekend of reunion activities in May. In any case, here goes—

From Jane Cox:
A conversation with Barbara Baur Dunlap elicited this information: “I love staying home enjoying simple pleasures such as walking the dog, doing day-to-day stuff and gardening. I am totally content in my small world.” Is this the result of recently herding five grandchildren on a trip to see Monument Valley and other interesting parts of Arizona? Perhaps, but it is
more likely because, as our President for Life, Barbara is forging ahead and demonstrating the art of aging gracefully! So cue the music, slow down and enjoy what’s around you.

On the other hand...Barbara and Jane are competing to see who can get to the higher level on their exercise machines. Barbara has proclaimed herself the loser, but let’s not allow her to give up. Write or phone your encouragement. Both are stepping, pushing and pulling on NuStep machines, and they think they are really getting somewhere. In reality, neither has moved an inch.

Everyone stay healthy, and don’t make any lunch dates or medical appointments for that first week in May 2024. Yes, we will be celebrating our 60th then. Please join in.

From Anne Stupp McAlpin:
Burroughs had its 50th reunion celebration in October. Helen Vollmar Diepenbrock had so much fun at ours in May that she returned for her Burroughs event and came by for a brief visit. It was great to see her twice in a period of several months.

After many years of not seeing Cindy Bricker Sale, we ran into each other at the grocery store shortly after Helen’s visit. I believe Cindy said she, too, had attended the Burroughs reunion. We spoke about our time in France with the MISF program. I guess you could say we had a mini-reunion in the middle of Straub’s.

Another voice from the past is Judy Hennessy Sommerschield. Her son, Billy, was at Miami University (Ohio) with several MICDS classmates of Chip McAlpin ’91. Chip had run him into at a baseball game here in the early 2000s, and since one of Chip’s classmates got married three weeks ago, I made it a point to get Chip to introduce me to Billy. He is very attractive, lives in Chicago, and is in finance, but he and his sisters also help Judy and Bill run www.Hoohobbers.com. Please enjoy the items they sell, and know that Judy takes grandchildren to a camp in the Ozarks each summer and plans to stop by St. Louis to visit on her next trip.

My only other news is the arrival of Eleanor Margaret McAlpin with Hurricane Barry on July 12 in Baton Rouge. She is, of course, perfectly beautiful! We are just sorry she does not live in St. Louis.

Finally, I am reminded that if any of you out-of-towners plan to be in St. Louis, please let Jane or me know and we will gather classmates so we can catch up with you. We plan to make an all-out effort for news for the next issue. Our deadline is February 7, 2020.

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I am sad to report that Ann Calfee Alden lost her courageous battle with cancer in July. She passed away peacefully surrounded by family. She is survived by daughter Jennifer Alden Parker and husband Jeff, daughter Alexis Alden Smith and husband Dominic, and grandchildren Ava and Zane Parker and Sydney Smith. Ann leaves a great legacy of helping others through her therapeutic horsemanship program in Sonora, Arizona. As an adult, Ann found her birth family and discovered she had 11 brothers and sisters. Her final accomplishment in April was completing the Century Ride, where the ages of horse and rider equal more than 100. We will miss her.

Connie Shapleigh Martin writes: “Hello classmates! What a beautiful world we have to explore! A visit to Rapa Nui (Easter Island) was a highlight of my adventure, Across the Andes, where we crossed the Atacama Desert at 15,820 feet and entered northwest Argentina. Caught up recently with my older brother Sandy, Alexander Wessel Shapleigh III ’62. Sandy traveled extensively in his career, and we now share our stories together. I am more grateful every year for the education we received at Mary Institute.”

Irene Leland reports: “I had a wonderful recording session at Sony Studio in Nashville in July. I sang my song Cracks in the Sidewalk with Dream Machine Productions. The new

Irene Leland ’65 with music producer Doc Holiday
Ann Calfee Alden ’65 loved attending our 50th reunion and seeing close friend Ginny Drosten ’65 in 2015.

Connie Shapleigh Martin ’65 traveled to Tongariki on Easter Island on her latest adventure.
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Long-time ’69 class agent Gary Godwin passed in April 2019. Gary did a great job keeping in touch with and sharing anecdotes about class members. There will be Class Notes, but there will never be another Gary Godwin, a true renaissance man and friend to many.

Terry Bry took his annual August sojourn to the wilds of northern Manitoba. Joining him on the trip were Jon Heitner ’70 and Dave Gulick ’72. Copious amounts of trophy pike and walleye were boated by these intrepid CDS sportsmen. Well done, me laddies!

John Broholm recently retired from the University of Kansas where he had been an associate professor of journalism for 35 years. He intends to maintain his residence in Lawrence.

Jane Atwood Whitehead reports: “Took daughter Hadley for a Sonoma spa get-away in October. Had lunch with Mary Morey Bradley ’56 and Page Sharp Jackson ’56, both now Naples residents. Mary’s parents were my godparents, and Page’s younger sister, Beverley Sharp Amberg ’61, is married to Dick Amberg ’60, the big brother of Kathy Amberg Smith ’64. Not really small world stuff, but St. Louis version. The new exciting thing in Southwest Florida is Drag Queen Bingo. I’ll be leading a delegation in a couple of weeks! Is this part of aging gracefully?”

Peggy Dubinsky Price writes: “I had a delicious lunch with friends this week at Connie Bascom McPheeters’ Café Osage at Bowood Garden Supply. Afterward, we shopped at Holliday, the fabulous shop owned by Connie’s daughter, Katherine McPheeters ’99. St. Louis friends and visitors, be sure to stop by, eat, shop and say hello.”


Ed Hall attended Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Finals in St. Louis as a guest of his grandnephew, a former player and current scout for the Boston Bruins. Ed and Linda reside in University City, Missouri.

John Holht and Eileen reside in Houston, Texas where John is in-house counsel for Weingarten Realty Investors, a multi-state owner and developer of shopping centers.

Bob Larkin reports that he has relocated to Mendocino, California, a picturesque coastal town in the northern part of the state where he is a certified first responder and HAM radio operator (call sign ABAB). Though living in California for 40+ years, Bob remains a loyal Cardinals fan and took in a couple of Cards games in July when the Redbirds were playing the Giants in San Francisco.

