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2020 Vision

CHRIS LAURICELLA
HEAD OF SCHOOL



Josie '20, Tristan '22, and Chris Lauricella during their visit last summer with Patricia Burns Richardson '58 at her family farm in Woodstock, Vermont

HOW IS STRATEGIC PLANNING LIKE MAKING MAPLE SYRUP?

This summer my family and I visited an alumna who lives on a dairy farm in Vermont. I don't know much about farming, and I was eager to learn more. I also thought it would be a good educational experience for my kids to get an up-close look at what goes into making that glass of milk they enjoy every day.

The farm tour was an eye-opener for me. I was struck by how sophisticated the operation was and how well-balanced the various parts of the farm ecosystem were with one another. I also got the sense of a different type of intelligence at work than the type I am used to encountering in academia, one which married the hard-won practical knowledge of the multiple generations working the farm with the rhythms of the natural world. And, of course, I left admiring the plain old hard work that needs to get done every day to make the place run.

On this particular farm is a maple sugaring operation. Thousands of maple trees are tapped with sap lines networked to a single sugar house. Every year these taps are checked or replaced so that when the weather is right, maple sap can run back along the lines to large collecting tanks. This sap is clear and thin and sweet.

Once enough sap is collected a wood-fired boiler is stoked and the sap is evaporated, recaptured, and evaporated again in a cycle that eventually yields syrup. I'm sure I don't do justice to the sophistication of this process, but it seems an apt metaphor for the strategic planning process in which Park is currently engaged.

The Process

In the winter and spring of 2015, Park held focus groups with all of its local constituents. The central question of these group meetings was, "What would we like Park to look like in five years?" We asked this question of all of our students, from three- and four-year-olds to graduating seniors. We asked our Board of Trustees, our Foundation Board, and the Board of Visitors. We asked our faculty and administrators and local alumni and current parents. For out-of-town alumni and friends, and others who could not attend the focus groups, we opened up an online survey, which yielded another couple hundred responses.

We asked this question earnestly, at a time when we really need the guidance of the larger Park School community, and boy did the sap flow! During the spring and summer of 2015 a Strategic Planning Committee was formed that began to sift through all of this information and boil it down.

Mission and Vision

To begin making sense of the community's wisdom, the Committee first looked at Park's Mission and Vision Statements. It became very clear, very quickly that our mission statement both accurately reflects what we do on a daily basis and effectively drives our work: *The Park School engages the whole student in a diverse and creative community that nurtures the joy and responsibility of active learning in all, from our youngest learners to our graduates, who leave with the skills essential to college success and the confidence to serve and lead.*

It was quickly settled, with more than a little relief, that we do not need to revamp our mission statement and could turn our attention to a vision for the next five years. This has yielded a robust conversation that is still ongoing as the Strategic Planning Committee continues its work. While it is too soon to share the details of a collective vision, the gist of our thinking, guided by the community, is that over the next five years we will collectively work to, "raise expectations and realize our potential." I'll expand on this in subsequent updates.

Some Big Ideas

What I can share is that the initial information gathering process has yielded more than 50 different goals and initiatives in the following operational areas: Identity, Enrollment, Finances, Facilities and Infrastructure, Curriculum and Pedagogy, Faculty and Staff, Culture and Community, and Governance. The particular goals and objectives within each of these "buckets" are certainly more refined and a little sweeter than all the raw input we received, but they're not quite syrup yet.

To become an effective plan, we will need to further distill these goals down to a few key ideas that we can operationalize, and then relentlessly execute the plans we develop to make these ideas a reality. That said, there are a few big themes that are fairly obvious and can be shared now, despite being midway through the planning process.

SCIENCE@PARK

It is fairly settled that the next five years will see Park continue to focus on how we teach science. This is embodied in both our Green signature program, which focuses on the natural sciences, and our more recent initiatives in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) curriculum, which tends to incorporate more of the physical sciences.

Our STEAM initiatives have been stimulated in part by a generous grant from The John R. Oishei Foundation to spur STEAM collaborations among the 16 private and independent high schools in Western New York. Park has used these funds to create a biotechnology course, an intelligence and informatics course, and a design-thinking lab. This was done because we believe that the skills students learn in these courses prepare them for advanced education in the physical sciences. If they are predisposed to this educational and career path, they will be able to be part of an economic sector that is in high demand and seems to be defining the aery twenty-first century. To affirm this we need look no further than the biomedical research, education, and clinical practice that are taking place on the burgeoning Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus.

Our Green initiatives grow out of an understanding that our campus is a unique resource that is perfect for connecting students with nature. It is rare to have a teaching environment with 34-acres that include a pond and a marsh, and we have the unique ability to make the natural world come to life for our students by connecting their classroom learning with field experiences conducted through a partnership with Earth Spirit, a naturalist program housed at the University at Buffalo.

Regardless of whether Park students go into a career in the sciences, we feel it is important that we educate students to be solid "citizen scientists," with the habits of mind to be familiar with the technical aspects of an increasingly complex world. We also hope that these students continue to be discerning thinkers who fully participate in the democratic process.

We have also come to realize that our public purpose as a private institution is the stewardship and sharing of our campus resources with other schools in Western New York, so that their students can enjoy the same enriched educational experiences as Park School students. In 2020, I fully anticipate a robust partnership with area schools, centered around our new science building, that has dozens if not hundreds of students per year doing some form of science fieldwork on Park's campus side by side with Park students and faculty.

CAMPUS REVITALIZATION

Park's proposed new science building, The Knopp-Hailpern Center, will embody the curricular growth we have experienced during the last five years and be a place that will physically honor this work. As we begin to contemplate the specifications of a new building, we are also confronted by the reality that many of our current buildings are in need of some revitalization.

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By 2020 I suspect that we will have not just erected a new building, but have continued to thoughtfully implement changes in our campus infrastructure that will more fully allow us to realize the potential of our educational program.

EXPANDING OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Park's middle school program is probably the best in Western New York, despite being one of the smallest, with approximately 70 students enrolled across grades five through eight. The intimacy of this program is a double-edged sword. On one hand, we believe that such a deliberately small community allows students to be known and well-supported as they navigate the turbulent waters of early adolescence. On the other hand, there is such a thing as being "too small" and "known too well," that can feel stifling to some students. With this in mind I know that we will be working hard over the next five years to expand Park's middle school enrollment to well over 100 students, which is on par with the number of students in both our lower and upper school divisions.



Rick Bryan, Executive Director of the Education Collaboration of WNY, met with the Lower School to discuss what the students would like to see at Park in the future.

The Value of a Plan

Within independent school circles there is a debate regarding strategic planning. The debate is not about being strategic – it makes perfect sense for schools to think about the future and strive for continuous improvement. Rather, the debate is twofold. It is centered first on the process of planning and whether a dynamic organization, such as a school, can really look five years down the road. Second, there is a question about whether a plan is really necessary or efficacious, or whether a strategic "thrust" or "stance" would better serve the organization.

This debate has certainly captured my attention again as Park strategizes for the future. While I have yet to locate myself within the various schools of thought regarding strategic planning, I have learned a fair amount over the last eight years as a head of school who is trying to be strategic.

The first thing I learned was the value of strategic thinking, regardless of the form it takes. Each summer Park's administrative team reflects on the year that has just concluded, and every year I am struck by how closely we have aligned our work to our strategic priorities even though we only formally refer to Park's strategic plan a few times throughout the year. My sense is that the ongoing process of strategic thinking has allowed us to internalize those parts of our work that must be accomplished on a daily basis in order to move the School forward.

I have also come to see that it is possible, and in fact necessary, to think strategically. This is perhaps one of my biggest responsibilities as a head of school, and has become a continuous frame of mind for me. While we might conceptualize strategy as a "plan," or a "thrust," or a "map," what I think really matters is that we know the direction in which we wish to head. It is also important that "true north" for Park – the direction in which we are meant to head – is inextricably linked to our mission and our core values of respect, responsibility, honesty, and kindness.

Finally, I have come to learn that it is not one big change that improves an organization, but it is instead hundreds of refinements both large and small, relentlessly pursued by a dedicated team. This organizational alignment to a culture of continuous improvement is a powerful force.

While we have to wait a little longer to "share the syrup," pursuing a strategy has been a hallmark of the last five years, as it will be for the next five to come.

Remembering Jacky Knopp

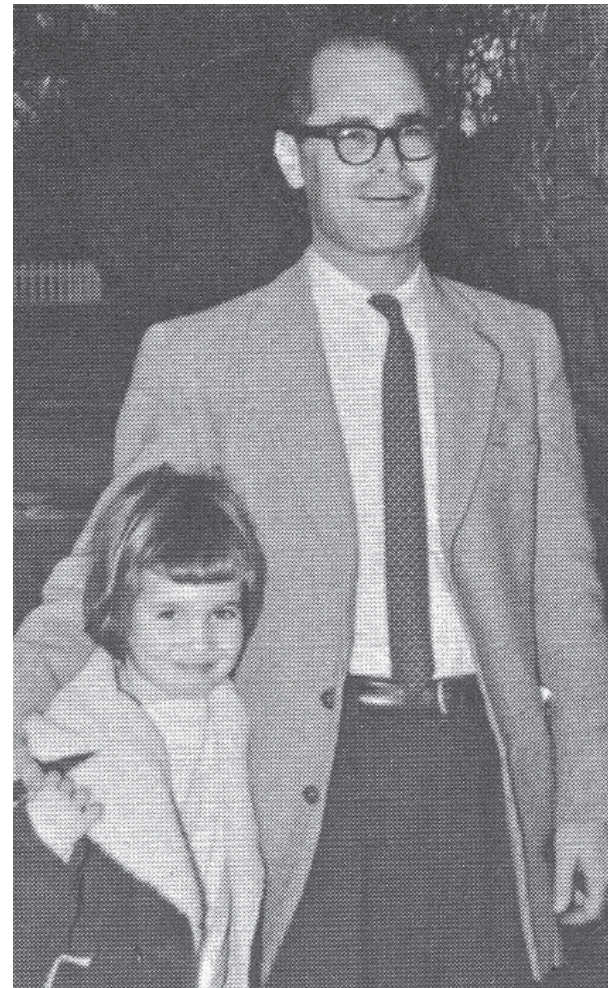
Jacky Knopp, PhD, died on August 11, 2015, in Buffalo.

Dr. Knopp served The Park School in many ways from 1949 until he retired in 1973. He taught math, served as the School's business manager, coached soccer and tennis, and along with his wife Eliane was an active Park parent to his two children, Julie '73 and David '81. A memorial service was held in Buffalo at Temple Beth Zion Sisterhood Chapel on August 21.

In May 2015, the School announced that the new science facility that is the centerpiece of the current *Science@Park* capital campaign will be named The Knopp-Hailpern Center in honor of Dr. Knopp and Dr. Raoul Hailpern, also a cherished long-time Park math teacher. Together, Jacky and Raoul touched the lives of thousands of Park students, faculty and staff, and parents. They embodied the habits of mind Park seeks to instill in its students: curiosity, keen observations, rigorous questioning, hypothesizing, predicting, investigating, interpreting, and cogent communication.

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>> BARBARA BRIZZLE '61



Jacky Knopp with his daughter, Julie.



Amy Kistler, David Knopp '81, Eliane Knopp, Jacky Knopp, Doris Hailpern McKay '68, and Julie Knopp '73 at the event announcing the name of the Knopp-Hailpern Center last spring.

In May, Head of School Chris Lauricella said:

"Jacky has been kind enough to share with me how overwhelmed he was by the warmth and generosity his family experienced as they resettled in Buffalo, and the role that The Park School played in this. From what I can tell, Jacky and Eliane were equally generous with their time and attention throughout the years, tutoring and caretaking generations of Park School students. Perhaps my favorite Dr. Knopp story involves Raoul Hailpern. Apparently they were pressed into service one day by then-Headmaster E. Barton Chapin, Jr. to look after a potential French teaching candidate. Fluent in the language, they spent what they thought was a pleasant afternoon in discussion with her, explaining their work at Park and all that it entailed. The next day Jacky inquired about the hiring process and its progress, only to be told that the candidate decided not to pursue the position because, "If two math teachers could speak French that well, she thought she probably was not up to the standards of the School."

MORE RECOLLECTIONS...

Mark Karrer '73

My family's nearly 55 year history with Park would not have happened without meeting the Knopps. I believe my parents met them on a ship headed to the United States from Europe in the early 1950s. Since both Jacky and my dad loved the sport of soccer they became best of friends and played together for the Buffalo Soccer Club. Some years later "Uncle" Jacky (as I called him) invited my father to join the business office staff at Park, which he did in 1960.

It was Jacky who told my father and mother of the tremendous opportunity a Park School education would be for my brother and me.

As my parents were firm believers in education the decision was easy to make. Julie Knopp and I were at Park together since kindergarten. As our parents were best of friends, we often spent our holidays and vacations together as families. I owe my long history with Park to the Knopps, and I'm eternally grateful to them and my parents for that.

Arthur Steinberg '54

I was in the class of '54 along with a bunch of guys who were good at math. Four of us took Knopp's fourth year class which was a random collection of more advanced math topics. One day in December Jacky wandered into class and said, "I have to prepare you for the SATs," and proceeded to teach us enough solid geometry and trigonometry (which we had not been studying up to this point) in a short month to have us pass the exams with flying colors. Four of us got into Harvard that year!

This was typical of Knopp's nonchalance, but also of his very sharp analysis of just how capable his students were. In his lower math classes (like geometry for sophomores) he could be a little bit impatient with people who didn't get it at the first go around. So he could be a little harsh with those people: "X you are not getting such and such a concept," and he proceeded to explain it again, sometimes with a bit of sarcasm thrown in.

My favorite recollection of Jacky is working with him in the bookstore, which he ran. I would go there whenever I had free time and he would put me to work on whatever task he had. It was a very pleasurable experience, he was never impatient, and always helpful.

My experience with Jacky as soccer coach was a less happy one. I was slow, lazy, and didn't really want to play soccer. I was relegated to the bench and when running usually brought up the rear. He didn't get impatient with me, but he had made up his mind that I was hopeless at soccer.

Philip V. Oppenheimer '57

I remain continually grateful for the rigor of Dr. Knopp's teaching methods which instilled a love of numbers and their relationships and instilled a discipline that has served me well in life and my career. I owe much to his influence.

Barbara Brizzle '61

I remember Jacky Knopp with much fondness. He was personable and engaging, and always seemed to make his teaching come alive. In fact, when I think back to my days at Park, Jacky is always front and center. To say he was instrumental in my education would be an understatement. From remedial work as a youngster in his kitchen to math classes in Hamlin, he was always an insightful and caring teacher... and family friend.

Bob Montgomery '55

Few people have had such a positive influence on the lives of others as Jacky Knopp.

I first met him in September 1951 as my Park School high school experience began. He was standing behind the counter of the bookstore located in the Main Building (now called Hamlin Hall), for which he acted as the CEO, CFO, Chief Purchasing Agent, and all the other needed cooks and bottle washers. I



Eliane and Jacky Knopp

left that first meeting loaded down with gym clothes, books, notebooks, pencils, paper, etc.... I was set for months to come. Jacky's main function at Park was to teach math to students of all kinds. Not only did he impart numerical wisdom to his students, but he made every effort to be sure that what he imparted was in fact received.

A favorite technique was to hold tight to someone's ear following a slip-up or memory lapse about some arcane formula or theorem. Following that treatment, the formula or theorem remained a permanent part of our gray matter. I recall a mathematical tidbit that he gave his students which many others do not know: the shortest distance between two points is NOT a straight line – it is, instead, the "arc or a great circle." Who knew?

Jacky's other Park School hat was as our esteemed soccer coach. Those were possibly the halcyon days of Park School soccer with such players as Ron and Howie Maierhofer, Bob Wilson, Joe Bell, and others. Jacky's teaching ability was easily transferred from the math classroom to the soccer field, greatly helped, it should be pointed out, by Schnapps, his ever faithful and always cheerful dachshund.

