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Dear Milton Hershey School Family:

Twenty thousand text messages, 575 graduates, 140 college campus visits, 18 months ... Whew! The past year and a half has been hard work, yet rewarding.

As part of President Pete Gurt's 2020 Vision to develop a new program for recent graduates, we serve as higher education support specialists with the Graduate Programs for Success Division. We often are asked, "What exactly does a support specialist do?"

We are responsible for building relationships with MHS students prior to graduating, and then strengthening that relationship through their higher education journey. How do we accomplish this with MHS graduates all over the country? By texting, and visiting. Our most effective tool has become a texting platform that allows us to send group messages. Once a graduate replies to a text, the conversation becomes one-on-one. We also hit the road. Between the two of us, we visit 35 college campuses within a three-and-a-half hour radius of MHS twice a semester.

When we are not on the road, we are tracking students' course loads and academic performance, helping them integrate into their new setting, assisting with financial aid and guiding their general success.

We also collaborate with other stakeholders including MHS staff, alumni, families and higher education representatives to ensure our graduates have the appropriate support necessary for their educational success.

The best part of our job is the interaction with our graduates. We love celebrating the "A" they earned on their first college papers, hearing about the new clubs they joined on campus and seeing the joy on their faces when they find fellow brothers and sisters on campus. We're also a shoulder to lean on when something does not go quite their way. We are mentors, advisors, advocates, counselors, surrogate parents/sponsors — an extension of their MHS home.

This has been an amazing year! It's been a year of hard work, a year of difficult conversations, a year of countless miles ... and a year of feeling blessed every day for the opportunity to join the MHS family.

Sincerely,

Keri Ambrocik and Marina Garner

Higher Education Support Specialists, Graduate Programs for Success Division

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The Mission of "Thy Traditions Dear" is to share the stories of the Milton Hershey School family with our alumni, students, staff and retirees in honor and celebration of our founders, Milton and Catherine Hershey.

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More than 1,000 Milton Hershey School alumni returned to campus during Homecoming 2017, Sept. 29-Oct. 1. Throughout the weekend, alumni reconnected during the Spartan Hall of Fame induction ceremony, Alumni Jazz Band performance, Homecoming Banquet, class reunions, the Memorial Grove Service and more. Among them were the young graduates pictured on the cover of this publication, from left to right, Melissa Goodfriend '07, Shawnda Kohr '08, Dennis Rector '08 and his fiancée, Krista.



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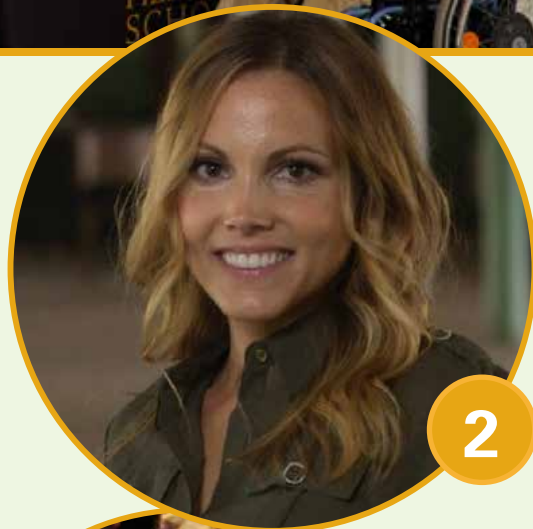
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Hartford Business Journal

NAMES ALUMNA ONE OF ITS 40 UNDER 40

When Faith Zeller '00 enrolled at Milton Hershey School as a freshman, she knew if she didn't change her current situation she would end up repeating the cycle of poverty. Through the help of role models and mentors, Faith found her way to MHS.

"In seventh grade, a counselor at my school told me about Milton Hershey School," she said. "I lost my mom my seventh grade year and I was in a really volatile place. The counselor told me, *'You are going to do great things, but you won't be able to do great things here.'* That's how I began my MHS journey."

Following the death of her mother, a local police officer who patrolled Faith's neighborhood in her hometown of Keene, New Hampshire, looked out for Faith. The officer and his wife made sure she was safe and stepped in as mentors to guide and direct her.

"I had no home," she said. "I was a great student, but got into trouble because I didn't have parental guidance. They were always there coaching me and helping me do bigger and better things. They were my inspiration to do something better with my life."

Faith gained additional mentors when she arrived at MHS. She learned not to give up on herself and recalled a time when her cross-country coach showed up at her student home and made sure she got to practice.

"I didn't want to run," she said. "I thought I'd never make it through, but my coach showed up and made me run. Each day I got better, and looking back on it, it was an incredible spark moment for me. She didn't let me give up on myself. She taught me that it gets easier if you just keep practicing, learning and teaching yourself. It's a lesson I carry with me today."

After graduating from MHS in 2000, Faith attended University of New Hampshire where she struggled to find her place.

"The class sizes were huge compared to what I was used to at MHS," she said. "I came from a class size of 80-some students and was placed in lecture halls of 500 students. I felt lost."

Just 30 credits shy of graduating, Faith stepped back and reevaluated her life. She found her first career in copier sales and later transitioned from sales to marketing where she taught herself the foundation for social media, inbound marketing and business. She ran the marketing department for Nutmeg Technologies, an IT company in South Windsor, Connecticut, before leaving to start her own company.

"I was fortunate enough to build the department from the ground up," she said. "When I joined Nutmeg Technologies, we didn't have anything in the way of marketing. We had a one-page website, and as a small to medium size business, they were in the beginning stages of growing. So over three years, I had the opportunity to really build a brand and build on the company's messaging. I loved it."



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"MHS not only gave me an education, it gave me my solid foundation."

Faith Zeller '00



In 2017, Faith took a risk to fulfill a dream. She worked with a partner and founded Reverb, a digital marketing company that specializes in helping small and medium-size businesses create innovative marketing campaigns through social media, public relations, direct marketing, web design, email marketing, graphic design, print media and more.

"In many ways, my experience at Milton Hershey has helped shape my vision and make this a reality," Faith said. "I have been

so inspired by my time at Hershey, and always felt like it was an environment that encouraged students to be independent thinkers and entrepreneurs. Who better to have as a role model for my new business than Mr. Hershey himself? I hope in some small way, I can model my company and life in such a way, to have the kind of impact that Mr. Hershey had on so many."

Beyond her career, Faith loves mentoring students. She mentored the interns at Nutmeg Technologies and is currently mentoring a high

school senior.

"Sometimes these kids don't have any guidance, and all it takes is one amazing conversation to transition their life," she said. "I hope one day I can be that one conversation that guides someone's life."

Faith also assists the MHS admissions team with prospective family events in New Hampshire and Rhode Island and speaks with prospective parents/sponsors.

"If I can reach out to families and show them what MHS has given to me, it feels like I'm giving back," she said. "MHS not only gave me an education, it gave me my solid foundation."

In 2017, Faith was named as one of the Hartford Business Journal's 40 Under 40. Out of several hundred applicants, Faith was one of the 40 chosen for her career and mentorship.

"It's nice to be recognized for what you do for your community," she said. "Milton and Catherine Hershey's sacrifices and dedication to helping children like me helped me make it through a life I never thought I'd survive."



The Class of 2017 stands united at Commencement ceremony

On June 11, 194 students joined more than 10,000 Milton Hershey School alumni when the Class of 2017 received their diplomas during the school's 83rd Commencement ceremony at Giant Center.

Known as the "United Class," the Class of 2017 gathered together, among teachers, staff, family and friends to celebrate their accomplishments. Senior Jesper Andersson provided the welcome address and motivated his peers to take advantage of the opportunity for a brighter future.

The MHS 2017 Alumnus of the Year, Eric Welsh '84, provided remarks before senior Alondra Isidro closed the ceremony on an inspiring note. She encouraged the crowd to embrace their mistakes and use failure as motivation to change their outcome—similar to founder Milton Hershey who failed multiple times when he first started his chocolate company.

"It is never too late to be the kind of person you want to be. You have the power to change—to change your outlook and your outcome," Alondra said. "You are not your circumstances and you are not your mistakes. Instead, your mistakes and your circumstances are here to help guide and redefine you."



MHS sophomore earns gold at National AAU Junior Olympic Games

Milton Hershey School sophomore Tatyana Gibson earned a gold medal in the 15-16 year-old girls' 2,000-meter steeplechase at the National Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Junior Olympic Games at Eastern Michigan University in August. Tatyana secured her national championship title with a time of 7:51.67. It was only the third time she had competed in the steeplechase.

In addition to Tatyana's first-place finish, MHS seniors Treyvon Ferguson and Jordan Winslow also competed in the games. Treyvon earned a sixth-place medal in the triple jump, and Jordan finished ninth in the high jump. The trio qualified for Junior Olympics after their stellar performances at the 2017 AAU Region 2 National Qualifier Track and Field Championship in New Jersey in June.





MHS sparks excitement for 2017-18 school year at Opening of School Assembly

On Monday, Aug. 14, Milton Hershey School students and staff celebrated the first day of the 2017-18 school year at the annual Opening of School Assembly. Throughout the assembly, the MHS community ignited their sparks and reflected on new beginnings, moments of positive change, and examples of greatness.

"There is no better place to find your spark than at Milton Hershey School—a place where you're surrounded by love, opportunity, and high expectations," said MHS President Pete Gurt '85.

Students, staff, and alumni of all ages shared their spark moments through powerful videos, musical performances, and live speeches.