Dick Lammert reports that he regularly walks the Great Rivers Greenway at Ladue Crossings with Ed Hall. Dick serves as a trustee of historic Bellefontaine Cemetery with Hugh Scott ’67. In addition, Dick and Maitland belong to a movie club with Chuck Jones ’68.

Congrats to Bob Lesser, whose son, Sean, was married this summer. Bob said a highlight of the reception was his daughter-in-law playing dodgeball with the boys in the hotel gym at 2:30 a.m. in her wedding dress!

Mike O’Guin is retired from the U.S. Postal Service and resides in Florissant, Missouri.

Tracy Rosen reports that he enjoys his farm in Vermont where he and Lotta care for 15 hungry horses.

Sorry to report the passing of Lower School classmate George “Win” Roulhac this past August while vacationing with family in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. After graduating from Culver Military Academy and the University of Wyoming, Win had a successful career in the securities industry with Edward Jones in Greenville, Mississippi.

John Stein reports he and Marilyn reside in Pacific Palisades, California. John and brother Jim Stein ’75 got together and watched the
Blues win their first Stanley Cup. The last time the Blues played in the Stanley Cup finals, the team was owned by a group that included their father, Elliot Stein.

Mark Throdał continues as president and CEO of OrthoPediatrics Corp in Warsaw, Indiana, commuting to Clayton on weekends where he and Sudie have a condo.

Steve Turner is semi-retired in Miromar Lakes, Florida, near Ft. Myers during the winter months and Scituate, Massachusetts, during the summer. He and Lisa welcomed a new grandson, William (Liam) Magnus Turner, on April 15 born to Nick and Stephanie Turner in Dallas, Texas.

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Pam Dupuis writes: “Hello classmates: We will celebrate our 50th Reunion April 30 – May 3, 2020. Please mark the dates on your calendar and plan to head to St. Louis for the fun. Plans are already in works and if we don’t have your correct email address please make sure to get it to Mooie Holmes Carpenter at mc@histeq.com so you will be up on all the details. Mooie and I are busy trying to find missing classmates; if you know how to reach these ladies, let Mooie know: Barbara Buhrman, Andrea Stone Deane, Kathy Esslinger, Moni Schatzle Maatz, Laura Mastin Schrock, Martha Legg Reeve, Linda Shoenberg Slavin, Marian (Tina) Ewing Smith, Elizabeth Turner, Sally McDougal, Holly Peck Hall, Constance Sommer and Nancy Mitchell.”

After many years, we heard from Vicki Huntman Brock, who has this to report: “I moved to Phoenix via Chicago and Dallas in the early 80s. I enjoyed a fun career in radio sales and advertising/marketing before becoming a stay-at-home mom, raising two great kids, Megan, now 29, and Max, 27. In 2006, I went back to work at Hyatt Regency-Phoenix. I’ve been working in metals and semi-precious crystals/gemstones on the side. I’m a big hiker and happy to be in the desert but also proud of my midwest roots. Much gratitude for my years at Mary I.”

Marie (aka Ralph) Gildehaus Henke has been living happily for many years with her husband on Nantucket Island. She continues working at her dream job for the Nantucket Historical Association as the photograph archives specialist. Life is good!

From Judy Smith Schoedel: “Life is good. My husband, Warren, and I are now both retired. My husband had a stent put in his heart this summer and is recovering well. We divide our time between Buena Vista, Colorado, and Lake Havasu City, Arizona. Our son, Tad, is an ophthalmologist in Roanoke, Virginia, specializing in glaucoma. Our daughter, Heidi, is a yoga instructor and studio manager in Playa del Carmen, Mexico.”

In June, Mooie Holmes Carpenter and Phil Estep ’70 attended the premier of Lawrie Conant Smylie’s musical in Hollywood with Single Sheyple-Gamble. Phil and Mooie also made small trips in Missouri to visit Ste. Genevieve and Columbia this summer. Phil’s tax credit business is booming. Mooie, her niece, Elise Knobeloch, daughter of Trudy Holmes Knobeloch ’72, and Mooie’s son, Michael Carpenter, work for him. A modern family business.”

In her ongoing quest to reduce fossil fuel consumption, Maud Essen Detrich is powering her historic city residence with a grid-tied solar system rated at 9.76KW! This year she installed a second array on her garage and rearranged the existing array on the third floor roof. Because her neighborhood is on the National Register of Historic Places, Maud designed her arrays so they are not visible from the street. With renovation of the exterior nearing completion, Maud is moving on to the energy-efficient renovation of the interior!

All is well with Linda Ferguson Benoist. She is still happily working with Lisa Dennig Coulter ’75 at Janet McAfee 30 years strong. Her husband Elliot is good, spending lots of time in Fish Creek, Wisconsin. Linda also plays bridge with Annie Conant Schlafly and Barbie Howell Reisner regularly.

Annie Conant Schlafly reports: “This summer, the whole family (all 17 of us) headed to Seattle to visit daughter Ellen ’02, her husband, Jared, and their two boys for a week-long vacation. We have been blessed with seven grandchildren, and spending the week together was wonderful. Joe and I also went to Hollywood to see sister Lawrie Chiaro Smylie’s fabulous musical she wrote and produced for the Hollywood Fringe Festival. I cannot believe we are celebrating our 50th and look forward to seeing everyone in May.”

Caron Lindburg Ulmer and Bruce are contemplating downsizing in the next decade, allowing Caron time to organize their house in Radnor, Pennsylvania. Triplets did not make
Ellen Langtree wrote: “I am retired from teaching. I loved my students and art. I hope I inspired my students, many thousands in the 19 years of teaching. I developed a sculpture course, cartoon, 2D and 3D Design, and painting I and II. Retirement was not as I expected. I felt I had lost my identity after all those years in the classroom. Now I feel acclimated to being myself once again. I look forward to seeing old friends next spring in St. Louis. I am glad to be alive!”

Pam Farrell Dupuis was in St. Louis in July to visit her mom who just turned 97, and saw Maud and her historic restoration in St. Louis City. She also saw Genie Newport Guilliams, Tina Rutledge Veraldi, Sunie Lasky, who has started a new venture, Mooie Holmes Carpenter, Sally Schlaffy Cohn, Nathalie Pettus and Annie Conant Schlaffy.