After four years of having my ears stretched regularly, our friendship continued. He was the Marketing guru at the University at Buffalo and a very fine investment advisor (putting to work that earlier bookstore experience). In fact my life has been enriched, and I am pleased to acknowledge a lifelong friendship between teacher and this student.

David A. Patton '61

During high school my mother, in an effort to civilize me a wee bit and introduce me to life beyond sports and the art of digging drainage ditches around the pond, would send me two or three evenings a month to have dinner and conversation at Chez Knopp, where a hungry young boy was expected and encouraged to speak French in order to partake in the fast moving conversation, to say nothing of actually being served dinner.

Initially, I hated this embarrassing exercise, but slowly became more comfortable with the language, and ultimately intrigued by this most interesting and kind family and their stories of life in faraway Egypt. This early introduction to French language and culture influenced me to spend time studying in France during college, and ultimately proved extremely helpful during my days in the vanilla trade, a business, that until recently, was often conducted in French. So, from a cozy dining room in Buffalo, New York, in the 1950s, to the fields of Madagascar and the board rooms of Paris many years later, the Knopps' interest in me was not only helpful and thoughtful but also instructive and significant. Without doubt, my wonderful experiences with Dr. Knopp and his family have been shared by generations of Park Schoolers.

Greta Benjamin Berkson '55

Nancy Morrison Weiser and I were to meet the Knopps for lunch and an afternoon visit at their Florida home. We had seen them at Park reunions and other events over the years but this was to be an opportunity for a private visit and get-together.

En route we spoke of many things that had happened to each of us almost 60 years ago. A particular occurrence that I have never forgotten and which happened during an especially difficult math class came to mind. Dr. Knopp became frustrated by two members of his class who were clearly not his star math students. In a pique of exasperation, he shouted "Benjamin, Bleichfeld, stop chewing!!" Obviously, Debby Bleichfeld's and my gum chewing was not contributing to our comprehension of the subject being studied. Recently, while greeting the Knopps in the foyer of their condo, we were introduced by Eliane to a couple of their neighbors as "Jacky's students." The folks looked more than a little surprised and then went on their way. Eliane quietly commented, "Can you imagine describing two very grey haired women as 'Jacky's students'. Whatever will they think?" And we all burst out laughing. Many years, many memories, all fond and grateful to have had the Knopps as a part of our lives.

Patricia Burns Richardson '58

I have been a Knopp admirer from my Park days, although I was a stunningly poor math student from his point of view, or anyone's. It was truly wonderful to see Jacky and Eliane at our reunions.

Barbara Dodd Murray '60

Most people remember a favorite teacher. I know I do. But what makes a teacher a favorite, and therefore memorable?

For me, it was Jacky Knopp's positive attitude, his respect for me, his belief in me, and his enduring patience and kindness, along with his mathematical ability and wisdom.

At one time, in his geometry class, I found it far more interesting to sit in the back row, next to a good looking boy, than to pay attention to the lesson Jacky Knopp was teaching. With his great smile, he suggested that if I sat in the front row, I might pay better attention and learn! I learned geometry in spite of myself, and learned to like it, thanks to Jacky Knopp, who persisted in his calm, steady manner to help us all learn and understand.

Jacky Knopp was a real gentleman. There was an unmistakable dignity about him at all times that seemed to raise his expectations of his students, which therefore raised the achievements of his students. I was happy to call him my favorite teacher.

Sydney Elster Goldstein '54

Jacky and I arrived at Park in the 1948 - 1949 school year. We lived in the same neighborhood and he often rode the Park School bus. However, I did not really get to know him until two years later when I entered the Upper School. He was my math teacher and his classes were always interesting.

His "off the cuff" remarks were priceless, although as very young freshmen I don't think we really appreciated their sharpness if not quite sarcasm. As a sophomore I had him for geometry, my bete noir. Jacky was kindness itself, coming to my home to tutor me for \$3.00 an hour. He told me to just make any kind of mark on the exams and he would give me credit for whatever I managed to do. I just squeaked by with a "C." I was also lucky enough to work with him when he ran the school bookstore and I really enjoyed that. Every day he would return from lunch with a treat for Schnapps, his adorable dachshund.

Corning "Terry" Townsend '60

On October 31, 1957 Dr. Knopp was my soccer coach at an away game when I lost the vision in my left eye due to a freak accident. He was compassionate, caring, and fatherly. For the next two months he called often as I laid in bed.

On a lighter note, on October 8, 1956, he was teaching math overlooking the swimming pool on the second floor while all the boys were secretly listening to Don Larson pitch a perfect game in the World Series on our "2 transistor pocket radios." Eventually he said something to the effect, "this is really special... turn all the radios up loud so we all can listen...class dismissed."

Most importantly Dr. Knopp made math "sing" for me. He made it fun and as an engineer that is a good thing. I owe him a lot.

C. Allan Ryan '46

In memory of my tennis mentor. Life experience inevitably includes those we love, admire, praise, and thank for the positive influences they brought to our lives. In my life, Jacky Knopp is one of those people who fall in line not too far behind Mom and Dad. He made an indelible mark on me when he patiently took his tennis racquet in hand and spent many hours on the court teaching me how to play when I was a seventeen year old at Park.

His ability at the game was truly professional for when we practiced he would carefully hit the ball alternately to the forehand and backhand often tucked into the right or left corner of the court. As I look back at the patience, acceptance, and encouragement he gave me, you should not be surprised that I played the game with a dedication and fervor that would continue for the next sixty years, playing outdoors or indoors two or three times a week.

When our lives are blessed with the powerfully supporting and loving influences as he gave so freely to me, all we can give back is nothing but our thanks and gratitude. I was a sit-at-a-desk all day office worker for thirty-four years and it was the game of tennis that gave me exercise, the key to better health. Thank you, thank you, Mr. Knopp. If there are tennis courts in heaven, Jacky, I'll see you on court.

Polly Alf Mathys '62

I had Dr. Knopp for multiple mathematics classes. I loved the stuff and went on to major in Math in college, so he was absolutely my kind of math teacher. High standards? Oh my, yes. But the remarkable thing is that he had different standards for each student based on your math ability as he assessed it. One time we had a typical Knopp Test. It was not my best performance by far, and he let me know it. He handed the tests back and said to me, "You're slipping, Miss Alf," and he handed a test back to a boy whose best skills were in other subjects and he said, "Mr. B., don't let it go to your head." I looked over and we had the same test score. The compliment implied in that remark to me ("You are capable of so much more") was not lost on me, and I tried furiously never to disappoint him again.

Three years ago at our 50th reunion, Dr. Knopp was there. He was physically frail, but we were star-struck teens swarming around a rock star. His banter with us was extraordinary, because he clearly remembered personal details about several of us. What a giant of a man!



Dr. Raoul Hailpern and Dr. Jacky Knopp

WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT THE KNOPP FAMILY HAS DESIGNATED THE PARK SCHOOL AS A RECIPIENT FOR MEMORIAL GIFTS.

Gifts to Park in memory of Jacky Knopp will support The Knopp-Hailpern Center, the School's new science facility that is slated for groundbreaking in 2016.

Remembering Jane Chapin, 1917 - 2015



Jane Chapin and her husband, former headmaster E. Barton Chapin, Jr., in 1958



At the Chapin Hall dedication in 1969



Gregor Schneider '67 and Joe Allen '67 with Mrs. Chapin in October 2015

It is with much sadness that we share news of the passing of Jane W. Chapin on November 2, 2015, in Bath, Maine. She was 98.

Mrs. Chapin joined the Park School community when her late husband, former headmaster E. Barton Chapin, Jr., began teaching at Park in 1948. Mr. Chapin became headmaster in 1951 and served in that position until 1971.

Mrs. Chapin is remembered by Park School colleagues and families as a kind and gracious woman who embraced her role as the headmaster's wife. She welcomed new faculty and their families as they came to work at the School and hosted innumerable events at the headmaster's house on campus throughout their time in residence. Mrs. Chapin also served as college counselor during some of her years at Park.

Mrs. Eliane Knopp, long-time friend of Mrs. Chapin, said, "My husband Jacky and I had such fun with Jane and Bart. We were both young couples with young children, new to Buffalo and The Park School in the late 1940s. We became lifelong friends, visiting the Chapins in Maine each summer for many, many years. Jane was a lovely woman." Park alumnus and former faculty member Art Meyer '42 shared his memories of Jane. "She was Park's 'first lady' and, as such, was always a loving and gracious woman, especially to anyone needing help, whether they were faculty, students, staff, or parents. Her loyalty to Bart and her family was remarkable, too."

"SHE WAS PARK'S 'FIRST LADY'... A LOVING AND GRACIOUS WOMAN."

Meyer remembers that he and his boss, Mr. Chapin, developed a love of sports cars in the late 1950s. Jane went along with good humor on their visits to Watkins Glen and other race tracks. "When Bart and I both bought MG sports cars and raced around Park's campus on the weekends, that was when Jane gently expressed her disapproval and suggested it wasn't the best idea. Perhaps she heard a complaint from Mary Cummings, then a fifth grade teacher whose house was on the Circle (where the Helen Long Building now stands). We zipped around the Circle and sped up at that spot we called 'Cummings Gulch.' Jane thought we were acting like teenagers and encouraged us to take our hobby elsewhere."

The Park School's current head of school, Chris Lauricella, recalls, "a few lively telephone conversations with Mrs. Chapin, particularly when we were collecting stories for *The Park School of Buffalo Centennial History* book. She was always witty and gracious. As I met alumni around the country it also became obvious that Mrs. Chapin was as beloved as her husband, who is a legendary figure for all of us at Park."

An obituary detailing Mrs. Chapin's long life was published November 5, 2015, in *The Portland Press Herald*. You can find it online at obituaries.pressherald.com

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The Board of Visitors, October 2015



FRONT ROW: Carol Hasegawa, Lorene Potter, Noah Cosimano-White '17, Karen Seeberg Marshall '63, Ann Burns, Maria Scrivani, David Bunis '53. **BACK ROW:** Chris Lauricella, Betsy Walls '58, Kevin Eng '01, Cheryl Rosenberg, Tim Finnell '58, Doug Goldstein '77, David Brock '63, Dee Dee Danahy Booth '65, Chip Johnston '62

The Board of Visitors visited Park October 15 and 16 for a two-day session focused on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math). The Visitors learned about Park's STEAM initiatives and successes.

In addition to classroom visits, where Visitors are invited to witness learning across all divisions, group members also attended STEAM Integration work sessions that included presentations on technology on campus

referring to history teacher Charles Wise's upper school African American Studies class in which history teacher Matt Johnson sat in.

"The level of teaching is just outstanding," said Tim Finnell '58.

"This year's Board of Visitors was one of the best yet," said Head of School Chris Lauricella. "We have a lot

"THE LEVEL OF TEACHING IS JUST OUTSTANDING."

>> TIM FINNELL '58, OCTOBER 2015

(head of middle school Angela Pileri and director of technology Bill Rider), "Informatics and Intelligence," (Emma Goldman '16), Biotechnology (science teachers Dr. Margaret Diamond and Adrienne DeGroat), the School's new Design Lab (technology teacher Dave Weeks), and "Big Picture Aspects of The STEAM Grant" (science teacher John Zamojski).

"This was an outstanding experience seeing twenty-first century technology so perfectly integrated as a tool into child-centered learning," said Karen Marshall '63. "I was impressed to see the teachers as facilitators in the classrooms and the collaborative learning environment evolve throughout the grades!"

"There is a lot of wonderfulness going on. To see a teacher sit in on another teacher's class... I was incredibly impressed," said past parent Susan Lichtblau

to be proud of at Park, and it provided our faculty and students an opportunity to share some of the exciting things they are doing in and out of the classroom. I was particularly pleased that the Board was able to experience some of the new science offerings that our outstanding faculty have put in place over the last year."

Park is indebted to the Board of Visitors for its input and participation, which are so valuable to the School.

The Board acts as a sounding board for current programs, continuing traditions, and new ideas. Participation offers an opportunity for alumni and friends of the School to continue their involvement at Park. Through classroom visits and interactive work sessions, the group gives input on important topics affecting the School. The Board meets twice a year and will convene again May 19 and 20, 2016.



THE BOARD OF VISITORS

The Park School Board of Visitors offers an opportunity for alumni and friends of the School to continue or reinvigorate their involvement at Park. If you would like additional information on the Board of Visitors, please contact **Carolyn Hoyt Stevens '81**, Director of Development, at **716-839-1243 x104** or **cstevens@theparkschool.org**.

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TRINI ROSS has worked for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of New York since 1995. She spent two years at the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. She has served as an adjunct professor of law at SUNY at Buffalo School of Law, Medaille College, Canisius College, Niagara University, and the SUNY College at Brockport. Trini holds numerous recognitions, including Prosecutor of the Year, Federal Law Enforcement Association Award (2015, 2010); "Leader in the Law" (*Daily Record* 2015 Attorney of the Year); and many others. She is a graduate of SUNY Fredonia (BA), Rutgers University (MS), and the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School (JD, cum laude). She is on the Board of Directors for several organizations, including the Women's Bar Association (WNY Chapter) and is the parent of a Park graduate and a current Park student.



JASON L. BIRD is a Certified Financial Planner with Inspired Wealth Management in Williamsville. He holds a degree in economics from the University at Buffalo where he co-captained the men's basketball team. He has worked in the not-for-profit sector for much of his career, focusing on providing corporate financial education and comprehensive financial planning services to the employees of various local universities, hospitals, and parochial schools. Jason serves on the Board of Directors for the U.B. Alumni Association and is an assistant varsity boys' basketball coach at Park. His son, Jacob, is a member of the Class of 2027.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Martin Berardi

Why am I very excited to be the Board of Trustees President at The Park School of Buffalo? The real question, and subsequent reason, is actually pretty simple. Both of our children, Chris '03 and Andrea '04, received an outstanding education at Park, and both have gone on to excellent colleges and potentially long-term productive careers. My wife Sarah and I could not have asked for a better set of outcomes. Based on this, why wouldn't I be all for becoming a member of the Board and ultimately sitting in the President's chair?

The total education that Park provided, along with the well-rounded quality of the environment, far surpassed what we were looking for in a school.

Let me back up a bit to how we selected The Park School. After a multi-year assignment in Germany where I was managing a large portion of my then-employer's European business, it was time to cycle back home to Western New York. Our experiences at the International School of Stuttgart, where education was based on the International Baccalaureate curriculum, clearly pointed out that the public school system in our hometown would be a true step backwards for both Chris and Andrea. Sarah and I decided that private school was the best option for their education. The question was where? I had another school in mind while Sarah had some good friends with connections to Park. After a day of shadowing shortly after Thanksgiving 1996, there was no question where they wanted to go. The decision was done, and we have never regretted a single day.

When I joined the Board a few years back, Park had been going through a transition. There was a new head of school, and the School seemed to be having difficulty recovering from the country's economic collapse. The new head, Chris Lauricella, brought a sense of purpose and energy to that difficult era and it seemed a perfect time to see how I might help the school that had done so well by my family. Suffice to say, the turnaround of The Park School has been a source of great pride to those of us who serve on the Board. To a certain extent, it mirrors the resurgence of Buffalo and Western New York that we all see on a daily basis. The School is on good footing, and we have embarked on the exciting *Science@Park* capital campaign to construct a new science building with a focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) that will lead us through the future decades.

As a Board, we are especially encouraged by the quality of the professional organization that Chris and Park have put together. From the teaching skills across all disciplines, to the administration, staff, development team, and the leadership itself, we have a top-notch school and 34-acre campus to shout about. We can only do our best as a Board to continue this positive momentum and be part of the good news that will keep coming out of The Park School. To help to maintain the momentum, we are diligently working on updating the School's strategic plan. The last plan set the stage for Park's current resurgence, and the new plan will focus on taking it even further.

