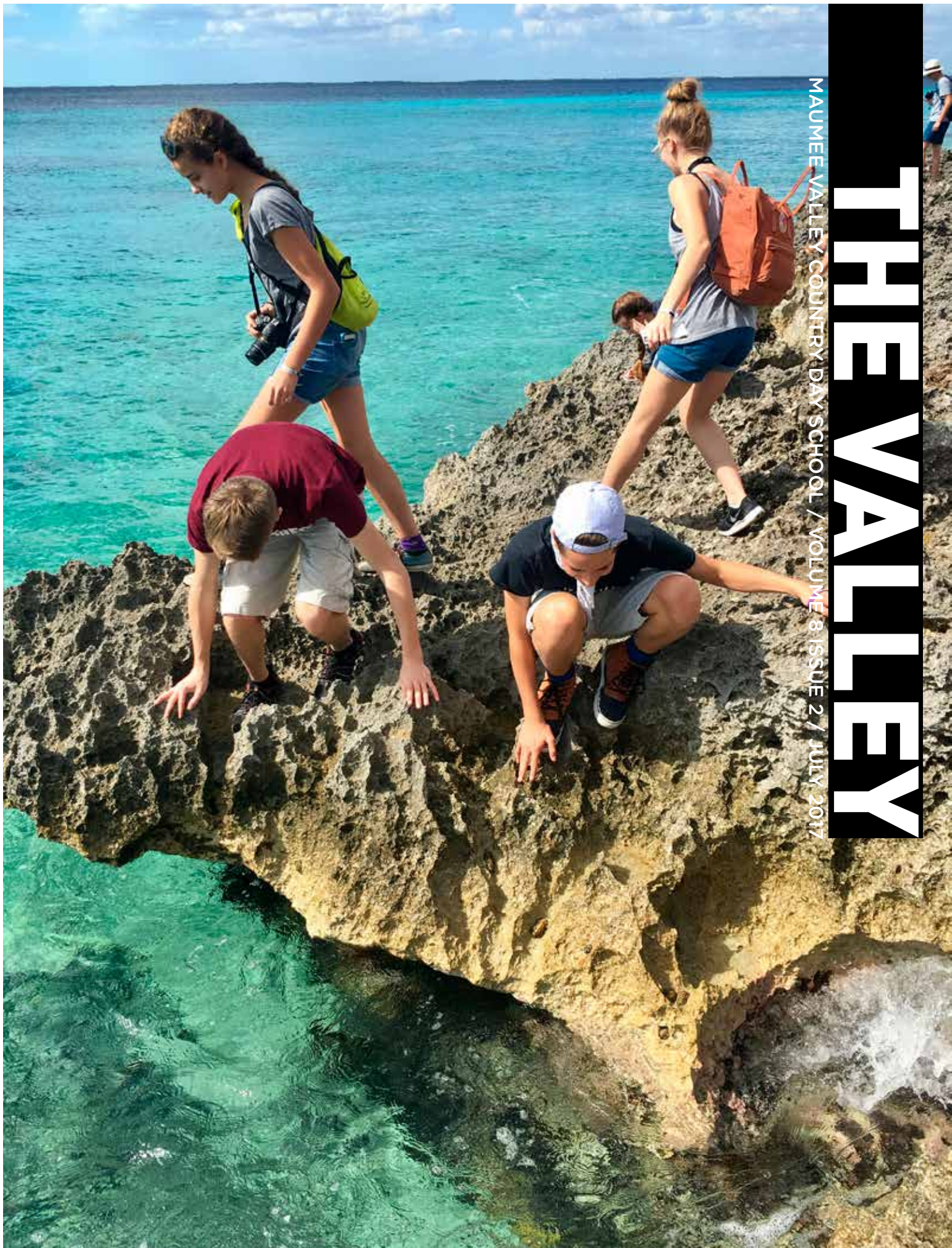


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MAUMEE VALLEY COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL'S MISSION IS TO ENABLE STUDENTS TO BECOME ENLIGHTENED, COMPASSIONATE, AND CONTRIBUTING CITIZENS OF OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY, WHILE PREPARING GRADUATES FOR THEIR BEST OPPORTUNITIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION.

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FRONT COVER  
UPPER SCHOOL STUDENTS EXPLORING THE  
SOUTHERN COAST OF CUBA DURING 2017 WINTER  
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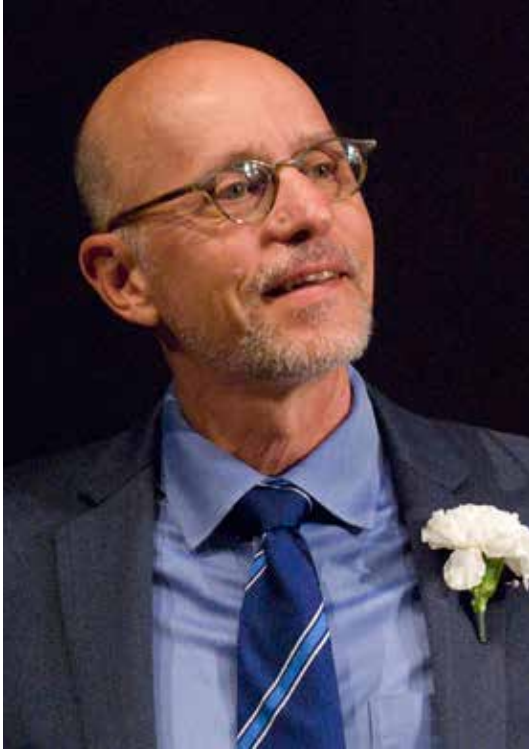


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## A LETTER FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Friends,



This past year our students began to fully realize the extraordinary opportunities that our MV2020 Vision has to offer. With new schedules in several divisions, dedicated time for students to explore their interests, and increased course offerings, students are flourishing. We have seen them take full advantage of integrating and aligning their academic courses with their talents, interests, and ambitions. It is magical and inspiring to see the ways in which students are engaged in their work throughout the halls and across campus.

Maumee Valley is no longer the best kept secret in Toledo. The word is out, and continues to spread, about the amazing learning happening from preschool through twelfth grade. When I introduce myself to new people at conferences around the state and the country, it isn't uncommon for them to say that they've heard of Maumee Valley and about the innovative and exciting programs that we are pioneering.

Enrollment continues to grow at our school and next year we will be at record numbers for the fifth year in a row. Even though it's July, there's a flurry of activity on campus as we prepare for next year's students to join us late next month. The Smead Building, our oldest building on campus, is once again being renovated to make room for our growing Early Learning Center program. Some minor renovations have occurred in the Upper School to help make room for a full house in grades nine through twelve, where we'll be at full enrollment for the first time since I've been at Maumee Valley (60 students per class!). And the Lower School is carving out space for two additional classrooms, one each in Primary and Lower Intermediate, to make room for increased demand in those areas.

I hope as you read about all of the exciting things happening at your school in this edition of The Valley that you are inspired to visit campus this fall and see first hand what a magical place Maumee Valley continues to be.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary Boehm".

Gary Boehm  
Head of School

A young woman with dark hair, wearing a black top, is playing a cello. She is looking down at the instrument with a focused expression. The background is a bright, out-of-focus green, suggesting a window looking out onto a lawn. The word "CURRENT" is written vertically in white capital letters on a black background on the right side of the image.

**CURRENT**









# ISSUE DAY

## “DO JUSTICE: BALANCING THE SCALES”

Issue Day is part of a long and distinguished tradition at Maumee Valley Country Day School. Entirely organized and executed by the Global Leadership students, this year’s day-long event featured an impressive lineup of 20 experts discussing aspects of the theme global justice - “Do Justice: Balancing the Scales.”