Sally Schlaffy and husband, Tom, just moved to the Whitehall in Clayton. She and Tom were renting on the 14th floor at the Whitehall, and 10 days later, they bought a condo on the 20th floor. She and Tom will completely renovate before moving in.

Salutations to all the classmates, family, and friends reading this installment of the CDS ’70 Class Notes. I (Paul Anagnostopoulos) hope this winter finds you happy, healthy and warm.

We held our annual reunion dinner on September 19, attended by 15 classmates. This year we were celebrating the 50th anniversary of the matriculation of those who started with us in Class One. There were exactly zero such people. Everyone had a great time catching up with friends, chatting about old times and enjoying a delicious meal. Thanks again to Dave Oetting and John Fox for arranging the shindig at the Racquet Club St. Louis. I would also like to thank the Foxes for hosting me during my stay in St. Louis.

The Foxes and I had dinner with Mary Holmes Carpenter ’70 and Phil Estep at the Hotel St. Louis. Take a look at the MI Class of 1970 notes for news about this lovely couple.

I checked in with Bill Swartout. His neighborhood in Malibu was severely damaged by the Woolsey fire in late 2018. Bill’s house was untouched, but many neighbors lost their homes. He reports that lots have been cleared of rubble and rebuilding has begun, but he estimates that it will take two or three years for people to return to their new homes.

Jeff Miller informed me that he was fishing around Jackson Hole, Wyoming last August. His guide was Chase Putnam. “I didn’t hold against him the fact that he’s our classmate John Putnam’s son. What a great young man! We had a few great days on the water.” You can see them together in the photo below.

I asked Hal Bible how he was doing. “I’m continuing to do well. Chris and I had a very busy summer with all kids and grandkids visiting, a family reunion for Chris’ family in Indiana, and a photographic expedition to a remote basecamp on the southeastern shore of Greenland. Did a lot of hiking below glaciers, kayaking among the icebergs and whale-watching. It was fantastic.” Hal will be in Santa Barbara just before our 50th reunion and may arrange to fly to St. Louis with Bill McMillan.

Mark Johnson had to cancel his visit to St. Louis for our September reunion dinner, but he is looking forward to our 50th. He sends his regards to all our classmates. We missed him at the dinner.

Sunny Lasky
Hi Gang,

As you may be aware, the Alumni Association presents the MICDS Distinguished Alumni Award to deserving recipients every three years. It is the highest and most prestigious award the school bestows, and it represents a demonstrated record of distinguished service and extraordinary achievement in a particular field or endeavor that brings distinction and honor to MICDS.

It is with extreme pride and joy that I announce that K.K. DuVivier has been chosen for this well-deserved honor. A nationally renowned legal expert in the field of alternative energy, K.K. is an outstanding law professor recognized by her peers and more importantly by her students. She is also passionate about the protection of the environment. The class is thrilled for her, and many of us will be there on February 21 for the presentation and the special celebration the night before. Congratulations, K.K. You rock!

Retired Judge Kathy Fordyce Peake wrote to say she met up with K.K. at the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation near Cortez, Colorado, in March to participate in the Denver University Tribal Wills Program. They helped students write wills, advance medical directives and medical powers of attorney for over 60 tribal members. “Then we took advantage of the casino in our hotel!”

Dr. Tori King made her annual trek to repair cleft palates: “Had a great trip to Guatemala in August. Did 24 surgeries. The locals speak a Mayan dialect, so I need an interpreter to translate my Spanish into Mayan. No English speakers in the mountains of Guatemala.”

Ann Hardy Aschauer writes: “Marty and I enjoy Manistee, Michigan, in summer; Louisville, Kentucky, in winter; and Sanibel, Florida, in February. Our younger daughter, Kelly, and her family live in Knoxville, Ben and his family in Nashville, and Joanna and her family in Louisville, about a mile from us. We enjoy close proximity to the five grandkids, at least in the winter. Finishing my fifth book, Satan’s Worst Nightmare, based on a multimedia production I directed for 15 years. Visit my blog: seekingdivineperspective.com.”

Wendy Richards Echols writes: “Gene and I spent two weeks in Marathon, Greece, relaxing, boating and fishing. It’s been a long, hot summer, though it seems like a brutally hot one everywhere. Real estate is good at Coldwell Banker Premier Properties, and my husband’s Palm Beach Yacht Sales business is fantastic. Love to all.”

Debbie Smith Fitzgerald reports: “Art and I had a wonderful, fabulous, fun trip to Scotland in May with Bartow Lammert Molloy, Babs Claggett Wagner, and their hubbies! We travelled the Whisky Trail and visited Nessie’s Loch along with lots of castles and a touch of Harry Potter. We loved Scotland!”

Babs Claggett Wagner says: “I’m still at the Garden taking care of their orchid collection, 24 years this October! Time flies when you’re having fun! My son, Evan, and wife, Melinda, had their second boy this April. Tim ’70 and I are well, and we had a fantastic trip to Scotland in May with Debbie and Art and Bartow and Brian. Still cutting grass at our farm in Hermann!”

Hope Jones Welles writes: “The biggest and best news of the summer was that we welcomed our sixth and final grandchild: a beautiful little girl to Berkley and Bob, who now have three. Hopie and Luke also have three. Six is a good even number.”

Sally Braxton Schnuck says: “An exciting year. In November, Terry opened a wonderful Broadway musical, The Prom. Hadley Schnuck ’01 lives in New York City. Her documentary short on Cuba was accepted into the Bozeman Film Festival where we enjoyed an action-packed weekend. Spent time with my brother and his family there. My son, Ted, married a wonderful St. Louis girl, Jessica Germanese, last December. We spent part of our winter in Boca Grande, and we had a great Schnuck family reunion in Newport Beach.”

