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Dear Milton Hershey School Family:

Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think I would become a member of the Milton Hershey School family!

I was born and raised on Pat's Hill, where I continue to live today. My great-grandfather was Robinson Patrick, after whom Pat's Hill was named. I learned that he played an important role in Milton Hershey's plans. One of Mr. Hershey's most treasured acquisitions was the procurement of the Robinson Patrick farm, in 1909, 30 years before I was born. This land served many needs for Mr. Hershey's town. Pat's Hill became the site for several of Mr. Hershey's

prized accomplishments: the beautiful, world-renowned Hotel Hershey, the Hershey Rose Gardens, and a high school and vocational school for the students—the Hershey Industrial School.

Fast forward: The Patrick family extended to the east of these entities. I grew up between two student homes—Woodside and Rosemont. I lived within walking distance of the stadium and the high school, thus able to attend many of the MHS football and basketball games. When I was 5 years old, I remember walking to the high school, in order to pass by Mr. Hershey lying in state. I will never forget that day.

Later, as a teenager, I attended a number of unit (now known as student home) parties. What fun!

Then came my graduation from Hershey High School, college, marriage, a family, and teaching at Central Dauphin Middle School and Yeshiva Academy. At the age of 40, I seized the opportunity to teach science at Catherine Hall—the MHS middle school. What an opportunity. It had been a school for boys, and girls were now being enrolled. They needed someone to work with girls' activities, so, I began teaching science and coaching cheerleading at the middle and high schools. We had so many games, games, and more games to cheer for! Then, I added track and cross country to my coaching jobs. It was a very busy 22 years, but very rewarding.

Although you get to know the students in your classroom pretty well, it is in coaching that you get to know them so much better—relationships you never forget.

I retired from MHS in 2002. I missed the school and the students so much, I began to take part-time jobs, and in no time, I was up to seven, including academic and athletic. I have grown to love the students, the employees, and the graduates of MHS.

In 2005, I became an honorary member of the MHS Alumni Association. I am extremely privileged to have this honor bestowed on me.

This past year, I lost the last of my immediate family—my brother, Randy, who quite a few alumni knew through playing softball, basketball, or golf throughout the years. (You probably remember that he always liked to win.)

But, I still have hundreds of brothers and sisters from MHS, and the family keeps growing. It is so great to interact with former students at Homecoming, games, senior dinners, and many other events. I encourage all alumni to attend as many of these events as possible. The Milton Hershey family is unique and very special!

Ruth Holp
MHSAA Honorary Member

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During Alumni Fellowship Weekend in April, more than 30 Milton Hershey School alumni volunteered to talk to senior high school students about their careers during the annual Career Exploration Expo. Alumni shared how their individual skills and experiences have helped them succeed in the 21st century workplace. Visit mhsalum.org to learn about the opportunities for alumni to get involved in supporting current students and recent graduates.

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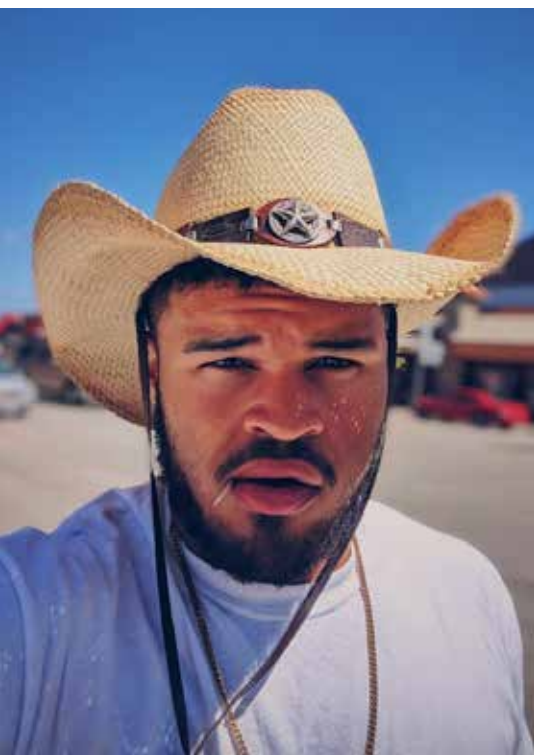


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From Sea to Shining Sea—How a Group of MHS Alumni *supported* a Young Milt's Journey to College

By Susanna Compare '18



From camping in Badlands National Park in South Dakota to buying a cowboy hat in Montana, Jared T. Ross '18 summer was nothing short of adventurous.

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home where stability was never certain, Jared's mother decided to send her son to Hershey with the hope of a brighter future. Although Jared was reluctant in coming, it was only a matter of months before he realized what was so special about the school located in a town named after a chocolate bar.

While at MHS, Jared was involved in a plethora of activities and transformed into a bright, healthy, confident, and talented young man. Upon his arrival in eighth grade, Jared immediately joined the football team, and over his first Thanksgiving vacation at the school, he went on a History of America trip to Gettysburg, where a passion for travel began to blossom.

"Getting the opportunity to travel more and the friends that I made along the way made History of America trips so fun for me," he shared.

Throughout the rest of his time at MHS, Jared excelled in all areas by becoming a leader in the Student Government Association, participating in a three-week service learning trip to Ghana, continuing to play football and most importantly, inspiring his classmates to believe in their dreams. Nothing was impossible to Jared, so it was no surprise when he announced to his friends and mentors that he would be taking the 3,600-mile journey to

California by car—because in his eyes, he had nothing to lose.

Jared was not sure what his trip would look like, and what literal and figurative road bumps he would run into along the way. He was certain, however, that he could count on the MHS community to guide him in the right direction, as they had for the last five years of his life.

"If not for the MHS community, past and present, I would have been a lot hungrier, and slept in my car a lot more during my trip."

From giving gift cards and supplies before he left campus to purchasing hotel rooms and opening up their homes, the MHS community at large continued to treat Jared as a member of this very extensive, diverse, and unique family. After reaching out to the greater MHS alumni community on social media, he received encouragement and dozens of offers of support.

"We treated each other as friends and family, skipping over the acquaintance stage of our relationships," he shared.

Jared visited and got to know numerous MHS graduates over his 12-day adventure. Among these graduates were Chuck and Cyndi Seidel '87 from Salt Lake City, Utah. Both Chuck and Cyndi graduated from MHS and opened their home

Jared was exactly one-month post-graduation from Milton Hershey School when he packed up his white 1998 BMW and drove out of rural Pennsylvania to begin his life as a student at the University of San Francisco. He was on a mission to make the impossible seem possible, and inspire other young MHS graduates to do the same. What he got was much more. He discovered a unique network of people from around the country who gave to him with gratitude, intent, vision, and enthusiasm—just like our founders.

"I wanted to show that I can do anything, even when it seems unreasonable," Jared said.

From the very beginning of his MHS journey, it was the people at MHS that kept Jared focused, even though his family was 3,000 miles away in Seattle, Washington. Coming from a



to Jared during his journey. They did this because they understand the miraculous gifts that MHS gives its students, and understand the importance of supporting young alumni. The trio bonded over their shared MHS stories—including shared houseparents. Both Cyndi and Jared lived with Amy and Nolan Hauser when they were students at MHS.

“Jared’s houseparents were also my houseparents for a very brief time,” said Cyndi. “That’s the thing about Milton Hershey [School], it doesn’t matter how different you are, the school automatically pulls you together. It’s important alumni get to know and support the younger generation because that’s what family is supposed to do.”

After traveling through 12 states, visiting two National Parks, and meeting people who wear their MHS class ring proudly, Jared made it to San Francisco, ready to change the world. For the first time, Jared understood the depth of MHS support post-graduation. He was secure knowing

that he could call upon his friends, mentors, and new alumni brothers and sisters to help him when he was at a crossroads.

“I was going all the way across the country; I did not expect to be so supported,” Jared shared. “What I realized was that support from MHS does not fade with distance.”

Once Jared began his first semester at the University of San Francisco, he continued to keep in contact with his friends, mentors, and the alumni that he met on his journey. He also built a new mentorship with alumnus Kayvon Asemanni ’14, who is working as a product manager for Facebook in San Francisco. These relationships are keeping Jared focused as he navigates life as a young alum, just as they did when he first enrolled at MHS.

“Being an alum is a blessing and a responsibility. It’s a blessing to have so many people around to support you, but you have a responsibility to honor all of the efforts and time that have been poured into you to make you a better person,” Jared said.

Jared’s support from MHS alumni did not end following his 3,600-mile journey. After learning he had been chosen to go on an educational trip to Brazil, he reached out to the Graduate Programs for Success Division at MHS for help. By working with Vice President of GPS, Tanya Baynham, he learned about financial opportunities through the Dearden Foundation. The Dearden Foundation was created to honor the legacy of William E. Dearden ’40 and provides short-term emergency assistance to recent graduates with housing, transportation, medical, and educational related needs.

Jared wrote a proposal to the foundation and was awarded partial funding for his trip. In return, he was asked to pay it forward to fellow graduates in the future.

“Being an alum of MHS means that you have the responsibility to make the most impact you possibly can in other people’s lives,” he shared.

Jared is an inspiration to many alums and is a reminder for fellow graduates that no matter how many years—or months—ago you graduated, there will always be a unique bond between you and your fellow Spartans. Jared encourages other young alumni to reach out to MHS when they are in need, because we are a family, and family sticks together.

As Jared prepares to finish his second semester of college, he’s challenging himself and others to believe in conquering the unreasonable by creating their own story. After all, it was one couple and one chocolate recipe that changed the trajectory of 10,000 people and counting in a small town called Hershey.

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Milton Hershey School Develops New Pathway for Students to Pursue Careers in Education and Human Services

THE SCHOOL'S EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES CAREER PATHWAY IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE STATE



For 110 years and counting, Milton Hershey School has led the charge in career and technical education, giving students an edge through specialized career-focused pathways, tailor-made instruction, and authentic work experiences. The school's award-winning Career and Technical Education program has evolved throughout the years and continues to adapt as industry trends change.

Beginning in the fall of 2019, the program will evolve once again to align with the current job market by launching a new career pathway in Education and Human Services for its high school students. This pathway will offer dedicated education and social work classes, internship and job shadow experiences, and industry-recognized certification opportunities—all before graduation from MHS.

MHS is the first school in Pennsylvania to offer specialized training and instruction in education and human services. The new career concentration is the 12th pathway offered through the school's CTE program, which provides students with career preparation and exposure as early as elementary school. MHS students, who come from low-income backgrounds, work with career counselors to develop their career goals based on their skills and interests.

Approximately 16 percent of MHS graduates who are currently enrolled at a college or university are pursuing degrees in education, psychology, or social work.

The Education and Human Services career pathway is part of the school's ongoing commitment to enhancing students' career exposure and preparation through career and technical education. In 2018, MHS implemented the first state-registered, pre-apprenticeship program, providing students with the ability to work in their desired trade or industry prior to graduation.



A Note from the MHS President

Dear Alumni Brothers and Sisters:

We're celebrating a milestone this year. This November marks 110 years of helping children in need. It was on Nov. 15, 1909 that our founders, Milton and Catherine Hershey, signed the school's Deed of Trust.

When Mr. Hershey described his original intent for our school, then named Hershey Industrial School, in *Liberty Magazine*, he said, "I wanted to get away from the idea of institutions and charity and compulsion, and to give as many boys as possible real homes, real comforts, education, and training, so they would be useful and happy citizens."

