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A Note

FROM SENIOR LYDIA LAUSCH



Dear Alumni:

As a soon-to-be graduate of Milton Hershey School, it is difficult to fathom that the senior class will soon enter the world of adulthood amidst a pandemic. When we look back to March of 2020, the expected became the unexpected as we began living our lives in unprecedented times. Nevertheless, we are all learning to navigate the complexities of living in a COVID-ridden world. Like alumni, who were disappointed they could not return to campus for Homecoming and Fellowship Weekend, we as seniors understand the lack of connection experienced this year.

I have heard stories of the overwhelming excitement former seniors felt when anticipating events such as the Transitional Living (TL) block parties, pinning ceremony, tree-planting ceremony, prom, and graduation. Oftentimes, their return to campus after summer vacation was welcomed by a banner, officially signifying the transition from junior to senior year. However, for most of my classmates, the title of “senior” masks the feeling of a seemingly extended junior year. The unity former seniors created through their events and social gatherings is nothing more than a pleasant idea and an improbable reality for the current seniors.

Extracurricular activities are limited, opportunities and priorities have shifted, and life as we know it appears stagnant. Anticipation is diluted by the uncertainty we experience, and unfortunately, major milestones begin to feel more and more like an obligation rather than something to be excited for. All in all, the mountainous climb to something grand has been anticlimactic.

Despite our ambivalence, however, our class remains resilient and hopeful to face the unknown. In place of the traditional senior events, we have received several unorthodox events, from our own Founders Day Feast to celebrating Thanksgiving at Hershey Lodge. Our student government also organized a socially distanced glow-out block party with ice cream, glow-sticks, and music. This was especially fun considering my TL, Dewey, along with TL Emerson and TL Fulton, engaged in a socially distanced dance off. We are also the first class to receive personalized hoodies for our “100 Days” countdown to graduation. Finally, the senior class has been supported by small businesses owned by alumni, who have provided us with specially made barbeque sauce, chicken sandwiches, and vegan cuisine.

We begin to appreciate the little things that matter such as focusing our attention on our relationships, preparing for our futures, and living in the moment. Our class is creating history and paving the pathway for the juniors as they transition into seniors next year. Through our triumphs and tribulations, we are a living experiment of what is possible and what can soon be achieved as we find hope that the pandemic may soon end. Through our strength and encouragement, we become stronger for one another and become what Milton and Catherine Hershey had always hoped for—a family. 🍷

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

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ABOUT THE COVER

Through countless opportunities inside and outside of the classroom, Milton Hershey School students are able to excel using their talents and gifts even when the world around them presents challenges. Senior Lydia Lausch is one example. With a passion for music and performing arts, she set her sights on advancing through the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association district, regional, and state orchestra competitions last spring. However, COVID-19 suddenly hit and competitions were canceled. Earlier this year, with the help of MHS staff, Lydia organized fellow students to record a performance of Alicia Keys' song, “Underdog,” safely on campus. It was shared online as a musical Thanksgiving gift from the MHS family.

Scan or click on the QR code to view the video of their performance.



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EDITOR'S NOTE

Milton Hershey School is carefully following federal and state guidelines, CDC considerations, and MHS-established health and safety protocols to keep our campus a safe, nurturing, and healthy place. Group photos of unmasked subjects were taken prior to the face coverings mandate.

Alumna Found a **SUPPORTIVE** **COMMUNITY** at MHS

BY MHS COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

Dr. Alex Redcay '95 is an author and an assistant professor in the social work department at Millersville University. As a graduate of Milton Hershey School, Alex believes it was the people she met at MHS that changed the course of her life—because in her words, the teachers at MHS “inspired greatness,” and saw a life for Alex that she could not see for herself—especially when it came to pursuing a college education.

“When I got to [MHS] everybody was asking me, ‘What college are you going to?’ It was never something I had thought about,” she said. “The people in my immediate family never went to college. They were hard-working, blue-collar folks.”

Alex was raised by her grandparents on a farm in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. Her parents were divorced and her mom was unable to raise her.

She enrolled at MHS at age 15 after being introduced to the school through the mother of a friend. This woman worked at MHS and helped Alex, her grandfather, and aunt navigate the enrollment process.



“I owe that woman so much,” she said. “By that time, my grandmother had passed and my grandfather was raising me. She really encouraged me to go [to MHS] because she knew it was a good school.”

Alex found a supportive community in Hershey—especially from her teachers.

“The teachers at MHS cared about their students. This was not just a job for them, they looked out for us, gave us advice, and encouraged us—especially with our future plans.”

When Alex initially went to college, she admits the school she chose to attend wasn't the best choice for her. She enrolled at a private school in Missouri, where the students came from wealthy families.

“It was a complete culture shock,” she said. “This one guy had his own computer—which at that time was unheard of—he also was studying to get his pilot's license,

“When you ask me what inspired me to go to college initially, it was the teachers at Milton Hershey [School],” she said. “I can't say enough about them. They were AMAZING. They were kind but also inspired greatness. This was not just a job for them, they came because of the mission of the school. They genuinely cared about the students, so they became my extended family.”

—DR. ALEX REDCAY '95

and he drove a Mercedes. It just wasn't a good fit."

Alex transferred to Truman State University in Missouri—a public university. Between the low tuition mixed with a challenging education, Alex said it was the perfect fit for her.

"It gave me a good education and it taught me about the importance of public education," she said. "Something that has stuck with me ever since."

After graduating from Truman State with a psychology degree, she earned her master's degree in social work from Southern Connecticut State University and her Ph.D. in social work from Rutgers University—both public schools.

"When I was completing my Ph.D., I knew I wanted to work at a public institution because of the values of public education—to make college affordable and accessible to everyone. That's what led me to Millersville University. It's a high-quality education where the mission is to educate people and raise them to greatness—and the teachers actually care about being good teachers. They care about you, personally."

It's a similarity Alex saw in the teachers at MHS.

"When you ask me what inspired me to go to college initially, it was the teachers at Milton Hershey [School]," she said. "I can't say enough about them. They were AMAZING. They were kind but also inspired greatness. This was not just a job for them, they came because of the mission of the school. They genuinely cared about the students, so they became my extended family."

In her most recent project, Alex worked with a colleague from Southern Connecticut State University to write a book about the importance of grief and loss. Her colleague, Elisabeth Counselman Carpenter was the lead author.

"As we reflect on what has happened in our country in the past year, and those who have gotten sick and died from COVID-19, we are all living in this constant state of grief—especially our health care workers who are watching



Page 2: Alex as an MHS senior

This page, top: Alex Redcay, Ph.D., is an assistant professor at Millersville University.

This page, bottom: Alex and friends celebrate their MHS graduation in 1995.

patients die. They have no time to grieve properly. Grief is something that is important and needs to be addressed with proper attention."

Alex said one of the most important parts of their book, "Working with Grief and Traumatic Loss," is allowing professionals to tell their story of grief. She said therapists are supposed to be the experts in helping people overcome their



issues and anxieties, but how do experts deal with grief and trauma?

"We wanted to know, 'What's their story? How do they deal?' So, we gathered together dozens of professionals to tell their story of grief, and they're incredibly powerful stories."

The book was written before the COVID-19 pandemic, but the first part

covers a variety of situations, not just the typical grief that comes from the death of a partner or parent. It also covers addiction, natural disasters, pet loss, and a wide range of grief topics.

The second part of the book covers diversity and how faith impacts grief and loss.

"In a world that's increasing in diversity, we thought it was really important to tell stories about faith and how people understand grief, loss, and death from different standpoints. Often, grief and loss are seen through a white Christian perspective, but it's important to understand how other religions and cultures process grief."

Throughout her journey, Alex has learned a lot about herself and what it takes to be successful. She is grateful to Milton and Catherine Hershey for paving the road to her success.

"Coming from the background I did, I would not have completed a college degree if Milton Hershey [School] had not paid for my college tuition.

I don't think I would have gone to college and I would not be where I am today. The financial assistance that was provided got me through the tough times in college. I was not able to appreciate it at the time, but I will be forever grateful. Milton Hershey School changed the direction of my life. It enabled me to be successful in a way that I wouldn't have been without it. 🙏

A Note from the MHS President

Dear Alumni Brothers and Sisters:

This past year, Milton Hershey School has overcome challenges we never could have imagined. I'm proud to share that our health and safety mitigation efforts have worked, and COVID-19 cases on campus remain low. More recently, we have strengthened our protection by providing vaccinations for staff and eligible students. Through our perseverance as an MHS family, we have safely continued the amazing work of the Hersheys at a time when our brothers and sisters need us most.

Our Graduate Programs for Success (GPS) Division, with partnership and strong support from MHSAA and its board, has stepped up in many ways, too, during the pandemic to engage MHS alumni and impact your success. This dedicated group of employees and volunteer leadership is committed to meeting your changing needs. I am excited to share details about some free resources and opportunities for graduates announced this spring.

- **Alumni Business Directory**—Accessed through mhsalum.org, our online Alumni Business Directory is available as a free service to alumni to encourage networking and the support of fellow graduates' businesses. Please take advantage of this easy opportunity to support a Milt! This is a growing directory, and we encourage all MHS business owners to participate by submitting their information.
- **Job Search Webinars**—Was your employment affected by the pandemic? GPS has created a resource to help. Our online Job Search Webinar is an "A-to-Z crash course on finding employment." Join us and get practical information to help you navigate today's complicated job market. More information is available at mhsalum.org.
- **Apprenticeship Boot Camp**—For recent graduates interested in a construction career, MHS is sponsoring an Apprenticeship Boot Camp alumni from the Classes of 2016 to 2021 in August. Submit an application at mhsalum.org to attend this five-day immersive experience, and learn about the construction industry through hands-on work, education, and mentoring from seasoned professionals.

This only scratches the surface of what we offer to you as Milton Hershey School alumni. For a full list of resources, I encourage you to visit mhsalum.org/graduate-resources.

Though it hasn't been easy, we've proven MHS is a special place with a life-changing mission and exceptional people. We've continued to keep positive attitudes and lift each other up during tough times. Let's continue making what others consider impossible possible and keep the future in focus.

Sincerely,

Peter G. Gurt '85
MHS President

MHS Students' Artwork Travels to Space with NASA



Art projects created by Milton Hershey School fourth-grader Joshua Ferguson and sixth-grader Zoyaboleh (Zoya) Johnson went on a galactic adventure aboard the Student Spaceflight Experiment Program's (SSEP) Mission 14. The students' art is two of the 67 Mission Patches selected for the next flight to the International Space Station.