Sally and Hopie joined Laurie Wolff Miller for a great lunch with Peggy Gross Crawford. All four were part of a mini-reunion over at Hopie’s when Susan Krone Cabral and Dana McFride Von Kohorn came to town in October 2018. “We had quite the crew and had a blast,” writes Hope. Joining the fun were Beth Trueblood, Mary Dubuque Desloge, Lisa Culver, Babs, Debbie, Gloria Niedringhaus Jarvis, Susie Thomasson Weinstroer, Lynn Reed Neill and Lisa Hermann.
Beth Trueblood says: “I am in the last year of work on my final project: the new SSM Saint Louis University Hospital opening September 1, 2020. I am counting the days! Our son, Adam, got married in April in Austin, where both he and our daughter, Greta, are enjoying their hip city. We are looking forward to having more time to visit them and travel the world!”

Dana Von Kohorn writes: “In my ‘semi-retired’ state, I have decided to take a part-time job at a local bank and have just completed my teller training! My first job out of college was in banking, so I’m going full circle! I have Mom and one daughter nearby. My other daughter lives in Nashville and loves it as do I. If you haven’t visited and like country music, you must go!”

Marika Csapo-Sweet reports: “Sold my apartment in Budapest and bought a lovely house on Cape Cod. It’s near Woods Hole, Massachusetts, where I spent the first 20 summers of my life. Great for big family reunions! My documentary Made in Auschwitz: the Untold Story of Block 10 was broadcast on Israeli TV and elsewhere in the E.U. over the summer. It had its North American premiere at the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival and was shown at the St. Louis International Film Festival in November.”

Judy Griesedieck says: “Spent two weeks in Italy with Mike to celebrate our 30th anniversary. Daughter Taylor joined us for 10 days. They surprised me with an unexpected detour to Sicily and tickets to an Andrea Bocelli concert in Teatro Antico, an amphitheater with haunting lighting. A perfect venue. In my normal life, I’m still working as a freelance photographer and part-time at the University of Minnesota Bee Squad. I credit the occasional bee stings with good health. Can’t ask for more than that at 66.”

Cammi Fetté Mock had a rough start to the year: “While traveling in Australia and New Zealand, my husband caught pneumonia and I found a cancerous lump. Today, Logan and I are healthy. Both my children continue to do well and by all accounts are happy, so life is good.”

Mary Dubuque Desloge writes: “All good news from me! I now have two granddaughters! William and Holly have a daughter, Halsey, 2, and Chris and Emily have Charlotte, 1. I have girls is wonderful! My third son, Ray, got married in October in Richmond. I had a fabulous trip to the Grand Canyon where a college buddy’s daughter got married. I was gobsmacked by the Canyon! I highly recommend going there. Life is grand!”

Lisa Peters Schiff says: “Peter and I are great. We are just finishing building a house in Jupiter Island, Florida, which we are very excited about. Our three kids are all married and near us in the New York area. We are very blessed to have our 10th grandchild, which I believe will be the caboose. Seven girls and three boys! So much fun to be had.”

On their two-week adventure in Scotland and Ireland, Susan Krone Cabral ’71 and Lynn Reed Neill ’71 take in a museum ...or maybe it’s the other way around?

Cristie Tober Krauss writes: “After three sons, I have a daughter (in-law)!! My oldest son, David, married a wonderful Georgia girl, Jessica Friedrich, this past May in a beautiful setting in Atlanta. They live in Brooklyn, as does my middle son, Zack. Benjy holds down the fort in Chicago. We also had another addition to the family! Maise joined us in June. Like her brother Leo, we hope she will be certified as a therapy dog and accompany us to schools and health care facilities. Sending love to the irrepressible class of ’71.”


Susan Krone Cabral says: “What a year of travel and family: New Orleans in January and then daughter, Sarah, Andy and grandkids came to Hawaii in July. Randy and I were off to Sedona right after that. We completed a whirlwind 14-day tour of Ireland and Scotland with Lynn Neill and two other friends; Erin’s wedding in Florida in November; and one last trip to D.C. planned for December! I’m also working part-time as a student-teacher field supervisor. Always fun to help new teachers master the art!”

Lucy Ferriss reports: “I am on sabbatical this year, writing a new novel and planning to return to France in the spring. Broke my wrist in August playing tennis and now have a nifty little plate in there. Met Martina Navratilova at the We the People March in Washington, D.C. last September. And no, I did not break my wrist playing tennis with her!”

Alex Morris Kingzett writes: “I’m working on a new album of country/blues and bluegrass. First one in nearly 30 years. Hope to have finished by our 50th reunion. I work on it when I can. At the same time, I still compose orchestral stuff.”

Our condolences to Emily Johnston Martens, who lost her mother in June. Francine Ely Cannon lost her mother at 94 in October.
Madame Ely Scott was a fixture at MI for so many years, a presence we all felt whether we were in her classroom or not. A great teacher, she was always smiling as she walked clickity-click down the halls with a joie de vivre that lifted us up as she whooshed by. Emails flew as the class remembered her with tremendous fondness and gratitude. Thanks to Francine and her sister, Michele Ely McLaughlin ’73, for sharing her with all of us.

Our hearts go out to Biz Ellison Marks who lost Mike on his 67th birthday last March just months shy of their 50th anniversary. “It’s been a difficult summer. I lost Mike, and shortly after, I was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a curable blood cancer. My daughter, Chris, and her husband tend to my every need and transport me all around Texas for treatments. Please keep me in your prayers. I’m fighting this with all I’ve got. I expect to see you all at the next reunion. My good news is that I am now a great-grandmother! Jerry had a son, Atticus Christopher Farr, in September. The circle of life continues.”

As for me, Laurie Jacobson Provost: “Jon and I enjoyed a fantastic cruise to Havana, Cuba. I’m still writing and should have two books out next year. Celebrating the birth of grandson Lucas. Granddaughter Juliana is five. Lots of little trips and great concerts. So happy to see how many of us continue to get together, share new adventures, and most importantly have each other’s back. Looking forward to seeing many of you at K.K.’s ceremony. A proud moment for the amazing Class of ’71. After that, all eyes will be on our 50th!”

Catherine Mallinckrodt still enjoys teaching her “nuggets” at St. Peter’s Playgroup and her summers at Burr-Oak Camp as a Camp Counselor. Woody is finishing his third year at law school in Tampa, Florida. He studied abroad in Toronto, Canada, and Oxford, England. Daughter Catherine works for Special School District teaching at Hixson Middle School, spends summers at Burr-Oak Camp as a counselor and volunteers with Girls On the Run. Christen and Peter celebrated their one-year anniversary, are settled in their new home and are traveling.