One hundred and ten years later, our school continues to change the lives of children from low-income families by providing them with the necessary resources to succeed. This includes access to a top-notch education and exceptional programs, character and leadership development, and career and college preparation.

As one of our more than 10,000 graduates, you know the impact MHS has made on your life. It is our privilege and responsibility to invest in our younger brothers and sisters. I encourage you to find opportunities to give back and build connections with our students. The MHS Alumni Relations and Graduate Programs for Success Division teams have been working to provide new and exciting ways to support graduates of all ages and build the alumni family network. Visit mhsalum.org to learn how you can give back as we celebrate 110 years and counting!

Sincerely,
Peter G. Gurt '85, MHS President

Pennsylvania Secretary of Labor and Industry Visits Milton Hershey School

In January, Pennsylvania Secretary of Labor and Industry Jerry Oleksiak visited MHS to learn about the school's award-winning Career and Technical Education program. Oleksiak toured several CTE classrooms and learned about the professional experiences students gain through the program, including summer internships, co-ops, industry-recognized certifications, and pre-apprenticeship opportunities.



MHS Student Experiments Selected to Fly in Space

Proposals submitted by Milton Hershey School high school students were selected for the opportunity to have their scientific experiments tested approximately 240 miles above the Earth's surface aboard the International Space Station as part of the national Student Spaceflight Experiments Program.

More than 100 MHS students, broken into 31 teams, created in-depth research proposals that were reviewed by a local board of professionals. The top six proposals then advanced to the National Step 2 Review Board comprised of scientists, engineers, and science educators for selection.

Of the six research proposals submitted by MHS students, two were chosen to be launched into space as part of SSEP's Mission 13 to the ISS in spring 2019:

- "The Effect of Microgravity on the Growth of Algae Cysts and Lipid Production," designed by Logan Ford and Christian James
- "The Effect of Microgravity on the Adhesion and Curing of Oil-Based Artist Paint," designed by Hunter Shippee and Aliza Blackburn

Student experiments from MHS will be conducted by astronauts aboard ISS for approximately 4-6 weeks and then sent back to Earth for student analysis. Students will report their findings at the SSEP National Conference in the summer of 2019 or summer of 2020.

A secondary part of the program provides MHS elementary students with the opportunity to compete in designing mission patches, which are a proud tradition of the U.S. space program and have been included with every mission sent to space. The two winning patches will be transported to the ISS in the spring and will then be returned to MHS, each embossed with a certification that they flew in space.

SSEP is a program of the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education in the U.S. and the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Space Education internationally. It is enabled through a strategic partnership with DreamUp PBC and NanoRacks LLC, which are working with NASA under a Space Act Agreement as part of the utilization of the International Space Station as a National Laboratory.



MHS and the University of Pittsburgh Partner to Support Low-Income, First-Generation College Students

Milton Hershey School and the University of Pittsburgh have formalized a partnership to help low-income, first-generation college students achieve success throughout college.

MHS students who attend the University of Pittsburgh will receive resources and support designed to guide them throughout their entire college experience. Support services include:

- Academic resources and support networks on campus to help students succeed and complete a degree at the University of Pittsburgh
- Assistance with finding and securing on-campus employment, including career coaching and job fairs
- Student engagement support, including a week-long new student orientation to introduce students to campus organizations and help build connections with first-year mentors
- Twelve-month housing options, which gives first-generation college students a place to live during breaks

Several MHS graduates who attend Pitt participated in the event.

MHS Students Participate in Groundbreaking Ceremony for Hershey's Chocolatetown

Two Milton Hershey School students had the opportunity to stand alongside the Hershey entity partners and other members of the Hershey community during the groundbreaking of Hershey's Chocolatetown—the 23-acre expansion of Hersheypark where guests can eat, play, and shop year-round.

MHS juniors Valerie Heydemann and Gavin Meyers were extremely honored to participate.



Defining My Future, Letting Go of My Past

By Maggie, an MHS freshman

From a young age, we are always told to “push through” any trials or tribulations that life throws in our face. For most of us, it’s just empty advice that adults hand out—I know from experience.

Before my time at Milton Hershey School, I was struggling with grades, emotional stability, and managing stress in my life. I wasn’t sure how I was supposed to handle the intense emotions I was experiencing. Without the guidance I needed from adults and important people in my life, I was hopeless. That was until MHS entered my life.

I was eager to come, but I was also terrified. When I arrived at the school, things were not the easiest. I couldn’t stop thinking about my past, and I held on to what I had been through. Even though I was faced with constant reminders that I wasn’t perfect, I tried my hardest to move on. Every day, adults and mentors reminded me that I deserve to reach my full potential and I could be so much more than what life had originally planned for me. Even though I’m a pretty consistent self-motivator, without the guidance, advice, and constant encouragement to be better, I’m not quite sure where I would be right now.

As I continued to persevere through challenges, I realized I could be anything I put my mind to. I no longer have to face the same restrictions on life that held me back when I first arrived at MHS.

I’ve learned you can’t overcome your past by constantly reminding yourself of the negatives. Instead, you have to realize those difficulties are what shape you.

You must use those struggles to become even better. I have so much potential to do what I want with my life, not just follow the guidelines life laid out for me. I have dreams of college and success—things that were never options before MHS.

For anyone who has been in a similar place as I once was, you should know that it’s not your past that defines you. It’s how you allow that past to affect your *future*.

Motivated to Give

By Trevor, an MHS freshman

The Opening of School Assembly was the start of a brand-new year. Everyone was able to reunite as an MHS family.

Over the summer, we may have lost touch with some of our friends, but the start of the new school year is a time where we can make new ones. I liked getting together with all of my peers, teachers, and friends from other grades at the assembly. It was exciting to see how everyone had changed.

My favorite part of the Opening of School Assembly was Landon’s story, an elementary student at MHS. I also liked the ending of the assembly that [featured a video about giving to others and a celebration led by the MHS cheerleaders and MHS President Pete Gurt]. [I]t was truly the start of the new year, so everyone was laughing and dancing around.

This year, I want[ed] to make an impact at MHS by getting involved. I want[ed] to join Student Government Association, Spartan Community OutReach, the mentoring program, and some of the physical activities that are offered. I [felt it would] make an impact because I [would] get to share my peers’ opinions and also be part of a team.

Going to the Opening of School Assembly really started my year off right, especially since I’m a freshman and new to Senior Division. Knowing that people will give with gratitude, intent, vision, and enthusiasm is my motivation.

If someone is upset, mad or feeling lost, I can give to those around me and maybe be able to help them.

MHS is truly like a second family, and for some students, the only family they have. Everyone at MHS works together to make sure we do our best. If I wasn’t at MHS, things would be a lot more complicated than they are currently. So, I thank Milton and Catherine Hershey for their generosity as well as the staff who put in all their hard work for us.

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MHS Fourth-Grader Pens Powerful Essay About Being a Spartan

As part of a recent writing assignment, Milton Hershey School fourth-grader Daniel Bridgeford was asked to express himself and use his expertise to inform readers on a topic of his choice. Daniel, who enrolled at MHS in first grade, has been impacted by the school in many positive ways.

Inspired by his positive experience, Daniel decided to teach readers how to become an MHS Spartan who remains committed to the school's Sacred Values, which include integrity, positive spirit, mutual respect, and commitment to mission.

"Getting to see a student express themselves as powerfully as Daniel does in this writing piece is rewarding and inspiring. It is evident he is staying open to the many learning opportunities being presented to him all over campus," said Danielle Rafferty, an MHS fourth-grade teacher. "Daniel exemplifies the very best of what we hope to accomplish as stewards of Mr. Hershey's legacy."

Read the following excerpt from Daniel's powerful essay:

"Have you ever felt like a Spartan? At Milton Hershey School, a Spartan is someone who exhibits the four Sacred Values. Our four sacred values are integrity, commitment to mission, positive spirit, and mutual respect.

I was not showing integrity when I first came to MHS. For example, before I came here, I lied a lot. I also noticed that I was damaging my relationships with people. But now I know that I am a Spartan, and Spartans build up relationships.

If you are committed to your mission, you never, ever give up. Commitment to mission means you are focused and fight until the end. It means you have grit and never quit. For example, if there is a math test that is very hard for you, you have to stay committed and never give up. Remember, it might be hard, but Spartans can do hard things.

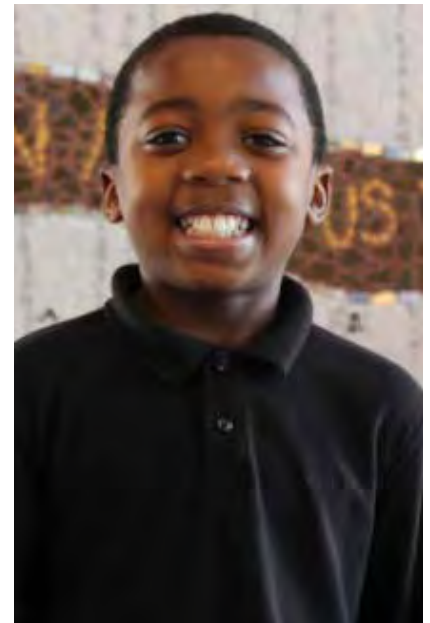
Positive spirit is a very important value. When you have positive spirit, you can accomplish anything. When you have positive spirit, you have effort, and effort is unlimited. Positive spirit is important, because if someone is better than you but they don't show positive spirit and you do, you may be more successful than them. It would be good if you have positive spirit when you do something you don't want to do.

Mutual respect is having respect for others and for ourselves. We show respect by listening to each other, by putting our work into action, and by treating others the way they want to be treated.

If you show all of these values, you are a Spartan for life. Remember, Spartans make mistakes, but they get back up again."

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MHS Students Gain Cultural and Social Awareness through Trip to England and France

During a nine-day educational trip to England and France during Thanksgiving break, a group of MHS students learned about the history of World War II. They visited sites throughout London and Paris and walked the beaches of Normandy to reflect on those who fought there.

In addition to expanding their world view by learning about history and civics, MHS students gained valuable social and emotional learning skills—including cultural and social awareness, empathy, responsible decision-making, and open-mindedness.





Flynn an *inspiration* to Students, Alumni, and Staff

A first-person account by Arman Asemani '11



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Since graduating from Hershey Industrial School—now Milton Hershey School—in 1946, Horace Flynn has been a salt water taffy maker, butcher assistant, stocking mill worker, shoe maker, programmer for the U.S. Navy, veteran, and MHS houseparent. But in the time we spent together during Alumni Fellowship Weekend 2019, he played the role of history teacher, sharing experiences as an MHS student and alumnus that seemed so familiar, yet so vaguely foreign to someone who graduated 65 years later.

I had my enrollment interview in the admissions building. That building was once student home Habana, Horace's student home for a time. As a student at MHS, I milked goats as a summer job. Horace milked cows as a daily chore. I once saw a play at The Hershey Theatre. Horace went to weekly chapel at The Hershey Theatre. I went to class and played sports in Copenhaver Center. Horace enrolled at MHS when George Copenhaver was the superintendent. As a senior at MHS, I visited Milton Hershey's grave. As a senior at HIS, Horace witnessed the hearse carrying Milton Hershey to his grave in 1945. "To me, he was like my father and my grandfather, you know; I had neither one when I was growing up," Horace said.