"I feel like I am actually a part of history," Zoya said. "My patch was inspired by the possibility of something new and exciting being discovered."

Joshua and Zoya's projects are a part of history and join the decades-long tradition of Mission Patches dating back to the 1960s when they were created to accompany space flights.

The MHS Mission Patch competition took place in 2019 when Elementary Division students from kindergarten to fourth grade created Mission Patches. After a school-wide vote, Joshua and Zoya's creations were chosen for the SSEP Mission Patch program.

While the younger students were busy with their art creations, the high school students were working on microgravity experiments that went to the International Space Station on SSEP Mission 13. Those experiments returned to Earth in August of 2019.

"I am extremely happy and proud of the Senior Division students who conducted the experiments and Elementary Division students who created the Mission Patches," said Brett Stark, MHS Associate Senior Director of Curriculum and Instruction. "This is something that the whole MHS community can be proud of. This project is an excellent example of how MHS provides unique learning opportunities for students."

Joshua and Zoya watched the launch live in their student homes. When their patch drawings return to Earth after the mission, they will be officially stamped by NASA. 🚀

MHS Honors the Life and Legacy of Philanthropist Catherine Hershey by Naming New Cost-Free Early Childhood Resource Centers for Her

Milton Hershey School announced Catherine Hershey Schools for Early Learning (CHS), to honor the life and legacy of Catherine “Kitty” Hershey. The new cost-free Early Childhood Education Initiative will bear the name of this visionary educational philanthropist and co-founder of MHS.

“Catherine was a trailblazer. At a time when women had little involvement in business and legal affairs, Catherine was an equal partner to her husband in founding and growing MHS,” said MHS President Pete Gurt ’85. “When asked years later why he founded MHS, Milton Hershey answered, ‘It was Kitty’s idea.’ As we embark on this exciting and unprecedented expansion of our mission to help children from poverty reach their full potential, it was an easy decision to name this initiative in Catherine’s honor. Catherine Hershey Schools for Early Learning is her legacy.”

MHS is investing \$350 million to fund the development of up to six cost-free Early Childhood Resource Centers (ECRCs) in Pennsylvania for children from birth to age five from economically disadvantaged and at-risk backgrounds. While maintaining his leadership role at MHS, Gurt also will serve as president of CHS. The schools will operate as subsidiaries of MHS, independent of the MHS core model.



Catherine Hershey Schools for Early Learning will provide a core early learning program with a curriculum designed to enhance students’ educational, social, emotional, and cognitive development. The schools also will provide students with nutritious meals, transportation, and other needed supplies, and they will offer integrated support services to families of enrolled children. 🧑🏻

For more information, visit chslearn.org.

Philadelphia Inquirer Profiles Inspiring MHS Alumnus

Musician, speaker, influencer, entrepreneur, and mentor—there’s no doubt Kayvon Asemani ’14 is living his best life. His titles showcase his many talents, but at his core it’s resilience that makes his story one of a kind.

Asemani arrived at MHS in fifth grade, not long after a family tragedy. When he was just 9 years old, Kayvon’s father attempted to murder Kayvon’s mother in their family apartment. Kayvon’s mother was left severely brain-damaged and his father was sent to prison.

At MHS, Kayvon found a home, developing relationships and seizing on opportunities that would shape his future.

In a special feature in The Philadelphia Inquirer, writer Kevin Riordan chronicles Kayvon’s inspiring journey that’s led him to a purpose-driven life of service, a budding career, and endless possibilities.

Read the full story at inquirer.com. 🧑🏻





MHS Students Share Stories as Social Justice Leaders

MHS students in the Law, Public Safety, and Security (LPSS) Career and Technical Education pathway are not just learning about the field they are studying, they are already making a major contribution to it. Aiming to break down cultural barriers between police and minority communities, MHS students joined with the 159th Pennsylvania State Police cadet class at a Minority Youth Forum.

The event, held in person in January of 2020, was focused on having meaningful conversations about race, equality, and social justice.

“They get to see through the other’s lens and, wow, it’s eye-opening,” said Paul Gaspich, LPSS teacher at MHS and

organizer of the annual forum. “We start passing the mic around, and people start giving their opinions. It really is a great dialogue.”

MHS senior Cheyenne Rodgers and juniors Victoria Ortiz Guerrero and Symyra Byrd were interviewed by PennLive and shared their interactions with police growing up—some very difficult and emotional.

“I watched my mother being dragged away,” Symyra said during a Zoom interview. “My family has had a lot of negative experiences with law enforcement. It wasn’t like the police came in and started a problem. It was things within my family. It was their decisions that led up to it, and the police weren’t trying to hurt anybody.

But when you’re young, it’s very hard to see someone that you love taken out of your life like that. That made me not trust police.”

Years later, Symyra wants to help ease that pain for others and is considering a career in law enforcement. She remains pen pals with one of the female cadets she met at the event.

“After being a part of the forum, my entire perspective began to change,” Symyra said. “I met all these amazing people.”

Read the full story at pennlive.com. 📖



Damon and Desire, MHS Fourth-Grade Students

Members of the Elementary Division Student Government Association (SGA) are proud of a program they think helped lift students' spirits during this school year. Fourth graders Damon and Desire agreed that earning the privilege to wear personal clothing lifted everyone's spirits.

"It helped everyone stay determined because we were able to wear personal clothing, which we don't get to do often," Damon said. "I think this lifted everyone's spirits because it is very occasional and everyone was happy when we met the goal of Milt dollars."

Elementary Division students earn Milt dollars by demonstrating one of the MHS Sacred Values. Staff acknowledge and reward these behaviors with Milt dollars and track them with a thermometer.

When the goal is reached, students earn the opportunity to wear personal clothing instead of MHS coordinated clothing on a specified day.

Desire believes wearing personal clothing also has educational value. "This stands out to me because it technically can teach us about diversity and how to express ourselves, individually," Desire said. "In SGA, we try to make [school] a better place." 🙌



Gwen Runkle, MHS Seventh-Grade Student



In February, my houseparents, Mrs. and Mr. Butler, introduced student home Nine Points to the idea of decorating showcases at Catherine Hall for Women's History Month. I was really hoping that everyone would want to participate—and they did!

We, as a student home, spent some time deciding what our three showcases would look like. We decided that the large showcase in the ceremonial entrance of Catherine Hall was going to be about women who changed the world and would carry a "Wonder Women" theme. Two showcases upstairs would feature women

of Milton Hershey School history, and alumnae who strived for successful careers after graduating from MHS.

Once we finally decided what to do in each of the showcases, we got to work. We created a list of historic women, and each student picked two women to write about. I picked Simone Biles and Harriet Tubman. Next, we found, printed, and laminated pictures of these famous women and planned how to arrange them in the showcase. Mrs. Butler reached out to our school history department and to many MHS alumnae to ask for their stories and pictures to complete the project. Our final step was going to Catherine Hall and hanging all our amazing images and information so other students could learn about these influential women. We had a great time learning and creating together. 🙌

Victoria Ortiz Guerrero, Chief of Staff for SGA Junior Caucus

In this peculiar year, the Milton Hershey School Student Government Association (SGA) Junior Caucus had to think outside the box to create activities to prioritize student health and safety protocols. With the help of fellow SGA representatives, we orchestrated the Hershey Virtual Connect (HVC) program.

Navigating events and community engagement through a pandemic has been challenging. After lots of planning, meetings, and communication with Hershey High School, we created HVC—a program where students were paired to maintain the "Two Schools, One Hershey" vision and goal through a virtual setting.

Juniors from both high schools participated in activities throughout the year to get to know each other. We held virtual icebreakers, group activities, and a Leadership Academy.

As part of the Leadership Academy, Kayvon Asemani '14 joined us as a guest speaker for a fireside chat. Students submitted questions for Kayvon to answer, and he provided advice for the future. Although it was virtual, the Leadership Academy helped to bring together students from Hershey High School and MHS as we face our future together.

COVID-19 impacted our school year but did not stop HVC and our participants from finishing the year Spartan strong. Students were eager to participate, and it has truly created many new, exciting, and wonderful bonds within the Hershey community. We hope to continue this program next year in person and add more participants to strengthen bonds within our Hershey community. 🙌



Alumna Turns **PASSION** **FOR SERVICE**

and Being Organized into a Successful Business

BY LADAYAH
ROBINSON '18

Carolina (Cedeno) Harvey '93 is one of the more than 11,000 graduates of Milton Hershey School who was taught that everything has its place. She learned how to organize and stay organized. She also developed a desire to help others. Combining her skills and passion, she created a successful business as a professional organizer.

Carolina enrolled in Milton Hershey School in second grade and found herself in the loving home of houseparents Wendell and Betty Ann Mortenson. She quickly saw that MHS would become her home away from home. "MHS was a blessing, and it provided me with something for which I had been longing—a father figure...not one, but two," Carolina said. Randy and Julie Mladenoff were Carolina's houseparents when she moved up to Middle Division, and they left a lasting imprint on her heart.

Carolina's relationships at MHS gave her hope and an understanding that family does not have to be limited to genetic relationships. She still keeps in touch with these

two couples who have empowered her over the years. Among Carolina's favorite memories from Elementary Division is when Mrs. Mortenson took the girls to the pool or lovingly made each student's birthday special. Carolina also appreciates Mrs. Mortenson for helping her build a relationship with God. To this day, she cherishes her faith.

She also holds dear fond memories from Middle Division. One in particular is about Mr.

Mladenoff, who every year at Christmas made up a story that included each student in the home. It was a moment every student anticipated, knowing they would all share in the laughter.

After Carolina graduated from MHS, she married and became a mother to three sons who are dear to her heart. Being a mother is a job she loves. Her sons are active in school clubs, including baseball and robotics. Building upon an MHS tradition, Carolina taught her sons to take pride in the care of their home. She taught them the skill of organization and house chores.

Carolina decided to take her love of organization to the next level by becoming a business owner. Through Cure the Clutter, she helps people overcome their hoarding tendencies and learn organizational skills of their own.



"I look at the Hersheys and what they gave; they have given all of themselves even in death. The desire of wanting to give of myself and have a servant heart is what they have taught me." —CAROLINA HARVEY '93



Top photo: Carolina, her husband, and three sons

At right: Carolina on set with Cory Chalmers of "Hoarders"

Bottom: Carolina, family, and friends gathered for a "Hoarders" viewing party.



