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A Note

FROM TERRY M. DONAHER, JR. '98



Dear Alumni:

While reflecting on my journey as a Milton Hershey School student, I instantly think of two memorable events, my enrollment, and Commencement. These traditions are so unique to what we, as Milts, have experienced. Admittedly, our recent enrollments and commencements today look different from when I was a student, but what hasn't changed are the feelings and memories each of us felt on those days. Enrollments and commencements are the bookends of our time at MHS and those days, along with our experiences in between, are what make us unique.

Shortly after my mother remarried, my parents decided to relocate from Redondo Beach, California, to Cushing, Maine, with the hope that their troubles with addictions, incarceration, and unemployment would disappear. I learned quickly that running from problems doesn't solve anything. However, that move did eventually bring me to MHS. As fate would have it, our neighbor's children were enrolled at MHS. I distinctively remember the excitement I felt about receiving the paper application along with some marketing material, most of which I proudly display in my office today. I vividly remember the flood of emotions I felt when I found out that I was selected for enrollment. I knew what MHS could mean for me, but I also knew that I wouldn't physically be with my mother. That scared me! I had always felt responsible for my mother and I worried about what would happen if I wasn't there for her.

I enrolled in August 1992 and it was an overwhelming day for me and my family. I remember sitting in the Catherine Hall (now Copenhaver) gym, waiting to find out what student home I would live in and who my houseparents would be. I felt anxious and uncertain about our decision to enroll at MHS. That feeling quickly went away once we met my houseparents, toured the student home, and met the other enrolling students. For the first time in my life, I felt like I could be a kid.

MHS took away all the worries and fears that had been an ever-present part of my life. The adults at MHS inspired me to want to come back and work at the school. My wife and I had the privilege of being houseparents in Elementary Division for more than 10 years. Recently, my MHS journey has come full circle. I now have the honor of working with prospective students and families as an admissions counselor. Drawing on my experiences as a student, as a proud graduate, and as a houseparent allows me to connect with our prospective students and their families on a level that I wished I had during my enrollment process.

Working together with everyone, from our alumni to our future students, truly defines why MHS is Greater Together! As graduates, we know better than anyone what MHS can do for a student and for their family. If you know of anyone who could benefit from MHS, I encourage you to share your experience with them or direct them to our website, mhskids.org, to learn more about the School and the admissions process. 🙌

Respectfully yours,

Terry M. Donaher, Jr. '98
Admissions Counselor

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A graduate of Milton Hershey School, Terry M. Donaher Jr. '98, and his wife, Sarah, served as houseparents for more than 10 years. He is now an admissions counselor for the school. His experiences as a student and a houseparent prepare him well to connect with prospective students and their families.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

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Alumna's Experience at MHS INSPIRES HER to Give Back

BY LAURA SCHMIDT, MHS COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

Growing up in West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Tiffanni Osborne '09 was living with her mom's friends when she learned about Milton Hershey School. As the third child born to a teenage mom, she and her two older siblings moved around a lot while her mom lived in public housing in South Philadelphia. Tiffanni remembers, vividly, the day she learned about MHS.

"[My mom] showed me a brochure with kids riding on horses and she said, 'Do you want to go to this school?' And I'm looking at the kids having the time of their lives and I said, 'Absolutely!' I didn't realize at the time that I would be staying and living there."

As the youngest of the three older children, Tiffanni was the first of her siblings to be accepted at MHS. She enrolled at the age of seven as a second-grader.

"I went to MHS first, and then after I was there, my older brother enrolled—he graduated in 2006—and then my younger brother enrolled, and he graduated in 2010."

Looking back on her time at MHS, Tiffanni said it was the relationships she built with friends and adult mentors that helped her thrive at school and in the years following her high school graduation—including MHS graduate turned MHS employee and coach, Roger Smith '85.



"Smitty helped me my whole way through Milton Hershey School," she said. "My mom and I had an estranged relationship and he helped me navigate through that. He also helped me forgive and helped me get an apartment and a job after graduation."

Tiffanni attended Temple University where she earned a degree in human resources. While attending Temple, she found time to substitute teach. After graduating from college, she began working in HR at a school in Philadelphia. Her office was located right next to the school principal and she got to know a lot of students.

"When the kids got sent to the principal's office, I would coach them and say things like, 'You know, if you go into the office with a better attitude, you can change the outcome.' And it made me think that I might want to get back into [teaching]. So, I started getting involved in the after-school program."

Eventually, Tiffanni applied to be a teacher's assistant and went back to school to get her master's degree in education from Temple. She is currently working toward a doctorate from Neumann University.

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“That first year of being a teaching assistant really impacted me,” she said. “Taking students from just knowing letters to reading and then helping them find the joy of reading is a huge pleasure. To think, ‘I taught this child to read and helped them find the joy of reading. Now they have the ability to go and get any information that they want. Wow!’”

Tiffanni is now a professional learning specialist for the School District of Philadelphia, where she helps to identify academic and operation needs of the K-8 schools within their network and provides professional development and other support to school-based personnel.

“I learned about compassion and determination at Milton Hershey School. It’s something I try to instill in my own students,” she said. “I was plucked out of a terrible environment and was given an opportunity. Now it makes me always look at my students and think, ‘They are worthy.’ Just because they might have holes in their shoes or they’re not eating breakfast, doesn’t mean they aren’t capable of learning, it just means that I have to provide more for them because if they had more opportunities—like I was given—they also could have an excellent life.”

During the global pandemic of 2020, like many teachers, Tiffanni had to adapt her teaching style from in-person learning to virtual.

“There are students out there who had access to Wi-Fi and access to education,” she said. “But I had to be responsible for my own students and it was tough. I’m watching my parents, particularly right now in the pandemic, trying to balance going to work, making money, taking care of their children, and it’s hard.”

Tiffanni says her life would not be the same if not for the education she received from MHS. Even today, she uses her profession to speak with parents about MHS and advocate for their child’s enrollment.

“I am always in parents’ ears asking them if they’ve heard of Milton Hershey School,” she said. “I’m always advocating for the school and telling the parents there is a school that can help them with balancing work, taking

care of their children, while elevating life for themselves and their children.”

That was one of the benefits for Tiffanni’s mom. While Tiffanni and her siblings attended MHS, her mom went to college and graduated. She now works as a teacher—just like her daughter.

“Milton Hershey School changed my life entirely and it has changed the life of my family, even my mom,” Tiffanni said. “She’s been teaching for about 20 years. She sees me back in school and has said, ‘Oh, I could probably do that too.’ Yes! She’s a phenomenal teacher and she could get a master’s and move up in education. The goal is not to make it comparable to the people



Top: Tiffanni has made a positive impact on her family and the students she has taught.

Bottom: Tiffanni finds pleasure in helping students find the joy of reading.



from our childhood, it’s to be lifelong learners and set higher and higher expectations of ourselves. I just want to try to ensure that everyone is exposed to a different quality of life to end the generational curses that we’ve been plagued with.”

Not only is Tiffanni making a positive impact on her family and the students she teaches, but she also finds time to give back to the MHS community. She’s been involved in the MHS Girls Grace event, the MHS Graduate Programs for Success Division Student Success Symposium, and is involved with The Bridge project in Harrisburg that was started by a group of MHS graduates.

“Milton Hershey School is the single most important part of my success today,” she said. “The environment I was living in [in West Philadelphia] would not have provided the same amount of opportunity or education that I got to experience at MHS. It really opened my eyes to wanting more. I grew up thinking I would rent one of these row homes [in Philadelphia]. Then I came to Milton Hershey School and walked into a student home—the biggest house I’d ever seen—and I’d never had my own bed, my own room, and it really raised my expectation of what I wanted out of life, but it also made me want to give back.” 🙏

A Note from the MHS President

Dear Alumni Brothers and Sisters:

Recently, I've been reflecting on what makes Milton Hershey School so special. I think the answer lies in our community. We work together to achieve exceptional outcomes for our students and fellow alumni; we rally around one another in times of challenge and celebration; and we remain committed to furthering the mission and vision of our founders. As the theme for the 2021-22 school year emphasizes, we are truly "Greater Together."

We've seen our strength tested, especially throughout the pandemic, but together, we have collaborated with one another to maintain a supportive community despite the obstacles we have faced. We may have had to adjust how we do things, but we find comfort in returning to familiar activities, even if they look a bit different now.

With COVID mitigation strategies in effect, I'm pleased to share a few hallmark programs, events, and traditions we are again offering to our MHS students, parents/sponsors, alumni, and staff:

- **Spartan Internship Program:** This year's summer program included 11 rising seniors working with Hershey entity partners and MHS departments for four weeks. Students gained real-world experience in their desired career path, spending mornings interning virtually with entity staff and afternoons interning in person, fully masked, with MHS staff.
- **Athletics:** MHS fall athletes returned to the fields and courts this August. Outdoor events made social distancing possible, and the free NFHS live stream service let fans tune in virtually to home games to support our Spartans.
- **Visual and Performing Arts:** MHS VPA is back, creating new ways for students to sing, dance, try new instruments, and perform. We've utilized technology, outside practices and performances, and physical mitigation to keep our musicians and actors safe.
- **Homecoming, Fall Family Weekend, and More:** Our larger community events this fall, including a modified Homecoming celebration and a hybrid Fall Family Weekend for students and their families, were well executed thanks to venue shifts and technology tools.

I am grateful for the thoughtfulness and problem-solving of the MHS staff to make these programs and events not only possible, but memorable and successful. As you can see, our drive to adjust and find creative solutions is stronger than any challenge. We will not be deterred in living each day Greater Together as a strong MHS family. Thank you for supporting your School and your younger Milt brothers and sisters through truly extraordinary times.

Sincerely,

Peter G. Gurt '85
MHS President



Catherine Hershey Schools for Early Learning Makes Progress on ECE Initiative

In the past eight months, Catherine Hershey Schools for Early Learning has made significant progress towards its \$350 million Early Childhood Education (ECE) Initiative to fund the initial development of up to six cost-free Early Childhood Resource Centers (ECRC) across Pennsylvania, as subsidiaries of Milton Hershey School.

Each cost-free center will accommodate 150 students from birth to age 5 from economically disadvantaged and at-risk backgrounds. CHS plans to build the first two ECRCs in Derry Township and Midtown Harrisburg. During Milton Hershey School's Founders Week, CHS broke ground on the Hershey ECRC, marking a historic day honoring our founders, Milton and

To lead this ECE Initiative, CHS selected early childhood education expert, Senate Alexander, Esq. '06, as its first executive director. With more than 15 years of leadership experience in education, nonprofit management, strategic growth planning, and as a MHS graduate, Alexander is uniquely qualified to lead CHS.

