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## Dear Milton Hershey School Family:

It's rare that I go days without remembering all that Milton Hershey School has done for me. In fact, I'm still very close with most of my family from my Class of 2012; and we look back at some of our favorite moments all the time. Whether comedic, challenging, or with gratitude, we always find ourselves appreciating our time there and how it helped us transcend to where we are today.

Throughout my 12 years at MHS with my older brother Andrew, I was not able to confirm exactly what my profession would be. In high school, my concentration was TV, Film and Media Studies (now the Electronic Media and Journalism career pathway) with Mr. (Ronald) Rickens and Mr. (Doug) Legore, back when I wanted to make movies. Those two were a tremendous help in my media development and some of my favorite teachers.

It wasn't until senior year when I honed in on my love for DJing. I grew up off the radio, loved music, and knew almost every host personality and DJ's name. Until this day, the number one DJ who inspired me to become a DJ is DJ Diamond Kuts. A female DJ from Philly who created energy and a dance vibe like no other, and with me being a heavy dancer, her style just hit home for me. Therefore, halfway through senior year, my mind was set, and my spirit was sparked on pursuing a career in radio broadcasting and becoming a professional DJ. I honestly felt passionate about creating a positive feeling and experience for audiences that was contagious and inimitable.

It would be an understatement to say that this year's Opening of School Assembly was one of, if not the best, moments I have shared at MHS, even as an alum. I felt like I would always return to share my story or give back in some way, but never could I have guessed that it would be so soon, just seven years after graduating. It was a true honor to be able to showcase my skills and passions, and share my story with younger Milts on such a vast level. To be honest, it almost felt like a concert or festival. I was truly "in the moment," and I'll never forget it.

I look forward to returning for any endeavor I'm needed or that's requested of me. Once again, thank you Milton Hershey.

**Christopher Worsley '12**

*DJ for the 2019 MHS Opening of School Assembly*

## Thy Traditions Dear

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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As Milton Hershey School celebrates 110 years and counting, among the long-standing traditions incorporated into MHS curriculum is social and emotional learning, which supports the foundation for graduates of the school to become productive citizens of their communities. The Compass Project plays an important role in educating the whole child, and artwork related to how students and staff incorporate the MHS Sacred Values into their lives is featured in an exhibit at the Clyde Stacks Visual Arts Center Gallery. The exhibit was open to alumni and visitors during Homecoming 2019, and alumni had the opportunity to visit with houseparents, students, and staff who contributed to the exhibit. The exhibit will run through March 27, 2020.



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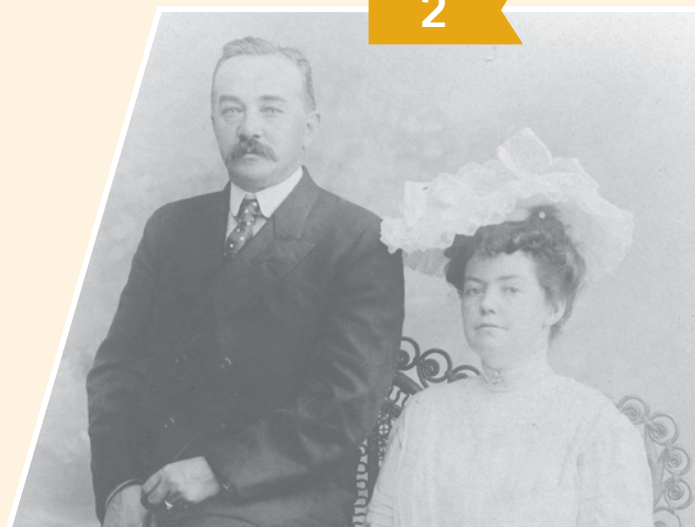
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# 110 Years and *Counting*

*By Susan Alger, MHS School History*

*Milton and Catherine Hershey shared a vision to help children in need and created a home and school 110 years ago. Thanks to their generosity, students have gone on to fulfill our founders' goal to lead happy, healthy, and fulfilling lives for over a century.*

After the Hersheys signed the Deed of Trust creating the school on Nov. 15, 1909, they left for Europe a few days later. A postcard from Catherine to Milton's mother dated Nov. 16 featured a photograph of the Waldorf Astoria hotel on the front with this message: "Leaving here Tues for our boat ride. Hope you keep well. Love too Kitty." Because George and Prudence Copenhaver already were in place to run the school, the Hersheys knew things were in good hands.

Widespread news of Mr. Hershey's 1918 creation of the trust became

known publicly in 1923. He gave his reasons for starting the school in the Homestead and his vision of what the school should be to the Literary Digest. "I was successful in business because I had opportunities. When the opportunities came, I took them. I want to make these boys who started poor have opportunities too. I always had the idea of having a farm for boys in the old homestead. I was born in a farmhouse a mile across country, and for 10 years or more I have thought of filling it up with orphan boys. That's the right place for a boy to start—on the farm."

## Innovations of Milton S. Hershey

Milton Hershey was fascinated by new inventions and ideas, and actively sought to bring the latest innovations to his business, community, and school.



### Technologies and Curiosities

Likely motivated by his wife's decline in health, Milton Hershey showed interest in medical advancements and inventions. One such invention purchased by Hershey was the "Electric Bath," a phototherapy treatment apparatus designed by the founder of Kellogg's cereal that bears a resemblance to the modern-day tanning booth.

### A New Approach to Marketing

As early as February 1900, Milton Hershey began his effort to promote milk chocolate sales by bringing to Lancaster what is reputed to be the first electric automobile



ever used for business purposes. He used the automobile, a Riker Electric, to both advertise his business and deliver his product. The unique nature of the vehicle prompted a local newspaper to describe it as "sure to attract much attention."



were circulated around the country to spread awareness of the Hershey brand.

Between 1909 and 1918, as part of a national marketing effort, Milton Hershey inserted actual photo postcards into his chocolate bars. Each bar was wrapped with one of a series of 20 fanciful collector "bar cards" that advertised the fresh, wholesome ingredients of chocolate, the sanitary nature of the chocolate-making process, and the beauty of the model town of Hershey.

In 1915, Milton Hershey commissioned a series of 28mm films from a cutting-edge Hollywood film production company to document the making of chocolate and the scenery and opportunities of his utopian town. These films





*Being an alum of MHS means that you have the responsibility to make the most impact you possibly can in other people's lives.*

The announcement of the opening of the school appeared in many newspaper articles in the region. News of the new school planned by the “well-known chocolate king” was published in the Lebanon Courier Semi-Weekly. “M.S. Hershey, the chocolate manufacturer, of Hershey, believes in doing his works of charity while he is living.” Although one news article wrongly reported there were two schools planned, one for girls and one for boys, they all described the plans for the school. The Hershey Press featured a photograph of the Homestead and

the Harrisburg Telegraph described the school as a “noble charity of one of the nation's good men.” Mr. Hershey's foresight was highlighted in one article as being “along the line of everything that is done at Hershey—provision is made for the future.”

The first students, two sets of brothers, arrived at the Homestead on Sept. 3, 1910. The mother of Irvin and Nelson Wagner brought her sons and talked with Milton Hershey, who said he was glad they were there. Mrs. Wagner visited her sons every month and often talked with Mr. Hershey on the big front

porch of the Homestead. He praised the boys, and Mrs. Wagner considered Mr. Hershey to be a good friend.

Every student who has gone through Milton Hershey School is part of the school's 110-year legacy and the living heritage of our founders, Milton and Catherine Hershey. Milton Hershey described this thought in 1943 to a reporter from the Elizabethtown Chronicle: “A writer some time ago said that the boys of the school would be my monument. They are my living monument, and I take my hat off to them.”



### Architectural Marvels

To create jobs for his community during the Great Depression, Milton Hershey embarked on an ambitious project called “The Great Building Campaign.” Much of

the notable architecture that defines Hershey today was constructed then, including the Hershey (now Hersheypark) Arena, the Community Building and Theatre, and The Hotel Hershey. The definitive style of these buildings was inspired by Milton Hershey's world travels.

### The War Effort

The Hershey Chocolate Company developed the “Field Ration D Bar,” commissioned by the United States military, for distribution to soldiers as a nutritional food source. Similarly, “Hershey's Tropical Chocolate” was developed to withstand the heat of certain war-zone climates without melting or spoiling.



### Milk Chocolate for All

Always keen to experiment with new technology, Milton Hershey purchased a suite of chocolate-making machinery from Germany that he saw on display in Chicago at the 1893 Colombian Exposition.

Hershey's Chocolate was the first milk chocolate manufacturer to employ an innovative pricing model in the sale of its products, making the delicacy of milk chocolate financially accessible to all. Milk chocolate was once considered a luxury only available to wealthy consumers, but Hershey's affordability was key to its widespread success.

### Philanthropic Pioneer

The greatest and most innovative legacy of Milton and Catherine Hershey is their school. The Deed of Trust established the Hershey Industrial School and laid the groundwork for its past, present, and future success. As we celebrate 110 years of helping children in need, we are fortunate that the foresight of our founders will enable the school to continue their mission in perpetuity for the next 110 years and beyond.

## New Career Pathway Benefits Students' Career Goals

The Milton Hershey School Career and Technical Education program kicked off the school year with a new career pathway—Education and Human Services. Twelfth in a group of technical training tracks

intended to provide hands-on learning that aligns with current job market demands, the pathway focuses on professions within the education and human services industries. MHS added the career pathway in response to job market research and student interest.

