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# Dear Milton Hershey School Family,



We all accumulate a network of friends and acquaintances as we go through life. We consider ourselves blessed when one or two of those friends become true friends.

I was blessed as a young man to find a leader, mentor and father figure, who developed into a true friend. Bill Fisher '50 played many roles in my life throughout the years. However, his most significant role was as a true friend. He offered me encouragement, direction, inspiration and love beyond words. Bill taught me to be patient, disciplined, kind to others, and to live one day at a time. He not only taught me, he led by incredible example.

On many occasions, I witnessed Bill shake someone's hand with that firm grip, look them

directly in the eye, and ask how they were doing. Many people greet each other and ask how they are doing out of common courtesy. Bill really cared and wanted to know how you were doing, and what was in your heart. He cared if you were happy, if you were serving your purpose in life. I watched countless times as he broke through the barriers people built, finding a way as only Bill could do, to get into their hearts. Bill reached out to help people, to help them discover their purpose in life, always leaving everyone he met feeling loved and valued.

Bill's deep love for people continued to shine brightly throughout his journey with cancer. In September 2017, Bill was diagnosed with a brain tumor, and he would face the biggest challenge of his life. Through that journey, Bill inherited a special team of doctors, nurses, therapists and aides.

While most of us would face the challenges presented by a cancer diagnosis with fear, Bill treated it as another purpose in his life, to get to know this new team of people. With every appointment, Bill expressed an interest in and a curiosity about this team of new friends. Bill seemed more interested in how his doctors and nurses were doing than in what the test results showed about his illness. With his incredible gift, Bill found a way to uplift and inspire his team of cancer specialists, not worrying about what he faced.

Bill not only inspired us when he was healthy; he continued to inspire us facing his death.

I was honored Bill asked me to walk with him on this journey. In true fashion, he continued to teach me, inspire me, encourage me, and challenge me. Most of all, in our many deep conversations, he shared how much love he had for all of you, and the people who touched his life over the years. He regretted nothing, and was thankful for family, Mr. and Mrs. Hershey, and his MHS family. His faith In God never wavered.

As I pen this letter, on the third month anniversary of Bill's death, I thank all of you for the wonderful stories you shared about how Bill Fisher touched your lives, and on how he made each of you feel so very special. I pray that you are able to cherish the special moments you shared with Bill.

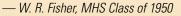
We all lost an incredible leader and friend who inspired us. Bill had so many words of wisdom; however, his favorite was, "Plan your work, and work your plan."

I believe Bill's plan for us would be that we seek and find our purpose in life and find a way to inspire others on a daily basis. Below, I'd like to share with you seven goals Bill shared with me and others over the years. Bill continued to modify these goals up until his last days. I hope they inspire you to live a wonderful, purposeful and happy life.

### Vance M. Cole '83

### Goals

Stay positive, forgiving, compassionate, non-judgmental Maintain a healthy perspective Be content, comfortable and thankful for who you are and what you have, take nothing for granted Practice self- discipline Slow down; enjoy the moment. Don't be a victim of regret or worry Simplify at every turn Pray for wisdom, courage and strength to achieve goals daily





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On March 1, the MHS team won the 2018 District III 5A Championship with a 69-62 win over York High. On March 19, the team ended its incredible season during the semifinal round of the PIAA boys' Class 5A state tournament. Head coach Mark Zerbe thanks the players for an incredible season. Read more on page 2.

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# What started as a whisper, quickly became a roar! Spartans, Spartans, Spartanse!

### By John Forry Home Life Administrator and Thy Traditions Dear Advisory Board Member

It is a powerful moment when a high school team makes the most of the opportunity to ignite a spark that engulfs a community.

The 2018 Milton Hershey School boys' basketball team ignited the ultimate "Power of One," an impressive level of unity and pride that permeated the extended MHS community – from the players and coaches to the students, staff, parents/sponsors and alumni – all in the quest for a championship.

On March 1, the MHS team won the 2018 District III 5A championship with a 69-62 win over York High. On March 19, the team ended its incredible season during the semifinal round of the PIAA boys' Class 5A state tournament. It was the first time the Spartans made it to the semifinals and won the District championship since 2005!

The team also earned the Crawford Hunter Memorial Sportsmanship Award four out of the last six years, which is a testament to students' character and commitment to strong sportsmanship.

The season started with large crowds of fans anxiously

waiting to see a single player, senior Don'yae Baylor-Carroll, achieve his 1,000th point. The anticipation of something special happening was in the air. Early in the season, Baylor-Carroll hit a three-pointer to put his total at 1,001 points. He joined the elite rank of just nine MHS players, both boys and girls, to reach the 1,000-point mark. The fans raised the roof in elation.

As with many things, however, busy schedules started to thin the crowds, and what started as a roar became a whisper. The team, however, continued to believe in each other, even when they trailed by a few points. They believed in the magic of the team. The players' unique bond became infectious. Soon, the crowd shared their faith, refusing to waiver in support for their team, even during disappointing moments.

This spirit began to glimmer among the student body, and shortly thereafter the roar returned to the gym. Alumni, houseparents, teachers, administrators and parents/sponsors joined the students and the players to become one. As one, they filled other schools' gymnasiums to beyond capacity and persevered throughout the district and state playoffs. Sensing the rarity, everyone wanted to be part of the magic.

This group of young men was able to do something for our Milton Hershey School community that few ever have the opportunity to experience: the empowered feeling of unity and



pride born from the support of a common goal and belief in each other. The 2018 boys' basketball team showed the MHS family what could be done when the focus is on the group's success and not just the individual's success.

The players benefited from the energy that flowed from their family, friends and fans. "The crowd thought we were inspiring them, but they were really inspiring us," said MHS senior basketball player Pedro Rodriguez.

At a moment during one game, Rodriguez looked at the crowd and smiled. Remembering that moment, he said, "It was so cool to see the alumni there with the students who were in mass numbers, and all of the other adults who are in so many positions here at the school supporting them, it was hard not to smile."

Among those in the stands was MHS junior Hunter Shippee, who was glad to be part of the experience. "It was like this burst of energy being in the stands. It was loud and it was exciting," Shippee said.

This was not the first time MHS players and fans have experienced the awesome feeling of oneness. In addition to the 2005 team's district championship, the 1981 boys' basketball team won the district and state championships.

Mike Weller '66, former MHS administrator and coach of the 1981 boys' basketball team, said the 2018 playoff run brought

back memories of the 1981 team and similar crowd excitement. "Congratulations to Coach Zerbe and this year's Spartan basketball team on an outstanding year," Weller said.

Unlike in 2005 and 1981, technology allowed a larger group of fans to join in on the year's excitement. Parents/sponsors and alumni watched games via live stream.

"The success of live stream has continued to grow for all aspects of school life this year," said MHS retired high school principal Jack Storm, "But, perhaps, even more for the outstanding performance of our basketball team. Those unable to attend became highly engaged through this media opportunity."

From my lens as a fan and writer, having seen every home game this season, several of the away games, and all of the playoff games, I will say this, Spartan fans are the most energetic and the most respectful. It is a rare mix and one that should be cherished.

MHS founder Milton S. Hershey is quoted as saying, "The man who plays the game for the love of it, and plays fair, usually enjoys it and wins."

The 2018 boys' basketball team would have made Mr. Hershey proud. Gentlemen, thank you for allowing us to be part of that magical moment. Thank you for turning the whisper into a roar!

### **Student Voice**



### Finding strength from the women around me

### By Jazzy, a junior at MHS

Although I loved the women in my life growing up, including my mom and grandmother, I didn't have the best female role models around me. I looked up to the wrong people. I looked up to women who did not want a career, and women who made poor choices in their lives and did nothing to fix them.

My mother did not work and did not set the best examples for me. From her stories about when she was in school, I learned that being mean was how I would make it through anything I would ever have to do. I watched her give up on many things and allow herself to stay in unhealthy relationships. She moved around and never gave me and my sister a chance to have a stable place to live. Then, I enrolled at Milton Hershey School.

When I started attending MHS, I had the chance to meet women who respect themselves and respect others. The women I met were confident and caring. They never allowed much to hold them back. There were women who followed their passion and dedicated everything they had to helping others.

One of my housemothers showed me through example that a woman can do whatever she sets her mind to. She did not come from the best background and didn't make some of the best choices at first. Then, she started to change and make different decisions. By the time I met her, she had already had a wonderful job and was living well.

When we met, I wasn't confident because of the examples left from the other women in my life. I felt like I was nothing more than an object that wasn't worth very much. I felt like a burden. When she helped me realize that wasn't true, I began to gain confidence and do things I never thought I could do.

I am now a student ambassador and a member of the swim team. Being a student ambassador requires me to be more confident in who I am and what I say. If I mess up or don't seem confident about the answers I provide, I could ruin the excitement a family has about the school. I could leave them questioning my answers. On the swim team, I never believed I could accomplish the dives I have been doing or swim as long as I can now. I accomplished much more this school year than I ever expected to achieve.

Whenever opportunities come my way, I'm no longer afraid to take them. As I continue to grow into the woman I know I can be, I take inspiration from some of the great women I have had the opportunity to meet at MHS. It's amazing to see so many women empowering themselves and accomplishing great feats.

I love watching the women around me push past expectations and become the people they want to be no matter what anyone says.

I especially love seeing women pursue career pathways and jobs, such as construction and auto technology, that were originally considered a man's job. It makes me feel like I can do the same and be just as amazing and inspiring as these women.

I can't wait to use the lessons I learned from MHS women to be strong and successful after I graduate.