The keynote speaker was John Mueller, periodic Daily Show contributor as well as Senior Research Scientist at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies at The Ohio State University. John is a leading expert on terrorism, particularly on the reactions (or as he believes, the over-reactions) it often inspires. He is the co-author (with Mark G. Stewart) of Chasing Ghosts: The Policing of Terrorism.

Other speakers included David Schweickart, Professor of Philosophy at Loyola University Chicago and author of After Capitalism. Also in attendance were experts on gender studies, criminology, black world studies, poverty, and mental health.

Issue Day concluded with an Upper School simulation of the refugee crisis, during which the students roleplayed refugees and experienced and reacted to real life refugee situations.



## 6TH GRADE SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Paige Yustick, Jilly Frost, and Colin Dunlap, the top winners at the MVCDS 6th Grade Science Fair, went on to compete at the 72nd Annual Ohio Academy of Science Northwest Ohio District 2 Science Day, at the University of Toledo. Paige & Jilly both won scholarship awards. Paige advanced to State Science Day at The Ohio State University where she excelled with a score of 27 out of 30 and a superior rating. Congratulations to our young scientists.





# FOOTLOOSE

## A HIGH ENERGY THEATRE EXPERIENCE!

Maumee Valley's Drama department presented four performances of "Footloose" in the Millennium Theatre this spring.

John Colvin '18 starred as Ren McCormack, an energetic teen from Chicago, who moves to the small town of Bomont, Kansas, only to find an extremely repressive attitude toward the young people. The town, guided by the Reverend Shaw Moore, played by Alex Evans '18, has banned dancing in response to a tragedy five years earlier. The Reverend's wife, Vi (Alex Whitacre '17), and daughter, Ariel (Ellie Griffith '19) cope with the tragedy each in their own way. Ren's new friend Willard (Hank Thomas '20) and Ariel's confidant Rusty (Denise Tamesis '19) help Ren navigate his new town.

With the combination of a cast 30 strong, and an Oscar and Tony nominated Top 40 score, the show literally lept off the stage with energy. The Maumee Valley Footloose musical celebrated the wisdom of listening to young people, and guiding them with a warm heart and an open mind.



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH DINNER

The Afro-Am Club hosted a panel of respected community members who answered questions on this year's theme, "Justice" to more than 100 participants at the Afro-Am Dinner.

The event provided a wonderful opportunity to gather together, enjoy dinner, listen to student performances, and interact with the panel. The evening wrapped up with all participants singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing" by James Weldon Johnson.

### PANELISTS INCLUDED:

**Roger Perry** - Prison Psychiatrist  
**Vallie Bowman-English** - Clerk, Toledo Municipal Court  
**Amanda Bryant-Friedrich** - Dean of Graduate College,  
 University of Toledo  
**Daniel Brandon** - Police Officer  
**KnowEl Willhight '18** - Student Panelist





**R I C K   K A S E R**  
**PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR CANDIDATE**  
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MVCDS senior, Rick Kaser, was one of eight students in Northwest Ohio chosen this year as a U.S. Presidential Scholar Candidate - an honor given to the nation’s most distinguished graduating seniors. Of the 3.5 million high school students who graduated at the end of the academic year nationwide, only 4,000 of the top students are selected, according to a Department of Education news release. The candidate selection is based on their academic achievement, personal characteristics, leadership and service activities. Astonishingly, Rick was also notified that he made it to the semi finalist round which includes approximately 800 students nationwide. Quite an accomplishment, Rick!

As a freshman, Rick started a student investment bank to allow large, well-funded clubs a place to invest their money. The bank also gives smaller clubs a space to procure loans to jump-start their activities.

“In a regular economy, you have something to connect borrowers and lenders and that helps the economy grow,” he said, “but we didn’t really see that in our school.”

The bank helped get the school’s Science Olympiad Club competing right away, along with guaranteeing the investing clubs principal to allow for risk-free investment. “They had a lot of faith in us because we had a lot of planning behind it,” he said.

Rick also had a perfect SAT score, was a varsity Basketball player, and volunteered with Mobile Meals and Hoops for Hunger. Rick plans to study finance at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania this fall.







## MIDDLE SCHOOL MOVING UP CEREMONY 2017

In true Maumee Valley form, the Middle School community gathered together to honor the work of each graduating eighth grader during a special ceremony referred to as Middle School Moving Up. Advisors prepare personal speeches about each of their advisees and read them with pride to a theater packed with family and friends. Congratulations to Catherine Bigenho '21 who received the 8th Grade Head of School Award and to Ian Rybak '22 who received the 7th Grade Michael C. Doherty '84 Scholarship Award.





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## Varsity Swimming

The small but mighty MVCDS Swimming and Dive team had a good year in the pool. Highlighted by a strong Sectional meet, the five person girls' team finished in 4th place. Sectional champions include the girls 200 medley relay (Vivienne Monger '18, Tatiana Monger '18, Sasha Grinevich '20, and Alaina Foster '20); 50 freestyle (Tatiana Monger); 500 freestyle (Sasha Grinevich); Boys Diving (Miller Karns '20). Next year, there are big expectations as all team members return to the pool.

## Varsity Cheerleading

Nobody supports our athletic programs as much as our Cheerleading Team. This year we consistently experienced loud boisterous crowds led by our cheer team. The squad enhanced school spirit and spent many hours practicing to help our teams compete in an energetic and supportive environment.

## Varsity Boys' Basketball

The Varsity Boys' Basketball team had one of its best seasons in recent history this year. Picked to finish fifth place in the TAAC, the boys exceeded expectations by finishing third, and they were several close games away from winning it all. The team won 15 games up from six wins the previous year. With two freshmen, two juniors, and a senior in the starting line-up the team is poised to continue its ascension in the league. Seniors Rick Kaser, Nick Isaza, and Evan Abdoo each received All Academic District Honors, while teammate Jaiden Woodley '18 received 2nd Team All TAAC and Honorable Mention All District, and freshmen Zeb Jackson received 1st Team All TAAC, 1st Team All District, among other awards he received for his and his teams accomplishments this year.

## JV Boys' Basketball

### JV Boys' Basketball

The JV Boys' Basketball program was exciting to watch and continued to show growth throughout the year. Sophomores Nick Zeller, Newt Ziegler, and Alex Todd helped provide leadership to standout Freshman Lucas Fankhauser, Patrick Lyell, Lucas Szollosi, and Noah Greenbaum. The team won several games, some by large margins, making this an exciting young team to watch.

## Varsity Girls' Basketball

The growth the Girls' Basketball has seen in the last two years has been impressive. The girls had won only one game in 44 tries from 2013-2015, and was down to only ten players. This season there were close to twenty players in the program, and they won ten games, all without a senior on the roster. Led by juniors Ella Foster, Emma Daugherty, and Alba Escala-Maso, our girls' program has grown in talent, determination, and spirit. Sophomore



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standout Shannon Herrmann received All TAAC and All District honors for her play on the court. With our talented core of returning young players and a promising group of rising freshmen, we are excited to see what the future holds for our Varsity Girls' Basketball program.

## JV Girls' Basketball

Three years ago Maumee Valley did not have a JV Girls' Basketball Team. For two straight years now, not only have we had enough basketball players to play a full JV Girls Basketball schedule, but we're now fielding a team that is competitive and wins games. Sophomores Denise Tamesis, Shay Bailey, Monet Lambert and Freshmen Maya Francisco, Alana Papocchia, Colette Jarrell, Saniyah Brandon, and Maddie Peek gave our JV team a great core of players. The team's commitment to teamwork and work in the off-season should result in a bright future for the MVCDS Girls Basketball Program.