"This pathway is for anyone looking to pursue education or human services careers,

including work as a teacher, guidance counselor, psychologist, case manager, social worker, or anything related to these fields," said Jenny Slatt, Education and Human Services teacher.

Kya Han, an MHS sophomore, wants to pursue a career in elementary education. She appreciates the variety of experiences she will receive in the Education and Human Services track.

"This [pathway] will give me the tools to fulfill my dream," Kya said. "Even if I don't want to go into teaching and I want to go into social work, I will be able to do that. This pathway supports anything in human services and will look good on my college resume."

Besides traditional desks and tables, the classroom is designed to make learning come to life. Complete with an early childhood instruction area and a counseling corner outfitted with couches, end tables, and soft lighting, the classroom will enable students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a space that simulates an authentic work environment.



## MHS Community Inspired to BE GOLDEN at Opening of School Assembly

On Aug. 19, the Milton Hershey School community gathered to celebrate the start of a new school year. Students and staff were encouraged to "Be Golden" by living the Golden Rule, celebrating golden moments, and finding their golden opportunities, all in an effort to forge a golden future.

"Anyone can find the dirt in someone," said MHS President Peter Gurt '85. "Be the one that finds the gold."

The audience was asked to reflect on how they will choose to be golden this school year through inspirational videos and stories shared by students, staff, and alumni.

Woven through the assembly was the theme of kintsugi, the Japanese art of using gold to repair something that is broken and make it beautiful. A kintsugi artist, whose father-in-law graduated from MHS in 1958, shared her passion for the art and how it resonates with the MHS community.

"Our potential is almost always discovered and built during our toughest times," said President Gurt. "What we learn from the art of kintsugi is that sometimes falling apart is actually falling into place."

## Zac Brown Band Member Visits MHS Students

On Aug. 29, Zac Brown Band percussionist Daniel de los Reyes visited the Milton Hershey School high school band. He shared life lessons and music with students before performing at Hersheypark Stadium that evening, where he showed his Spartan pride by wearing an MHS football shirt on stage.

De los Reyes spoke to the 45 high schoolers about his musical experience. He was candid with students about his early failures before finding success in the music industry. His perseverance in the face of failure resembles that of MHS founder Milton Hershey.

"A lot of the time, I failed," de los Reyes said. "But I didn't let it overtake me. I used it to be better. When that feeling overcomes you, it's okay. Just get back up."







## MHS Eighth-Graders Learn from Freedom Writers

On Oct. 7, MHS eighth-graders learned about making positive choices during a presentation from original Freedom Writer speakers Cynthia Ray and Tony Becerra. Twenty-five years ago, the two speakers and their high school classmates gained national attention writing a best-selling book using diary entries about their own challenged lives. Their presentation, titled “Honesty, Good Decision-Making, and Literacy,” tied the writers’ personal experiences into the MHS Sacred Values and the idea of persevering through adversity.

“You are not a victim to your circumstances,” Ray said during the presentation after she shared stories from her childhood and becoming a student of Erin Gruwell, founder of the Freedom Writers Foundation.

The Freedom Writers Foundation is a nonprofit organization based in Long Beach, California. Gruwell established the foundation after teaching 150 at-risk students, who then continued on to graduate from high school, co-author the New York Times bestseller, “The Freedom Writers Diary,” and pursue advanced education. Gruwell and these former students now do outreach among various communities around the world.

“I’ve been in thousands and thousands of schools all around the country,” Becerra shared prior to the presentation. “I have never seen a school as dedicated as Milton Hershey School is to the well-being of the kids and to education.”



## Spartans Win 77th Annual Cocoa Bean Game

On Sept. 6, the Milton Hershey School Spartans shut out the Hershey Trojans with a final score of 20-0 at the 77th annual Cocoa Bean game. The MHS community came together to support our team, marching band, cheerleaders, and coaches. We are proud to #BringHomeTheBean again!



## MHS Welcomes New Students, Reaches Record Enrollment

On Aug. 26, MHS welcomed 108 new students on Enrollment Day. Their arrival brings school enrollment to a record-setting 2,189 students—the largest number of students to attend MHS in its 110-year history.

New students were accompanied to their first day as MHS students by their parents/sponsors, family, and friends who enjoyed a day-long event created to celebrate the students’ enrollment milestone.

Growing the student body is part of MHS President Pete Gurt’s 2020 Vision strategic plan, which upholds the mission and vision of founders Milton and Catherine Hershey by cultivating strength of character and delivering a top-notch education; expanding our mission; and igniting staff engagement and exceptional performance. MHS is committed to expanding its enrollment to 2,300 students over the next few years to provide an excellent and nurturing home-life environment to more children from across the country.



# BE GOLDEN



## A Note from the MHS President

Dear Alumni Brothers and Sisters:

**W**e are in the midst of another school year, our 110th to be exact, and there is excitement on campus. We welcomed 325 new students to campus in August, bringing our enrollment to a record-setting 2,189—the largest in our School's history.

At this year's Opening of School Assembly, Milton Hershey School staff, students, and alumni shared what it means to Be Golden. They incorporated their golden moments, showcased how they live by the Golden Rule, and reflected on their golden opportunities.

Gold has been a significant part of our Milton Hershey School story. Mr. and Mrs. Hershey insisted that the Golden Rule be hung in student homes. Our colors are Brown and Gold. Brown keeps us grounded—to never forget who we are and where we came from. Gold keeps us reaching, dreaming, and growing to build a better version of ourselves every day.

Woven into the assembly was the theme of kintsugi, the Japanese art of using gold to repair something that is broken and make it beautiful. A kintsugi artist, whose father-in-law

is MHS alumnus Edward Clyde Miller '58, shared her passion for the art and how it resonates with the MHS community. What we learned from kintsugi is that sometimes falling apart means falling into place. It teaches us to not get stuck in our brokenness but to heal and become an even more beautiful and unique version of ourselves.

As Spartans, we are bonded through our shared experiences. For many of us, attending MHS was the golden opportunity in our lives that enabled us to forge a brighter future. We have Mr. and Mrs. Hershey to thank for that but we have one another to continue to inspire and remind each other to pay forward the opportunities we received.

I encourage you to join our students and staff as we aspire to Be Golden, live by the Golden Rule, celebrate golden moments, and find our golden opportunities—all in an effort to live our founders' vision and be the best versions of ourselves.

Sincerely,

**Peter G. Gurt '85**  
*MHS President*

## Milton Hershey School Student Takes Third Place in Diversity Essay Contest



Photo courtesy of Dauphin County Commissioner Mike Pries

**O**ver the summer, Milton Hershey School rising fifth-grader Iziah Lara was recognized for taking third place in the 2019 Dauphin County Cultural Diversity Essay Contest. Iziah's essay answered the question, "How does diversity make our world a better place?" His essay spoke about how diversity teaches him to accept everyone.

"By winning this award, it makes me feel like I've inspired people," said Iziah. "We're all different, and we can help people who are different from us."

Approximately 400 children ages 6 to 18 entered the contest. Iziah won for the age 6 to 10 category. He received a certificate and prize for his accomplishment from Dauphin County Commissioner Mike Pries who came to Iziah's student home to give him his award.

### Diversity

Imagine having all the same toys? It would be hard to have fun. Have you ever heard about diversity? Well, diversity is differences in people in almost everything they do. Diversity shapes the world and makes it better. It makes me happy because I can see my friends and hang with them. It teaches me to accept everyone.

Diversity allows me to see differences all around me, but to accept them. I hang with my Nigerian friend Malikai. I am Dominican, but I still hang out with them. That is diversity in a simple way. We all come from different places but are friends.

In conclusion, diversity is something I care about. If you really think about it, you would not be alive if it wasn't for diversity. Diversity to me is being able to get along with others that are different than me. This makes me a better human.



## Building a Brighter Future for Myself

*By Riley, an MHS junior*

I chose to attend Milton Hershey School because I was determined to build a brighter future for myself. I wanted to attend a school where I could get a better education, and this was an amazing opportunity to take a step forward and see where I could go.

When I arrived freshman year, I planned to focus on my school work. I quickly discovered I still had plenty of free time after school, so I took full advantage of some new extracurricular opportunities. At the encouragement of friends, I decided to try playing the clarinet in the marching band. What made this choice interesting is that I had never played an instrument before! My teachers gave me lots of support in learning how to play notes, read music, and march with a group.

I had so much fun with outdoor marching band that I decided to join indoor marching band. This is a competitive discipline, and routines include more dance-like choreography. It was an exciting year for us because our indoor band made it all the way to states—and won first place! I definitely was able to make new friends and learn to work as a team through my participation in both marching bands.

From a classroom-learning perspective, MHS has enabled me to dream big for my future. The school's academic opportunities have sparked my interest in the field of law, public safety, and security. Through the MHS Career and Technical Education program, I am taking specialized classes and gaining hands-on experience with law and criminal justice. I even participated in the SkillsUSA Championships, a competitive event that showcases the best career and technical education students in the nation. I was proud to be part of a team focused on CSI that won states and advanced to nationals. It shows how far hard work and preparation can get you! I know I will find my own bright future as a criminologist thanks to the education I am getting here at MHS.

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## Learning through Experiences

*By Elijah, an MHS sophomore*

I first heard about Milton Hershey School from a TV commercial I saw during my sixth-grade year, and from that point on, I was hooked. The idea of a school that could help me—a person trapped, struggling in the chains of poverty—achieve something greater, really made me hopeful. As I learned more about MHS, I discovered a deeper fascination with the idea that I could one day be a proud student ... and now I am!