Carolina became successful by helping others navigate what can be a traumatic experience of letting go of heirlooms accumulated through the years. She describes how the experience can be stressful and overwhelming, but, in the end, worth the battle. She also explains that it is essential to build a safe place where the client can trust to be directed through the process of what they need versus what they want.

Carolina said that what motivates her to help people overcome hoarding is when she can see it click. When the client recognizes that it's time for a change and new beginnings, it touches her heart to

see people in their new environment overwhelmed by what they never knew they had to let go.

"Many people, when they see the change, are surprised and feel as if they do not deserve it," Carolina said. "It is sad and a bittersweet moment."

Those special moments encourage her to help others. "Everyone deserves to feel safe and loved," she said. "People should also have a clean space to call their home."

In 2021, Cure the Clutter captured the attention of producers for the popular television show, "Hoarders." Carolina was selected as a support organizer on a call through the National Association of

Productivity and Organizing. Association members are experienced professionals, and the organization offers additional training to help them become support organizers, the role Carolina

was selected to fill for five episodes of "Hoarders" that aired in April and May 2021.

Production for "Hoarders" episodes starts at 7:30 a.m. and usually ends at 5 or 6 p.m. During production, Carolina said it can be taxing emotionally and taxing for everyone involved in the process. It can be difficult to shoot straight through, at times, because the team is guided by the clients' pace. As of now, three of the episodes involving Carolina have aired.

Cure the Clutter is where Carolina's passion lies. It is an organization that allows her to help people overcome their hoarding tendency and learn organizational skills they can implement themselves. Her special talent for helping people organize has allowed her to build a successful business. Her heart of gold is what helps her earn people's trust in order to help them make their dreams come true.

As she reflects on the success of her business, her experience with "Hoarders," and her own experience at MHS, Carolina has the heart to leave a legacy of love and faith behind. She offers the following advice for future generations, "Be yourself and take every opportunity." 🙌



COMMENCEMENT Through the Years

Graduation is a momentous occasion at Milton Hershey School. For MHS students, this campus has not only been their school, but also a home away from home.

In the early days of the school, students' formal education ended when they reached age 18. In June 1921, the first two students, William Rogers and Jacob Weber, completed the academic program. Believing students needed a more structured high school level education, Superintendent George Copenhaver proposed in 1922 to Milton Hershey that students attend Hershey High School, a more cost-effective measure than expanding Hershey Industrial School. Two years later, HIS students indeed began attending Hershey High School, and in 1926, the first HIS students graduated from Hershey High School.

The first graduation ceremony for The Hershey Industrial School took place for the Class of 1935 after the Junior-Senior High School (now Catherine Hall) opened. Held in the Hershey Theatre, the ceremony featured the theme, "The Contribution of the Hershey Industrial School to Citizenship," and three members of the senior

class were the commencement speakers: James Dower Jr., vocational programs; Joseph Gumphier, commercial programs; and Eugene Leiter, academic programs. Milton Hershey presented the seniors' awards.

During World War II, the school's commencement ceremonies had fewer attendees because many students were serving in the military. The 1942 and 1943 commencements were held in the Junior-Senior High School auditorium. In 1945, many of the graduating seniors were away fighting in the war. Blue Star banners on their chairs honored their service and noted their absence.

The town of Hershey celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1953. To commemorate the occasion, MHS, Hershey High School, and Hershey Junior College held a joint commencement in the Hershey Arena with bands and choruses from both high schools participating. The address, "Framework of Peace," was given by Dr. Milton Eisenhower, president of Pennsylvania State College (now University) and brother of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

When planning for Founders Hall, it was important that the building contain a space large enough to seat the entire school



1935

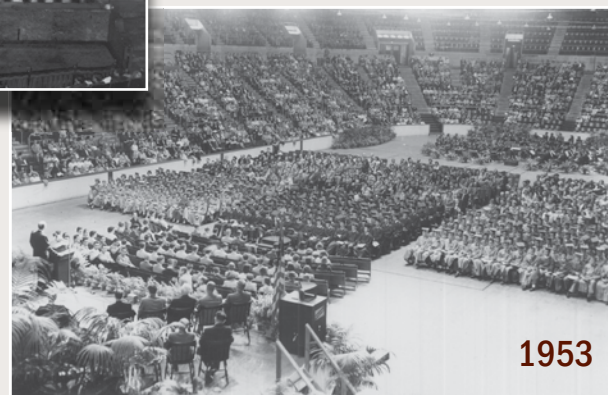


1945

Although the venue for HIS/MHS Commencement has changed through the years, the occasion remains a memorable milestone for every graduate.



1943



1953

family for Chapel and a stage big enough for performances. Dedicated in September 1970, the first commencement was held in Founders Hall Auditorium the following June. President of Pennsylvania State University, Dr. John W. Oswald, was the speaker. Senior Thomas Rothert gave the welcome address and shared that, “Many significant and important events have occurred at Milton Hershey School this past year. All these events have had one purpose: to improve this school and its program.” In addition, the first student of color, Marshall Nixon, graduated in 1971.

Over the years, many celebrities and public figures spoke at MHS commencement. In 1995, Coretta Scott King gave a memorable and timeless message. She spoke about her late husband, the Rev. Doctor Martin Luther King Jr., and shared the message that non-violence should be a way of life. She also recited lines from one of Dr. King’s last speeches, “Drum Major for Justice,” and told the audience to:

“Be a drum major for justice. Be a drum major for love. Be a drum major for peace. Be a drum major for righteousness. Be a

drum major for human rights. Be a drum major for the beloved community with all your heart and soul.”

The beginning of the 2009 academic year marked the start of the school’s centennial celebration—the 100-year anniversary of the founding of MHS. The 2010 commencement featured the school colors with the introduction of new brown and gold commencement gowns and sashes.

Although commencement was held virtually in 2020, it was still a grand celebration. In 2020, graduates and their families traveled in a Senior Celebration Car Processional through campus with stops along the way to receive their class rings and diplomas. MHS students and staff lined the parade route cheering for the Class of 2020.

The Class of 2021 will have a similar experience with a virtual Commencement Ceremony and a Senior Celebration Car Processional. In fact, they will be the only class, to date, to have had their entire senior year altered by efforts to prevent the spread of a global pandemic.

No matter the location, MHS commencement is a milestone in any student’s life that they will never forget. 🎓



1971



1995



2010



2020

Exciting News for the MHS Archives

The Department of School History is embarking on an exciting multiyear project to modernize the school's archival collection. The archival consulting firm, History Factory, conducted a thorough assessment of the department's collection. After obtaining feedback from school stakeholders, consultants provided a solution blueprint to move the collection into the 21st century. Two archivists will organize, catalogue in a data management system, and prioritize digitization of the thousands of documents and photographs that tell the story of Milton Hershey School. 📁



A New Purpose for Dairy 84

Dairy 84, on Brook Drive, opened in February 1968 as a state-of-the-art show barn with two milking parlors for 100 dairy cows. It also featured a freestanding barn. Students from nearby student homes milked cows there as part of the school's dairy program. In 2010, it was converted for use in the Agricultural and Environmental Education (AEE) goat program.



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Jennifer Wise, AEE instructional advisor, shared that "Dairy 84 is the home of the AEE Animal Center. We are proud to be housed in this location that has

a rich history in sharing agriculture with students. With the current renovations, we have chosen to preserve a section of the dairy parlor to share and honor the history of milking cows. We would like to include photos of the parlor in operation and of students and staff working together."

If you have photos and/or memories of Dairy 84, we would love to have them. Please send them to Susan Alger at: Milton Hershey School, Department of School History, P.O. Box 830, Hershey, PA 17033-0830, or email them to her at algers@mhs-pa.org. 📁



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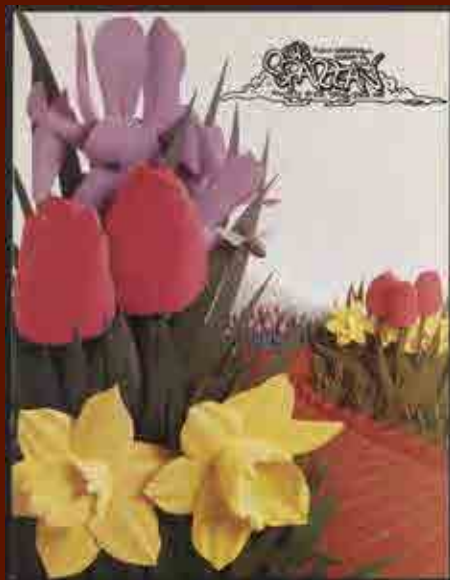
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Are you missing an annual edition of the *Acropolis*? Do you remember the *School Industrialist* or *Spartan* news/magazines published from 1933 to 1992? The Heritage Center at Kinderhaus has extra copies available. To see if the department has the dates you need, contact Nancy Palovitz by phone at 717.520.2019 or email to palovitzn@mhs-pa.org. 📧



TRADITION OF SERVICE AT MHS

Inspires Graduate **Paul Davis '94** to Serve Our Country

BY CATHERINE SKENA

When Paul Davis '94 received news that he had earned promotion to colonel in the United States Army, he did what many do when they receive good news. He shared his news with family—his Milton Hershey School family. On Friday, May 14, 2021, Paul's former MHS houseparents and his wife, Karin, were at his side to participate in his promotion ceremony at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Retired houseparents, Robert and Elisabeth Cayer, proudly participated in the promotion ceremony, just as they did when Paul was commissioned as an active

duty second lieutenant upon graduation from Shippensburg University's Army Reserve Office Training Corps (ROTC) program in 1998.

At MHS, the Cayers were houseparents at student home Ridgeview. Today, the houseparents at Ridgeview are Will and Clair Ogle, and they, too, are connected with Paul. The Ogles describe Paul as a great guy and talk about how he has made time for Zoom chats and interviews with the boys in their student home.

"He also has checked in on one of our grads who is stationed at the same base as Paul in Georgia," said Will Ogle. "Paul is one of the alumni who participated in interviews during the month of February for The Compass Project theme of 'confronting failure.'" The students developed a list of questions to guide interviews with several alumni of the student home. The Compass Project is a program designed to help students in pre-K through



12th grade discover their values with a foundation in social and emotional learning.

Committed to providing the type of support he received from his MHS family, Paul will attend the graduation ceremony of Jacob McMillen '20, the student home Ridgeview alumnus who will be marking the completion of a training program at Fort Benning. Paul said he enjoys the opportunity to connect with and inspire MHS students and alumni, especially since his military duties often prevent him from visiting MHS as often as he would like.