## Eighth Grade Girls' Basketball

In 2016, as seventh graders, this group of girls finished as runners up in the TAAC and had a great season. This year, the group picked up where they left off and had another impressive season, finishing in the final four of the TAAC. Coach Keli Jacobs did a remarkable job working with our girls and developing their skills throughout the year.

## Seventh Grade Girls' Basketball

This group only got better as the season continued. The Seventh Grade Girls' Basketball team persevered throughout the season and were highly competitive, finishing the year in the final four of the TAAC tournament. Several players had outstanding years and we look forward to their development as they move on to the Eighth Grade.

## Eighth Grade Boys' Basketball

Just like the Eighth Grade Girls, the Eighth Grade Boys' Basketball team followed up a fine seventh grade year with an impeccable Eighth Grade year, showing tremendous development and finishing as runners up in the TAAC tournament. This was an exciting group to watch, and a group that liked to light up the score board with points. Based on their perseverance and teamwork, this Eighth Grade group could be the team to watch as they move into the Upper School.

## Seventh Grade Boys' Basketball

The Seventh Grade Boys had a great season, and the boys won about half of their games during the regular season and finished in the final four of the TAAC tournament. The team had a great combination of size and speed which allowed them to compete with the top teams in the league. With development, they will be a team that can go head to head with any of the top teams in the league.



## CURRENT ATHLETICS RECAP



### Varsity Tennis

Our Boys' Tennis players had a slow start, but eventually found their stride toward the end of the season. Seniors Zack Safadi, Evan Abdoo, and Poom Pipatjarasgit persevered and played great tennis throughout the year. Freshmen Stephane Granato proved to be a nice addition to the team and is poised to have a fine career playing Tennis at Maumee Valley. Poom finished the year with an amazing three hour match, but unfortunately fell just short of winning in the Sectional Matches.

### Varsity Baseball

This year marked the first year in a long while since Maumee Valley has played a Toledo Area Athletic Conference Varsity Schedule. The team remained competitive all year, including a near massive upset in the State Tournament. The Hawks took the heavily favored Tigers into the bottom of the 7th inning with a 2-1 lead and 2 outs. Unfortunately, the Hawks could not hang on and lost with a final score of 3-2. The game showed the impressive growth of the team, and is a the turning point for the program. Next season the team will return with all but one player, adding several players from the Middle School. Coach Tim Matthews was selected by fellow TAAC Coaches as TAAC Coach of the Year. Newt Ziegler '19 was a 2nd Team All TAAC selection and fellow teammates Alex Todd '18 and Bailey Hannan '18 were Honorable Mention All TAAC selections.



### Varsity Lacrosse

The Girls' Lacrosse season started off with two games that were very close and eventually postponed due to inclement weather. It was difficult to get the season going as the team experienced a series of obstacles, yet the girls persevered, even winning a thrilling comeback in the final minutes from eight goals down. The team lost a handful of games that could have easily gone in favor of the Hawks. The girls kept working and eventually won three games in a row to finish the regular season. We saw major progress in the players this year. Thank you to our Hawk seniors Conner Johnson, Samina Hejeebu, and the team's rock solid goal tender Alex Whitacre.



### Varsity Track and Field

Track and Field is by far one of the most storied programs at our school. Walking through the athletic wing, the history of the program's success is well documented with banners, trophies, and plaques showcasing the Track and Field accomplishments

# SPRING



throughout the years. Our coaches and athletes have worked hard to honor that rich tradition. With close to 30 Track and Field competitors, the team saw its best season in recent history. Emma Daugherty set the school's outdoor high jump record at 5 feet, 8 inches, won her third consecutive TAAC High Jump Championship, and won the Division III State High Jump Championship with an impressive jump of 5 feet, 9 inches (the highest of any division). Emma finished sixth at nationals this year is an All American in high jump. She also won her first TAAC Championship in the 100m hurdles and was part of the 4 x 100m relay team, along with Monet Lambert '19, Alana Papocchia '20, and KnowEl Willhight '18 that finished runner up in the TAAC Championships. Patrick Lyell '20 also advanced to the District Finals in the 800m for the boys. The team continues to build and we look forward to more success as they move forward.

### Middle School Track and Field

Our Middle School Track and Field Team had a very decorated season. Teammates Jackson Dias '21 and Gage Kuhl '21 finished first and second in the 800m at the TAAC Championships. Stephen Coleman '21 won the TAAC Championship in the 100m and was runner up in the High Jump. Megan McNally '21 won the 400m TAAC Championship. The Boys 4 x 100m relay of Omar Heif '21, Talon Kuhl '22, Jackson, and Stephen also won the TAAC Championship, and Gage Kuhl '21 won the 200m Hurdles TAAC Championship. With all of our students returning next season, we think the future looks bright for our MVCDS Track and Field Team.

### Middle School Baseball

Middle School Baseball wrapped up their second season at Maumee Valley this year. The MS players are making great strides in team development and improving individual skill levels. When looking out to the high school field next year, you just might see rising freshman Kara Boissoneault, Caden Bretzloff Rohrs, Finn Corcoran, Bryce Maenle, Landon McPike, and Samuel Peters working diligently to earn their Varsity letters.



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## CURRENT GRADUATION 2017



**1** MAUMEE VALLEY COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL CLASS OF 2017



**2** SENIOR ALEX WHITACRE ENJOYING THE MOMENT AS SHE WALKS TO THE BLUESTONE

**3** THE MAUMEE VALLEY CHOIR PERFORMING DURING THE GRADUATION CEREMONY

**4** RICK KASER AND ZACK SAFADI GIVING THE 2017 CLASS SPEECH

**5** SENIORS ZEE LIN, LINDA ZHU, AND CHRISTINA GONG WAITING TO WALK

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## CURRENT COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS

Evan Abdoo  
The Ohio State University

Atinuke Afolabi  
Washington University  
in St. Louis

Devin Brandon  
The University of Toledo

Claire Britton  
Reed College

Changrui Chen  
The University of Chicago

XingTong Chen  
The Ohio State University

Maria Ciminillo  
Denison University

Maya Dayal  
New York University

Julia DeSouza  
Georgetown University

Noah Flack  
Cedarville University

Jacob Fritz  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical  
University Prescott

Menglin Gong  
Boston University

Jacob Greenbaum  
Miami University

Samina Hejeebu  
The Ohio State University

Nicolas Isaza  
The Wharton School -  
University of Pennsylvania

Michael Jarrell  
SciencesPo -  
Columbia University

Conner Johnson  
The University of Toledo

Richard Kaser  
University of Pennsylvania

Johnie Lambert  
DePaul University

Zhuangying Lin  
University of Virginia

Tengyue Liu  
Babson College

Brennor Masters  
Eastern Michigan University

Darious Moore  
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Brandon Peek  
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## CURRENT HONORS AND AWARDS

### ATHLETIC AWARDS

JOSEPH D DIDIER SOCCER	Nick Isaza '17
ROBERT W GOSMAN MEMORIAL	Evan Abdoo '17
DONNIE TAYLOR BASKETBALL	Devon Brandon '17, Alba Escalé-Maso '18
OUTSTANDING SENIOR WOMAN ATHLETE	Alex Whitacre '17
DOUGLAS WHIPPLE MEMORIAL TROPHY	Rick Kaser '17
COACH RICHARD L. NUZUM AWARD	Samina Hejeebu '17