TOP 12 QUOTES BY MILTON HERSHEY

- 1 "What good is money unless you use it for the benefit of the community and of humanity in general?" *The Evening Telegram*, Nov. 25, 1923
- 2 "Our boys are our finest possession. With them must rest the realization of all those high hopes held by this generation. They are the future itself, growing up before our eyes." *New York Times*, Nov. 18, 1923
- 3 "I failed," said Mr. Hershey. "It was a bad beginning. Yes, and I had later troubles. I suppose I never would have done anything if I hadn't kept coming back." *McClure's Magazine*, April 1924
- 4 "One must have a reasonable optimism. It is the force that makes the world go." *McClure's Magazine*, April 1924
- 5 "I am more interested than ever in maintaining and improving the morale and efficiency of all my companies. I want to devote the rest of my life to that end, for the school." *McClure's Magazine*, April 1924
- 6 "I wanted to get away from the idea of institutions and charity and compulsion, and to give as many boys as possible real homes, real comforts, education, and training, so they would be useful and happy citizens." *Liberty Magazine*, Sept. 13, 1924
- 7 "When I started the school twenty-five years ago, I had no idea what would happen. I thought that if it grew to provide for a hundred boys, it would have been a good job." *Lebanon Semi-Weekly News*, Nov. 19, 1934
- 8 "I realized that the only thing I was really interested in was doing a good job and keeping a lot of people happy and employed." *Success Magazine*, Oct. 1927
- 9 "Those boys must grow up with the feeling that they have a real home." *Brooklyn Eagle*, Feb. 25, 1929
- 10 "The help-the-other-fellow principle is the only one that will succeed in modern business. And strangely enough it brings efficiency, you know." *Brooklyn Eagle*, Feb. 25, 1929
- 11 "Men of wealth should, while they are still alive, give of their money for the betterment of their fellows, for they cannot take their wealth with them when they cease to exist here." *Hershey Industrial School School Industrialist*, Nov. 1934
- 12 "The more beautiful you make something which people can see and use, the more enjoyment they will get out of it. At least that is the way it looks to me." *Evening News*, Sept. 7, 1938

A Note from the MHS President

Dear Alumni Brothers and Sisters:

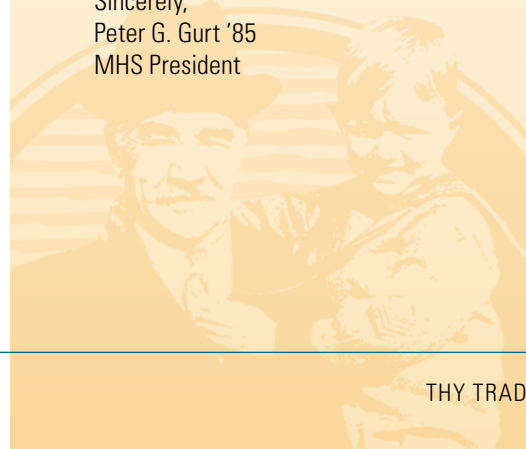
There is no greater evidence of the tremendous importance Milton Hershey School plays in the lives of its students than to hear your success stories. During Homecoming weekend, hundreds of you returned Home to share your spark moments – those impactful moments that changed your lives for the better.

It is incredible to hear you recount how you overcame adversity to become the people you are today and how MHS played a part in those moments. It is even more incredible to hear how you are sharing your spark with others – encouraging and inspiring them to dream and find their own spark moments.

I am honored to lead our school as its president as we ignite a spark within each one of us and help more young people realize their full potential.

Thank you to those of you who joined us for Homecoming weekend. Remember, no amount of darkness can hide Milton Hershey School's spark of light.

Sincerely,
Peter G. Gurt '85
MHS President



Teamwork, family and Friday night nights

By Carrington, MHS Senior

As I start my senior year at Milton Hershey School, my emotions can be described as anxious, excited, nervous, and determined. It feels like just yesterday I enrolled at MHS as an eighth grader on Sept. 23, 2013. It's been a long journey, but it's been going by rapidly. To think my MHS chapter is almost coming to an end is unbelievable.

As my senior year approaches, I plan to start the year off running when it comes to my academics and athletic career. I'm not the type of student to slack when it comes to my academics. I take the phrase "student-athlete" very seriously, so I know I'll put in the work to keep my GPA above a 90 percent and maintain my honor roll status.

When it comes to football, I've been working on my skills all off-season to prepare for this year. Some of the goals I would like to accomplish during my senior year include winning the Mid-Penn Division title, making a great playoff run, and possibly going to states. I know it will be difficult and very challenging, but that's the glory of it.

All the hard work my teammates and I will be investing together will make us closer and even more of a family. That's what's printed on the back of our team shirts, and we all take it very seriously.

On and off the field, we're all brothers. I wouldn't replace any one of them, because I know they have my back and I have theirs. The relationships we make on the football field are irreplaceable. Twenty years down the road I may not remember who sat next to me in class, but I will definitely remember who was with me, side by side, under those Friday night lights fighting to win a game at Henry Hershey Field.



I want to treasure every single moment I have with my teammates—from winning a big game to coming up short in a close one.

For the younger athletes coming up, teamwork, hard work, determination, and grit are what it's all about. If you want to be great at what you do, you have to put in the work because skill will only take you so far. There will be times when you feel like you want to quit, but that's when determination and grit kick in. And guess what? Your teammates will be by your side every step of the way.

As for the younger students, I say to you: shoot for the stars and take advantage of every opportunity you get. MHS is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and there are millions of kids who wish they could trade places with you.

MHS is giving you all the tools you need to become successful in life—it's up to you to do something with them.

Carrington enrolled at MHS in eighth grade from Easton, Pennsylvania.



A Letter to My Senior Year

By Celeste, MHS Senior

Dear Senior Year,

How did you sneak up on me so quickly? Didn't I just get lost in Senior Hall North when I was supposed to be in Copenhagen? Wasn't I just introducing myself to the place I would call home for the next four years? I could have sworn I just went to my first Friday night football game. But here you are. You're making me remember what's important, and making me realize what I've forgotten.

I don't remember how I did on that English exam, but I certainly remember going back to the student home after school and the chats my roommate and I used to have about our days, our family, and our lives.

Now that you're here, Senior Year, I've been forced to reflect on these moments that passed without a second thought. These memories mean so much more than the social studies project I spent three long nights on. So if I had to give one piece of advice to the people who will face you after

me it's this: Don't let an education be your only reason for coming to MHS. Make those small inside jokes one of your reasons. Make the meaningful talks another reason. Cherish those small moments while you can.

And here you are, Senior Year. You are bringing me my last opportunity to create memories. I've been asked how to prepare for you, but the truth is, I don't know. You're an obstacle I have yet to tackle that comes with so many unknowns, but I'm coming in with a goal.

I'm going to make every moment count. I'm going to put my best foot forward as soon as I walk in your doors. I'm going to create memories.

My question to you is: How do I make you last? How do I slow down time so you don't pass in a blur?

I'm going to take it day by day. I'll use you to make as many connections as I can because the truth is, I won't want to take that leap into the unknown that is inevitable. I'll despise losing the people I've developed so many connections with, but that's the thing isn't it? I won't lose them.

I've made connections so strong that they can't be broken by distance or time. I may not see people from MHS for years on end, but they'll be there. We'll invite each other to graduations, weddings, and even baby showers because you've strengthened us. They'll be the long-lost brother, sister, father, mother, and friend. They are the people I might not see for years, but I can talk with like we just saw each other yesterday. All because you, Senior Year, have allowed us to.

You will be my biggest accomplishment so far. You will be the most difficult thing I face, and Senior Year, I'll make you the best you can be.

Sincerely,
Celeste

Celeste enrolled at MHS in eighth grade from Monaca, Pennsylvania.

A day in the life of Zaria's health science internship

By Zaria, MHS Senior

I'm [completing] an internship at the Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center this summer. Before I came into this internship, I only considered becoming a physician or nurse because that's usually what you think of when you go into health careers. However, in this internship, I've been exposed to different areas and a lot of careers I didn't consider before.

Today, I'm in the microbiology department where there's a foundation of patient care. I think I'm more interested in being hands-on with patients, and I'm glad I came here and found that out. I'm here in microbiology every Tuesday. Infectious disease doctors and pathologists come down with fellows who also are learning. It's really cool showing everyone what kind of bacteria is in each slide.

Last week, I shadowed physician's assistants—it was absolutely amazing. I will definitely be considering that career.

The Health Science program [at MHS] has exposed me to some of the medical terminology I've heard during my internship. The difference is, now I'm having a front-row experience. It's different learning about something in the classroom compared to actually being immersed in the situation. Here, it's happening in real time and real life.



The people here are making a direct impact on others' lives, and that only motivates me to go into this field even more because I can actually see how I can make a difference. That's exactly what I want in a [future] career.

I've always been interested in science, and I like how you can take something you learn in the classroom and use it to help other people. I'm passionate about helping others, so science is a good mix. People always say, "To whom much is given, much is expected," and being in the health science field is a great way to give back. Take what you're passionate about and turn it into a career because there are tons of jobs out there that appeal to your interests.

Overall, my internship was a great opportunity. I'm glad I stayed at MHS for the summer and participated in it, because it has been a once-in-a-lifetime experience.



The day my future changed with one note

By Davan, MHS Junior

Heart racing, stomach dropping to the floor, I remember the day I found an orange notice on my front door as bright as the sun forcing me to look away. Eviction. Walking in, I collapsed on the couch and wondered how I would survive from losing my home, my friends, my everything. How would I finish off the year at school knowing I could no longer call this place home?

Although moving from place to place was nothing new to me, this was the first time I was moving to "nowhere." I began to remember conversations I had with my siblings when we were on the verge of homelessness and we would always talk about going to a boarding school. I played our conversations in my head over and over again until they forced me to take action.