Martha Scott Roeder shares “Daughter Ashley was married to Robert Brockmann this past summer at Watch Hill, Rhode Island, and the reception was at Ocean House. All is well with me!”

We are so happy for you, Martha! We can’t believe we will be celebrating our 45th reunion this May. Hope you all are planning to come. We are excited to see everyone! - Kat Schneider-Clark and Lisa Coulter

We also heard from Kitty Ewing that “Jessie Gerrard Camp is a professional backpacking field guide who runs camps and trips for schools and groups through her non-profit company (www.fieldguides.org). She took Amy Elzemeyer Mower, Carroll Griesedieck, and me through the majestic Trinity Alps Wilderness in Northern California, renamed Jessie’s World.”

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Tom Yenn shared: “I’ve not much to add besides finishing my 35th year of teaching sociology in the School of Continuing Education at New York University and raising my four-year-old son, Morgan, with my wife in Stratford, Connecticut. Our medium-term plans are to relocate to Brattleboro, Vermont, where I’ve reconnected with classmate Curtiss Reed Jr., a fixture of diversity-justice activism. One other, perhaps more important note regarding the untimely passing of classmate Mark Brandhorst. We went through many early experiences together: Scouts, street games, backyard creek exploring, elementary school, prep school, carpooling, canoe runs in Canada, deadheading, lit mag, Meca drawing us to the inner city, Kerouac drawing us to the outer reaches of the West, hitchhiking, reading and other pursuits of the Dharma Bums...and then off to different colleges and to lives rarely entwining thereafter. Fare thee well Mark!”

Ken Cohen says he heard from Randy Sinnott, that his interest in magic was sparked by a book about Harry Houdini that he read in the CDS library and that he has pursued magic as a hobby for over 50 years. Randy is a past president at the world famous Magic Castle in Hollywood, California, and recently became the proprietor of a magic theater in Santa Monica, California, the MagicoPlis Theater, and its accompanying wine bar, Illusion + Wine. He invites any MICDS alums to come visit when they are in the area.

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CDS 1973 had a great reunion when classmate Trey Walke ’73 came to town. (l-r) Martin Lammert ’73, Jeff Loeb ’73, Tad Edwards ’73, Trey Walke ’73, Charlie Allen ’73, Ben Bush ’73, Larry Otto ’73, John Moulton ’73, Chip Walke ’73.

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Now that our class has proudly set a record for most years without any Class Notes, I (Lou Stemmler) thought I would gather a few updates on some of us.

Dr. Todd Baumgartner writes: “We spend as much time as possible in Manchester, Vermont. I continue to develop new medicines at a bio-tech company called Acorda Therapeutics in Westchester County, New York. We received FDA and EU approval for a new therapy for Parkinson’s Disease. We have an apartment near my office and New York Medical College, where my wife is on faculty. Older daughter, Elizabeth, is a second-year medical student at the University of Vermont. Younger daughter, Meg, graduated from Wesleyan University and lives in Hollywood, trying to break into acting. On a business trip to Copenhagen, I had dinner with Pepi Simon and his family at their home. It was great to see Pepi and meet his crew!”

Entrepreneur Brett Combs and Susi have decamped to their ranch near Branson. When he’s not hunting, Brett manages his empire of storage units and liquor stores around the state.

Long-lost Steve Eliasson has led a successful career as a writer for Lands’ End and the stylish J. Peterman catalogue, among others. Maybe he should get together with Jon Austin to take over the advertising world.

Brett Hardesty continues to build a better world one elegant home at a time in St. Louis and St. Charles Counties.

Captain Bill Macon is flying high while piloting the planes of his company, Ideal Aviation, around the country. Bill writes: “[W]e attended a wedding in D.C. and then visited one of our daughters on Martha’s Vineyard. I own a flight school that is growing quickly. It is rewarding helping others pursue careers and dreams in aviation! Most of our employees and customers are closer to our kids’ ages, which makes it fun to come to work every day. The photography business of Barbi’80 keeps her more than busy! We also spend many weekends at Sugar Tree Club near Rolla, where Clay Otto and Rick Oertli also have cottages. Last summer Rick introduced us to pickleball, which has become a favorite activity at the club. Easy to learn, and not too hard on those aging joints!”

Dave Schuessler is living the good life on his farm in Defiance, Missouri: “Workin’ on my country twang. Seem to be getting older every day. Aches and pains that never used to exist are now daily. Wife, horses, dogs and cats seem to rule my life. For the last few months had no help. Shoveling is fun. Just found help and Heidi will be back on the horse show trail soon. If you come out to wine country, let me know. Love to see some of the old guard.”

The picture above of Pepi, Bill Macon, and your scribe dates to one of Pepi’s interesting get-togethers at his mother’s home in South St. Louis.

Wm. Q. “Bubba” Singleton continues dodging crazy New Jersey drivers on the Jersey Turnpike by staying busy as a voice-over actor.
(professionally as Bill Andrew Quinn) in commercials, promos, a two-plus-year weekly featured faux-news reader on the D.L. Hughley radio show and audiobook narrator. He adds that being behind a microphone is a lot of fun and says, “I have a legitimate reason for continually talking to myself. Please don’t judge me!”

It’s been over a year, but I (Lou) wanted to compliment Andy Spann for conducting the memorial service for Bob Koedding with style and grace. Our class faithfully accounted for almost half of the attendees, including Hardesty, Oertli, F. Brooks Parriott, Schuessler, and, via FaceTime, James A. Luther. Nice job, gentlemen.

Your one-shot Class Agent lives and works in Brentwood, where I run my corporate and litigation video companies while mis-managing my tiny real estate empire. Sarah Wilson ’78 and I have enjoyed recent trips to Manhattan, Sanibel, London, and the Galapagos. I have attended a number of the annual Erik Lyons Bond ’77 lectures on campus that our class endowed: outstanding speakers with impressive messages. It WAS a bit surreal this past year to be the only one in that gathering of several hundred to have actually known the honoree. Perhaps some of you might join me in coming years.