### DEPARTMENT AWARDS

SENIOR MATH AWARD	Rick Kaser, Zack Safadi, Nick Isaza, Aidan Reddy, Bashar Ziadat, Brandon Peek, Ray Chen, Mike Tao
ENGLISH PRIZE	Ray Chen '17
MARION D PARSONS	Juliana DeSouza '17
CHINESE PRIZE	Juliana DeSouza '17
SPANISH PRIZE	Ella Foster '18
J CARROLL MUSIC AWARD	Poom Pipatjarasgit '17
STRING MUSIC AWARD	William Cagle '16
THEATRE PRIZE	Alex Whitacre '17
HISTORY PRIZE	Emma Lavetter-Keidan '18
SCIENCE PRIZE	Alex Whitacre '17
BAUSCH & LOMB HONORARY SCIENCE MEDAL	Lang Liang '18
RPI MEDAL	Ishani Gupta '18
GLOBAL SCHOLAR	Toral Soram '18, Natalie Bawab '18
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AWARD	Valentina Xu '18
BOLDON MEMORIAL AWARD	Knowel Willhight '18
CUM LAUDE	Bashar Zaidat '17, Juliana DeSouza '17, Zack Safadi '17, Nick Liu '17, Lang Liang '18, Valentina Xu '18, Emma O'Leary '18, Emily Rigby '18, Emma Lavetter-Keidan '18

### JUNIOR AWARDS

CITIZENSHIP	Knowel Willhight '18
LEADERSHIP	Ishani Gupta '18
COMMUNITY SERVICE	Kimmy Goewey '18
WRITING PRIZE	Emily Rigby '18
COMMUNICATION	Jude Furlong '18
REASONING	Lang Liang '18
INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY	Kyrie Tong '18

### GRADE LEVEL AWARDS

MISS BISS LIFE OF SCHOOL	Hank Thomas '20
RON EUTON LIFE OF SCHOOL	Denise Tamesis '19
LIFE OF THE SCHOOL (CLASS MARSHALLS)	Ella Foster '18, Finn Bamber '18
JONATHAN KRUEGER '12 WINTERIM SCHOLARSHIP	Emma Lavetter-Keidan '18
HEAD OF SCHOOL AWARD	Poom Pipatjarasgit '17



TOM CAMBISIOS AND JIM FISH, THE DAILY WELCOMING COMMITTEE AT DOOR 1

## A Tribute to Jim Fish

by Terri Herrmann

**WHEN I WAS ASKED TO WRITE A TRIBUTE TO JIM FISH**, I knew it would be easy to honor my good friend and colleague. Many others could have written this as so many at Maumee Valley have also had a great relationship with Jim.

I have worked with Jim for 30 years. We were both hired the same year and spent our first year at Maumee Valley co-teaching the Pre-School, Lower School, and Middle School Physical Education students. I was straight out of college and Jim had recently made a career change from the business world to teaching. It was a really great year for both of us---I felt that we learned a lot from each other, but probably equally as important, we laughed a lot. I remember teaching the students medic dodgeball that year, and once we divided the class into teams Jim would secretly join one team and I would join the opposite. Unbeknownst to the students in the class, Jim and I would be having our own dodgeball war between the two of us! When one of us got the other good...we would just double-over and laugh.

Jim and I also had to make a few trips to Camp Storer to be formally trained on how to belay students on our new climbing wall. Jim and I

would ride in the van and make the journey from Maumee Valley to Camp Storer in Jackson, Michigan. As Jim was driving on many of the country roads, he would make it his mission to locate all the "roadkill" on the road and aim the tire of the van directly in path with that unfortunately deceased animal. The van would hit the bump and a few seconds later, the unpleasant smell would arrive, and then we would just laugh and shake our heads until we spotted the next bump in the road.

Jim and I also spent many In-service Days sitting next to each other. I knew this was not a good idea. We would listen...of course... but we would also find the silliest things to laugh at. Many times it felt like we were ten-year olds in the front row of church totally cracking up laughing, but unable to make a sound or a scene, and then we would have to do whatever it took to hide it.

When I think of Jim, the two words that I think of first would be "funny" and "compassionate." Everyone that knows Jim knows he is funny, likes to be funny, says funny things, does funny things, and wants the students in his care to have fun! There's a lot to be said for that...life is full of "Debbie Downers." Jim doesn't go there, he chooses to find the fun in almost everything, and he is quite successful. He always enjoys making others laugh, but along the way, he loves cracking himself up too. Jim was also incredibly compassionate with his students. When a student needed a kind and caring teacher, Jim was there. He would wrap an arm around a kid and would console him or her with his soft voice and the



student would realize that they were in the hands of a genuinely caring teacher. I am sure that Jim, being a parent of three children, was able to easily put on his “dad hat” even to children that weren’t his, but who needed that extra bit of care.

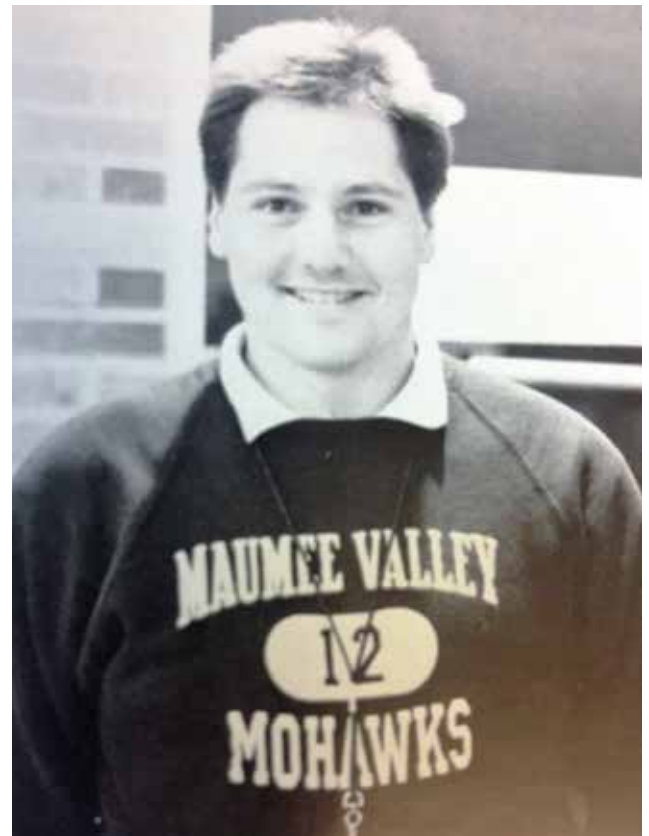
Jim has had a huge impact on Maumee Valley. He has taught Preschool, Lower School, Middle School, and Upper School Physical Education, as well as Upper School Health. In Jim’s second year at Maumee Valley, he became the Athletic Director and continued in that role for 27 years and was the TAAC’s Treasurer (I still crack up at that decision...really they left Jim in charge of money?!) Jim would be frequently seen cruising the Maumee Valley campus in his dilapidated golf cart that had no working brakes...he just had to coast to a stop. For 19 years, Jim was the Co-Director for Maumee Valley’s summer camp, Hob Haven. He even drove the bus so campers could get to the pool. Jim was an Upper School Advisor to many students over the years, guiding them through high school. Jim loved sports and was the Assistant Varsity Soccer Coach for 28 years and coached both Middle School and Upper School Track and Field. Jim co-taught a few Winterims and was a facilitator for our Adventure Challenge Low and High Ropes Course on campus.

One of Jim’s favorite things to do at Maumee Valley was finding Tom Cambisios early each morning and the two would stand on the second floor of the Upper School with their arms hanging over the railing as they greeted each student, parent, or teacher who entered through the main door down below them. Now if I had to guess...I am sure over the years that Jim did more than just greet... he probably had a straw and spitwads, perhaps threw some paper clips off the rail and laughed if it landed in someone’s hair, or any number of other adolescent stunts that would conjure up a laugh to start his morning!