The next day, I strolled into the counselor's office at school and asked about applying to Milton Hershey School. The counselor explained that my mom would need to be the person to submit my application.

I felt devastated—I couldn't tell my mom I wanted to leave home days after we just lost ours.

I went to class and talked to my teachers who told me they would support me no matter what. They encouraged me to tell my mom how I feel and how I want the best for my future. They agreed that MHS could save my life by giving me the tools to a better future. Unfortunately, I realized the ones I love the most might be hurt the most because I wanted to leave.

Soon, I received a call from the school inviting me to an interview after I applied. I begged and begged my mom until she agreed to take me to the interview. This was a game changer—having my mom on board helped a lot.

Looking back, I was so scared when I first came home to that eviction notice.

I didn't know how I was going to recover, but facing my fears with courage and determination resulted in joy and opportunities. I never knew that being so scared could result in a change that would better my life and my future.

Since the day I came home to the eviction notice, I have been focusing on my future. MHS has given me all the hope I ever needed to believe I can do it as well as my amazing houseparents who love and care for me every day.

Davan enrolled at MHS in ninth grade from Dover, New Hampshire.

Editor's Note: The messages on the Student Voice pages were written by members of the senior class during the summer or at the beginning of the school year. They appear on the MHS website along with blog posts by alumni, staff and students. Each story is unique and reflects what brought the writers to MHS, what keeps them at MHS and what impact they hope to have on others. To read other blog posts, visit mhskids.org/life-mhs/mhs-blog.

Braden Maines:

'To gain respect, you

By Ralph Carfagno '73
Senior Director, Alumni Relations

None of us will ever really know what Mr. Hershey had in mind when he started the school in 1909. However, when you consider the things he wrote in the Deed of Trust about being a good, productive citizen of the community, the emphasis on teaching and living the Golden Rule, and the opportunities he then provided for students to become successful alumni in their private and personal lives, it is difficult for me to imagine that he was not thinking of someone like Braden Maines '80.

I'm not sure there possibly could be a nicer or humbler man than Braden. Braden has been employed at Milton Hershey School for more than 30 years, and yet, the smile on his face and his genuine warmth and positive spirit make it seem like he is a new employee who started three weeks ago.

In 1967, Braden came to MHS as a 5-year-old with his twin brother Blaine. Braden remembers it as "a world of wondering what was next to happen." He will never forget his amazement at how big his first student home, Sherman, was. He was greeted by his first houseparents, Mr. and Mrs. Silar, and school counselor Barbara Haas, who had worked with his mother to get him and his brother admitted after their father died. The Silars approached Braden and Blaine, hugged them, shook their hands and said, "Welcome to Milton Hershey School; you are at home."

It wasn't until sometime later that Braden began to understand what being "home" meant. Braden quickly embraced the school, developed many new friends and classmates, and got involved with the choir.

He began to realize that his houseparents were like a mom and pop to him because they were responsible for him and the other students in the student home. At that time, almost all elementary (Junior Division) students referred to their houseparents as "Mom and Pop," and Braden said it felt natural, since they were always there with them; being at MHS was a home away from home.

Middle Division brought new challenges and opportunities, and Braden had the privilege of living at student home Laureldale with Mr. and Mrs. Hosey. There were more chores, and Braden remembers an emphasis on respecting others, not just the adults, but everyone. "To gain respect you have to give respect," Braden reiterated.

Mr. Durand and Mr. Whitman ran the Middle School (Intermediate Division) at that time. Braden remembers it as an idyllic time spent playing intramural sports against other homes, being able to walk around campus and to church services at Founders Hall and making many trips to Hersheypark while receiving an allowance from the school every week.

In Senior Division, Braden advanced to student home Union with houseparents Mr. and Mrs. Wortman. Bill Fisher '50, who later became president of the school, was the principal at Senior Hall.

Like many students of the era, Braden credits Mr. Fisher with teaching him so much. Braden also was enrolled in the Career Technical program at MHS; he learned sheet metal skills under Harold Good '36, who was a tough but knowledgeable instructor.



"MHS is a special and unique place."



Outside of the classroom, Braden ran track and cross country under the direction of biology teacher and coach Ed Ruth. Braden described him as tough but fair. He challenged the students to run tough courses. Braden credits Coach Ruth with teaching the team that “[a] winner never quits, and a quitter never wins.”

Braden cited many highlights while a student at MHS, and like many graduates, being able to walk across the stage at Founders Hall and receive his diploma is something he will never forget. He looked forward to the day he would earn his high school diploma and his class ring, and he placed an emphasis on earning. “Earning them means something,” Braden said.

As he did as a student, Braden remains physically active and involved in activities at MHS. He enjoys walking, attending MHS sporting events and concerts, and working out three times a week. He visits student homes, participates with Project Fellowship at student home Longlane, and visits with students he met during their enrollment process. For several years, he participated in Community Day with student homes including Buchanan, Gold Coast, Sherman and Revere.

Each year, Braden is one of the first alumni to volunteer as a reader for the annual Elementary Division Go R.E.D. (Read Every Day) Family Reading Night. When the Class of 1980 needed a volunteer to serve as class agent, he did not hesitate to volunteer. He also looks forward to hosting a senior for the annual Alumni-Senior Fellowship Dinner. And, in the midst of his daily work and his steadfast commitment to the students at his alma mater, he greets everyone with a smile, and a thank you for what they do to support the school.

“I have been lucky and fortunate to be able to give back to MHS for more than 30 years as part of the building services department,” Braden said. “I tell my mother, who is now 89, ‘thank you’ every time we talk, for having enrolled me at MHS. I am truly grateful for the opportunity she made available to me. She wanted the best for me and my brother, and she made the big decision to enroll us.”

Braden continues to be inspired by Mr. Hershey’s ability to persevere in the face of multiple failures and believes Mr. Hershey’s example is a good lesson for anyone. When he talks to parents of prospective students, he tells them, “It’s a special and unique place. Give your children a chance to learn that by enrolling them.”

Braden reminds them that it is a big decision, and with that can come big rewards. He encourages the parents to give their children a chance at MHS. When he goes to MHS enrollment events, he talks to parents about MHS being a home away from home, not a replacement.

If he could impart any knowledge to current students, he would tell them, “Have an appreciation for what you have at MHS. Not all of us understand that while students, but some do. It makes things easier and more special.”

Finally, if there is another lesson to be learned, it is for all of us. “A smile and a kind, sincere word, go a long way to making someone’s day just a little brighter,” Braden said. “To gain respect, you have to give respect.”





MHS, Hershey High School play 75th Cocoa Bean Game

Milton Hershey School and Hershey High School played each other for the 75th time on Sept. 15. Before the first Cocoa Bean game in 1943, the two schools had only competed in basketball. Proceeds from the original game, sponsored by the Hershey Rotary and Hershey Civic Club, supported the Derry Township Service Men's Gift Committee and the American Legion Roll of Honor at the Community Building. The first program contained advertisements by the Hershey Chocolate Corporation -- as it was called then -- and many businesses in town. The MHS record now stands at 34 wins, 38 losses and three ties.



Thank you, donors and supporters

The Department of School History is fortunate to have a dedicated volunteer who processes our donations. Sharon Smith spends many hours attempting to identify students in the donated photographs. Read about the process below:

Since I retired from The Hershey Story museum, I find enjoyment in putting together landscape puzzles. It's more than the challenge of figuring out where the pieces fit, it also is seeing the end result of a beautiful picture that has been put together, one piece at a time. The same is true for me when I am cataloguing a new object or photograph. I can spend minutes or even hours searching through yearbooks, newsletters, or our collection trying to make a connection—trying to put the pieces together. Often times, it is necessary to search the internet or seek out others who can help with the identification. In the end, when you have added a name, a place, or a date, there is satisfaction in knowing that you have helped preserve just one tiny piece of history at Milton Hershey School, and that is just as beautiful as putting together that landscape puzzle!

The Department of School History needs help identifying the boys in this photo. It is from student home Limestone in July, 1974. It was donated by Charleen Lowe Bower. If you can help, email Susan Alger at algers@mhs-pa.org.

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Learning by doing: The sweet art of baking and candy-making

Milton S. Hershey's apprenticeship in the candy business for Lancaster confectioner Joseph Royer sparked his lifelong interest in candy-making and experimentation. In his later years, Mr. Hershey's nurse companions were guinea pigs in his confectionary experiments and sometimes were recruited to be his assistants in the kitchen of High Point Mansion when the urge to make candy struck. When he finished, the chef cleaned up, and the nurses would eat the candy.

When planning for the new Junior-Senior High School on Pat's Hill, now Catherine Hall, Mr. Hershey's main priority was establishing the vocational program. He made two suggestions: a ceramic shop where Pennsylvania Dutch-themed pottery could be made and an experimental bakery and candy shop. The ceramic shop was discontinued due to a lack of popularity, but the Baking and Candy-Making vocation proved popular. Although the program has evolved over the years, culinary training still exists at Milton Hershey School as part of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program.

Located in the lower level of what was then the Hershey Museum, adjacent to Hersheypark, the Hershey Baking Company and Candy Shop opened on Aug. 12, 1939, and gave Hershey Industrial School students the opportunity to learn by doing as they worked alongside professionals. According to School records, the program was "...just another example of the variety and scope of the educational opportunities which our school affords." When asked about the new Experimental Bakery and Candy Shop, Mr. Hershey said, "Make the best product possible," using the best ingredients.