Paul enrolled at Milton Hershey School in third grade after an encounter with a volunteer at a soup kitchen in Philadelphia.



"[We were] pretty poor," Paul said. "One of the volunteers offered my mom a way to get me out of that environment. He took [us] to Milton Hershey School. I went through the application process and I was accepted."

Paul spent 10 years at MHS. When he reflects on his time in Hershey, he says it was among the most rewarding experiences of his life.

"Everything I am today is due to this school," he said. "MHS taught me hard work, discipline, and how to treat people. I learned respect, commitment, and how to be a productive citizen."

While Paul's military duties often take



him outside U.S. borders, he has done his best to stay connected with his MHS family, and often connects with alumni throughout the country. Sometimes the timing of Homecoming or Alumni Fellowship Weekend align with his assignments, so Paul has been able to attend a few Homecomings to celebrate class reunions, most recently in 2014 and 2019. Having been a member of the MHS Jazz Band as a student, he played drums with the alumni jazz band in 2019 at Hershey Lodge before the Homecoming Banquet.

"Milton Hershey School, through its example of serving others, inspired me to do the same," Paul said. "That is why I chose to serve our country."

Earning the rank of colonel is challenging and highly competitive. Colonels are selected by a board of superior officers based on their career performance over time. The rank of colonel is directly above lieutenant colonel and below brigadier general.

Paul assumed command of the 6th Battalion, 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade in May of 2019. His battalion's mission is to deploy and integrate with foreign partner forces, assist, and advise local security operations in order to build partner security capacity and capability. He has served in a myriad of assignments throughout his 22 years of service. Early in his career as a young lieutenant, Paul was first assigned as a platoon leader in the 2nd Infantry Division, South Korea.

Following his tour with the 2nd Infantry Division, Paul joined the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York, serving as a platoon leader in the 710th Main Support Battalion. He then served in the 10th Mountain Division staff in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) in response to the 9/11 attacks. He then served with the 548th Corps Support Battalion in the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

After attending the Captain's Career Course, Paul joined the 10th Mountain Division's 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) at Fort Polk, Louisiana. He commanded two companies in the 4th IBCT and deployed in support of the Hurricane Katrina relief effort and again in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan). Following his tour with the 10th Mountain Division, he served as a trainer with the Army's premier Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Following his assignments at Fort Polk, Paul joined the 1st Armored Division staff in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. He completed the Command and General Staff College (CGSC) at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 2012, and then rejoined the 2nd Infantry



Page 12: Paul as an MHS senior

Center left: Paul, his wife, Karin, and their sons at his promotion ceremony; center right: Karin Davis and Elisabeth Cayer, Paul's former housemother, pinned the rank on his uniform during his promotion to colonel.

Top right: Paul's former housefather, Robert Cayer, a Vietnam veteran, was the first to salute Col. Paul Davis '94.

Division (Korea) serving in assignments such as the division's deputy director of logistics, chief of logistical operations for the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, and battalion executive officer for the 302nd Brigade Support Battalion. Paul was then sent to the United Kingdom to serve as the chief of operations for enabling command, Allied Rapid Reaction Corps, NATO.

He was selected to be the 16th commander of the Regimental Support Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Regiment, Fort Hood, Texas. As the commander of the Regimental Support Squadron, Paul deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, commanding US Army cavalrymen spread across Kuwait, Iraq, and Syria.

Paul's degrees and education include a bachelor's degree from Shippensburg University and a master's degree from Webster University.

Paul married his wife, Karin, in her home country of South Africa in 2002, and they have been a great Army Family ever since. They have two sons, Paul Jr., age 16, and Jason, age 15. Paul jokingly says his hobbies includes semi-pro karaoke and telling very dry "Dad Jokes" to his sons. 🤔

MHS Recognizes Outstanding Alumni and Student Achievements

Milton Hershey School proudly recognizes outstanding graduates and members of the Class of 2021 with Alumni Achievement Awards. The annual awards, developed in 1997, honor graduates for their academic, career, and community service accomplishments. Corresponding awards also are presented to current MHS seniors.

The awards traditionally are presented at the annual Alumni-Senior Fellowship Dinner during Alumni Fellowship Weekend.

This year due to COVID-19, the dinner was canceled to keep the MHS community safe, however there was a special announcement made in Spartan Minute for alumni and in MHS News Roundup for staff and seniors.

The senior recipients were surprised with their awards during a virtual event for the Senior Class on April 15. The alumni award recipients introduced the senior recipients.



Samuel James '21, Career Accomplishment

Samuel plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in finance and real estate with an emphasis on asset management. In preparation for his professional aspirations, Sam has been a corporate intern with Hershey Trust Company and an intern with the MHS Finance Department.

At MHS, Samuel is president of the Investment Club, which he helped launch; chief of staff for the executive branch of SGA, the student government association; and a resident assistant for Transitional Living. He has been captain of the MHS ice hockey club team since freshman year and participates in the M.O.L.D. mentoring program. He also volunteers with the Learn to Skate program, supports a variety of SGA programs, and serves as a liaison for SCOR—a student community outreach program that engages in community service at MHS and in the community.

Academically, Samuel was named a member of the Distinguished Honor Roll, inducted into National Honor Society, and honored as a Rotary Student of the Month.



Elijah Espaillat '21, Community Service

Since sophomore year, Elijah Espaillat has participated in various community service programs at MHS and in other communities as part of the MHS domestic service program that provides opportunities for MHS students to assist with programs and projects. Elijah described two projects that stand out to him, one was assisting the elderly in Norristown, Pennsylvania, and the other was packaging food for the homeless. At MHS, he participates in the Student Government Association (SGA), where he enjoys collaborating with school administration to create programs that are mutually beneficial to the students and the school.

In addition to his community service, Elijah participated in the MHS Career and Technical Education program with The Hershey Company where he and other students learned about the role of architecture and engineering. He was named a Rotary Student of the Month and was inducted junior year into the National Technical Honor Society. Outside the classroom, he participates in cross country.

Elijah plans to study architecture with a minor in investments.



Lydia Lausch '21, Academic Excellence

Lydia Lausch maintains a high level of academic achievement while participating in various activities and programs. She has assisted at Hershey Community Gardens, helped revitalize rooms at Cornerstone Christian Fellowship Church, and volunteered cleaning public roadways. Since January, she has been an intern with the MHS Department of School History at Kinderhaus. She also serves on the school's Cultural Advisory committee and the Hershey Project Pathways committee.

A participant in the MHS String Ensemble, marching band, and indoor winds, she was a member of the Pennsylvania Music Educator Association's (PMEA) District Orchestra from 2015 to 2020. From 2019 to 2020, she participated as a member of PMEA's Regional Orchestra. In 2019 and 2020, she placed first in the Hershey Local Rotary Speech Contest. Earlier this year, she was selected as a Rotary Student of the Month and inducted into the National Honor Society.

Lydia plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in history to become a history teacher.

Watch the Alumni Achievement Award Video

ALUMNI RECIPIENTS



Robin Ferrer '00, Career Accomplishment

Robin is system vice president for emergency services at Mount Sinai Health System. The Health System provides distinguished care, conducts transformative research, and advances biomedical education. Structured around seven hospital campuses and a medical school, it has an extensive ambulatory network and a range of inpatient and outpatient services.

Previously, Robin was director of operations and nursing at New York-Presbyterian Hospital. He was responsible for more than 600 employees, covering seven different areas of the hospital, at three different campuses throughout the New York City area—the epicenter of the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States.

With all hospital efforts focused on fighting the pandemic, Robin played a big role in supporting his team emotionally along with working on hospital strategy, planning crisis responses, and coming up with contingency plans.

Robin earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Penn State University and a master's degree in nursing administration and Master of Business Administration from College of Mount Saint Vincent.

Robin has contributed to MHS by participating in Career Day programs over the years.

"As a leader at my hospital, it's my responsibility to take care of others and invest in them so they can be successful," Robin shared. "I didn't get to where I am today because I'm a great leader. I got to where I am today because people cared about me and helped me—and that all started at Milton Hershey School."



Nicholas Allanach '97, Community Service

Inspired by the vision of Milton and Catherine Hershey, Nicholas has a passion for service. While living and working in New York City, he taught a U.S. Citizenship and English language class in the Bronx through the Catholic Charities Community Services of the Archdiocese of New York. He taught 10 students English language classes alongside U.S. civics and history for 15 weeks.

In June 2018, he was proud to hear that one of the program's students had successfully passed the U.S. Citizenship test. He considers it an honor to assist and empower newcomers and immigrants through his teaching work with Catholic Charities.

Nicholas volunteered for several years at the International Center, where he taught English. When the center temporarily had no location to operate, Nicholas worked with the dean of The New School, where he worked at the time, and the International Center's director to arrange to use classrooms at The New School to host classes.

Nicholas also did some volunteer work with the PENCIL mentors program that connects business professionals, educators, and students to support career readiness. At The New School, he also worked closely with the school's Institute for Retired Professionals, Staff Group on Race, and Social Justice Committee. He also led the effort, with help from colleagues and administration, to enact the first-ever, university-wide Staff Senate.

Nicholas currently teaches English and humanities at Plaza College in Queens, New York.



Larry Klomps M.D. '08, Academic Excellence

While maintaining high academic standards for himself, Larry has demonstrated a commitment to lifelong education in the medical field. He is a resident physician in diagnostic radiology at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. Having previously completed a surgical internship at University of Colorado in Denver, he is interested in pursuing fellowship training in cardiovascular interventional radiology.

Larry earned his medical degree from Penn State University College of Medicine in 2019, having completed a bachelor's degree at Penn State University in 2013.

As a medical student, Larry received a Penn State Orthopaedic Research Initiation Grant in 2016 through the Penn State Hershey Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation. He used the grant to fund research about muscle fatty degeneration. He then co-authored an article related to the study in the December 2017 issue of *Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery*.

During medical school, Larry hosted an MHS student to assist with his research in the orthopaedic laboratory and taught MHS students through Penn State's College of Medicine PULSE medical program for high school students.

Larry has been a Melanoma Center Chocolate Tour committee member and volunteer since 2011. He helps to plan and coordinate public relations and fundraising for the Annual Chocolate Tour—a running and cycling fundraiser for cancer research.