On a closing note, an enormous portion of the thanks and congratulations should go to the past Board members who have contributed so much of their time and effort with the best intentions for the School. Without all these dedicated Board members, it would not have been possible. One particular member for many years, and the outgoing Board President who needs a very special thank you, is Melissa Baumgart. The direction and tone that the Board follows clearly has come from her leadership, and I know we will continue on that path.

Martin J. Berardi
President, Board of Trustees

The School acknowledges the fine service and commitment of the following individuals who have recently completed their terms on the Board of Trustees:

- Melissa Baumgart**
- Steve Zillig**
- Charles Hartney**
- Lynne Bader**
- Tashi Sherpa '14**

Park Students Are Doing Great Things

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Park provides students with an education that is Green, Global, Kind, and Future-Focused. These are four areas that make a Park School education uniquely powerful and aligned with our historical strengths.

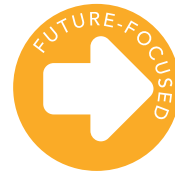


Madeleine Welchoff, Chris Lauricella, Robert Gregg

TWO RECOGNIZED BY NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORP.

Madeleine Welchoff and Robert Gregg, both Class of 2016, have been recognized for their exceptional academic promise by the National Merit Scholarship Corp. "Robert and Maddie are two of our many talented and hard-working students," said head of school Chris Lauricella. "I am so pleased that their hard work has been recognized through this achievement."

FUTURE-FOCUSED reflects our commitment to provide our students with the skills they need to productive, successful, and joyful adults in an ever-changing world.



Emma Goldman '16 and William Fedirko at the Juniata AI Conference

QUANTUM MECHANICS AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Emma Goldman '16 and math department faculty member William Fedirko presented *Quantum Mechanics: Philosophical Consequences* at Juniata College's AI (Artificial Intelligence) in June. Their presentation focused on mathematical physicist, mathematician, and philosopher of science Roger Penrose's Orchestrated-Or theory and how it might be engineered to produce equivalent forms of consciousness. "Our work not only supports Penrose's theory of a quantum wave-dependent mind, but also connects his work to some philosophers of mind who are presently in disagreement with his theory," said Fedirko.

GLOBAL reflects the diversity of our community and a commitment to developing a global mindset and cross-cultural competencies in our students.

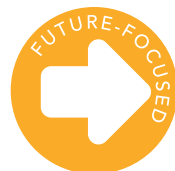


PARK TO PARK – RESEARCH INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ROSWELL PARK

Park has partnered with Jack and Jill of America, Buffalo Chapter, and Roswell Park Cancer Institute to offer research internships next summer. Adam Kisailus, PhD, Assistant Dean of Internships and Educational Outreach at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, visited Park in October and addressed a crowd of more than 60, sharing details of the program and encouraging students to apply. Four upper school students offered a panel discussion about their experiences with summertime STEM scholarships.



PARK TO PARK STUDENT PANEL: Maggie Parke '16, (ECMC – Outpatient Dialysis), Nigel Jacobs '16, (Tuskegee University - Engineering), Emma Goldman '16 (Roswell Park Cancer Institute – Junior Robotic Surgery Challenge), and Mia Stevens '16 (ECMC – Immunodeficiency Clinic).



GREEN represents our unique ability to connect students to the natural world through thoughtful curriculum and the use of our 34-acre campus as a hands-on teaching tool.



URBAN FARMING LEAVES LASTING IMPRESSION

Alexis Smith '17 spent the summer working at MAP (Massachusetts Avenue Project), a local nonprofit urban farm that provides fresh food to low income people in the community. "MAP taught me about 'food justice' (the disparity between the wealthy and the poor and what food is available to them), and I had the opportunity to learn how to grow food and prepare it," said Alexis. "MAP also taught me how to be a good leader. I got out of my comfort zone. As my first real job, I was happy to be learning important issues and helping people."



Aidan Powell '15 and Jim Powell '75

RECENT GRADUATE SERVES ON DELEGATION TO UNITED NATIONS

Aidan Powell '15 served an internship with the Dangerous Goods Trainers Association (DGTA), a non-governmental organization (NGO) with consultative status at the United Nations headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, shortly after graduation. He attended the 47th session of the Sub-committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. He accompanied Jim Powell '75, head of the delegation for the DGTA to the U.N., who also participated in the 46th session meetings in Geneva for two weeks last year. "It was exciting to travel with Aidan," said Jim. "There are many experts and resources in our rather unique field of work, but most have one thing in common – we're all pretty old. We need a career path to bring young people into our field of work that bridges disciplines including government administration, statecraft, logistics, safety, and the environment as well as just plain old negotiation and diplomacy between interested parties. We felt that given Aidan's love of things related to the legal world, the environment and social responsibility – he was the perfect candidate for this opportunity."



A BUSY SUMMER

It was a busy summer for Nigel Jacobs '16, as he attended an engineering program at Tuskegee University, was a teaching assistant in the math department at Buffalo Prep's Middle School Prep program, served as an assistant counselor for Park's Summer Scholars day camp, and joined the Board of Trustees of the National Federation for Just Communities as a student representative. The weeklong MITE (Mentoring Into Engineering) program at Tuskegee introduces motivated minority students to the world of engineering was the highlight for Nigel. "Attending the MITE program was a great honor because it is one of the best engineering schools in the country and contributed so much to the African-American community," he said. Students participated in lectures, labs, and hands-on engineering projects with Tuskegee faculty, students, and alumni. "After going to the program I think I might want to do something in engineering!"

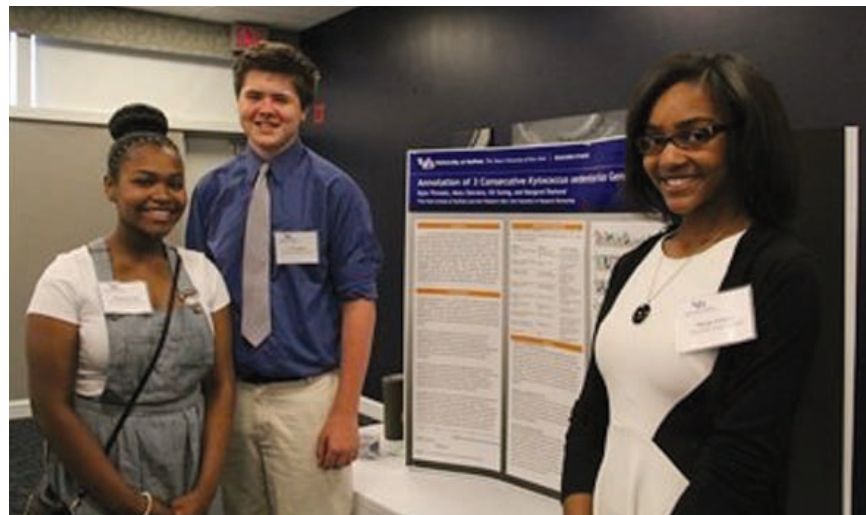


Nigel Jacobs '16 (first row, far right) with his group at Tuskegee University.

Park Students Making News

STUDENTS PRESENT GENOME RESEARCH AT U.B.

Several upper school students who participated in Dr. Margaret Diamond's Basic Genome Analysis and Bioinformatics club last spring presented their research at the University at Buffalo's 2nd Annual ITEST Student Capstone Event at U.B.'s Center for Tomorrow in June. "The students learned how to annotate a gene sequence using many of the tools commonly used in bioinformatics research," said Dr. Diamond. "Depending on their findings, their research may be published in the scientific literature." The project was led by professors from the U.B. Department of Biotechnical and Clinical Laboratory Sciences and the Department of Family Medicine, and was supported by a National Science Foundation Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST) award and by the New York State Area Health Education Center (AHEC) System. The project was conducted through the Western New York Genetics in Research Partnership.



Mikayla Ladd '18, C.J. Duggan '18, and Daeja Sanger '18

POETRY PRIZE

Gabriel Montone '16 won Just Buffalo Literary Center's Poetry Prize for Young Writers for his poem *Naked Angel* – a poem he describes as "a futile squeal from the quivering, shivering, mouth of a lamb suffering at the sight of cows in a slaughterhouse." This is the first year Just Buffalo has offered the competition. "He did a really fine job reading his poem to the large audience at Kleinhans Music Hall," said Park English teacher Kerry Reynolds. "He brought life to the cadences and repetitions that, for me, make this a spoken word poem, a fine example of the oral tradition that poetry always harkens to and honors. He has my congratulations as much for putting the work out there as for winning the competition."



Gabriel Montone '16 reads "Naked Angel."

LETTERS TO PARK

I would like to thank Head of School Chris Lauricella and The Park School for making a long lost dream come true. My father, William G. Staniland II, was very dedicated to the School and had a great investment in it because his three children attended Park. His spent many long hours of his own time to make Park a better place for the future: his attempts (along with Brian Meadow's father) to make a hockey rink near the pond (the beavers finally did him in, wrecking his man-made dams), the Father's Committee, and the creation of the first audiology room for higher learning. Through Chris and Carolyn's help, there is now a plaque in the Park library that has my dad's name on it with a "thank you" for all his work. This is very important to my family. We have also donated a tree in my brother's name – William G. Staniland III '61 (d.) – who loved Park as I did and do. We were fortunate to reap the benefits of a Park School education.

Thank you, Park, for making us all better prepared for life and making us better people today.

Sincerely,

ELLIE STANILAND STOFAN '63

When making his gifts to the Annual Fund and Science@Park campaign, **ALMERIN (BUZZ) O'HARA '55** shared his recent letter to the editor of the *Poughkeepsie (NY) Journal*:

Private school education more enriching than generic studies

No wonder there are a "Majority of Hudson Valley students unprepared for college," (September 1, 2015).

I meet these kids almost every day and they are almost totally unmotivated and bored with what public schools have to offer. My family moved and I attended five different high schools when I was younger.

I would never have gotten into engineering school had it not been for the last – a private day school in Buffalo. Everything before that had made it clear to me that school should be boring, tedious, and forced. At The Park School it became different.

I was taught to love to learn. They taught us not what to learn, but how to learn and how to set our own goals and fulfill them. Since then, life has been a constant and exciting learning experience. I was able to go on to a successful career, make major contributions to the manned space program, and later, to establish a successful management consulting firm.

Maintenance Profile

MEET BOB, TOM, AND JOSE – THE GUYS WHO KEEP PARK GOING



Tom Gruszka, Jose Vega, and Bob Keller – the team that keeps The Park School in shape all year round.



US students along with their friends in LS participated in a walk-a-thon to benefit the maintenance team.

Ask anyone on campus "Who works the hardest?" and you are likely to hear, "The maintenance guys." Bob, Tom, and Jose are Park's quintessential maintenance team. Like Superman flying in to save the day, or Batman arriving to dispatch a bad guy, this threesome does it all.

Bob Keller, whose formal title is "Director of Buildings," came to Park in May 2008. He is the leader of the pack as well as simply one of the guys. He was joined by Tom Gruszka (Maintenance Engineer) in March 2009. Jose Vega (Grounds Chief) joined the crew in July 2011. "We work great as a team," says Gruszka. "You definitely know when one of us isn't here," adds Keller.

Like some of their legendary predecessors, Herm Landel, Sammy Yakota, Don Gemerek, and Herb Belcher, Park's current trio of all-around good guys keep the school's 34-acre campus and 11 buildings running. Need to have furniture moved? Call Maintenance! There's a "spill" in Helen Long? Call Maintenance! The roof is leaking in Chapin? Call Maintenance! There's a blizzard (two in the winter of 2015) coming and two miles of sidewalks and three parking lots are impassable? Call Maintenance!

APPRECIATION FOR THEIR HARD WORK

Last year's exceedingly long and cold winter stretched the team especially thin as they worked seemingly around the clock to keep the buildings warm and the pathways and roads clear. Their dedication did not go unnoticed. Last spring, in keeping with Park's core values of respect, responsibility, honesty, and kindness, several upper school students suggested that Park hold a walk-a-thon as a community service project and donate the proceeds to the maintenance team. Enthusiastically embraced by all, the project was kept secret from Bob, Tom, and Jose, who were surprised and humbled when the students presented them with a check for nearly \$3,000 during Campus Cleanup Day in May. The team has been using the windfall to replace and repair equipment.

ON THE PERSONAL SIDE

Bob came to Park from Westminster Presbyterian Church. He is a graduate of Triangle Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, PA. Outside of Park, he keeps busy with volunteer work at his church. He has traveled extensively on humanitarian missions to Haiti and as a chaperone on numerous Immersion trips.

Tom holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering and came to Park after nine years at American Axle. Prior to that, he was an auto mechanic for 24 years. His interests include woodworking, travel, and solving math teacher Mike Deitzer's Pi Day challenges.

Jose came to Park from Nichols School, where he was the ice rink custodian. A native of Southern California, Jose attended Santa Barbara Community College. He enjoys playing soccer and drumming.

Asked what they would like to see in Park's future all three agreed that the School must take care of what it has even as it looks to the future. In addition, a garage for storing vehicles and winter snow clearing equipment is on the team's wish list, along with a turf soccer field.

Many thanks to our Maintenance Team Extraordinaire!



KIND refers to our social and emotional curriculum and our commitment to creating a community that truly lives our core values of respect, responsibility, honesty, and kindness.

Jose Vega and Bob Keller accepted a check for almost \$3,000 from the Upper School Student Government in May.

The Arts at Park

Park Sends Two to ECMEA Choral Festival

Festival showcases top middle school talent from across Western New York.

Calvin Besch '21 and Jessamy Zarragoitia '22 have become the first Park School students to participate in the Erie County Music Educators Association All-County Elementary (ECMEA) Chorus Festival. The two were among top area 5th and 6th graders who sang at Kleinhans Music Hall in the "Red Chorus" led by conductor Julie Furlong. "This was the first time that The Park School of Buffalo has sent choral students to this festival performance," said Park vocal music teacher Theresa Thomasulo. "Both Calvin and Jessamy did a tremendous job representing Park as upstanding musicians and citizens." Well done, Calvin and Jessamy!



Sm(art) Phone
Scan the QR code above to see the 2015 edition of Park's literary magazine, *Miled Road* (right).



Max Zelikman and JoAnn Falletta

Bravo! The Park School Orchestra Brings Kleinhans Crowd to Its Feet

It was standing room only at the March 21, 2015, Community Spotlight Series concert featuring The Park School Orchestra at Kleinhans Music Hall. Highlights of the concert included *Rondo* (Mouret), *Canon* (Pachelbel), *The Turkish March* (Beethoven), and a rousing finale of *Those Were the Days* (*Dorogoi Dlinnoy*) – that brought the crowd to its feet. The orchestra includes not only students from lower school through upper school, but also parents, faculty, staff, and friends of the School.

BPO Music Director JoAnn Falletta was presented with a poster signed by all members of the Park School Orchestra. "You have a great orchestra," she said. "The students play with fire in their eyes and a smile on their faces," adding that Park maestro Max Zelikman is doing incredible things, and she is proud to call him a friend. This was The Park School Orchestra's 11th year performing in the Series and it will perform again in the Mary Seaton Room on Saturday, January 30, 2016, at 7:00 PM. BRAVO!

Park Players Teamwork Brings Cinderella to Life

The Park Players played to four sold-out audiences when they presented *Cinderella* last March. Basking in the show's success, director Alyssa Majewski talked about what it takes to put on a musical at The Park School.

"It takes a village! We have a team of dedicated teachers, staff, and students," she said. Working with assistant director and Park art teacher Kyle Polaske and Park choral teacher Theresa Thomasulo, Majewski was able to craft a magical show.

"Kyle is our artistic visionary," said Majewski. "She brings my ideas to life. I only have to tell her what I am thinking and she carries my ideas out. We have very small staging and backstage areas, so we have to very carefully orchestrate who/what is happening on and off the stage at any given time, and Kyle is very good at doing this."