Jazzy enrolled at MHS in seventh grade from Clarion, PA.

### What it means to be a "Milt"

### By Sabrina, a senior at MHS

Being a senior means moving without stopping. We have so much on our schedule that most days and weeks tend to blur together. All I know is, the day that stands apart from every other day is one I hold close to my heart.

Nov. 12, 2017 is a day I will never forget. I wear a reminder of the day around my neck, hidden beneath my school collar and pressed against my collarbone. It was the day of our Senior Pinning Ceremony where we received necklaces and pins that symbolize our class moving on to the next level. We soon will enter a new role of being proud alumni of Milton Hershey School. We will be the new part of a group that truly bleeds brown and gold—a group of people who are proud of where they came from.

For me, it means so much more. I've spent eight years at MHS surrounded by people who continue to tell me I could turn myself into someone I didn't think I could be. For a while, I was unbelieving. I hated the rules and wanted my 'freedoms,' but I didn't want to pay for the dangers.

My senior necklace represents my growth. It represents the challenges I've been through both in and out of school. It represents the people who have changed me and helped me become all that I can be.

As I sat in the room during the Senior Pinning Ceremony, seated next to alumni, I listened to the speeches passed down to us by our brothers. One speaker said something that had never crossed my mind. He talked about the last time each one of my classmates would be seated together in a room. For the past eight years, we have been recognized as the Class of 2018. We have passed as a class and failed as a class.

Before that day, it had never occurred to me that at this time next year we would no longer wake up every day facing the same people. We would no longer wake up in a place full of individuals who genuinely want what's best for you. I would no longer be in the MHS bubble—the bubble that not only contains the place I was taught to call home, but the people I will always call family.

I wear my necklace to prove to myself that I am different. I have been pushed to the limit by people who I would have never come to love if it weren't for the opportunity given to me by Milton and Catherine Hershey. My necklace shows that I am a Milt, and I will never forget that.

Sabrina enrolled at MHS in fifth grade from Lancaster, PA.



### **School and Student News**

### A Note from the MHS President

Dear Alumni Brothers and Sisters:

As we count down the days until Commencement and welcome a new group of graduates into the alumni family, now is the perfect opportunity for us to recommit ourselves to supporting this next generation of "Milts."

Fellow graduates, you know firsthand how important it is for students to have adults in their lives who will offer guidance for the next part of their journey. That's why connecting with our graduating seniors at events like the Alumni-Senior Dinner during Alumni Fellowship Weekend is so important. You are a part of their dedicated support system.

We have made strides to expand our founders' legacy and have recently watched our 2020 Vision strategic plan come to life with the opening of more student homes on our Legacy Campus. This expansion allows more students to enroll at our home and school and build an exceptional life.

It is our privilege and responsibility to invest in their success and serve as unwavering pillars of support. Let's continue to find ways, both big and small, to build connections with our students.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely, Peter G. Gurt '85 MHS President

### MHS culinary students place 16th at national competition

On April 28, a team of culinary arts students from Milton Hershey School placed 16th in the National ProStart Culinary Invitational in Providence, Rhode Island. In February, the five students won first place in the 2018 Pennsylvania ProStart Culinary Invitational hosted by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation in State College.

MHS students worked as a team to successfully create a three-course meal – inspired by a walk around the MHS campus – in less than an hour using only two butane burners. As part of the competition, butane burners were their only source of heat – they did not have access to running water, electricity or ovens.



The group of MHS students was awarded approximately \$26,000 in scholarships from colleges and culinary schools that attended the Pennsylvania invitational.

### MHS pre-apprenticeship program first to earn state registration

The Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry recently approved Milton Hershey School's pre-apprenticeship program, the first of its kind in the state. The pre-apprenticeship program at MHS will give students the ability to work in their desired trade or work industry prior to graduation.

Culinary Arts is the first pre-apprenticeship pathway to be offered to MHS students. MHS and Hershey Entertainment & Resorts have formalized an agreement to offer the pre-apprenticeship opportunity to MHS students who would like to pursue a culinary career. Students also could graduate with a pre-apprenticeship certificate.

Within the HE&R agreement, any MHS students who may be hired by HE&R postgraduation will have the opportunity to continue working in an adult apprenticeship program while gaining weekly educational training.

Currently, there are more than 1,000 apprenticeships available in Pennsylvania. MHS is working to provide pre-apprenticeship opportunities to students in all of the school's 11 career pathways.

### Thailand teaches students about culture, history and diversity

To gain global awareness and international travel experience, this spring, a group of 29 Milton

Hershey School high school students and five staff members traveled to Thailand for a 10-day, educational trip. Students visited various cities and destinations in Thailand through Education First, an organization that provides educational tours and immersion language programs around the world.



# **Pursuit of persevering:** The journey of MHS alumnus Kayvon Asemani

### By Keri Straub Senior Media Relations Manager



Alumnus Kayvon Asemani '14 enrolled at Milton Hershey School in fifth grade, and brought with him the idea that life was all about finding opportunities in every situation. It was a lesson he learned from his late mother.

"When I turned 9 years old, I lost my mother to a domestic violence issue," he said. "My father was in and out of the picture and one of the times he came in, he took my mom with him. My mother is gone unfortunately, and my father is in prison serving a life sentence for what he did."

As a 9-year-old boy from Baltimore, Maryland, Kayvon was forced to look at life in a different way.

On Sept. 25, 2006, Kayvon, his older brother, Arman, and his younger sister, Leila, enrolled at Milton Hershey School.

"It [MHS] gave us a safe-haven," he said. "It gave us a chance. Growing up in the circumstances we grew up in, there was no reason to believe that we could ever really succeed, but MHS gave us the resources to actualize our dreams and our ambitions."

### **Embracing Talents**

Kayvon used the resources at MHS to channel his love for music and strengthen his passion for bringing people together.

"[At MHS], everyone was listening to hip-hop," he said. "I quickly discovered that my unique perspective and passion for music mixed with this world of possibilities truly created a transformative lane for me. Fast-forward to now and I've built a company, I'm an entrepreneur, I'm making my music, and building my audience."

Besides being a full-time music artist and entrepreneur, Kayvon also is pursuing a virtual reality startup company called Vector Streaming, and he started Hiro Sol, a clothing line with a few partners.

"I think of myself as someone who just likes to create beautiful things," he said. "Whether that is music, clothing, tech, experiences, solutions, opportunities, inspiration, or anything else. That's why I've created so many business verticals. It all stems from the same creative process and that same purpose of creating something that relates to people, inspires them, and allows them to be part of something bigger."

On top of all of his pursuits, Kayvon graduated with the MHS Class of 2014, and headed to Philadelphia where he studied economics at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania – one of the top business schools in America.





"It was always a goal of mine to attend Wharton," he said. "In eighth grade, I decided I wanted to go to the best business school in the world and Wharton was hands-down the best. I wanted to make music, but I want to be a great artist with a great business background."

At Penn, Kayvon worked hard and persevered through a rigorous business program to prepare him for a career in the industry. He quickly became a fixture on campus – even rapping on behalf of the school in promotional video aimed to highlight Penn's campus community. Kayvon also spent a summer in New York City learning more about the business world through an internship with an international strategy firm.

### **Life-Changing Opportunities**

Kayvon's journey of opportunities has led to several unique breaks. Facebook Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg featured his story in her book "Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience and Finding Joy." He also authored a blog for Option B's website, and New York Times bestselling author Angela Duckworth featured Kayvon in her bestseller "Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance." In 2016, he received an opportunity to perform his music at the United Nations headquarters in New York City as part of the International Young Leaders Assembly.

"I learned somewhere that you shouldn't plan your life, because life doesn't follow a plan," he said. "I have goals, but they have to do with developing skills – not achieving things like recognition and accolades on the outside. My happiness and success aren't defined by those things."

Kayvon graduated from Penn on May 13 with a degree in economics. He already has accepted a position as a product manager with Facebook and will move to the west coast this summer.

### **Remembering His Roots**

Although Kayvon is busy pursuing his passions, he also takes time to reflect on what drives those pursuits.

"There is this burning passion inside of me to make sure that kids who come from less are heard, and they get the investment they deserve," he said. "I am lucky to be where I am now, and it's all because of people who believed in me."

As a graduate of MHS, Kayvon frequently returns to campus to mentor younger students.

"Adversity allowed me to see the world differently, and now I want to help the next generation," he said. "I want kids to know they can do anything they set their minds to, and they should shoot for their dreams and walk backwards to get there."

### **Department of School History**

# May 22 marks 50th anniversary of expanded enrollment criteria

May 22, 2018 marked the 50th anniversary of the decision to integrate Milton Hershey School. The first non-white students, Richard Davis, Jerome Finley, Carl Wilson, and Clayton Wilson enrolled in August 1968.

The enrollment criteria as originally defined in the Deed of Trust stated that students were to be poor, white, orphan boys between the ages of 4 and 8. In 1933, Milton Hershey himself changed the Deed to extend the age from 8 to 14, and admit boys whose mothers as well as fathers were deceased. The change reflected the difficult economic times in the country during the Great Depression.

In 1968, the Board of Managers decided to expand the enrollment criteria in a special meeting and on the same afternoon had a letter delivered to the Attorney General's office requesting its concurrence on the Board action. School President, Dr. John O. Hershey, then met with school faculty and houseparents to inform them of the change and sent letters to all parents/sponsors. In it, Dr. Hershey assured them "the excellent program of Milton Hershey will continue to move along smoothly and, in our personal relationships, set a fine example for others to follow."