CHS continues to hire experts and professionals passionate about helping children reach their full potential.

Learn more at www.chslearn.org.



Student Ambassador Shares the Joys of MHS

BY MAIA MARRERO, AN MHS JUNIOR

Milton Hershey School continues to bless me with endless opportunities, lifelong relationships, and essential life skills for my future. Being a student ambassador allows me to share these great gifts with other students and their families who might be looking into MHS. I understand that making the decision to apply to MHS is a hard one, but by answering questions and sharing stories of my own, I can help to relieve their doubts. Informing other families about MHS not only presents them with an excellent opportunity, but it's also one way that I can give back to the

school that has given me so much. Sharing the joys of MHS is so gratifying, and I plan on doing it even after I graduate. Attending admissions events is one of the best ways a student can learn about the school, and it's something that has allowed me to further appreciate everything the school has to offer. 🙌

Know a student who may benefit from attending Milton Hershey School? Encourage them to attend a Virtual Open House at mhskids.org/VOH to learn more and hear student ambassadors, like Maia, answer questions about life at MHS.



The Student Government Association's Goals Highlight Collaboration, Communication, and Community

BY SYMYRA BYRD AND REBECCA AMANOR, SGA CO-PRESIDENTS

For the Student Government Association (SGA) 2021-22 school year, our goal is to align every project, program, or initiative with what we call the three Cs—collaboration, communication, and community. Through these goals, we want to emphasize the importance of personal connections, recognizing that we cannot represent students who we do not know or understand. We are actively combatting this by interacting with students in the hallways and in classrooms where we conduct student-led discussions on scholastic and Home Life culture. This will create a crucial trust and bond with students to fulfill our purpose and passion to truly voice the issues and ideas of the student body. In addition, we often

revisit our goals to ensure we are keeping ourselves accountable.

SGA recognizes and comprehends that meaningful change does not happen overnight, but that does not discourage us from being persistent in issues that students voice. We are devoted and dedicated to working with students and administrators to create, change, or implement new policies and programs. SGA is a team, collaborating with administration, staff members, and students to ensure we are receiving a spectrum of feedback to adequately present issues and concerns. For the remainder of the school year and beyond, we plan to carry out our goals adequately and wholeheartedly to serve the student body. 🙌



Visit us at mhskids.org/mhs-experience/day-in-the-life/

Milton Hershey School Builds on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Framework in 2021-22

Last school year, aligned with our founders' intent for inclusivity, Milton Hershey School developed a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Framework and announced the formation of a DEI-focused team. This collective group of employees work together to identify strengths, areas for growth, and opportunities to promote DEI within the workplace and student experience.

To kick off the school's 2021-22 DEI plans, Fonati Abrokwa '01, MHS Special Assistant to the President for Diversity and Inclusion, organized a team of Cultural Ambassadors, who were specially selected to foster growth in the areas of DEI through ongoing professional development and dialogue throughout the community.

"We want to create safe spaces where all staff and students can have courageous, and sometimes challenging, conversations and



be their authentic selves," Abrokwa said.

Abrokwa and the Cultural Ambassadors have begun working with the MHS Training and Development team to integrate DEI principles and exercises into orientation for new employees and trainings for staff. This cross-department collaboration established common language and developed a DEI journey for

Education and Student Life staff, creating customized learning experiences.

In August, MHS rolled out its DEI programming with two groups of employees—individuals who have access to our students the most—teachers and houseparents. The first learning experience was centered around self-reflection and provided resources for employees to continue their individual DEI journeys.

"Each learning experience begins with staff considering their lived experiences and identity," said Andrew Miller, MHS Curriculum Supervisor and Cultural Ambassador. "It is from this personal and familiar space that we consider the next steps we can take to make the MHS community a more inclusive and welcoming space, regardless of race, class, gender, or religion." 🙌

MHS Celebrates the Class of 2021 and Their Many Accomplishments

The Milton Hershey School Class of 2021 persevered to a milestone moment in their lives—graduation. As a senior class, 237 students benefited from a top-notch education, nurturing home life program, and comprehensive student health services.

Each MHS student has the opportunity to accrue a Continuing Education Scholarship, totaling up to \$95,000 and equating to a full ride for many. The Class of 2021 accrued \$18.5 million in CES funds.

Through the Graduate Programs for Success Division, the Class of 2021 prepared for postsecondary opportunities with interview prep courses, career workshops, resume development classes,

career assessment and research, and GPS college and career expos.

Although the pandemic impacted their scholastic calendars, members of the Class of 2021 continued to place nationally in recognized competitions, develop recipes for NASA, collaborate with Hershey entity partners through the Hershey Project Pathways programming, and obtain authentic work experiences through internships and cooperative programs.

Before graduation, the class completed more than 900 college credits, 93 Spartan Internships, and participated in international travel experiences. Additionally, 100 percent of the class earned at least one state or nationally recognized certification. 🙌

CELEBRATING THE CLASS of 2021

Milton Hershey School Holds Senior Celebration Car Processional for the Class of 2021

Milton Hershey School celebrated its newest graduates and their families by hosting a Senior Celebration Car Processional on campus on Saturday, June 12. The Class of 2021 officially graduated on Friday, June 11, at a Virtual Commencement Ceremony—marking the school's 87th Commencement Ceremony.

As cars entered campus, participants tuned into Froggy Valley 100.1 FM for a live broadcast of the parade with Transitional Living staff, Ododo Walsh '98 and Jonathan Small. At Copenhaver Center, Family Relations and Admissions staff greeted graduates with a custom 2021 car magnet to commemorate the day and dress up their vehicles for their final drive-through of campus.

Throughout the route, MHS staff

members, grouped into department cheering sections, congratulated the graduates and wished them well on their next adventure. Senior Division teacher Mike DeAcosta served as DJ for the event and greeted cars with celebratory tunes.

MHS students across all three divisions also joined in on the fun, congratulating their Milt brothers and sisters with handmade signs of encouragement.

As the processional continued, graduates made their way to Memorial Hall, the elementary school where 54 of the 237 graduates began their scholastic careers. Here, they received their diplomas and crossed the stage in front of their families as the pinnacle of their MHS journey. Photographers captured this special moment for families to cherish for years to come.



To conclude the parade, MHS Graduate Programs for Success Division staff, including Alumni Relations, and MHS Alumni Association board members officially welcomed each senior into the MHS alumni family—now celebrating more than 11,000 graduates. Each Class of 2021 graduate received their MHS class ring, an everlasting symbol of the Spartan family. 🎓



Members of the Class of 2021 proudly showed off their class rings and diplomas during the Senior Celebration Car Processional. Throughout the route, MHS staff members, grouped into department cheering sections, congratulated the graduates and wished them well.

After MHS, the Class of 2021 planned to pursue various postsecondary options:

- **60% – Four-Year Degree Program**
- **22% – Two-year Degree Program**
- **8% – Workforce**
- **6% – Diploma & Certificate Program**
- **4% – Gap Semester/Year**

SPARTAN PRIDE and RESILIENCY

Remain Strong Amidst National Crises

BY CATHERINE SKENA,
GRADUATE PROGRAMS FOR
SUCCESS DIVISION

President Pete Gurt '85 kicked off the 2021-22 school year with the powerful words in the quote highlighted at the bottom of this page—words that reflect the energy and spirit of MHS Spartans through the years including in times of crisis.

The theme for the 2021-22 school year is Greater Together, a reminder of what Spartans have been demonstrating for years. Regardless of the challenges, Spartans persevere side by side, supporting each other and their communities.

When the 2020 Spartan athletic season and other activities were halted as a safety measure amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, Spartans schoolwide found ways to keep moving forward, relying on each other. In 1942, the Hershey Industrial School Spartan interscholastic season also was halted, that time because of World War II. They, too, stood by each other to show their resilience.

The October 1942 issue of the “School Industrialist” newsletter described the importance of the HIS (now MHS) intramural athletic program when a gasoline and rubber shortage paused several interscholastic sports including football. The resources were needed to support the war effort. Physical Education Director, Ralph Hoar, led the development of an intramural sports program that included softball, basketball, wrestling, boxing, and an undecided sport for the following spring.

The Class of 1943 history in the Acropolis yearbook included the following observation: “Each year the athletic teams of HIS have shown ability and spirit which have come to be characteristics of HIS teams. Although the interscholastic competition was curtailed because of transportation difficulties, the same spirit and ability were used in an extensive intramural program.”

Boys from all grades were included in the intramural programs, and the Acropolis yearbook noted that the students upheld the HIS traditions of fair play and



**“Spartans cannot be broken.
Spartans are not stopped by fear.
Spartans don’t give up,
and Spartans are never lonely.
We have the most connected and compassionate
family on Earth.”**

— MILTON HERSHEY SCHOOL PRESIDENT PETE GURT '85

sportsmanship. The following observation about sports in general seems to reference preparing for a war-torn world: “Sports build body, mind, and character for the bigger and harder task that we all now face, and we feel that our sports program this year was a valuable preparation for the future.”

The administrative staff and representatives of the student body met and decided that football would return with a limited schedule in the fall of 1943. The team played just four games that season, versus Middletown, Ephrata, Carson Long, and Hershey High School. Transportation to the two away games was provided by MHS staff driving their personal vehicles.

The October 1943 “School Industrialist” shared its faith in the team, “If it’s spirit that counts, you can be sure the ‘Home-boys’ will put up a good fight. Coach Hoar says that everyone is working hard.”

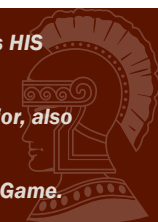
The highlight of the 1943 season was the very first Cocoa Bean Game between the Spartans and the Hershey Trojans, which was sponsored by the Hershey Rotary Club. At the time, it was also known as the “Bundles for Buddies” benefit game in support of the Derry Township Servicemen’s Gift Committee. Proceeds were used to purchase Christmas gifts for servicemen. It was one of many local programs throughout the United States to support the war effort. Also among them was the Victory Bond All-Star Football



On Page 8: An MHS display containing a football jersey and articles highlights HIS participation in the Victory Bond Football Game.

Top: Stanley Maston '47, who played in the 1945 Victory Bond Game as a junior, also played on the 1946 HIS football team his senior year.

Bottom: The 2021 Spartan football team celebrates winning the Cocoa Bean Game.



Game between outstanding football players from Dauphin County area schools. The game was played in 1944 and 1945, and several HIS players were selected for the County All-Stars Team each year.