Thomasulo handled the musical component, coaching actors and helping them understand their character's emotions while they sang. "Theresa's guidance beautifully enhanced the students' performances," Majewski said.

More than 50 students from grades 2 through 12 participated in the production. Working with such a range of ages might prove problematic for some directors, but Majewski, Polaske, and Thomasulo say the students were focused. A top-notch stage crew made up entirely of students was led by technical director David Gaugliano and kept the show running smoothly.

"Working with different age groups can be a challenge, so we take care to make all the players feel that they are essential to the production," said Majewski. "I am so proud of this cast and crew! The kids were so good. They are such seasoned performers that they inherently knew what to do."

Last spring, The Players presented *Patchwork*, a variety show with songs, dances, student-written and published scenes, skits, and monologues. In November they presented *The Curious Savage* and this coming spring 2016 they will present *Seussical* March 10-13 and *Steel Magnolias* May 12-14.



New Faculty & Staff

Please join us in welcoming these new faculty and staff!



MADELEINE FIERSTEIN,
MS/US Spanish Teacher

Madeleine (Maddie) Fierstein came to Park in the fall of 2015. She is a member of the World Languages Department, serving as a Spanish teacher to both middle and upper school students. Previously, Maddie spent four years working on the United States-Mexico border for IDEA public schools where she taught both middle and high school before becoming Assistant Principal of Instruction. She also coached soccer and cross-country. In her role as Assistant Principal she was responsible for

providing professional development for teachers, managing student data, and maintaining a positive school culture. During her time at IDEA she completed her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership at Columbia University. Prior to moving to South Texas she completed a Fulbright Scholarship in Mexico and received her BA at Oberlin College. In her free time she likes rescuing dogs and listening to vinyl records with her husband. She is excited to be a new Buffalonian and finds herself chanting "Let's Go Buffalo" in her sleep.



JESSICA GRAHAM
World History Teacher

Jessica Graham first joined the faculty as a substitute teacher for the Middle and Upper Schools during the 2014-15 school year, and now teaches World History for grade nine. Before coming to Park, Jessica taught middle school American History, World History, World Cultures, and Literature at two local private elementary schools, as well as at North Broward Preparatory School in Coconut Creek, FL. With more than eight

years of teaching experience, in addition to two stints as a special education aide, Jessica has developed a capacity for creating sensitive, student-based learning experiences that promote character development and responsible connections to current news. She holds a BA in history and an MA in education, both from the University at Buffalo.



MARCUS HUTCHINS
Director of Athletics

Marcus Hutchins joined The Park School as the Director of Athletics in September. Prior to coming to Park, he worked for 16 years at the University at Buffalo in the Department of Recreation and Intramural Services. While serving in several capacities throughout his time at the University, his most recent position was Senior Associate Director for Facilities and Business Operations.

Marcus is a native of Monticello, NY. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Social Sciences Interdisciplinary/Legal Studies, a Master of Arts in Applied Public Affairs and Urban Studies as well as an Advanced Certificate from the Graduate School of Education in Teaching and Leading for Diversity. All of his degrees were earned at the University at Buffalo.

Marcus was a Division I wrestler at the University at Buffalo where he earned many accolades that ultimately granted him admission into the University at Buffalo Division of Athletics Hall of Fame.

In addition to serving as Park's Director of Athletics, he is also the founder of The Unit Promise, a non-profit organization that focuses on Youth Engagement and Development. Marcus serves on the Board of Directors for Lou Gehrig Baseball in Amherst, NY, a non-profit organization providing baseball and softball instruction and opportunities.



TAI NIXA
Event Coordinator

Tai Nixa joined the development office in July. Originally from New Hampshire, Tai's passion for education began when she first attended a small independent school in kindergarten. This unique experience allowed her to thrive in a creative environment and led her down a path to become a four-year boarding student at Kimball Union Academy, an independent high school in Meridian, NH.

Tai attended St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY, and received a degree in Anthropology in 2012. After graduating, Tai worked at the Capitol Center for the Arts, New Hampshire's largest nonprofit performing arts center before moving to the Buffalo area in 2013 to continue her career in development.

Tai worked at Explore & More Children's Museum in East Aurora, NY, where she planned successful fundraisers and events for two years. In her free time, you can see Tai on the stage where she enjoys dancing in local community musicals.

Making Marks: Community Art Project



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Getting to Know Coach Battaglia

PARK'S VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL COACH

Park had a phenomenal 2014 boys varsity basketball season, culminating in winning the Class B New York Federation Tournament of Basketball Champions. For readers who don't follow high school basketball, this means that the Park team was the best team in New York State in its class.

For the last five years, Park's boys varsity basketball team has been coached by Dr. Michael Battaglia, a self-described "basketball nut" and a full-time neurologist for the past 25 years at Buffalo Medical Group. We sat down with Mike and asked him to reflect on last season and make some predictions for this year.

NOW THAT SOME TIME HAS GONE BY, HOW ARE YOU FEELING ABOUT WINNING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP?

Looking back, I realize what an incredible feat it was to win the State Championship. I'm extremely satisfied and proud of our players and the School.

WHAT WAS THE SECRET TO LAST SPRING'S SUCCESS?

I don't think that any of the clichés like "we worked hard" or "we were bonded" fit with this team. Sometimes it is better to be lucky than good, but I know that that's not entirely true. I think we had good players, and that they played hard.

WHAT IS YOUR MOST VIVID MEMORY OF THE SEASON?

Randy Golda '15 blocking a last-second shot that could have won the game in the semifinals of the Federation Game [Park versus Westhill]. Kyle Harris '16 had just made two foul shots to put us up by one point. Westhill had 1.9 seconds left to score. They ran a good play to free up their best shooter who had just made a nice 3-point shot at the end of regulation to tie the game, and as he released the ball the buzzer went off and Randy blocked the shot out of bounds.

YOU CERTAINLY HAVE A BUSY PROFESSIONAL LIFE, WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO COACH BASKETBALL?

A lot of people ask me that and I say the same thing every time. It's for the love of the players and for the love of the game – nothing else other than that.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO WORK AT PARK?

Park was in need of a coach and one of my ex-players from The Waldorf School suggested that I apply and then it just went from there. It wasn't like I had a lot of choices. People weren't banging down my door to have me coach for them.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR COACHING STYLE?

I consider myself passionate. I think that I focus on trying to work on positive reinforcement, rather than negative reinforcement. I point out what the players do right so they will do it again in the future. That's my style.

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR YOUNGER PLAYERS SEEKING CHAMPIONSHIP-LEVEL SUCCESS?

Changing how you play is not going to win a State Championship. That's not how it happens. Playing hard is important. Playing passionately is important. Playing together is important. If all those things come together at the right time with the right teammates you might win a championship. Most of the time you won't – but you can still have a successful season that you can be proud of.

WHAT'S YOUR STORY AROUND BASKETBALL?

I started playing basketball when I was 5 or 6 years old. I played all through high school and after high school I played in recreational leagues, and college and medical school in intramurals, and more recreation leagues after that. I've been a basketball nut ever since I picked the ball up, and I still am.

WHAT MAKES YOU SO PASSIONATE ABOUT THE GAME?

You know what? I don't think I know that answer. I really don't. I played football and I wasn't as passionate. I think that you can play basketball by yourself – all you need is a hoop and a ball. You don't need another person. It allows you to improve your game, hone your skills. I like that about the game. I like the fact that in order to be successful as a team you have to work hard together. Not that that's not present in other sports. I like that there are all sorts of different philosophies how to play the game. I have a lot of very good friends who feel the same way about basketball and that keeps me interested and focused.

WHO INSPIRES YOU?

More than anything else my inspiration comes from the guys I grew up playing basketball with – friends who still enjoy and love the game as much as I do. There's a coach who inspires me, too – the late Don Meyer, who was at one point the winningest basketball coach at the Division 2 level. A lot of what we do today is based on his philosophies and teachings. My last and probably greatest inspiration is [Former UB Men's Head Coach] Reggie Witherspoon, who I talk to three to four times a week, and most of our conversations are about basketball. We run his offense and a lot of his defense here at Park.

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE BOYS LEARNED FROM THEIR EXPERIENCE LAST YEAR?

I think the biggest thing they learned was the importance of being a team. I really do believe that. A lot of their attitudes have changed toward one another. I also think that they understand the importance of friendship, which I don't think they really did understand in relation to their teammates in the past. It helps when you win a championship like that.

HOW IS PARK SHAPING UP FOR THE 2015-16 YEAR?

We are moving up from Class B to Class A, which will be exceedingly difficult. Most of the best teams in Western New York are in Class A. We have a difficult non-league schedule and our league schedule will also be difficult as we play twice against Canisius, Bishop Timon, St. Francis, and St. Joe's – all larger schools. But, we will be competitive and we'll have the opportunity to win the Monsignor Martin League again this year. I think we have a chance to do that.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT US TO KNOW?

I hope that the Park community will continue to support its basketball program and continue to cheer us on. That helps our kids play harder and it makes it a more exciting experience for everyone. I also appreciate all the support we have received so far. It's been great. It's such a small school and to have so many people at our games or going on the road to watch us play – it's really impressive.



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SPORTS

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High School Basketball: *Pioneers grab biggest win in school history*

Park soars to Fed title



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Park School senior Randy Golda goes up strong to score two points over Maspeth's Paolo Tamerin in the first quarter. Park won the Federation Class B championship with a 70-51 victory.

By MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ
NEWS SPORTS REPORTER

ALBANY – When Park School won its first state Catholic Class B boys basketball championship two weeks ago, Mike Battaglia was stunned to learn the season wasn't over.

That's when he first heard of the New York Federation Tournament of Basketball Champions. The coach, whose day job is being a neurologist, then did a web search

to find out more about this "Federation Tournament."

Battaglia has a pretty good idea what the event is all about now, after his Pioneers followed up their Catholic championship by becoming kings of New York State basketball in Class B.

Park won its first overall state championship Sunday night as it took down pesky New York City Public Schools Athletic League champ Maspeth, 70-51, in the Federation final. Tournament MVP

Jordan Nwora poured in a game-high 29 points and grabbed 12 rebounds as he flaunted all the skills that have caught the attention of Division I recruiters at University at Albany's SEFCU Arena, while senior Randy Golda, an all-tournament team selection, added 14 points and 11 rebounds.

"It's really special," Nwora said. "There are no words to explain how this really feels. It was a special mo-

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Fast start puts Pioneers in charge

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ment for me and my team."

An estimated 300 watched as the Pioneers completed an unprecedented weekend of success at this tournament by Buffalo-area boys teams as the Monsignor Martin Class B Manhattan Cup winner joined Class A-sized school Canisius as Federation champions.

This is the first time since 1988 that two Western New York boys schools won Federation titles at the same tournament as Park and Canisius joined defunct schools LaSalle and Turner-Carroll in that exclusive club.

"It feels good," said Pioneers senior Derek Cheatom, who will take his basketball talents to Division II Saint Michael's in Vermont. "Representing Buffalo is a big thing for us. No one thinks Buffalo has a great basketball area. For us and Canisius to come out here and win is a great thing for us."

"Canisius is an outstanding program, they're the class of Western New York," said Battaglia, while holding the championship plaque in one hand. "We get to be a part of all that. ... I had five, six other coaches from the Monsignor Martin text me or call me, coaches from other leagues, coaches who played Westhill call me. To be a part of that is incredible. I appreciate all the help."

The triumph is huge for Park, the tiny private school in Snyder that willfully took a step up in competition when it moved from the IAC to the Monsignor Martin Association in 2013.

The Pioneers made sure another upstart program didn't prevent their championship dream from coming true. They did that by starting fast and never giving the fundamentally sound Argonauts an opening to rally as they did in Saturday's state semifinal against Dwight School.

Maspeth came back from a 16-point halftime deficit to earn the one-point win and spot in the final.

Nwora, who scored 18 points in Saturday's semifinal win but none after halftime, got the Pioneers off to a fine start with six first-quarter points, including the game's first three-pointer. Park led 18-10 after one quarter. He added eight more points in the second quarter as the Pioneers led 35-24 at the break.

They put the game to bed with a 15-0 run in the third quarter after Michal Bugaj's putback pulled Maspeth (24-2) within nine. Nwora had five points and an assist during the blitz. Golda had eight during the run as Park took a 50-29 lead into the fourth quarter.

"We talked about that at halftime," Battaglia said of the Argonauts' knack for rallying. "Like a lot of coaches say in basketball, 'the first four minutes of the second half are sometimes the most important part of the game.' ... They could've stuck around and cut into the lead but we were able to build on the lead and it was struggle for them."

"That's a gritty basketball team. That's a very good basketball team."

A team that didn't feel as if it played up to its full potential, but it also could have still been feeling the effects of Saturday's draining comeback win.

"I'm sure that definitely affected how they played," said Maspeth coach Anastasia Bitis, of her fourth-year program that played its first full season in the PSAL. "But we came out sort of flat, maybe nerves with what was at stake."

Park's starters knew what was at stake and never relented until being able to watch the final 50-plus seconds from the bench as Battaglia inserted some of his reserves so that they could experience what it was like to play in the biggest win in school history.

"It was a great feeling knowing we were about to win a championship," Cheatom said. "I loved seeing my teammates out there. ... It was a great feeling."

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Park School's Kyle Harris hits a three-pointer in the second quarter against Maspeth.

Sports Roundup



Girls in grades 3, 4, and 5 ran their first 5K in Delaware Park as part of the *Girls On the Run* transformational learning program after-school running club.



LOWER SCHOOL SOCCER

Both lower school soccer teams finished strong last spring, with the Mites (7-0, grades 1 and 2) going undefeated and the Pee Wees (8-2, grades 3 and 4) taking second place in the Diminuco Cup tournament.



Greg Connors '16 looks for the pass during a JV lacrosse game at home against Newfane.

BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY LACROSSE

The boys finished 3-5. A highlight was beating rival Gow twice during the season.

GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY LACROSSE

This spring marked the inaugural season in the Monsignor Martin League. The team finished 0-8 but improved tremendously during the season. The athletes showed such improvement that referees and spectators alike noticed it as the season progressed.

CROSS-COUNTRY



Fourteen upper schoolers came together to create a cross-country club for the spring season. The season lasted nine weeks and included five, 5K (3.1 mi) road races and one 4-mile road race.



ALUMNI SOCCER GAME

Alumni and friends: Peter Schultz '11, John Benzinger, Zach Linder '14, Todd Levin '86, Steve George '97, Doug Goldstein '77, Chris Lauricella, Jose Vega, Kevin Weise, Kevin Wartinger, Tripp Higgins '90, Kelly Giacobbe, Isaac Forni '11, Evan Sakowski '05. Seated: Kody Sprague '03, Abby Sakowski '08

Immersion 2015



One of the things that sets a Park School education apart is its Immersion Program. The Immersion program is a graded academic program designed to completely immerse students in a world outside their own, involving them in opportunities to learn and explore through firsthand experience. Immersion addresses these principles of The Park School:

- > To learn how to learn, and enjoy learning
- > To engage creatively in learning
- > To practice freedom with responsibility
- > To transform challenge into opportunity, and perhaps most specifically,
- > To be curious, to explore, and to discover

Every other year, students in grades 5-12 spend the academic year in in-depth study of a topic of interest that culminates in a trip or experience in the spring that caps the year-long study.

In 2015, students traveled to France, Bali, the Galapagos Islands, and China. Domestically, students hiked the Appalachian Trail in Virginia, explored life along the Mississippi, learned about innovative creations and inventions in Florida, and studied theatre in New York City. Locally, students learned about Buffalo architecture, delved deeply into robotics, educated themselves about Museology (the study of museums), explored the history and growth of Buffalo's waterfront, and enjoyed an in-depth STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) experience.



GIRLS 5/6 BASKETBALL TEAM

Congratulations to the girls 5/6 basketball team. The girls finished the season with a 7-4 record and took second place in the Diocesan Holy Hoopsters League.