I am one of three brothers, and my mom fell in love with the opportunities this school could provide to our entire family. My siblings Jonah and Daylan soon saw the many benefits of MHS and followed in my footsteps to Hershey.

One of my favorite things to do on campus is work with animals. Currently, I work at the MHS Animal Center. When I am there, I work with goats, cows, and sheep. My favorite are the goats. Personally, I have learned so much about this job just from doing it. That is what I love about this school—instead of just sitting in a classroom all day, we go out and learn through experiences. Plus, I think working with animals teaches me responsibility and empathy.

When I graduate from Milton Hershey School, I want to study law. I know this because I take classes within a specific Career and Technical Education career pathway at MHS. Right now, I participate in the Law, Public Safety and Security pathway. I feel this track has put me head and shoulders above any other person my age.

This school has made me into something I am proud of—and no other school would have provided such incredible opportunities to get me there!

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# Coming *Full Circle*— How One MHS Alum Is Returning a Houseparent's Love

*By Maria Boyer, MHS Office of Alumni Relations*

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**W**hen Shirley Zimmerman—known to Milton Hershey School alumni as “Mom Martin”—first stepped into student home Jackson in 1966, little did she know that one of “her boys” would end up caring for her in her later years. Shirley’s first student graduated from MHS in 1975, and the last in 1982. Among those she “mothered” was Rodney Drake ’80. These days, she can be found living with Rodney and his wife Roma in their Dillsburg home.



*“They’re amazing. Their impact can be felt for the rest of your life, as is the case with me and my Jackson brothers. Houseparents play a role like no one else in our lives. They provide the daily guidance and support needed to deal with the everyday issues of being away from home.”*

—Rodney Drake '80



Rodney talked about the value of houseparents: “They’re amazing. Their impact can be felt for the rest of your life, as is the case with me and my Jackson brothers. Houseparents play a role like no one else in our lives. They provide the daily guidance and support needed to deal with the everyday issues of being away from home.”

Talking specifically about Shirley, Rodney said that the key to her success as a housemother was the relationships she built with the boys’ parents and sponsors. “It was important to her and Pop Martin to share the good and bad with our parents and sponsors so they could intervene where needed. I think the real reward for houseparents is some years later when the light goes on in our heads and we realize all the hard work they put in for us.”

In May of this year, Shirley—now age 92—blacked out and fell. After some time in the hospital and a rehabilitation center, her doctors determined she could no longer live alone and no longer drive. When a short stay with a relative did not work out, she called Rodney and Roma asking for help. They welcomed her into their home on July 1.

Rodney and Roma’s relationship with Shirley has always been strong. She played the organ at their wedding in 1991, is a grandmother to their children,

and is respected by their family as a key influencer in Rodney’s growth. While his biological mother is still active in Rodney’s life, Shirley is someone he would call over the years for advice and guidance when he had a difficult decision to make, and as she aged and some chores became more difficult for her, Rodney and some of her other “boys” stepped up to lend a hand.

In addition to Rodney, Shirley remains in contact with his brother, Roger Drake '79, as well as Mike Black '79 and Jim Black '75. “The four of us used to get together at her house once or twice a year and do the outside chores she wasn’t able to do,” Rodney said. “While we did the chores, our wives helped Mom make dinner. We would eat, laugh a lot, and Mom would break out the same hymnals we had in [student home] Jackson, and she would play the piano and we would sing for a while.

“When my brother Roger and I get together, Mom is always with us,” he continued. “This summer we had a pool party at Roger’s, and Mike and Jim showed up to surprise her. Several honorary alumni also reach out to Mom often to check on her well-being, including Anne Reigle, Louise Swartzbaugh, and Connie Jennings.”

Shirley herself is an honorary member of the MHS Alumni Association. When inducted in 2010, she explained that as a houseparent, it was important to her that the guardians of her more than 140 students understood that when they made the decision to enroll them into MHS, it was a transition from home to a place where the children truly had a second mother—a mother who would care for and nurture them.

Nowadays the caring and nurturing fall back on Rodney and Roma. “My wife is the primary caregiver,” Rodney said. “She makes sure Mom looks good when going out with friends, and she is able to keep Mom in line better than I am. She also makes a point to give Mom a hug and a kiss every morning and every night.” He does his part as well. “I run Mom to all her doctors’ appointments and take her to church on Sundays.”

Rodney admitted that taking care of Shirley has its moments: “Since her fall, her balance and dizziness have gotten worse.” But reflecting, he concluded, “I feel that I am returning the love she gave to me and my Jackson brothers for all those years.”

## Milton Hershey and the Boy: 60 Years of Inspiration



U.S. Army intelligence and requested to be assigned to the Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives (MFAA) Section during World War II. As one of the Monuments Men, he helped save cultural treasures from the destructiveness of war and theft by the Nazis.

One recurring question over the last 60 years is the identity of the boy. Robert Beitzel '41 served on the alumni committee and became friends with Hancock. Beitzel wrote a booklet about the statue process and addressed this question:

*“Who is the boy in the statue? This is a question often asked and one I can answer. Upon visiting Walker in Gloucester, Massachusetts as he was making the 1/2-size model ... I made sure he had a photograph of me as a small boy (in shorts). This was the photo the school had taken of each of us when we were at the Departments in the early '30s. I wanted to be the boy in the statue. This was not an unusual request for me to make of the sculptor, who was now my friend. Walker very politely informed me that he had specifically requested the school—who was supplying him with every photograph of M.S. they could find—not to send him any photos of boys' faces. This statue of a boy would be a composite of every boy he had ever known, and would in no way be the face or body of any specific Milton Hershey School boy, but, hopefully, the face and figure of every boy who ever had been enrolled in the school.”*

The famous bronze statue of Milton Hershey with his arm around a student, “Milton Hershey and the Boy” was commissioned by the MHS Alumni Association and presented to the school on the 50th anniversary of its founding in 1959. Originally installed in Old Senior Hall in October 1960, the statue has been in its current location in the Founders Hall Rotunda since August 1970.

The statue was created by eminent New England sculptor Walker Hancock. Hancock is best known for his work at the 1939 World's Fair, the Pennsylvania Railroad World War II Memorial at 30th Street Station in Philadelphia, and the World War I Soldiers' Memorial in St. Louis, Missouri. Hancock served in the



## Thank You to Our Donors

The MHS Heritage Center at Kinderhaus recently received a class ring donation. What makes this ring special is that it represents the first year class rings were given and is the oldest in the collection. The 1936 ring belonged to Harold Mountz.

Also, thank you to the following people for contributing other artifacts and memorabilia:

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## Why the Spartans?

Before the Hershey Industrial School Junior-Senior High School opened in 1934, HIS students attended Hershey High School. The Hershey public school team was first referred to as Trojans in the *Chocolatier* yearbook in 1932.

When the new Junior-Senior High School opened, the first football team was coached under the leadership of Ralph Hoar, Alfred Gible, and William Landis. In its first game, the team played to victory over previously undefeated Hummelstown, with a score of 6-0. Because there was no league for private schools that first year, the Spartans displayed their spirit and athleticism when playing teams of older students from Stevens Trade School in Lancaster and their own HIS alumni. They ended the season with a record of seven wins, one loss, and one tie, and scored a total of 132 points. For the second season in 1935, the team played in the Central Pennsylvania Trade School Conference and tied Williamson Trade for second place.

Many people ask when the Spartan became the official HIS mascot. Articles about various sports teams for the 1934-35 academic year in the student-written and produced *School Industrialist* refer to the teams as "The Brown and Gold" or "Pat's Passers." The term "Spartans" first appears in print in the October 1935 issue with coverage of the football games, and this explanation of the name: "The new name for the athletic teams is the 'Spartans.' It was selected by the popular vote of the student body."

In his 1962 doctoral dissertation, former Vice President and Headmaster Richard Rudisill questioned retired Junior-Senior High School Principal W. Allen Hammond about the Spartan name. Rudisill stated that, "The first football team was nicknamed 'The Spartans' because of its rugged and excellent power plays. 'So great was their fortitude,' said Hammond, 'backed by self-imposed, rigorous discipline, that

all opponents felt their undaunted spirit and all 'home boys' were proud to be called Spartans."

Although the official definition of Spartan supports Hammond's description as "rigorously self-disciplined or self-restrained" and "courageous in the face of pain, danger, or adversity," not everyone agreed with the name. Alumnus James Wolf '38 remembers that his ninth-grade social studies teacher objected to the Spartan name; Mr. Mumma felt that certain aspects of this ancient culture were not ones to be emulated. Wolf recollects Mr. Hammond coming to his classroom and having a chat with Mr. Mumma. Apparently, they worked through their differences and, except for one season missed in 1942 because of World War II, the Milton Hershey football tradition carries on with fortitude and undaunted spirit.

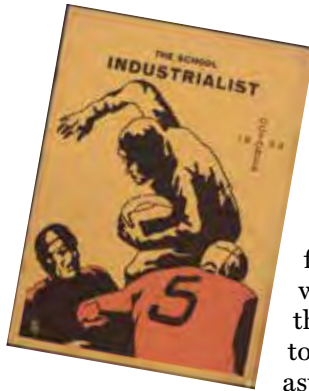






Photo by Marc J. Franklin

# Love of Performing at MHS Led Alumna to a Career in the Arts



Jocelyn wrote *"School Girls: Or The African Mean Girls Play,"* which had a successful run off-Broadway and is expected to run in 11 different regional theaters between now and 2020.