MHS Expands Career Services for Alumni



Apply Now for Alumni Apprenticeship Boot Camp in August

Are you a recent graduate of Milton Hershey School with an interest in working in one of the following trades—HVAC, plumbing, carpentry, or electrical?

MHS is offering an Apprenticeship Boot Camp for alumni who graduated from 2016 to 2021 to explore careers in the construction trades.

When: Aug. 2-6, 2021, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Associated Builders and Contractors Keystone Training Facility in Manheim, Pennsylvania.

- There will be no charge for those selected to participate.
- Application and interview required; space is limited.
- Lodging and meals will be provided.

This opportunity will allow MHS alumni to explore careers in construction through hands-on work, education, and mentoring from industry professionals. During this five-day immersive experience, participants

will develop foundational and occupational skills and build take-home projects that they help to design while learning about careers that begin with apprenticeship.

Participants will learn basic safety rules, discuss design as a crucial element of construction, and review the construction process. They will learn how to use hand and power tools; they will pull wire and wire plugs, switches, and lights; they will solder and weld; and they will utilize their newly gained knowledge to build their very own take-home projects incorporating HVAC, carpentry, plumbing, and electrical trade skills. Field trips with local contractors throughout the week will allow participants to see different phases of a construction project process.

Visit mhsalum.org for additional details and to submit an application online. 📄



Visit the New MHS Alumni Business Directory

Milton Hershey School invites alumni to visit its new Alumni Business Directory on mhsalum.org. The directory is provided as a complimentary service to MHS alumni to encourage networking and the support of alumni businesses. To date, more than 50 alumni businesses are included in the directory. 📄



Visit the MHS Alumni Business Directory at mhsalum.org



If you are an MHS graduate who owns a business, you may submit an entry at mhsalum.org

MHS Offers Job Search Workshops to Alumni

Milton Hershey School has added another resource to the career services available to alumni—a workshop series designed to help alumni who are involved in a job search. MHS Career Services Coordinator Jenifer Benson describes the series of workshops as an A-to-Z crash course on finding employment.

The first series of workshops ended in May 2021. A new series will begin in September 2021, so be sure to watch the Spartan Minute e-newsletter for details. Other career search resources are available online at mhsalum.org. 📄



2020 Alumnus of the Year Visits Students Online

Milton Hershey School's 2020 Alumnus of the Year Charles "Chuck" Seidel '87 did not let the challenges associated with COVID-19 stop him from serving his younger MHS brothers and sisters. Throughout the 2020-21 school year, Chuck connected with students and found ways to share life lessons with them virtually.

He spoke with a Middle Division physics class over Zoom and shared his knowledge of missiles and bombs. He also met with seniors in Transitional Living via Facebook Live to share alternative pathways to higher education.



Chuck visited with pre-K and kindergarten classes for a read-aloud. He shared with them one of his favorite children's books, "Bears in the Night" by Stan and Jan Berenstain, and met with sixth-grade

students learning about honor codes throughout history. He shared his experiences with the honor code in the military and how that impacted him.



The sixth-graders further discussed how Spartans have their own honor code with MHS Sacred Values. The core values of commitment to mission, integrity, positive spirit, and mutual respect will not only help guide them throughout their time as students but through their adult lives as well—a message that surely resonates with the MHS family who are navigating their own lives with those values close to their hearts. Always a Spartan!

Chuck's involvement proves that, when you have the "heart of a Spartan," even a global pandemic can't stop you from giving back to your home and school. 🐻

Nominate a Graduate for an MHS Alumni Award

Milton Hershey School accepts nominations year round for Alumnus/na of the Year and the Alumni Achievement Awards. Submissions for the following year must be received **no later than Oct. 1** of the preceding year. Detailed nominations are not required; however, the more information provided about a graduate, the stronger the nomination becomes, pending research and fact checking.

The MHS Alumnus/na of the Year Award is the highest honor the school can bestow on a graduate. Each year, the school strives to identify those graduates who have distinguished themselves to be worthy of this recognition. To enhance our ability to identify a robust group of exceptional candidates from which to choose, we need your assistance. More detailed Alumnus/na of the Year Award criteria can be found at mhsalum.org.

Primary considerations for this prestigious honor include:

- Distinguished accomplishments in his or her professional career
- Demonstrated humanitarianism and exemplary service to others
- Personal and professional high standards of conduct
- Service to MHS and children

The Alumni Achievement Award honors three MHS graduates who excel in one of the following categories:

- **Career Accomplishment:** The recipient performed unique or significant accomplishments in his or her business or professional career.
- **Community Service:** The recipient is honored for distinguished involvement in community service or volunteer programs.
- **Academic Excellence:** While pursuing a degree, the honoree held leadership positions within his or her campus community, maintained a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and achieved a level of excellence or GPA to earn summa cum laude, magna cum laude, or cum laude status.

Nomination information is available online at mhsalum.org/stay-connected/alumni-recognition. You also may request information by contacting the MHS Alumni Relations Office by phone at 888.MHS.ALUM or by email to mhsalum@mhs-pa.org. 🐻

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Advice for Graduating Seniors from Milton Hershey School Graduates

As Milton Hershey School prepared for the Class of 2021's Commencement, our seniors were reflecting on their time spent on campus and memories made as they looked to the future.

As soon-to-be graduates, they share a bond with thousands of other alumni, or "Milts," that lasts a lifetime. It's a different kind of

bond. MHS graduates consider themselves to be family—brothers and sisters whose lives have been changed thanks to the generosity of our founders, Milton and Catherine Hershey.

To help these graduating seniors stay motivated and reflect on the values they learned while at MHS, several MHS graduates shared their advice for achieving success and lifelong happiness.



Haley Dennis '15

The Importance of Hard Work:

"Hard work beats talent. Especially when talent doesn't work hard. Hard work was something I learned at Milton Hershey School. You are just beginning your next chapter, so remember to work hard."

Tiffanni Osborne '09

Ask for Help: "You can't be afraid to ask for help. You have to be willing to speak up and advocate for yourself. Once you do,



there are so many people in the world who are willing to help. Also, lean into your alumni family. They have to know you need help in order to help."



Dan Acevedo '08

Enjoy the Little Moments: "Enjoy every opportunity you have now [at Milton Hershey School] because you're going to miss it. If there's one thing I wish I could do, I wish I could go back to Milton Hershey [School] for one day to be with the 12 students in the house playing hide-and-go-seek. As you get older, you'll wish you were back where you're at now."

Alex Redcay '95

When Choosing a College/University/Trade School:

"When choosing a college or university, don't be dazzled by the extra features.



The most important question to ask is, 'How do the teachers treat the students in their class?' That is your most important relationship at college."

Dana Oliver '93

Self Advocacy: "One thing I learned at Milton Hershey School was, 'The worst thing someone could tell you is no, but you should always ask.' Always ask the question. You have to stand up for yourself in a positive way."



Bridget Corry Morse '82

Lean into Your MHS Family:

"Know that your Milton Hershey School family will always be on the sidelines of your life cheering you on. Stay in contact with them." 🙌



Alumni Serve as Career Expo Panelists for Students

To prepare students for success after graduation, Milton Hershey School held a virtual College Fair and Career Expo in April. Nearly 500 students attended the event and virtually connected with colleges, universities, industry experts, and proud MHS alumni.

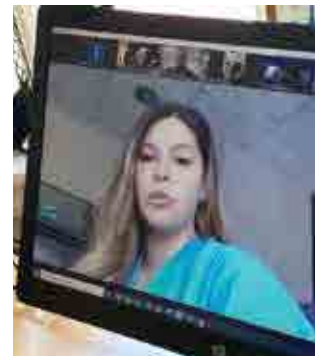
The Expo featured job advice, networking tips, and even Zoom etiquette techniques. Allen Norton, workforce development executive at the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, presented the keynote address. “Businesses today are looking for their next generation of leaders,” Norton said. “You are those future leaders and there’s no limit to where you can go.”

Norton told MHS students that there is an “extreme shortage of skilled talent” across America. College remains important, but just as critical are “employability skills and a willingness to learn. There are great options in the trades and tradespeople are among my heroes because they do such much for our economy,” Norton said.

Following the Expo keynote, students were able to join one of 13 different virtual breakout rooms, which focused on professions ranging from agriculture to construction to information technology. Thirty-nine panelists, including many MHS alumni, offered students straightforward insights about the business world.



Aaron Dabney '08



Icely Guzman '10

The virtual breakouts mirrored the 12 pathways MHS offers through its Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. The program combines tailor-made instruction and hands-on learning with the ability to gain industry-recognized certifications and real-life experience through internships, co-ops, and pre-apprenticeships. Along with exposure to CTE, MHS students receive a dedicated Career Counselor in high school to help them pursue college, the military, or a career after graduation. 🧑🏽💡

GPS and MHSAA Congratulate the Class of 2021

This time in history has taught us to be present and celebrate the little—and big!—moments in our lives.

On Friday, June 11 Milton Hershey School held a Virtual Commencement Ceremony, with elements including:

- Personal recognition of each senior
- Student speeches
- A senior class video packed with memorable moments

On Saturday, June 12, the school held a Senior Celebration Car Processional on campus for seniors, their families, and select guests. The Graduate Programs for Success staff presented class rings to the new graduates during the processional, and members of the MHS Alumni Association Board welcomed them as new alumni brothers and sisters. 🧑🏽💡



View more stories related to the MHS Class of 2021 at mhskids.org/commencement.

A Note from the MHS Alumni Association President

Greetings, Alumni.

I am sure you will agree that 2020 and 2021 have been unique and challenging. All of us have been impacted, in one way or another, by the COVID-19 pandemic. It has changed the way we live and work. Many in our MHS family have suffered the loss of a loved one or have experienced significant financial hardships. I, for one, am hopeful we will make a recovery from this and once again be able to return **home** to celebrate our Milton Hershey School family!

I am both honored and humbled to be writing my second spring message as your MHSAA president. I was asked last fall if I would be willing to serve an additional year. I indicated I would serve again to continue the work we had started. I was overly optimistic that we would be able to get together this spring for our annual Alumni Fellowship Weekend.

I was disappointed, as I assume many of you were, by the cancellation. I understand why it was done, but sad that once again we could not gather as a family. For that reason, your Alumni Association coordinated a letter-writing campaign to members of the senior class like we did last year. It was designed to establish a bond similar to what would have been initiated at the in-person dinner. It is amazing how this simple act of kindness makes the seniors feel. It shows them—our future alumni—we care about them, and I thank those of you who took the time to reach out to our younger brothers and sisters.