“He is very inspiring to our girls.... They all are happy to consider him their Milton Hershey Grandpa. [He] is... always finding ways to spend time with the students and give back to the school.”

—MHS houseparents Eric and Rhonda Ritenour



I visited Horace at his Harrisburg area home where he has lived since 1955, and where he raised his three sons. When I asked if Horace's children were familiar with MHS, he quipped, "Are they ever!" It's no surprise that his sons and grandsons knew of the school given that Horace has been engaged with the school as a volunteer for 50 years.

Horace has served the U.S. through assignments in the Air Force, National Guard, and Army, including deployment to Korea during the Korean War in 1950 and 1951. Nearly 70 years later, he is still serving others closer to home—the MHS student and alumni community. He has served as the secretary of the Harrisburg Chapter of the MHS Alumni Association since 1970. Along with engaging graduates, Horace spends time with current students as well.

Through his relationships with houseparents, Horace is a frequent guest at birthday dinners in student homes, and always brings a card for the birthday boy or girl. John Hanawalt '70 says, "Horace takes pies, candy (some homemade), pretzels, sweet corn, etc., to students in several student homes. And of course, the \$2 bills!"

I asked Horace about the \$2 bills, and he said, "If the kids have a community service day, or for the honor society kids, we'll give them a \$2

bill. Some of the kids have never seen a \$2 bill." The students may not know what a \$2 bill is, but Horace will still be the first to say of the kids, "Well educated, today's MHS students are ... much more so than we were."

Having early in his life considered Mr. Hershey like a father or grandfather, Horace is now filling that role for others enrolled at MHS and as a treasured friend and brother by many alumni.

Among the student homes Horace visits is Green Acres, where Rhonda and Eric Ritenour are houseparents to Elementary Division girls. "We greatly appreciate Mr. Flynn," the Ritenours said. "He is very inspiring to our girls They all are happy to consider him their Milton Hershey Grandpa. [He] is ... always finding ways to spend time with the students and give back to the school."

During a recent dinner with the students at Green Acres, Horace made good on a comment he made during a previous visit. He introduced the students to rhubarb, a vegetable that is most commonly cooked with sugar and used in pies, crumbles, and other desserts. A few weeks later, he was one of several guest judges for a cooking competition between the students of Green Acres and Tubman.

When the MHS Alumni Association honored Horace with its Alumni Service Award in 2015, several

student homes took advantage of the opportunity to share photos expressing their love and gratitude for him.

Beyond visiting student homes, Horace is among the first to volunteer each year as an alumni guest reader for the Go R.E.D. (Read Every Day) Family Reading Night for Elementary Division students, and he is a faithful host for a senior at the annual Alumni-Senior Fellowship Dinner.

MHS recently featured a quote by Mr. Hershey on social media: "There are no limitations to what age can do. An interest in something new triumphs over the calendar any day." Having celebrated his 90th birthday in October 2018 with friends, family, and a few MHS students, Horace exemplifies the essence of that sentiment.

At the end of our conversation, Horace shared a document with me, printed in 1938, titled "Rules Concerning Gifts And Report Cards," which stated, "First: Never send your boy a bicycle, and don't send him a pocket knife until he is twelve years old." Those items would probably be listed in opposite places in today's rulebook, but just like a conversation with Horace, the document was a view into the past of a home and school I knew well and now know better.

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An interest in something new triumphs over the calendar any day.”***

—Milton S. Hershey

Student Senate Initiated MHS Traditional Memorial Day Assembly in 1954

In 1954, Milton Hershey School's Senior Senate initiated a Memorial Day service to honor those who died in the service of their country. Planning began in the previous fall with a report to the Board of Managers. "The program will be a dignified Memorial Worship Service, under the sponsorship of the Student Senate, with the students being the major participants in the program. A suitable wreath and flowers will be in the front of the auditorium during the program, and at the close of the service the Student Senate will leave the auditorium in a solemn fashion and travel to the cemetery where they will read an appropriate scripture and prayer, and place the wreaths or flowers at the graves of Mr. and Mrs. [Milton and Catherine] Hershey and at the stone for the Homeboys."

After that first assembly on May 28, 1954, Superintendent Dr. John O. Hershey stated in a report that

"the service was unusually effective." In a message given by Junior-Senior High School Principal Hammond in 1957, Memorial Day was called "a day of heroes, a day to remember their sacrifices and their deeds; a day of memories of loved ones and friends; a day when all are united in a common purpose to honor and to remember others—and what they did to preserve our country and freedom."

The Memorial Day assembly continues to be an atmosphere of reverence and respect. Each year, one of the Gold Star alumni stories is shared, followed by the Roll Call of the Gold Star alumni. MHS (and formerly Hershey Industrial School) Gold Star alumni are those alumni who served in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, National Guard, or Navy and died while in honorable active military service to their country in times of war or conflict.

After the playing of taps, the students

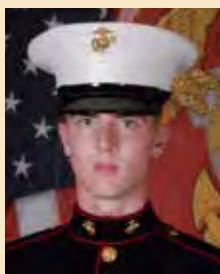
leave the assembly in silence, and the seniors travel to the cemetery for a graveside service.

In 2011, MHS began honoring its Gold Star alumni by participating in the Hershey Memorial Day Parade. A contingent of more than 60 volunteers from all three divisions march by wearing a shirt featuring a photo of a Gold Star alumnus, handing out flyers, or waving American flags.

Thank you, donors and supporters

Thank you to the following people who donated or shared objects and/or photos with the Milton Hershey School Heritage Center at Kinderhaus. If we have inadvertently missed your gift, please contact us, so we can include recognition in the next issue of *Thy Traditions Dear*.

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Paul Sheaffer '42
Warren Wagner



MHS Honors Newest Gold Star Alumnus

Timothy Mark Wrightington '12 died from injuries sustained in a car accident on Jan. 8, 2018. He was a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps and obtained a National Defense Service Medal and a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Milton Hershey School Gold Star alumni are those alumni who served in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, National Guard, or Navy and died while in honorable active military service to their country in times of war or conflict.



65th Anniversary of Milton Hershey School Alumnus of the Year Award

On June 7, 1954, Milton Hershey School named Arthur R. Whiteman '27 the first Alumnus of the Year. The award was created to honor an alumnus "in recognition of his vocational success, his contributions to his fellowmen, and the credit which he has brought to his Alma Mater," with the purpose being:

1. To provide an opportunity for the school to recognize graduates who have done exceedingly well
2. To set before current students examples of the type of achievement toward which they, too, can aspire
3. To bring to the attention of the public the achievements of outstanding alumni, and in turn, help the public to have greater appreciation for the quality of person who graduates from the school
4. To add dignity and stature to the ceremonial traditions of the school

Graduates were to be chosen representing success in a variety of fields, such as the arts, science, construction, etc. Since its inception, a variety of vocations have been



represented, such as finance, medicine, geology, military, astronomy, advertising, law, entertainment, education architecture, theoretical physics, law, culinary arts, thoroughbred racing, and many more, exhibiting the wide range of skills learned at MHS.

Arthur Whiteman, born on July 6, 1909 in Wentworth, North Carolina, enrolled into Hershey Industrial School at the age of four in 1913. Milton Hershey handpicked him to work as an apprentice clerk at the Hershey Trust Company at the age of 15, while still a student, and Whiteman shared that "was the happiest moment of my school and business life, the moment of which I was most proud and most humble."

Whiteman was named treasurer of both the Hershey Trust Company and MHS in 1934, and became treasurer of the M.S. Hershey Foundation in 1935. In 1939, he was appointed to the Board of Managers, the first alumnus

to be named to the board, and the only one to hold that position during Milton Hershey's lifetime. He served on every Hershey corporate board and as president of the Hershey Trust Company before retiring in 1974 after 50 years of service. Whiteman ended his remarks when named Alumnus of the Year with this promise: "With God's help, I will spend the remainder of my useful life in the service of the school, you boys, and those who will follow." He fulfilled that goal and died in Hershey on June 30, 1988 at the age of 78.

MHS named William Charles Ballough Harding '78 the 2019 Alumnus of the Year in recognition for his work within the biomedical industry, where he is changing lives by creating solutions to global healthcare challenges through the development of new and improved medical devices.

Volunteering at the Milton Hershey School Department of School History

My name is Don Rhoads, and I work for Hershey Entertainment & Resorts Company as a marketing projects manager. Growing up in the Hershey/Palmyra area, I am familiar with what the Milton Hershey School has done for scores of children. Working at HE&R, we are given the opportunity and the privilege to support the school and its mission through volunteering.

Over the past few years, I've volunteered at the Department of School History at Kinderhaus. My assistance with a number of different projects included photo organization, artifact documentation, inserting negatives taken by John Robaton '58 of school life in the 1960s into acid free sleeves, and, most recently, creating a comprehensive list of the military collection.

In my opinion, one of the more important aspects of the collection is the documentation of the alumni's role in and their contributions to our United States military beginning with World War II.

While working with the collection, I was struck by the story of Daniel Raymond Phillips '62, a 24-year-old, who along with his comrades in the U.S. Army Special Forces, fought the North Vietnamese Army in South Vietnam. Unfortunately, Phillips' life was affected during the battle at Lang Vei on Feb. 7, 1968. Wounded in the face, he was last seen trying to evade the North Vietnamese armor by going through the northern perimeter wire. He remains missing in

action.

The Department of School History is privileged to hold a few items related to the military career of Phillips, including his military service medals, uniform name badge, and two green berets worn by him. It

is these former personal possessions—now artifacts—that continue to remind us of the sacrifice a soldier makes for his or her country and the world at large.

I appreciate the opportunity to support MHS by volunteering at the Department of School History. The school's official archival repository has a very important function to protect and preserve the artifacts, stories, and images of the school, and to share them with future generations of MHS students and alumni. I enjoy my small part in giving back to the school in such a unique and rewarding way.





MHS Provides *foundation* for Alumna's Work in Public Health

By Laura Schmidt, MHS Office of Communications

For Abigail “Abbey” Johnson ’06, Milton Hershey School is the foundation of what it means to have a healthy community. What she learned and experienced as a student at MHS has become the foundation for her life’s work in the public health industry.

“The heart of what I do is about building healthy communities,” she said. “When working, I look back

and think, ‘What if every community across the United States has all of those different strings of opportunity?’ Whether it’s free health and dental care, access to healthy food, the phenomenal education system, or professional mentoring. That thought drives a lot of what I do.”

Abbey is an MHS “lifer”—she enrolled at MHS in first grade and lived at the

school until she graduated. Originally from Willingboro Township, New Jersey, Abbey found a community at MHS full of supportive individuals who not only helped her navigate her educational experience but also helped prepare her to change lives in the future.

Abbey was one of four girls raised by a single mom who immigrated to the United States in the 1980s. When



“Thank you for the investment in children and for wanting to see children thrive. If I could, I would pull a book out to share with them the impact that they’ve had and how it extends far beyond Pennsylvania, beyond even the United States, as graduates are going out and impacting and changing the world. They are doing that because of Mr. and Mrs. Hershey.”

“Milton Hershey’s story was shared with us on numerous occasions to inspire us and let us know that you have the chance to create your own opportunities, and you can do it even if you fail. I still keep this with me today. It’s a level of gratitude. We were always taught to be thankful for what we have because not everyone has these opportunities and we have been given so much.”



Abbey was six years old, she was the first of three of her sisters to enroll at MHS. Her older sister and one younger sister followed her to the school.