The interior of the Baking and Candy Shop featured glazed tile walls and floors, and even air conditioning. The baker, Milton M. Hunchberger, gave hands-on instruction to the apprentice students, teaching them how to make dozens of various products including cakes, rolls, cookies, pastries, pies, buns and doughnuts. Veteran candy-maker Charles Major led his apprentices and other employees in making 52 kinds of candy, including a dozen types of bon-bons and the prize confection, "Hotel Hershey Sweets."

William Price '42, one of the first Hershey Industrial School students to go through the

Baking and Candy-Making program, remembers the shop well. "Everything on both sides was glass. And when you walked in, you [could] see the candy-maker ... and then on the other side, you'd see the bakers working," Price said.

Visitors could watch the sweet treats being made through the windows along the center aisle. Price learned from the professionals and from Mr. Hershey himself. "We'd say, here comes Mr. Hershey, and I can see him taking his hat off, putting it on the clothes tree; he'd pick up an apron, or if he had a coat on, he'd hang his coat up, put on an apron, tie it and come out. And we'd watch him, on the baking side. [He would] mingle around with the kids



and talk to the instructor, and then he'd come over to the bakery and he'd help us make cookies," said Price.

The students called him "The Snowman." After spending time in the candy kitchen working with corn starch, then working in the bakery with flour, his dark suit often looked snowy. "We did it respectfully; we'd say, 'Now, the Snowman's leaving.'" One time, Price went up to where the instructor and Mr. Hershey were talking and stood there silently. Mr. Hershey then put his arm around Price—a treasured memory all these years.

After graduating, and then working for a bakery in Reading, Price came back to Hershey to work in the Hershey Bakery where he had learned his trade. The student was now the instructor to a new group of young bakers and shared Milton Hershey's sentiment. "When I was instructing, I used to tell the kids what my instructor told me. Anything you bake, you bake as though you were going to eat it yourself," he said.

Responding to a changing employment environment, the School transformed the Baking and Candy-Making program into a comprehensive Food Preparation program in the early 1960s. Alumnus Jim Hanawalt '65 fondly remembers his days learning from Price.

"Mr. Price was very proud of returning to his school, and he spent time with each of us daily to make us better bakers," Hanawalt



said. "Breads, rolls, shortbread, cookies, cakes, pies and even wedding cakes were part of the weekly production, and all orders had to be completed on time. That first contact with Mr. Price began a friendship that has continued, and I still see Pop Price often and listen to him talk glowingly about HIS/MHS, his days at the School, alumni he influenced and his family."

Price and his wife, Betty, became houseparents in the Junior Division at MHS — now Elementary Division — from 1966 until their retirement in 1991. Former students of Pop Price keep in contact with him and visit when they are in town.

According to the Deed of Trust, "...**The main object in view is to train young men and women to useful trades and occupations, so that they can earn their own livelihood.**" Written more than 100 years ago, the words written in the Deed of Trust are still true today in the school's CTE program. Culinary Arts/Restaurant Management Services is one of 11 CTE career pathways. It prepares students with proficiency in culinary techniques and cooking methods. Culinary students learn the building blocks of knife skills, cooking methods, vegetables and fruits, poultry, meats, egg dishes, sauces, grains and pasta, baking and pastry, restaurant management, service, cost controls, marketing, industry trends and jobs in the industry. They do special projects in global cuisine, menu planning and restaurant concepts.

Many senior students gain real-world experience through co-op experiences at Giant Center, The Hotel Hershey, Hershey Lodge, Devon Seafood, Houlihan's and the MHS Supply Center. The students also cater events on campus; many alumni enjoy their food at the Hall of Fame reception each year. Our students are fulfilling Milton Hershey's goal, "to give as many [children] as possible real homes, real comforts, education, and training, so they would be useful and happy citizens."





Going the distance: cross country celebrates 50 years

By Emily Nardella

The 2017 boys' cross country team at Milton Hershey School finished their season the same way their brothers did in 1967—undefeated. The 2017 team even qualified for the PIAA State Cross Country Championship for the second year in a row and placed number 10 in the AA division. Not a bad way to finish a 50th season.

Cross country began at MHS in the fall of 1967. Coach Ed Ruth, a third-year high school science teacher, had never coached an athletic team before, but he was a runner, and he knew students who had an interest in cross country. The previous year, he and Lester Holstein, religious education director and head track coach, and John Hoerner, machine shop teacher and assistant track coach, mentored a handful of runners through some practice meets with area teams.

In spite of Ruth and his 25-member team's lack of experience, they won their very first match in 1967 against the much larger Cumberland Valley High School with a perfect score of 15 (MHS) – 55 (CV). All eight varsity runners from the team finished the hilly MHS home course before any of the Cumberland Valley runners crossed the finish line. The team staged two more shut outs and completed their season with a dual meet record of 9-0.

The young MHS team sent shockwaves through the Central Pennsylvania cross country world during their fifth meet when they defeated defending PIAA District Three Champion Annville-Cleona, a perennial PIAA District Three and PIAA State-ranked championship team, 26-29. MHS senior Steve Krause won that race with a record time of 15:42. He was later selected by the Central Pennsylvania Old Timers Athletic Association as the Outstanding Senior Male Cross Country Runner in Central Pennsylvania.





"I was just real proud of those fellas," said Ed Ruth. "At the time, they didn't get a lot of recognition, but they set a real nice pace for the program and under several succeeding coaches, MHS cross country teams went almost two-and-a-half decades without a losing season."

Coach Ruth says the cross country program filled a need.

"The only other fall sport at the time was football," Ruth said. "Cross country provided a unique opportunity for athletes to participate as a team but also stand out as individuals. Each race offered a chance to improve upon personal performance as well."

Ruth noted that his team ran and lived as a pack, something teams from other schools couldn't do. The inaugural varsity team members included Karl Dieter '69, William Gorrell '68 (deceased/killed while serving in the armed forces), Robert Kibler '69, Steve Krause '68 (co-captain), John Peters '69 (deceased), Bruce Uhlmann '69, Harry Williams '70, Brian Yost '69 and Randy Younkin '68 (co-captain). Another 15 team members ran as JV team members, and there was a team manager and statistician.

Private schools couldn't participate in PIAA Championships until 1973, but the races were held on the MHS campus in 1970 with team members assisting with meet operations.

While the MHS cross country course today begins and ends on the track at Henry Hershey Field, that track didn't exist in 1967. The grueling 1967 course was about 2.8 miles and was considered one of the toughest in Central Pennsylvania. It ran along practice fields, in front of Old Senior Hall (now Catherine Hall), The Hotel Hershey's Horse Bridle paths, the "hill climb road," the road behind The Hotel Hershey, and a short part of Hotel Road.

Running shoe options barely existed in 1967. Coach Ruth recalls that his team trained in high top sneakers and wore Adidas sneakers with canvas uppers and thick rubber soles for competitions.

"We figured training in a heavier shoe and switching to something more lightweight would improve their performance on race day," said Ruth.

As many as 90 students showed up at the start of the early seasons. Ruth coached until 1981 and was there when girls started running with the boys' team in 1978. The girls had enough participants to form their own

team in 1980, completing the season with a winning record of 5-4. Other head coaches through the years included Robert Bortel and Ruth Holp.

Today, cross country draws about 50 students at the beginning of each season. Field hockey, soccer and cheerleading compete for female runners. Even so, this year's team of 12 girls finished the season with a solid 6-2 dual meet record, an improvement from last year's 4-4 season.

"The kids recruit each other," said Coach Aaron Bush, a middle school math teacher at MHS, who has been coaching the team since 2006. "They enjoy it and they tell others to come out and try it."

A strong middle school cross country program helps feed the high school team. Three coaches lead the boys' and girls' high school teams, Bush as head coach and two assistant coaches, Barbara Mellinger and Austin Gee, both teachers at Senior Division who assist with recruitment, too. The program also is supported by numerous alumni and teachers.

"A lot of folks follow results for the cross country team because they ran. We have a lot of guys and gals who have been on the team who show up for meets and share how things are going for them. Some have gone on to compete at college," said Bush. "All of them understand what it takes to run and have great camaraderie, and they all just have that special connection. The team sells the team. There's a lot of bonding with the teammates each year."

The runners today are issued soft-soled, highly cushioned, light-weight running shoes to train and cross country cleats for racing. They come to camp in August, about a two weeks before the start of the school year. Daily practices are still on the hilly grounds of the school with speed and hill training much like their predecessors endured.

Even before Coach Bush knew MHS cross country teams were upholding the legacy of the first season in 1967, he was extremely proud of the students.

"This season was excellent," said Coach Bush. "We went to states for the second year in a row, and that's amazing in itself. While we've sent individuals on to states over the years, we haven't done that as a team since 2009. The girls continue to improve their record as well. That's evidence of the huge commitment from our teams."



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Milton Hershey School inducts alumni, staff for 2017 Spartan Hall of Fame

Milton Hershey School honored its newest group of distinguished alumni on Sept. 29 before hundreds of students and guests with its 2017 Spartan Hall of Fame Awards.

The ceremony celebrated the achievements of eight alumni, one athletic team, and a retired teacher in the areas of athletics and visual and performing arts.

"Our Hall of Fame inductees are an incredible example of what hard work and determination can accomplish," said MHS President Pete Gurt '85. "They are among our greatest role models for students."

To be considered for induction into the Spartan Hall of Fame, an individual must be nominated and then approved by a selection committee. Nominees must have demonstrated good citizenship as students and since graduation.

Congratulations to this year's inductees.