Photo by Craig Schwartz

Jocelyn Bioh '01 has always had a love of performing and knew from her time at Milton Hershey School that she belonged in the arts.

"My fondest memories were performing. I looked forward to every Parent Weekend show, with the New Horizons choir and dance performance," she shared. "I felt so alive and free. I loved, loved, loved it. It never felt annoying or like work—it's how I know I was meant to be in the arts."

After arriving at MHS in 1995 as a seventh-grader, Jocelyn became heavily involved in the Visual and Performing Arts program. Throughout her time on campus, she participated in dance, Varsity Choir, Gospel Choir, New Horizons show choir, and theater. She also was a cheerleader, participating on the competition cheer squad for one year.

Among her many MHS memories, Jocelyn points to one project she has never forgotten.

"There was one year, when I was a junior, I went with MHS to an International Thespian Society competition where we did a super creative seven-minute showcase version of 'The Lion King.' It was unique in that the cast was comprised of students from different departments of the VPA program, and we made all of our costumes and performed the whole thing in blacklight," Jocelyn recalled. "We all knew it was cool, but the reaction we received when we performed was magical. The audiences applauded for 10 minutes straight, and we were all so overwhelmed with emotion. I will never forget that feeling. It was one I didn't have again until my opening night on Broadway."



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In December 2014, a group of MHS students traveled to New York City to attend a performance of the Olivier and Tony Award-winning production of “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time,” in which Jocelyn was a cast member. After the performance, Jocelyn made time to join the students, MHS staff, and several other alumni for dinner. At the time, she talked about making sacrifices and working a variety of jobs to help pay the bills, while also trying to establish a career in the arts. In fact, she had worked as a hostess at the restaurant where the group dined that evening. Her persistence certainly paid dividends.

As Joceyln worked to build her career in the arts, she was signed in 2007

as a spokesmodel for The CoverGirl Queen Collection campaign. Her ad was featured in several publications, including Ebony magazine and Essence magazine. She also was featured in a nationally running Queen Collection commercial.

Currently a working actor and writer in film, TV, and theater, Jocelyn is working as a writer and co-producer for the mini-series adaptation of the best-selling book “AMERICANAH” for HBO-MAX. It will be starring Lupita Nyong’o.

She also has written for the Netflix shows “Russian Doll” (where she also guest starred as an actor) and Spike Lee’s “She’s Gotta Have It.” Her play “School Girls: Or, The African Mean Girls Play” had a successful run off-Broadway and is expected to run in 11 different regional theaters between now and 2020. Her newest play, “Nollywood Dreams,” will be produced off-Broadway in 2020.

When sharing her recent successes, Jocelyn credits the school with developing

her performance skills at a young age and notes how MHS helped shape her path—and continues to influence her professional life.

“School Girls’ was inspired from my time in boarding school at MHS, and that play changed my life,” Jocelyn shared. “MHS is woven into my professional life in a lot of ways!”

Jocelyn has returned to MHS for class reunion celebrations during Homecoming and continues to have a strong bond with friends she met at MHS. “The campus continues to grow and change, but the energy of the students there is always the same, which I always think is cool,” Jocelyn said.

After MHS, Jocelyn received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and theater from The Ohio State University and a Master of Fine Arts degree in playwriting from Columbia University. She looks back at her time at MHS fondly, and truly believes it helped give her the confidence to succeed.

“I learned so much about me as a person and the kind of woman I wanted to be. MHS made me a lot more assertive and outspoken,” she said. “I always want to be the best and do the best work I can. I know I learned that fighting energy from my years at MHS.”



**DANCE COMPANY:** *Front:* Jocelyn Bioh, Shaniqua Long, Jennifer Oda, Kylene Smith, Sokonie Freeman. *Back:* Laura Barth, Donelly Cabrera, Tieya Greene, Alexis Johnson.



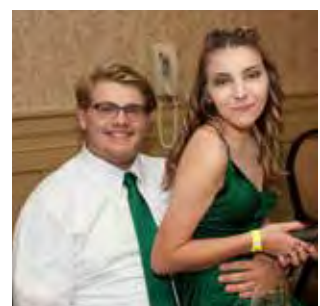
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## Applications Being Accepted for 2020 Career Expo



The 2020 Milton Hershey School Career Day for Senior Division students will coincide with Alumni Fellowship Weekend and will feature a Career Exploration Expo on Friday, April 3.

This provides an opportunity for alumni who work in careers that fall within the various Career and Technical Education pathways offered by MHS to showcase their career areas and informally meet with students and staff. The Career Exploration Expo is an opportunity for alumni to chat one-on-one with students and network with each other.

The following career pathways and other fields will be featured during the Career Exploration Expo.

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

We are able to accommodate no more than 40 participants, and we will make an effort to have several representatives from each career field. If you are interested in applying to participate in the Career Exploration Expo, please call the Alumni Relations Department at 717.520.2030 or complete an interest form online at [mshalum.org](http://mshalum.org).



## Alumni Connect Through Regional Alumni Events

The Milton Hershey School Alumni Relations Office and the Graduate Programs for Success Division host 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.

This year, alumni and their guests will be invited to events in various locations throughout the United States:

- Lancaster
- Atlanta, Georgia
- Philadelphia
- Phoenix/Tempe, Arizona
- Baltimore, Maryland
- Pittsburgh
- New York City
- Washington, D.C.

Invitations for regional alumni events are sent to alumni who live in areas where the events are held. Information also is published in the Alumni Calendar of Events online at [mshalum.org](http://mshalum.org). All alumni in good standing are invited to events of interest to them.

For details and reservation information about regional events, please call the MHS Alumni Relations Office at 717.520.2030 or email [MHSAlum@mhs-pa.org](mailto:MHSAlum@mhs-pa.org). Details about alumni events also are published at [mshalum.org](http://mshalum.org) under the events section.

## MHS Launches Regional Spartan Ambassador Program

The Milton Hershey School Alumni Relations Office hosted 27 alumni for an inaugural training program as it launched the Regional Spartan Ambassador Program on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 17 and 18. Working with Enrollment Management and Family Relations, alumni were invited to participate based on their proximity to counties and communities where children eligible for admission to MHS are being underserved.

Participants learned how they can assist with the challenges of recruiting today's students by assisting the MHS admissions counselors in their home communities.

The program began with the opportunity for alumni to interact with high school students and houseparents from student homes Tuscarora and Wyandot. The two homes hosted a picnic and outdoor activities for the alumni as their Community Day service project.

The ambassadors then spent the entire day Sunday with members of the EMFR and Alumni Relations staff, learning about the children we serve today, how MHS operates, and the vast opportunities offered to our students. Much of the day was spent discussing and educating these alumni about the entire EMFR process, including student selection simulation exercises and other activities designed to equip the ambassadors with the information they need to accurately represent their home—MHS—today.





## Milton Hershey School Inducts Top Alumni into 2019 Spartan Hall of Fame



Milton Hershey School honored its newest group of distinguished alumni on Friday, Sept. 27, when it inducted six alumni, an athletic team, a retired coach, and a retired music teacher into the Spartan Hall of Fame.

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.

### Athletic inductees:

- **Dave Hurdle '82** was a three-year football starter from 1979 to 1981. He was a team leader in tackles, assists, fumbles caused, and quarterback sacks. Dave was a member of the 1980 football team that won the Class A State Championship.
- **Charles Peterson '82** was an outstanding track and field athlete who earned gold medals for the 200-meter run at the district and state levels and set the MHS school and state records at the time. He also earned multiple gold medals in the 4x100 relay and the 4x400 relay.
- **Georgiana (Boima) Perryman '99** was an all-star athlete at MHS, having played field hockey and basketball

and participated on the track and field team all four years of high school. Her senior year, she was co-captain for all three teams and played on the All-Star Teams for field hockey and basketball. Her 4x100 relay team won gold at states in 1999.

- **The late Alfred "Al" T. Gibble** served as a teacher and coach at Hershey Industrial School and Milton Hershey School for 20 years. He was the head basketball coach from 1935 to 1950, and coached football from 1934 to 1950, both in the assistant and head coach roles. He became the HIS Athletic Director in 1950 and was the first MHS Director of Student Home Life.
- **1982 Boys' Track and Field Team** won the Capital Area Conference championship, the District 3 championship, and the AA state championship. They were led by head coach Bob Schelhorn and assistant coaches Leroy Galloway and Lew Webster.

### Visual and Performing Arts inductees:

- **Ron Moll '85** was a member of the Spartan Players, a writer and actor for Spartan Players Children's Theatre, and served as president of the Spartan Chapter of the International Thespian Society. He also participated in the

MHS Glee Club and went on tour with the group in 1985.

- **Alexander Dissinger '09** distinguished himself as a leader during his time at MHS and performed with New Horizons, Spartan Marching Band, Chapel Choir, and in the Family Weekend shows.
- **James Stankunas '11** sang with New Horizons, Varsity Choir, Praise Band, Gospel Choir, and Susquehanna Youth Chorale during high school but started with band in elementary school. While in high school, he participated in choir at the county, district, and regional levels, and was selected to perform with the All-State and All-Eastern Choirs. He also was nominated for a Hershey Theatre Apollo Award for his role as Huck Finn in "Big River" and went on to the National High School Music Theatre Awards in New York City.
- **Cristal Sheaffer**, retired music teacher, taught at the elementary and senior high levels, led New Horizons and Senior Choir, and produced the Parent Weekend shows. She was the CORE Educator of the Year in 2016, the WGAL Rotary Teacher Impact Award winner during the 2016-17 school year, and led New Horizons in its performances for U.S. Congressmen and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Nominations for candidates to be considered for 2020 induction are due by Tuesday, Dec. 31. Nomination instructions can be found online at [mhsalum.org](http://mhsalum.org).