Many of you are probably wondering what is happening for Homecoming Weekend this year. At the time of this publication, there are still many unknowns. Obviously, our alma mater is being guided by the rules and regulations set by governmental agencies. The climate of the pandemic changes often. If improvements continue, chances of gathering in September increase. The only thing I can say is: “Stay tuned; more on this later.” Let us all say a prayer and hope we can gather.

I said this last year, but I think it is worth repeating. One of our goals was and continues to be the involvement of our younger alumni brothers and sisters. They are the future of MHSAA, and we need their engagement and giving back. There are many ways to do that, some as simple as helping at MHSAA events when they resume, participating in the Go R.E.D. family reading night program with elementary students, attending sporting events, serving on board committees, and even running for the MHSAA Board of Directors.

We have many ways for alumni to get involved. I challenge each of you to step up and help **your** Milton Hershey School Alumni Association.

Looking forward to the day when we gather in person, I and your MHSAA Board of Directors continue to work for you and with you to strengthen our Association.

Sincerely,

Michael Mulderig '71
MHSAA President

Chapter News

Harrisburg Chapter

The Harrisburg Chapter collaborated with the Homestead Chapter to support the annual Milton Hershey School Food Drive for students who returned home for Easter break. They collected nonperishable food items and monetary donations to contribute to the program coordinated by MHS employees.

The chapter also sponsored its traditional award for a senior in recognition of outstanding performance in the Career and Technical Education program. The award was presented during Commencement Weekend. 🏆

Homestead Chapter

Because of restrictions related to mitigating the spread of the novel coronavirus, the MHSAA Homestead Chapter found a new way to support Elementary Division students during the holidays. In December 2020, Elementary Division students gathered in their respective student homes to sign and send holiday cards to select alumni. The effort was planned in lieu of the annual Christmas party with alumni, supported by the MHSAA Homestead Chapter. The chapter provided plastic candy canes filled with Hershey's chocolate for each Elementary Division student.

The chapter also sponsored its traditional Spartan Pride awards for two graduating seniors. The awards were presented during Commencement Weekend. 🏆



DMV Chapter

As students headed home for Christmas Break, the D.C./Maryland/Virginia Chapter of the MHS Alumni Association kicked off its seventh annual Santa Program.

Throughout the year, the chapter raises funds and works with MHS to identify families with the greatest need who live in the chapter's geographic area. Once students are selected, members of the chapter shop for holiday gifts and food basket items for the students and their families.

The chapter thanks the Spartan community for their generosity and support of its newest fundraising effort—an online auction held in November. As a result, the chapter provided holiday cheer for 12 MHS students this year, more than twice the number served in 2019.

For more information on the DMV Chapter or to donate to its Santa Program, visit mhsaad.org.

The chapter also sponsored its annual Community Service award for a graduating senior. The award was presented during Commencement Weekend. 🎁



Honorary Member Chapter

The Honorary Member Chapter sponsored gifts for MHS lifers at graduation. Sixteen seniors graduated as “lifers” with the Class of 2021. “Lifer” designation is given to students who were enrolled at MHS from either pre-Kindergarten, kindergarten, or first grade all the way through 12th grade.

Milton Hershey School Alumni Association also honors “lifers” by providing them with a complimentary lifetime membership. While the names of all graduates are engraved in granite at the Purcell Friendship Garden, “lifers” names are highlighted in gold. 🎁

For additional information about MHSAA, visit mhsaa.org

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Alumni Share Mental Health Tips During Online Discussion

Milton Hershey School Alumni Relations partnered with 11 alumni and staff to offer the first webinar in a series titled, “Mental Health Marathon.” This event provided an opportunity for panelists to provide resources on topics related to their fields of expertise and mental health. Topics included community service, counseling, food and diet, healthy relationships, organization strategies, outdoors and exercise, goal setting, spirituality and meditation, and unplugging from social media and technology.

Participants were invited to engage with panelists as they shared experiences and coping mechanisms for dealing with the stresses of the pandemic and beyond.

Among the panelists were Angenette (Burns) Crume '05 and Alphonso Nathan '05, who are both mental health professionals.

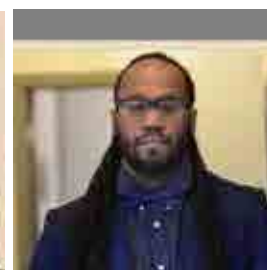
Alphonso stressed the importance of counseling and healthy relationships, sharing the following tips:

- Keep in contact with a created support system of friends and family.
- Set boundaries for yourself to know and understand what a healthy relationship looks like for yourself.
- Schedule time for you to take mental health breaks and step away from everyday stressors.

Visit mhsalum.org to read more mental health tips provided by the panelists. 🎁



Angenette (Burns) Crume '05



Alphonso Nathan '05

1940s

John Hess '45, formerly of Locust Grove, Va., made the move south last year to Bradenton, Fla.

1950s

James Knott '53, is retired and lives in Pendleton, S.C.

Ronald Achey '54, of Lititz, owns Ronald C. Achey Auto Sales. He is semi-retired.

George Sweeney '54, of Hobe Sound, Fla., retired at age 65 in 2002. He was a longtime volunteer in his local hospital's emergency department prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, and he looks forward to returning as soon as possible after the pandemic.

David Bowser '57, of Lititz, is the business consultant/owner of David Bowser Consulting. In 2018-19, he helped with 22 company startups, and in 2020 he worked to help new companies survive during the COVID-19 pandemic. He will continue this work into 2021. On a more personal note, he has three children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

1960s

Ralph Geller '60, of Las Vegas, Nev., is a taxi driver with New Cab. He is a widower with two children and two grandchildren.

Edward Yenshaw '60, of Cambria, Calif., is the semi-retired, part-owner of his wife's business, Bronze, Silver & Gold Gallery, a retail store selling fine art, bronze and stone sculptures, and jewelry. He also continues, in his words, "to spread the word about what a great experience it was for me attending Milton Hershey School."

Robert Harrington '62, of Windsor, Calif., is the retired owner of RAH Consulting Services, Inc. He and his wife split their time between their California home and their summer cabin in the Sierra Mountains of Northern California. He enjoys fly fishing, woodworking, and

Alumni Relations and GPS Division Give Books to Elementary Division Classes

The annual Go R.E.D. (Read Every Day) Family Reading Night, where alumni traditionally come to campus to read with Elementary Division students, was cancelled this year due to COVID-19. Instead, the MHS Graduate Programs for Success Division and Alumni Relations purchased a book written and illustrated by two alumnae as a gift for reading classes at Memorial Hall. "Arise My Beautiful Child" was written by Angenette (Burns) Crume '05 and illustrated by Lori (Hamrick) Agnew '05. Enclosed with the books were letters from the graduates to introduce themselves to the students. 📖



spending time with friends on his pontoon boat.

David Datesman '64, of Columbia, is retired and serves as the recording secretary at his apartment complex. He also is active in his local VFW and American Legion.

George Delany '64, of Rehoboth, Mass., a retired artist, enjoys bee keeping, gardening, and continues to create art.

Dennis Devers '64, of East Windsor, N.J., is a retired USPS clerk-carrier. He enjoys staying active at the gym, hiking, snowshoeing, skiing, swimming, water therapy, Philly sports teams, radio talk shows, music, horseshoes, softball, bowling, and dancing.

Glenn Hartman '64, of Ocala, Fla., is a point of service coordinator at Cone Distributing. Outside of work, he volunteers with cat/kitten rescue and care organizations.

Niles Garlin '64, of Manheim, is retired. He and his wife, Martha, will celebrate 50 years of marriage. They have two daughters and two grandchildren.

Ralph Neeley '64, of Chicago, Ill., is retired. Single for 74 years, he looks forward to "traveling constantly" when safe after the COVID-19 pandemic.

James Simkins '64, of Linthicum Heights, Md., moved from Texas in 2012 to be closer to his children and grandchildren. He says he "tried retirement and couldn't stand it" and is now back to working full time.

Wally Confer '65, of Hummelstown, is retired from The Hershey Company. He works part time at Hersheypark and at Turner Kia of Harrisburg as a shuttle driver.

John Kelly '65, of Hatfield, is retired from law enforcement and military service. He and his wife, Eleanor, will celebrate 48 years of marriage. They have three daughters and six grandchildren.

James R. Smith '65, of East Wenatchee, Wash., retired eight years ago after 33 years at Boeing as a former experimental machinist, and manufacturing and finance estimator. He is married with one son and four grandchildren, and volunteers with therapeutic horses.

James Fox '66, of Hatfield, is celebrating eight years of retirement.

Lawrence Hill '66, of Mount Pleasant, is enjoying retirement and spending time with his nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

David Plaine '66, of Ithaca, N.Y., retired in 2020 after more than 20 years as a strategic tactics marketer.

Jeffrey Sanders '66, of Mechanicsburg, is retired.

1970s

Jay Rountree '70, of Shiremanstown, retired from management after 34 years at IBM. He enjoys woodworking, fishing, anything outdoors, and spending time traveling with his family.

Vance Anderbery '71, of Harrisburg, is a semi-retired business efficiency consultant at Vertical Software. He has three children and five grandchildren.

Bernard Neidert '71, of Blooming Glen, retired in March 2020.

Dennis Siegfried '71, of Cody, Wyo., is head custodian at Eastside Elementary School in the Park 6 School District. He enjoys spending time outdoors.

Steven Merrick '72, of Mifflinburg, is a building and electrical inspector with the Bureau of Occupational Safety in the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. He works in Dauphin, Union, Snyder, Montour, and Centre counties, auditing inspectors who work in these counties and inspecting all state-owned buildings. This includes Penn State University, Lock Haven University, PennDOT, and state parks, as well as at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

Robert Sproat '72, of Frederick, retired on Jan. 15, 2020 from Graphic Packaging Corp., North Wales. He was a pressman at the graphic arts/printing company.

Donald Knaub '73, of York, sold his two businesses—Knaub R&H and Backflow Inspection Services—and recently retired after 35 years of self-employment. He is enjoying retirement, spending most of his time with his two grandchildren. He and his wife, Steph, recently celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary.

Donald Stevenson '73, of Carlsbad, Calif., fully retired in 2020 as owner of an engineering consulting firm. He previously retired in 2007 as chief technical officer and senior vice president from MagneVu, a medical device technology company.