Athletes who were inducted in the Spartan Hall of Fame included:

- David "Red" Patterson '50
- Joanne (Troischt) Gagnon '85
- Robert Carr '88
- Mamiedee George '95
- 1980 Spartan Football Team

Visual and performing arts honorees included:

- James Longacre '67
- Jon Grimley '86
- Lawrence Bordner '97
- Arielle Simoncelli '07
- C. Thomas Schwalm, Former Music Teacher (inducted posthumously)

Athletics:

David "Red" Patterson '50 was the Acropolis "Athlete of the Year" during his senior year at MHS. He lettered in football and basketball for three years and baseball for four years. Patterson lives in Palmyra, Pennsylvania.

Joanne (Troischt) Gagnon '85 was a PIAA medalist for cross-country and was team captain for cross country and track. She broke the MHS athletic records for the 1600-meter, 3200-meter and the 4x800 meter relays. Gagnon resides in Florida.

Robert Carr '88 was a three-sport athlete who participated in football, basketball and track during his time at MHS. He was an all-

conference running back his senior year and earned first team honors. Carr also was state champion in two track events his senior year and was a member of the 1600-meter relay team that set a state record that still stands today. Carr lives in Fort Mill, South Carolina.

Mamiedee George '95 won three gold medals at a state meet for the 100-meter hurdles, 300-meter intermediate hurdles and the 1600-meter relay. She also was part of a team that earned four consecutive state titles. George resides in New York, New York.

The **1980 Spartan football team** finished the season 9-2. One player was named to the Big 33 Game and one player was named first team all-state. This team set a record with 25 interceptions and only allowed 68 points scored in their 11 games played. Of the seven all-conference players, four went on to play football in college and three were college team captains. Overall, the team was ranked number one in Class A in Pennsylvania.

Visual and Performing Arts:

James Longacre '67 always was passionate about music. During his time at MHS, he was in the marching band and Glee Club. He's now a professional vocalist and voice instructor, performing with opera companies and symphony orchestras across the country. From 1992-97, he was the National Anthem soloist for the Philadelphia Flyers. Longacre lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Jon Grimley '86 was active in Glee Club, Jazz Band, New Horizons, Varsity Band and Varsity Choir. Grimley resides in Hebron, Indiana.

Lawrence Bordner '97 was a dedicated member of Hand Bell Choir, Jazz Band, New Horizons, Varsity Choir, Varsity Band, Honors Choir and Gospel Choir. He also was selected to participate in County Chorus, the Susquehanna Youth Chorale, District Band and the Lebanon Valley Honors Band. Bordner now lives in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.

Arielle Simoncelli '07 thrived in everything she did at MHS. She participated in Marching Band, Jazz Band, Concert Band, choir and New Horizons. She also participated in photography club and Student Government Association. Simoncelli resides in Washington, D.C.

C. Thomas Schwalm, former MHS music teacher, started New Horizons show choir in 1984, and in 1985, he started the Varsity Choir—both programs are still in existence at MHS today. Schwalm, who was inducted posthumously, was a resident of Palmyra, Pennsylvania.



Pictured before the Spartan Hall of Fame Induction Assembly are the alumni inductees or their representatives and members of the MHS Student Government Association who hosted them.



MHS alumni and students attend student home Englewood reunion

As part of Homecoming Weekend festivities, Milton Hershey School graduates who lived at the original student home Englewood gathered at the Cocoa Beanery—the original student home location—for a reunion.

As a surprise, students and houseparents of today's student home Englewood joined their older Milt brothers for fun and fellowship. They even showed off a painting that currently hangs in their student home of the original location. A former student created the painting in 1977.

MHS looking for alumni to participate in 2018 Career Fair

The 2018 Milton Hershey School Career Day for Senior Division students will coincide with Alumni Fellowship Weekend in April 2018. It will feature a Career Fair on Friday, April 20.

This provides an opportunity for alumni who work in careers that fall within one of the school's Career and Technical Education pathways to showcase their career areas and **chat one-on-one with students.**

The MHS CTE pathways include the following concentrations:

- Agriculture & Natural Resources
- Automotive Technology
- Business/Financial Management & Accounting
- Computer Science & Innovation
- Construction/Carpentry
- Culinary Arts/Restaurant Management Services
- Electronic Media & Journalism
- Engineering & Design
- Graphic Communication Technologies
- Health Science
- Law, Public Safety & Security

We are able to accommodate up to 40 participants, and we will make an effort to have several representatives from each career pathway. If you are interested in participating in the Career Fair, please call the Alumni Relations Department at 717-520-2030 or email mhsalum@mhs-pa.org.



Milton Hershey School hosts first-ever Higher Education Partnership Forum

On July 11, Milton Hershey School's Graduate Programs for Success Division (GPS) hosted its first Higher Education Partnership Forum. Representatives from 25 colleges, technical schools and universities attended the event to learn more about partnering with MHS to provide support for underrepresented student populations and first-generation college students.

"With the newly established Graduate Programs for Success Division, we are focusing on better preparing students for postsecondary transition and providing support to our graduates," said Tanya Barton, MHS vice president of Graduate Programs for Success.

Representatives learned about the history of MHS and the purpose of the GPS Division. They also collaborated to determine the partnering process and next steps, and had opportunities to tour campus and listen to MHS alumni share their experiences.

"We are very excited about having a concerted effort toward developing these partnerships—not just at a one-day conference but something that's sustained over multiple years," said Barton. "Whether students need guidance with financial aid questions, finding services on campus, or seeking tutoring support, by having transition support specialists and strong partnership agreements with select universities, we can ensure our students are getting that support."

The GPS Division helps MHS students and graduates navigate their next steps. By connecting career counselors who mentor students throughout their undergraduate careers with transition specialists who will guide them post-graduation, MHS is committed to providing individualized support services for our large network of alumni.



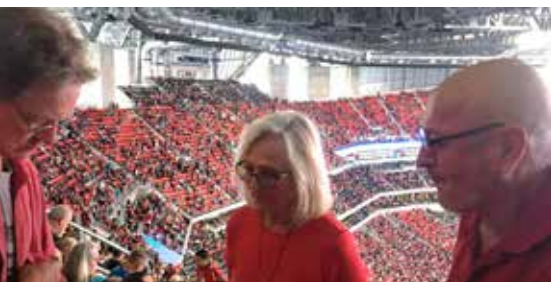
Lifer photo continues as Homecoming tradition

Alumni who came to Milton Hershey School in first grade or earlier – MHS Lifers – were invited to participate in a group photograph following the Homecoming Banquet on Sept. 30. Twenty-six alumni gathered for the photo.

The names of MHS Lifers also are highlighted in granite at the Purcell Friendship Garden.



Pictured from left to right: Front Row: John Bowser '59, Dave Bowser '52, Arthur Bossler '57, Leonard Walden '58, Arielle Simoncelli '07, Jasmine Simoncelli '07, Sean Johnson '86, Sheri Akounou '98, Jonathan Campanaro '14 and Dylan Lackey '07. Middle Row: Lee Legutko '62, Jeff Sypolt '77, Bill Whitehouse '60, Jordan Zito '12, Frank Kershner '68, John Sheaffer '46, Gary Kuhns '65, Wally Confer '65, John Campbell '65, Kurt Haines '79, Charles Miehm '70, Tom Clancy '87, John Hanawalt '70 and Ray Blatt '71. Back Row: Joe Minella '62, Francis Miller '62, Dana Thomson '72, M. Luther O'Shell '58, Kenneth Way '62, William Way '64, George Konevitch '63, Michael Dixon '82 and Terry Arnold '82.



Alumni connect through regional alumni events

The Milton Hershey School Alumni Relations Department hosts regional alumni events in various regions of the country each year. The locations and frequency are selected based on the concentration of alumni who live in those areas.

Since July, alumni and their guests attended events in Hershey; Washington, D.C.; State College, Pennsylvania; Atlanta, Georgia; and Boston, Massachusetts. Additional events are being planned for Naples, Florida; Philadelphia and New York City.

Invitations for regional alumni events are mailed to alumni who live in the areas where the events are held. Information also is published in the Alumni Calendar of Events online at MHSAlum.org.

Regional events are open to all alumni, and reservations are requested. For details and reservation information about regional events, please call the MHS Alumni Relations Department at 717-520-2030 or email MHSAlum@mhs-pa.org.



MHSAA President's Message

Dear Alumni Brothers and Sisters:

I can't believe Homecoming has come and gone, and what a wonderful Homecoming it was! Alumni engagement is up. Attendance at events is up. Alumni are volunteering more than ever, getting to know and supporting current students. To say that I had a wonderful time, talked to many friends and fellow alumni I love, and had the opportunity to listen to all the wonderful moments and the challenges that are happening in your lives would be an understatement. Just as important to me is the opportunity to say thank you to you, all of the alumni who came back and reconnected.

Homecoming is a monumental undertaking, and plans for next year already have been in the works for some time. I would be remiss if I did not thank all the people that make Homecoming possible, Milton Hershey School, the Alumni Relations Department and the countless alumni volunteers, family and friends who pull it all together. These people work and sacrifice their own time, and enjoyment of their own Homecoming time, to make things wonderful for all of us.

Alumni Fellowship Weekend is just a few months away, and I ask you once again to give back by hosting a senior for the Alumni-Senior Fellowship Dinner on April 20, 2018. The senior class has more than 200 students. Ensuring each student is hosted by a single alumnus is an ongoing goal of MHSAA. Falling short – to have some alumni host two seniors – is less than what we are capable of achieving as an association. Please mark your calendars now and make the commitment to be there for our future alumni brothers and sisters.

As my time of service comes to an end as MHSAA President, I want you to know it has been an honor to serve in this role. This year has been one of dedication, planning and collaboration. Though it has been very busy, it has been one of the most satisfying years of my involvement with our alumni association.