Obviously, Jim has had a positive impact on the lives of many in the Maumee Valley community (parents, students, teachers, administrators, coaches, maintenance, and staff). Jim was always organized, worked very long hours, six and sometimes seven days a week. He respected others and earned their respect in return. Jim realized his role was to serve others and he did just that. Jim sacrificed a lot of his personal time with his wife, Nancy, and his three kids, Megan, Kara, and Adam, so that the student-athletes of Maumee Valley would have everything they needed to be successful in each athletic contest. Jim was loyal, grateful, and certainly had all the qualities to run a smooth athletic program. Jim has done much for Maumee Valley and we have all certainly benefitted.

In addition, Jim has had a lasting impact on others outside the Maumee Valley community. I would frequently talk with other TAAC Athletic Directors, coaches, or officials/referees, and everyone

spoke extremely highly of Jim Fish. He was well-known and well-loved by those he came in contact with. Maumee Valley has been fortunate to have Jim Fish be such a big part of our school. He made an amazing difference. We are grateful for what he has done and what he meant to all of us. I suppose when you work so hard for so long and give so much to others there comes a time to hang up your whistle and to sit back and enjoy life. Someone once wrote, “Retirement, a time to do what you want to do –when you want to do it.” Well Jim, now you have the time to do what you want, when you want to do it. I am sure it will include a lot of little practical jokes, running over roadkill, and laughing the whole way! We will miss you near Door 1, in the gyms, and on the athletic fields. Have fun in retirement....I’m sure you will!



JIM FISH IN 1992





# FEATURE



A JOURNEY THROUGH SPAIN SPRING INTENSIVE  
STUDENTS IN THE PLAYA DE ESPANA IN SEVILLA

TAKING ON THE

# WORLD

THROUGH

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*Maumee Valley's experience-based and student-centered educational philosophy has long been a part of the school's mission.*



**FROM ITS EARLY DAYS AS A GIRLS FINISHING SCHOOL** in upstate New York to becoming a co-ed progressive country day school in the remote countryside of South Reynolds Road in 1934; to building an innovative Lower School open classroom environment in the early 1970's to creating the Winterim program in the late 1970's that opened students up to new and different experiences beyond the classroom walls; to expanding school diversity in the 1980's leading to the student body becoming measurably more international, Maumee Valley has never stopped reimagining and reinventing itself.

Three years ago, the Maumee Valley Country Day School faculty and administration continued the tradition of educational evolution and developed the MV2020 Vision, a dynamic vision that both honors the school's rich tradition of child-centered education and propels the School to transformative change over this period. The result of the Vision implementation was the distillation of the Maumee Valley educational philosophy into three areas of focus - personal education, experiential learning, and global education.



## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

### Building a Structure for Success

MV2020 proved to be contagious in generating excitement. After widespread consensus about the vision emerged, a work group comprising students, faculty, parents, staff, and school board members created an implementation plan. One of the essential questions that was asked was “What do students need to be successful citizens, while also preparing for the best opportunities in higher education?” It became apparent that students and faculty overwhelmingly desired more time and more choice: two factors that research indicates are important to student success. After spending more than a year in various work groups, a new academic schedule giving students additional time and an array of choice was created. The new schedule offered flexible scheduling with longer class periods, more interdisciplinary courses and units for faculty to collaborate with each other, more time for participation in online courses, and the expansion of the Winterim program to three times a year.

The new Upper school schedule was introduced with transformative changes. Upper School Students soon thrived in a block schedule consisting of five terms, two terms of academic rotation, and three terms of three-week Winterim Intensives.



EMILY RIGBY '18 IN DOWNTOWN TOLEDO DURING HER INDEPENDENT STUDY TITLED POVERTY AND MENTAL ILLNESS. ALSO PICTURED ARE AIDAN REDDY '17, BRIAN REDDY, AND SARAH REDDY '15

*“What do students need to be successful citizens, while also preparing for the best opportunities in higher education?”*



NEW UPPER SCHOOL BLOCK SCHEDULE CONSISTING OF FIVE TERMS OF ACADEMIC ROTATION AND THREE TERMS OF INTENSIVE

## THE FEATURE STORY

*After only two years implementing the new schedule, Upper School teachers have created more than 45 new courses.*

### new courses include:

**Gothic Literature**  
**Political Rhetoric**  
**Propaganda Studies**  
**Shakespeare Set Free**  
**Speculative Fiction Studies**  
**Adventure Writing - Outward Bound**  
**The History of Painting**  
**Urban and Public Art**  
**Integrated Mathematics**  
**Introduction to Statistical Methods**  
**Architecture**  
**Interdisciplinary Research Methods**  
**Animal Behavior**  
**Microbiology**  
**Zoology**  
**Anatomy and Physiology**  
**Meteorology**  
**Introduction to Engineering Principles & Disciplines**  
**Astronomy**  
**Electrical Engineering**

### Opening the Doors for Choice

It didn't take long for innovation and creativity to take root. After only two years implementing the new schedule, Upper School teachers have created more than 45 new courses. Many of the courses are not offered to high school students anywhere else in Northwest Ohio. The new Upper School schedule opened ample space for teachers to offer courses that students desired and it gave students the chance to take a variety of courses focused on their interests and passions.

### Creating More Time

During the fall and spring rotation, class periods increased to 75 and 90 minutes, allowing additional time for faculty to create a curriculum that focused on deep hands-on learning and critical thinking. Once faculty and students realized the new opportunities that more time per period gave them in learning, the sky was the limit.

Adopting a schedule focused on providing longer classes not only meant longer periods, it also allowed for expansion of the cherished Winterim program. Upper School students now had three chances, twelve in total during their high school career, to take a deep dive in a subject of their choice. During each three week intensive, the students select one course that they attend from 8:00am - 3:00pm every day. With the chance for this type of course focus, students and faculty explore a subject matter together and create meaningful experiences. Additionally, it provides wonderful opportunities for faculty to collaborate and teach interdisciplinary courses, something that was challenging in the previous schedule.

This year Kristin Kowalski, Upper School Art Teacher, and Jason Thomas, Upper School Chemistry Teacher, co-taught The Science of Art. Students explored the relationships between Chemistry and Art by describing the interaction of light and matter to produce color, understanding the physical and chemical properties of the materials that artists use (including paint, pigments and binders; fibers and dyes; glass; ceramics; and the special case of frescoes), and exploring some of the scientific and aesthetic techniques used to determine the



authenticity of works of art or artifacts. To accomplish the objectives, students met with curators at the Toledo Museum of Art, and engaged in various chemistry experiments.

In another new Upper School course, Heroes, Myths & Legends, students had the opportunity to choose to receive Science or English high school credit. Students taking the course for Science credit, examined myths through the lens of a scientist. They applied the scientific method to an examination of the Physics, Biology, and Chemistry behind the myths to answer questions about whether heroes could have done the things they are reported to have done, or if there is any scientific truth to the legends. Students taking the class for English credit, focused on how the stories are shaped - the story frames that have allowed them to be passed down verbally or in writing, and how this passing down gives rise to variation in the story and the capstone experience where students told a modern day version of these myths - one that sounds like a myth, but is biologically and physically possible.



SENIORS SAMINA HEJEEBU, JONIKA WELLS, TINU AFOLABI DURING THEIR TRIP TO SPAIN DURING THE MAY 2017 INTENSIVE

### Taking on the World

Maumee Valley's keystone program, Winterim, has long been known for its unforgettable travel opportunities, both locally and abroad. With the introduction of the new schedule rotation, traditional Winterim travel opportunities also increased from once per year, four times during high school, to an astonishing and life altering three times per year, or twelve times during a student's high school career.