The County All-Stars Team played the City All-Stars Team in a game at Hershey Stadium, and admission tickets were sold only to Victory Bond buyers. This local effort was part of a larger war bond campaign to help finance World War II. More than 85 million Americans—half the population at the time—enthusiastically supported the war bond effort, including the sports world. The Hershey event was one of many football and baseball games with a war bond as the price of admission. The first game was played on Dec. 9, 1944,

at Hershey Stadium in front of 10,000 spectators. The City Team won in 1944 and 1945.

When football did resume at HIS, the Spartan team had several winning seasons: 3 wins and 1 loss in 1943; 7 wins and 1 loss in 1944; and 7 wins and 2 losses in 1945. Like the WWII-era football teams, the 2021 Spartan football team returned with a passion and dedication to play well. In week four of the season, the Spartans retained the coveted Cocoa Bean Trophy by defeating the Hershey High School Trojans in the 78th Cocoa Bean Game with a score of 25-20.

Similar to the intramural program developed by Coach Hoar, MHS developed a series of workouts for students to support their mental and physical health throughout the previous school year. In addition, the Student Government Association worked with the MHS community to offer a variety of creative activities and programs, including a virtual version of M.O.L.D., the staff-student mentoring program.

Decades apart but reflective of the same strong spirit, the way Spartans choose to deal with adversity signals an attitude shared by the entire MHS community. Spartans are resilient and support each other, even in a world changed by crisis, first by a war and now by a pandemic, showing that we are Greater Together. 🏈



From the
ARCHIVES:

Remembering the Milton Hershey School Celebration of the U.S. Bicentennial

BY SUSAN ALGER, HERITAGE SCHOOL HISTORY

Milton Hershey School celebrated our country's founding with a year-long celebration in 1976. The December issue of the student-produced Spartan publication introduced the United States Bicentennial:

The life of Milton S. Hershey symbolizes very well the spirit that moved the founders of our country to risk everything to create a government founded on the ideals of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

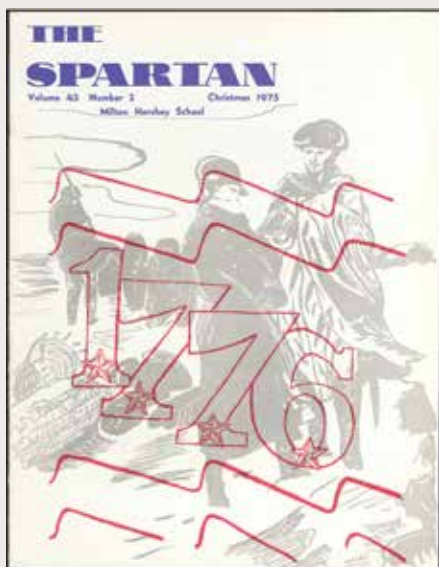
The MHS Founders Day festivities in 1975 featured a special evening program in Founders Hall with Lt. Governor Ernest Kline giving the address and entertainment was provided by the Statler Brothers and the Banj-Os. A replica of the Liberty Bell and a large Betsy Ross flag were impressive focal points in the Founders Hall Rotunda.

A student Colonial Marching Unit performed at special events throughout the year wearing colonial uniforms. The color guard gave two performances, an "I Am Old Glory" dramatic reading and a "Listen to the Drumbeats of Freedom" chronicle of America's



history. At a special performance on the William Penn Museum Plaza in Harrisburg, the student participants were confused when the crowd did not clap at the end. As reported in the Patriot-News, students later learned that "the audience had been so awed that applause seemed inappropriate."

The Senior Hall English Department sponsored an essay contest featuring the topic, "America, 200 Years of Revolution," and selected a grand prize winner from each grade. Senior contest winner Kenny Wilder's essay described "Black accomplishments that help make this country the greatest country on the face of the earth." His informative and well-researched essay started with the revolutionary war time period and continued through history, ending with the



**Top: MHS students greet Pennsylvania
Lt. Gov. Kline at Founders Hall.**

**Bottom: "The Spartan" publication and
MHS Bicentennial Resolution**



Top: MHS Vice President Richard Rudisill had a log cabin moved from another location on school property to near Founders Hall for the Bicentennial celebration.

Middle: Art teacher Clyde Stacks and a student admire artwork created for the school's Bicentennial celebration.

Bottom: The MHS Colonial Marching Unit performed at special events during the Bicentennial year.



Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Students designed a special Bicentennial logo and students in the print shop created Bicentennial stickers that were sold. The Acropolis yearbook featured a themed cover and a section titled "In America Only," consisting of four pages illustrating the Freedom of Assembly, Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Religion, and Freedom of the Press. The Spartan publication also featured theme-designed covers throughout the year.

A log cabin on school land was to be destroyed, but MHS Vice President Richard Rudisill saved it with the Bicentennial in mind. The cabin was then installed near Founders Hall as part of the year-long celebration.

A resolution for the year was adopted by the Senior Senate for Founders Day 1975, and art teacher, Clyde Stacks, incorporated it into a design. It contained tributes to our founders.

His [Milton Hershey's] example constantly inspires self-confidence, self-discipline, and a determination to succeed.

We hope that through our daily lives, both during our stay here and after graduation, we can live according to the principles on which our country was established, and bring honor to the name Milton Hershey School, by fulfilling the intentions of our Founders, Milton and Catherine Hershey.



Ivanhoe Presence at Milton Hershey School Continues a Century After the Original Building Opened

BY ABBY COX, AN MHS SENIOR

From the intricate murals on the walls of Milton S. Hershey's Billiard Room at High Point Mansion to the original Ivanhoe building built in 1920 to the current boys' Transitional Living building, Ivanhoe has been a piece of Hershey history for more than a century.

On Sept. 5, 1921, the original Ivanhoe building opened its doors as a quasi-dormitory/classroom building. Located just beyond the Homestead, near the current boys' Transitional Living buildings, Ivanhoe was coined the "most fireproof building" in the state.

A three-story building, Ivanhoe 1.0 was state-of-the-art; the first floor consisted of classrooms with moveable partitions and offered kindergarten through eighth-grade classes for students. A modern gymnasium was in the basement, while the second and third floors housed dorm-like rooms. The rooms had the ability to accommodate 55 of the 120 boys enrolled at Hershey Industrial School at the time.

In response to the new building, *The Hershey Press* wrote, "The building is splendidly equipped, modern in every detail and affords to the boys of the school an opportunity that is hardly equaled anywhere."

"Ivanhoe," published in 1819 by Walter Scott, served as the inspiration for the famous murals that hug the walls of Milton Hershey's billiard room at High Point, the home built by Mr. and Mrs. Hershey. "Ivanhoe" details the story of an Anglo-Saxon family in Norman, England. The story describes religious differences between Jews and Christians, colorful jousts, outlaws, and romantic chivalry. It is rumored that famous American artist, Violet Oakley, worked on the



murals as she was working on murals in the state capitol in Harrisburg at the time. These rumors are quite probable, although, there is no known record of the artist, who remains unknown.

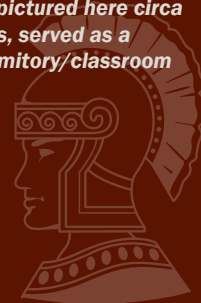
Upon visiting High Point's splendid billiard room to investigate the mystery artist, no signature or distinguishable marking was present to identify the artist. Although High Point's "Ivanhoe" creator remains an enigma to us today, the fact that Ivanhoe has a rich history on Milton Hershey School's campus is undeniable.

The former Camelot Room, the student dining room at Founders Hall—aligned with the same medieval themes as "Ivanhoe"—displayed themes of honor, integrity, loyalty, and power. The themes of "Ivanhoe" should be examined as they might hold the answer to why Ivanhoe is a common name around the MHS campus. 🏰



Top: The "Ivanhoe" mural is still visible in this room at High Point Mansion; the room was once the Billiard Room.

Bottom: The HIS Ivanhoe building, pictured here circa the 1950s, served as a quasi-dormitory/classroom building.



THANK YOU to Our Donors

Thank you to all who donated or shared objects and/or photos with the Milton Hershey School Heritage Center at Kinderhaus as of Oct. 14, 2021. If we inadvertently missed listing your gift, please contact us so we can include recognition in the next issue of Thy Traditions Dear.

We are happy to now have in our collection, a 1981 Basketball State Champion jacket donated by Timothy Poole '81, team trainer. 🏀

Fran Hartman Brigidi | Nancy DeLiberty | Linda Jones | Scott MacDonald | Timothy Poole '81 | Rudy Tremblay

School Publications Available

Are you missing an annual edition of the Acropolis? Do you remember the School Industrialist or Spartan news/magazines published from 1933 to 1992? The Heritage Center at Kinderhaus has extra copies available. Contact Nancy Palovitz to see if we have the years you need: 717.520.2010 or palovitzn@mhs-pa.org. 📖



Exciting News for Your Memories in the MHS Archives

The Department of School History is in the midst of an exciting multi-year project to modernize the school's archival collection. Part of the project is for the archivists to re-house documents and photographs in acid-free archival sleeves, folders, and boxes. Old negatives need to be checked for their material. Nitrate negatives, developed in 1889 as a flexible replacement to glass plate negatives not only fade over time, but they also deteriorate, becoming sticky and chemically unstable with dangers of being flammable. Some nitrate negatives were found in the school collection and are being disposed of properly after scanning. 📷



Dana Oliver '93 BUILDS SUCCESS on Her MHS Foundation

BY LAURA SCHMIDT, MHS COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

Dana (Karchner) Oliver '93 is a problem solver by trade and in her personal life. It's something she says she discovered in herself at an early age and also what led to her enrollment at Milton Hershey School.

Growing up in a small coal-mining town outside of Hazelton, Pennsylvania, she learned to step up for herself after her father passed away from lung cancer. At the time, her mom was working at a retail store and the district manager was an MHS graduate.

Dana says she never forgot the day her mom came home from work and

told her about the school located in Hershey.

"At that time, I also had applied to a prep school and got accepted, full scholarship, but my mom's direct quote was, 'You're going to be the poor kid.' So, the next day, I got the number for Milton Hershey School, spoke with a recruiter, and had him send me materials. I then immediately called back and got information for my brother, and I filled [out applications] for both of us!"

Dana said she knew she made the right decision when she came to campus because she described the campus as "straight out of a storybook." But once she opened the pages of that storybook, she felt a little unsure of herself and how she fit in—something that only lasted a few months.