The school's administration was proactive in preparing for African American students. Dr. Hershey had been in contact with African-American clergy and leaders of the NAACP from Harrisburg who were active in the civil rights movement. He had a cordial relationship with the Rev. Franklin Henley and arranged for him and other black pastors to speak at the MHS chapel service both before and after the students were enrolled.

Discussion groups were organized at the school for students and adult staff to discuss ways to encourage interaction among all students. William Dearden '40, former CEO of The Hershey Company and board member, recalled details regarding the decision in a 1989 interview for the Hershey Community Archives:

"There was a lot of hullabaloo, as I recall, in the press and so on, how they were going to take a picture of the first black admitted to Milton Hershey School. This is where John Hershey, I think, came in and showed his wisdom. He said, 'We're not going to have that happen, because we believe in the integrity of every boy being protected.' ... So that kind of settled that issue, as well. It also indicated the philosophy of the school, that a boy – and now the girl – are important and that is our mission, to make sure that we protect their integrity and give them the kind of training and education that will stand them in good stead in the future." Clayton Wilson '73 shared that, although he had never seen a cow before, milking chores became one of his favorite parts of his time at MHS. He enjoyed taking care of the cows and loved the openness of the large school campus.

In a Patriot-News article honoring the life of Marshall Nixon '71, one of the first two African-American students to graduate, classmate Hugh MacDonald said Milton Hershey School students had things in common that transcended race and made for strong bonds, especially on the football team. "We were brothers – black, white, purple, green."

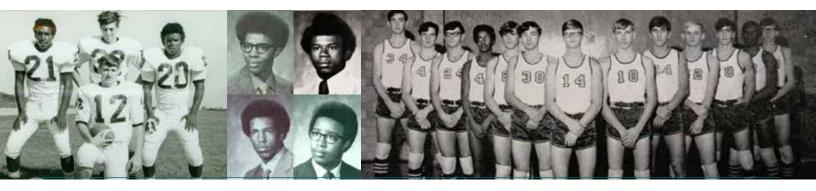
Although the decision to admit African-American (non-white) students to MHS was made in 1968, the issue was considered much earlier. In the early and mid-1950s, school officials watched very closely court cases challenging Stephen Girard's will and similar policies at Girard College in Philadelphia. In an interview for the Hershey Community Archives in 1990, Dr. Hershey reflected on the change to the Deed of Trust to admit non-white students to the school:

"We took the position, and I am so thankful our board did it, for I felt so strongly about it that the mission of this school, the purpose for which it was founded is the most important thing. The Deed of Trust was written to fulfill the mission, and if circumstances are such as time goes along that if a mission cannot be fulfilled in the exact way that the Deed of Trust was written within the context of the time ... if now the circumstances of current times are so modified that the mission cannot be fulfilled, then modify the Deed of Trust to permit the school to achieve its mission. Never lose track of the mission."

The precedent set by Mr. Hershey paved the way for future modifications to the Deed of Trust and conveyed the message that the school is meant to change with the evolving needs of society. The Deed of Trust was modified again on Dec. 24, 1970, when all references to ethnicity were eliminated and the cutoff for the age of enrollment was extended to 16.

Milton Hershey described his original intent when creating the Hershey Industrial School in Liberty magazine, "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. It isn't worth much unless love is thrown in."

The changes in the Deed of Trust over the years have remained true to the ideals of Milton and Catherine Hershey, giving more children real homes, real comforts, education, training and love.





### Department of School History Farmhome baseball served as training ground for some alumni to play at professional level

The phrase "Play Ball!" rings out around the country every spring, and Milton Hershey School is no exception. From the earliest days, the school placed a priority on the students' health and wellbeing, as described in an article in The Hershey Press, "Not only are the boys to be trained in mind and soul, but their bodies are to be given careful consideration...plenty of work and fresh air cannot help but assure them of healthy bodies." Farmhome baseball became the favorite

pastime; student homes played each other in both the younger and senior division age groups. Fields at the farmhomes changed depending on the farm's crop rotation pattern. Two dozen balls were supplied by the school—one dozen were kept for games and the other dozen, needing to last the season, were taped and wrapped to make it through. The championship game, held at the Hersheypark ballfield, was the highlight of the season.

Inter-scholastic baseball competition stopped in 1936, but was reinstated in 1940 and then stopped again from 1943-1946 because of shortages during World War II. Even though there was no team sport, farmhome baseball served as the training ground for some students to go on and play professional baseball after graduation. After serving in the Air Force, Don Hess '45 played for the St. Louis Cardinal farm club in Tallahassee, Alabama. Adam Fisher '49 pitched for a short time for the Philadelphia and Detroit farm clubs until an arm injury cut his career short.

Although there was no baseball competition when he was in the school, alumnus Nelson "Nellie" King '45 enjoyed a successful professional career as

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a pitcher. King played minor league in different cities beginning in 1946 and served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War from 1951-52. In 1954, he was signed by the Pittsburgh Pirates and retired after the 1957 season because of an arm injury. King once again became a Pirate when he announced the games on radio and television with Bob Prince and Jim Woods. He also worked as the weekend sports anchor for KDKA-TV and enjoyed a broadcasting career for 30 years. In addition to his love for baseball, King enjoyed golf and coached the Duquesne University golf team from 1988 to 2004.

King died in 2010, and in 2015 his family donated his baseball card and alumni jersey to be included in the MHS professional athlete exhibit at the senior high school.

King came back to his alma mater in 1957 and spoke to the students. His visit was described in a report to the administration, "Nelson is becoming more and more of an idol in the eyes of our boys and his humble, loyal spirit has a tremendous effect upon them for the good." After the visit, in an interview published in The Spartan publication, King attributed his success in major league ball to "desire and determination," attributes that carry on the legacy of Milton Hershey.



### Hershey Cuba at the Hershey Story Museum

The Hershey Story: A museum on Chocolate Avenue has created a new, special exhibit, "Mr. Hershey's Cuba," that will likely be of interest to Milton Hershey School alumni. It features many photos from the Heritage Center at Kinderhaus archival collection that were a gift from MHS alumnus, John Resanovich '51.

The exhibit explores how sugarcane was grown, harvested, milled, and transformed into both raw and refined sugar. Visitors also can learn about Cuban baseball, the railway, and the honor awarded to Mr. Hershey from the Cuban government through visual and hands-on activities.

The photographs taken of Milton Hershey's Cuban properties between the late 1910s and the late 1930s were originally given to Resanovich in a 44-page album through a friend, Jose Martinez, whose grandfather had worked with Mr. Hershey in Cuba. Many years ago, when Martinez learned that Resanovich was an alumnus of the school, he gave the photos to him for safekeeping. The album has been conserved and digital images created.

The special exhibit will be on display until 2019. Entry into the exhibit is included with admission to the Museum Experience at The Hershey Story. Admission is free to members of The Hershey Story. For information about museum hours and admission fees, visit hersheystory.org.



View of the mill



Havana Cuba – Hershey Baseball Club Champion of the Cuban National Amatuer League During the years 1932, 1934-1935, and 1938-1940

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### By Emily Nardella

As a lighting artist with Retro Studios in Austin, Texas, Elizabeth "Liz" Baxter '04 helps set the mood and atmosphere in Nintendo video games through visual effects. Using her creativity and talent to do something she loves is not the future she predicted as a middle school student living with her grandmother in New Hampshire. She remembers telling a classmate that she wouldn't be going to college because her family couldn't afford it and especially because she hated school.

"I didn't like school, and I didn't feel like school liked me either," Liz said. "Honestly, without Milton Hershey School, I might never have finished high school."

Academics and life choices were cast in a new light when Liz's grandmother saw an advertisement about MHS and brought Liz to an information session.

"I guess they [MHS] did a good job at the presentation," said Liz. "We didn't have money for extra-curricular activities or things like that, and I saw that [at MHS] I'd have lots of opportunities and things I wouldn't have access to at home. That appealed to me."

When Liz came to MHS as a freshman, she took advantage of the fresh start. Her motivation combined with the structure and routines established by her houseparents made a difference with her academics.

"No one knew me, so it was a chance to start over, and I wanted to be the best person I could be," said Liz. "My grandmother had rules, but this was different having a routine that included doing chores and doing homework. When I began to see that I could do better in school and even get straight A's, it was very motivating."

Liz credits both sets of her houseparents with helping her have normalcy in life and providing much appreciated structure and stability.

"They were always there to talk and were a big influence in my life," she said.

Even before coming to MHS, Liz loved to draw. With the freedom to dive into her interests, she took every art elective she could as well as drafting classes.

"Our drafting teacher put a 3D modeling program on a computer in







the classroom. I remember if we had an assignment in 2D, as soon as I'd finish that up, I'd go work on the other computer in 3D," said Liz. "That was where I really started seeing the link between art and computers."

The teacher also influenced her with a saying that continues to stick with her.

"He'd say 'Save early, save often,' referring to working on the computer, but also to life and establishing a savings plan for retirement," said Liz. "When I graduated he gave me a card with a dollar in it and a reminder of that saying."

One of Liz's extracurricular activities was being part of the stage crew for theatrical productions and other events. She credits advisor Scott MacDonald with providing a positive influence and helping her learn to set lights and run the light board. Later, in college, because of that interest, Liz took every class relating to lighting.

"I think I saw myself doing what I'm doing now. I loved lighting and movies, and I thought it would be really cool to combine all those likes. It was a big influence in my career," said Liz.

She rounded out her experiences at MHS with an internship at Hershey Entertainment & Resorts' graphic design studio. Using a book of art colleges given to her by her aunt, Liz began thinking about going to college and majoring in visual effects.