I hope that most of the above are “true facts” and that the rest of you are doing well. Perhaps we’ll have some more Class Notes in a decade or two.

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Julie Hardesty Ferman says: “Gil and I are in love with life in Santa Fe: skiing, mountain climbing, hiking and playing tennis. The boys, Alex, 28, and Kevin, 25, are in Los Angeles, where I am often, continuing my work as a matchmaker and dating coach, with clients in Los Angeles and Santa Fe.”

Memoria Lewis reports: “I have taken a new role as CEO for Morison KSI, so I will be a very busy bee. I’m so very excited! The girls are well. Both had great internships last summer: fintech, headhunters, Women’s Leadership charity and Grazi magazine. Flo finished at Edinburgh with her Master’s (Honours) and moved to Melbourne. Lily went back to Montreal. The summer was very busy with Flo back. All of her friends stayed with us, so it felt a bit like a youth hostel at times. I also went to Sao Paulo.”

Laura Cook Boldt writes: “I hope all is well with the class of ’78. Tom and I enjoy life with travel and adventure. We are not grandparents yet, but Tommy, Winston, Peter and Bill are amazing and we love every opportunity when we can all be together. It’s a blast. I am looking forward to turning 60 and wish you all a happy 60th this coming year as well. Time goes by too quickly! Best of health, fun and turning 60 to all. Thank you to Barbara for keeping us organized.”

Ann Ballard writes: “I was fortunate to travel with a friend doing a documentary on “Looking for God.” Went on many Christian and Jewish pilgrimages throughout Israel during Easter and Passover. I loved staying in the old city of Jerusalem. Incredible to explore this ancient city. In Egypt, I loved seeing the ruins of the time of pharaohs and took a Nile River cruise. I’m taking art history and painting classes at Pierce College in the San Fernando Valley. Learning history through paintings is a lot more interesting than learning from a textbook.”

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Wendi Alper-Pressman writes: “Still toiling away at Latham Gage L.P., representing lenders and the occasional borrower in loan transactions. Norman and I moved into a condominium in Old Town Clayton and we are enjoying the maintenance-free lifestyle, many restaurants and walking almost everywhere. You can find me most evenings walking Scarlett down North Central to Forsyth as she greets the diners at Barcelona, Sushi Ai, Bao, The Crossing and Café Napoli. The parking valet at The Crossing puts out treats for dogs, so that is always on our walking route.”

Ann Murphy Burroughs reports: “I continue to enjoy my work at the Saint Louis Art Museum where I oversee Interpretation and help visitors connect with the art. In my free time, I’m often traveling to see my kids: Charlie (finishing up a degree in plant biology at Univ. of Illinois), Tim (finishing up a law degree at Vanderbilt), and Molly (working at Vose Art Gallery in Boston). I’m planning to head to Florida this winter and visit Class of ’78 snowbirds and residents!”

Susan Sprung Birtch says: “I was so happy to get to St. Louis in April to celebrate my sweet friend Barbara Merollis Bishop’s 60th birthday! We continue to enjoy living in Wisconsin, especially in the summer! I have picked up pickleball recently and couldn’t play enough this past summer! Apparently it’s the fastest growing sport in the USA and I can see why. I am truly loving it myself!”

Sarah Carr Mudd writes: “Gerard and I recently celebrated our 33rd wedding anniversary and are thrilled to have both children back in St. Louis. Mimi ’10 graduated from Northwestern University in December with her Master’s in Higher Education Administration and Policy. She currently works at Pi Beta Phi Headquarters as part of the membership team. Gerard ’10 returned from Fort Worth, after serving as general manager for a retail shopping mall, and he is now employed by Bianco Properties as property manager for holdings in St. Louis, Chicago and Indianapolis.”
Amy Shure says: “Hi there! In the last six years, I have become a financial advisor with Edward Jones. I am loving it and am nationally in the top percent. Sorry I missed the reunion and seeing everyone. I have an amazing son, Sam, who is 16 and driving.”

Lisa Keyes White reports: “I enjoy my role as part-time ‘Granny Nanny’ to adorable grandson, Will, 2, who keeps me on my toes. I’m also busy helping contain pets as a co-owner of the DogWatch Hidden Fence St. Louis dealership along with son Billy (Will’s dad) and nephew Jim Schaperkotter ’08. Billy’s wife, Arika, teaches 1st grade at Rossman; Teddy works for Google in San Francisco; and Ellie graduated from Furman University in May. She is a 4th grade teacher in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and is pursuing her Master’s in Education. Bill and I celebrated our 35th-plus-one anniversary with a European trip and small social impact organizations while supporting mostly nonprofits here! I received my doctorate at the University of Southern California and continue to grow so much better. We were blessed to have him in our lives for 57 years. Cheers, Gordy.”

Anne Gundelfinger and her husband Mark are plotting their return to the U.S. from Zürich, Switzerland after nearly seven years there. They will be moving to Portland, Oregon, in January 2020 and are looking forward to spending more time with their three new grandkids and the rest of their family and friends in the U.S.

Laura Scherck Wittcoff writes: “I moved to Los Angeles five years ago, married a St. Louisan (Burroughs, not CDS). Too funny, and it’s nice to connect with other MICDS alums here! I received my doctorate at the University of Southern California and continue to grow my practice supporting mostly nonprofits and small social impact organizations while teaching at USC. Mark and I hosted the first MICDS L.A. event at the Beverly Hills Tennis Club in November! It was fun to have a bit of St. Louis out west!”

Lucy Lionberger Rise reports: “Carter and I have settled into being empty nesters. Christopher began sophomore year at Southern Methodist University, and Walker graduated from Wake Forest and moved to New York. Carter Jr. still enjoys living in D.C. and working for IBM, and Elise is an artist in New York City. I’ve had a fun year of mountain climbing. We summitted Carstensz Pyramid in Indonesia and Mt. Dickey in Alaska, went climbing in the Alps and trekking in the Lofoten Islands in Norway. We are hoping for one more go at Mt. Blanc next June.”