"These experiences, that have historically proved to be meaningful, provide students with experiences they don't get in a classroom environment. When I travel across the country to visit Alumni, they often reminisce about their travel experiences during their time at Maumee Valley. Our cherished Winterim program is something they always remember learning from, and it is a program that is worth doing more than once a year," said Head of School Gary Boehm.



TWENTY-TWO STUDENTS TRAVELED TO CUBA DURING THIS YEAR'S WINTER INTENSIVE

## THE FEATURE STORY



ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE. INTENSIVE STUDIO IN LONDON

This past year students traveled to England, Spain, and Cuba. The Cuba trip, offered for Global Leadership credit, was titled: Cuba: Justice in a Socialist Country. Twenty-two Maumee Valley students traveled to Cuba in January and studied a variety of issues ranging from Politics/Social Issues to Economic Issues to Government systems.

Maumee Valley Upper School students enrolled in All the World's a Stage traveled to London this past May where they attended plays, learned about life in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and the job of an actor in the late 1500's and early 1600's. They worked with actors from the Royal Shakespeare Company in classes on acting, stage combat, Elizabethan staging, Renaissance dance, and costuming. Students toured Shakespeare's birthplace, Stratford-upon-Avon and the new Globe theatre complex, as well as other historic sites like Warwick Castle.

The ¡Olé! A Journey through Spain spring intensive allowed students the opportunity to travel throughout Spain for about three weeks. Students visited various cities and cultural centers, including Madrid, Toledo, Granada, and Sevilla and immersed themselves in the history, art, cuisine, and culture of these spectacular sites.

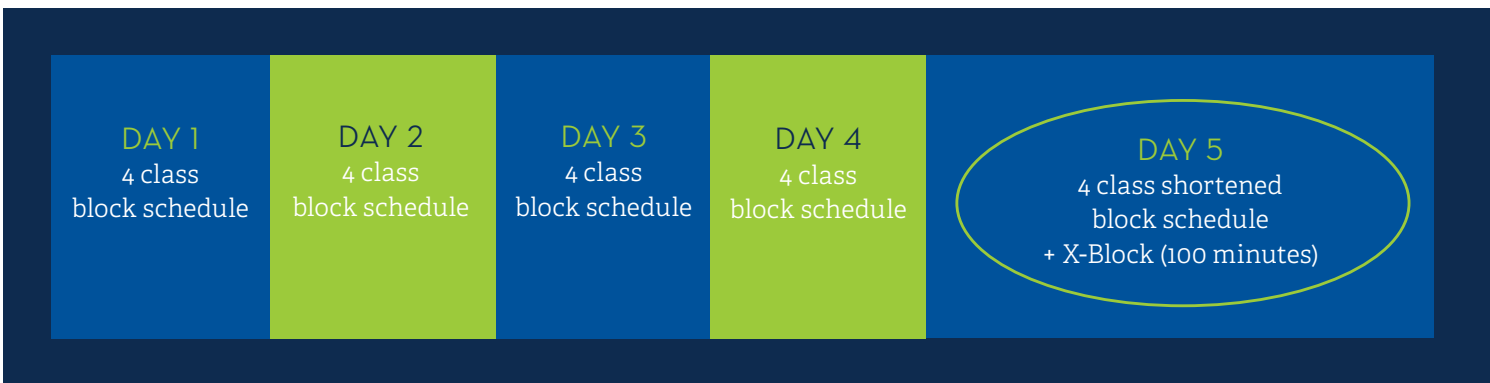
### Opportunity for Independent Exploration



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS EAGERLY DOING DISSECTIONS DURING THEIR NEW X-BLOCK ANATOMY COURSE

As exciting and fulfilling as the Winterim trip Intensives were over the past year, over 80 students researched, designed, and developed independent intensive experiences studying specific areas of passion and subject matter. Independent Study Intensives allow students to create their own experience and gives them the opportunity to explore more deeply areas that interest, intrigue, and motivate them. Over the past year students could be found conducting cancer research at the University of Michigan and The University of Toledo, working for venture capital firms in NYC, or developing strategies to combat the cycle of poverty in Toledo. The time spent during an Independent Study can often help solidify whether or not a student wants to continue exploring a specific field of study as they prepare for college or for a future career. The program is impactful, giving young learners chances each year to explore topics they find interesting and the opportunities to learn more about their skills and proclivities in the process.





### Impactful Change Across Multiple Divisions

The changes aren't exclusive to the Upper School. Elements of the MV2020 Vision can be found throughout the school. With the leadership of an enthusiastic Middle School faculty and new Division Head, the Middle school implemented the-X Block into their already dynamic new block schedule. During extended-block (X-Block), students conduct research, connect with professionals outside of the school, and meet with their on-campus mentor to learn more about their interests. The information gathered is presented to the school and local community through projects, proposals, and slide presentations.

Recognizing the importance of exposing students to a variety of learning experiences the Middle School added two three-week elective periods for students in seventh and eighth grades to enroll in classes that are engaging, challenging, and that ignite curiosity. The elective program offers personalized education through choice, the pursuit of passion, and exploring various interests. Middle School teachers, parents, and students report high levels of engagement and challenge in new offerings such as Human Anatomy, Graphic Novels, Engineering & Design, Creative Writing, Digital Photography, Oral Histories, Study of Genocide & the Holocaust, Studies of Space, Cultural Connections, and Explorations in Popular Culture.



UPPER SCHOOL STUDENTS CANOEING THE MAUMEE RIVER FROM FORT WAYNE TO TOLEDO

### Exploring Interests at the Youngest Ages

Building on Maumee Valley's long-standing tradition of innovative education, Lower School students are increasingly exposed to interdisciplinary learning experiences, where they

learn to be strong readers, writers, and mathematicians by “doing,” the essential component of experiential learning.

With the introduction of MV2020, students in each area of the Lower School gained dedicated time to explore interests and discover their passions. Students research topics, set goals for their learning, and document their weekly progress. At the end of each year, Lower School students present their personalized learning journeys, discoveries, and takeaways to the Maumee Valley Community in a developmentally appropriate way. As a result of these projects, students have donated sewn toys to local animal shelters, written their own graphic novels, and developed apps for smart phones.

### **Inspiring, Authentic, and Meaningful Change**

From the flexibility of the new rotations and the international travel experiences of the Upper School; to the innovative x-block period carved out of a new Middle School schedule that also makes time for elective studies; to the student developed research projects of the Lower School, the Vision implementation has had a direct impact on Maumee Valley learners.

Maumee Valley has long enjoyed a national reputation as a special place where students are valued and treated with kindness and respect in a strong academic environment. Now, the MV2020 Vision has helped propel the School to a national reputation as a leader in innovative educational programming. Our longstanding reputation in Northwest Ohio for strong academics, along with a schedule that gives students more time, choice, and opportunity has resulted in the largest enrollment in school history, and a truly international student population. Maumee Valley has always been a great place to be a kid and that is truer now than ever before.



# PHILANTHROPY







TEAM CARNIVAL LE BOHEMIAN WON THE WELL SERVED AWARD, GARNERING THE MOST VOTES FROM THE GUESTS. L-R TIM FOSTER '83, BRIAN REDDY, AIMEE BRETZLOFF, AREKA FOSTER, HEATHER ROHRS, AND LISA REDDY. HELPERS ALSO PICTURED INCLUDE EMILY BRETZLOFF '13, TOMMY SANDWISCH, AND MATT BRIXEY



OUR MIME OF THE EVENING, BRIAN BOZANICH, PRESENTING A PHOTO OF THE FOOTLOOSE CAST TO JAY GRIFFITH, WHOSE DAUGHTER PLAYED ARIEL IN THE SPRING PRODUCTION

## Top Chef 2017

Another successful Top Chef event was held at MVCDS on May 13. We raised over \$100,000 to support our teachers, programs, and students. An additional \$17,000 was given to make needed renovations in the Dining Hall. It was a fun night! The weather was beautiful, the food was over-the-top delicious, and the friendships delightful. Thank you to everyone who supported and encouraged this fundraising effort.