"For the first time I was living with folks of diverse backgrounds and I grew up in a very white, non-diverse



community," she said. "At first, I felt unsure of my footing but having to learn to navigate how to make friends and understand cultural norms certainly helped me with eventually studying abroad, in college, and in what I do with my job today. I'm very thankful for that experience."

Dana works for Accenture—a global management consulting, technology services, and outsourcing company based out of Virginia. She's been with the company for more than 20 years and is the managing director for U.S. Army programs—a significant business line for the company.

"My job is to make sure the Army is happy with the work we are doing and that includes classified work—

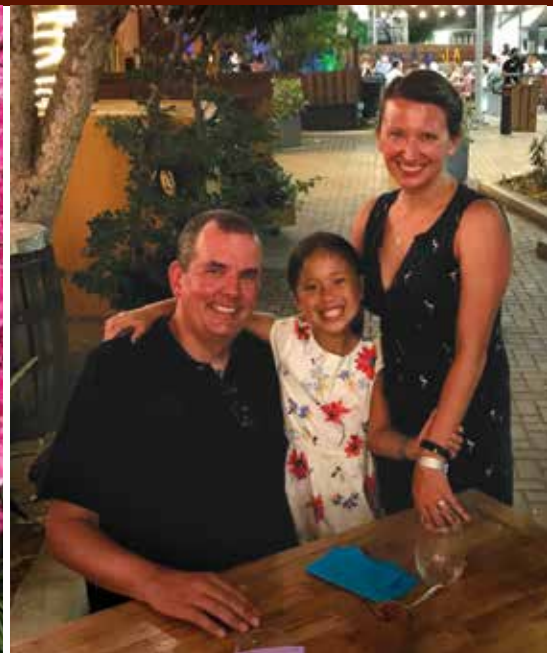


Top: Dana Oliver '93 is managing director for the U.S. Army program at Accenture.

Bottom: Dana Oliver '93 as an MHS senior

"My job is to make sure the Army is happy with the work we are doing and that includes classified work—things in the mission area, things having to do with warfighting, but also there's a sales aspect."

— DANA OLIVER '93



Dana Oliver '93 said many of the foundational skills that she uses in her daily life, not just her educational foundation, were formed at Milton Hershey School. She and her family live in the Washington, D.C. area.



things in the mission area, things having to do with warfighting, but also there's a sales aspect. How are we bringing new and interesting ideas to the Army? Be it through technology, changing Army culture, or using analytics for digital platforms. It sounds a lot like consulting bingo, but that's what I do."

Dana rose through the ranks of Accenture's management consulting. She compared the job to that of a doctor because when you go to a doctor, there is something wrong and you don't know how to fix it. She does the same thing but for companies, businesses, and currently for the military.

"It's my job to run a litany of diagnostics to help companies figure out how they can improve. Then we help them improve it. That kind of capability of problem solving is really what brought me to where I am today. I have spent 20 years solving problems and thinking critically about challenges."

After graduating from MHS in 1993, Dana attended American University in Washington, D.C., and earned her undergraduate degree in economics and finance. She worked for Accenture upon graduation and left for five years to work for another company that helped pay for her graduate degree in engineering

management from George Washington University.

"I'm not daunted by problem solving and challenges," she explained. "I think having lost a parent very young and having to find my own way and problem solve my way through Milton Hershey [School] gave me the competence and confidence to do what I do today."

One foundational skill Dana says she picked up at MHS and still uses to this day is the ability to connect with people. She said because the students and staff at MHS come from different backgrounds and walks of life, she had to learn to find commonalities and be open-minded.

"When I walk into a client's office, they don't know me," she explained. "They might be warm and open, or they might be mad at me or my company for something we messed up. I need to quickly find a way to connect—and I learned how to do that at Milton Hershey [School]."

When asked what drives her success, she said, because of the way she grew up, there is a basic hierarchy of needs that she follows.

"First, I need to make sure that my family is cared for, then my community like my neighborhood and church, and my company. Especially during COVID, I needed to focus on the care of our families

and make sure that our workforce was safe and secure. That's very motivating to me."

Dana says many of the foundational skills that she uses in her daily life were formed at MHS and not just her educational foundation. She also credits the school for helping her discover her values, and the skills necessary to become a successful leader and citizen in her community.

"MHS provided the educational and moral foundation of my life. Everything is built on it. Had I not done it [attended MHS], and I stayed [in my hometown] what would my life be? What job would I have? What would my life look like? I think it would be very different. Would I have gone to college? Probably. Would I have gone to American University? Probably not. Would I have received scholarships? Probably not. Would I have known to ask for them? Almost assuredly not. Everything is built on Milton Hershey."

Dana now lives in the Washington, D.C. area. Her brother, Ross Karchner whom she also helped apply to MHS, graduated from the school in 1998. He also lives outside of D.C. and works for the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau in cybersecurity. 🙌

MILTON HERSHEY SCHOOL CELEBRATES

HOMECOMING

2021

Milton Hershey School alumni celebrated Homecoming 2021 with special events, including reunion dinners and small class gatherings Sept. 24 to 26. In addition, there were several new events added to the schedule, including Open Mic Night, a Homecoming Game Watch Party and Picnic, Paint and Sip, and Yoga and Meditation. All events required advanced registration and took place on the William E. Dearden Alumni Campus or at other Hershey locations.

Since they were not able to gather for reunions in 2020, several classes combined celebrations, including the Classes of 1960 and 1961 for their 60-year reunion, the Classes of 1970 and 1971 for their 50-year reunion, and the Classes of 1995 and 1996 for their 25-year reunion dinner.

To view additional photos or watch videos of events throughout the weekend scan the code:



Top two photos: The Classes of 1960 and 1961 gathered for a reunion reception at High Point Mansion.

Large photo at left: Alumni proudly sported their Spartan gear during Homecoming 2021 as they reconnected with each other.

Bottom: Alumni took advantage of the new Homecoming Football Game Watch Party and Picnic at the William E. Dearden Alumni Campus.





Top left: Alumni demonstrated their creativity at the Paint and Sip event.

Top right: Alumni and seniors paid tribute to founders Milton and Catherine Hershey at the annual Graveside Memorial Service at Hershey Cemetery.



Middle photos: Alumni reconnected at a new Open Mic Nite event.



Alumni from reunion classes in the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s were invited to a Reunion Brunch at Catherine Hall (formerly Senior Hall).

MILTON HERSHEY SCHOOL INTRODUCES THE 2021 Spartan Hall of Fame Inductees

Milton Hershey School inducted eight graduates, a former coach, and an athletic team into the Spartan Hall of Fame on Sept. 24 during Homecoming Weekend 2021. To be considered for induction, an individual must be nominated and then vetted and approved by a selection committee. Nominees must have demonstrated good citizenship as students and since graduation.

Visual and Performing Arts Inductees

Reuben Confer, Class of 1991

Reuben excelled in the performing arts. He participated in Varsity Band, Varsity Chorus, and the prestigious New Horizons Show Choir. He was also a Spartan Player and served as president of the International Thespian Society. Beyond performing arts, Reuben used his creativity as a member of the Spartan staff and “MHS Today,” a student-produced television show. Reuben’s talent also was recognized beyond Milton Hershey School; he was selected for both District Chorus and Regional Chorus.

Holly (DiTullo) Heckman, Class of 1985

Holly participated in a variety of performing arts during her high school career. She was drum major for the Spartan Varsity Band and prior to that was a member of the Band Front and Silks. She was also a member of the Jazz Band. In addition, Holly was a vocalist and performed as a member of Girls’ Chorus and New Horizons.

In addition to her year-round involvement in the performing arts, Holly also played basketball, field hockey, and softball, and participated in Student Senate, Student Home Council, and Student Leadership Society. She was inducted into the National Honor Society and served as senior class secretary.

Barry Love, Class of 1951

The late Barry Love was named Alumnus of the Year in 2003 when he was honored as a teacher and philosopher. During high school, he was a standout in the area of visual and performing arts. In fact, in creating a list of the most important traits for an “ideal senior,” Barry’s classmates noted his musical ability as a requirement. He was a member of Varsity Choir, Octet, Quartet, and dance club for all four years of high school. He performed with the MHS Glee Club during his junior and senior years and was a



2021 Spartan Hall of Fame inductees who attended the induction ceremony: front row, left to right: Eula Webster, who accepted the award on behalf of her late husband, Lew Webster; Stanley Maston '47; and Jessica (Corrado) Platt '90; middle row, left to right: Virgil Whitsett '81, Russell Resh '83, and Mark Hickey '80; back row, left to right: Tony Steele '81, Lyle Trumbull '80, Abe Koroma '06, Brad Woodcraft '80, and Leroy Galloway.

member of Spartan Orchestra. Barry used his musical skill to write the class song for the Class of 1951. In addition to his extensive involvement in musical groups, he served as editor of the “School Industrialist” his senior year. Barry died in March of 2012.

Ashley (Kelley) McCleve, Class of 2006

Ashley is remembered by Visual and Performing Arts teachers as leading by example in the area of visual and performing arts. She participated in Varsity Choir, Concert Band, and dance for all four years of high school. She also performed with the Spartan Marching Band and the Indoor Color Guard. As a junior, she was involved with hip-hop, and as a senior she performed as part of the Praise and Worship Ensemble and New Horizons. During junior

and senior year, Ashley was selected for the prestigious County Chorus and the Susquehanna Youth Chorale.

Ashley's MHS experience prepared her well, as she performed as a member of the Penn State University Marching Blue Band at the 2009 Tournament of Roses. In her third year as a member of the Blue Band, Ashley also performed at the Outback Bowl in Florida and Alamo Bowl in Texas.

Nyugen Smith, Class of 1994

Nyugen is described as an outstanding visual artist by the visual arts teachers who knew him at MHS. In addition to his individual work, he was one of five students who volunteered to create a video for the

"Goodwill Silver Mile" fundraising campaign during his senior year. The video was used to raise money for Goodwill Industries. Beyond the visual arts, Nyugen won the United States National Award in English through the United States Achievement Academy. He also served as class president and was a member of the wrestling team.

With the talent he developed at MHS, Nyugen went on to earn a bachelor's degree in fine arts with a minor in Spanish and a Master of Fine Arts from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. He continues to work as a visual artist and has returned to MHS to create a gallery installation, serve as a guest speaker for students, and teach a 3D product design course in the Year-Round Experiences program for two summers, while creating new bodies of work in the MHS art studios and labs. 🎨

Athletic Inductees

Abe Koroma, Class of 2006

Abe was a three-year starter on the Varsity Football team on both offense and defense. He was selected for the Mid-Penn Conference first team offensive and defensive lines his junior and senior years. Those same years, he was selected the most valuable defensive player in the Mid-Penn Conference. In 2005, the fall of his senior year, he was selected for the Harrisburg Patriot-News Platinum 33 team and the Associated Press Pennsylvania All-State Football first team. He also was selected for the 2006 Big 33 Football Classic. After graduating from MHS, he received a full scholarship to play football at Penn State University.