Betsy Sims Duff says: “Still running a family wealth management firm outside of D.C. while spending weekends on the eastern shore of Maryland close by Tracy O’Donnell Stone’s Inn at Mitchell House. To further complicate things, this year my kids moved to California: Maggie, 25, is constructing the NFL stadium in Los Angeles, while Patrick, 29, is working for a rapidly growing tech firm in San Francisco. Trying to figure out how to spend more time on the West Coast in addition to visiting family and friends in St. Louis!”

Susan Shepherd Ittner reports: “As I contemplate retirement, I have begun efforts to encourage and enable students to pursue careers related to the software industry. It has been over 40 years since Fortran class with Mr. Lykens, and it served me well. I have completed 10 years with CA Technologies. I’m a solutions architect, assigned to a handful of global companies. I am in my second term on the St. Louis Red Cross board and on the Red Cross Tiffany Circle National Council. It has been a very rewarding experience.”

As for me (Barbara Bishop), Bob and I moved to Vero Beach, Florida, in August and are enjoying a completely different lifestyle. All is good in the Sunshine State. I get a chance to see Concie Noyes Fowler ’81 and her husband, Ian, which has been fun, and I am awaiting Laura Cook Boldt’s arrival along with any of you who travel this way. We’ll leave the light on! Best wishes to all!”

In February 2019, we lost our dear friend and classmate, Gordon Newton Jr. Gordon was doing what he loved most, fly fishing in southern Missouri, when he passed away. He was a highly accomplished angler who fished all over the country, and like everything he did in his life, he did it with unbridled passion and joy. Gordon was married to Carla Merollis Newton ’81 and was the father of two beautiful daughters, Carter and Camden. He was a devoted and loving husband, father, brother and son who was blessed with a beautiful family. Gordon spent much of his career with Verizon Wireless, where he was a marketing manager. Many of Gordon’s classmates were together for the days leading up to and after his memorial service, and it was clear how much he was loved, admired and missed. The Class of ’80 shared a lot of stories, laughs, tears and beers as we remembered a friend who made all of our lives so much better. We were blessed to have him in our lives for 57 years. Cheers, Gordy.”

Derek Rapp writes: “Emily and I have moved back to St. Louis from New York. After five years leading JDRF, I have joined RiverVest Venture Partners, a life sciences venture capital firm in Clayton. I look forward to seeing you around town or at reunions.”

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In February 2019, we lost our dear friend and classmate, Gordon Newton Jr. Gordon was doing what he loved most, fly fishing in southern Missouri, when he passed away. He was a highly accomplished angler who fished all over the country, and like everything he did in his life, he did it with unbridled passion and joy. Gordon was married to Carla Merollis Newton ’81 and was the father of two beautiful daughters, Carter and Camden. He was a devoted and loving husband, father, brother and son who was blessed with a beautiful family. Gordon spent much of his career with Verizon Wireless, where he was a marketing manager. Many of Gordon’s classmates were together for the days leading up to and after his memorial service, and it was clear how much he was loved, admired and missed. The Class of ’80 shared a lot of stories, laughs, tears and beers as we remembered a friend who made all of our lives so much better. We were blessed to have him in our lives for 57 years. Cheers, Gordy.”

Derek Rapp writes: “Emily and I have moved back to St. Louis from New York. After five years leading JDRF, I have joined RiverVest Venture Partners, a life sciences venture capital firm in Clayton. I look forward to seeing you around town or at reunions.”

Gordon Newton Jr. ’80
Jeannie Robb Hubert reports that her boys are now both in high school (freshman and junior). She and her family spent a wonderful month in Italy this summer seeing all the sights. She loved catching up with fellow MI friends on their girls trip to The Greenbrier.

Caroline Polk still lives in Charlottesville, Virginia, where she continues to manage digital publications and other online products for American Occupational Therapy Association. She and her husband, Forrest Swope, have adjusted easily to a relatively empty nest and are looking forward to moving back downtown as soon as their “forever home” is finished. She enjoys seeing Sara Woods Wallace and her husband, Gary, at their football tailgates (Go Hoos!) and hopes to see more of them now that her mother, Nancy Green Maune ’56, has moved to Richmond.

Linda Tschudy Werner says: “I have been volunteering once a week since 2000 at University City Children’s Center. I also started volunteering at Home Sweet Home, a furniture bank for people coming out of homelessness. I have been dancing with my Hip Hop Mama group and DJ Reggie for 10 years and we have a blast! My kids are doing well. Kevin ’12 went to college and graduate school in Washington, D.C. He loves the D.C. area,
so he stayed there after he graduated. He is a research analyst at the Urban Institute, a social and economic policy research think tank.

Nicki ‘14 is enjoying life in Philadelphia where she is in her second year of graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania. She is getting her Master’s in Social Work. Pete and I are having fun doing some traveling – more often than not to visit our kids!”

Laura Challoner Wright lives in Lexington, Kentucky where she is director of donor communications and stewardship at University of Kentucky HealthCare. Her three children are working their way to full frontal lobe development. Son Sam is a nationally ranked e-sports professional, his twin, Elisabeth, just graduated from George Washington University, and ‘bonus baby’ Celia is a high school junior/volleyball junkie with an eye toward college at a large, public university.”

We extend our deepest condolences and love to Carla Merollis Newton on the passing of her father, and her husband, Gordon Newton '80.

1985 MI

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Mary Hermann Lemkemier is excited to attend the MICDS legacy dinner with her son, Charlie ’20. She spent much of her time at The Nook, a boutique on Clayton Road that hosts classes and is available for gatherings. All profits from The Nook benefit St. Louis Children’s Hospital. Many classmates and alumnae volunteer or shop there, and you even can find cards painted by Berkeley Guenther. The Nook is two doors up from Schnarrs. Go visit!

Jeanne Greenberg Rohatyn writes: “I am excited to share our new gallery headquarters at 3 East 89th Street (across from the Guggenheim) in New York! We are renovating now and will be ready for visitors next year. Alexander is in his second year at Harvard and NEC, and both girls (Coco and Clara) are in high school at Spence. And how about being in the “Originals” company in this year’s Vanity Fair Best Dressed list.

Beth Vargas Hughes ’89 and Martha Kaufman Sneider ’89 with their daughters Bonnie Sneider ’21 and Barrett Hughes at the Homecoming Fun Run.