“I remember the day my mom dropped me off,” she said. “I didn’t know where I was. It wasn’t clear to me that she was leaving. I remember a lot of confusion and being homesick, but then [I remember] being comforted. My houseparents at the time did a lot to make us all feel connected in the student home. It was [that] sense of family that helped me develop those initial bonds.”

During her time at MHS, Abbey got involved in activities on campus including the Student Government Association, band, and choir. It was on the MHS athletic fields where Abbey found one of her lifelong passions. She started with soccer in elementary school, then field hockey in middle school, and ultimately joined the track and field team in high school—which eventually opened a lot of doors for Abbey.

“The activities on campus provided structure, but also allowed me to pursue different interests throughout my time at MHS,” she said. “It allowed me to meet a lot of people that I still consider my brothers and sisters and develop close relationships with my coaches.”

She credits the structure, experiences, opportunities, and nurturing environment of the residential home life program with molding the fundamentals of who she is today.

“Having three meals a day was not something I experienced at home,” she said. “Even doing chores was different to me. The family lifestyle of everyone gathering at a table and sitting together, eating dinner together—that

was different but important to me.”

When Abbey graduated from MHS in 2006, she attended Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. where she earned a track scholarship.

“My older sister, who graduated from MHS, was at Georgetown and three of my MHS teammates were at Georgetown on the track team, so it was a no-brainer for me,” she said. “I was getting a fantastic education but also had social connections.”

When she graduated with a degree in human science, she attended the University of Pittsburgh to pursue a master’s degree in public health, concentrating on teen pregnancy prevention.

“My younger sister, who did not go to MHS, was a teen mom,” she said. “She inspired me to pursue my Master in Public Health and focus on teen pregnancy. I thought to myself, ‘If she would have been given all of these resources that I was given [at MHS], would her circumstance be different?’ I think that’s what drives me; I want everyone to have the same opportunities.”

Her pursuit of a broader impact on public health led her to pursue a fellowship at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as part of the public health prevention service program. That fellowship brought her to her current position working on the CDC’s opioid response.

“I am most passionate about the ability to work on a pressing public health issue,” she said. “It trickles down to how we can we impact health more holistically so the opioid response is not just related to prescription drug use.”

As part of this team, she partners

with states and local communities develop innovative solutions to link people to care and treatment. The work also involves educating the public about the epidemic and offering solutions to support family and loved ones who may be hurt or going through opioid abuse.

“There’s a lot of energy and momentum to address the overdose epidemic,” Abbey said. “I enjoy being part of the process as we come up with innovative solutions to work toward our goal of curbing the epidemic.”

In the future, Abbey sees herself continuing to address issues and create solutions in the public health space.

“I love bringing different groups together,” she said. “There will always be the next great public health challenge. I love the idea of creating a blueprint or a template that when we do experience the next challenge, it’s easier for people to come together and tackle it from different sides.”

In 2015, Abbey was inducted into the MHS Spartan Hall of Fame for her achievements in the area of athletics.

Like many MHS graduates, Abbey returns to campus for class reunions, but there’s a stronger link that pulls her back to campus. Her youngest sister—the one who did not attend MHS, and initially inspired Abbey to pursue her Master in Public Health—has a son. That young boy is now getting the same opportunity his Aunt Abbey was given as a student at MHS.

“Hearing his experiences and comparing them to mine is interesting,” she said. “My life has come full circle. I value my experience and time at Milton Hershey [School] so much, and I enjoy reliving my MHS experiences through him.”



MHS Recognizes Outstanding Alumni and Student Achievements

Four alumni and three seniors were honored during Alumni Fellowship Weekend

On Friday, April 12, Milton Hershey School honored four outstanding graduates with Alumni Achievement Awards. The annual awards, developed in 1997, recognize graduates for their academic, career, and community service accomplishments. Corresponding awards also were presented to current MHS seniors.

The alumni honorees include **Barbara Polk '84**, **Helen Ard '13**, **Albert Capozucca '54**, and **Raymond Capozucca '57**. The student award recipients include seniors **Lester Huang**, **Jian Arnold**, and **Nashaya Goodman**.

About the alumni honorees:

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Barbara Polk '84 received the **Alumni Achievement Award for Career Accomplishment**. Polk is the chief human resources officer at the John F.

Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. Prior to that position, she was the president and founder of Amplify People Advisors, LLC—a consulting firm in the Washington, D.C. area. She is a business executive with more than 25 years of human resources, operations leadership, and board governance experience with prior careers working at The American Red Cross and The National Restaurant Association. She is a graduate of Rutgers University and has completed graduate coursework at the University of Maryland. Barbara also is a certified executive coach and

serves on the National Board of Directors of The Lupus Foundation of America.



Helen Ard '13 received the **Alumni Achievement Award for Academic Excellence**. Ard is a 2017 graduate of Lehigh University with a dual degree in global studies

and economics. During her time at Lehigh, she studied abroad in Morocco, interned for a non-profit in Cambodia, worked as a tutor at a local middle school, and held leadership positions in both the Muslim Student Association and the Phi Sigma Pi honors fraternity. She currently is a Teach for America Corps member and is teaching mathematics in the School District of Philadelphia at Strawberry Mansion High School. In the fall, she plans to pursue a master's degree in childhood studies at Rutgers University.



Albert '54 and **Raymond '57 Capozucca** received the **Alumni Achievement Award for Community Service**. In 2016, the Capozucca brothers were honored by the Italian American Association of Luzerne County with the Persons of the Year Award for their involvement in the community. Albert has been a member of the Pittston Township Volunteer Fire Department for 59 years, is the president and charter member of the Pittston Township Lions Club, and was one of the original founders of the Pittston Township Little League. He was a former member of the Pittston Knights of Columbus, a member of the Italian American Association of Luzerne County, and the Italian Citizen Enjoyment Club. Raymond also is a member of the Italian American Association of Luzerne County, the Italian Citizen Enjoyment Club, and a charter member of the Pittston Township Lions Club. He was a founder and member of the board of directors of the Pittston Township

Little League and the board of United Services Agency. In addition, he held various offices with the Pittston Township Fire Department along with the board of directors of the Northeast Fair.

About the student honorees:

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Lester Huang received the **Student Career Achievement Award**. Huang has excelled in the areas of academic and career preparation since he enrolled as a sophomore. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Student Government Association, and numerous teams and clubs. He has earned four certifications through Milton Hershey School's Career and Technical Education program, traveled to Peru for a Global Leadership Summit as part of the school's Multicultural and Global Education program, and attended the Johns Hopkins University Engineering Innovation Summer Program. Beyond his academics, Huang's character and leadership skills exemplify a well-rounded student.



Jian Arnold received the **Student Academic Excellence Award**. Arnold has taken honors courses throughout his high school career, and is one of the top

academic students in his class. He finished the fall semester with a cumulative grade point average greater than 96 percent. Arnold has enhanced his capacity for learning by taking college-level courses for the past two years, as well as several honors and advanced placement classes. He also has been Rotary Student of the Month, Student of the Marking Period, is a member of the National Honor Society, and participates in marching band, drum line, and jazz band. Along with volunteering as a member of the Fishburn United Methodist Praise Team, he also works at the Hershey Gardens, and became an Eagle Scout after he collected and donated 55 backpacks full of school supplies for students in the Harrisburg area. In the summer of 2016, he attended the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth, where he studied probability and game theory and in 2017, he interned in the finance office of Hershey Entertainment & Resorts.



Nashaya Goodman received the **Student Community Service Award**. Goodman has served as the president of SCOR, the Spartan Community Outreach

Caucus. Through that caucus she raised funds for charities and supported the creation of multiple community service events. Since 2017, she has volunteered in the MHS Admissions Office, served as a Middle Division recreation leader, Junior Chapel Leader for elementary students, MHS Student Ambassador, and for the past four years, she was a student athletic trainer. In addition to her various volunteer activities, she also completed an internship with The Hershey Company, has been Rotary Student of the Month, and in April of 2015, traveled to Iceland for a Global Leadership Summit as part of the school's Multicultural and Global Education program.

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

Note:

Nominations for Alumni Achievement Awards are due by Oct. 1, 2019. For details, visit mhsalum.org.

Alumni Help Students Explore Opportunities at Annual Career Exploration Expo

During Alumni Fellowship Weekend in April, Milton Hershey School students had opportunities to interact with more than 30 alumni during the annual Career Exploration Expo. Alumni shared how their individual skills and experiences have helped them succeed in the 21st century workplace.

The Career Exploration Expo is one of many programs where alumni can volunteer their time to support career services and exploration for current students and graduates of MHS. Visit mhsalum.org to learn about the opportunities and how to get involved.

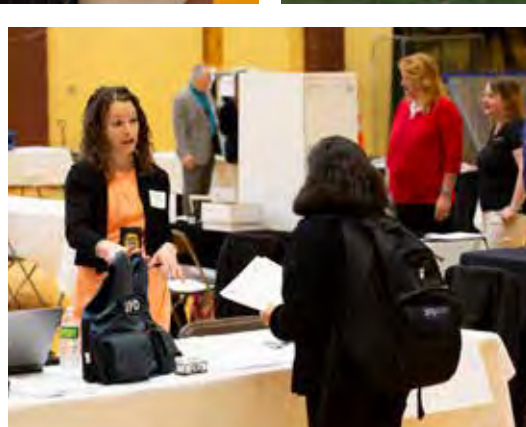


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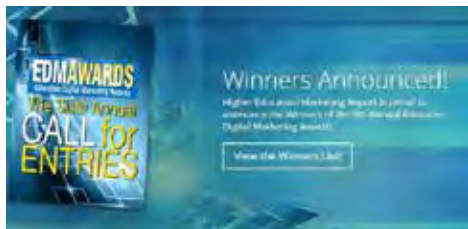
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MHSAlum.org Earns Education Digital Marketing Award



Winners have been announced in the sixth annual Educational Advertising Awards, sponsored by Higher Education Marketing Report. This year, more than 1,000 entries were received from colleges, universities and secondary schools.

Milton Hershey School earned a gold award for **mhsalum.org**, its newly designed web site featuring the Graduate Programs for Success Division and Alumni Relations. The MHS website featuring the Brown and Gold Report won a silver award in the annual report category.

Judges for the Education Digital Marketing Awards consisted of a national panel of higher education marketers, advertising creative directors, marketing and advertising professionals and the editorial board of Higher Education Marketing Report.

Higher Education Marketing Report has been the nation's leading marketing publication for higher education marketing professionals for 34 years, and is read by thousands of higher education marketing professionals.

Alumni Re-Connect in Las Vegas, San Francisco, Long Beach, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and New York

Since December, the Milton Hershey School Alumni Relations Office has hosted alumni events in Washington, D.C.; Las Vegas, Nevada; San Francisco and Long Beach, California; Philadelphia; and New York City. The events provide an opportunity for alumni to reconnect with each other and make new acquaintances, including some of the most recent graduates who are enrolled in colleges or universities in those areas.

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

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



Alumni Guest Readers Inspire Elementary Students to Get Excited About Reading

To promote literacy and build connections between Milton Hershey School alumni and elementary students, MHS hosted its annual Go R.E.D. (Read Every Day) Family Reading Night in February.

Nearly 40 alumni—from the Class of 1946 to 2018—returned to campus to read books to elementary students.