J. Michael Halbleib '76, of Birmingham, Ala., is in his 21st year at Blackjack Farms, currently serving as director of equine. He has been a United States Equestrian Federation judge for the past 30 years and a National Collegiate Equestrian Association Southeastern Conference official for 20 years.

R. Glenn Halteman '77, of Reading, began a new career as a production worker at AkzoNobel, a powder coatings manufacturer.

Karim Mifflin '77, of Philadelphia, is retired and currently attending American Intercontinental University pursuing a Remote Pilot Certification, FAA Part 107.

Tyrone Croston '79, of St. Petersburg, Fla., is a senior tax specialist at the Pinellas County Tax Collector's office.

Roger Drake '79, of Carlisle, was promoted to chief people officer and corporate EEO at Clearwater Construction. He and his wife, Amy, have five children and six grandchildren.

1980s

MHS Kindergarten Teacher **Chris (Brennan) Cook '81**, of Palmyra, Pa., was featured in ABC27's "Something Good" segment in April. The piece highlighted Chris' journey as the first female MHS graduate, her family's close ties to the school, and her 35-



year teaching career at MHS. In May, MHS announced that Chris was selected as the 2021 Alumna of the Year.

Stewart Gingerich '82, of Boalsburg, is a federal law enforcement officer. He plans to retire in December after 23 years of service with the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and the current Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency.

Clifford Zawacki '82, of Kodiak, Alaska, is a certified residential appraiser and owner of Kodiak Appraisals. He retired from the U.S. Coast Guard in 2007 after 24 years of service, and enrolled at the University of Alaska in 2014 to pursue a bachelor's degree in history, political science, and cultural anthropology. He graduated magna cum laude in 2018.

Nick Nissley, Ed.D. '84, of Traverse City, Mich., was named the winner of the Paragon award for new presidents by Phi Theta Kappa, the international community college honor society. He is president of Northwestern Michigan College.

Mary "Kateri" (Braudis) Wiseman '84, of Las Vegas, Nev., earned her bachelor's degree in business administration and human Resources management from American InterContinental University in January 2021. She works in mortgage servicing customer service for PennMac Loan Servicing.

Howard Boroughs '87, of Waxhaw, N.C., is director of human resources at Eaton Corporation. He was recently promoted to brown belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

Andre Powell '87 is a deputy with the Defensive Cyber Operations Division of the U.S. Army. He is stationed in Germany.

Maria (Trinh) Kraus '89, of Yardley, is the new vice chairman of Milton Hershey School and the Hershey Trust Company's boards. She was elected to the boards in 2018 and brings an extensive background in finance, strategy, and corporate development. She is a certified public accountant and is currently the chief financial officer of Accelerated Enrollment Solutions, a business unit of Pharmaceutical Product Development. She is a 2014 recipient of the Milton Hershey School Alumni Career Achievement Award.



CLASS Notes

After graduating from MHS, **Thomas McKenzie '89**, of Bowie, Md., joined the U.S. Navy as a mineman, and spent four years in Europe building and deploying Cold War underwater weapon systems to the North Atlantic. After the Navy, he joined the Coast Guard as a public affairs specialist with assignments in Alaska, Washington, D.C., and New York City. He then joined the Coast Guard's National Strike Force Public Information Assist Team, a four-person deployable disaster communications unit designed to respond to hurricanes, biological threats, vessel collisions, and shipwrecks. Following his retirement from military service, Thomas worked for Amazon Web Services in Seattle, launching products in artificial intelligence and machine learning. In 2020, he returned to college to pursue a degree in creative writing. He self-published his first science fiction novel in 2010 and is currently working on his next two.



1990s

Jermaine Farrar '90, of Charlotte, N.C., is an operations relationship manager at Guardian Life Insurance Company.

Alissa (Hannity) Bridgeman '91, of Johnstown, Colo., has lived in the Sunshine State for the past 16 years. She and her husband will celebrate 20 years of marriage in August. They have two children, an 11-year-old son and a 10-year-old daughter. She enjoys taking care of her children as a stay-at-home mom.

Albert Harris '91, of Signal Hill, Calif., is a network assurance engineer at Verizon. He will celebrate five years of working with the telecommunications company in 2021.

Heather (Sanderson) Kirk '92, of Harrisburg, started a new job as enterprise account executive at Amazon Web Services.

Shelley (Barton) Leister '92, of Manheim, is a social worker at Ephrata Area Social Services. She recently moved back home to Pennsylvania from Michigan, where she earned a master's degree in social work from Michigan State University.

Lisa Peten '92, of Wilmington, N.C., is a senior IT security analyst at City of Hope.

Kyle Brown '93, of Union, N.J., is principal of the newly opened Newark Vocational High School.

Todd Cress '93, of Leesburg, Va., is director of business development at Kythera Space Solutions.

Douglas Oliver '93, of Huntington Valley, was recognized by the Philadelphia Tribune with a 2020 Most Influential Movers and Shakers award for his outstanding commitment to the Philadelphia community. Doug is vice president of governmental and external affairs at PECO, an Exelon company.

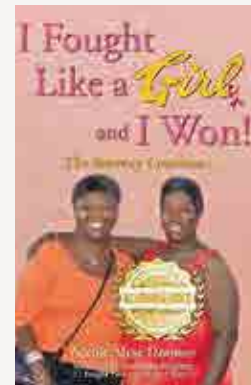


Brian Wright '93, of Harrisburg, is celebrating 25 years as an asset manager for the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney

General. He and his wife, Tracy, have been married 15 years. They have two daughters, ages 9 and 12.

Harold Boone '94, of Philadelphia, is senior vice president of Colliers International.

Nicole (Bingham) Dorman '96, of Killeen, Texas, in Aug. 2020 released the second book of her series about her battle with breast cancer. The first book, a memoir of her recovery titled, "I Fought Like a Girl and I Won!" was released in



March 2015 and features illustrations by her daughter, Anastazija Bingham. Her second book, "The Journey Continues," focuses on her life as a survivor. When not writing, Nicole is a stem cell courier at Time:Matters and transport embryologist at Embryoport.

Radford Garrison '94, of Middletown, Del., started a new position as director of safety, security, and emergency management at Inspira Health Network.

Virtual Remarks by Alumni Kick Off Coding Event

In December 2020, Milton Hershey School students and staff participated in the worldwide Hour of Code event—a virtual opportunity in which people of all experience levels complete programming activities online. All who participated in the event from MHS were eligible for prizes from the MHS Learning Resource Center. Jason Wolfe '87, 2014 Alumnus of the Year, and Florinda Good-Gonzales '19 delivered virtual remarks to kick off the program. 🎤



Orlando Ramos '96, of Fayetteville, N.C., is a paramedic at First Health of the Carolinas.

Armando Batista '97, of Washington, D.C., earned a master's degree in writing from Vermont College in early 2020. He works as an educator and artist at Whittle School and Studios. He and his wife, Joelle, were married in August 2020.

In honor of National Mentoring Month in March, MHS featured alumna **Shannon (Cummings) Butler '98** for



her supportive role at MHS. The feature highlighted Shannon's MHS journey and the transformational bond she formed with her houseparents. Shannon, now a housemother, credits her ability to care for and mentor Middle Division girls to her houseparents.

Daniel Sauder '98, of Reading, graduated with a master's degree in secondary education from Kutztown University in December 2020. The degree certifies him to teach social studies in grades 7-12. He also attained certification as an English as a Second Language (ESL) instructor for grades pre-K through 12.

Edwin Vega '98, of Sunnyside, N.Y., made his podcast debut as guest of "Mojo for the Modern Man," which focuses on "the state of men, manhood, and masculinity in our ever-changing world." In a two-part conversation with the podcast's host, Edwin talked about MHS; his time singing in the school choir and on operatic stages; his work in diversity, equity, and inclusion; and his Grammy Award.

Heather Emminger '99, of Bellefonte, works as a regional property manager for Monarch Management Group.

2000s

Sokonie Reed '01, of West Peoria, Ill., earned a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in May 2020. She is an assistant professor of nursing at Bradley University and was recently recognized as one of the Forty Leaders Under 40 for her work throughout the Peoria community.

Asheleigh (Wykoff) Forsburg '02, of Mechanicsburg, is managing director of The Peyton Walker Foundation.

Ansley Theresa (Watson) Burnett '03, formerly of Brooklyn, N.Y., was promoted to director of regulatory affairs at Function of Beauty, a New York-based company specializing in customizable skin care. She and her husband relocated to Bloomsburg and bought their first home in 2020.

Kristen Lee VanRiper '03, of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., is a realtor with Keller Williams Atlantic Partners, serving Jacksonville Beach, Ponte Vedra Beach, and Amelia Island, Fla.

Troy Scott '03, of Harrisburg, Pa., is a master certified sales consultant at Hoffman Ford.

Nicole (Forson) Walters '03, of Brookhaven, Ga., an Atlanta-based entrepreneur, speaker, and podcast host, stars in a



reality show on USA Network titled, "She's the Boss." According to the Hollywood Reporter, "The half-hour show centers on Nicole and Josh, who a few years into their marriage opened their home and hearts to three sisters who had been living on the streets."

Andrea Destrin '05, of Hackensack, N.J., is a senior Spanish translator at New Fortress Energy.

Cassandra (Wentzel) Razzi '05, of Philadelphia, is senior digital sales manager at Orange142.

Abby Sneeringer '06, of Codorus, is an information technology specialist for The Newberry Group, based in Owings Mills, Md. She has an 11-year-old daughter, Lily, and reports purchasing her first house in 2020.

Ambra Haskins '07, of Philadelphia, was promoted to quality business analyst at Independence Blue Cross.

Shawnda (Kohr) Alva '08, of the Netherlands, completed a master's degree in international relations and is a recruitment program manager in Amsterdam for Microsoft.

Russell Peggues '08, of Atlanta, Ga., is senior manager of product development for UnitedLex, a technology and legal services company headquartered in Overland Park, Kan.

Stephanie Brooks '09, of Hollidaysburg, has been promoted to account development manager at Woodstream Corporation. In this new sales position, she calls on national accounts such as Target. She also recently moved from Lancaster County to the Altoona area.

Alexander Dissinger '09, of Allen, Texas, is an account executive at Salesforce.

K. Robert Grier '09, of Sharon Hill, started a new position as talent acquisition specialist at Tunnell Consulting, Inc., a business management consulting company based in King of Prussia.

Jesse Rabbits '09, of New York City, is senior manager for Deal Desk at GitLab.