2015 VARSITY SOCCER HONORS

GIRLS

Monsignor Martin High School
Athletic Association Honors
Kelly Rodgers
Gaby Baumgart

BOYS

Independent Athletic Conference Honors
Nnamdi (Tony) Ugboma – 1st Team All Conference
Stefano Occhiuto – 1st Team All Conference
William Derrick – 1st Team All Conference
Sam Koplas – Honorable Mention
Greg Connors – Honorable Mention
Noah Hutchins – Honorable Mention



Immersion trips included (clockwise from top right): Bali, Indonesia; Disney World STEM; the Buffalo Waterfront; the Appalachian Trail; Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands; and the South of France.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



On behalf of the students, faculty, staff, and trustees, thank you for your incredible support during the 2014-15 year! Your generosity provides the financial resources needed to attract and retain a high quality and loyal faculty, provides tuition assistance to talented students who ensure our community represents the world in which we live, and adds and expands upon important academic and community programs that make Park an outstanding school.

As we look ahead to the completion of the *Science@Park* Campaign and construction of the new Knopp-Hailpern Center, I am proud of our school and excited about Park's place in the Western New York educational community.

One of the highlights of the year is the unrestricted Annual Fund campaign that raised more than \$320,000 – a new record for Park! Part of this success is continued growth in alumni giving, including an increase in young alumni giving from 16 donors in 2013-14 to 54 in 2014-15! New gifts and investment income helped Park School Foundation endowment funds grow to more than \$2 million. Park's fundraising events continue to provide a significant source of income for the School, along with opportunities for fun and camaraderie among our community at the annual auction and golf outing.

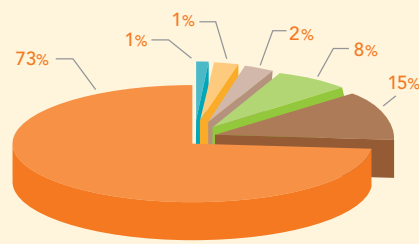
Park would not exist without philanthropic support – from those who came before us and from all of you today who are ensuring a strong future for the School and our truly amazing community of faculty and students.

WITH MUCH GRATITUDE,

CAROLYN HOYT STEVENS '81
Director of Development

On behalf of the Advancement Committee and colleagues on the Development Team

Look for a full report of donors to *Science@Park* upon completion of this capital campaign.

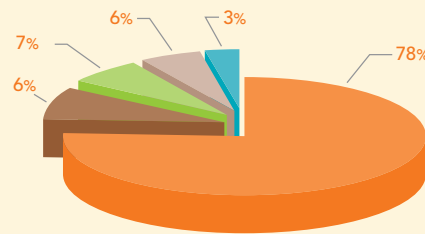


INCOME 2014-2015

Net Tuition & Fees	\$3,419,160
Gifts & Fundraising Events	\$709,649
Summer Programs	\$360,867
Other Income	\$99,987
Foundation Distribution	\$70,000
Ancillary Programs	\$51,133

TOTAL INCOME \$4,710,796

Fundraising does not include gifts made to the Park School Foundation or Capital Campaign.



EXPENSES 2014-2015

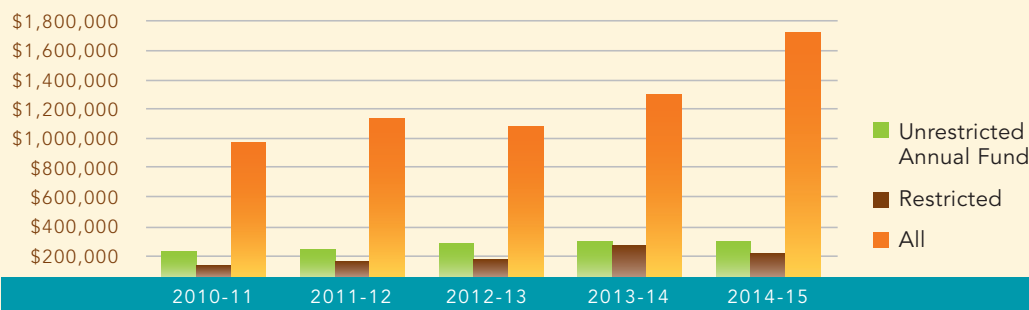
Salaries & Benefits	\$3,612,767
Administration	\$331,153
Campus & Facilities	\$301,909
Instructional & Student Programs	\$279,093
Other	\$120,064

TOTAL EXPENSES \$4,644,986

2014-2015 GIVING SUMMARY

Unrestricted Annual Fund	\$320,868
Restricted Annual Funds	\$222,965
Auction 2015 – Passport to Park	\$164,816
Centennial Capital Campaign	\$1,035,526
Gifts to Park School Foundation of Buffalo	\$124,455
Park School Foundation Endowment Distribution to Support Scholarships, Professional Development, and more	\$70,000

TOTAL \$1,938,630



TOTAL GIVING

2014-15 ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

HIGHLIGHTS

\$320,868

raised for unrestricted Annual Fund – a new Park record!



PARTICIPATION

100% Trustees and Faculty/Staff
77% Current Parents

WHO GAVE TO THE ANNUAL FUND?

954 DONORS

19 Trustees (100%)

67 Faculty & Staff (100%)

198 Current Parents (77%)
national average: 66%*

367 Alumni (19%)
national average: 6%*

128 Parents of Alumni (14%)
national average: 8%*

175 Friends
Grandparents, Former Faculty/Staff, Foundations

*National Association of Independent Schools

PARK BY THE NUMBERS



Number of GIFTS RECEIVED on #GivingTuesday: **10**
TOTALING **\$6,500**

Furthest traveled for a 2015 Immersion trip:

9,898

miles to **BALI, INDONESIA**



Hours of faculty staff **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** during the summer of 2015:

1,346



Number of GIFTS OF \$100,000 & ABOVE for the *Science@Park* Capital Campaign (to date):

9



CUBIC YARDS OF MULCH used during the annual spring All-School Campus Clean-up:

10

Average number of **YEARS OF SERVICE** for faculty/staff:

12



93 LEADERSHIP DONORS (gifts of \$1000 or more) provide 70% of unrestricted Annual Fund dollars



699

OTHER DONORS provide 29% of unrestricted Annual Fund dollars



YOUNG ALUMNI DONORS: 56

(up from 16 the previous year) and

\$5,000

NEW DOLLARS for Park because these graduates from 2000-2014 exceeded the 50 donor challenge



Number of NYS Federation Boys Basketball **CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS:**

1

AUCTION 2015 – PASSPORT TO PARK

\$164,816 total dollars raised (gross) • **455** items sold • **26** event sponsors
\$22,450 in Fund-a-Need dollars raised for new Harlem Road sign • **1,000** Estimated volunteer hours

THIRD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

\$19,000 raised (gross) • **70** golfers – alumni, parents, grandparents, faculty, and friends • **17** lost golf balls

UPDATE

So many alumni, parents, past parents, and other friends of the School have supported our largest capital campaign, *Science@Park*. Thank you all! As we near our fundraising goal of \$4 million and finalize plans for the new science building, we want to encourage everyone connected to Park to support this campaign that is vital to our future.

The *Science@Park* Capital Campaign is funding significant technology improvements, many of which have already been implemented, and the construction of a new science building, The Knopp-Hailpern Center. Named for beloved faculty members, Dr. Jacky Knopp and Dr. Raoul Hailpern, the building will have state-of-the-art classrooms and labs as well as an interactive space, the “Center for Campus Inquiry,” that will house our natural collections. The “Campus Inquiry Center” will allow Park to expand on its pilot program of partnering with urban schools so that their students may learn about the natural sciences in authentic natural settings.

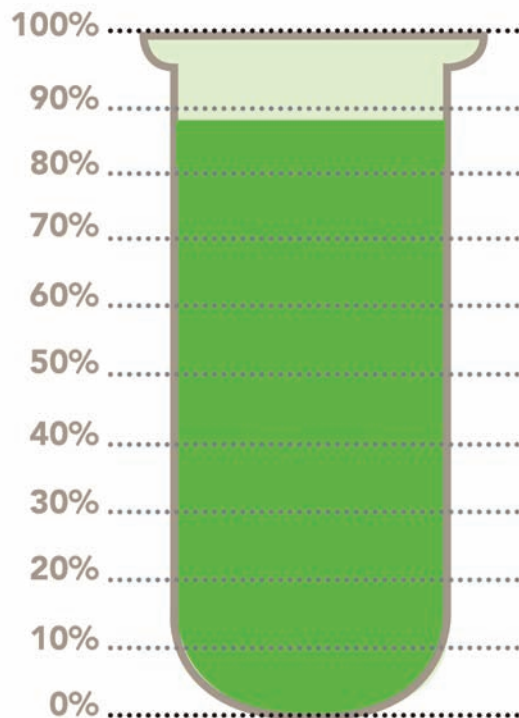
REHABILITATING THE POND



An October 2014 pond study indicated that the pond is on the verge of becoming an unhealthy ecosystem. To ensure the pond's future, the *Science@Park* campaign goal has been raised to \$4 million so that restoration may take place to limit unwanted nutrient input into the pond, stabilize the water chemistry, and promote ecosystem diversity. Doing so will reestablish the pond as an amenity and teaching tool and will improve the water quality and ensure that the pond continues to be a teaching tool for this and future generations.

At the time of this printing, we are more than 87% to our goal. However, \$500,000 still needs to be raised in order to complete the fundraising campaign and break ground on the new building. Please make your gift or pledge today to help make this exciting new building and pond rehabilitation a reality!

\$4 Million Goal



Annual Fund + Science@Park = A DUAL APPEAL!

This year, we are asking the entire Park community to support BOTH our current and future needs by making a gift or pledge to the **2015-2016 ANNUAL FUND** AND a gift or pledge to **SCIENCE@PARK**.



WHY SUNFLOWERS?

Students, faculty, and friends planted sunflowers in June 2015 to mark the location of The Knopp-Hailpern Center. In September, we mailed a packet of sunflowers like the one above to the entire Park community. Why sunflowers? Not only are they beautiful, but their seed pattern also illustrates the mathematical phenomenon known as the Fibonacci Sequence, a recent topic in Park math classes. This spring, you will receive a reminder to plant your sunflower seeds with the hope that you will also “Plant Park’s Future” by generously supporting our Dual Appeal!

WHY ARE WE ASKING YOU TO SUPPORT BOTH CAMPAIGNS?

Like every independent school, The **ANNUAL FUND** is vital to the everyday operations of The Park School and provides funding for tuition assistance, faculty salaries, campus maintenance, and more. This year’s goal is \$320,000.

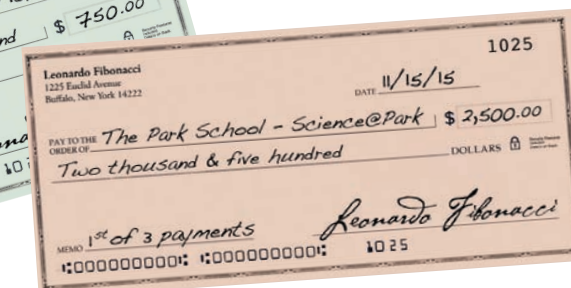
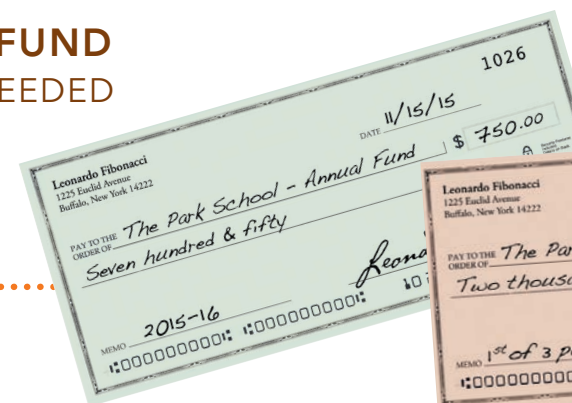
SCIENCE@PARK is the future of the School. More than \$3.5 million has already been raised toward our \$4 million goal. We need just \$500,000 more to break ground on The Knopp-Hailpern Center!

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP – WRITE YOUR CHECKS OR MAKE YOUR PLEDGES TODAY!

ANNUAL FUND
\$320,000 NEEDED

SCIENCE@PARK
\$500,000 NEEDED

Pledge payable during the 2015-16 school year.



Thank you!



Each and every contribution made to The Park School is received with gratitude and immediately goes to support our students, faculty, and campus. The very generous members of our Mary Hammett Lewis Circle of Leadership Donors demonstrate a profound commitment to the School with their significant gifts in support of Park's mission and vision. The following donors gave \$1,000 or more in restricted and unrestricted gifts (\$500 or more for members of the Young Alumni Leadership Circle) during the fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. We are exceedingly grateful for this support.

< Mary Hammett Lewis, founding headmistress of The Park School.

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The lists below recognize the generous donors who contributed to the School during the 2014-15 fiscal year, July 1 – June 30. We are extremely grateful to the supporters listed on the following pages for their dedication to Park and their gifts to the School, both of which continue to enhance the unique, rigorous Park experience for all students.

Every effort has been made to present a thorough and accurate listing of all donors to the School during the 2014-15 fiscal year. If your name was omitted or incorrectly listed, please accept our apologies and let us know so that we may correct our records.

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"Passport to Park was another triumph for our staff and volunteers," said Head of School Chris Lauricella. "I was particularly amazed by how the team transformed Clement Gym with about \$10 worth of materials – a ream of paper and fishing line – to become an elegant squadron of paper airplanes filling the skies above the silent auction items. On behalf of everyone at Park, many thanks to the Auction 2015 volunteers for their leadership and support. The evening exceeded both our fundraising goals and the limits of our imagination!"

More than 270 people attended the event, which included both silent and live auctions.

Excitement was extremely high during the live auction as teacher/auctioneer Chris Downey led the lively bidding on artwork created by each grade in the Lower School and art faculty members Kyle Polaske and Dave O'Malley. WGRZ meteorologist Kevin O'Connell handled the live auction and worked hard to ensure top dollar bids on all of the items. Co-chaired by Trevor & Wende Mollenberg Stevenson '97 and John & Amy Hoskins, the event was a grand night out for a truly great cause.

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Summer Day Camp	July 5 – August 12
Boys Basketball Camp	August 15 – 19
Summer Scholars Camp	August 15 – 26
Girls Basketball Camp	August 22 – 26

2016 CAMP DATES

Honorary and Memorial Gifts

We extend our gratitude to the many Park friends who designated their gifts in honor or in memory of family members, special friends, teachers, and classmates.

IN HONORARIUM

Maddie '11, Caroline '15, Greg '17 Connors
Albert Sagraves

Class of 1940
Mary Doolittle Taylor '40

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Dawn Cerrato

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Varsity Girls Basketball
Devonya Havis and E.J. Walton

Trevor & Sofia's Graduation in Austin
Dr. and Mrs. Marshall D. Fagin '62

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John P. MacKenzie '48

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Brad Chapin & 1958 classmates
Janet Aberdeen Mueller '58

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Dee Dee Danahy Booth '65

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Leonard D. Carrel '65

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Cynthia Bradley Crippen '74

Gloria Reif Horlein Drake '42
Amy Horlein Loehndorf '74

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Helen Cox Jerauld '65

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Nancy Lattimer
Catherine Chapin Kobacker '67

Rose M. Lauricella
Joseph C. Lauricella

Martha C. Little
Charles S. Little '58

Bryan G. Meadows '61
Grier Livingston Curtis '62

Deceased Members of 1957
Dale C. English '57

Herb Mols
William Bridge '50
Gary Mols '64

Winifred H. Morrison
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James R. Morrison '68

Louise Levi Obletz '39
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Allen (Tom) Thomas IV
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Eleanor Treiber
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Gretchen & Warren Smith
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Diana Olear Zelikman
Charles McGuire, Jr. '04

The Park School of Buffalo Foundation

The Park School of Buffalo Foundation manages the School's endowment. Members of the Board include alumni, past parents, and friends who help to grow the assets by encouraging all who care about Park's long term financial health to make a bequest to Park or establish another type of planned gift to benefit the School.