"MHS helped cultivate my love of art, and I just continued to gravitate toward it," said Liz, who graduated from Savannah College of Art & Design with a Bachelor of Fine Art in visual effects in 2008.

Though she didn't always employ what MHS taught her about structure, the experience of having it was critical to her success at college and beyond. After graduating from SCAD, she began her career working in film, putting her stamp on familiar movies like "Night at the Museum 2" and "Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel." Since then, she has transitioned to a staff role creating lighting for games, which provides more stability for herself and her 5-year-old son. Her recent projects include Epic Mickey, Transformers: Rise of the Dark Spark, and Disney Infinity.

"I love the creativity and seeing it all come together. To be able to choose how to light a level and set the right atmosphere is very satisfying," she said. "I know I would never have found my way to this career without my experiences at MHS, and I am very thankful for the opportunity."





Additional photos online at mhsalum.org



### **Graduate Programs for Success Division & Alumni Relations**

### Milton Hershey School recognizes outstanding alumni and student achievements

Three alumni and three seniors honored during Alumni Fellowship Weekend

On April 20, Milton Hershey School honored three outstanding graduates with Alumni Achievement Awards. The annual awards, developed in 1997, recognize graduates for their academic, career, and community service accomplishments. Corresponding awards also were presented to current MHS seniors.

The alumni honorees include Jeff Cornielle '99, Seneca Ambrosino '97, and Roland Adewumi '98. The student award recipients include seniors Jared Ross, Katie Muir, and Susanna Compare.



### About the alumni honorees:

Lt. Jeff Cornielle '99 received the Alumni Achievement Award for Career Accomplishment. Cornielle is the officer in charge at the Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific detachment in Guam. His command is responsible for training and certifying all of the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed submarines. He enlisted in 2000 and graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in business administration from The Citadel in 2008. During his time at The Citadel, he also completed a Bachelor of Science in nuclear engineering technology from Thomas Edison State University. In 2014, Cornielle completed his master's degree in engineering management from Penn State University.

Seneca Ambrosino '97 received the Alumni Achievement Award for Academic Excellence. Ambrosino is a 2001 graduate of Dickinson College, where he double majored in international studies and Italian studies while also studying in Poland and Italy—becoming fluent in both languages. After graduating, he taught English in Italy for a year and earned his master's degree in European studies in Italian from the University of Florence. He worked at the U.S. Embassy in Rome and spent 10 years in government service, working in the U.S. and abroad. Ambrosino returned to academics, obtaining a master's degree in international relations at the University of Cambridge in England.

**Roland Adewumi '98** received the **Alumni Achievement Award for Community Service**. In 2012, Adewumi established a company called Global Kingdom Funding Group—a platform for humanitarian initiatives around the world. In 2016, he partnered with several Nigerian companies through a project called Operation Feed the People to provide food to people in Nigeria. The project spread to serve the city of East Orange, New Jersey where Adewumi is a pastor at Star House International Church. He also volunteers as a guest speaker at MHS and plans to collaborate with MHS students on various STEAM initiatives.

# About the student honorees:

Jared Ross received the Student Career Achievement Award. Ross has consistently been named to the distinguished honor roll and effort and conduct honor roll. He is a member of National Honor Society and Student Government Association, and was a recipient of the Rotary Student of the Month. Ross is a member of varsity football and track and field teams and participates in numerous clubs and volunteer activities. In the summer

of 2017, Ross participated in the Wharton School of Business, Leadership in the Business World summer program, a prestigious month-long program for rising high school seniors from around the world. He also traveled to Ghana as part of Milton Hershey School's Multicultural and Global Education program.

**Katie Muir** received the **Student Academic Excellence Award**. She has taken honors courses throughout her high school career and is one of the top academic students in her class. She finished the fall semester with a cumulative grade point average greater than 96 percent. Muir has enhanced her capacity for learning by taking college level courses and five Advanced Placement classes during the last three years. She also has been Rotary Student of the Month and Student of the Marking Period, and served as president of the Student Government Association. In 2017, Muir was recognized as the weShare grand prize winner for her global non-profit project she created after traveling to Peru and attending a global leadership summit organized by Education First.

**Susanna Compare** received the **Student Community Service Award**. Compare is devoted to a life of service. She helped plan and coordinate the MHS Mini-THON, collected donations at Cornerstone Youth Center, assembled food boxes at Central PA Food Bank, and was honored with the Citizenship Award from the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for her work raising \$11,831 for the cause. She has been active in the school's Mock Trial Team and Student Government Association—serving as the facilitator of M.O.L.D., the school's mentoring program. She was honored as a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honor Society, and served as a resident assistant at her Transitional Living facility. Compare also placed first in 2016 and 2017 in the Hershey Rotary Speech Contest and interned at the Dauphin County District Attorney's Office.

Each spring, MHS acknowledges accomplished alumni along with seniors, leading up to the announcement of the Alumnus of the Year, which will take place later this spring.

### Nominations welcome for alumni awards

Milton Hershey School's first alumni recognition program began more than 50 years ago with the Alumnus of the Year Award.

Today, alumni are recognized through three separate award programs:

Alumnus of the Year

- Alumni Achievement Award
- Spartan Hall of Fame

Visit mhsalum.org for nomination details or call the MHS Alumni Relations Office at 717-520-2030 to request an Alumni Awards Brochure.

### **Graduate Programs for Success Division & Alumni Relations**

### Alumni re-connect in Florida, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, New York

Since January, the Milton Hershey School Alumni Relations Office has hosted alumni events in Naples, Florida; Philadelphia; Pittsburgh and New York City. The events provide an opportunity for alumni to reconnect with each other and make new acquaintances, including some of the most recent graduates who are enrolled in colleges or universities in those areas.

While the locations and frequency of alumni regional events are based on the concentration of alumni who live in the selected areas, all alumni are invited to attend. Dates, locations and registration details are published in the weekly Spartan Minute e-newsletter for alumni and online at mhsalum.org.





From top to bottom, here are photos from Boston, Philadelphia, Florida and New York City.

Visit mhsalum.org to view other photos from alumni events and programs held throughout the year.

# Milton Hershey School, Lebanon Valley College partner to support first-generation, low-income students

On April 5, Milton Hershey School and Lebanon Valley College signed a memorandum of understanding aimed at improving the national college graduation rates for low-income, first-generation college students.

"This partnership will provide our students with more individualized and sustained support," MHS Vice President of Graduate Programs for Success Tanya Baynham said. "As we work toward improving our college graduation rate, both MHS and LVC are combining efforts to ensure our graduates reach their goals."

Nearly 25 percent of LVC's undergraduates are first-generation – a higher percentage than at many other four-year colleges and universities. Through the agreement, MHS students will receive academic coaching, student engagement resources, and retention support to ensure student success throughout their college careers.

"Low-income and first-generation students do very well at LVC because of the close, personal guidance and strong academics our faculty and staff provide," said Dr. Lewis E. Thayne, president of Lebanon Valley College. "We look forward to expanding our relationship with Milton Hershey School and helping even more students go on to get great jobs and lead great lives."

In addition, LVC will offer a "first-gen" mentoring program. Students will receive guidance from faculty and staff, including those who were themselves first-gen students. After students complete the program, they will receive a \$500 scholarship.

MHS career and higher education specialists support graduates through virtual check-ins and on-campus visits. In 2017, MHS staff organized 123 on-campus visits and sent 13,856 text messages to support graduates throughout their college experience.

The partnership is the 10th of its kind MHS has established with postsecondary institutions across the state to increase graduation outcomes for low-income, first-generation college students.



### **MHS hosts Class Agent workshop to support volunteers**

During Alumni Fellowship Weekend, the Milton Hershey School Alumni Relations Office hosted a workshop for Class Agent volunteers and alumni interested in learning more about what it means to be a Class Agent. Nearly 30 alumni attended the program and participated in a discussion about the resources available to them, and the resources they would find helpful as they work to keep their classmates connected with each other and the school.

There are vacancies for the following classes: 1952, 1992, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. To learn more about Class Agent responsibilities, contact the MHS Alumni Relations Office at 717-520-2030 or email mhsalum@mhs-pa.org.





### **MHSAA President's Message**

Dear Alumni:

We are halfway through 2018, and it has been a productive six months. Many of us came back to Hershey for the 64th annual Alumni-Senior Fellowship Dinner. We hosted an impressive senior class and had a chance to start building connections with our future alumni brothers and sisters as they begin preparing for graduation. Alumni Fellowship Weekend is a highlight of the year, and as class sizes grow, it is a challenge to pair more than 200 seniors with alumni. Thank you to all the alumni who took time to

support the class of 2018.

During Fellowship Weekend, we also hosted the second annual MHS/MHSAA Presidents' Reception. The Presidents' Reception is a new fundraising event to help support the MHSAA-sponsored awards to seniors. Jazz performer April (Humphries) Hall '88 headlined the event, and the MHS Guitar Ensemble performed as the opening act. April's singing was amazing, and she is one of many examples of our talented alumni. I heard from many of the attendees how much they enjoyed the evening.

Speaking of the senior awards, the MHSAA Board has updated the honors with a new Phoenix Award. The award will be presented to one male and one female student who started their high school careers without much scholastic or home life success. The Phoenix Award recipients, like the phoenix who rises from its ashes to soar, will be among those students who demonstrate the commitment and perseverance to improve their scholastic and home life performance, and within their final high school years soar to become nearly model students.