“Go R.E.D. Night is a special elementary school tradition. The event is a celebration of reading and family, and creates excitement for our summer reading program,” said Jennifer Kemmery, English/Language Arts curriculum supervisor at MHS. “Our alumni are huge supporters of Go R.E.D. Night and share their love of reading with our elementary students.”

MHS students received books as gifts and gained a deeper appreciation for reading and literacy. The Go R.E.D. program ensures students have access to quality books and state-of-the-art libraries throughout the year, so they can develop a consistent reading routine and a genuine appreciation for literacy.

Go R.E.D. is one of many programs where alumni can volunteer their time to support current students. Visit **mhsalum.org** to learn about the opportunities and how to get involved.





Alumni and Seniors Celebrate Their Common Bond During Journey of Our Lives Program

On Nov. 10, 2018, a select group of alumni and seniors, celebrated their common bonds and built connections during the annual Journey of Our Lives program hosted by Milton Hershey School's Alumni Relations Office. Alumni shared life advice and participated with the seniors in a variety of interactive sessions.

View more photos from Journey of Our Live at mhsalum.org.

MHS Alumni Crib Sheet App Retired

Seven years ago, Milton Hershey School Alumni Relations launched the Milton Hershey School Alumni Crib Sheet app to share news about MHS, alumni, and links to many of the local Hershey entities. We recently learned the company through which we acquired the app will no longer support the electronic version of the app. This is disappointing news, as having this information electronically was beneficial to the nearly 2,000 alumni and friends of MHS who used the app and allowed us to send push notifications about events or programs.

MHS no longer updates information on the app, and the app is no longer available to download. We will continue to share information that is pertinent to graduates on mhsalum.org, the weekly Spartan Minute e-newsletter, in Thy Traditions Dear, and in material from the MHS Office of Communications.

Please be sure that you are receiving Spartan Minute, Thy Traditions Dear magazine—either electronically or through the mail—and that you are connected to the MHS social media platforms on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn. If you need to update your information to receive either the weekly e-newsletter or the magazine, please email us at mhsalum@mhs-pa.org.



Refer Qualified Houseparent Candidates and Receive a Financial Incentive

As Milton Hershey School grows to serve more students than ever, MHS needs your assistance finding additional qualified couples to work as houseparents.

Incentives for identifying qualified houseparents include:

- \$100 gift card sent to you for referring a qualified couple who applies
- \$150 gift card sent to you for referring a second qualified couple who applies
- \$250 gift card sent to you for referring a third qualified couple who applies

How can you help?

Refer friends, acquaintances, or family members who might be a great fit for the houseparent role to help continue the Hersheys' proud legacy. Talk to them about the opportunity and encourage them to apply. If you don't feel equipped to talk about the houseparent role, the MHS Recruitment team is happy to assist. Just make the connection, encourage them to apply, and if you need assistance, direct them to Justin Lee in Human Resources at 717.520.2341 or lee@mhspa.org.

How to refer a couple in three easy steps!

1. Encourage the couple to apply (both spouses must fill out an application)
2. Email MHS Recruiter Justin Lee the couple's names, email address(es) and phone number(s)
3. Provide your name, email, phone number, and mailing address

As a reminder, here are the basic requirements of the role:

- Married couple – must be legally married for a minimum of three years prior to application
- 27 years of age or older
- May not have more than two dependent children living in residence with them
- Both candidates must have a valid driver's license and a good driving record
- Prior experience working with children/students
- Ability to pass an extensive background investigation and medical exam

This program is available until **June 30, 2019**.

Thank you for helping maintain the Hersheys' legacy!

Give Back to Milton Hershey School to Make a Difference in the Life of a Student or Recent Graduate

Alumni play an important role in helping to be good stewards of Mr. and Mrs. Hershey's gift. By getting involved and assisting current students and recent graduates, your efforts will support the mission of our founders for years to come. MHS relies on alumni volunteers for educational support, career support, and advocacy programs.

During the 2018-2019 school year, more than 130 alumni stepped up to volunteer for at least one program for current MHS students or recent graduates, including the following programs:

- Bike Rodeo
- Capstone Graduate Panel
- Middle Division Career Café
- Career Exploration Expo
- Girls Grace
- Go R.E.D. (Read Every Day) Family Reading Night
- Founders Week Assembly Speaker
- Mock Interviews
- Prospective Family Events
- Senior Pinning Ceremony
- Transitional Living Graduate Panel
- TL Resident Assistant Training



Details about these and other opportunities to give back are available on mhsalum.org under the Give Back tab of the website. If you are interested in getting involved, please visit the site to learn more about the opportunities and complete a volunteer interest form.

MHS and MHSAA Partner to Honor Students

On May 19, Milton Hershey School and the MHS Alumni Association hosted the annual Alumni-Student Awards Brunch and presented 44 alumni-sponsored awards to students from grades 4-12. Many of the seniors honored also received corresponding cash awards at the Senior Awards Ceremony during Commencement weekend in June.

The MHSAA awards include Special Student Awards and a variety of awards for seniors. Also presented at the brunch are the Brown-Oliver Enterprising Student Scholarship Award, presented by Douglas Oliver '93, Alexander Oliver '01 and Malcolm and Jason Brown, both from the Class of 1999; the McAndrews Awards sponsored by alumni Scott '87 and Chris '90 McAndrews; and several awards presented by MHSAA chapters.

Congratulations to the Students Who Received Awards at the Alumni-Student Awards Brunch

Unless otherwise noted, students listed are 12th graders.

Agriculture and Natural Resources CTE Award -

Aliza Blackburn

Annual Athletic Awards -

Darius Briggs and Michelle Rodgers

Automotive Technology CTE Award -

Nate Claudio

Brown-Oliver Enterprising Student Award -

Davan Hanley

Business/Financial Management and Accounting CTE Award -

Destiny Lucas

Computer Science and Innovation CTE Award -

Hunter Hanley

Construction/Carpentry CTE Award -

Jasmine McGinnis

Culinary Arts CTE Award -

Kenny Carpio-Lazo

Dick Purcell Career Technical Education Awards -

Kerri Hoffman and Jonah Ward

Electronic Media and Journalism CTE Award -

Aisha Faison

Engineering and Design CTE Award -

Michael Sheppard Gordon

Graphic Communication Technologies CTE Award -

Jessica Aviles

Harrisburg Chapter Career Technical Education Award -

Zack Beard

Health Science CTE Award -

Estefani Santos

Hershey Entertainment & Resorts Culinary Scholarship -

Jessica Griest

Homestead Chapter Spartan Pride Awards -

Darius Briggs and Estefani Santos

Law, Public Safety and Security CTE Award -

Thalia Vega

McAndrews Awards -

Lillian Gress and Joseph Maisonet

MHSAA Phoenix Awards -

Anthony DiBernardo and Jenna Gammon

MHSAA Special Student Awards -

Fourth-graders Daniel Bridgeford and Dana Mutzabaugh, fifth-grader Andrew Flores, ninth-grader Herson Cruz Jr., 10th-grader Donna Hardaway, 11th-grader Luis Torres, and 12th-graders Naeem Cross and Nadine Maynard

MHS Golf Program Award -

MHS Lifer Awards presented by the Honorary Member Chapter:

Zachary Brown, Isaiah Escobar, Jamilia Hall, Jelmi Hall, Kerri Hoffman, Kyle Hoffman, Darius O'Neal-Taylor, Quanaya Page, Salrell Scott, Tyler Smith, Helena Taylor, Jayda Torres, Re'Naye Waklatsi

Philadelphia Chapter Milton and Catherine Hershey Citizenship Award -

Kaela Olson

Stamp Scholarship Awards -

Jordan Edmonds and Savvana Langille

Visual and Performing Arts Commitment Awards -

Jenna Gammon and Douglas VanHart

Washington, D.C./Maryland/Virginia Chapter Community Service Award -

Chiago Anyanwu



Pictured are all of the award recipients and the alumni who attended the Alumni-Student Awards Brunch.



MHS, with support from The Dearden Foundation, presented Career & Technical Education awards to 11 students, one for each of the MHS CTE pathways.



MHSAA presented Special Student Awards to eight students.



MHS recognizes the Class of 2019 at Senior Pinning Ceremony

On Nov. 11, the MHS Class of 2019 was recognized at the annual Senior Pinning Ceremony. MHS Alumni Association board members, alumni participants in the annual Journey of Our Lives program and alumni who are Transitional Living staff members presented gold pins and necklaces to the seniors. In addition, **Cassandra (Wentzel) Razzi '05** and **Tylor Teel '11** were among the speakers for the program.

Each senior received a gold pin with their graduation year and the Spartan head. The pinning ceremony occurs in the middle of the school year to encourage seniors to commit to finishing their senior year strong. The pins serve as symbols of strength and motivation as students continue to develop post-graduation goals and plans.

"Our legacy is entirely defined by what we do with our time. Start thinking about your legacy right now," said MHS alumna Cassandra Wentzel-Razzi '05 as she motivated the senior class. "Milton Hershey used his time to focus on his dream, but he also connected with his community and his employees. Now is the time for you to start thinking about how you'll use your time."

MHSAA President's Message

Dear Alumni Brothers and Sisters:

Whether you refer to yourself as Homeboy, Milt, or Spartan, we are all brothers and sisters in this great big family of ours. When I entered the halls of student home Monroe (TL Longfellow today) at the age of five, I had no idea what life had in store for me or, better yet, what it would ask of me. Throughout my life's journey I have been privileged to serve my country, government, and community for many years. Now, I get to serve all of you as our Association's president. This honor and responsibility fills me with pride and yet sobers me as I accept the role of leading our board through the year.

Our Association, governed by a dedicated and talented board, strives to positively impact our relationships with you—our membership, the Board of Managers, and especially the students and staff of Milton Hershey School.

- Building on the successes of the past few years, the 2019 Board is focused on strengthening our chapters while simultaneously supporting Spartan Social Club start-ups. Our focus in this area is to promote the comradery of our alumni nationwide. No matter where one of us lives, we should know that a brother or sister is near.
- MHSAA continues to seek greater and more meaningful dialogue with the Board of Managers by offering its services as an able resource and dependable, yet independent voice, for the membership at large.
- The board seeks to increase engagement with recent graduates and life, regular, affiliate, and honorary members to promote involvement opportunities at MHS.

Our Association and board will continue its development as a professional and supporting body for its stakeholders. We will set a course for the future that includes a stronger, fiscally sound, and more engaged MHSAA that will instill pride in each of us.

Here are a few updates about some of the activities in which MHSAA has been involved:

- Since Homecoming 2018, we've had the opportunity to represent MHSAA at events for alumni in Washington, D.C. (my neck of the woods) in December, and in Philadelphia, Las Vegas, Nevada; San Francisco, and Long Beach, California, in February. Everywhere we traveled we met welcoming brothers and sisters who shared their stories, hopes, and wishes. For these geographically distant alumni, my message was focused on their continued engagement through the new MHSAA Spartan Social Clubs. More trips to other areas are in the works for 2019-20, so watch social media and the Spartan Minute for up-to-date travel plans.
- In April, MHSAA hosted three events in Hershey—the Alumni-Senior Fellowship Dinner on April 12, the Cancer Care Walk, and the third annual Presidents' Reception on April 13. Thank you for everyone who supported these events.

Moving forward and toward the 88th annual Homecoming Banquet, I am motivated by every alumnus and alumna I meet, because our service on the board of directors is about all of you, our Association, and how we are connected as a family.