Stanley Maston, Class of 1947

Stanley played football for Hershey Industrial School—now Milton Hershey School—for four years, three of them on the varsity team. Interscholastic sports were just beginning to resume as World War II was nearing an end. The October 1944 issue of the "School Industrialist" student newspaper reported the following: "[Farmhome] Manada is credited with a football star, 'Muzz' Maston, who hits the line with 165 pounds of dynamite. We hope to see our big husky tackle hit the headlines." During Stanley's junior year, he was named to the 1945 County All-Stars Team, along with nine other HIS players. He was the only junior selected, and the only junior on the HIS varsity football team. He was awarded a varsity letter that year.

The County All-Stars Team played the City All-Stars Team in a game at Hershey Stadium, and admission tickets were sold only to Victory Bond buyers. This local effort was part of a larger war bond campaign to help finance World War II. The Hershey event was one of the many special football and baseball games with a war bond as the price of admission. The Victory Bond All-Star Football Game between outstanding football players from Dauphin County area schools was played in 1944 and 1945.

During the football season, Stanley played both offense and defense, and remembers often playing a full 60 minutes. In addition to football, Stanley played baseball, wrestled, and participated in several intramural sports.

Jessica (Corrado) Platt, Class of 1990

Jessica won numerous conference titles in hurdles, long jump, and relays, and her achievements contributed to the Girls' Track and Field team winning districts and states in 1989 and 1990. During freshman year, she placed in districts for the 100- and 300-meter hurdles and qualified for states in the 300 intermediate hurdles. As a sophomore, Jessica placed first at districts for both the 100- and 300-meter hurdles; at states, she placed second in the 100-meter hurdles and fourth in the 300-meter hurdles. The next year at districts she placed second in the 100-meter hurdles and first in the 300-meter hurdles. At states, Jessica placed fourth in both the 100- hurdles and 300-meter hurdles.

In 1990, during her senior year, Jessica qualified for indoor nationals. At districts that year, she placed second in the 100-meter hurdles and first in the 300-meter hurdles, placed first in the 4x400 relay, and placed fifth in the long jump. At states, she placed second in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles and placed first in the 4x400 relay. Jessica set school records in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles and the long jump. Her records for the long jump, 17 feet, 8 inches, and the 300 hurdles with a time of 44.08 still stand.

Lewis K. Webster, Former Coach

The late Lewis K. Webster served the MHS community for more than 36 years as a teacher, coach, adviser, and mentor. He retired from MHS in 2014. Many alumni described him simply as the person they could talk to, the adult on campus who met their complaints with encouragement, and their sad times with sympathy and assistance. Alumni from across the decades agree that Coach Web's greatest achievement was motivating students during their most difficult times. He did not allow students to give up, and the successful alumni who were nurtured under his guidance are a testament to his triumph. These words are from his nomination for MHSAA honorary alumnus.

During Lew's tenure as a coach and assistant coach, he was involved in many state championships teams. He coached Varsity Track and Field athletes by preparing individual jumpers, several

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New Awards in Memory of Alumni Presented During Commencement Weekend 2021

Two new scholarships were presented to members of the Milton Hershey School Class of 2021. Both were created by family members in memory of alumni, one honoring William E. Dearden '40 and the other Henry Torres '03.

The William E. Dearden Emerging Leader Scholarship was established in 2021 to honor the life and spirit of William E. Dearden, a distinguished and highly respected alumnus of MHS. From his graduation in 1940 until his death in 2003, Dearden was driven in all aspects of his life by his love for and indebtedness to Mr. Hershey and the school, and he spent his entire career at The Hershey Company working to repay his debt of gratitude for all they had provided him as a student and made possible for his future. The memorial scholarship is funded by the William E. Dearden Foundation, and the inaugural award recipient is David Emile '21.



David Emile '21



Horan Thomas '21

The Henry "Hank" Torres Spirit Award was established in 2021 to honor the life of Henry Torres '03, who died on Jan. 7, 2021. Henry was an individual of extraordinary talent, energy, intelligence, athleticism, leadership, and community service. He is remembered for his desire to embrace anyone he met and unite everyone regardless of their background or views. The memorial scholarship was established as a tribute to Henry by his brother Elvis Torres '97. The first recipient of the Henry "Hank" Torres Spirit Award is Horan "Augie" Thomas '21. 🏆

MHS Students Visit Postsecondary Institutions

Milton Hershey School provides its students with the opportunity to visit colleges as part of their postsecondary education preparation. MHS seniors had the opportunity to visit two postsecondary institutions in person this fall. The institutions included a variety of schools such as colleges and universities that offer certificate, diploma, two- and four-year academic options. Eight students participated in a recent visit to Bloomsburg University on Oct. 19.

Bloomsburg is one of 24 partner schools that have signed a memorandum of understanding with MHS, meaning they have agreed to provide support services to MHS graduates who matriculate to their institutions. Some of the resources include support programs for first-generation college students, academic and financial aid advising, and opportunities that will assist with a variety of challenges they may encounter during their postsecondary studies. 🏡



Eight Milton Hershey School seniors recently visited Bloomsburg University to help prepare them to make decisions about their postsecondary education plans.

Visit the MHS Alumni Business Directory Online

Milton Hershey School invites alumni to visit the Alumni Business Directory on [mhsalum.org](https://www.mhsalum.org). The directory is provided as a complimentary service to MHS alumni to encourage networking and the support of alumni businesses, and to date more than 70 alumni businesses are listed. Visit the directory at <https://www.mhsalum.org/alumni-business-directory/>.

If you are an MHS graduate who owns a business, you may submit an entry online at <https://www.mhsalum.org/directory-submission/>.

MHS Celebrates Graduates' Postsecondary Milestones

The Graduate Programs Success Division and the MHS Alumni Relations Office created an online Gallery of Graduates to highlight alumni who completed postsecondary education programs during the past year. COVID-19 created significant challenges for alumni who were pursuing postsecondary education, but it didn't stop many Spartans from graduating. Congratulations to our alumni who earned certificates and associate and bachelor's degrees this past year. Your MHS family is proud of you!

We welcome additional photos from alumni who completed postsecondary programs during the past year. Please email your photo and information about your degree to: mhsalum@mhs-pa.org. Scan the QR code to view photos of recent graduates online at [mhsalum.org](https://www.mhsalum.org). 📷



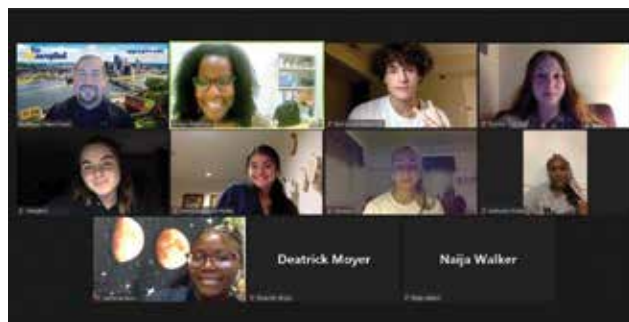
**Abby Sterner '16 and
Molly Ingram '16**



Samson Arnold '17

Seniors Encouraged to Explore a Variety of Postsecondary Options

To promote the range of opportunities available to Milton Hershey School students post-graduation, the MHS Graduate Programs for Success Division hosted a Virtual Postsecondary Fair for seniors on Oct. 13. Students participated in sessions with representatives from colleges, trade schools, and organizations that offer diplomas, certificates, and apprenticeships. It also included military recruiters and employers. Another Postsecondary Fair is being planned for spring 2022. 📺



A Note from the MHS Alumni Association President

To My Brothers and Sisters of Milton Hershey School:

As I started this final letter as president of the Milton Hershey School Alumni Association, I had a variety of emotions. I continue to be thankful and honored for the experience of leading this wonderful organization with the support of the Board of Directors. I am grateful for the support and positive feedback I received from many of you. I never would have imagined the amount of time it takes to lead any organization, let alone one supported by all volunteers and a part-time administrative assistant/bookkeeper, Susan Motter. She has been a godsend to MHSAA since she joined our ranks.

Much of what we normally do during the year was again cancelled or scaled back because of the pandemic. We were challenged to become more creative with several activities, particularly for Alumni-Fellowship and Homecoming Weekends.

Once it was determined there would be no Alumni-Senior Fellowship Dinner, we conducted a letter-writing campaign to connect alumni with the seniors. The campaign is a good example of the MHS theme for the 2021-22 school year, Greater Together. If we build relationships with the senior class, and with any of our younger brothers and sisters, offer advice and counsel, and be there to listen, we can only be Greater Together.

In May, members of MHSAA volunteered their time or participated in the Dick Purcell Spartan Classic Golf Tournament. Under the leadership of Alumni Relations Manager Lorraine Romberger '83, MHSAA and Dearden Foundation each received \$38,705 to support their missions.

In June, MHSAA board members were invited to take part in the Senior Celebration Car Processional during Commencement Weekend 2021. We joined school staff along the route to welcome our newest alumni brothers and sisters—members of the Class of 2021.

I am so glad we were able to have Homecoming this year. It looked different than other years, but as many people told me, the Friday Night Fling was a hit—new location, expanded menu, good music, and lots of prizes on the wheel. In addition, there was an Open Mic Night, Hersheypark Day and a Homecoming Game Watch Party and Picnic at the Dearden Campus, an expanded Graveside Memorial Service at Hershey Cemetery, Meditation and Yoga, Paint and Sip, and the live announcement of MHSAA election results and winners of the MHSAA Homecoming Fundraiser. MHSAA awarded a total of \$15,000 to seven lucky winners. Finally, the MHSAA Annual Business Meeting and the Memorial Grove Service were conducted virtually and are still



Left to right, MHS President Pete Gurt '85 and MHSAA President Mike Mulderig '71

available for viewing on the MHSAA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MHSAlumniAssoc.

As in 2020, in advance of Homecoming, MHSAA posted interviews with the MHSAA Board of Directors candidates on social media to provide an opportunity for alumni to become familiar with the candidates and their views. We will likely continue these interviews as part of future Homecomings. New to the process this year was having recent graduates interview the candidates, which supported one of my goals to involve more diverse and younger alumni. With the addition of interviewers and the range of board candidates, we are making progress. The candidates who I talked to have the passion and desire to serve, and I encourage them to stay involved.