Including the Phoenix Award, MHSAA presents more than 20 awards to seniors, and many of the cash awards currently are funded by the Dearden Foundation. It is a goal of the MHSAA Board to fully fund the MHSAA-sponsored awards. If you were not able to attend the Presidents' Reception, you may still make a contribution. Visit mhsaa.org to contribute.

Another goal of the MHSAA Board is the creation of Spartan Social Clubs through which alumni can connect with each other and the Association. Alumni who have attended regional events during the past couple of years have expressed interest in this concept. In fact, I discussed the concept in more depth with some alumni at the New York City alumni reception in early May, and they were happy to hear that MHSAA is a step closer to launching the club concept. Spartan Social Clubs will provide a way for alumni to gather with support from the MHSAA, but with less structure than that required for chapters.

As the Association continues to develop ways to engage its members, we especially look forward to welcoming our newest members following the graduation of the Class of 2018 in June. As they prepare to graduate, I ask you to reflect on your experience after graduating from MHS. As alumni, we can be a resource to recent graduates, and MHSAA is working with the new Graduate Programs for Success Division to identify a system through which we can leverage alumni support when needed.

Let me switch gears at this point and talk about the Association, the school and the MHS Board of Managers. The MHSAA is in strong support of the school and the board as they move toward the goal of 2,300 students. As an association, our members can support this goal by inviting qualified families to enrollment events and referring high-quality candidates for job openings at the school. As the school grows, so too will the graduating classes. Some of these alumni will need the support of their MHS family, and we'll be looking to our current alumni to assist these recent graduates as they enter the world of work or pursue additional education, or in some cases, find the best way to adjust to life after MHS. Our chance to give back has never been greater.

# Considering running for the MHSAA Board?

Have you considered running for an elected director position on the Milton Hershey School Alumni Association Board? To gain a better understanding of the board and the expectations of board members, we first encourage you to volunteer for an MHSAA committee or event.

If you are ready to take the next step toward running for the board, then you understand that being an elected member of the MHSAA Board is an honor that carries with it a certain amount of responsibilities. Please review the following information to better inform yourself about this exciting leadership opportunity.

## Application requirements to run for the MHSAA Board

- Commit to running no later than June 1 of the year in which you wish to be a candidate and communicate that information to the MHSAA office at 717-520-2045 or alumnimhsaa@comcast.net.
- You must be a dues-paying Association member to be on the MHSAA Board.
- Be sure that your personal/professional schedule allows you to commit to the meeting schedule. You are expected to attend 90 percent of the meetings in person or by phone. Most of the meetings take place on Sundays; however, pending student-related activities, there are occasionally Friday and Saturday meetings. A meeting schedule for the entire year is published at the beginning of each year. Meetings of the Board of Directors take place in Hershey and other locations as are approved by the Board of Directors.
- Be aware that you will be required to serve on one or more committees and that a great deal of the Association work is done during those committee meetings. Committees generally meet by phone, but may on occasion be required to meet at locations in and around Hershey. Board members may volunteer for committees, but are not guaranteed selection to their preferred committee.
- Any life or regular member, and one honorary member of the Association who has not been convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction of any crime involving the abuse and/or harm to any child and who is not currently serving any sentence, probation or otherwise, for a conviction of a felony crime, shall be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors so long as they have not served three consecutive terms as set forth in the MHSAA Bylaws. The only honorary member that shall be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors shall be the elected chapter representative from the honorary chapter. Chapter representatives shall be exempted from the three consecutive terms portion of this.

For more information, visit mhsaa.org.

### **Book rooms early for Homecoming 2018**

Reminder: Reserve your rooms early for Homecoming, Sept. 21-23. A list of Hershey-area lodging locations is located on the MHS Alumni Association website at mhsaa.org. There is at least one other large event planned in Hershey for Homecoming weekend.

### **Alumni Association News**

### **Chapter News**

### Harrisburg Chapter

The chapter hosted its ninth annual Easter Party for MHS elementary students who stayed on campus during Easter break. The students colored eggs and participated in an egg hunt and a pizza party.

The chapter welcomes new members. For meeting details, contact John Hanawalt '70 at jhanawalt@pbi.org.



### Homestead Chapter

The chapter continues to prepare home-cooked breakfasts once a month to raise money for various programs, including awards that the chapter presents to two seniors each year.

The chapter held its annual Alumni Breakfast on April 21 during Alumni Fellowship Weekend, and the bullseyes continue to be a popular tradition during the annual all-you-can-eat meal. It is a great way to start the day and gather with other alumni.



### Honorary Member Chapter

Mike Kinney from the Milton Hershey School Communications Department was the guest speaker at the February meeting of the Honorary Member Chapter. He presented information on a variety of topics, including: the increasing number of students enrolling in MHS; the construction of new student homes; and the new MHS Safety and Security at the Cloverdale Barn.



### MHSAA hosts second annual Presidents' Reception during Fellowship Weekend

Milton Hershey School Alumni Association President Virgil Whitsett '81 and MHS President Pete Gurt '85 hosted the second annual Presidents' Reception on April 21 at Purcell Friendship Hall. The evening featured outstanding performances by April (Humphries) Hall '88 and the MHS Guitar Ensemble.

The 2018 reception attracted more guests than in 2017, with more than 65 alumni and guests participating in this special event. The reception raised more than \$4,500 for MHSAA scholarships in support of graduating MHS seniors. If you missed the reception, you can still support this worthy cause. Send a check to: **MHSAA Scholarships**, 109 McCorkel Road, Hershey, PA 17033.



### **Reunion planning time!**

Several class agents and reunion planners for class years ending in 8s and 3s are planning reunion events for Homecoming 2018, which is scheduled for Sept. 21-23.

As you plan your reunion celebrations, please keep in mind that the MHS Alumni Association can provide class agents with current class lists and contact information. To request a class list, contact MHSAA at 717-520-2045 or email alumnimhsaa@comcast.net.

If you are curious about reunion plans for your class, or you are interested in assisting with reunion planning, MHSAA also will be able to put you in touch with your class agent.

### **Opportunities available to serve as a Memorial Grove host**

Milton Hershey School Alumni Association honors alumni who have passed away at the annual Memorial Grove Service, the Sunday of Homecoming weekend. As part of the service, alumni hosts are paired with families of the deceased alumni. What a wonderful way to give back to our fellow alumni and their families as we pay tribute to their lives. If you are interested in volunteering to host a family or assist in some other way with the Memorial Grove Service, please call the MHSAA office at 717-520-2045 or email alumnimhsaa@comcast.net.



# MHSAA presents student awards, seeks funding support from alumni

Milton Hershey School Alumni Association members often ask the question: How does MHSAA use the money we pay for dues?

The answer, of course, is many things. Ranking high on the list, however, are MHSAA-sponsored, cash awards to select new graduates.

In May, MHS and the MHS Alumni Association hosted the annual Alumni-Student Awards Brunch and presented more than 60 alumni-sponsored awards to students of all ages. Many of the seniors honored also received corresponding cash awards at the Senior Awards Ceremony during Commencement weekend.

MHSAA currently receives financial assistance from the Dearden Foundation to sustain the awards program, and the Association's goal is for MHSAA to fully fund and sustain the awards it presents.

The MHSAA awards include Special Student Awards and a variety of awards for seniors. Also presented at the brunch are the Visionary Award, initiated by the late Maurice Sanko '45; the Enterprising Student Scholarship Award, presented by Douglas Oliver '93, Alexander Oliver '01 and Malcolm and Jason Brown, both from the Class of 1999; and several awards presented by chapters of MHSAA.



Eighteen members of the Class of 2018 join the ranks of more than 600 alumni who are MHS Lifers, having enrolled at MHS during first grade or earlier. With them are MHSAA Vice President Jeff Sypolt '77 and Harrisburg Chapter President John Hanawalt '70, who are also MHS Lifers.

# Congratulations to the new graduates who received awards at the Alumni-Student Awards Brunch

Agriculture and Natural Resources CTE Award - Ashley T. Smith Annual Athletic Awards - Richard Coleman and Destiny Kreiser Athletic Commitment Awards - Jordan Winslow and Gamael Jean-Francois Automotive Technology CTE Award – Nate Cunfer Betty Filepas Award - Kimberly Malave Business/Financial Management and Accounting CTE Award - Jamie Frank Computer Science and Innovation CTE Award – Alex Owens Construction/Carpentry CTE Award - Angelo Fierro Culinary Arts CTE Award - Bryan Tracey Dick Purcell Career Technical Education Awards - Olayiwola Oladipo and Ashley M. Smith Electronic Media and Journalism CTE Award - Caitlin Davis Engineering and Design CTE Award - Solomon Myers Enterprising Student Award - Jared Ross Graphic Communication Technologies CTE Award – Dominque Chiocci Harrisburg Chapter Career Technical Education Award - Emily Pinchott Health Science CTE Award - Zaria Beckley Hershey Entertainment & Resorts Culinary Scholarship - Bryan Tracey Homestead Chapter Spartan Pride Awards – Nana Bawuah and Kimberly Malave Law, Public Safety and Security CTE Award - Katie Muir MHSAA Alumni Scholarship - Zaria Beckley MHSAA Phoenix Awards - Katherine Connor and Obse Yadeto MHS Golf Program Award - Carlton Jarmon MHS Lifer Awards presented by the Honorary Member Chapter: Don'yae Baylor-Carroll, Jordan Carthins, Lanae Dancy, Kyla Goldbach, Luis Guyton-Acevedo, Sierra Hadley, Tyler Jones, Sareena Karim, Kimberly Malave, Janelle McGriff, Chase Morris, Abiola Oladipo, Olajide Oladipo, Olayiwola Oladipo, Robert Seaborn, Felicity Torres, Danny Truong, Amaris Ward Philadelphia Chapter Milton and Catherine Hershey Citizenship Award - Abiola Oladipo Stamp Scholarship Awards – Jamie Frank and Kalie Kostelnik Visionary Award – Susanna Compare Visual and Performing Arts Commitment Awards – Allan Halla and Victoria Chiocchi Washington, D.C./Maryland/Virginia Chapter Community Service Award - Fredrick Bradford W. Lyndon Hess Award for Excellence in English Literature - Celeste Bobro

If you would like to make a donation to help support student awards presented by MHSAA, email MHSAA at alumnimhsaa@comcast.net, call 717-520-2045, or send a check to:

MHS Alumni Association Attn: MHSAA Student Awards 109 McCorkel Road Hershey, PA 17033

> Senior Awards recipients with alumni: Pictured are the senior award recipients and the alumni who attended the Alumni-Student Awards Brunch on behalf of the MHSAA Board or one of the MHSAA chapters.