SUNNY MASTERTON, LATA SABNIS, DAKOTA HUSAIN, EILEEN SULLIVAN, AND MUNA JOSHI ENJOYING THE PARTY



THANKS TO COPPUS MOTORS IN TIFFIN, OH, FOR DONATING A SIX MONTH LEASE ON A 2017 MERCEDES BENZ CABRIOLET CONVERTIBLE



TEAM BISTRO 1884 WON THE GOLDEN SPOON AWARD RECEIVING THE MOST TIPS. L-R TODD DAPKUS, ANDY WEINER, JAMIE SMITH, BRIAN OLIVER, ZACH KLAUSZ, AND FRED DEICHERT



MIKE & ERIN HOUSE DOING A FABULOUS JOB ENCOURAGING DONORS AT THE LEADERBOARD. MARIE PARRING IS A HAPPY WINNER





## ELC EXPANSIONS THANKS TO BLOCK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

"In the last three years we have seen tremendous growth in our Early Learning Center program" explained Gary Boehm, "and now we need to relocate administrative offices to accommodate this surge in enrollment." Thanks to a generous gift from Block Communications Inc., Maumee Valley will be renovating the north wing of the building to create two kindergarten classrooms. "By moving the kindergarten students to the renovated classrooms, the school will be able to accommodate a new Junior Kindergarten class, move the preschool class back to the Smead Building, as well as have space for further expansion. "The youngest students will occupy all of the Smead Building", said Boehm. "We are excited to be able to support MVCDS's growth by making this investment in the school", said Diana Block '91. The school is appreciative to Block Communication Inc. and to MVCDS board member and parent Todd Dapkus for making this renovation possible. "It has been terrific to have Todd's guidance and wisdom on this renovation", added Boehm. Dapkus, a retired engineer from First Solar, has donated his project planning skills and expertise to putting this renovation project together on time and on budget. "Because of Todd, we have been able to identify and reallocate savings back into the renovation."



# ALUMNI

SAMI LIPMAN '02, YOGA TEACHER  
AT YOGA POD, CREATIVE DIRECTOR AT YOGA AND  
LIFE MAGAZINES AND MARKETING DIRECTOR AT  
DOWN UNDER SCHOOL OF YOGA





GEORGE LEBOUTILLIER '63- ALUMNI LIFETIME DEDICATION AWARD, KATHY SHELLEY '01 - YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD, JEWEL WOODARD '77 - ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD, GAIL STEKETEE '67 - ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, MIKE NAGEL AND SHELLY ORENSTEIN - ALUMNI PARENT AWARD



HENRY LIGHT, ANGELICA DIDIER LIGHT '67, BRIAN MCCORKLE, GAIL STEKETEE '67 AND GARY ROBINSON '65



ALUMNI LIFETIME DEDICATION AWARD - GEORGE LEBOUTILLIER '63



ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD - JEWEL WOODARD '77



YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD - KATHY SHELLEY '01



ALUMNI PARENT AWARD - MICHAEL NAGEL AND SHELLY ORENSTEIN

# 2017 SMEAD LUNCHEON

## 83RD SMEAD LUNCHEON & AWARDS

Rain might have been falling outside the Millhon Auditorium, but the Smead Luncheon featured so much good cheer that it was sunny and warm inside. This year's annual luncheon attracted over 95 guests and honored George LeBoutillier '63, Katherine Shelley '01, Jewel Woodard '77, and Mike Nagel, Shelly Orenstein, and Gail Steketee. As guests arrived, they were greeted with a beautiful décor of tables draped in blue and white, with gerbera daisies donated by Mary Krueger as centerpieces. Attendees commented on the delicious food they were served and on the joyful atmosphere that filled the room.

The class of '67 was represented with 18 alumni, including Alumni Council member Monica MacAdams '67 as they kicked off their 50th reunion celebration. Gail Steketee '67, their peer, gave the keynote speech highlighting her academic and research career in social work. As alumni and friends of the school noshed on salmon atop quinoa, asparagus, cream of potato leek soup, and chocolate bread pudding for dessert, Steketee described her research in hoarding disorders (a variant of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder) in a delightful and educational speech. Before and after the speech, old friends reconnected amid the sounds of genial conversation. "This is the best luncheon in memory!" declared Kate Arnos '69.



## ALUMNI NEWS, EVENTS, AND HAPPENINGS



MATT GOOD, GRETCHEN LEBOUTILLIER GOOD '89, GEORGE GOOD, GEORGE LEBOUTILLIER '63, STEPPER GIRARD LEBOUTILLIER '63, STEPHEN LEBOUTILLIER '94, MEGAN LEBOUTILLIER LEARING '95, NICOLE FRECHETTE LEBOUTILLIER '88, AND J.B. LEBOUTILLIER '88



PAT LATHROP MAUK '47 AND CLINT MAUK '45



KARA FISH RICHARDS '01, NANCY FISH, AND MEGAN FISH ROBSON '00



NICK TOWNS '15, CHRISTIAN FESKO '11, JOEY OSTHIMER '14, AND THAD WOODARD '14



MARY HUTTON BURGI '79, MARJORIE HUTTON, AND NORA HUTTON '81



ED WARNER '54, NAN PARFET MILLER '46, AND PRISCILLA LAMB SCHWIER '57



SMEAD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS SCHOLAR CAROLYN SCHUTTE '20 WITH APRILLE SCHUTTE AND STEVE FOSTER '57



**2016 GET BACK GIVE BACK DAY**

BACK ROW L-R: CHRIS DEROSA '16, THOMAS CUNLIFF '16, JACK HERRMANN '16, ISAIAH HUSSAIN '16, ALEX PECHLIVANOS '16, ZAIN KARAMALI '16, JACOB LAMBERT-LYONS '16, TIM ZELLER '16, JUWAAN MCGEE '16, RICHARD JIN '16, AND JOHN SULLIVAN. FRONT ROW L-R: SUNNY LIU '16, DIANA BUTAEVA '16, KASHVI PATEL '16, GRACE O'LEARY '16, SAMANTHA REYNOLDS '16, GRACE LUDWIG '16, NTHABI KAMALA '16, MADDIE LOCKYER '16, AND SEAN KLING '16



**2016 THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION**

FRONT ROW L-R: LINDSEY SHIN '15, DEENA ZUCKER '15, JESSIE GRIFFITH '15, RICK DEICHERT '12, MAR WILLEY '12, PAIGE WILLEY '12, AND LINNEA JOHNSON '13



**2016 HOLIDAY HOOPS**

BACK ROW L-R: JOEL GEDEON '03, JEWEL WOODARD '77, NICK FRASCO '12, DIXON STODDARD '12, JULIUS TURNER '12, TIM ZELLER '16, LINCOLN KYNARD '90, LEE BIGELOW '10, KARAN PADDA '10, TONY WU '03, NICK TOWNS '15, RASHAD WOODLEY '14, AND TRUTH FOREMAN '15. FRONT ROW L-R: TYLER BOEHM '01, THAD WOODARD '14, RICK DEICHERT '12, RASHAAN PRESTON '13, AND MARCUS KNABBS '14

# ALUMNI

## GET BACK, GIVE BACK DAY

is a special Maumee Valley tradition in which college-age alumni return to share their college experiences with the senior class.