MHSAA continues to have dialogue with Diane Koken, Chair of the MHS Board of Managers, about building a relationship with the board. We would like to become a strategic partner, and when appropriate, be involved in discussions on matters of mutual interest.

As MHS moves forward with the Catherine Hershey Schools for Early Learning initiative, MHSAA's primary concern is how this, and any other potential initiatives, align with the Deed of Trust. For MHSAA the Deed of Trust is first and foremost the guiding document for all MHS does.

In closing, I would be remiss if I did not thank those who provided help, guidance, and counsel throughout the past year—MHS President Pete Gurt '85 and his staff, the MHS Alumni Relations staff, Susan Motter, and your MHSAA Board of Directors. The work of MHSAA board members in support of MHSAA is commendable.

MHSAA is like a ship—each ship has a captain that steers the ship and a crew that does the work. I had one fine crew this year and could not have asked for a more dedicated group of people to work alongside. It has been a privilege and an honor to have served as captain of this ship, even in turbulent waters, the past two years.

My hope for our Association is that we will sail smoothly in 2022, and hope, by the grace of God, the waters are calmer.

Sincerely,

Michael Mulderig '71
MHSAA President

Chapter News

Harrisburg Chapter

Every year, the Harrisburg Chapter lays a wreath at the grave of Milton S. Hershey to honor his legacy. The 2021 tribute on Sunday, Sept. 12, marked the 13th anniversary of the wreath-laying, one day before his birthday. To view a video of the ceremony, visit the MHSAA Facebook page: <https://fb.watch/91i8rgasvL/>.

The chapter continued to meet online during the pandemic and recently resumed in-person meetings. The chapter has a strong local membership with some out-of-state participation and welcomes additional members. For more information, please contact John Hanawalt '71 at jobohanawalt@gmail.com. 📧

Homestead Chapter

The Homestead Chapter has had limited activities due to COVID-19 mitigation strategies on the MHS campus. The chapter did present its annual Senior Spirit Award and posted signs at Transitional Living homes to congratulate members of the Class of 2021. In May, the chapter supported and participated in the Dick Purcell Spartan Classic golf tournament in honor of former chapter member, the late Dick Purcell '61. The chapter plans to participate in MHS Christmas activities once they are finalized. In addition, the Homestead Chapter Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021, at Purcell Friendship Hall. 📧

Washington, D.C./Maryland/Virginia (DMV) Chapter

The DMV Chapter is working with Milton Hershey School to plan its annual Chapter Santa Project that benefits MHS students who are from the chapter's service area. The chapter raises funds throughout the year to support the project. Among the popular fundraising events is the class ring raffle, where alumni purchase a chance to win a replacement for a lost or stolen MHS class ring. The chapter also has continued to host outdoor events for its members. 📧

Honorary Member Chapter

Twenty-four members of the Honorary Member Chapter met for a picnic at Camp Milton on Oct. 26. Laughter, chatter, and reminiscing resounded through the wooded area surrounding the cabin. Chefs Jack Storm and Warren Hicks prepared hamburgers and hotdogs; they were served with side dishes prepared by members.

Following the picnic dinner, a business meeting was held, and the following officers were elected: Cristal Sheaffer, president; Donald Witman, vice president; Ann Reigle, secretary; John Grab, treasurer and chapter representative to the MHSAA Board; and Louise Swartzbaugh, corresponding secretary. 📧

Four Alumni Elected to MHSAA Board

The Milton Hershey School Alumni Association on Sunday, Sept. 26, announced the results of its election to fill four open seats on its Board of Directors. The winners are newcomer, Julie Hixon '84, and incumbent board members Joe Aurelio '84, Paul Aurelio '84, and Jack Swofford '73. MHSAA directors are responsible for the management and administration of the association, including adopting its annual budget. 📧



Julie Hixon '84



Joe Aurelio '84



Paul Aurelio '84



Jack Swofford '73



MHSAA Announces Winners of the Homecoming Fundraiser

Bob Pringle '81 won the top prize of \$10,000 in the 2021 MHSAA Homecoming Raffle. Additional prizes went to: John Kirk '77—\$1,500, Richard Trees '65—\$1,500, Jim Hanawalt '65—\$500, Earl Quay '61—\$500, Laurence Reynolds '56—\$500, and John Whitehead '71—\$500. The winning tickets were drawn and announced on Facebook Live on Sunday, Sept. 26.

MHSAA expresses its sincere thanks to everyone who supports the Association throughout the year. As a volunteer organization, we would not exist without your support. 📧

MHSAA President Mike Mulderig '71 congratulates Bob Pringle '81, winner of the top prize in the annual MHSAA Homecoming Fundraiser. MHSAA extends its sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Bob, who died just weeks after Homecoming on Oct. 17.

CLASS Notes

1940s

Kenneth O. Brady '40, of Severna Park, Md., celebrated his 100th birthday in October. The MHSAA Washington, D.C./Maryland/Virginia

Chapter presented him with a card signed by MHS staff and alumni, a Hershey hat, and other small gifts.



Ira R. Geisinger '49, of Indianapolis, Ind., was married to his wife Marianne for 57 years before she died in September 2015.

1950s

Charles Hess '51, of Southern Shores, N.C., rides a stationary bike seven miles and lifts weights three times a week, and swims weekly.

George Marks '51, of Cumming, Ga., sold the business he founded and is enjoying life, going to the lake, golfing, traveling, and snow skiing.

James O'Donnell '51, of Somerset, retired from Walmart on July 31, 2020, after 28 years of service.

Ronald Dionisio '53, of Baden, is a football evaluator for high school officials and a clock operator for Division III football. He works out at the YMCA five days a week. He and his wife Frances were married for 59 years before she died in 2018.

Paul Taylor '53, of Centennial, Colo., and his wife, Judy, have been married 57 years. Their son, Eric, is a manager with Amazon. Their daughter, Amy, is a pilot with American Airlines and flies B777s internationally.

James Knott '55, of Plymouth, Mich., has been an adjunct professor at Eastern Michigan University for 11 years. He continues to research experimental cancer chemotherapy.

Arthur Bossler '57, of Lake Harmony, and his wife, Dorothy, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in August 2021.

1960s

Wayne Cupp '67, of Harrisburg, and his wife, Cheryl, recently celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. They have five grandchildren, one of whom is enrolled in college.

Francis Findley '61, of Flint, Mich., is retired and enjoys gardening and golfing. He has two children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Robert Tussey '62, Fort Myers, Fla., and his wife enjoy the sun and relaxation year-round in southwest Florida.

Richard Forney '63, of Warrington, is retired and enjoying his grandchildren, fishing, and gardening.

James Gould '63, of Hershey, is enjoying life by playing golf several times a week, spending time with family, and volunteering for his homeowners' association, church, and the MHSAA Homestead Chapter.

Edward Rising '63, of Mount Bethel, is retired and keeps busy with his hobbies, such as kayaking, hiking, reading, fishing, cooking, and yard work.

John Grounds '64, of Davenport, Fla., retired from Whole Foods as a quality assurance supervisor.

Clyde Moyer '64, of Dover, Del., was diagnosed with stomach cancer in January 2020 but reports that he is currently cancer-free.

Gary Kuhns '65, of Palmyra, Va., and his wife, Rebecca, have 12 grandchildren between them. He enjoys yard work and looks forward to traveling to visit family.

Dick Ridgway '65, of Portland, Ore., and his brother are touring the country.

Robert Ridgeway '65, of Portland, Ore., retired from nursing and then construction management. He has three children and six grandchildren.

Samuel Douthett '66, of Butler, continues to work with the homeless and veterans in need. He works with Robin's Home, a temporary home for veteran women. It is the only one of its kind in western Pennsylvania.

Gary Hartman '66, of Ponchatoula, La., celebrated 20 years of marriage with his wife, Bonnie, in June 2021. They continue to enjoy retirement and travel as they can and adore their two grandsons, Micah and Aiden.

John Laskey '66, of Apex, N.C., and his wife, Barbara, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 20, 2021. John retired in 2019 from Infinite Computer Solutions and now spends time playing golf.

Edward Powell '67, of Jefferson Boro, and his wife, Diane, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in November 2021. Edward is a retired automotive instructor.

Barry Wilson '67, of Brunswick, Ga., moved to Brunswick after living in Salem, Ore., for 49 years.

David Zembower '68, of Port Charlotte, Fla., enjoys retired life playing golf, fishing, dancing, boating, and the weather in southwest Florida.

John Furmanak '69, of Media, is retired and remains active with community adult programs, traveling, and playing golf. He also stays active with MHS.

Stanley Sokolowski '69 relocated to Daytona Beach Shores, Fla.

Daniel Stambaugh '69, of Holiday, Fla., and his wife, Donna, moved to Florida in August 2020. He is enjoying retirement.

1970s

Richard Conta '70, of Annville, retired from The Hershey Company after 40 years of service. He enjoys fishing, reading, and building birdhouses. He also trains dogs on bird work, scent work, and tracking.

William Matson '70, of Amelia, Ohio, is retired and enjoys spending time with his five grandchildren. He and his wife enjoy traveling and spending winters in Florida.

Earl E. Lego '71, of Enola, works part time at Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course.

Albert Leonzi '71, of Edinboro, is retired and volunteers for Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's Campus Ministry/Listening Post. He is a member of Kiwanis, an AARP Professional Drivers Program Instructor and Zone Director, the Penn State Cooperative Extension President for northwest Pennsylvania, an MHSAA Board Member, and an MHS Regional Ambassador.

Royal A. Spellmeyer, Jr. '71, of Oklahoma City, Okla., and his wife will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary in December 2021. They enjoy spending time with their four grandchildren, watching them grow up so fast. They plan to move to Texas within the next year.

Charles Winkler '71, of Mt. Bethel, retired from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in February 2021. He enjoys doing carpentry projects for his family and gardening.

John Wobensmith '71, of East Haven, Conn., and his wife, Nancy, recently celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary. He is happily retired and has lived in a Connecticut beach community since 2014, where he once served as secretary of the homeowners' association. He is currently a commissioner for the town zoning board of appeals. He is the father of two and grandfather (Opa) of a 16-month-old granddaughter.

Michael DeJesse '72, of Woodbury, N.J., enjoys retirement and spending time with his wife and granddaughter, Ariana. He and his wife, Louise, have been married for 41 years.