Serving MHSAA is a full-time commitment, one that this board has fully embraced. We have more than 7,000 living alumni and contact information for more than 6,400. Our commitment to each other, and our founders' intent has never been stronger.

The MHSAA board has continued to work diligently to ensure that our next steps provide continuity and direction. Some of our accomplishments include:

- MHSAA held its first-ever chapter summit.
- MHSAA worked to provide information, reasoning and tools for chapters to properly provide information back to MHSAA to be used in auditing.
- MHSAA is in the process of filing with the Bureau of Charitable organizations, as required by law, due to our financial status.
- MHSAA hired Katie Eckert as MHSAA's part-time administrative assistant beginning April 9.
- The board voted to adopt a new mission statement.
- The board voted to implement new by-laws.
- The board adopted and began to execute a strategic plan.
- The MHSAA board created a Board Liaison position through which MHSAA will have one person designated to interact with the Board of Managers.
- The MHSAA board is evaluating the option of alumni clubs and how they might be implemented.
- Working with MHS Alumni Relations, MHSAA implemented a new format for the Alumni-Senior Fellowship Dinner which now includes a career networking reception.
- MHSAA is conducting a review of scholarships and financial awards that it grants to MHS seniors.
- MHSAA has frequent communication with the Board of Managers, especially as it pertains to new members of the Board of Managers and their onboarding process.
- Throughout the year, MHSAA collaborated with MHS to support programs and events for students and alumni.

All our efforts are moving this great organization forward. I assure you, we are looking to the future to find more and better ways to serve you. I would like to thank the Alumni Relations Department whose support and open communication has helped make our collaboration with MHS productive and successful.

I also thank MHS President Pete Gurt '85 for his leadership and vision this past year. His support and insight have made our progress as an association and as a partner with Milton Hershey School successful, and we look forward to all that is to come.

Lorraine (Hissick) Romberger '83, MHSAA President

MHSAA Mission Statement

The mission of the Milton Hershey School Alumni Association is to foster a sense of family and community among alumni, promote and enhance the relationship between Milton Hershey School and its graduates, and support the principles of Milton and Catherine's Deed of Trust.



Thank you, MHSAA Board Members

Thank you to the MHSAA Board members who served during 2017, many of whom gathered for a photo before the annual business meeting during Homecoming. Pictured from left to right: Front Row: Mike Mulderig '71, Mary Ann (Federinko) Lovell '84, MHSAA President Lorraine (Hissick) Romberger '83 and John Whitehead '71. Middle Row: John Long '83, Jeff Sypolt '77, Jack Swofford '73 and John Resanovich '57. Back Row: Virgil Whitsett '81, Mike Barnes '85, Bill Corcoran '69, Sean Johnson '86 and John Grab, honorary member.

If you are interested in volunteering for an MHSAA committee, please contact the MHS Alumni Association Office at 717-520-2045 or alumnimhsaa@comcast.net.



MHSAA inducts Doreen Garman as honorary member

The Milton Hershey School Alumni Association inducted retired alumni relations staff member Doreen Garman as an honorary member at the 87th Annual Homecoming Banquet on Sept. 30.

Doreen "Dori" Garman was employed by Milton Hershey School for more than 30 years, much of it in service to alumni and the MHS Alumni Association either as the

association's administrative person, the school's alumni coordinator or as the administrator to both organizations for a time in the 1990s. She also served as a member of the Dearden Foundation Board. Dori conducted herself with exceptional grace and diplomacy within a sometimes challenging environment, demonstrating her love of MHS, its students and alumni.

Dori's heart for MHS students and graduates went far beyond her position. In the words of one person who nominated her, "Watching Dori counsel young alumni, physically help them move into housing, and go out of her way to provide assistance and opportunity for these young graduates when others may have closed the door, was a joy." Dori sought out young graduates in need and coordinated lodging for them during the summer and college breaks. Anticipating the needs of young grads and how the school could better serve and support young alumni in their transition after graduation, Dori also helped to develop an alumni mentoring program, paired seniors and graduates for the annual Alumni-Senior Fellowship Dinner and helped to resurrect Career Day.

Dori leaves a legacy beyond comparison. The physical evidence includes Purcell Friendship Hall, the Dearden House display and museum, the Friendship Garden and the Alumni Pavilion. Dori was instrumental in the planning and growth of the entire William E. Dearden Alumni Campus. In fact, she was involved in every aspect of the implementation of those plans. She also created the systems by which these facilities continue to be used. "Her efforts on the Dearden Foundation Board and her exceptional work and creativity in the design and development of the Dearden Leadership Academy, which served more than 600 MHS students and staff, will stand as some of her most important work," writes one person who nominated her.

During her tenure at MHS, Dori was not only a supporter of alumni and MHSAA, but she was instrumental in developing and implementing programs and facilities that will benefit alumni for years to come.



Chapter News

Harrisburg Chapter

The Harrisburg Chapter teamed up with several student homes to perform community service at the Civil War Museum in Harrisburg on Milton Hershey School's Community Day.



The chapter also conducted its annual wreath laying ceremony at Mr. and Mrs. Hershey's gravesite on Sunday, Sept. 24. Alumni, staff and students attended, and the ceremony culminated with students laying roses upon the gravesite.

Homestead Chapter

The chapter continues its monthly Saturday breakfasts on the first Saturday of each month at the Dearden House and invites alumni and guests to attend. The cost is \$7 per person.

For Homecoming 2017, the chapter helped to host the Alumni Brunch at the Dearden Alumni Campus Pavilion. Thanks to all who came out and supported the event.

Honorary Member Chapter

The Honorary Member Chapter held its annual picnic on Aug. 15 at the renovated Camp Milton.

A brief business meeting was held prior to the picnic lunch, and chapter president Shirley Reale was elected to serve as president for another term; Ruth Holp was elected secretary and John Grab as treasurer and representative to the MHS Alumni Association Board.

Washington, D.C./Maryland/Virginia Chapter

The chapter raised money during Homecoming to support the Chapter Santa program. The chapter works with the school to identify families who reside in the chapter's region and then purchases food and gifts for the families. Chapter representatives deliver the gifts at the convenience of the parent/sponsor when the children are home for Christmas break.

Support student literacy, volunteer as a reader for 'Go R.E.D.' Family Reading Night on Feb. 7

During Family Reading Night, Elementary Division students dress in their PJs and come ready to listen to a story read by alumni volunteers at the annual 'Go R.E.D.' event. R.E.D. stands for "Read Every Day." Participants also do craft projects and enjoy refreshments. To volunteer for this year's program, which is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018, email mhsalum@mhs-pa.org.

Last Homecoming

By Irv Davis '62

We joyously embraced our old roommates. We laughed, emptying the closets of our memories sharing great stories - some true! We thrilled each other with tales of "hooking out" and being on "Ds" when we got caught; of adventures, more grandiose now than then.

Last Homecoming, I volunteered to be a host for our Chapel and Memorial Grove Services on Sunday, Oct. 1. Alumni hosts accompany and assist the families of those Homeboys, those Milts for whom last Homecoming was their Last Homecoming. The Memorial Grove Service is a tribute to all our brothers and sisters whose death we learned of in the past year. During this commemoration, homage is paid to each departed alum:

- Their name is recited - a lone bell tolls;
- A single red rose is given each family member;
- A remembrance card is given each family;
- Songs are sung, prayers and sympathy are offered.

The family I hosted remembered Rich with mirth and sorrow. There was laughter. There were tears. There was deep reverence in the ceremony. Families talked of their gratitude for the service and of its dignity. Hosts spoke to each other with humility of how special it felt to be a part of this veneration. They mentioned how often the families thanked them and how participating was sad and uplifting at the same time.

I spent five and one-half years in "the Home," while Milton Hershey invested five and one-half years in me. I graduated and left MHS in 1962. Milton Hershey never left me. Homecoming was joyful, jovial and thrilling. Homecoming was solemn and reflective. In June of 1962, 124 boys graduated; 42 have left us with memories of friendships shared.

Last Homecoming, the lone bell pealed in Memorial Grove 76 times. It tolled for Joseph Lawrence, Class of 1937. It tolled for Brittany Corsnitz, Class of 2006; for Thaddeus Davis, Class of 2005 and more alumni - their Last Homecoming. It is poignant to consider that one day, some weekend will be our final celebration. The solitary bell will sound once for us; the single red rose will be presented for us; our family will have an alumnus to host them.

While I realize that Homecoming 2018 is not for many months, the Memorial Grove program needs hosts. You can make a difference. Our Chapel and Memorial Grove Services are part of "...thy traditions dear." Being a host is but a small return on Milton Hershey's investment in us. Consider those who have gone before you; consider your classmates; consider those who will follow. Think of our families - think of our family. Partake of the opportunity "to stand by thee and each other..." Next Homecoming will be for some their Last Homecoming.



Jerry Long '55 receives MHSAA Alumni Service Award

The Milton Hershey School Alumni Association recognized the tireless efforts of Gerald "Jerry" Long '55 by awarding him the MHSAA Alumni Service Award for 2017. The award was presented to Long at the 87th annual Homecoming Banquet on Sept. 30.

Long has been serving MHS and MHSAA in various capacities since he graduated from the school in 1955. Even as a student, he made a positive impression on those who knew him.

One of those who nominated Jerry for the service award, Emmett Gross '59 writes, "[B]eing one of the 'little' guys back [in 1952], we had the privilege to sit and watch activities take place between the big guys. ... [I] discovered during that year's basketball season that the Jerry Long on the school team was the same guy who lived just a number of farm fields away," he remembers. "Despite little personal interaction, I continued to be impressed by Jerry's actions around both younger and older students and his willingness to share life with them."