In closing, I offer a challenge to each and every one of us, and that is to reach out to your Board of Directors or to MHS to see how you, too, can take an active role in this journey. If you take this challenge and join this journey, you will see: we Spartans are a special force capable of some pretty amazing things.

So make a difference and do it today.

Jeff Sypolt '77, MHSAA President

For more information, visit mhsaa.org.

Opportunities Available to Serve as a Memorial Grove Host

Milton Hershey School Alumni Association honors alumni who have passed away at the annual Memorial Grove Service on the Sunday of Homecoming weekend. As part of the service, alumni hosts are paired with families of the deceased alumni. What a wonderful way to give back to our fellow alumni and their families as we pay tribute to their lives. If you are interested in volunteering to host a family or assist in some other way with the Memorial Grove Service, please call the MHSAA office at 717.520.2045 or email alumnimhsaa@comcast.net.



Alumni and Seniors Connect During Alumni Fellowship Weekend

The Milton Hershey School Alumni Association thanks alumni who participated in the events throughout Alumni Fellowship Weekend, April 12–13.

- Alumni hosted more than 200 members of the Class of 2019 for the 65th Alumni-Senior Fellowship Dinner on Friday, April 12 at Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. The event began with a career networking reception and continued with dinner and the presentation of the MHS Alumni Achievement Awards. The keynote speaker for the dinner was 2018 Alumna of the Year Wendy MacClinchy '92.
- The MHSAA Homestead Chapter prepared breakfast for nearly 100 people on Saturday, April 13, at the Dearden House. A highlight of the annual event are the bullseyes, reminiscent of breakfast in many student homes.
- Also on April 13, a group of enthusiastic alumni walked three miles during the MHSAA Cancer Care Walk,

starting at the Dearden Alumni Campus Pavilion and continuing through nearby neighborhoods. The Hershey Trolley provided transportation back to the Alumni Campus. Proceeds from the event are used to assist alumni and their families suffering through the trials of cancer.

- A group of alumni and seniors gathered for a friendly game of kickball at Van Buren field the afternoon of April 13.
- The closing event of the weekend festivities was the third annual Presidents' Reception, a fundraiser that helps offset the cost of the MHSAA-sponsored awards for seniors during Commencement weekend. Any additional funds raised will be applied to the MHSAA general fund, to help pay the administrative costs of the association. This year's reception featured the always fabulous MHS Guitar Ensemble.



MHSAA Introduces Spartan Social Clubs at Regional Alumni Events

Since Homecoming 2018, representatives of the Milton Hershey School Alumni Association have participated in the programs presented at several regional alumni events, including Washington, D.C. in December, Las Vegas, Nevada; San Francisco and Long Beach, California; Philadelphia in February; and New York City in May. At each location, alumni brothers and sisters shared their stories, hopes, and wishes.

The MHSAA message for these geographically distant alumni focused on their opportunity to stay connected with one another, MHSAA, and the school, through MHSAA

chapters and the new MHSAA Spartan Social Clubs. The Spartan Social Clubs require the participation of fewer alumni and less formal organization to initiate than MHSAA chapters, and they were designed for areas where there is a lighter concentration of alumni.

MHSAA welcomed its first four Spartan Social Clubs. Alumni who attended the events in Las Vegas, San Francisco, Long Beach, and New York City each committed to forming SSCs.

For more information about SSCs, visit mhsaa.org/spartan-social-club.

Chapter News

Harrisburg Chapter

The Harrisburg Chapter's partnership with various groups of Milton Hershey School students took off in connection with the MHS Centennial in 2009. Since that time, the chapter has coordinated at least six events each year primarily to engage students in community service projects in the Harrisburg area.

In March, 38 members of the National Honor Society worked with alumni and other adults at Wildwood Lake to remove hundreds of invasive trees and plants, pick up litter, and clear downed trees. Other organizations the students have served include the Capital Area Greenbelt, Food Bank, Lourdes House, Interfaith Family Shelter, National Civil War Museum, Christian Churches United, and Common Ground Café.

Other recurring chapter events include the Hershey Memorial Day parade, an Easter Party for MHS elementary students who remain on campus during Easter break, a 'Christmas in July' pool party at MHS, and a wreath-laying program at Milton and Catherine Hershey's gravesite.

Many alumni, staff, and other friends of MHS have supported these opportunities for good work and fellowship, with ongoing leadership service provided by Horace Flynn '46, Jim Hanawalt '65, Dirk Dixon '70, Gene Hunking '71, Tim Rockey '75, Brian Russell '76, Toni Allen-King '88, Amanda DuCharme '11, and teacher Heather Dougherty.

If you have questions, or would like to assist with future projects, email John Hanawalt '70 at jobobhanawalt@gmail.com.



Homestead Chapter



The Homestead Chapter hosted a holiday dinner on Dec. 27, 2018 for MHS students who remained on campus during Christmas break.

The chapter continues to prepare home-cooked breakfasts once a month to raise money for various programs, including awards that the chapter presents to two seniors each year. It will, however, take a break in July and August.

The Homestead Chapter held its annual Alumni Breakfast on April 13, during Alumni Fellowship Weekend, and the bullseyes continue to be a popular tradition during the annual all-you-can-eat meal. It is a great way to start the day and reconnect with other alumni.

Honorary Member Chapter

Honorary members of Milton Hershey School Alumni Association met on Feb. 19 at the Dearden House basement for a presentation by Jennifer Mathias, applied research assistant at MHS. Having been employed in the Applied Research Department for 19 years, Mathias enthusiastically shared information about the work completed by the department, including sample graduate and student surveys.

Following the presentation, a business meeting was held. Shirley Reale, who was chapter president for nine years, retired from that position at the end of 2018. The following were elected: Ruth Holp, president; Ann Reigle, secretary; and John Grab, treasurer and representative to the MHSAA board.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 21.

Philadelphia Chapter



Since January, the Philadelphia Chapter has hosted several events, starting with a Spartans on the Sea Caribbean cruise. Since then, it hosted a paint and sip event, an indoor golf outing, and a paintball skirmish. Next on the agenda is Spartans in the Sand at the Jersey Shore in June.

The chapter also is planning Spartans on the Sea 2020, a five-day Cuban Caribbean cruise scheduled for March 7-12, 2020. The ports of call will include Fort Lauderdale, Havana Cuba (overnight)—including a visit to Hershey Cuba just for MHS alumni—and Nassau.

To get details about the Philadelphia Chapter and future events, visit mhsaaphilly.org.



Washington, D.C./Maryland/Virginia Chapter



Through the chapter's Santa Program, members of the Washington, D.C./Maryland/Virginia Chapter visited four families of students enrolled at MHS and delivered Christmas gifts to them during the holiday break.

The chapter also hosts various events throughout the year, including a summer picnic. To get details about the DMV Chapter, visit mhsaadc.org.

Alumnus celebrates 100th birthday



Alumnus **John Beard '37** celebrated his 100th birthday on Dec. 3, 2018. He is one of the oldest living graduates of Hershey Industrial School, now Milton Hershey School. He was featured in his hometown newspaper, The Record Herald, in Waynesboro.

1940s

Arthur Myers '42, of Meridan, Idaho, is retired from IBM.

Charles Schock '44, of Media, is 92 years old and lives with his wife, Jane, in a full-care retirement home called Lima Estates, where they are active in several social groups.

F. Tait Douglas '45, of Sun City, Ariz., recently enjoyed a get together with the Swann family, including Clint Swann '94, and his wife, Lori.

Donald Hess '45, of Palmyra, is retired.

Ralph Greer '46, of Littleton, Colo., and his wife, Shirley, are doing well at 90 years old. He is thankful for Milton Hershey School and recently took a four-hour class on Milton Hershey and the school.

Ralph Hetrick '47, of Hershey, is retired and enjoys working in his garden, building birdhouses, reading, and listening to classical music.

1950s

Raymond Ballard '51, of Bethlehem, is retired and working part time at Wegman's Grocery Store in the produce department.

Carl Evans '51, of Duncansville, is retired and has been married for 61 years.

Frank Mahoney '52, of Camino, Calif., has been retired from Verizon for 29 years and loves it.

Gilbert Murray '52, of Richmond, Va., enjoys traveling and cruising Europe, Asia, and the United Arab Emirates after retirement from MHS in 2000.

John Moore '53, of Lancaster, is retired.

John "Jack" Cleaver '54, of Brooklawn, N.J., retired as a rigger general foreman with the U.S. Navy, Department of Defense.

Glenn Good '54, of Lititz, now resides at Brethren Village Retirement Community.

Andrew Litavec '54, of Lansdale, is a retired professor. He and his wife, Patricia Brennan, have been married for 56 years.

Franklin Leathery '55, of Orlando, Fla., is retired and staying busy volunteering at church.

Dennis Trace '56, of Sutton, W.Va., is retired.

Michael Beltz '57, of Highland, Md., plans to retire in 2019 after 56 years with the Department of Defense.

James Porach '57, of Colonial Heights, Va., has been retired from the military since 1981. He also retired as a high school principal from Meadowbrook High School, Chesterfield County, Va. in 1999.

Arland Solt '57, of Hales Corners, Wis., has been retired since 2002. He is very appreciative to MHS for his life.

Reid Henderson '58, of Chicago, Ill., is an investment advisor and financial author. His book, The ABC's of Money, Learn the Language of Wall Street was recently published.

Hillery Bell '59, of Hawley, is retired. He has four children, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. His brother is Joseph Bell '57.

John Bowser '59, of Hershey, is retired and volunteers at Penn State Health, Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. He is the Class of 1959 class agent and a member of the MHSAA Homestead Chapter. His son and daughter are both married and reside in Hershey.

Bradford Crowther '59, of Vero Beach, Fla., is retired from Mobil Exxon. At age 77, he was re-married in March.

Phillip Hammond '59, of Lewisberry, is retired and likes to garden.

James Peters '59, of Middletown, is retired from the military.

Robert Seesholtz '59, of North Fort Myers, Fla., is retired.

Robert Steffen '59, of Steelton, retired from Bethlehem Steel, Steelton Plant, with 37 years of service.

Linn Walker '59, of Macungie, retired from the U.S. Army after 22 years of service.

1960s

James Dayhoff '60, of Claremont, Calif., is retired from Verizon as a special equipment installer.

Harry Heath '60, of Hershey, is retired and volunteers at Milton Hershey School's History Department.

James O'Donnell '60, of Marco Island, Fla., is retired and now in a second career as a real estate associate. He and his wife, Karen, have been happily married for 43 years. He is still happy, healthy, and wise at the age of 76.

Michael Bashian '61, of York, has been married for 56 years to the cousin of classmate Robert Mann '61. He has eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Jacob Detrie '61, of Butler, is retired and rebuilding an old log cabin at Moraine State Park.

John Kosich '61, of Houston, Texas, is a Penn State University graduate. He has been enjoying retirement from operations consulting after moving closer to his children in Texas.

John O'Brien '61, of Easton, Md., is enjoying his MHS family by helping to get a new student enrolled, a new set of houseparents employed, and assisting three seniors with their applications to Princeton. He claims it is way more fun than the "politics." He is still writing and coaching.

Charles Provost '61, of Norman, Okla., is enjoying retirement. He attends car shows in Daytona Beach, Fla., and is rebuilding a 1956 Ford and a 1994 Chevy short bed. He recently caught up with MHS classmates on Facebook.