Kenneth P. Mross '72, of Bartonville, and his wife, Maryellen, are retired and travel as much as possible to see friends and family. They especially like to visit their children and grandchildren in Pennsylvania and their newest granddaughter in Montana.

John Carlson '73, of West Middlesex, has been the service manager of a semi-trailer dealership for more than 23 years. He and his wife, Georgia, have been married for 41 years, and they have six grandkids who make John proud.

Carl Cox '73, of Knoxville, is retired. He serves on the board of directors of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs and on boards and committees of several other local associations.

John Goshey '73, of Hulmeville, and his wife, Kathy, have been married for 45 years. They have two grandsons, ages 7 and 13, and one granddaughter, age 5.

David Houghton '73, of Lititz, is semi-retired and works two days a week for the company from which he retired. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his wife and family and traveling.

Barry Kolb '73, of Neshanic Station, N.J., enjoys retirement.

Ralph V. Tomassi '73, of Ashland, Ohio, and his wife, Betty Jo, celebrated 40 years of marriage in July 2021. He is president of Homeward Bound Dog Shelter and on the board of directors for the seventh year at Hospice of North Central Ohio.

Mark Vogl '73, of Gilmer, Texas, had his seventh book published in April 2021.

Duane Daly '74 moved from Joshua Tree, Calif., to Myerstown. He and his wife, Deana, celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary on June 24, 2021.

Dennis Keffer '74, of Fredericksburg, Va., became a first-time grandpa on July 15, 2021, when his grandson, Theodore Joseph Keffer, was born.

Regis Koch '74, of Palmyra, is retired. He and his wife, Barbara, have three children and two grandchildren.

Thomas Savage '77, of Doylestown, retired from the healthcare field after 43 years. He has five children and six grandchildren.

Alexander Barianos '78, of Chambersburg, retired from Giant Food Stores and moved to Chambersburg in November 2020.

Michael Vanderslice '78, of Pottsville, has four grandchildren.

1980s

Robert Foster '82, of Baltimore, Md., is the owner of Staging by Robert, LLC, which stages homes in Maryland and Washington, D.C., to sell quickly and for more money.

Bonnie (DiTullo) Miller '82, of Lancaster, and her husband, Barry, have been married 28 years, and have two granddaughters, Zoe and Emily. She just completed her 33rd year of teaching.

Heidi Willis '83, of Mechanicsburg, was the DJ for the Senior Division outdoor pep rally during the MHS Opening of School Celebration in August. To

celebrate the first day of school, MHS held outdoor pep rallies at each school building featuring DJs, balloon arches, signage, and MHS staff encouraging students to have a great start to the school year.

Martin Jackson '84, of Philadelphia, received the Horizon House Bravo Award for his consistent hard work, dedication, and service to the individuals in his care.

Mary Ann (Federinko) Lovell '84, of Riverview, Fla., recently transitioned to a new business unit within Citigroup as senior business risk officer and moved to the Tampa, Fla., area for her new role. She looks forward to starting an alumni chapter there.

Barbara Polk '84, of Washington, D.C., recently published a book, "Potential: Leveraging Your Past for the Professional and Personal Success You Deserve."

Barbara is currently a member of the Board of Directors for Hershey Entertainment & Resorts Company, is a board member of the Lupus Foundation of America, Inc. and serves as secretary and on the Governance



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Committee. She is the chief administrative officer at the The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and also serves on the MHS Alumni Association Board.

Deborah (Yentzer) Jackson '85, of Coudersport, loves being "Gramma" to eight grandchildren. She lives a quiet life in Potter County. Her spare time is spent with her husband of 30 years, Darryl, working on their beautiful flower garden. She says they are living their best lives.

Amy (McCloskey) Tobin '86, of Cortez, Fla., has been selected to join the content team at Arria NLG, a global leader in natural language generation.

Spencer Osborne '87, of Rio Grande City, Texas, and his wife, Jannette, welcomed a baby girl in April 2021.

Kimberly (Bishop) Elenberg '88, of Alexandria, Va., was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for her work with the U.S. Department of Defense Coronavirus 2019 Task Force.



Bryan Jones '88, of Ephrata, is as a general manager at Arooga's Grille House & Sports Bar.

Christopher J. Williams '88, of Wynnewood, started a new job as human resources director for Tired Hands Brewing Company in Ardmore. His son, Simon, is a senior at Arizona State University and his son, Lucas, is a senior at St. Joseph's Prep in Philadelphia.

Melissa (Federinko) Alvarez '89, of Tampa, Fla., earned a bachelor's degree in leadership change management from University of South Florida. She is vice president of clinical operations at Academic Alliance in Dermatology.

Fred Savadge '89, of Hazleton, is a construction manager. He also established a gaming business in 2016, and it continues

to grow despite setbacks from the pandemic.

1990s

Sheila Dietrich '92, of Winchester, Va., is a school counselor in Virginia.

Lori Livingston '92, of Chatsworth, Calif., played a Skrull in "Captain Marvel," her debut role in the Marvel Cinematic Universe. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she took on a second MCU role as an FBI Skrull Agent in "WandaVision" — a role for which she saw her name scroll in the end credits, which she said are typically reserved for the top stars.



Nicholas Allanch '97, of Elmhurst, N.Y., was promoted to assistant dean of academics at Plaza College.

Armando Batista '97, of San Diego, Calif., is a member of the English faculty at Pacific Ridge School.

Shannon (Cummings) Butler '98, of Hershey, completed a master's degree in human services and family advocacy in May 2020. She and her husband, Tom, celebrated 20 years of marriage in fall 2021. They have two sons and have served as MHS houseparents for 18 years.

Karen Ames-Nocera '99, of Ferndale, Mich., welcomed a baby girl, Kennedy, to her family in March 2020.

Jason Brown '99, of Paoli, is vice president of digital marketing and strategy at Goldman Sachs Private Wealth Management.



Glendaliz (Almonte) Martinez '99, of Houston, Texas, had a baby boy in July 2020. Glendaliz is national director of

content & implementation at Curriculum Associates.

2000s

Kwasi Abrokwa, PHR '00, of Harrisburg, was honored by Central Penn Business Journal as one of the region's 40 Under 40 for professional accomplishments, community service, and commitment to inspiring change.

Kevin Collier '02, of Atco, N.J., has two children, Tucker, age 17, and Nicolette, age 9.

Raphael Balthazar '03, of Harrisburg, is defensive coordinator for the Northern Lebanon Senior High School varsity football program.

Troy Scott '03, of Harrisburg, is sales manager at the Cremation Society of Pennsylvania.

Kadijatu (Jalloh) Brew '04, of Manassas, Va., has two children, Abbi, age 7, and Kaleb, age 6. She married Allswell Brew in 2021. Her husband graduated as a family nurse practitioner in August 2021.

Alexandra Johnson, Ph.D. '04, of Riverview, Fla., is a psychologist with Family Psychology Associates.

Kimberly Koller '04, of Kingston, became engaged in May 2020. She and her fiancé, Rick, welcomed a daughter, Eleanor Rose, on July 27, 2021. Eleanor is adored by her big brother, Robert, and big sister, Abigail. Kimberly started a new career with Bank of America in November 2020.

Amber Masinos '05, of Mount Carmel, had a baby girl, Eliana Lorraine Bridy, on Dec. 14, 2020. Amber's oldest daughter, Mackenzie, is 12 years old.

Cassandra (Wentzel) Razzi '05, of Philadelphia, and her husband purchased a home and are expecting their second child. Cassandra started a new job in January 2021.

Ruth Brown '06, of Providence, R.I., has been working as a mental health case

manager for the Department of Children, Youth & Families since graduating from college.

Michael Shanahan '06, of Raleigh, N.C., was promoted to vice president of commercial banking and relationship manager at Bank of America.

Adzua Agyapong '07, of Washington, D.C., is the director of policy and advocacy for the KIPP Foundation. The nonprofit KIPP Foundation trains and develops outstanding educators to lead KIPP public schools; provides tools, resources and training for excellent teaching and learning; promotes innovation; and facilitates the exchange of insights and ideas across KIPP and other public schools and organizations.

Brandon McCoy '08, of Gaithersburg, Md., works in Washington, D.C. and is married to MHS alumna **Rachel Light '06**. Brandon is the head coach of a track and field program and started a summer youth camp for disadvantaged children.

2010s

Alexandria Sauer '11, of Middletown, launched her first book, "Are You Ready (The Tourist Series)," on Amazon.

Ashlynn (Trimmer) Jimenez '12, of Lancaster, was married on Feb. 27, 2021, to Carlos Jimenez in an intimate ceremony with their immediate families.

Brock Romano, M.S., CLTD '12, is a senior logistics specialist at Total Wine & More.

Victoria Warne '12, of Tampa, Fla., is a talent acquisition specialist at ChenMed.

Kaelem V. Camper '13, of Greenlawn, N.Y., is an adjunct professor at Long Island University.

Manaury Garcia '13, of Ewing, N.J., is a senior financial analyst in Janssen Research and Development at Johnson & Johnson.

Jessica Bell '14, of Chapel Hill, N.C., is a research specialist at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine in Hyejung Won's lab studying the genetics of neuropsychiatric and neurodevelopmental disorders.

Tylette Daw '14, of Chambersburg, is enrolled in college and studies medical billing and coding.

Molly Ingram '16, of Drexel Hill, received a Gilman Award to study at Temple University's Rome Campus during 2021. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology, and with minors in philosophy and women and gender studies, from Susquehanna University.

Mary Stoudt '17, of Rocky Mount, Va., graduated with a bachelor's degree from Ferrum College in May, and enrolled in a master's degree program at Shepherd University in the fall of 2021. She recently became engaged to be married to her college sweetheart.

Sareena Karim '18, of Aston, won the RK Laros Foundation Endowed Prize for Entrepreneurship, Creativity & Innovation and the Michael W. Levin '87 Advanced Technology Award at the Thalheimer Grand Prize and People's Choice Competition for her pitch about her custom hair product company, FoliQ. Sareena is a bioengineering major at Lehigh University.



Tianna Ford '17 and **Jacob McMillen '20** graduated from U.S. Army initial entry training at Fort Benning, Ga., in June. **Colonel Paul Davis '94** (center), who is stationed at Fort Benning, was there to congratulate them. Tianna is the first female infantry recruit to enlist in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.