## Thirty MHS Lifers Gather for Traditional Photo at Homecoming

Alumni who came to Milton Hershey School in first grade or earlier—MHS Lifers—are invited each year to participate in a group photograph. The 2019 photograph was taken prior to the Homecoming Banquet on Sept. 28. The names of MHS Lifers also are highlighted in granite at the Purcell Friendship Garden.



*MHS Lifers who participated in the 2019 annual photo included: front row, left to right, John Hanawalt '70, Kurt Haines '79, Harry Heath '60, Frank Kershner '68, Tom Grounds '69, Barry McClay '64, Gary Specht '64, Samuel Boore '64, Brett Warkoski '14, Kenneth Way '62, William Way '64, Leland "Ted" Cogdell '83, Nick Leitner '44, and Tom Clancy '87. In the back row, from left to right, Don Cross '89, William Whitehouse '60, Wally Confer '65, Francis Miller '62, Melissa (Woodruff) Metzger '02, Michael Black '79, Roger Drake '79, Rodney Drake '80, David Bowser '57, John Bowser '59, Jerry Clever '69, Sean Johnson '86, William Rampolla '79, Don Gates '69, Tiy Fountain '89, and Melissa (Federinko) Alvarez '80.*



## Thank You, MHSAA Board Members

**T**hank you to the MHSAA Board members who served during 2019, many of whom gathered for a photo after the MHSAA Annual Business Meeting during Homecoming Weekend. Seated, from left to right, are Mel Horn '69 and Jack Swofford '73; standing in the front row, from left to right: Lorraine Romberger '83, ex officio member of the board, and Virgil Whitsett '81; standing in the back row, from left to right: Joe Aurelio '84, Al Leonzi '71, Jeff Sypolt '77, Terry Brubaker '66, John Foley '83, Mike Mulderig '71, Amanda DuCharme '13, John Conner '88, Paul Aurelio '84, John Long '83, and honorary member John Grab.

John Whitehead '71 was elected to serve another term as an MHSAA Board member. The board also welcomes, Mike Baer '76, John Foley '83, and Barbara Polk '84 who also were elected at Homecoming.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on an MHSAA committee, please contact the MHS Alumni Association Office at 717.520.2045 or [alumnimhsaa@comcast.net](mailto:alumnimhsaa@comcast.net).

## MHSAA President's Message

**H**ow is it possibly November? This year passed so swiftly, and yet I remember thinking in January that Homecoming was so far in the future. Well, Homecoming was in late September, and it was worth every bit of energy we poured into it. I know I speak for the entire MHS Alumni Association Board and every other person involved, that we truly hope you had a wonderful alumni year and an especially fantastic Homecoming Weekend.

As the 2019 MHSAA president, it was my job to man the rudder, set expectations, and help those appointed various tasks to be successful. I can easily state that this board stepped up and I couldn't be prouder of each of them.

It is with humility that I recognize the wonderful contributions of so many who have graciously given of their time, energy, and effort throughout the year to help our board and the association be so successful.

The officers of the board this year were all superb, embracing their roles while challenging the traditional norms. Through their dedication, we moved into the 21st century with online bookkeeping, banking, and mobile point-of-sale capability, and our communications and marketing pitches are tech savvy and delivered through new web and social media pages. Institutionally and organizationally, we grew through Spartan Social Clubs, strengthened our financial position with prudent investment, leveraged dependable and responsive legal counsel, and secured consistent documentation of our historical papers. Alumni living within traveling distance never cease to answer the call for mentors, coaches, or enthusiastic supporters whether it is talking about careers, reading books, giving mock interviews, attending sporting events, or just hanging out and telling stories about back in the day.

With the wise advice and understanding guidance of MHS Alumni Relations personnel Lorraine Romberger and Catherine Skena, we navigated every issue and planned for a more cooperative future between MHS, the MHS Board of Managers, and MHSAA. The new Dick Purcell Spartan Classic set a new fundraising record that benefitted both MHSAA and the Dearden Foundation. We hope to build on this joint fundraiser with the Dearden Foundation.

The MHSAA Board members and so many others who served our association this year demonstrated a true spirit of service and humility. As C.S. Lewis wrote, "True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less." Everyone associated with the board this year thought first of their brothers and sisters and placed alumni needs above their own.

As this year rolls to an end, I will celebrate our accomplishments, savor all the memories, and pass the torch to a fine leader who I know will lead us through our next chapter, Michael Mulderig '71.

Thank you all for your trust and support. May God bless our school, home, and alumni association.

**Jeff Sypolt '77**

*MHSAA President*



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## Spartan Social Club News

### San Francisco Bay Area Spartan Social Club

The San Francisco Bay Area club held its first social event, a luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Blue Mermaid Restaurant, the Argonaut Hotel's premier restaurant. The alumni dined on the patio, which provided ample opportunity to watch the Navy's Blue Angels perform as part of San Francisco "Fleet Week," the city's celebration honoring its close ties to the Navy.

The graduating classes of the alumni attending ranged from 1973 to 2018, and a major focus of their conversation was creating a support system for new grads who are either going to school or who want to go to school in northern California.

Among those attending were, from left to right: Alan Baxter '73, Karen and Rob Longenecker '73, Jared T. Ross '18, Rene Puliatti '81, and Derrick Mapp '82.



## MHSAA Announces Winners of Homecoming Raffle

Winning tickets for the Milton Hershey School Alumni Association's Homecoming Raffle were drawn during the 89th Homecoming Banquet on Saturday, Sept. 28.

The winners are:

- \$500 each: Ted Cogdell '83, William Palmer '65, Tim Rockey '75, and John Seesholtz '69
- \$1,500 each: Troy Hagains '86 and Janet Kolb
- \$10,000 split: John Derr, Ryan Derr, Cynthia Hanawalt, and Rob Hanawalt

## MHS Alumni Association Inducts Honorary and Special Members

The Milton Hershey School Alumni Association inducted two retirees as honorary members and one special member to the Honorary Member Chapter at the 89th annual Homecoming Banquet on Sept. 28. The new honorary members are former teacher, coach, and administrator, Cliff Ainsworth, and former visual and performing arts teacher, George Hollich. The special member is Dr. Thomas Davis, of Hershey.

For additional information about those honored, visit [mhsaa.org](http://mhsaa.org).

MHSAA welcomes nominations for honorary member consideration throughout the year. For nominating instructions, contact the alumni association at 717.520.2045 or visit [mhsaa.org](http://mhsaa.org).



## Alumni Memorialized During MHSAA Memorial Grove Ceremony

Nearly 80 alumni and MHSAA honorary members who died during the past year were remembered and honored at the annual Memorial Grove Ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 29 during Homecoming Weekend. All alumni are invited to this brief and poignant ceremony that follows the annual Homecoming Chapel Service.

The 2019 service featured music provided by the MHS New Horizons show choir and members of the Alumni Glee Club directed by MHS Music Teacher Andrea Kurnat, a duet by two MHS students, and a solo by Pastor Todd Wentworth.

Thank you to Pastor David Maitland '69 and MHS director of religious programs, Pastor Mike Wagner, for planning and coordinating the Sunday services.

If you learn about the death of a graduate, please share the news with the MHS Alumni Relations Office by emailing [mhsalum@mhs-pa.org](mailto:mhsalum@mhs-pa.org) or by calling 717.520.2030.

## Chapter News

### Harrisburg Chapter

In addition to its regular monthly meetings, the Harrisburg chapter hosted and/or participated in several recent events with MHS students.

On one of the hottest days of July, members provided, cooked, and served over 400 hotdogs and countless snow cones and cold drinks at the MHS Summer Fun Day pool party for the students on campus. The DJ and games made this a fun day for all.

On Aug. 24, chapter members worked with more than 25 students for Service Day at the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank in Harrisburg in the morning and at Caitlin's Smiles in the afternoon, with a picnic lunch at Fort Hunter in between. Unexpectedly, the group's host at Caitlin's Smiles was their board member Susan Grab, and her husband John Grab, an MHSAA honorary member. The service work went quickly and a good time was had by all!

And on Sept. 24, the chapter held its 11th annual wreath-laying at Mr. and Mrs. Hershey's grave site at Hershey Cemetery. Members also remembered and honored the children who passed away while students at MHS.

Additional activities included participation with several historic/specialty cars and alumni veterans in the Hershey Memorial Day parade, and the presentation of the Harrisburg Chapter Career and Technical Education award to senior Zachary Beard at the annual Alumni-Student Awards Brunch on May 17.

The chapter would like to have more alumni involved, so come on out and join us! Monthly meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

For more information about chapter activities or meetings, call John Hanawalt '70 at 717.421.0016.

### Homestead Chapter

The chapter extends its sincere gratitude to the alumni, students, and MHS family who made its Homecoming Spartanwear Sale a big success!



The chapter continues to host its monthly fundraising breakfasts on the first Saturday of each month, from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Dearden House, located at 109 McCorkel Road in Hershey. Everyone is welcome. The next breakfast will be on Saturday, Dec. 7.

The next student-related event will be the Elementary Division Christmas Party on Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 4-7 p.m. at Memorial Hall. Volunteers are welcome. If interested, contact chapter president, Jim Gould, at 717.580.5598.