It was not long after Jerry graduated from MHS that he was back working at his alma mater doing what he learned as a student - helping and serving others. He was a teacher, counselor, adviser and coach. Later, he managed alumni records and the scholarship fund for students and also accompanied many MHS students on college visits.

Throughout the years, Jerry set an example of what it means to be an MHS alumnus - a 'brother' and a helper to those who were current students as well as those who had graduated. He taught religious education classes at the intermediate school for more than 20 years, and coached eighth grade basketball for 29 years and varsity baseball for three. Always thinking like a coach and how to help students improve, Jerry made videos of football games for 38 years and shared them with the football coaches to use for game review.

In addition, Jerry coached the MHS drill team. Along with band instructor Ray Miller, he took all members of the drill team and band to the Miss America Parade in Atlantic City and to the Cherry Blossom Parade for several years.

Years after retiring from MHS, Jerry still volunteers time at Kinderhaus, where he works to identify students (now alumni) in photographs and lends assistance however it is needed. Armed with a great memory and personal relationships with many alumni, Jerry also is an invaluable member of the Spartan Hall of Fame subcommittees for athletics and visual and performing arts and the steering committee.

For more than 60 years, Jerry has been at the forefront with his attempts to help make MHS a better place for education, a second home for students, and a solid life base for all those who pass through its halls and become alumni.



1940s

John Williams '40, of Clearfield, was the earliest graduate to attend the Homecoming Banquet on Sept. 30.

The Class of 1942 celebrated its 75-year reunion during Homecoming 2017. Among those attending were Darrell Blizzard, Carl Landeck, Anthony Perry, Bill Price and Paul Sheaffer.

Laurence Fredrick '45, of Charlottesville, Va., recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

Alexander Lynn '46, of Duanesburg, N.Y., is still cutting hay on his small farm, delivering Meals on Wheels, meeting with comrades and watching his grandchildren develop in the Hershey Industrial School tradition.

George Cave '47, of Silver Spring, Md., enjoys working 8-10 days a month.

James Smith '47, of Ridley Park, has four daughters and nine grandchildren. He has not missed a Milton Hershey School Homecoming since 1946.

Eugene King '49, of Ephrata, enjoys spending the summer months along Indian River Bay in Delaware.

1950s

Robert McCann '50, of Seven Valleys, still plays baritone horn in Brodbeck's Band in southern York County.

Howard Woodrow '51, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., is a broker with Plan Member Securities.

Ronald Dionisio '53, of Baden, is retired and recently celebrated 58 years of marriage with his wife, Fran. They enjoy traveling to Florida in the winter months and spending time with grandchildren.



The **Class of 1952** celebrated its 65-year reunion during Homecoming 2017. Members gathered for a group photo during a reception at High Point Mansion on Sept. 29. Alumni pictured are **Daniel Evans**, **Tom Maurer**, **Gil Murray** and **Charles Stoner**.

John Feeney '56, of Laguna Niguel, Calif., recently celebrated 57 years of marriage to his wife, Donna.

Arthur Bossler '57, of Lake Harmony, is senior vice president of Falcon Insurance Agency.

Raymond Capozucca '57, of Pittston, is owner and partner at Capozucca Bros. He retired after 52 years and owes it all to Milton Hershey School.

Gerald Robinson '57, of Pompano Beach, Fla., spends time working on his website, mymusicway.com, and enjoys time with his wife, Dee.

William Woods '58, of Steelton, is retired from both the U.S. Marine Corps and Capital Area Transit. He continues to serve as a member of the Marine Corps League Honor Guard at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.

Kenneth Bach '59, of Bellingham, Mass., is happily retired and enjoys traveling around the country.

1960s

Robert Bigelow '60, of Canton, Ga., is retired. He and his wife, Janet, volunteer at their local hospital where they serve as president and secretary of volunteers.

Ralph Eckert '60, of Martinsville, Ind., is owner of All County Glass.

Qua Quo Kelly '61, of Emmaus, welcomed a set of twin great grandchildren.

Craig Ramsey '61, of Chase City, Va., enjoys life in southern Virginia.

Pasquale DeFinizio '63, of Sewell, N.J., is a consumer price analyst at Wakefern/Shoprite.

Richard Stamm '63, of Clovis, N.M., is a podiatric surgeon at Plains Regional Medical Center. He also enjoys hunting, fishing, golfing and camping.

Ralph Neely '64, of Chicago, Ill., is retired.

Bruce Kensinger '64, of Charlotte, N.C., is a delivery driver for a lumber company.

William Simmons '64, of Amissville, Va., enjoys hunting, fishing and boating.

Glen Weaver '64, of Lancaster, is minister of pastoral care at Grace Church Lancaster. He has provided part-time pastoral care for Brereton Manor Personal Care Home for 17 years.

John Kelly '65, of Hatfield, is retired from the Philadelphia Police Department and the U.S. Air Force. He has been married to his wife, Eleanor, for 45 years. They enjoy time with children and grandchildren, and traveling.

Samuel Douthett '66, of Butler, is a bus driver for Valley Lines. He also volunteers for Toys for Tots.

Daniel Goldsmith '66, of Lock Haven, is retired from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

John Laskey '66, of Apex, N.C., is vice president of sales at Infinite Computer Solutions.

Michael McCarthy '68, of Longmont, Colo., has been retired for two years and enjoys beautiful Colorado.



The late **Rev. Dr. Clark Hobby '47** recently was honored posthumously with the 2017 Alumnus of the Year Award by the Coalition for Residential Education (CORE) during the CORE Annual Residential Excellence Conference. The selection committee noted as especially memorable the letter by Dr. Hobby and his son Robert in the spring issue of Thy Traditions Dear magazine.

The Alumnus of the Year Award is one of several CORE awards that honor outstanding staff, students and supporters whose tireless dedication and steadfast contributions exemplify the essence of residential education.

Milton Hershey School honored him as its Alumnus of the Year in 1972.



The **Class of 1967** celebrated its 50-year reunion during Homecoming 2017. Members of the class are pictured here at the Friendship Garden outside of Purcell Friendship Hall.

John Furmanak '69, of Media, is retiring as project manager at First Quality Retail Services after 42 years in the industry. He plans to travel, camp, play golf and enjoy time with his wife, Nancy, and family.

1970s

Robert Covel '70, of Kouts, Ind., is semi-retired as a cardiovascular technologist.

Martin Coffey '71, of Paden City, W.Va., recently moved to start a new ministry.

Thomas Rothert '71, of Silver Spring, Md., is retired.

Charles Winkler '71, of Lansford, has been married to his wife, Ann, for 27 years. He is a maintenance repairman for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at White Haven Center.

John Wobensmith '71, of East Haven, Conn., is retired and living at the beach on the Connecticut shoreline with his wife, Nancy. He recently was elected to Executive Board of Homeowner's Association.

Earl Lego '72, of Enola, is a material handler and hopes to be semi-retired by the end of next year.

Kenneth Mross '72, of Bartonsville, is enjoying retirement with his wife, Maryellen, and visiting grandchildren and children. He retired from East Stroudsburg School District.

Clifford Fritchman '73, of Easton, is a pipefitter for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Joseph Mitchell '73, of Cocoa, Fla., is a retired software engineer.

Craig Tanzola '73, of Northfield, N.J., is president of Formal Dimensions.

Ralph Tomassi '73, of Ashland, Ohio, is chief development officer for Hospice of North Central Ohio. He has been married for 36 years.

James Chappell '75, of Middleburg, Fla., moved to Florida from California for a promotion as domain consultant for ADP, LLC.

Joseph Lombardo '75, of Secane, is a retired police officer.

Dennis McGuigan '77, of Philadelphia, recently was promoted as sergeant. He works for the School District of Philadelphia.

William McCurdy '78, of Delaware, Ohio, is a sanitation worker with Kroger Distribution.

Michael Sanford '78, of Deltona, Fla., is an attorney.



Barbara Polk '84 is president and founder of Amplify People Advisors LLC, a boutique human resources consulting firm offering: strategic planning, employee relations, executive coaching, internal communications, culture building and team building. Polk has held senior executive positions with private and public companies including: The National Restaurant Association, The American Red Cross, Ellucian and XO Communications. She is a business executive with more than 25 years of human resources, operations leadership and board governance experience.

She resides in Washington, D.C., with her husband and a blended family of five children.

Harry Dulio '79, of Lancaster, is a project manager at Zephyr Aluminum, LLC.

John Masker '79, of Oyster Bay, N.Y., is an administrative assistant at Castro Realty Corp./Castro Convertibles.



The **Class of 1972** celebrated its 45-year reunion during Homecoming 2017. Members of the class and friends spent time catching up after the Homecoming Banquet on Sept. 30.



The **Class of 1977** celebrated its 40-year reunion during Homecoming 2017. Members of the class and friends – including a new friend from the Class of 2007 – spent time catching up after the Homecoming Banquet on Sept. 30.



The **Class of 1987** celebrated its 30-year reunion during Homecoming 2017, and sponsored a fundraising celebration to benefit MHSAA following the Homecoming Banquet on Sept. 30.

1980s

James Cardacin '81, of Quakertown, is a foreman with XLE Metals.

Ellen Hansen '82, of Taunton, Mass., is a fine art photographer. She has received several certificates including Master Certificate and Certificate of Recognition from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Bridget Morse '82, of Havertown, is a financial assistant at Back on My Feet.

Lynda Sullivan '82, of Vero Beach, Fla., is a technology educator at Imagine Schools.