Deaths

William Kearns '43, Port St Lucie, Fla., Dec. 31, 2020

Russell J. Arnold '44, of Boca Raton, Fla., Nov. 25, 2020

Alfred Ritter '44, of Falmouth, Mass., July 5, 2020

Reuel Ryman '44, of Hershey and Hummelstown, Oct. 28, 2021

John (Jack) L. Hess '45, of Bradenton, Fla., June 19, 2021

Earl Yoder '46, of Okeechobee, Fla., May 16, 2021

Harry M. Eberly '47, of Annville, Feb. 23, 2021

Ralph Hetrick '47, of Hershey, June 17, 2021

Lloyd Eckert Dietrich '48, of Kilmarnock, Va., Sep. 19, 2021

John O. Kinnaird '49, of Nottingham, Sept. 3, 2021

Paul C. Hankins '50 of Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 29, 2021

Donald Knott '50, of Hallstead, Aug. 20, 2021

Glenn Stoudt '50, of Myerstown, May 15, 2021

Raymond Brinker '51, of Annville, April 14, 2021

Robert Eugene Coble '51, of Lancaster, Oct. 2, 2020

Frederick H. Dewalt '51, of Bloomsburg, Feb. 6, 2021

Leo M. Hartnett '52, of Richboro, June 12, 2021

Jon Sherwood Zern '52, of Oviedo, Fla., Aug. 18, 2021

Albert "Cap" Capozucca '54, of Pittston, May 28, 2021

Richard Conti '55, of Clearwater, Fla., Sept. 21, 2021

Joseph F. McDonald '55, of Willow Street, Sept. 13, 2021

Ronald Reale '55, of Palmyra, May 27, 2021

William Best '56, of Bethel Park, Jan. 31, 2021

Fred Bowser '56, of Hershey, Aug. 28, 2021

Howard "Chuck" Gordon '57, of Ringtown, June 7, 2021

Raymond W. Stewart '57, of Oriental, N.C., March 7, 2021

E. Clyde Miller '58, of Summerville, S.C., May 19, 2021

C. Gary Moyer, Sr. '58, of Pottstown, May 5, 2021

David Erdman '59, of Annville, May 3, 2021

John Findley '59, of The Villages, Fla., July 11, 2021

Lester Gebhart '60, of Lowell, Mass., March 6, 2020*

James Leitzel '60, of Halifax, Sept. 9, 2020*

R. Charles Vintere '60, of Mesquite, Nev., July 14, 2021

Daniel David Haas '61, of Kissimmee, Fla., Jan. 31, 2021

Craig L. Ramsey '61, of Chase City, Va., June 21, 2020

Donald McCabe '62, of Bethlehem, May 11, 2021

Kenneth Way '62, of Chambersburg, July 15, 2021*

Terry Henry '63, of Levittown, March 14, 2021

Howard J. Smith '63, of Indian Land, S.C., Oct. 9, 2021

Scott Ruch '64, of Sellersville, May 18, 2021*

Charles Westhafer '64, of Langhorne, Feb. 12, 2021

Forrest Ray Hepler '65, of Modesto, Calif., June 12, 2021

Donald J. Alleman '66, of Mount Joy, July 2, 2021

Mike Weller '66, of Hershey, June 15, 2021

Frederick Bartron '68, of Mechanicsburg, Dec. 24, 2020

Warren Koeber '70, of Turtle Creek, April 10, 2021*

Richard Engle '71, of East Earl, April 15, 2021

John Joseph Grimes III '71, of Belleville, Ind., July 30, 2021

Reynold Mummey '71, of Slatington, Sept. 12, 2021

Thomas Soghomonian '73, of Palmyra, March 24, 2021

Joseph A. Clerico '74, of Lancaster, Oct. 9, 2021

John Chappell '75, of Deland, Fla., July 5, 2021

Gerald F. Hermann '76, of Lebanon, July 23, 2021

Raymond Penatzer '80, of Greentown, Ohio, July 8, 2016

Kenny McCurdy '81, of Marion, Ohio, Sept. 23, 2021

Robert Pringle '81, of Gap, Oct. 17, 2021

Patrick Kennedy '85, of Harrisburg, Sept. 17, 2021

Dr. Scott S. Richardson '87, of Harrisburg, Aug. 2, 2021

Wellington Rivera '98, of New York, NY, Aug. 24, 2021

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Staff & Retiree Deaths

Elizabeth Benito died on Oct. 12, 2021. Most recently, Elizabeth worked as a college and career counselor. She previously worked as the coordinator of postsecondary partnerships and as an admissions marketing specialist.

Harry Blough died on June 30, 2020. Harry worked in the Agriculture-Business department.

Beth A. Cassel died on July 18, 2021. Beth worked as a houseparent with her husband, Bill Murray.

Mary K. Cook died on Aug. 3, 2021. She worked as a nurse at the Health Center.

Flora Glasgow died on Aug. 26, 2021. She worked as a housemother and in Food Service.

Thomas J. Howell Jr. died on Oct. 5, 2021. He worked as a houseparent with his spouse, Diane Howell.

Lloyd H. Keller died on Aug. 28, 2021. He worked as an appliance repair and maintenance technician.

Donna Kelly died on June 29, 2021. She worked as a houseparent with her husband, Ed Kelly.

J. Daniel Miller died on Aug. 7, 2021. He worked as a houseparent.

Raymond E. Minich died on March 7, 2021. He worked as a groundskeeper and mechanic.

Elmer Norris died on Aug. 1, 2021. He worked as a dairyman, houseparent, and project manager overseeing the construction of student homes. He was an MHSA honorarium member.

James H. Norris died on Aug. 7, 2021. He worked as a houseparent, dairyman, dairy supervisor, and driver.

Rebecca Rome died on Oct. 2, 2021. She and her husband, Sandy J. Rome, were houseparents for nine years.

Harold E. Sensenig died on Aug. 1, 2021. He worked in structural trades as a technician/maintenance mechanic.

Shirley (Martin) Zimmerman died on April 11, 2021. She was a houseparent and an MHSA honorarium member.

'Visit' the Virtual Founders Hall Visitors Center

More than 50 years ago, Milton Hershey School dedicated an iconic building on campus, Founders Hall, to our founders, Milton and Catherine Hershey. Inside this stately monument lives the Founders Hall Visitors Center which recently underwent renovations to bring it up to current-day safety standards. The new, modern visitors center tells the compelling story of the school's past, present, and future.

Until we can safely re-open our visitors center to the public, MHS has built a mobile-friendly Virtual Founders Hall Visitors Center to transport this in-person experience to your electronic devices. Navigate through our themed exhibits, historical photo albums, and alumni collection to learn about Milton Hershey School's 111 years of history and counting—anytime, anywhere.

Visit the Virtual Founders Hall Visitors Center at www.mhskids.org/VisitorsCenter. 📱

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who placed at conference, district, and state competitions. In fact, he was an assistant coach for the 1980 Boys' Track and Field state championship team. Later, he became head of the Varsity Basketball team and guided his teams to win tournaments and make the play-offs. Even after moving on from coaching to become director of student leadership, Lew continued to attend many athletic events and served at half times or sold athletic wear at Homecoming games. A quote from Lew in the 1989 yearbook represents him well: "Winning is great, but maintaining poise and character are even better!" Lew's legacy lives on in the hearts and minds of many Spartans. Lew died in January 2020.

1980 Boys' Track and Field Team

The 1980 Boys' Track and Field team was Milton Hershey School's first state championship team. Under the leadership of head coach Bob Schelhorn and assistant coaches Leroy Galloway and Lew Webster, the 1980 team dominated PIAA AA Track and Field.

Season highlights for the 1980 team include an undefeated Capital Area Conference record with nine wins and no losses amidst stiff competition from very strong teams, victory at the Capital Area Conference meet, a victory at the District 3 meet, and victory at the PIAA state championships.

Carlton Bleiler '81 and TJ Johnson '81 were standouts at the state meet, with Carlton taking first place in the shot put and discus, and TJ capturing first in the 100-meter and 200-meter sprints. In fact, Carlton was Milton Hershey School's first state gold medal winner with a shot-put throw of 59 feet, 4 inches.

Leading up to the state championship, the following Spartans put points on the board at districts: Vince Alston '81, Carlton Bleiler, Jeff Choice '81, Mike Greene '81, Tom Hess '80, TJ Johnson, Bill Mills '82, Ari Puliatti '80, Ray Sinagra '81, Dennis Smith '81, Pete Smith '81, Lyle Trumbull '80, and Virgil Whitsett '81.

The cumulative conference record from 1977 to 1980 for the seniors on the 1980 team was 35 wins and one loss to Palmyra in 1979. The 1980 team avenged this loss on Palmyra's track.

Coach Schelhorn, who led three MHS teams to state track and field championships, had a dream to see Milton Hershey School

reach the top of the mountain. He made important decisions that made the 1980 team a team to remember. He emphasized that track is a technical sport that requires a specific type of coaching with an almost one-on-one approach to create a focused situation.

Learning from experience with the 1978 and 1979 seasons where more than 150 students tried out for the team—an unmanageable number of students—Coach Schelhorn limited tryouts for the 1980 team to students who were in good standing academically. As a result, the team roster was trimmed to slightly more than 40 students. In addition, Coach Schelhorn required members of the team to maintain a "C" average or greater throughout the season. Academics had to come first.

The 1980 Boys' Track and Field team took on a new identity. Coaches performed at a new level, and the athletes responded quickly. A real cohesion developed with each practice. The 1980 Boys' Track and Field team had a new attitude—one that helped them reach the top of the mountain as state champions, and Coach Schelhorn's dream came true.

The Hall of Fame nomination for the 1980 Boys' Track and Field team stated: The record is clear—for 40 years the men and women of MHS have been a force to be reckoned with in Pennsylvania track and field. It can be argued that the 1980 Boys' Track and Field team started this trend. 🏆

Nominations for candidates to be considered for 2022 induction are due by Friday, Dec. 31, 2021. Nomination instructions can be found online at mhsalum.org.



The coaches of the 1980 Boys' Track and Field team were early adopters of using video as a tool to critique and coach student athletes.


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December '21

- 13** MHS Career Services:
Interview Workshop for Alumni;
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- 31** Deadline for the 2022 Spartan
Hall of Fame Nominations;
mhsalum.org

March '22

- 18** Girls Grace Program for High
School Girls; mhsalum.org

April '22

- 8-10** Alumni Fellowship Weekend
- 8** Alumni-Senior Fellowship Dinner
- 8** Career Day
- 9** MHS and MHSAA Presidents'
Reception

May '22

- 15** Alumni Student Awards Brunch,
by invitation

June '22

- 12** Commencement

October '22

- 14-16** Homecoming 2022 (*Date has
changed since previously
published*)

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