The Chapter Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 14 at Purcell Friendship Hall at 5 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the MHS Guitar Ensemble.

### Honorary Member Chapter

The chapter met for its annual picnic on Aug. 22 at Camp Milton, and the members extend a big thank you to Warren Hitz and his sidekick, Jack Storm, for grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. Included this year were three guessing games that had people laughing at the way-off guesses. A record number of people attended on the record-hot day.

The next meeting was Nov. 19, and included a tour of the new MHS Safety and Security Building.

### Washington, D.C./Maryland/Virginia Chapter

The chapter will head to Canaan Valley Resort in Davis, West Virginia for Spartans in the Snow from Friday, Feb. 21 to Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020.

Canaan Valley Resort features a multiple-lane tube park, covered ice skating rink, up to 47 trails of skiing and snowboarding, spa, indoor pool, fitness room, game room and arcade, and a large lobby with fireplace and lounge area. The onsite food options include a restaurant, café, lounge, pub, campfires on the back lawn, and more. Ski lessons are available.

The chapter invites all alumni and guests to participate. To make a reservation, contact Canaan Valley and reserve your guest room using the "Milton Hershey School Alumni" room block discount. Call 800.622.4121, follow prompts for reservations, and book your room. Each room has two queen beds or one king bed. The rate is \$142 (including tax and fees) per night, and requires a two-night stay. If you are interested in finding a roommate to split the room cost, email [chris@mhsaadc.org](mailto:chris@mhsaadc.org).



## SAVE THE DATE

**Alumni-Senior Fellowship Dinner**  
**Friday, April 3, 2020**



## 1940s



**Anthony Perry '42**, of Parksburg, and **Carl Landeck '42**, of Wayne, were among the earliest graduates to attend Homecoming 2019.

**Laurence Fredrick '45**, of Charlottesville, Va., is a retired astronomer.

**Harry Kelly '45**, of Timonium, Md., moved to Mercy Ridge Retirement Home in 2016. He enjoys visits from his two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Lloyd Dietrich '48**, of Kilmarnock, Va., is a retired federal trial lawyer and former general counsel to the U.S. Postal Rate Commission. He reports that though he and his wife are no longer sailing the Chesapeake Bay, they are still healthy and mobile.

**Robert Sauder '48**, of Havertown, is still enjoying retirement.

**Adam Fisher '49**, of Smyrna, Del., is a graduate student in the Ph.D. program in American history at Walden University.

**Eugene King '49**, of Ephrata, is a retired electronics mechanic. He spends his summers at the Delaware seashore.

**Leonard Overton '49**, of Lynnwood, Wash., is retired. His wife passed away in 2015, and in August 2018 he moved into a retirement home.

**Wilbur Whitehouse '49**, of Pocono Pines, is retired, reports some health problems, but also says, "So far, so good. I'll call you when I kick the bucket."

## 1950s

**Karl Peters '50**, of Annville, is retired. His wife, Marian, passed away on July 12 after nearly 66 years of marriage.

**Charles Hess '51**, of Southern Shores, N.C., celebrated his 86th birthday on the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

**James O'Donnell '51**, of Somerset, celebrated 27 years in February as a checkout cashier at Walmart.

**Cloyd Bare '53**, of Lakeside, Ore., is "finally completely retired."

**Paul Taylor '53**, is a retired aerospace engineer. He and his wife, Judy, celebrated 60 years of marriage this year.

**James Murray '54**, of Warriors Mark, is retired from Agway Energy Corp. He and Beverly, his wife of 64 years, enjoy spending time with their three children and five grandchildren.

**John Thompson '54**, of Albuquerque, N.M., retired more than a decade ago from the State of California, where he was a criminal investigator.

**Aristide Adelizzi '55**, of Lancaster, is retired and welcomed his fourth great-grandchild in June.

**Frank Crosscup '56**, of Harrisburg, is enjoying his 20th year of retirement. He and his wife celebrated 52 years of marriage in June.

**George Schumacher '56**, of Perkasio, keeps busy in his retirement by working on his hobbies.

**Richard Adair '57**, of Manheim, is enjoying retirement and is proud of his four grandchildren who have graduated from college and are working toward their dreams.

**Raymond Capozucca '57**, of Pittston, retired in 2014 after 52 years as a partner-owner of Capozucca Bros., a plumbing, heating, and electrical contractor. He has seven grandchildren.

**James Goldman '57**, of Nazareth, is retired and recently had double open heart surgery.

**Ronald Hockenbrocht '57**, of Temple, Texas, is a retired CEO. He still enjoys playing golf, "but is not as good as before."

**George Hannold '58**, of Meriden, Conn., retired in 2010. He says a highlight of his past year was attending the 75th D-Day Anniversary at the D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Va., where Vice President Mike Pence was the keynote speaker.

**Charles Fridkin '59**, of Dallas, Ga., is retired as a vice president at J.P. Morgan Chase. He and his wife have been married 50 years and have four grandchildren.

## 1960s

**Peter Devries '60**, of Rochester, N.Y., is retired and continues to paint landscapes, still lifes, and self-portraits.

**Ralph Eckert '60**, of Martinsville, Ind., is the owner of All County Glass, a glass and glazing company. He says he is still looking for "that stranger I haven't met yet."

**Craig Ramsey '61**, of Chase City, Va., is retired and enjoys planting a garden.

**J. Warren Smail '61**, of Kittanning, is enjoying 15-plus years of retirement spending time with Judy, his wife of 55 years, at their camp in Clarion County. They have two children, four grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren.

**Douglas Smiley '61**, of Palmyra, is retired from Bethlehem Steel and working part time for Huntleigh Security. He has been married for 58 years and has five children, 13 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

**H. Irvin Davis '62**, of Newburgh, N.Y., is a retired motor coach driver. To celebrate 47 years of marriage this year, he and his wife, Joy, will travel by train to visit their children and grandchildren in Ilion, N.Y., Moses Lake, Wash., and Flagstaff, Ariz.

**Robert Eversberg '62**, of Florence, N.J., continues to enjoy his retirement.

**James Saulsgiver '62**, of Hollister, Fla., retired in May after 52 years as a truck driver. He and his wife, Anita, are now touring the country in their R.V.

**Pasquale DeFinizio '63**, of Sewell, N.J., retired in 2013 after 50 years of working in car dealerships. He now works part time as a consumer price analyst for Wakefern Foods/ShopRite. He continues to umpire high school softball games and is looking forward to celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife on a Viking Rhine River cruise.

**James Gahagan '63**, of Woodbury, Minn., retired from his position as vice president and senior lending officer at Union Bank and Trust. He spends his time outdoors at his northern Minnesota farm.



Members of the **Class of 1949** celebrated their 70-year reunion during Homecoming 2019. From left to right are Stan Wills, Graham McIntyre, Max Fahnestock, and Adam Fisher.

**Richard Krause '63**, of Somerset, Ky., retired from teaching at Somerset Community College on April 1. In March, Unsolicited Press published his second collection of stories, "The Horror of the Ordinary," and in April, Properties Press published his second collection of epigrams, "Eye Exams."

**Edward Rising '63**, of Mount Bethel, is a retired occupational therapist who stays active by hiking, walking, and kayaking at the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

**John Shappell '63**, of Dover, is retired. He has two children, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

**Richard Stewart '63**, of Clearfield, and his wife celebrated 51 years of marriage in March. Together they lead worship services in nursing homes and provide transportation for special needs children.

**Dalton Williams '63**, of Dover, Del., is fully retired. He and his wife of 37 years enjoy spending time with their three grandchildren. He had a pacemaker installed two years ago and broke his hip last year, but reports that he is "doing great."

**Michael Zackus '63**, of Lewistown, Mont., is a retired business owner. He and his wife have been married for 52 years; they have four children, ten grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He is an 18-month cancer survivor and is "still cancer free."

**Gary Herberg '64**, of Lebanon, is "retired and having fun."

**Clyde Moyer '64**, of Dover, Del., and his wife celebrated 50 years of marriage this year on Waikiki Beach in Hawaii.

**Glen Weaver '64**, of Lancaster, is the pastor of visitation at Grace Church Lancaster.

**John Chronister '65**, of McDonald, retired in 2006. He and his wife, Susan, who have been married for 42 years and have four children and seven grandchildren, like to travel. He is looking forward to his 55th class reunion in 2020.



membership organization, only honors two individuals annually. We are proud this year's honorees both have an MHS connection!

**Perry Dawson '65**, of Cabot, a teacher retired from the South Butler County School District, enjoys time with his grandchildren, traveling with his wife, conducting communion services at Concordia Lutheran Ministries, and volunteer teaching third to fifth grades at HIS Kids Christian School.

**Robert Hertig '65**, of Miami, Fla., is an architect who "finally retired after 44 years of building and designing." He has been married to his sweetheart, Marsha, for 47 years. Together they visit their local prison weekly "to encourage the guys." They also have been riding their motorcycles for 28 years with the Christian Motorcyclists Association.

**Gary Kuhns '65**, of Palmyra, Va., is retired from the Cunningham Creek Winery. He is looking forward to seeing classmates at the 55th class reunion next year and to celebrating 15 years of marriage to his wife, Rebecca.

**James Parshall '65**, of Sayre, is the owner and CEO of Lazy Dog Daze, a food service business, but he notes he is "pretty much retired and going fishing."

