



Joseph Aurelio '84
Pleasantville, NJ

There is nothing like giving back. This was my reason for applying to the board the first time and the reason I am seeking another term. To give back to the home that gave me so much. To be able to help alumni and students that share some of the same circumstances I had, enables me to understand and help them on a more personal level. It also helps me make better decisions based on our shared experiences at MHS.



Paul Aurelio '84
Pleasantville, NJ

Having served on the board before, I know the importance of the work we do and its impact on our alumni, students, and community. I will bring my integrity, creativity, and dedication to all the projects and committees that our alumni need, want, and desire to have. I have come to learn that giving back is done in more ways than most of us realize and the importance of serving our home. I have the necessary skills to be a part of the team that paves the way to the future of the Association worthy of the name Milton Hershey. I believe he would be proud of the work the board is doing today. I have been a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks for the past 26 years. I served as president of my lodge, vice president of the New Jersey State Elks Association, and District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler overseeing the 10 lodges of my district. I am currently vice president of my Sons of Italy Lodge and on the board of directors of my Lion's Club. I have run many fundraising events and many meetings. I can safely say my experience with these organizations will make me an asset to the board. I am a lifetime member of MHSAA and a member of the DC/MD/VA Chapter where I serve as communication chairman.



Bryan Aviles-Ortiz '15
Hershey, PA

I would like to serve on the board of the Milton Hershey School Alumni Association to bridge the generational gap that has furthered over the years. I excel at building relationships and motivating others to get involved. I believe that the current leaders of the board are seeking young people of influence to carry the legacy of what it means to give back. I know that with my experience as a current U.S. Army officer and financial adviser I will be able to meet the expectations of the organization in its entirety.



David DuCharme '14
Lancaster, PA

I would like to serve on the MHSAA Board to support MHS alumni in achieving their goals. I am very thankful for the opportunity to have attended MHS and am eager to give back. I hope to leverage my expertise to support the Association's mission and serve our alumni community. Additionally, I look forward to learning from and growing with other alumni. Thank you for your consideration.



Julee Hixon '84
Chesapeake, VA

I have been involved with MHSAA for more than 10 years. I volunteer at MHS and MHSAA. I have supported my chapter and have taken a leadership role. I now want to have a bigger impact. When elected, I will focus on connecting current students and the Association, so when students graduate, they see the value in MHSAA and understand the alumni community is available to support them. I have the integrity, creativity, and enthusiasm required. I am goal-oriented with a "Never Say Die" attitude.



Anna Marhefka '14
Erie, PA

After graduating from MHS in 2014, I was inspired to continue to give back to the communities and systems around me by using the sacred values, resources, and strong moral foundation that MHS assisted me in developing as a student. It is my passion to continue the mission and legacy of Mr. and Mrs. Hershey, which encompasses a foundation of "sweetness" and servant leadership. As a licensed social worker, I understand the importance of community, advocacy, and fostering a safe and accepting environment for everyone, regardless of their walk of life, to thrive. As a board member, it would be one of my goals to increase the connection between rising seniors and MHSAA as well as increasing participation of younger alumni. It is my hope to foster an environment where alumni of all ages are able to be active members of MHSAA. It would be an honor to serve on the board beside my alumni brothers and sisters to continue to develop, support, and inspire the entire Milton Hershey School family and communities that it serves.



Alicia Maynard '15
Philadelphia, PA

MHS is the only place I have truly felt love and belonging; what I received can never be replaced. Because of the gift of the Hersheys my heart has grown to be one of service. I want to continue the legacy of service.

While I can do this in any way, why not come back to the place where everything started. I'll make it my priority to showcase my heart for others and all the tools I've learned while attending MHS and after! I want to be on the board simply because I love MHS and serving others.



Jack Swofford '73
Lancaster, PA

I am running for re-election to the board in order to give back to our home and school that has so richly blessed us all and also to continue the grandparents program that my wife, Linda, and I started in 2007.

We coordinate volunteer couples to go into student homes (mainly in the Elementary Division) on a periodic basis and act as "grand" parents to the students. We eat dinner with them, help them with homework, celebrate birthdays, and provide a uniquely special Christmas program for them, called the Polar Express, but mainly, just love them like they are our own grandchildren. I would really appreciate your vote so that I can keep this program alive.



Stephen Spencer, M.D. '75
Port Charlotte, FL

I would appreciate the opportunity to give back and contribute to the success of our alumni. Perhaps one of the hardest obstacles is transitioning to the "real world" after graduation. Continuing to work on and enhancing existing programs, collaborating

with fellow alumni, teachers, students, and school officials to help provide for some of the gaps of our graduates are paramount. I have worked with other alumni associations and would like to contribute and add my knowledge to MHSAA. I appreciate your support.



Anastasios "Tom" Trispagonas '99
Shermans Dale, PA

There have been several positive influences in my life that have helped shape me into who I am today, but there is no greater influence than my experience as a student at MHS. Like many of my classmates, my early childhood before MHS was less than ideal.

After I graduated, it was hard not to feel alone and isolated at times. But I kept close contact with my houseparents, teachers, and fellow graduates, who are more family-like to me than any blood relative. I'm grateful for their love beyond measure. My desire to serve is rooted in wanting to give back.



Troy Scott '03
Harrisburg, PA

I'm running to help usher in a younger, more diverse board that is representative of the makeup of our alumni. Sitting on the sidelines and complaining gets nothing accomplished, so therefore, why not ask for a seat at the table? I want to bring new

and fresh ideas, while also helping to bring our alumni closer, especially those in the Harrisburg/Hershey area.