**Don Scruggs '53** and his daughter, Laurie Curl, recently visited student home Sycamore. Several years ago, houesparents Kyle and Chrissy Lee met Curl at Longwood Gardens where she works. Through conversation, they learned her dad is an MHS graduate. During a visit in March, Scruggs, age 83, played ping-pong with the girls, went on an Easter egg hunt outside, searched for his basket inside and painted eggs. He told stories about his time at MHS and showed them his MHS ring.

### 1930s

**John Thomas '39**, of Fort Myers, Fla., is retired and lives in Shell Point Retirement Community.

### 1940s

**John Eppley '43**, of Franklin, Ind., is proud to announce he and his wife, Shirley, have been married 68 years.

**James Evans '44**, of Hudson, Fla., celebrated his 91st birthday on March 1. He looks forward to Homecoming 2018.

**F. Tait Douglas '45**, of Sun City, Ariz., recently celebrated his 90th birthday with nearly 80 friends at a ball field in his area. He said it was a wonderful surprise.

**Ira Geisinger '49**, of Indianapolis, Ind., retired from the U.S. Postal Service.

### 1950s

**Raymond Ballard '51**, of Bethlehem, works part time in the produce department at Wegman's.

**Sylvester Buszta '51**, of Pottstown, is retired but still sings with Pottstown Ches-Mont Jubilaires Babershop Harmony Chorus.

**Carl Evans '51**, of Duncansville, retired after more than 50 years as a gospel minister at his county prison. He and his wife, Donna, look forward to to celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this year. **Joseph Gosik '51**, of Elizabethtown, celebrated his 85th birthday in April. He soon will be celebrate his 65th wedding anniversary with his wife, llene.

**James O'Donnell '51**, of Somerset, is celebrating 26 years of employment in retail sales at Somerset's Wal-Mart.

John Resanovich '51, of Lebanon, has voluntarily served as a Spartan Ambassador for 15 years and recently completed a term on the MHS Alumni Association Board. He says it was very rewarding and interesting. He is retired and has been golfing and enjoying life.

**Francis McCloskey '53**, of Strathmere, N.J., has been retired since 1999 and spends winter in Florida and the rest of the year in New Jersey near his children and grandchildren.

**Joseph Rhone '53**, of Oberlin, has eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Frank Crosscup '56**, of Harrisburg, has been enjoying life and keeping busy since his retirement in 1999. He thanks Milton Hershey for his work ethic.

**Laurence Reynolds '56**, of West Chester, is enjoying retirement by biking, skiing, going to the Jersey Shore, and rooting for Penn State during football and wrestling season.

**David Bowser '57**, of Lancaster, is a business consultant and owner of Bowser Services. He has three children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. **Raymond Capozucca '57**, of Pittston, retired four years ago from his the contracting business he co-founded with his brother, Capozucca Bros. He enjoys spending time with his three children and seven grandchildren.

**Bruce Cole '58**, of Peachtree City, Ga., retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the U.S. Army after 25 years. He is still married to his lovely wife, Vija. Barry Souders '58, of Allentown, celebrated 34 years of marriage with his wife, Mary Jo.

**Hillery Bell '59**, of Hawley, is doing well and would like to get in touch with other alumni who live near him.

### 1960s

**James Dayhoff '60**, of Claremont, Calif., is in good health and enjoying retirement with his family, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

**Peter Devries '60**, of Rochester, N.Y., retired from Wal-Mart on April 20. He plans to spend his retirement painting fine arts full time.

William Cervenka '61, of Bowie, Md., has been retired from the U.S. Government Print Office for more than 15 years. He enjoys spending time with his six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.



During a wrestling match between Lehigh University and his college alma mater the University of Michigan, **Bob Fehrs '63** was bestowed the distinction of honorary captain. Former Lehigh wrestler and Fehrs' college wrestling rival Mike Caruso joined him in the honor.

More than 50 years ago, Fehrs and Caruso represented their respective colleges as wrestling captains. They are the only pair of wrestlers in NCAA history to meet every year of eligibility for the NCAA championship.

Since competing against one another, the men have formed a friendship that has transcended their battles on the mat. Today, they continue to bring awareness of the sport, sportsmanship, and their schools to others.



**Barbara Polk '84** is one of two new members to join the national board of directors of The Lupus Foundation of America, the only national force devoted to solving the mystery of lupus. Polk is president of Amplify People Advisors. Board members provide organizational leadership for the Foundation's strategic initiatives to bring national attention and increased public and private resources to lupus, a serious and potentially fatal autoimmune disease.

Polk is a skilled business executive with more than 25 years of human resources, operations leadership and board governance experience in both the corporate and non-profit fields. She will bring a

breadth of experience to her role on the board, from advising leadership on strategic human capital and operational issues to mapping balanced growth strategies. Most recently, she served as the chief administration officer at the National Restaurant Association.

**Jacob Detrie '61**, of Butler, is retired and volunteers at North Country Trail and maintains Davis Hollow Cabin for the North Country Trail Association.

**Gene Steffen '61**, of Villas, N.J., moved to the shore and has been enjoying life and traveling with his wife, Kathleen.

**Neil Walker '61**, of Merritt Island, Fla., is retired and enjoying life near the Kennedy Space Station, where he used to work.

**David Wilson '61**, of Hershey, is a managing member of Real Estate Investment LLC at 471AD Associates.



Jason Wolfe '87 has joined the board of directors for Wonder Technologies, a financial technology company that provides eGift, incentive, voucher, and rebate solutions to the travel, hospitality and retail industries. Wolfe brings to the board nearly 25 years of experience in digital gifting and web technology. In 1995, he founded MyCoupons.com, the first online coupon website. Wolfe's vision and business acumen propelled him to tremendous success as the founder and CEO of GiftCards.com, purchased by Blackhawk Network for \$120MM in 2016.

Milton Hershey School honored Wolfe as its Alumnus of the Year in 2014.

**H. Irvin Davis '62**, of Newburgh, N.Y., celebrated 46 years of marriage with his wife, Joy. They have four children and six grandchildren.

**James Parker '62**, of Apollo, is retired. He has been married 53 years, has four children, seven grandchildren and five greatgrandchildren.

James Gahagan '63, of Woodbury, Minn., retired as senior vice president of commercial loans from Union Bank and Trust Company.

**Richard Mattis '63**, of Palmyra, retired from Milton Hershey School as a carpentry teacher.

**Edward Rising '63**, of Mount Bethel, retired from being an occupational therapist. He enjoys visiting a nearby national park and the Delaware River.

**John Kriner '64**, of Ellenton, Fla., has seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Albert Wilson '64**, of Boerne, Texas, retired after 47 years in transportation. He has traveled three million miles between buses and tractor trailers.

**Bruce Campbell '65**, of Myrtle Beach, S.C., is retired and living at the beach. He and his wife, Phyllis, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Disney. He hopes more of his MHS classmates move to Myrtle Beach. **Carl Glass '65**, of East Greenwich, R.I., owns Carl's, a painting, carpentry, repairs, and odd jobs business. He would like to express how appreciative he is of Milton and Catherine Hershey.

**Gary Kuhns '65**, of Palmyra, is a wine interpreter at Cunningham Creek Winery. He recently celebrated his 75th birthday with his wife, Rebecca.

**Samuel Douthett '66**, of Butler, is celebrating 15 years with the American Legion Riders, an organization that helps needy veterans and children.

**Lawrence Hill '66**, of Mt. Pleasant, has nine grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren.

**W. Edward Beamenderfer '67**, of Elizabethtown, and his wife, Kim, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. He enjoys playing golf and going to his grandson's ball games.

**Lamar Levering '67**, of Ephrata, is enjoying retirement by hunting, fishing, golfing, and travelling with his wife, Sharon, and Tucker, his yorkie.

**Robert Seuffert '68**, of Pittsburgh, is enjoying retirement. He recently celebrated the birth of his fourth grandchild.

**Thomas Viviano '68**, of Perkasie, is an instructor at Bucks County Community College. He also is an author of two books. "Fortuitous Misfortunes" is an autobiography that includes his adventures at Milton Hershey School, and "Achieving Equanimity: Paths to Balance and Serenity" is a self-improvement book.

**David Zembower '68**, of Port Charlotte, Fla., is retired and spends his time golfing, going to the beach, and enjoying life.

**John Furmanak '69**, of Media, retired after 43 years in engineering, manufacturing and management. He is ready to travel, play golf and enjoy life with his wife, Nancy.