**Leonard Phillips '65**, of Pahrump, Nev., is enjoying retirement, noting that he's been blessed with excellent health. He and his wife, Kathy, have been married for 52 years.

## MHS Safety Director and Alumnus Receive Awards

MHS Senior Director of Campus Safety Rick Gilbert and alumnus **Shawki Lacey '92**, a local detective sergeant, were recognized for their industry expertise. The Central Pennsylvania chapter of ASIS International, the world's largest security management professionals

**Dick Ridgway '65**, of Portland, Ore., is the owner/operator of EZ-Cut Sharpening. He is "still single and happy, kids are educated and gone, apples and tomatoes are getting ripe, and elk season is coming—God is good!"

**Samuel Douthett '66**, of Butler, is a school transportation driver at Valley Lines. He will soon be a great-grandpa and is still helping veterans in need.

**Roger Fasnacht '66**, formerly of North Andover, Mass., recently retired as CFO of Belmont Industries. He and his wife, Annette, are celebrating 47 years of marriage. They made the move south and are acclimating to retirement living in Greenville, S.C. They enjoy overseas travel and visiting their daughter and two grandsons.

**Gary Hartman '66**, of New Orleans, La., is retired and enjoying time at the beach in Gulf Shores, Ala., with his wife of 20 years, Bonnie King.

**John Laskey '66**, of Apex, N.C., retired from GE in 1994 after 25 years of service and retired this fall from Infinite Computer Solutions as vice president of sales after 20 years of service.

**Barry Wilson '67**, of Salem, Ore., is retired.

**Fenton Harpster '68**, of Hanover, has been retired from Harley-Davidson for eight years. He and his wife celebrated 50 years of marriage this year. He keeps busy by going to the YMCA, playing golf, and helping with his six grandchildren.

**Michael McCarthy '68**, of Longmont, Colo., is a professional retiree. He and his wife celebrated 46 years of marriage in April and are the proud grandparents of three grandsons. He says, "Life is good. For the record, I do not miss the barn."

**Wesley McDowell '68**, of Sunset Beach, N.C., is a retired high school principal.

**David Zembower '68**, of Port Charlotte, Fla., is retired and enjoys golfing, fishing, and boating.



Members of the **Class of 1969** celebrated their 50-year reunion during Homecoming 2019.



**Ellwood Balliet '69**, of Farmington, N.Y., is retired. He and his wife have been married for 46 years. They have three children, five grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

**John Furmanak '69**, of Media, retired in 2018 after 42 years as a facility manager at First Quality Retail and Kimberly-Clark. He enjoys traveling, fishing, playing golf, and camping. He and his wife, Nancy, have one son, Tom.

**William Gilger '69**, of West Chester, is a retired union carpenter for Safeway Scaffolding. He is enjoying life by golfing, fishing, and spending time with his grandchildren.

**Denton Loy '69**, of Wasilla, Alaska, is the semi-retired owner of Sourdough Pawn & Gun, Inc. His daughter manages the business, but he says he can't quit "because just like in Pawn Stars, you never know what's going to walk in the door."

**Francis Peters '69**, of Hammond, N.Y., retired from farming and construction in 2019 and is enjoying a bit of travel and spending time on his property gardening, cutting wood, and hunting.

#### 1970s

**Henry Krause '70**, of Sewell, N.J., is a meat manager at ACME Markets. He and his wife have been married 45 years and have two sons and four granddaughters. They love to travel, and he hopes to retire next year.

**Stephen Baughman '71**, of Hanover, is retired. He has been married for 47 years, is a nine-year cancer survivor, and enjoys time with his three-year-old granddaughter.

#### MHS Alumnus Wears Same Shoes to Homecoming for 40 Years



MHS alumnus **Billy Bunn '79**, of Carbondale, attends Homecoming Weekend regularly. And so does the pair of shoes he wore when he walked across the stage in Founders Hall 40 years ago.



**Albert Leonzi '71**, of Edinboro, is a retired educator/administrator from the Wattsburg Area School District in Erie. He keeps busy as a board member of MHSAA, Kiwanis, and the Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Campus Ministry. He also is an AARP Smart Driver Program instructor, and volunteers at his church in several capacities, including as a choir member, religious education and confirmation instructor, reader, greeter, and Eucharistic minister.

**A. Scott McAdams '71**, of St. Augustine, Fla., is a retired architecture teacher. He has been married "for 42 great years." This year he drove to Colorado Springs to visit his son, grandchild, and brother, who he reports are all doing well.

**Thomas Rothert '71**, of Silver Spring, Md., recently welcomed a new grandson, Rhoads Ryan Rothert.

**Royal Spellmeyer, Jr., '71**, of Oklahoma City, Okla., is a retired supply/mail clerk. He spent his working years with the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Postal Service. He and his wife, Yong, will celebrate 38 years of marriage this winter. He says he enjoys spending time with his four grandchildren whenever he can.

**Oliver Ewing '72**, of Great Mills, Md., retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1992. He has been a funeral director for 39 years and is now working at the Brinsfield Funeral Home. He has 10 grandchildren "with a set of twins due in a few months which will make it an even dozen." He also has one great-grandchild.

**Dennis Mitchell '72**, of Kutztown, is happy to be returning to work as a truck driver for Midwest Transport, Inc., after a year off due to medical issues.

**Kenneth Mross '72**, of Bartonsville, is entering his third year of retirement after teaching in the East Stroudsburg School District. He and his wife, Maryellen, have been traveling and spending quality time with their children, grandchildren, and friends.

**H. David Houghton '73**, of Lititz, semi-retired from LutherCare after 16 years. He continues to work part time as a courier for the company. He and his wife have been married for 44 years and enjoy traveling and spending time with family.

**Ralph Tomassi '73**, of Ashland, Ohio, retired in 2014 after 37 years at Ashland University. He is now in a second career as the chief development officer and senior administrator at Hospice of North Central Ohio. He has been married to his wife, Betty, for 38 years.



**Christopher Krawczuk '83**, of Harrisburg, donated his track and field jersey to the MHS Athletic Department during Homecoming 2019 when he was inducted into the Spartan Hall of Fame as a member of the 1982 track and field team. Pictured with him is MHS Athletic Director Bob Guyer.

**Frederick Dilelio '74**, of Free Union, Va., is semi-retired, working as a school bus driver in Albemarle County, Va. He is "Grandpa" to two boys, ages 9 and 2.

**James Black '75**, of Hershey, retired from The Hershey Company after 35 years of service. He continues to work as a driving instructor at MHS.

**William Crawford '75**, of Huffman, Texas, is a firefighter specializing in training and compliance at the Huffman Fire Department.

**John Muller '76**, of Bowling Green, Ky., is a factory worker at NHK New Mather Metal. He is recovering from a full left knee replacement and plans to have the right knee done in the near future.

**William Rowell '76**, of Philadelphia, is the owner of Rowell Management Company, a real estate property management company in southwest Philadelphia. He fondly remembers his 10 years at MHS.

**Eric Jenkins '79**, of Felton, Del., is a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. He and his wife, Cheryl, have been happily married for 31 years. They have three children and five grandchildren.

#### 1980s

**John Boran '80**, of Pottsville, is the director of operations for inventory control at Pioneer Pole Buildings, Inc. He and his wife, Michelle, have two daughters.

**Todd Leiss '82**, of Middletown, received the Joseph W. Bukowski Memorial Award for outstanding efforts in highway safety on Aug. 2. He is an operations duty officer for the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.



Members of the **Class of 1984** celebrated their 35-year reunion during Homecoming 2019.

**Bridget (Corry) Morse '82**, of Havertown, is a finance coordinator at Back on My Feet, a nonprofit in Philadelphia that helps the homeless population. She traveled to and enjoyed the Newport Folk Festival this year.

**Julee Hixon '84**, of Chesapeake, Va., is a life and health field underwriter for Symmetry. She took her state board exam for the position in December 2018, and in the same month completed the Milton Hershey School training and volunteer clearances program. She began volunteering at Habitat for Humanity earlier this year.

**Christopher Maher '86**, of Marina del Rey, Calif., published a book titled "Free for Life: A Navy Seal's Path to Inner Freedom and Outer Peace." It is available on Amazon.

**Cynthia (Crout) Seidel '87**, of Savannah, Ga., is a certified medical assistant. In March, she semi-retired to take care of her new grandson. She and her husband **Charles Seidel '87** recently relocated from Utah and are loving life.

**George Stumpf '88**, of Los Angeles, Calif., published a poetry ebook, "MELTING: the ache of the heart, the breath of the soul," and it is available on Amazon.

**Frederick Savadge '89**, of Hazelton, is a construction operations supervisor at Hazelton Creek Properties. His wife,

Karen, passed away in September 2018. He lives with his daughter, Aylora, who is disabled with autism, and he still enjoys running Savadge Dragon Games, in business since 2016.

### 1990s

**Mark Yurkonis '91**, of Lebanon, is a heavy equipment operator at Local I.U.O.E. 542. He enjoys life and time spent with his family.

**Shawki Lacey '92**, of Harrisburg, is on the board of directors of the Protect Pennsylvania Schools Foundation. He is a detective sergeant of the Criminal Investigators Division with the Susquehanna Township Police Department.

**Russell Ames '94**, of Albuquerque, N.M., retired from the U.S. Army on March 1 after almost 21 years of active duty service. He plans to stay in the Albuquerque area.