Park's total endowment at fiscal year end, June 30, 2015, was \$2,108,979 – up from \$1,895,039 in 2014.

Park's endowment funds are held at the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo (CFGB) where they are pooled with more than \$300 million in other funds providing our school access to a wide variety of investment vehicles. CFGB's investment returned 3.9% last year. Since the Park School Foundation's account was established at the Community Foundation, annualized investment returns have averaged 8.5%. All returns are expressed net of fees.

Within Park's endowment are individual funds established during the past 40 years to permanently support scholarships and tuition assistance, professional development for faculty, programs benefitting Park's students and the community, and unrestricted needs. The School is grateful to the generous alumni, parents of alumni, former faculty and others who have established endowment funds to honor Park students, graduates, faculty, and former faculty. These names are now forever associated with The Park School, while at the same time strengthening our community.

If you are interested in supporting an existing fund or learning more about Park's endowment funds, please contact Carolyn Hoyt Stevens '81, Director of Development, at 716-839-1243 x104 or cstevens@theparkschool.org.



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GIFTS TO THE PARK SCHOOL OF BUFFALO FOUNDATION

Thank you to those friends who made gifts to The Park School of Buffalo Foundation during the 2014-15 fiscal year. These gifts for endowment funds are a wonderful way to support the School now while helping to ensure its long-term future.

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Upper School Student Government members James Ellegate '18, Noah Cosimano-White '17, Naomi Frisch '16, Paris Howell '16, Mia Stevens '16, and Emma Goldman '18 were proud to receive a plaque from John O'Brien of the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County recognizing Park's longtime commitment to the organization. Each year, Park donates a portion of the proceeds from Country Fair to the UWBE.



Park would need **\$6.4 million** in new endowment dollars (at a 5% distribution) to provide the purchasing power of a **\$320,000 Annual Fund.**



Named for the year The Park School of Buffalo was founded, the **1912 LEGACY SOCIETY** recognizes those individuals who have included The Park School in their will, trust, or other planned gift. We express our most sincere gratitude to the alumni, current and past parents, grandparents, and friends who have advised us that the School is included in their estate plans. Planned gifts are a significant way to demonstrate your belief in the mission and vision of Park and to help strengthen the School both now and in the future.

If you have made a provision for Park in your plans, please notify us so that we may thank you and recognize you as a member of the 1912 Legacy Society if you choose. For more information, please contact the Park School Development Office at **(716) 839-1243 x104** or by email at development@theparkschool.org.

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 - Class of 1983**
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 - Class of 1993**
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 - Eleanor Treiber (d.)
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Thanks to Park Foundation Board member Tom Leed '61 and Mike Dann '75 of Hadley Exhibits for the new 1912 Legacy signs recently installed in The Rich Family Activity Center, the Helen Long building, and the dining hall.

JANE PLIMPTON PLAKIAS '37

Park is remembering Jane Plimpton Plakias '37, who died February 12, 2015. Jane was a devoted alumna who supported the School for decades. Her enthusiasm and love for Park inspired her to create the Jane Plimpton '37 History Chair Endowed Fund. This gives the School a permanent means of support for the salary of the history department chair.

"I had the pleasure of visiting with Mrs. Plakias a few times over the last seven years and was so saddened to hear of her passing," said Head of School Chris Lauricella. "She was incredibly bright and somewhat larger-than-life to me."

Lauricella recalled a story she told about when she was a single young woman, traveling in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka):

"I was traveling around Southeast Asia, and was told by Ford [Foundation] that if I had any delays I was meant to look up a man named Mr. John Plakias at the Embassy. Now, poor John Plakias had never heard of this silly girl from America and didn't approve of the idea that I was traveling around by myself. Communication was very different back then, and he was so conscientious that he met every airplane that landed in Colombo for an entire week. So he was rather cross when we eventually met, which only got worse when I told him I wanted to go into the jungle to see wild elephants. He wouldn't let me go alone, so I went to a luncheon and announced that I 'had arranged' to go into the jungle – which was a total fib – and that I would love some company. The next day a young lady from the luncheon showed up and off we went into the jungle with a ranger to find some elephants."

A true global pioneer, she worked and lived in many foreign countries, and journeyed to more as a visitor, including a visit to the North Pole on a Russian icebreaker.

"I loved Park. I just adored it," she once said. "I consider that an enormous amount of the things that I did afterwards – even after Vassar – everything that

WHEN LAURICELLA ASKED HER, "WHAT POSSESSED YOU AS A SINGLE WOMAN TO TRAVEL THE WORLD – LET ALONE GO INTO THE JUNGLE – ALONE?" SHE REPLIED, "I WENT TO PARK SCHOOL, WHERE NO ONE EVER TOLD ME I COULDN'T."

I did that was adventurous and fun and different came from my experience at Park. It really did, because they encouraged that."

"As a student here in the 1930s Jane developed a deep sense of loyalty to Park School," said Director of Development Carolyn Hoyt Stevens '81. "Whether serving on the student council or playing field hockey, she made some of her life's most wonderful memories during the years she attended Park."

A graduate of Vassar College, Jane led a life filled with adventure. She worked for the Federal Bureau of the Budget in 1942, before moving to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (a precursor to the United Nations), where she was involved in relief efforts in Europe and Tibet in 1945. She continued her career at the Ford Foundation, and met her husband, John, on that business trip to Ceylon, where he was posted as a Foreign Service Officer. Once married, they moved to The Hague, where he was in the United States Diplomatic Corps.

She and John settled in Washington, D.C., where she screened U.S. applicants for scholarships to the London School of Economics. She also devoted considerable time to the English Speaking Union, a UK-founded organization with branches worldwide.



Her adventuresome life involved some of the most important people of the 20th century, including her friends Eleanor Roosevelt and President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Jane told wonderful stories about her interactions with the Roosevelts, including spending the night at the White House as a recent college graduate and roaming the halls once the single steward on duty left for the night. She reported not sleeping a wink and exploring every room. As a great-niece of Ansley Wilcox, whose Buffalo home was the site of the inauguration of President Theodore Roosevelt after William McKinley's

assassination, she invested much time and energy in developing the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site, where she was Director Emeritus. She was also Director Emeritus of the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill in Hyde Park, NY.



Jane is second from the right in the first row in this field hockey photo from 1936. Her sister Betty is to her left.

2015 College Acceptances and Class Day Awards

Park School students are well prepared for the rigors of the college experience. Our graduates matriculate to colleges and universities that are among the most selective in the country. Following is a list of members of the Class of 2015 and the colleges or universities to which they were accepted. The college the student chose to attend is in bold. Class Day Awards are italicized.

Erika Barnes

Canisius College
Medaille College
Niagara University
Pennsylvania State University
St. Bonaventure University
University at Buffalo

Derek Cheatom

Saint Michael's College

Jiaqi Chen

Drexel University
Michigan State University
Parsons School of Design

Alek Cheng-Urbe

Canisius College
University at Buffalo
University of Panama
International Student Award

Carter Clark Burton

Arizona State University
Canisius College
Columbia College Chicago
Pennsylvania State University
University of Nevada Las Vegas

Caroline Connors

Skidmore College
Section VI Scholar Athlete
Parkie Recognition

Trevor Cornish

Bucknell University
Canisius College
Clarkson
Daemen College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
St. Lawrence University
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Union College
University at Buffalo Honors College
University of Rochester
The Park School Alumni Senior Award
*Independent Health and Business First Community ALL*STAR Scholarship for Academic Excellence*
Erie-Niagara School Superintendents' Association Academic Achievement Award
NYS STEM Incentive Program – Full SUNY Tuition Scholarship
Environmental Award
Senior Thesis Recognition for Honorable Mention

Liana Ellegate

American University
The Park School Academic Engagement Award
Model UN
Smith College Book Award

Randy Golda

Alfred University
Gannon University
Ohio University
Rochester Institute of Technology

Lauren Gould

University at Buffalo
Spanish Language Award
Parkie Recognition

Dorian Griffin

Erie Community College
New York Institute of Technology
Ohio University
SUNY College at Buffalo
SUNY College at Fredonia
University of Hartford
University of New Haven

Hannah Harris

Simon Frasier University
The University of British Columbia
University of California – Irvine
Whittier College
Model UN

Martina Holzhauer

Cazenovia College
The University of Findlay
Transylvania University
University of Kentucky

Cary Killeen

Elon University
Fordham University
University at Buffalo
University of Hawaii at Manoa
Wheaton College
Senior Thesis Recognition for Honorable Mention

Oliver Killeen

American University
Brandeis University
Elon University
Occidental College
Wheaton College

Xinyi (Vivien) Liu

Pennsylvania State University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
University of Washington
Erie-Niagara School Superintendents' Association Academic Achievement Award

Kalia McCray

Ohio University
University at Buffalo
University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown
University of Hartford

Nico Neglia

AMDA College and Conservatory of the Performing Arts
Point Park University
SUNY College at Fredonia
The Park School Personal Growth Award
The Park School Drama Award

Schylar Norton

Bennington College
Vocal Leadership in the Choral Arts Award

Aidan Powell

Canisius College
Clarkson University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Ithaca College
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
University at Buffalo
University of Rochester
Student Government Award

Shengde (Ray) Qian

University of Iowa
Instrumental Music Award

Tashi Sherpa

Colgate University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Smith College
SUNY at Geneseo
Union College
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Rochester
State of New York Office of the State Comptroller Award

Kendal Smith

Bucknell University
Canisius College
Colgate University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
St. Lawrence University
SUNY at Geneseo
Union College
Jane Plimpton '37 History Award
Scholarship for Academic Excellence
Erie-Niagara School Superintendents' Association Academic Achievement Award
Parkie Recognition

Kyla Threats

Cheyney University
Clark Atlanta University
Delaware State University
Hampton University
Le Moyne College
Livingstone College
Medaille College
The Lincoln University
Equity and Justice Award
Park Faculty Award
Senior Thesis Recognition for Honorable Mention

Pulin (Susan) Yu

Pennsylvania State University – University Park
University of Massachusetts – Amherst
Instrumental Music Award

Jiongda Zhu

Santa Monica College

Ziyaun Zhang

Stony Brook University
The George Washington University
University at Buffalo
University of California – Irvine

2015 Commencement

The Park School Class of 2015 graduated Friday morning, June 12, 2015. Thirty one students received diplomas at Park's 93rd Commencement. Commencement speakers Sandy Geffner and Scott Lembitz, naturalists with Earth Spirit Educational Services, mesmerized the crowd with stories of outdoor adventures and advice delivered regarding the seniors' futures. Park has had a long association with Earth Spirit Educational Services and the seniors, many of whom have known the naturalists for ten years or more, unanimously choose "Mr. Sandy" and "Mr. Scott." The caveat was that they had to bring props - animals, hides, skeletons.... The naturalists delivered. Much to everyone's surprise and delight, Allison the alligator made an appearance, along with Reggie the gecko. Caroline Connors delivered a memorable address on behalf of the senior class, marking the occasion with a first-ever PowerPoint presentation that recapped the class' Park School experience.

"Commencement 2015 served as a wonderful metaphor for The Park School as a whole," said Head of School Chris Lauricella. "Perhaps what I liked best about this commencement is that it felt like an hour-long adventure, rather than a staid and predictable tradition. I also appreciated how deeply the design of the day was influenced by our students."

The members of the Class of 2015 were accepted to 72 colleges and universities. We wish them well.



Pioneer Award



Melissa J. Baumgart is recognized for her dedication and service to the School.

Following are remarks by Head of School Chris Lauricella as he presented her with the 2015 Pioneer Award.

"It has been customary from time to time... a custom instituted in 1969 by then-Headmaster E. Barton Chapin Jr. ...to present

what is called the Pioneer Award to outstanding members of the Park School community who have done a great deal for the School.

This year I am both incredibly happy and sad about giving this award. I am happy because I can't think of anyone more deserving of the honor and sad because bestowing this award signals the end of an era, and the fact that I won't get to see her every week, because she is the best partner a head of school could hope for.

This should tip all of us off to the fact that the 2015 Pioneer Award is going to Mrs. Melissa Baumgart, the president of our board of trustees and mom to Lucas, Class of 2010, Clay 2012, and Gaby 2016.

Missy is not one for lots of public praise and attention and I am going to honor this by keeping my remarks brief. She has been involved in our community since 2000 and, rather than rattle off the rather long and impressive list of ways that she has helped the School grow, I hope you will simply trust me when I say that all of us here today have, in some way or another, benefitted significantly from Mrs. Baumgart's commitment to Park.

She is seemingly always here with us – sometimes on an almost daily basis – faithfully attending and leading numerous committee meetings. She does all this despite having a very busy life leading a highly successful company and serving on many high profile nonprofit boards across Western New York, including Roswell Park, the Zoo, and the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.

And yet I know, because she has told me so many times, that Park is one of her highest priorities because of what the School has done for her kids. While I'm sure we have had a major influence in their lives, I am equally sure that Lucas, Clay, and Gaby are darn lucky to have you and Allan as parents. Nonetheless, it is always wonderful to hear you say how much you love this place.

Missy, we share a pretty irreverent sense of humor, so perhaps the highest compliment that I can pay you is to tell you, without a hint of irony, that we love you, too."

From the Park Alumni Association President

JOE McMAHON '83



I am happy to report that we have had another successful year of increasing alumni engagement with the School. The event schedule has been full and it has been nice to see so many old and new friends returning for school activities. We are also very appreciative of the generosity of the alumni as we have seen continued growth in alumni giving. Thank you all very much for your support of Park.

The Golf Tournament in August was a great success with records being set for both attendance and funds raised. We will be moving to a new location next year – Arrowhead Golf Club. So save the date of August 15,

2016, for this really great event. It was also nice to see so many alumni at Country Fair and the Alumni Soccer Game in October!

If you haven't taken the time to return for an alumni event I encourage you to do so. We have a number of great ones coming up and would love to have you come and re-connect with us. Thanksgiving Assembly is always a great tradition at Park, but soon the holiday season will be upon us which means the Alumni Basketball Game on December 22 that will be followed by a boys varsity basketball game. Last year we enjoyed watching the boys beat St. Joe's for the first time ever after the alumni game. The alumni game was great fun, but supporting the current students was even more exciting. The Alumni Holiday Party at Just Vino in Buffalo will follow on December 26.

We are looking forward to *Mad About Science* Auction 2016 on March 5, 2016. The Board of Visitors will convene May 19 and 20. These are great ways to learn about what is going on in the School now. Within a few hours I guarantee that you will be impressed by our current student body and faculty, and proud of how the School carries on the traditions upon which it was founded. Of course, Reunion is June 17 and 18 when we will celebrate the class years ending in 1 and 6.

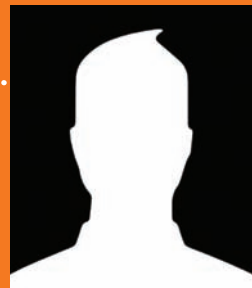
If none of these events fit your schedule perhaps you will be able to join us for the groundbreaking event for the new Science Building on the campus – details to follow. This is an exciting time to be a part of the community at Park, and I hope you choose to visit us soon.

WHERE ARE THEY?

Do you know the whereabouts of any of our "lost" alumni? The alumni listed below are members of classes celebrating reunions this year, and we want to invite them.

If you know how we can reach someone on this list, please contact the Development Office, **716-839-1243 x130** or email alumni@theparkschool.org. Thank you for helping us keep all Park School alumni connected!

Alumni can update their contact information by visiting www.theparkschool.org and clicking on Alumni.