**Deesha Dyer '95,** who served as special assistant and social secretary for President Obama, wrote a blog for mhskids.org. She is now executive director and owner of beGirl.world.

Dyer received the 2005 MHS Alumni Achievement Award for Community Service.



MSNBC named Trymaine Lee '96 a correspondent for the cable news network.

He had been a

national

reporter

contributing online and on air for NBC News and MSNBC digital.

In 2007, Milton Hershey School awarded Lee an Alumni Achievement Award in the area of Career Accomplishment.

**James Hilton '69**, of Florence, Ariz., retired in September 2017 from Arizona State Prison as a correctional officer.

### 1970s

**Dennis Brennan '70**, of Milford, Del., is semi-retired after more than 40 years in advertising and graphic design. He recently moved to Southern Delaware with his wife.

**William Patts '70**, of Taylor, Mich., is a print technician for Taylor School District and celebrated his 44th wedding anniversary with his wife, Caroline, on May 11.

**Martin Coffey '71**, of Paden City, W.Va., is a minister at Paden City Christian Church.

**Bruce Hummel '71**, of Palmyra, volunteers at the Milton and Catherine Hershey Butterfly Atrium.



Asheleigh (Wykoff) Forsburg '02 is advancement and annual fund manager for Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet. On March 22, she

was among 33 women honored at the Tribute to Women of Excellence awards dinner hosted by the YWCA Greater Harrisburg to honor extraordinary women for their contributions to our region, both professionally and philanthropically.

She has served on the MHS Alumni Association Board and volunteers for various student programs at MHS. She and her family reside in Enola.



Chris Clark '02 and his family were named the Fort Bragg Family of the Year. In a post on his Facebook page, Chris talked about the honor: "We have worked extensively in our community to give back, to teach and mentor youth and it paid off. This is just the beginning of our journey to touch lives. Words cannot express my gratitude to those who saw it fit that my family was recognized.

The Clark family is a team that takes pride in serving others while doing so we demonstrate great poise. Those are the words we love by TEAM, PRIDE, POISE, three words that were instilled in me from one of my mentors, Coach Bob Guyer of the Milton Hershey School. I would also like to thank Nolan Hauser and Amy Hauser my [house]parents for providing me guidance and wisdom to do what we do."

**Scott McDowell '72**, of Keedysville, Md., retired after 44 years in the electrical wholesale industry. He and his wife, Karen, have been married for 38 years and have two children and four grandchildren

**Carl Cox '73**, of Knoxville, and his wife, Linda, have been married 23 years and have five children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Cox is the president of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, and he has been a Knoxville Borough Council member for the past 13 1/2 years.

**John Goshey'73**, of Hulmeville, is retired from General Motors. He has been married to his wife, Kathy, for nearly 42 years, has two children and three grandchildren.

**Michael Morrison '76**, of Arvada, Colo., is a supervisor at Performance Plumbing & Heating. He also is enjoying life with his 4-year-old granddaughter.

**Christopher Lynch '77**, of Key West, Fla., celebrated his 42nd wedding anniversary with his wife, Cathy. He also is proud to announce that he has three successful sons and is currently living the life in Key West.

**Jeffrey Sypolt '77**, of Alexandria, Va., is the occupational safety and health program manager at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Anthony Daggett '78, of Blackwood, N.J., is the food and beverage manager at Diggerland USA.

**Todd Sipe '78**, of Middletown, was promoted from maintenance worker to boiler operator at the New Cumberland Defense Logistics Agency. **Edward Maloney '79**, of Milford, Del., and his wife, Tina, have been married 28 years. Their two sons are college graduates; one attended the University of Maryland and the other the University of South Carolina.

### 1980s

**Robert Foster '82**, of Baltimore, Md., is the proud owner of Staging by Robert LLC, a home staging company in the D.C. and Maryland areas.

James Zaccarelli '82, of Harrisburg, retired after 32 years of working in law enforcement.

Anthony Barkley '83, of Bluffton, S.C., is president of B4 Success Company, LLC. He is pleased to announce the publication of his first book, "The 6 Laws of Success."

**Michael Burkintas '83**, of Pahrump, Nev., is a clinical pharmacist at UHS Desert View Hospital.

**Mario Brewton '84**, of Land O' Lakes, Fla., owns Fit Spartan Training and is a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service.

Julee Hixon '84, of Chesapeake, Va., owns Haircut House Calls. The company provides services at hospitals, homes, rehab centers, and nursing homes for those unable to travel to a salon, such as seniors and individuals with special needs or disabilities.

### Richard (Rick) Moszczynski '84,

of Hershey, retired after 23 years with the Philadelphia Fire Department. He is now starting a new career at Gannett Fleming Management Services, LLC as a Pennsylvania state highway management operator.



MHS alumna **Tiffany Chang Lawson '07** recently received the Philadelphia 76ers Game Changer Award in recognition of her role as executive director of the Pennsylvania Governor's Advisory Committee on Asian Pacific American Affairs.

**Eric Welsh '84**, of Atlanta, Ga., is global operations vice president at the Coca-Cola Company.

**Michael Barnes '85**, of Hagerstown, Md., is celebrating 18 years in the insurance business with Senior Benefit Services.

**Kathryn (Vitas) Hann '85**, of Wind Gap, is a special products coordinator at Victaulic Company.

**Scott Smith '86**, of Myerstown, is vice president at ML Ebersole Abstract, LLC.

Justin Wayns '86, of Huntington Beach, Calif., started a small computer network consulting firm called OC Computer Solutions and is seeking new clients in southern California. He continues to make three mission trips a year to help the San Carlos Apache Tribe in Arizona.

Andrew Ribaudo '89, of Columbia, Mo., returned to the United States in 2016 after spending five years in London as chief financial officer of Lloyd's Syndicate. He is currently CFO of Missouri's largest workers' compensation carrier.

### 1990s

Lynda (Brown) Gullett '90, of

Bozeman, Mont., is an R.N. transition care coordinator manager for Welcov Healthcare.

Alissa (Hannity) Bridgeman '91, of Johnstown, Colo., is a stay-at-home mom of two. She and her husband, Mark, will celebrate 17 years of marriage this year.

**Dorothy Butterson '91**, of Lugoff, S.C., is a tax accountant at Medical Services of America, Inc.

**Jeremy Drane '91**, of Savage, Minn., is the cryptocurrency executive chief commercial official at Libra Tech.

**Shasha Jones '93**, of Philadelphia, is a psychotherapist, behavioral specialist, and brain injury specialist at Regal Community Consultants, LLC. She owns her own company that provides services to autistic adults, clients with intellectual or developmental disabilities, and holds individual and group therapy for mental health patients, veterans, substance abuse patients, and trauma patients.



**U.S. Marine Corps Cadet Jason Fung '14** and a team of cadets from West Point competed in the annual Sandhurst competition, a grueling mental and physical test in which teams of cadets from West Point, some ROTC units and some international cadets participate.



Austin Padmore '17,

who attends Shippensburg University, earned the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Freshman of the

Year award. He won the 800-meter run at the PSAC Championships with a time of 1:54.03. He participated in the 4x400 and 4x800 relay, finishing second and fourth, respectively.

**Brian Wright '93**, of Harrisburg, is an asset manager in the criminal law division of the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General. He has two daughters and has been married for 12 years.

**Russell Ames '94**, of Albuquerque, N.M., earned project management professional certification in December 2017 and plans to retire from active duty in the U.S. Army in March 2019.

**Claudia (Quirama) Hofsass '94**, of Hershey, is a para-educator at Lower Dauphin School District.

Kathryn Casey '95, of Newport Beach, Calif., is expecting her fifth child in August. She also hosts one of iTune's highest rated shows, "Reality Life with Kate Casey."

**Brad Hicks '96**, of Ingram, was recently hired as a key accountant manager for Beijer Electronics, Inc. He also graduated summa cum laude from Strayer University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in marketing.

Matthew Hedrick '99, of Conway, S.C., is assistant manager of the cafeterias of Horry County Schools in South Carolina. He and his wife, Rachael, are the proud new owners of Smokin' Pitt BarBQ and will be celebrating their 16th wedding anniversary on Sept. 21. They have two daughters, Emily, who is 12, and Kayla, age 10.

### Jileen Rodriguez-Harkins '99, of

Scotland, U.K., works in IT project management at Harkins Design & Analytics.

### 2000s

**Eudora (Tootsie) Johnson '00**, of Clifton, N.J., works in Human Resources for Eisai Inc.

**Carly Gates '03**, of Elkridge, Md., started her own business, Elevated Electrolysis, where she is a licensed electrologist.

Maria (Lewis) Little '03, of Redmond, Wash., is a privacy manager for Microsoft.

**Megan Newman '03**, of Goldsmith, Texas, works as a special projects coordinator for PermiaCare. In addition, she is celebrating four years of owning and operating an RV Park in Odessa, and 10 years of marriage with her life partner, Jesse.

**Dustin Quercia '03**, of Swansea, Ill., is a 1st Lieutenant with the U.S. Army Reserve Military Police. He also served tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

**Kayla (Nunnery) Tipton '07**, of White Oak, N.C., is a sixth-grade teacher at Emereau Bladen Charter School. She is planning to go back to school to finish her master's degree.

**Denise (Rutherford) Hopkins '08**, of Norristown, is the director of strategic partnerships for J. Ambrogi Foods.

**Joseph Messmer '08**, of Conshohocken, is a diesel mechanic technician for SEPTA.

**Stephanie Brooks '09**, of Manheim, is engaged to be married to Luke Henry. She is a marketing manager for Woodstream Corporation.