Donald Blimline '62, of Lenhartsville, retired in September 1998 after 56 years of service. He will never forget MHS and would like to hear from other graduates.

Anthony Denike '62, of Hawthorne, N.J., is employed by AECOM as a construction and engineering manager. He is currently managing construction in the New York City region of the New York Power Authority to make NYPA the first all digitally controlled power system in the U.S.

Edward Fowkes '62, of Wexford, is retired after 50 years in the machine tool industry. He planned to celebrate the birth of his twin grandsons in March.

John Russell '62, of Palmer Lake, Colo., is enjoying retirement. He is active with the National Association of the 10th Mountain Division and Scottish-American Military Society.

Edward Strayer '62, of Gardners, retired from Navy Facilities Command in September 2017. He is the township supervisor for Cooke Township, Cumberland County.

Richard Subers '62, of The Villages, Fla., enjoys traveling the world with his wife. He also golfs with MHS alumni from three decades—'59, '62, and '73—at The Villages courses.

Daniel Bauer '63, of Palmerton, is enjoying retirement. He continues to grow a large garden, and his four grandchildren keep his life bright.

Robert Brown '63, of Franklin, Tenn., is a pastoral care minister at Aspen Grove Christian Church. He welcomed the recent arrival of his seventh grandchild. He is still happily married after 52 years.

Ritchy Estright '63, of Elverson, has been retired 10 years from the financial field. He and his wife, Winnie, celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary in February.

Richard Forney '63, of Warrington, is enjoying his grandchildren, fishing, and retirement.

Thomas Blizzard '64, of Conway, S.C., welcomed a great-granddaughter in January 2018.

George Delany '64, of Rehoboth, Mass., is "half-retired," but still teaches design, freelance graphic design, and painting.

Dennis Devers '64, of East Windsor, N.J., is retired from the U.S. Post Office. He recently celebrated a 12-year anniversary with his girlfriend, who he met on a blue moon hike in the Pine Barrens. He also is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Gary Goldsmith '64, of Mays Landing, N.J. recently retired.

John Kriner '64, lives in Ellenton, Fla., in the winter, and returns to Delaware in the summer.

James Lantz '64, of Cornwall, Ontario, is the Chaplain at the Flying "J" Travel Center in Lancaster, Ontario.

Sylvester Legutko '64, of Newark, Del., has been retired for 10 years. He has been married for 51 years, has six grandchildren and one great grandchild. He volunteers for a nonprofit organization that helps the poor and elderly.

David Levitt '64, of Moscow, is retired from the U.S. Post Office.

Thomas Strouse '64, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is traveling the world by plane and cruise ship. He has condos in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Fort Myers, Fla., and Pattaya Beach, Thailand.

Thomas Tilinski '64, of Roswell, Ga., retired in June 2018 after 48 years of work. He spends time enjoying his son's senior year in high school, his daughter's dancing with Nashville Ballet Co., and his two older sons' success in business. He plans to downsize next year. He enjoys working out, sailing, and visiting friends.

Dick Ridgway '65, of Portland, Ore., is still active in doing service work with MT 5740 Kubota. He sells small hay bales for rabbits and sharpens knives, clippers, beautician shears, and gardening tools. When he is not busy, he likes to go out and sing karaoke.

Terry Bittinger '66, of Westminster, Md., is working three days a week as a cylinder head machinist at Morris Automotive Machine. He is expecting his second great grandchild. He remains healthy and active by playing ice hockey, working out, and running.

Charles Gorman '66, of Bernville, is retired.

Thomas Keck '66, of Harrisburg, celebrated 50 years of marriage with his wife, Romaine, and is enjoying a granddaughter and grandson.

Robert Moreland '66, of Hummelstown, is enjoying retirement.

Paul Smith '66, of Bensalem, is retired and enjoys traveling with his wife, Ginny. He also does a lot of fishing with his grandson, Jack II and spends a lot of time at the Jersey Shore.

George Williams '66, of Elizabethtown, is a retired journeyman electrician. He enjoys traveling with his wife of almost 50 years, Mary Ann, in their Corvette.

Lynn Hepler '67, of Fredericksburg, Va., retired from Local Union 669 Sprinkler Fitters Union in 1993. He then went to work for the City of Alexandria Fire Department as a fire protection, plumbing and mechanical inspector. He also served three years in the U.S. Army.

James Longacre '67, of Philadelphia, is a voice instructor for Milton Hershey School. He continues to sing professionally in concert, opera, and cabaret, as well as a church musician.

Milton Luce '67, of Edinboro, is retired. He enjoys the outdoors working with local conservation groups (French Creek Conservancy), kayaking, and hunting.

Jessie Balliet '68, of Phelps, N.Y., is now retired.

James Rupp '68, of Fort Myers, Fla., is a retired teacher, wrestling official, and softball official.

Timothy Rupp '68, of Alpharetta, Ga., moved there from Philipsburg, Pa., in December 2017.

Frank Brown '69, of Gibbstown, N.J., retired in December 2018 from Kimberly Clark as a paper maker. He will be married to his wife, Gloria, for 45 years. They have two children and six grandchildren.

Thomas Gaffney '69, of Schnecksville, recently retired as an electrician from Mack Trucks.

Gary Hilton '69, of North Brookfield, N.Y., retired as a safety and health inspector with the New York Department of Labor. He is enjoying his two grandsons.

R. Gerald McDermott '69, of Duryea, is retired and enjoying life. He is married to Karen and has two children, Robert and Annmarie. He has four grandchildren.

1970s

Albert DiBartolomeo '70, of Philadelphia, enjoy spending most days in his wood shop after retiring from teaching at Drexel University in 2017.

Dirk Dixon '70, of Palmyra, is retired.

Kenneth Eckendorff '70, of Garfield, Ark., is enjoying retirement at Beaver Lake, Ark. He looks forward to 2020 and his class' 50-year reunion. He continues to seek alumni in the midwest to form an MHSAA chapter and invites all to reach out to him.

John Hanawalt '70, of Harrisburg, is retired.

William Harle '70, of Reading, retired in June 2018.

Chester Kuzia '70, of West Mifflin, retired after 37 years with United States Steel working as a systems electronic repairman. He has three grandchildren.

William Patts '70, of Taylor, Mich., plans to retire in February 2020. He is a print technician for Taylor School District. He will continue to work part time at Comerica Park, home of the Detroit Tigers, as an usher from April through September.



To kick off Founders Week in November, the Milton Hershey School community gathered for a special assembly to reflect on the generosity of founders Milton and Catherine Hershey. **Barbara Polk '84** was the guest speaker for the program.



2014 Alumnus of the Year

Jason Wolfe '87 discussed growing up at MHS on the podcast "Going Deep with Aaron Watson."

J. Bruce Whitehead '70, of Newark, Del., retired in January 2019 after 47 years in respiratory therapy. Forty of those years were spent at Christiana Care Health System. He plans to relocate to Ocean City, Md.

Bruce Hummel '71, of Palmyra, is happily retired and volunteers at the Butterfly Atrium at Hershey Gardens. He invites all graduates to visit the atrium during Homecoming. He also has a new business with Mike Somers '71— H & S Patio Construction.

David Reis '71, of Milwaukie, Ore., planned to retire in April from TriMet as a bus operations training supervisor after 38 years. He has three children, 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Sean Ryan '71, of Perkassie, retired as chief adult probation/parole officer for Bucks County. He was featured in the Jan. 21 issue of Levittown Now.

Jon Haines '72, of East Freedom, is a mechanic specialist for National Oilwell Varco.

Paul Irvin '72, of New Holland, is a fleet mechanic for Eshbach Brothers LP.

Michael Snock '72, of Deerfield, Fla., is a supervisor at Nature's Bounty Distribution Center. He recently became a grandpop for the 10th time.

Russell Wallace '72, of Harrisburg, plans to retire in June from teaching and coaching. He looks forward to having time to watch his grandchildren in their sports activities. He also plans to move to the beach to really enjoy his retirement.

Robert Longenecker '73, of Sacramento, Calif., is a retired anesthesiologist for Kaiser Permanente Medical Group. He enjoys traveling, spending time with his wife and the three cutest grandkids in the world, and playing on his electric skateboard.

Thomas Soghomonian '73, of Palmyra, is on disability until November. He hopes to come home after retirement. He would like to give back to the school that made him the man he is today.

Keith Boyer '74, of Hampton, Va., is the CEO and president of his business, DMG Federal.

Rodney Crawford '74, of Annville, is a chief engineer for Eden Resort and Suites. He has two adult sons.

Thomas Gioia '74, of Grantville, is retiring from Fishman Flooring Solutions after working there for 33 years.

Steven Hill '74, of Emsworth, is an executive chef at The Westmoreland Country Club. He is married with four children and eight grandchildren. He loves being a chef and teaching others the trade. He also loves new recipes and ideas for other creative things to do with food.

Robert Hissick '75, of Reading, is retired from the telecom/semi-conductor industry after 39 years. He has been married to his wife, Sue, for 39 years and has two grandchildren.

Jerry Waters '75, of Ellenwood, Ga., and his wife, Cheryl, have been married 36 years and have three children and one grandchild.

Ronald Rutkowski '76, of Kutztown, is a deputy controller for the county of Berks.

Mark Hill '77, of McClellan, Calif., is retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years. He also plans to retire after 20 years as a federal employee with FEMA in 2020. After retirement, he will reside on a remote lake in Florence, Wis., and enjoy fishing and hunting.

Glenn Mowrer '77, of Marietta, has worked for The Hershey Company for the past 40 years. He oversees the receiving department at the Twizzlers plant in Lancaster, Pa.

1980s

Mark Hickey '80, of Harrisburg, is an employee of UPS and recently moved back to the area from Wisconsin.

David Santiago '80, of Kutztown, is in the final stages of adopting his third child. Their ages are 6, 6, and 5.

Donald Tillman '80, of New York, N.Y., is the owner/operator of Chikalicious Dessert Bar in New York City. He is married to Chika Tillman.

Christine (Brennan) Cook '81, of Palmyra, is in her 33rd year of teaching kindergarten at MHS.

Robert Martin '81, of Monroe, N.C., is employed at 3M Scott Fire Safety as a leadman machinist and looks forward to retirement. He says "hello" to all of his MHS brothers and sisters.

Timothy Poole '81, of Camp Hill, became a licensed Zumba instructor in the fall of 2018.

Virgil Whitsett '81, of Springfield, started a new position as voice escalations specialist at Momentum Telecom in Philadelphia.

Anthony Oakley '82, of Suisun City, Calif., is a facilities operations chief at San Francisco VA Medical Center. He plans to retire in two years.

Leland "Ted" Cogdell '83, of Laurel, Md., is retired from the U.S. Army after 32 years of honorable military and civilian service, serving as acting first sergeant of the 443rd Military Police in Owning Mills, Md.

Joanne (Troischt) Gagnon '85, of North Andover, Mass., is enjoying a career as a field vice president for Pacific Life Insurance. She and her husband recently celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary.

Timothy Quade '86, of Lancaster, is the owner/operator of Heaven on Earth Lawn Care, LLC. He recently celebrated his fifth wedding anniversary with his wife, Irene.