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Andora Hodgkin '41
Edward Kelly '41
Bronson Ross '41
Suzanne DeVita Fimiani '46
Frances Gray Callahad '51
Suzanne Conley '51
Patricia Laub Finck '51
Barbara Beattie Macoff '51
Frank Soldwedel '51
Jay Borland '56
Louise Hedden Reagan '56

Tudi Priebe Cooper '61
Steven Littell '61
Arthur Roberts '61
Mark Smith '61
William Thompkins '61
David Owen '66
John Patterson '66
Suzanne Rogerson '66
Molly Boylan '71
Mark Cox '71
William Irving '71
Michael Mascari '71

Deborah Rinaldi '71
James Ross '71
Cynthia Robb Buechler '76
Daryl Meisburger Greenlund '76
Nathaniel Guy '76
Scott Kunerth '76
James Roehl '76
Julian De Castro '81
William Gresser '81
Jenny Lau '81
Sanami Takahashi '81
Robert Broussard '86

James Coppola '86
Kellie Walker Humphrey '86
Paul McCollum '86
Laurie Anne Miller '86
Jonathan Mosovich '86
Nova Myhill '86
Celine Vitoria Bianchi '91
Daniel Meeker '91
Heather Paolucci '91
Kenya Shujaa '91
Jose Manuel Fernandez Sigmund '91

Paulina Del Canto Montenegro '96
Margaret Dowling '96
Aubrey Frank '01
David Fuhrman '01
Jia Choi '06
Lingkun Wu '06
Garrett Burgwardt '11
Jianing Huang '11
Bingzhi Zeng '11
Haoyi Zhou '11

THIRD ANNUAL PARK SCHOOL GOLF OUTING

Monday, August 17, 2015 – Seneca Hickory Stick – Lewiston, New York



Winners Marty Berardi, Chris Berardi '03, Kody Sprague '03, Evan Smith '05



Gretchen Gross, Ed Graber, Debbie DiMatteo, Dave Szaflarski



Ron Jenese, Aaron Santarosa, Todd Levin '86, Brian Kent

A HUGE SUCCESS!

The third annual golf outing was a huge success, netting nearly \$10,000 that will go toward rehabilitating the Wycoff tennis courts.

Held at Seneca Hickory Stick in Lewiston, NY, 70 golfers came out for a fun-filled day on the links. The Marty Berardi / Chris Berardi '03 / Kody Sprague '03 / Evan Smith '05 foursome took top honors with a 78. Other contest winners included Joe Palgutt (Closest to the Pin), Chris Berardi and Trudy Mollenburg (Longest Drive), Evan Smith (Putting Contest), and Tom Labert (Hole-In-One and 50/50 winner).

Many thanks to our Hospitality Sponsors: Schutte-Buffalo and Sheldon Precision; Putting Contest Skill Sponsor - United Insurance; Raffle/Auction Sponsor & Tee Sign - Murray Roofing; and Beverage Cart Sponsors - Kate Brown & Michael Halberstam and Carol Hasegawa & Fung Eng. Thanks, also, to Tee Sign Sponsors: AAA of Central and Western NY, Allied Mechanical, Audubon Machinery, Buffalo Office Interiors, Ellicott Small Animal Hospital, Federspiel, Pfeifer & Kubicki, CPA, Flynn & Friends, Leadership Niagara, Modern Electric, M-Power Sales, O'Connell & Company, Realty USA – Bill Heussler '78, Sarah G. Carney, LLC, Sprague Development Corp., and Taylor Group.

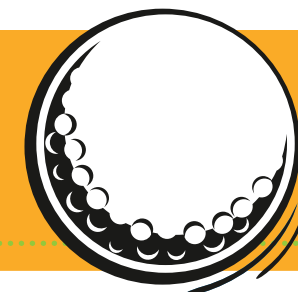
We look forward to next summer's golf outing at Arrowhead Golf Club in Akron on August 15, 2016.



Trevor and Wende Mollenberg Stevenson '97 and Trudy and Van Mollenberg



Dan Mecca, Jim Milbrand, John Hoskins, Randy Read



SAVE
THE
DATE

Fourth Annual
Golf Outing
August 15, 2016





Reunion 2015

Park welcomed back more than 120 alumni June 12 and 13, 2015. Alumni from 1940 through 2015 enjoyed each other as well as Commencement, a campus tour, the Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony, and participating in planting the sunflower garden in front of Hamlin Hall. Class years ending in 5 and 0 were honored as the Class of 1965 celebrated its 50th.

Senior Alumni Award



Chris Lauricella and Trevor Cornish '15

Trevor Cornish '15 received the 2015 Alumni Senior Award. He came to Park as an eighth grader and left his mark on the School with his many Green Team initiatives including discontinuing the use of paper products in the dining hall and initiating a campus-wide paper reduction initiative. The School now incorporates double-sided printing, recycling, and educating the community on ways to reduce paper consumption. Trevor participated on the Green Team and the Environmental Stewardship Club for all four years of Upper School and was the recipient of the Environmental Stewardship award for three years in a row.

“Not only is Trevor one of the most dependable students I’ve ever worked with, he also demonstrated more growth over his five years at Park than many others I’ve taught,” said Head of Upper School Jeremy Besch. “He has truly become a confident, principled, thoughtful young man, and is ready to do great things for himself and the world. Most important, he has built a trust in his own great talents that will serve him well – this is a goal we have for all of our students, and it is wonderfully representative of Trevor’s time at Park.”

Trevor is pursuing environmental engineering at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

“So much of Trevor’s academic persona is evident in his transcript and other concrete affirmations of him as a student,” said Director of College Counseling Karen Miller. “What you can’t visualize from the data is the quality and depth of Trevor’s knowledge and, most importantly, his quest for knowledge for its own sake. He reads prodigiously, supports his opinions with fact and passion, and truly puts his whole self into the work he does at school and beyond our walls. He is an unpretentious scholar. He is a cohesive unit in the big picture of Park.”

The Alumni Senior Award recognizes the graduating senior who has contributed the most to the School. Selection is by vote of the teachers, the senior class, and the alumni board. The award is presented at Reunion every June.

Two Inducted into Sports Hall of Fame



Joe McMahon '83, Wendy Caldwell Maloney '75, Chris Lauricella, and Molly Simpkins Long

Joy Grady Simpkins '45 and Jill Robinson Harper '65 were inducted into The Park School Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday, June 13, 2015. Simpkins was unable to attend and her award was accepted by her daughter, Molly Simpkins Long. Wendy Caldwell Maloney '75 introduced Molly.

“Mom’s athletic achievements started with field hockey where she was on the team from the 10th grade through senior year, when she became Team Captain,” said Long. “She was also on the basketball team in the 11th and 12th grades. In her post-Park years, Mom returned to team up with Taddy Taylor Dann '47, and together they developed quite the athletic program for young women at Park coaching the field hockey, basketball, and softball teams.

“Surely this Sports Hall of Fame honor has been bestowed on many outstanding Park athletes with remarkable records of Olympian feats,” continued Long. “But you would be hard pressed to find a more outstanding example of sportsmanship, camaraderie, and skilled exertion than our mother.” Simpkins was also the recipient of the Park Alumni Service Award in 1989.



Joe McMahon '83, inductee Jill Robinson Harper '65, Chris Lauricella, and Dee Dee Danahy Booth '65

Jill Robinson Harper '65 was a multi-sport athlete, competing in field hockey, basketball, track, and softball, and co-captaining the field hockey team twice.

“JILL APPROACHED SPORTS... WITH GRACE AND TENACITY!”

>> DEE DEE DANAHY BOOTH '65

“Jill approached sports like she did everything in her relationship with Park: with grace and tenacity!” said Dee Dee Danahy Booth '65 in introducing her friend and teammate. “Her discipline both on and off the field was focused and respectful. A leader by example, Jill always made team play a priority by giving her teammates the opportunity to score. She demonstrated true grace in both her athletic style and in her life.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME

Tuesday, December 22, 2015, 5:30 PM
The Rich Family Activity Center

ALUMNI HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 26, 2015
Just Vino, 846 Main St., Buffalo, 6-8 PM

PARK SCHOOL ORCHESTRA AT KLEINHANS

Saturday, January 30, 2016, 7:00 PM
Mary Seaton Room

AUCTION 2016

Mad About Science
Saturday, March 5, 2016, 5:30 PM
Clement Gym/Dining Hall

PARK PLAYERS MUSICAL

Seussical
Thursday, March 10, 2016, 5:30 PM
Friday, March 11 and
Saturday, March 12, 2016, 7:30 PM
Sunday, March 13, 2:30 PM
Theatre

COUNTDOWN TO COMMENCEMENT DINNER FOR THE CLASS OF 2016

Wednesday, March 16, 2016, 6:00 PM
Dining Hall

PPA CHIAVETTA'S BBQ

Friday, May 6, 2016
Rich Family Activity Center

PARK PLAYERS SPRING PRODUCTION

Steel Magnolias
Thursday, May 12, 2016, 5:30 PM
Friday, May 13 and
Saturday, May 14, 7:30 PM
Theatre

SYLVIA GINSBERG MEMORIAL CONCERT

Thursday, May 19, 2016, 1:15 PM
Rich Family Activity Center

COMMENCEMENT

Friday, June 17, 2016
10:30 AM Chapin Quad

REUNION

Friday, June 17 – Sunday, June 19, 2016

4TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Arrowhead Golf Club
Monday, August 15, 2016



REUNION 2015



CLASS OF 1940: Sally Keating Walsh, Henry Baxter, Mary Doolittle Taylor



CLASS OF 1950: Jean Hammill Belanca, Peter Dow, Vera Monroe, Mimi Dow, Poppy Morey Pratt



CLASS OF 1990 AND FRIENDS: Nicole Bourquin Palmerton, Marnie Benatovich Cerrato, Jeremy Besch, DC Wolfe, Tripp Higgins



CLASS OF 2005: Scott Schreiber, AJ Birch, Sara Burhans, Dalphne Buckley Bell, Kristin Petruzzi Stewart, Ellie Bibas, Evan Sakowski



CLASS OF 1965: Jill Robinson Harper, Helen Cox Jerauld, Janice Pantera Miller, Allan Garbe, Bonnie Sommer, Bruce Brandl, Candice Crosby Kopti, Julie Patton Currie, Clayton Stewart, Suzi Hirsch, Larry Buck, Gary Grelick, Dee Dee Danahy Booth, Nick Jewett.



CLASS OF 1970: Missy Danahy, Jenny Wood, Gordon Ross, Mark Smith, Reggie Sidell, Jane Jarvis Hicks, Marc Oliver, Prill Tirrell Bisher, Doug Taylor, Frank Riforgiato, Tina Ball, Duncan Kellogg-Clarke



CLASS OF 1975: Peter Koekkoek, Wendy Caldwell Maloney, Mike Dann, Debra Durrenberger Horn, Andrew Sonner, Natasha Touster, Tilda Reading Wheeler



CLASS OF 2010: Camila Eskew, Harry Lipsitz, Katherine Karrer, Brooke Zillig, Joonghee Lee, Madeleine Bergman



CLASS OF 2015: Liana Ellegate, Head of Upper School Jeremy Besch, Trevor Cornish, Robert Parke



ALUMNI AND CHILDREN/GRANDCHILDREN: Dorothy Hoffman Bergman '72, Madeleine Bergman '10, Mark Karrer '73, Katherine Karrer '10, Carolyn Hoyt Stevens '81, Mia Stevens '16, Robert Parke '15, David Parke '46



EARLY 1980s: Robin Ross '80, Carolyn Hoyt Stevens '81, Tom Doran '82, Joe McMahon '83



Taddy Taylor Dann '40, former faculty member
Jacky Knopp,
Nick Jewett '65



CURRENT AND FORMER FACULTY-STAFF: Chris Lauricella, Max Zelikman, Tom Doran '82, Carolyn Hoyt Stevens '81, Jeremy Besch, Ann Burns, Marnie Benatovich Cerrato '90, and Leslie Occhuto

ALL ALUMNI INVITED!
SAVE THE DATE FOR
REUNION
2016
June 17 & 18, 2016

Reunion 2016 will celebrate
classes ending in 6 and 1.
50th Reunion for the Class of 1966!
#ProudPioneers
#ParkClassOf66



Priscilla Bowen
September 3, 2015
Former faculty member

William Brosnahan
August 10, 2015
Father of Anne Brosnahan Slubowski '84

Felicia Helinski Brzezicki '50
June 29, 2014

Frank Cain
February 23, 2015
Grandfather of Joseph '24 and Charles '26 Marynowski

Jane Chapin
November 2, 2015
Wife of former Head of School E. Barton Chapin, Jr.
Mother of E. Barton Chapin, III '65, Catherine G. Chapin-Kobacker '67, and Thomas M. Chapin '72

Janet Chartrand
June 19, 2015
Grandmother of Judson '08 and Jordan '12 Heussler

Judy Stein Chick '60
June 28, 2015
Grandmother of Joshua Latner '25

Jean Hill Collins '44
April 24, 2015

Margaret Cook
January 12, 2015
Mother of Collin Cook '93, Grandmother of Finnegan '26 and Keegan '29

Barbara Denk
February 9, 2015
Grandmother of Isabelle Sanchez '20

Eugene J. Dimet
November 23, 2014
Father of Lauren Dimet Waters '85

Gloria Reif Horlein Drake '42
August 6, 2014
Mother of Amy Horlein Loehndorf '74

Constance Eddolls
February 11, 2015
Former Admissions Director

Kelly Fitzgerald '75
April 2, 2015
Brother of Timothy Fitzgerald '72

Shari Franco
July 26, 2015
Mother of David Franco '11

Germain Kellogg Graves '44
October 11, 2014

David Robert Hershey
May 23, 2015
Father of Peter Hershey '75

Stephen Jones
January 9, 2015
Former faculty member

Betty Kittinger
August 21, 2015
Mother of Linda Kittinger Wadsworth '56, Karen Kittinger Rumsey '62
Grandmother of Pamela Nichols Marcucci '81

David Kline
June 23, 2015
Former Faculty Member
Father of Sean '84

Jacky Knopp, PhD
August 11, 2015
Former faculty and staff member
Father of Julie Knopp '73 and David Knopp '81

Todd Metzloff '74
March 21, 2015
Brother of Gretchen '67, Park '72, and Brant '79 Metzloff

Albert Mirand
February 24, 2015
Father of Park Summer Camp Director John Mirand
Grandfather of Caralyn Mirand '10 and Kristen Mirand

Gloria Moye
February, 2015
Mother of De'Andre Moye '14

Peter Munson '82
July 11, 2015

Richard B. Narins
October 8, 2015
Grandfather of Madeline Welchoff '16

Alexandra Barnes Norton
May 17, 2015
Former faculty member
Grandmother of Schyler Norton '15

Paul Oppenheimer '53
February 1, 2015
Brother of Phillip Oppenheimer '57

Nancy Knowles Parker '47
January 10, 2015

Spencer H. Patterson, Sr.
January 9, 2015
Father of Spencer H. Patterson, Jr. '78

Renee Perez '72
February 19, 2015
Sister of Cynthia Perez '75

Jane Plimpton Plakias '37
February 12, 2015
Sister of Betty Plimpton Tilton '36 (d.)

Loretta Phillips
February 6, 2015
Mother of Valerie Warren,
Director of Finance and Operations

Patrick Reilly
May 26, 2015
Father of Kevin '10

Joseph Scandurra '52
June 28, 2015

Elizabeth M. Schulman
January 10, 2015
Former faculty member

Susan Urban Spaulding '42
February 22, 2015

Marie Suwinski
January 4, 2015
Mother of Robert Suwinski '69 and Jan Suwinski '59

C. Townsend Wilson '41
January 1, 2015
Father of former faculty member Martha Barrett

Kela Dodd Wilson '63
September 7, 2015
Sister of Barbara Dodd Murray '60 and Patricia Dodd Ulmer '54

Jane M. Wright
February 6, 2015
Former faculty member

Marvin Zelen
November 15, 2014
Father of Deborah Zelen '74 and Sandra Zelen '77

1940 – Mary Doolittle Taylor writes, “Sally Keating Walsh, Henry Baxter, and I attended our 75th reunion in June. It was such a great evening and fun to see so many old friends. Dinner was delicious and a good time was had by all. We are about 93 years old and still find life interesting and enjoyable. Park was a very special part of our lives and we are so happy that the School still keeps tabs on us.”