### 2010s

**Cory Fitzgerald '10**, of Danville, is working full time as a server at Travel Centers of America and is working on his medical assistant degree.

**Maya Quarles '10**, of Surprise, Ariz., graduated from Temple Fox School of Business in September 2017 and is a dispute resolution specialist of e-commerce sales for Leslie's Pools.

**Kaitlin Banks '11**, of Philadelphia, finished school and is ready to begin an externship with an MHS graduate who helped her secure an internship at Jefferson Internal Medicine. She will take her medical assistant certification exam in late June. **Melissa Stingle '12**, of Hershey, graduated from Lancaster Bible College and works as a transitional living assistant for Milton Hershey School.

**Brett Warkoski '14**, of Lock Haven, is an engineer at Transport Custom Designs. He graduated from Penn College on May 11.

**Tazia Rice '15**, of Chester, graduated from Messiah College in May and will be a traveling recruiter for Messiah College.

**Nicole Faust '16**, of Coal Township, is an alumni relations intern for Milton Hershey School. She will be a junior studying anthropology and electronic media at Kutztown University in fall 2018.

**Gabrielle Lashley '16**, of Millville, N.J., graduated from community college in May with an associate degree in art education and plans to transfer to a four-year college to continue her education.

**Samson Arnold '17**, of Palmyra, is a fulltime student studying social work at Messiah College.

### Marriages

Marissa (Wolfe) Guarino '89, of Lutz, Fla., and Michael Guarino were married April 29, 2017.

**Jocelyn Laird '91** and Ben Myers, formerly of Pennsylvania, were married on Oct. 31, 2015, and recently moved to Henderson, Nev.

### Melissa (Goodfriend) Stenborg '07

and Michael Stenborg, of Pittsburgh, were married on Jan. 19. Melissa is the fundraising development coordinator at Pittsburgh CLO.

Di'Andra (Riddick) Hickson '08 of

# Willingboro, N.J., and Daryl Hickson were married April 28.

### Births

### Jasmine (Huertas) Rodriguez '05

and Louis Rodriguez, of Lancaster, welcomed their first son, Leo, on Nov. 11, 2017. They were married on June 17, 2016.

**Julia Vinkavich '11**, of Manheim, had a son in April 2017. She is a store manager at Speedway.

### Deaths

Walter Berberian '39, of Sarasota, Fla., Oct. 19, 2017

Ralph Boettger '40, of Lehigh Acres, Fla., Nov. 10, 2017

Nello Fratti '40, of Elizabethtown, Jan. 19

Harry Hurt '40, of Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 17, 2017

**Richard Wolf '40**, of Deming, N.M., Dec. 25, 2017

Cliff Ainsworth '42, of Lebanon, June 3

**Darrell Blizzard '42**, of Glenelg, Md., April 22

**M. Lee Kinnaird '43**, of Richmond Heights, Ohio, Dec. 11, 2017

George Ober '46, of Manheim, Nov. 27, 2017

Allen Sudbury '46, of Palmyra, March 5

Alvi Voigt '46, of State College, Sept. 30, 2017

Glenn Baugher '48, of Hershey, Oct. 15, 2017

Cortland Smith '48, of Harrisburg, Oct. 23, 2017

Kenneth Altland '49, of Hollywood, Fla., Dec. 19, 2015



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**Donald Newton '49**, of Silver Spring, Md., March 21

Joseph Pope '50, of York, March 20

Paul Rossman '50, of Ocala, Fla., Dec. 27, 2015

**Charles Stoner '52**, of Hummelstown, March 4

Wayne Hapner '53, of Las Vegas, Nev., May 7

James O'Donnell '53, of Havertown, May 7, 2017

Herbert LePore '54, of Silvis, Ill., Jan. 12, 2016

Robert Benshoff '55, of San Diego, Calif., Dec. 6, 2016

Calvin Reed '55, of Harrisburg, Nov. 13, 2017

Richard Allen '56, of Baltic, Ohio, Jan. 31, 2017

John Stanczak '56, of Gilbertsville, Nov. 14, 2017

**Leo Willman '56**, of West Hempfield Township, April 14

George Bodfish '58, of Boynton Beach, Fla., May 14

Sherwood Gehris '59, of Lebanon, Tenn., Oct. 25, 2017

Robert Kuhn '62, of Charles Town, W.Va., Oct. 29, 2017

James Lurtsema '62, of Maricopa, Ariz., Dec. 20, 2017

Patrick Loughlin '63, of Huntingdon, Jan. 1, 2017

**Stuart Miller '64**, of Jenkintown, March 22

**Stewart Longacre '66**, of Collegeville, Feb. 28

Walter Livingston '67, Feb. 2

Gary Boughton '68, of Cowan, Tenn., March 6

Dennis Berning '69, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 17, 2017

Gary Weeks '69, of Marlton, N.J., Aug. 19, 2015

Daniel Calderon '70, of Palmyra, Oct. 26, 2017

Robert Nelson '70, of Lancaster, May 20

**Douglas Kriegel '71**, of Toledo, Ohio, March 19 Mark Farkas '73, of Cape May Court House, N.J., April 21

Daniel Lyons '73, of Wilmington, Del., March 17, 2012

Henry Robert '75, of Warrington, April 2, 2016

Bruce Pascucci '76, of Wilkes Barre, Sept. 20, 2016

Steven Cooke '77, of Ballard, W.Va., Sept. 21, 2015

Richard (Dick) Lewis '78, of Brownsburg, Ind., March 30

**Gregory Nader '80**, of Pataskala, Ohio, Nov. 25, 2015

**Kim Crawford '81**, of Spokane Valley, Wash., March 24, 2015

Jason Montgomery '03, of Culver City, Calif., March 17

Corri Estes '11, of Pittsburgh, April 6

**Timothy "Mark" Wrightington '12**, of Jacksonville, N.C., Jan. 4

### **Retiree Deaths**

**George Alquist** died Jan. 12. He was a mechanical trades technician from 1973 to 1993.

**Betty Chatten** died Nov. 2, 2017. She was a food services worker and relief houseparent from 1977 to 1994.

**Grace Fisher**, widow of former MHS President **William "Bill" Fisher '50**, died May 9. Mrs. Fisher retired from the MHS Human Resources Department and was an honorary member of the MHS Alumni Association.

**Jerry Jones** died April 3. He worked at MHS from 1979 to 2017.

**William Parks '59** died April 25. He was a maintenance supervisor and then a houseparent with his wife, Bonita, and worked at MHS from 1973 to 2003.

**Paul Pollock** died March 25. He was a houseparent from 1957 to 1986.

**Ruth D. Russell** died Sept. 22, 2017. She was an English teacher and a librarian from 1968 to 1988.

### **2018 Commencement**

On June 10, the Milton Hershey School family celebrated the achievements of the Class of 2018 at the 84th Commencement Ceremony at Giant Center. Several graduating seniors addressed the class as featured speakers and MHS President Pete Gurt '85 and 2018 Alumna of the Year Wendy MacClinchy '92 provided remarks.



The MHS community celebrated the accomplishments, victories, and growth in and out of the classroom of 218 new graduates.

When MHS students graduate, they join a network of nearly 8,000 living alumni who proudly call each other family. No matter where our graduates go, they can always count on the support of the MHS community.

Visit mhskids.org to view more photographs and watch videos from Commencement weekend.

# **CLASS OF 2018**



# Best wishes to members of the Class of 2018

# CLASS OF 2018 WHERE ARE THEY GOING?

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**COMMENCEMENT '18** 

OF GRADUATES ARE STAYING IN PENNSYLVANIA

AFTER GRADUATION

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- MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY
- PENN STATE UNIVERSITY
- KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY
- PENN COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
- SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY
- HARRISBURG AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

### Homecoming 2018 – Sept. 20-23

While Founders Hall is closed for renovations, Milton Hershey School Homecoming 2018 will feature all of the traditional programs and a special dedication ceremony.

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Homecoming brochures will be mailed and online registration will open in July.

Until then, make your reservation for lodging now; rooms fill fast, and there will be other large events in Hershey the same weekend as MHS Homecoming.

Your best sources for Homecoming information:

• Spartan Minute e-newsletter – emailed to alumni each Tuesday

• MHSAlum.org, the MHS Alumni Relations web site

• MHS Alumni Crib Sheet – a free app available at mycribsheet.com/mhs-pa.



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### Alumni Calendar

### August '18

- 12 MHS Alumni Association Board Meeting
- 15 Homestead Chapter Picnic

### September '18

13	Central Pennsylvania Alumni Celebration honoring Mr. Hershey's Birthday
21-23	Homecoming 2018
21	Spartan Hall of Fame Induction
22	MHS Alumni Association Annual Business Meeting
23	MHSAA Memorial Grove Service

### October '18

1 Deadline for Alumnus of the Year and Alumni Achievement Award Nominations

### November '18

- 10-11 Journey of Our Lives Program for Alumni and Select Seniors
- 11 MHS Alumni Association Reorganizational Meeting

### **December** '18

- 1 Philadelphia Chapter Christmas Party
- 5 Elementary Division Christmas Party with Alumni
- 31 Deadline for Spartan Hall of Fame Nominations

### April '19

- 12-14 Fellowship Weekend
- 12 Career Day
- 12 Alumni-Senior Fellowship Dinner

For details about the events listed, contact the MHS Alumni Relations Department at 888 MHS ALUM (647-2586) or 717-520-2030; or the MHS Alumni Association at 800-292-4647 or 717-520-2045 or email mhsalum@mhs-pa.org alumnimhsaa@comcast.net