Alumna Receives Award for 'This Is Us' Screenplay



The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People holds the annual NAACP Image Awards to honor outstanding performances in film, television, music, and literature by coloured people. **Kay Oyegun '05**, who wrote the screenplay for the NBC series, 'This Is Us,' won the award for Outstanding Writing in a Dramatic Series.

Scott Smith '86, of Myerstown, is vice president of Pennstar Properties, LLC and ML Ebersole Abstract, LLC.

Michael Watkins '86, of Middletown, Ohio, started a local chapter of an organization called Sleep in Heavenly Peace. They make beds for children that do not have one, and have delivered 150 beds in the past four months.

Verndell (Williams) Robinson '89, of Triangle, Va., is a licensed realtor in Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Maryland. Her husband, Anthony Robinson, also owns a home inspection business.

1990s

Tracey Sylvester '91, of Kelayres, is employed by MKMES. She is married to DuJuan Sylvester '90. They have six children and recently purchased their first home.

Matthew Ward '91, of Templeton, Mass., travels the country as a full-time professional speaker after selling the website agency he began 16 years ago.

Shelley (Barton) Leister '92, of Eaton Rapids, Mich., is retired from the military. She planned to graduate from Michigan State University in May with a master's degree in social work.

Laura Seifert '93, of Pittsburgh, started a new position as relationship advisor at F.N.B. Corporation.

Trymaine Lee '96, Brooklyn, N.Y., wrote an opinion piece in The New York Times about overcoming a "widow-maker" heart attack in the summer of 2017. The column was published Jan. 19. Lee is a correspondent for MSNBC.

2000s

Eudora Johnson '00, of Clifton N.J., is a senior human resource associate for Eisai Inc.

Aliana Ramos '00, of Raleigh, N.C., started a new job with the City of Raleigh as a web content manager.

Richard Vazquez '01, of Baltimore, Md., is employed by Social Solutions Global as a project manager.

Scott Stegman '02, of Santa Barbara, Calif., is a senior mechanical engineer at Aerospace Northrop Grumman.

Keith Gilcrist '04, of Ocala, Fla., received an honorable mention after serving six years in the U.S. Air Force. He is pursuing a bachelor's degree in cyber security at Rasmussen College. He is married and recently welcomed a second child.

Jessica Munoz '04, of Pottstown, taught English and Spanish in South Korea for three years. Since returning, she has been teaching with the Radnor Township School District for the past five years.

David Nay '04, of Woodlawn, Tenn., is a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army and has finished his fourth deployment.

Crista Raymond '07, of Reading, is a registered respiratory therapist at Reading Hospital. In February, she returned to Haiti for another medical mission trip to provide free, lifesaving medical care to citizens there.

Joseph Messmer '08, of Conshohocken, is a mechanic at Septa. He is engaged and planning a wedding for March 2020.

Keith Collins '09, of Philadelphia, is an assistant manager at Jamba Juice. He has a 4-year-old son, Shannon, and a 1-year-old daughter, Savannah.

2010s

Danielle Guillen '11, of Hershey, is employed by the new MeltSpa in Hershey and enjoys time with her fiancé and her two sons.

Angel Roman '12, of Renton, Wash., is an aircraft test technician with The Boeing Company. He earned a certificate in aviation maintenance technician from Aviation Institute of Maintenance in August 2016.

Alumnus Makes His Mark



Treyvon Ferguson '18 placed second in the men's triple jump in his first NCAA career jump. It was his first season competing as a Kansas University Jayhawk, and he placed during the team's season opener when KU hosted the Bob Timmons Challenge.

Lakken Vining '12, of Selkirk, N.Y., started a new job as a prevention educator for Twin County Recovery Services in Greene and Columbia Counties. She became engaged to Adin Kovacik in April 2018 and is planning to be married in June 2020.

Diane Ford '13, of Cary, N.C., is an operations coordinator for Forward Cities.

Cadet Jason Fung '14, of West Point, N.Y., is a cadet with the U.S. Marine Corps at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Cassandra Jimmink '14, of Steelton, enrolled at Arcadia University to pursue a master's degree in counseling.

Joshua Arledge '15, of Washington, D.C., plans to graduate summa cum laude from Gallaudet University in May. He plans to move to Mexico City in August to teach fifth grade at the Westhill Institute.

Haley Dennis '15, of Daytona Beach, Fla., is a senior at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University studying air traffic management. She plans to work for the Federal Aviation Administration in the fall of 2019.

David Eagleson '15, of Londonderry, N.H., is a senior music education major at Lebanon Valley College. He won first place in the annual conducting competition hosted by the American Choral Directors Association, which is dedication to the art of music and performance.

Vinnie Caroselli '16, of Brookhaven, placed second at a speech competition at Juniata College.

Noel Baker '17, of Bloomsburg, is a sophomore at Bloomsburg University. She is in the process of declaring middle school language arts major with a minor in creative writing.

Richard Coleman '18, of Payson, Ariz., is one of 20 college freshmen selected to receive the second annual American Institute of CPAs Foundation High School Scholarship, for incoming students who plan to pursue careers in the accounting profession. He is enrolled at Arizona State University.

Isaiah Corsey '18, of Sicklerville, N.J., enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He graduated boot camp and received a meritorious promotion for hard work.

Marriages

Rosilyne (Bean) Trum '05, of Raynham, Mass., and Derek Trum were married in Wrentham, Mass., on Oct. 7, 2018.

Robin (Schmehl) Rosenberg '81, of Reading, and Bennett Rosenberg of San Diego, Calif., were married on Aug. 18, 2018.

Angela Shade '95, of Hanover, Md., and Luke Theriault were married in Annapolis, Md., on Jan. 23. Angela is a program support specialist at the Food and Drug Administration in Silver Spring, Md.

Births

Scott Gray '98, of Boynton, and his wife, Danielle, welcomed their fifth son, Eli Scott, on June 26, 2018.

Yvonne Souchet '98, of Miami, Fla., welcomed a baby girl, on June 6, 2018. She also has three sons, ages 7, 2, and 1.

Carly Gates '03, of Elkridge, Md., welcomed a baby girl, Meredith Gates, on Feb. 7, 2018.

Deaths

MHS Mourns the Death of 2015 Alumnus of the Year



It is with great sadness that MHS learned about the death of former Alumnus of the Year **J. Anthony (Tony) Graves, Ph.D., M.D. '87**. MHS honored Dr. Graves in 2015 for

his commitment to pediatric cancer research and the example of excellence and philanthropy he set for MHS students, alumni, and staff.

We extend our sincere condolences to his wife Kim and their family.

A celebration of Tony's life was held on March 23 at St. Robert Bellarmine, in East McKeesport.

In the lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to the MHS Alumni Association to be used for a student scholarship. To make a donation, send a check made payable to the MHS Alumni Association to MHSAA at 109 McCorkel Road, Hershey, PA, 17033. Please include a note in the memo line that it is a donation in memory of Tony Graves.

John R. Williams '40, of Clearfield, Nov. 14, 2018

Dale Nolen '42, of Johnstown, Ohio, Jan. 28

Sherwin Brady '43, of Roanoke, Va., Feb. 3

Bertram Moore '45, of Lancaster, Nov. 4, 2018

Robert S. Smith '45, of Rochester, Minn., March 28

Harry Reichart '47, of Friendswood, Texas, April 1

Lawrence Conrad '48, of Lebanon, Nov. 9, 2018

John Clevensline '49, of Pottstown, Dec. 21, 2018

Ray Topper '49, of Hummelstown, Oct. 25, 2018

Robert Evans '50, of Harrisburg, Nov. 18, 2018

Harry McCracken '50, of San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 19, 2018

Donald Anderson '51, of Hortense, Ga., March 16

Robert Conard '52, of Gilbertsville, Dec. 17, 2018

Duane Fahnestock '53, of Palmyra, March 10

Thomas M. McDonald '53, of Philadelphia, March 31

Stanley Balliet '55, of Grand Island, N.Y., Jan. 3

John Atella '57, of Hershey, Oct. 11, 2018

Gary Miles '57, of Huntingdon, Jan. 27, 2018

Harold Heath '58, of Reedsville, March 7

Robert Mattis '60, of Harborcreek, Oct. 26, 2018

Michael West '62, of Raleigh, N.C., Aug. 28, 2018

Geoffrey Parker '63, of Ventura, Calif., June 30, 2018

Albert Wilson '64, Boerne, Texas, Oct. 22, 2018

Robert "Bob" Dunlop '65, of Shamong, N.J., March 6

James Clark '73, of Palmyra, March 5

L. Stevens Goines '76, of York, Sept. 10, 2018

Steve "Billy" Kwiatkowski '82, Feb. 26

Ruben Rodriguez '86, of Oak Ridge, N.J., Feb. 17

Paul Melnick '87, of Midland, Feb. 3

David Pepka '92, of Harrisburg, March 4

James Schaeffer '96, of Cary, N.C., Oct. 11, 2018

Michael Hand '97, of Harrisburg, Oct. 20, 2018

Taisha Ramos '09, of Reading, Jan. 3

Christopher Muniz '10, of Harrisburg, Dec. 25, 2018

John Cook HM, of Hershey, Sept. 7, 2018

Richard Hugendubler HM, of Hummelstown, March 19

Retiree Deaths

Richard Gundrum died March 5. He had 30 years of service with Milton Hershey School.

Clarence Patteson died March 6. He was a houseparent from 1983 to 1997.

Richard Swigart died March 17. He was a driver from 1963 to 1996.

Classes Planning Reunions to Coincide with Homecoming

Several class agents and reunion planners for class years ending in 9s and 4s are planning reunion events for Homecoming 2019, which is scheduled for Sept. 27-29.

As you and our classmates plan your reunion celebrations, please keep in mind that the Milton Hershey School Alumni Relations Office can provide class agents with current class lists and contact information. To request a class list, contact Alumni Relations at 717.520.2034 or email mhsalum@mhs-pa.org.

If you are curious about reunion plans for your class, or you are interested in assisting with reunion planning, Alumni Relations also will put you in touch with your class agent.



Alumni Calendar



August '19

- 11** MHSAA Philly Summer Picnic;
mhsaaphilly.org
- 17-18** MHS Community Service Days
- 19** Opening of School Assembly

September '19

- 1** Homestead Chapter Breakfast,
Dearden House; open to the public.
- 14** Cocoa Bean Game
- 27-29** Homecoming 2019
- 27** Spartan Hall of Fame Induction
- 28** MHS Alumni Association Annual
Business Meeting
- 29** Hershey Graveside Memorial Service
- 29** MHSAA Memorial Grove Service

October '19

- 1** Nomination deadline for 2020 Alumni
Achievement Awards and Alumnus of
the Year
- 5** Homestead Chapter Breakfast,
Dearden House; open to the public.
- 18-19** Girls Grace Program; for details about
volunteering to assist with the program,
visit mhsalum.org

November '19

- 2** Homestead Chapter Breakfast,
Dearden House; open to the public.
- 3** MHS Alumni Association
Reorganizational Meeting (tent.)

December '19

- 1** Washington, D.C. Area Alumni
Luncheon (tent.)
- 4** Elementary Division Christmas Party
with Alumni
- 7** Homestead Chapter Breakfast,
Dearden House; open to the public
- 7** Philadelphia Chapter Christmas Party;
mhsaaphilly.org
- 31** Deadline for Spartan Hall of Fame
Nominations; mhsalum.org

April '20

- 3-5** Alumni Fellowship Weekend

September '20

- 17-20** Homecoming