**Ryan Dobbs '94**, of Boyertown, is a fire alarm inspector for Berkshire Systems Group Inc.

**Deesha Dyer '95**, Fall 2019 resident fellow with the Harvard Kennedy School Institute of Politics, White House social secretary from 2015-2017, and founder of beGirl.World, and **Trymaine Lee '96**, MSNBC correspondent, teamed up in September at the IOP to talk about "Authenticity and Originality: How do you keep it real and still keep a job? How do you stay accountable and true to yourself, your family, friends, and your community while navigating power structures in politics, media, academia, and life in general?"

**Alex Redcay, Ph.D., LCSW '95**, assistant professor of social work at Millersville University, was named NASW-PA's Social Work Educator of the Year. She also recently published a book titled "Working with Grief and Traumatic Loss: Theory, Practice, Personal Reflection, and Self-Care," along with Dr. Elisabeth Counselman Carpenter.

**Armando Batista '97**, of Silver Spring, Md., is a performing arts and storytelling teacher at Whittle School and Studios.

He is working on an M.F.A. in creative writing from the Vermont College of Fine Arts, with plans to graduate in January 2020.

**Zainabu Conteh '98**, of Teaneck, N.J., a math/social studies teacher, was selected as the Governor's Teacher of the Year for Benjamin Franklin Middle School, part of Teaneck Public Schools. She also was chosen to serve on the National Geographic Teacher Advisory Council and recently became a licensed real estate agent.

**Barry Wallace '99**, of Pembroke Pines, Fla., is the president/owner of Wallace Disability Solutions, a Social Security disability company.

### 2000s

**Asheleigh (Wykoff) Forsburg '02**, of Mechanicsburg, was promoted to director of development at Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet.

**Dana (Rosenthal) Cruz '03**, of Philadelphia, is an orthopedic surgeon at Temple University Hospital.

**John Anton Alleva '04**, of Conton, Ga., is an assessment referral clinician at Ridgeview Institute. He completed his master's degree in 2015 and is working toward licensure.

**Jennelle (Martin) Cosby '04**, of Glen Allen, Va., is an English teacher at Henrico County Public Schools. She and her husband, DeVario, are expecting their first child together (a boy!) this fall. She also has a 5-year-old stepdaughter.

**Richard Lee Taylor '04**, of Kathleen, Ga., is the owner of RPS Home Improvements, a home renovation company that services his real estate investment company and others needing home improvement services.

**Andrea Lisha Destrin-Zayas '05**, Hackensack, N.J., is a court interpreter/translator at the Middlesex County Superior Court of New Jersey.

**Rachel Light '06**, of Gaithersburg, Md., is a clinical coordinator at Shady Grove Fertility. She and **Brandon McCoy '08**, are engaged to be married in August 2020.

**Janessa Kiehl '07**, of Palmyra, is assistant director of GraceWay Children's Academy.

**Kayla Ann (Nunnery) Tipton '07**, of Charlotte, N.C., is an educator at Invest Collegiate Transform, a public charter school teaching students in grades K-8.

**Marie Wilson '09**, of Atlanta, Ga., recently moved from Philadelphia and is working in hospitality at Papadeaux Corporation. Next up: she is preparing to purchase her own food truck.



Members of the **Class of 1989** celebrated their 30-year reunion during Homecoming 2019.





Members of the **Class of 2009** celebrated their 10-year reunion during Homecoming 2019.

## 2010s

**Ann Markefka '14**, of Erie, earned a Master of Social Work degree from Edinboro University and works as a functional family therapist for Erie County.

**Kaity Hwang '15**, of Marlton, N.J., is a mechanical engineer at Lockheed Martin.

**Devin Trakney '15**, of New Oxford, is an architectural intern at Temple's Project Delivery Group. He is working on a master's degree in architecture at Temple University and expects to graduate in August 2020.

**Amanda Dayton '16**, of Middletown, is a marketing and communications intern for The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce. She is enrolled at University of Scranton.

**Eric Christopher De Blander '17**, of Philadelphia, is studying science and chemistry at Millersville University.

## Marriages

**Elizabeth (Cunningham) Harris '97**, of Aurora, Colo., and Michael Harris were married in Brooklyn, N.Y., on April 14, 2018. Their story was featured in a New York Times article, "From Dating to Marriage, He Had a 5-Prong Plan." Elizabeth is training to be a registered drama therapist; the couple welcomed a daughter, Brooklyn Amara, on April 13, 2019.

## Births

**Kate Casey '95**, of Newport Beach, Calif., and her husband, Dan, welcomed their fifth child, Caroline Bella Rodrigues, on Aug. 12, 2018. Kate is the host of "Reality Life with Kate Casey," one of the most popular podcasts on iTunes in the Film and TV category.

**Danyl Collings '95**, of Stoughton, Mass., and his wife, Ruby, recently welcomed a baby girl. After nine years as a branch manager for First American, in 2018 he left his job and started his own real estate appraisal company, Four Core Valuations. He employs four people.

**Roberta (Pugh) Proulx '03**, of Attica, N.Y., and her husband welcomed their seventh child—their sixth boy—Benedict Michael, on Sept. 13. She is a stay-at-home mom in her fifth year of homeschooling. She and her husband celebrated 10 years of marriage on July 31.

## Deaths

**Harry Gosthian '41**, of Lincolnton, N.C., Sept. 13

**Malcolm Symmonds '41**, of Lancaster, Sept. 24, 2018

**Ronald D. Kane '42**, of Satellite Beach, Fla., Aug. 18

**James Clark '44**, of Staten Island, N.Y., Feb. 3

**Edward Whetstone '44**, of Topton, April 29

**John Hughes '46**, of Wilkes-Barre, July 26

**Harry Eberly '47**, of Maitland, Fla., July 21

**Ludwig Horn '47**, of Waukegan, Ill., June 5

**Walter Heilman '48**, of Oro Valley, Ariz., March 28

**Harry "Skip" Hepler '48**, of Lower Burrell, June 11

**Thomas Raskin '49**, of Bayside, N.Y., June 19

**William B. Seaman '50**, of Redondo Beach, Calif., Nov. 29, 2018

**Joseph Rhone '53**, of Oberlin, Sept. 16, 2018

**George Golding '56**, of Wilson, N.C., April 6

**Charles "Pete" Garman '57**, of Mohnton, May 12

**William Shaner '60**, of Dallas, March 6

**Kenneth Keener '63**, of Elizabethtown, April 3

**Leslie Todd Shiffler '63**, of Toney, Ala., May 10, 2016

**Bruce Kensinger '64**, of Charlotte, N.C., May 18

**George L. Barner '66**, of Lock Haven, Aug. 19

**Richard Brezovec '66**, of Westport, Conn., April 21

**Donald E. Gebhart '66**, of Harrisburg, Sept. 30

**Carl Notter '67**, of Brevard County, Fla., July 27

**David Stoneking '69**, of Waynesburg, June 19

**John Dougherty '86**, of Carolina Shores, N.C., May 22

**Lisa Gilpin '89**, of Philadelphia, March 22

**Greta Builter '90**, of Purcellville, Va., May 12

**Stayson N. Cabrera '07**, of Lancaster, Sept. 9

**James Drelick '11**, of Appomattox, Va., May 3

**Haley Jones '11**, of Warner Robins, Ga., May 21, 2018

## Staff and Retiree Deaths

**Pamela (Barnard) Jester** died April 2. She was a houseparent from 2011 to 2019.



## Announcing Spartan Career Services

Milton Hershey School's Graduate Programs for Success Division is proud to announce the launch of the new MHS **Spartan Career Services**, an online career management system that helps MHS alumni move forward on their career path.

- Gain increased visibility to employers
- Create and save job searches
- Connect with the Spartan Network
- Create a profile and upload your resume today — it's free and easy!

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## Alumni Calendar



### December '19

- 4** Elementary Division Christmas Party with Alumni
- 7** Homestead Chapter Breakfast, Dearden House; open to the public
- 31** Deadline for Spartan Hall of Fame Nominations

### January '20

- 4** Homestead Chapter Breakfast, Dearden House; open to the public
- 18** Arizona Alumni Dinner, Phoenix/Tempe Area
- 18** Philadelphia Alumni Reception

### February '20

- 1** Homestead Chapter Breakfast, Dearden House; open to the public
- 9** Washington, D.C. Alumni Brunch
- 21-23** Spartans in the Snow 2019; mhsaad.org

### March '20

- 7** Homestead Chapter Breakfast, Dearden House; open to the public
- 20** Pittsburgh Alumni Reception

### April '20

- 3-5** Alumni Fellowship Weekend
- 3** Career Day
- 3** Alumni-Senior Fellowship Dinner
- 4** Homestead Chapter Breakfast, Dearden House; open to the public
- 4** MHSAA Presidents' Reception Fundraiser

### May '20

- 1** New York City Alumni Reception
- 7** Homestead Chapter Breakfast, Dearden House; open to the public
- 17** Alumni-Student Awards Brunch; by invitation

### June '20

- 1** Deadline for Applications to Run for MHS Alumni Association Board
- 6** Homestead Chapter Breakfast, Dearden House; open to the public
- 9** Senior Chapel Service, Ring Ceremony and Senior Awards Ceremony
- 10** Commencement
- 13** MHSSAA Alumni Service Award Nomination Deadline

### September '20

- 18-20** Homecoming 2020
- 18** Spartan Hall of Fame Induction
- 19** MHS Alumni Association Annual Business Meeting
- 19** 90th Annual Homecoming Banquet
- 20** Graveside Memorial Service
- 20** MHSAA Memorial Grove Service