James Zaccarelli '82, of Harrisburg, retired from the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections as a Major/Corrections Officer.

Christopher Molnar '83, of Babson Park, Fla., is curriculum team lead at Porter and Chester Institute.

Rosaleen Snyder '85, of Beaver Falls, is a float nurse at Primary Health Network.

Eric Crump '87, of Morrisville, is a systems engineer at International SOS.

Eugene Lawson '87, of Allentown, is an optician.

Raymond Butterfield '89, of Chokio, Minn., is a network manager.

Michelle Lambert '89, of Cape May, N.J., is owner of Michelle's Island Cuts.

1990s

Tom Cipolla '90, of Salisbury, N.C., is director of end user platforms at TIAA.

Gretchen Silich '90, of Berkeley Heights, N.J., is a radiographer at Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Peter Snell '91, of Cortland, N.Y., has been a firefighter and EMT for more than 18 years. He also owns a hardwood flooring company, Edgewater Hardwood Flooring, LLC, named for his home at Milton Hershey School and his houseparents, the Strunks.

Lori Livingston '92, of Los Angeles, Calif., is a SAG Actor/Model. While in Hershey for Homecoming, she presented a program for a group of students on Oct. 1.

Michelle Perez '94, of Bronx, N.Y., is office manager at Bronx Kids Pediatrics.

William Melson '95, of Hatfield, is a union carpenter with Local Union 251.

Christopher Sakers '95, of Owings Mills, Md., was the 2017 Dr. Lola J. May Award winner for the second consecutive year. This award is presented to a top-ranked educator through the First in Math program.

Abel Rosario '96, of Japan, is a global creator at AD Arch Co., Ltd. He graduated in June from Temple University with a B.A. degree in communications. His son, Raphael, recently celebrated his first birthday.

Jason Hayes '98, of Middletown, works at Intrepid Home Health, where he was promoted as clinical supervisor in December 2016.

Atira West '98, of Piscataway, N.J., is a retail collection program manager for TerraCycle.

Jason DeJesus '99, of Lock Haven, is owner of Custom Creation Signs & Designs and Diamond Graphics & Apparel. He specializes in graphic design, apparel decoration, advertising and signs.

2000s

Joannes Hotagua '02, of Los Angeles, Calif., moved to Los Angeles to take on a new role at Hulu.



Tiffany Gonzalez '05, aka D.J. eXel, performed during the MHS Opening of School Assembly on Aug. 14 at Giant Center. She also shared her story of how persistence helped her reach her goal of becoming a professional D.J.

Lana Graham '04, of Plattsburgh, N.Y., is a stay-at-home mom to seven-year-old, Landon.

Richard Taylor '04, of Kathleen, Ga., is owner and real estate investor at Randleman Property Solutions.

Luke Meade '06, of South Park, is a CAD engineer for an oil company.

Gillian Branstetter '07, of Lemoyne, is a freelance writer.

Jessica Campanaro '07, of Duncannon, works in records management at PHEAA.

DeZwaan Dubois '07, of Greenville, S.C., is a SQL business intelligence developer at Global Lending Services.

Joe Melo '07, of Orlando, Fla., is an online admissions representative at the Los Angeles Film School.



The **Class of 2007** celebrated its 10-year reunion during Homecoming 2017. Members of the class and friends spent time catching up after the Homecoming Banquet on Sept. 30.



The **Class of 2012** celebrated its five-year reunion during Homecoming 2017.

Richelle Morris '07, of Philadelphia, is a medical biller at Sky Medical Associates.

Brittany Messersmith '08, of Lewistown, is a home nurse.

Stephanie Brooks '09, of Manheim, is associate marketing manager at Woodstream Corporation. She recently became engaged.

Janelle Kiehl '09, of Tampa, Fla., is a student at Penn State University.

Britne Vinson '09, of Paulsboro, N.J., is earning a master's degree in forensic psychology and working at Epic Behavioral Health and at the Institute for the Development of African American Youth.

2010s

Brittany Aument '11, of Englewood, Colo., is a sous chef at Sweet Grass Kitchen.

Veronica Pupo '11, of Shillington, is a behavior technician at NHS Human Services.

Felicia Barbour '12, of Philadelphia, is a home health aide at Always Best Care.

Erica Carter '12, of Philadelphia, is a behavior therapist.

Ariana Neely '12, of Allston, Mass., recently started law school at New England Law School in Boston where she was awarded a full-tuition merit scholarship.

Aaron Nowlin '12, of Virginia Beach, Va., is an IP officer in the U.S. Navy.

Angel Roman '12, of Williamsport, is a senior at the Pennsylvania College of Technology. He is studying aviation maintenance technology and working toward earning a NCATT certification.

Alexander Torres '12, of East Petersburg, plans to graduate from Kutztown

University in the fall with a Bachelor of Science degree in sports management.

Bryan Wilson '12, of West Roxbury, Mass., is a subcontractor for House Worx.

April Comstock '13, of Tobyhanna, graduated from Penn State University in May.

Alexis Hightower '14, of Chambersburg, is a bank teller at F&M Trust.

Melanie Lynn Warne '15, of Philadelphia, finished her second year at Susquehanna University where she is majoring in communications.

Marriages

M. Katherine Romero '88, of Philadelphia, was married to Jesse Romero in August.

Jennelle Martin '04, of Mechanicsville, Va., was married to DeVario Cosby in July. She is a teacher with Henrico County Public Schools in Virginia.

Births

Veronica Pupo '11, of Shillington, welcomed a baby boy, Porter, in January, with classmate Patric Chant.

Alumni Deaths

William Lenox '37, of Elizabethtown, Sept. 5

Hiram Shearer '38, of Hershey, Aug. 2

Kenneth Hatt '41, of Hershey, Aug. 24

Paul Yarnell '43, of Harrisburg, July 6

Edward Mitchell '52, of Royersford, July 7

William Kelly '54, of Doylestown, Sept. 4

Hiram Proper '54, of Harrisburg, Aug. 5

Edward Lehman '55, of Pine Grove, Aug. 9

John Lantz '59, of Norman, Ark., Aug. 6

Gordon Rohrbaugh '59, of Leesburg, Fla., July 11

David Berger '60, of Lititz, Aug. 26

Terry Morrow '61, of McKinney, Texas, Aug. 27

Michael Sokolowski '71, of Hainesport, N.J., Sept. 9

Christopher Robert '77, of New Hope, Aug. 5

Robert Black '78, of York, Aug. 24

Thaddeus Davis '05, of Lewisburg, July 20

Retiree Deaths

Margaret Anderson died on June 25. Margaret worked at Milton Hershey School from Oct. 11, 1999 to Jan. 4, 2010. She was a senior administrative secretary.

Priscilla Dearwechter died on Oct. 22, 2016. Priscilla worked at MHS from Aug. 13, 2001 to Aug. 31, 2004. She was a custodian.

Patricia Lindsey died on Aug. 1. Patricia worked at MHS from Dec. 19, 2005 to April 15, 2015. Patricia was a dining room worker.

Carolyn Longenecker died on June 24. Carolyn worked at Milton Hershey School from April 18, 1956 to March 1, 1992. She was a kitchen supervisor.

Ruth Russell died on Sept. 27. Ruth worked at MHS from 1968 to Sept. 1, 1988. She was an English teacher and a librarian.

Betty Santarelli died on Oct. 8. Betty worked at MHS from Oct. 16, 1972 to Sept. 1, 1984. She worked in food services.

Geraldine Schaffer died on May 4. Geraldine worked at MHS from Nov. 18, 1991 to Dec. 1, 1993. She was a nurse.

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Alumni-Senior Fellowship Dinner

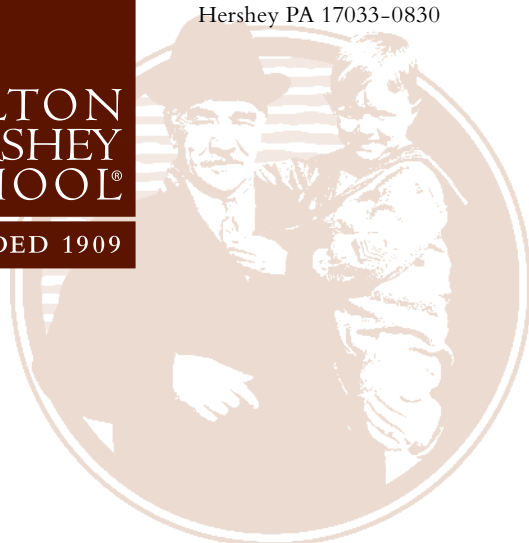
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Alumni Calendar

January '18

6	Florida Alumni Dinner in Naples
14	MHS Alumni Association Board Meeting

February '18

7	Go R.E.D. (Read Every Day) Family Reading Night for Elementary Students
10	Philadelphia Alumni Gathering

March '18

1	Pittsburgh Alumni Reception
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April '18

20-22	Alumni Fellowship Weekend
20	MHS Career Fair for Senior Division Students
20	Alumni-Senior Fellowship Dinner
22	MHS Alumni Association Board Meeting

May '18

4	New York City Alumni Reception
16	MHSAA Golf Classic
19	Homestead Chapter Steak Fry
20	Alumni-Student Awards Brunch, <i>by invitation</i>
20	MHS Alumni Association Board Meeting

June '18

9	Senior Chapel, Ring Ceremony and Awards Program
10	Commencement
24	MHS Alumni Association Board Meeting

August '18

12	MHS Alumni Association Board Meeting
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September '18

21-23	Homecoming 2018
22	MHS Alumni Association Annual Business Meeting
23	Memorial Grove Service

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