1943 – In a note to Head of School Chris Lauricella, **Sylvia Lyman Whitcher** wrote, “Not a day goes by that I’m not grateful to Park for its educational philosophy.”

1948 – Brad Field is the winner of the 2015 Doris Bette Fiction Prize competition for his story “Achmed’s Lesson.” It will be published in the North Carolina Literary Review’s 25th issue in 2016. A playwright, drama anthology editor, and retired university English professor, having taught at Wayne State University in Detroit MI for most of his career, he lives most of the year in Wilmington NC and summers on Lake Michigan.

1950 – Charlotte Keeney Valaer is delighted to have two great grandchildren and another on the way! **Phyllis Krasner** writes that she spent the summer in Sonoma CA.

1952 – Joan Plumb Reeves is still teaching Scottish Country Dancing and fighting political battles in Peterborough ON.

1954 – Margot Victor Glick writes, “I am so happy to have my grandson Eli, Class of 2016, at Park!”

1957 – Gail Tegarty Waterman wrote, “I live in Orange County CA, in Dana Point. I have a consulting business that works with local small business owners, GTW & Associates, Inc., and I specialize in financial management and accounting systems. I’m known as the QuickBooks Queen. It started as a joke and has stuck. I’m enjoying the pictures of Buffalo in the snow and remembering my childhood.” Contact Gail at Gail@TheQuickBooksQueen.info

1958 – Janet Aberdeen Mueller celebrated her 50th anniversary in July and welcomes visitors.

1960 – The late **Judith Stein Chick** was honored by the town of Amherst with a bridge on the Ellicott Creek Trailway dedicated to her memory. She was recognized for her work in pushing for the passage and funding of the federal Ellicott Creek Flood Control Project.



Judith Stein Chick '60

1962 – Dr. Marshall Fagin continues to enjoy practicing dentistry, teaching part time and lecturing around the country on cosmetic and implant dentistry. He and his wife, Gail, enjoy visiting their four grandchildren in Austin TX and Salt Lake City UT. Both of their children, Randy, a Vice President of Robotic Surgery for HCA Group, and daughter, Sheri, a second grade teacher, attended Park from kindergarten through 8th grade. All have a passion for their work that they say is a credit to Park.

1964 – Josephine Townsend Kasetner writes, “Say hello to Mr. Dow from his eighth grade class of 1960: **Josie Townsend, Tina Clement, and Ann Masotti.**”

REUNION 1966 – John Nesbitt is ready for the Class of 1966 50th Reunion!

1967 – Gregor Schneider and **Joe Allen** visited several classmates during a fall trip through New England. A highlight was visiting the late Jane Chapin in Maine. Mrs. Chapin was associated with Park for many years with her late husband, E. Barton Chapin, Jr., headmaster from 1951-1971. Joe reported, “Mrs. Chapin was sharp as a tack and still had the sense of humor that I remembered so well. We talked about the good old days at Park and stayed for lunch.” (Photo on page 7.)

1969 – Richard Lipsitz was re-elected President of the Western New York Area Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, in March 2015.

1973 – Duo Dickinson received a Connecticut AIA People’s Choice Award for his project Incarnation Chapel in Ivoryton CT. It was chosen as a “favorite place that creates a sense of peacefulness.”



Duo Dickson '73's Chapel Project

1974 – Cynthia Bradley Crippen:

“I’m still in Charlotte N.C., I now have six grandchildren, I’m 58 years old. I still work at Bank of America as a Home Equity Specialist.” **Pam Glick** was part of a group show at the Body of Trade & Commerce Gallery (BT&C) in Buffalo. **Miles Borzilleri** in Connecticut writes, “My daughter CC (Taft School '15) was accepted to Georgetown University; son Jack (Taft School '17) is 16 years old; and daughter Bunny is 8 and attends Rumsey Hall School which is much like Park. I am married to Annie Borzilleri.” **Linda Burgess Chamberlin** was selected to be part of the Inaugural Fulbright Arctic Initiative, 2015-16. She is one of



Linda Burgess Chamberlin '74

sixteen scientists and an artist participating in the international, multidisciplinary initiative that covers eight Arctic regions. She continues her research on childhood trauma and will be in residence at a university in Finland into 2016.

1975 – Wendy Caldwell Maloney was featured in the Buffalo Decorators’ Showcase in the Art Loft & Boutique with original watercolors, giclee prints, and cards. She was selected as Canisius College Women’s Business Center’s May Member of the Month for “business growth and achievement.”

1977 – Ruth Thomas Young, Ed.D., writes, “I loved presenting ‘Everyone’s Child’ to Park’s service learning class in Fall 2014 and hope for continued opportunities to connect youth at Park with youth in Kenya.”

1978 – Julie Stovroff has been promoted to Vice President Group Sales for Preferred Hotels and Resorts which represents more than 700 hotels and resorts worldwide.

1982 – Allison Hopkins reports, “After 23 years of living in Greenwich CT I have relocated to Charleston SC, and am absolutely loving Charleston’s weather, history, and Southern hospitality! I am looking forward to my new teaching position as a lead teacher in a 3-year old classroom at The O’Quinn School of Porter-Gaud in Mount Pleasant. Porter-Gaud is a well-established co-educational private school in the Charleston area. I have two sons, Teddy, 21, and William, 16, and a Golden Retriever, Gracie, who are all excited about Mom’s big move to the Lowcountry!” **Tom Doran** enjoyed the opportunity to teach a screenwriting component in Park media teacher Steve Powell’s class.

1983 – Gwen Hare is Golf Operations Manager at the Eureka Golf Course in Eureka CA. She welcomes Park alumni to come play at this beautiful Redwood coastal course!

1984 – Don Katz, managing member of the Katz Law Firm, was appointed to the Bloomfield, MI, Township Financial Sustainability Committee. Katz and other legal and financial advisors, advise the Bloomfield Township Board on pension obligations. Don received his law degree, magna cum laude, from Michigan State University College of Law, and his BA in Comparative Literature from Hobart College.

1988 – Charlie Roberts has joined Webster Szanyi LLP as a partner. Charlie has more than 18 years of experience in litigation and general corporate counsel services. Most recently, Charlie served as Assistant General Counsel for Delaware North, a \$3.0 billion privately-held global leader in food and hospitality with 60,000 employees.



Charlie Roberts '88



1992 – Dr. Benjamin Bensadon has a Master's degree and a Ph.D. in Education. He is Clinical Assistant Professor of Biomedical science at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. He published *Psychology and Geriatrics: Integration for an Aging Nation* on April 30, 2015.



Nicole Brown '93

1993 – Nicole Brown married Adam Keller on September 19 at The Park School.

1995 – Jenna Carr received her Master's degree in Social Work from SUNY

at Buffalo and received the Kristopher L. Braselton Memorial Award from the School of Social Work at UB. This award is "presented to a graduating MSW student who has demonstrated a) academic persistence and determination, b) the ability to overcome a personal difficulty or challenge, and c) intends to pursue a career in the health and/or mental health and disabilities field," Jenna wrote. "I do not have a job yet as I still have to finish my current field placement at Neighborhood Health Center. I have accepted another internship at the Institute for Trauma and Trauma-Informed Care (ITTIC)."



Daniel Judenhahn '97 and Marnie Benatovich Cerrato '90

1997 – Daniel Judenhahn met with Director of Enrollment Management Marnie Benatovich Cerrato '90 in Frankfurt, Germany, and gave her advice on beer selections.

1998 – Ryan Stewart and wife Megan welcomed their third baby, Lillian Mary, in December 2014. "My older two are over the moon for their little sister, my wife is doing well, and I couldn't be happier!"



Obletz wedding. Steve Obletz '66, Sally Hatcher Obletz '81, Ryan Rich '04, Emily Obletz Tuttle '98, Ben Obletz '95, Jacqueline Jordan Obletz, Jamie Obletz '99, Colby Harvey '01, Liz Obletz Harvey '02, Maggie Gallivan Cecchini '99, Shaun Benderson '99.



Heussler-Rosenberg wedding

Row 1: Reed Stevens, Jeremy Besch, Ned Eskew '08, Colin Maloney '08, Jordan Heussler '13, Fung Eng, Ron Eskew. Row 2: Chris Kary '78, Carolyn Hoyt Stevens '81, Karen Miller (partially hidden), Ginger Heussler, Beth Jeswald, Bud Heussler, groom Jud Heussler '08, bride Amanda Rosenberg '08, Ben Rosenberg '98, Courtney O'Brien '08, Bill Heussler '78, Emily Burke '08, Gary Rosenberg, Camila Eskew '11, Abby Sakowski '08, Missy Baumgart, Carol Hasegawa, Cheryl Rosenberg, Kate Eskew.



Severin Hammer '99

1999 – Jamie Obletz married Jacqueline Jordan on September 26, 2015. They live in New York City where Jamie is a Vice President at JP Morgan. AFS student **Severin Hammer** married Katharina in Vienna, Austria, this summer. His host family attended, classmate Dan Lichtblau and parents Susan and Harvey Lichtblau along with Jen Serchia '01. **Rachel Hezel Rzayev** and her husband, Javid, welcomed their second child, Onur Benjamin, on April 16, 2015. Onur joins big sister Leyla (2).

2000 – Stephen and Jillian (Petruzi) Coppola welcomed Samuel Stephen in May 2014.

2002 – Natalya Alpert and husband Justin Adler had a daughter, Celia, in December 2014. **Danielle Zawodzinski Decker** and husband welcomed baby Jacob David Decker on January 21, 2015.

2003 – Kevin Coppola and wife Aly welcomed babies Kevin Jr. in September 2013 and Dominick in June 2015. **Jarret Izzo** is the lead third grade teacher at Country Elementary School, a public K-3 school in Weston MA. He spent time in Chris Downey's classroom and wrote, "My visit last spring and the ongoing conversations were a major help as I continued to learn and grow as a teacher. The Park education continues far beyond Upper School." **Chris Berardi** and wife Christie welcomed son Roman James Berardi in May 2015.



Christie, Roman, and Chris Berardi '03

2004 – Suhasini Sumathra wrote recently, "Australia is great. My mom moved there when I went to college and I followed her to Sydney after college. I've been working here for the last six years and married an Australian boy so I think I am here to stay for a while." After 11 years in Boston, **Kate Peck Funk** has moved back to Buffalo to join the staff of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery as Manager of Membership and Leadership Annual Giving. **Samantha Friedman Olsen** and her husband Andrew welcomed daughter Penelope Rose to their family on June 16, 2015. She joins big brothers Owen, Oliver, Eli, and Ethan! **Eric Holtz** married Caylan Sawchuk on September 13, 2015, in the Adirondacks of NY. Classmates **Rob Reese**, **Chris Berardi '03** and **Evan Smith '05** were in attendance.



Kate Peck Funk '04

REUNION 2006 – Erin Miller is living in Portland OR and works at Moonstruck Chocolate Cafe.

2008 – Jud Heussler and **Amanda Rosenberg** married on June 26, 2015. A large Park contingent was on hand to celebrate this double Pioneer wedding! **Sarah Giancola** is preparing for the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. Many Park alumni and friends came out for a fundraiser for Sarah at the West Side Rowing Club in late August.



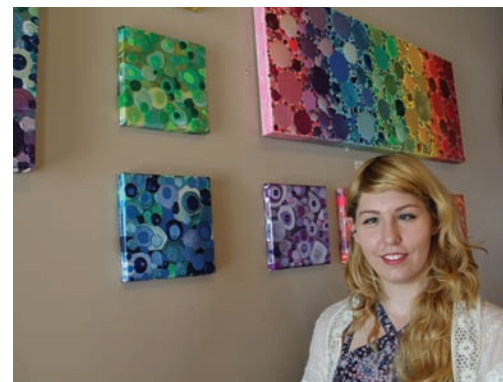
Sarah Giancola '08 standing in center of top photo and at right with a teammate in the photo below.

Max Weiss is back at Park where he is teaching Comics and Cartooning to clubs in the Middle and Upper Schools as part of a sequential arts workshop. Look for an anthology at the end of the 2015-2016 year! Max graduated from the University of Vermont with a degree in English Literature and Art Education. **Chelsea Coyle** is an outdoor environmental educator. In the past year she has worked in a state park in North Carolina, on an island off the coast of Washington state, and at the Ithaca (NY) Children's Garden.



Max Weiss '08 with US students

2009 – Teresa (Tess) Alessandra held her first solo art show at Spot Coffee last fall. Tess obtained a BA in English and Creative Writing with a minor in Studio Art from Canisius College where she graduated summa cum laude in 2013. She is currently the House Manager at The Jewish Repertory Theater and is helping to market a new local artisan home goods and accessories line (www.sumhora.com). **Sarah Budik** started medical school in fall 2015 at SUNY at Buffalo School of Medicine



Teresa Alessandra '09

and Biomedical Sciences. She holds a BS from Cornell University in Biology and Animal Science.

REUNION 2011 – Lukas Eng graduated from Grinnell College in May 2015 and is living in Madison WI working as a Software and Hardware Technical Recruiter for Oxford International. **Shakira Braxton** graduated in May 2015 from Ohio Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Arts degree. **Solomon Tesfaye**, a neuroscience major at Colgate University, graduated in May 2015. A highlight of Solomon's time at Colgate was a summer spent in Oman studying Arabic through a U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship program. **Alex Griebel** graduated cum laude from The State University of New York at Buffalo, School of Architecture and Planning, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture in May 2015. He is currently working at Shive-Hattery, an architecture and engineering consulting firm. In the summers



Alex Griebel '11

of Dubuque in May 2015. He spends his days flying around the country with a laser that maps the ground for mapping companies. He has also been a flight instructor at Aerosim Flight Academy in Sanford FL. **Kayla Van Cleeve** writes, "Just moved to Sweden and would love to get in touch with any Parkies who venture this way."

2012 – Paul Fix interned at Nissan North America's performance division in Nashville TN last summer. He is involved with planning, product, and communications. He expects to graduate from Marist College with a degree in International Business and a minor in Theatre. He also studied at Marist's Medici campus in Florence Italy last summer and traveled to Israel, Germany, Spain, and Portugal.

Former faculty and friends – Diana and David Bower write from Oregon: "We're happily settled in our penthouse overlooking the gorgeous Willamette Valley and Mount Hood. If anyone is coming to the Portland area, please come see us. Our phone is 707-785-9725. We still spend summer at Chautauqua."



Carolyn Hoyt Stevens '81 and Dick Sagara

Dick Sagara, grandson of Park's longtime gardener **Sammy Yakota**, visited campus this summer. Dick remembers his grandfather's beautiful gardens, especially the roses. He appreciated receiving a copy of our Centennial History book from Director of Development Carolyn

Hoyt Stevens and seeing the article about his grandfather who worked at Park from 1945 to 1975.

Head of School Chris Lauricella and his family (Kristin, Josephine '20, and Tristan '22) visited with Park alumna **Patricia Burns Richardson '58** in Woodstock VT in July 2015. They learned about the complexities of running a high-quality dairy farm and enjoyed catching up with Pat. The Richardson Farm is a fourth generation family farm, part of the Cabot Creamery cooperative, and runs a state-of-the-art maple syrup operation. Story on pages 2-3 and more information online at <http://www.richardsonfarmmaple.com/>

Past Parent Betsey Horth writes, "Julia (Baun Gilberti '97) has a new job in government and Elizabeth (Baun '01) is running half marathons.



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