2010s

Ronald R. Adams III '13, of Phoenixville, Pa., is a client services supervisor at Aveanna Healthcare.

David Cruz '13, of Brooklyn, N.Y., is a prevention navigator at Kings County Hospital.

Diane Ford '13, of Cary, N.C., is a legal extern with the City of Durham, N.C. She is a law student at Campbell University, Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law.

Manaury "Manny" Garcia '13, of Ewing, N.J., is a sales associate with the Sales Development Program at Omnicell.

Jazzmine Wise '13, of Los Angeles, Calif., is a technical program manager at Google.

Aaron Wright '13, of El Paso, Texas, recently returned to active duty military. He is a member of the U.S. Army.

Clarissa (Ream) Rhodes '15, of Lewistown, graduated from the CNA class at Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology in October 2020.

Nicole Faust '16, of Coal Township, is a behavioral health technician at Pennsylvania Counseling Services, Inc.

Ra-Ish Andrews '16 earned certification as a Scrum Master and Agile Coach. He is a community associate for WeWork.

Mary Stoudt '17, of Rocky Mount, Va., graduated in May from Ferrum College and plans to attend Shepherd University, in Shepherdstown, W.Va., in the fall to pursue a master's degree in Appalachian studies. She and her college sweetheart recently became engaged.

Davan Hanley '19, of Dover, N.H., is the operations manager at the Marguerite Motel in Hampton, N.H.

Marriages

Hannah (Hipple) Pietri '17, formerly of Bayonne, N.J., was married on Oct. 12, 2019. She and her husband now live in Streetsboro, Ohio, where she works for Apple Spice Catering.

Births

Michael Shanahan '06, of Raleigh, N.C., and his wife, Brandy, welcomed their second child, a boy, in December 2020. In other news, Mike recently was promoted to assistant vice president, business banking associate at Bank of America.

Andrew Ames '07, of Reisterstown, Md., and his wife, Ilana, welcomed a son, Jace, in December 2020. Andrew is an account executive at Stansberry Research, a privately owned publishing company headquartered in Baltimore. He and Ilana will celebrate six years of marriage in 2021. They also have a 2-year-old son, Lucas, and purchased a new home in October 2020.

Deaths

George N. Miller '41, of Glendale, Ariz., Oct. 12, 2020

Arthur C. Myers '42, of Meridian, Idaho, Aug. 23, 2020

Clayton L. Snare '42, of Palm Harbor, Fla., April 23, 2020

Donald J. Hess '45, of Hershey, Jan. 15, 2021

Dean E. Armagost '46, of Hanover, Sept. 15, 2020

James H. Kilpatrick '46, of Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 20, 2021

William F. Weaver '46, of Ocala, Fla., Oct. 20, 2020

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

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

William Rittenhouse '47, of Palmyra, Dec. 28, 2020

Harold A. Boyer '48, of Chambersburg, Dec. 11, 2020

Max Fahnestock '49, of Mt. Holly Springs, Oct. 16, 2020

Eugene David King '49, of Ephrata, March 3, 2021

Leonard Overton '49, of Lynnwood, Wash., Sept. 9, 2020

Robert K. Keener '50, of Lititz, Dec. 30, 2020

John B. Mescan Sr. '50, of Harrisburg, Jan. 29, 2021

David E. "Red" Patterson '50, of Palmyra, Pa., Jan. 16, 2021

Lewis Mervine '51, of Pawleys Island, S.C., Oct. 20, 2020

Reed J. Marton '52, of Aransas Pass, Texas, Oct. 26, 2020

Henry C. Strickler '52, of Manheim, Nov. 8, 2020

Melvin W. Knecht '53, of San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 12, 2021

Ronald Dyson '55, of Wilmington, Del., Oct. 4, 2020

Anthony DiMauro '56, of Meshoppen, Dec. 5, 2020

David B. Fahnestock '56, of Palmyra, Pa., Oct. 19, 2020

Joseph G. A. Holden '56, of Harrisburg, Dec. 7, 2020

Anthony Lucernoni '56, of Jefferson, Md., Dec. 16, 2020

Ralph J. Richardson Jr. '56, of Shippensburg, Dec. 15, 2017

Virgilio D. Valenti '56, of York, Oct., 2020

Gerald H. Robinson '57, of Pompano Beach, Fla., May 24, 2020

Bruce Cole '58, of Fayetteville, Ga., Oct. 6, 2020

Ronald E. Stebick '58, of McKeesport, Aug. 21, 2020

James Weinhold '58, of West Lawn, July 6, 2020

David L. Erdman '59, of Annville, Pa., May 3, 2021

Thomas McAuliffe Lee '59, of Hansville, Wash., May 8, 2020

William C. Mash '59, of East Hartford, Conn., Oct. 1, 2020

Lester Gebhart '60, of Lowell, Mass., May 6, 2020

Oscar Huff Jr. '60, Pohatcong Township, N.J., Aug. 25, 2020

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

Robert J. Morgan '61, of Jacksonville, Ark., Jan. 8, 2021

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

Richard C. Pursel '64, of Lancaster, Aug. 22, 2020

Scott Ruch '64, of Sellersville, Pa., May 18, 2021

Thomas E. Keck '66, of Harrisburg, Nov. 3, 2020

John A. Spence '66, of York, Nov. 15, 2020

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

Clarence Fritz '68, of Raleigh, N.C., Dec. 4, 2020

Ronald Benovitz '69, of Escondido, Calif., Feb. 16, 2021

Michael Anderson Clark Sr. '69, of Columbia, Feb. 21, 2021

Michael J. Dennis '69, of Alexandria, Va., Oct. 28, 2020

Warren Koerber '70, of Turtle Creek, Pa., April 10, 2021

Michael J. White '70, of Wilmington, Del., May 7, 2020

Gregory C. Hagan '71, of Lanham, Md., Feb. 27, 2000

Charles E. Baker '73, formerly of Ogden, Utah, March 2016

Michael Gruhler '73, of Drexel Hill, Dec. 3, 2016

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

Andrew J.C. Menschik '76, of Sun Valley, Calif., March 28, 2020

Larry Snyder '76, of York, Pa., March 26, 2020

Michael L. Seltzer '77, of Lebanon, Nov. 5, 2020

Dennis Peterson '85, of Dillsburg, Dec. 12, 2020

Justin Manlove '02, of Orlando, Fla., Feb. 23, 2021

Henry Torres '03, of Miami, Fla., Jan. 7, 2021

Staff & Retiree Deaths

James Albrite died on March 8, 2021. James began employment with Milton Hershey School on Aug. 1, 1963 and retired on Nov. 1, 1992. James worked as the director of business administration.

Charles A. Astfalk, died on Nov. 22, 2020. He began employment with MHS on Aug. 22, 1963 and retired July 1, 1997. He worked as a teacher of drafting and graphic arts. He was an MHSAA honorary member.

Harry Blough died on June 30 of 2020. He began employment with MHS on June 18, 1969 and retired on April 1, 1990. He worked in the Agriculture-Business department.

Edward Bosha died on Jan. 25, 2021. He began employment with MHS on March 1, 1977 and retired June 1, 1984. He worked as a houseparent.

Kenneth M. Cook, inventory attendant/receiver at the Hartman Supply Center, died on Dec. 7, 2020. He was part of the MHS family for 21 years, starting in 1999 as a part-time driver and recreation leader.

M. Nelson Durand died on Oct. 3, 2020. He began employment with MHS on Aug. 28, 1959 and retired Sept. 1, 1992. He worked as a middle school principal and director of the intermediate division. He was an MHS Alumni Association honorary member.

Pauline Espenshade died on Dec. 15, 2020. She began employment with MHS on Aug. 2, 1972 and retired June 1, 1990. She worked in the central kitchen.

Mary Garrison died Mar. 12, 2021. She began employment with MHS on April 14, 1960 and retired on June 1, 1986. Mary worked as a school nurse. She was an MHSAA honorary member.

W. Norman Lafferty died on Jan. 22, 2021. He began employment with MHS on Nov. 4, 1981 and retired on Aug. 1, 2002. He worked as a full-time houseparent.

Rodney McLaughlin died on Nov. 7, 2020. He began employment with MHS on Aug. 25, 1961 and retired Nov. 1, 1992. He worked as a psychologist. He was an MHSAA honorary member.

Raymond E. Minich died on March 7, 2021. He began employment with MHS on Jan. 31, 1972 and retired on Feb. 1, 1996. He worked as a grounds keeper and mechanic.

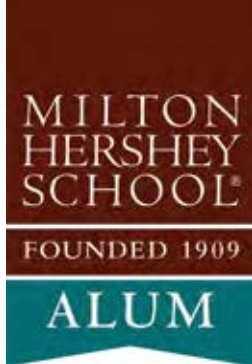
Virginia "Ginny" Rogers died on Jan. 26, 2021. She began employment with MHS on Oct. 8, 1990 and retired on Aug. 31, 2004. She worked as a senior administrative secretary for supply services.

Albert M. Weaver died on Dec. 26, 2020. He began employment with MHS on Jan. 3, 2000 and retired Jan. 1, 2012. He worked as a vehicle technician.

Thomas Welsh died on Nov. 12, 2020. He began employment with MHS on Aug. 24, 1966 and retired Sept. 1, 1997. He worked as a teacher.


Mary Yetter died on Nov. 23, 2020. She began employment with MHS on April 6, 1956 as a seasonal worker in the orchard and transferred to full-time houseparent in July 1968. She retired July 1, 1992.

Shirley "Mom Martin" Zimmerman died on April 11, 2021. She began employment with MHS as a houseparent in 1984 and retired on Aug. 1, 1992. She was an MHSAA honorary member.



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Calendar



August '21

16 Opening of School

September '21

13 Mr. Hershey's Birthday

24-26 Homecoming 2021
(details to come)

24 Spartan Hall of Fame Induction

25 MHS Alumni Association Annual
Business Meeting

25 Homecoming Football Game

26 Graveside Memorial Service

26 MHSAA Memorial Grove Service

October '21

1 Nomination deadline for 2022
Alumni Achievement and
Alumnus/na of the Year Awards

November '21

7-12 Founders Week

14 MHS Alumni Association
Reorganizational Meeting

December '21

31 Deadline for the 2022 Spartan
Hall of Fame Nominations;
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April '22

8-10 Alumni Fellowship Weekend

8 Alumni-Senior Fellowship Dinner

8 Career Exploration Expo

September '22

9-11 Homecoming

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