1987 MI

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Drees Arneson Cline writes: “Last spring, Tui Kenny Browning, Julie Hullverson Barnato, Sarah Baker, Kaki Rohan Lanchulev, Julie Garagnani Jones and I did a class reunion. We wanted to relive Spring Break ’87! We headed to Jamaica for four nights of debauchery. I haven’t laughed that hard and that much in years! It was truly such a fun trip! And we’ve decided not to wait so long this time around and are hoping to do it every couple of years!”

Moyenda M. Knapp has joined the Chicago office of global law firm Greenberg Traurig, LLP as of counsel in the Labor & Employment Practice. Prior to joining the firm, Knapp was a partner at MWH Law Group LLP.

1989 MI

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Libby Curtis McCandless writes: “No major updates, just trying to survive life with a high school senior and freshman. We’re all doing well, but wow, is it a busy year! Lots of love to the class of ‘89!”

1992 CDS

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CDS ’92 classmates Mike Burke, Chris Mitchell, Justin Stein, John Stivers, Mike Vranich, Jeremy Bell, Andy Wamser, Bill Deblendorf, Andy Spitzfaden, Matt Brooks, and Bobby Rodgers (not pictured) gathered in Miami Beach in October for a guys weekend getaway. A bunch of gray hairs and shiny melons didn’t stop the guys from picking up where they left off 27 years ago!

Beth Vargas Hughes ’89 and Martha Kaufman Sneider ’89 with their daughters Bonnie Sneider ’21 and Barrett Hughes at the Homecoming Fun Run.
Sathya Chinnadurai writes: “In July, I moved back to Saint Louis after being away since graduation. My wife, Amy Wrenn, my two daughters, Helena, 7, and Rosie, 4, and I lived in Chicago where I worked at the Chicago Zoological Society’s Brookfield Zoo for seven years. In July, I started a new job as the Director of Animal Health at the Saint Louis Zoo. It is great to be back in Saint Louis, at my hometown zoo. The girls, dog, cat, lizards and tortoises have all settled in, and Amy and I are slowly readjusting.”

Andrew Wenner writes: “Katie and I are still happily living in New York City with our two children, Hadley, 4, and Carson, 2, and we do our best to catch up with the few MICDS classmates still in the city. Katie started working at Mubadala Capital in April 2018, while I am still working at MUFG, a large Japanese bank. We are slowly easing out of city life into the suburbs of New Canaan, Connecticut, on the weekends. If you currently live in the area, please reach out as we would love to connect. Away from family life, we recently celebrated Todd Stevens’ 40th birthday in Destin, Florida, this past August with several MICDS graduates, including Doug Hillhouse, Steve Lanese ‘98 and Avi Samudrala ’98.”

Elizabeth Laime lives in Los Angeles with her husband Andy Rosen and their two kids, Teddy, 5, and Otis, 3. She’s currently writing for another season of the TV show I’m Sorry (on Netflix) and recently wrapped on The Village (on NBC).

Andrew Wenner ‘97, Doug Hillhouse ‘97, Steve Lanese ‘98 and Avi Samudrala ‘98 celebrated the birthday of Todd Stevens ’97.

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
William “Bubba” Singleton ’77 has been reading away, recording four new audiobooks this year. The most recent, *The Handbook of Culture and Psychology*, will be released in 2020 under Singleton’s professional name, Bill Andrew Quinn.

Doug Schukar ’82 handed off his duties as president of USA Mortgage in September as he continues in his role as chairman and CEO of DAS Acquisition.

Congratulations to Kristin Anderson Reddington ’88 for joining the Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital team as a philanthropy office.

Congratulations to Chrissy Taylor ’94 for supporting the spirit of the St. Louis soccer community. Taylor is a member of the first female majority-owned MLS team, and we’re joining the rest of the region in saying thank you for working so hard to bring MLS to St. Louis.

Shannon Gould ’18 received the Patriot League’s Women’s Golfer of the Week award in mid-September. Gould won her first individual title by shooting a 7-over-par 217 at the Bucknell Invitational.

Gabrielle Carmichael ’19 earned the Girl Scout Gold Award for her community service project with the International Institute. Carmichael organized a picture day for recent immigrants in order to bring a sense of home back to their families.

Sean Buchanan ’19 was awarded the STEAM Scholarship from the National Society of High School Scholars, given to students planning to major in a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, or mathematics) field. As part of the award, Buchanan will receive $1,000.

Katie Flemming ’19 has signed a music management deal with Damien Wong-Ken, a Nashville-based manager with over 20 years experience working with Christian musicians.

Cami Thomas ’11, filmmaker, premiered a new season of *Smoke City* on Amazon in late September. This is the second season of a web series in which each episode introduces viewers to a part of St. Louis people might have misconceptions about.

Two MICDS Boys Lacrosse alumni, Alex Bean ’16 and Graham Bundy Jr. ’19, returned home to play in the Saint Louis Fall Lacrosse Classic at Lindenwood University. The October game took place at Lindenwood University and featured Georgetown vs. Rutgers University. Proceeds of $15,000 benefited Saint Louis Children’s Hospital.

Sterling K. Brown ’94 spent time in St. Louis in November for the American Cancer Society’s Champions of Hope Gala. Brown was the guest speaker at the event that serves to raise funds to help people facing a cancer diagnosis today; educate people about how to reduce their risk for cancer or detect it early when it’s the easiest to treat; and, to fund cancer research that will help protect future generations. Brown is also starring in *The Rhythm Section*, in theaters late January 2020, and is the voice of Lieutenant Mattias, a new character in *Frozen 2*.
“Changing the world happens in the classroom, a place where lives can literally be transformed.”

— KRYSTAL WHITE

Why I Teach - Krystal White

This fall, Krystal Sno White, 8th Grade Math Teacher, shared why she teaches with the 8th grade class. She spoke about her own childhood in Kentucky and how her teachers helped her navigate out of poverty and uncertainty. She went on to become the first college graduate in her extended family.
40 years after the Mary Institute Field Hockey team clinched the championship, the MICDS Field Hockey team did the same. It was a fitting end to an inaugural season on the new water turf field. Congratulations, Rams!