The Wednesday before **THANKSGIVING** is one of the Maumee Valley community's favorite days of the year. Many alumni and alumni parents come back to school to visit with old friends and former teachers and to join in singing traditional holiday songs. The Blakey Resource Center was packed with over 700 people as they sang and expressed gratitude for their collective good fortune.

Alumni showed up in full force for this year's annual **HOLIDAY HOOPS** game. Over 24 talented alumni players laced up their shoes and returned to the court along with a bleacher full of alumni supporters, current students, and basketball players. Those who stayed for the mini reception after the game reconnected with classmates and current students. It was a fun afternoon!

## ALUMNI HOLIDAY PARTY

The holidays were bustling on campus with alumni and friends. More than 150 guests attended our December events, the Holiday Hoops, and the Holiday Party. Thank you to everyone, especially our alumni athletes, for celebrating with your Maumee Valley family. It was great catching up with alumni, meeting fiancés, husbands, and new babies.

## 10TH REUNION

The Class of 2006 held their at M'Osteria and Bar over the Thanksgiving weekend.

## ANN ARBOR

Joss Kiely '01 and Rob Morrissey hosted the Alumni Event at their home.

## NASHVILLE

Mitzi Knight '91, hosted the Alumni gathering at The Pub Nashville.



## ALUMNI NEWS, EVENTS, AND HAPPENINGS



### 2016 ALUMNI HOLIDAY PARTY

L-R: NICK FRASCO '12, JANGUS WHITNER '10, KARAN PADDA '10, PARTH PATEL '10, DEENA ZUCKER '15, JESSIE GRIFFITH '15, ANASTASIA LIU '14, JED SALEM '13, HANNAH RUSS '13, EMILY GRIFFITH '13, KELSEY GREFE '03, MEAGAN SIEBERG '03, AND JENNIFER BRUBAKER '08



### CLASS OF 2006 10TH REUNION

BACK ROW L-R: JOHN MOWREY, MARIO VALONE, HEAD OF SCHOOL GARY BOEHM, CHRIS SACKMANN, JENNIFER PESIN, BAILEY BEARSS, LIZ KRUEGER ROBERTS, DMITRI MUSTAKIN, SARA MEINECKE AND JESSICA TRUMBULL. FRONT ROW L-R: ADAM WISNIEWSKI, LIZ SEEMAN, RACHEL LESAGE, KATHLEEN CHOKA, SONYA NAGANATHAN, LEIGH RORICK, ANITA DEWAN, AND RACHEL HUDSON



### 2017 ANN ARBOR ALUMNI EVENT

BACK ROW L-R: DAVID FINE '89, PAUL SHORE, BERL SCHWARTZ '65 HAITHAM MAAIEH '12, JOSS KIELY '01, AND ROB MORRISSEY. FRONT ROW L-R: ANNE KAPLIN '74, JAMES DEROSA, AND ALEX BOWE DEROSA '82



### 2017 NASHVILLE ALUMNI EVENT

L-R: MIMI DAVIS ROGERS '82, LIZ MATHER '94, WEEZIE FOSTER STODDARD '82, TOBY YIM '90, MITZI KNIGHT '91, AND TOBY'S WIFE SANDRA LEE YIM AND SON, JULIAN

# 2016 2017 HOLIDAY EVENTS



# WEST COAST SWING

The 2017 West Coast Swing started in San Francisco, with stops in Palo Alto, San Diego, and Los Angeles. Alice and Fraser McAlpine '71 hosted a lovely evening at their home in San Francisco. It was the sixth time they hosted the San Francisco event. Everyone had a good time reconnecting and meeting new Maumee Valley alumni. Then we headed to Palo Alto, which is one of two new cities that was added to our travels this year. Susan Sharder and Seksom Suriyapa '84 hosted this year's gathering in their beautiful home. Everyone had a great time. Then on to San Diego, the second new city that was added. Kathleen and Scott Miller '72 opened their lovely home for this gathering. In attendance were Glenn and Kari Sprandel Coughlin '82, Chad Coffman, Cindi Lehman '86, and Partik Multani MD '84. Everyone had such a great time catching up that we forgot to take a picture. We finished up the West Coast Swing in Los Angeles at Ron Birnbaum '86 and Lisa Zwerling's home overlooking the city with an amazing 360° rooftop view.

Thank you to everyone that opened their homes to the MVCDS alumni, and thank you to all the alumni that took time to join Maumee Valley at these wonderful events.



**2017 PALO ALTO ALUMNI EVENT**

L-R: MIKE KASPERZAK '72, SEKSOM SURIYAPA '84, WEEZIE FOSTER STODDARD '82, NEIL BARMAN MD '92 AND HIS WIFE LINDA, LUCAS ISAZA '15, HEAD OF SCHOOL GARY BOEHM, DEBBIE LEHMAN '83, CHAUNCEY FERGUSON '83, ANGELA ANAGNOS MD '84 AND HER HUSBAND JAMES KOUSTOUMBARDIS.



**2017 LOS ANGELES ALUMNI EVENT, PHOTO 1**

L-R: LOS ANGELES, FIRST GROUP, RON BIRNBAUM '89, WITH CLEMENTINE BIRNBAUM ON HIS SHOULDERS, TED KOUPAL '55, JASON GILMORE '94, WITH HIS DAUGHTER AUTUMN ON HIS SHOULDERS, RON'S COUSIN LIZ (ELIZABETH) GLAZER, JASON'S WIFE TRENKIA AND DAUGHTER AMINA, MOLLIE JONES '87, WEEZIE FOSTER STODDARD '82, EDI MAGOUN '80, RON'S DAUGHTER LUCIA BIRNBAUM, TYLER BOEHM '01, HOLDING SON HENRY, PARUL AGRAWAL '01, HEAD OF SCHOOL GARY BOEHM, OTIS BIRNBAUM, AND MR. & MRS. BIRNBAUM.



**2017 SAN FRANCISCO ALUMNI EVENT**

L-R: GEORGE SULLIVAN '70, BRIDGET DELGADO '02, HEAD OF SCHOOL GARY BOEHM, ANITHA RAO MD '01, REENA TEJURA MD '01, GRETCHEN VERNER '88, STEPHEN VERNER '85, AND FRASER MCALPINE '71.



**2017 LOS ANGELES ALUMNI EVENT, PHOTO 2**

L-R: RON BIRNBAUM '89, MITTIN COPIER, ZURI HALL '06, JASON GILMORE '94 AND HIS WIFE TRENKIA, TYLER BOEHM '01 HOLDING SON HENRY, RON'S COUSIN LIZ (ELIZABETH) GLAZER, TED KOUPAL '55, ERIC DOLGIN D.O. '71, ERIC STACHURA '08, ANANT TAMIRISA '02, JAMESON STANELUIS '00, AND HEAD OF SCHOOL GARY BOEHM. SEATED L-R: LUCIA BIRNBAUM, EDI MAGOUN '80, CLEMENTINE BIRNBAUM, AND ABRAHAM AND MARTHA BIRNBAUM.





**2017 CLEVELAND GATHERING ALUMNI EVENT**

GRETCHEN CLARK GERACE AND MATT GERACE HOSTED THE CLEVELAND ALUMNI GATHERING ON APRIL 5TH IN DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND. EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME RECONNECTING AND CATCHING UP WITH OTHER ALUMNI. THEY ARE ALREADY PLANNING NEXT YEAR'S EVENT. BACK ROW L-R: GAVIN SMITH '85, JODY KATZNER '82, WEEZIE FOSTER STODDARD '82, AND JACOB WILL '03. FRONT ROW L-R: ANNA SHAPIRO '08, MICHELLE FILANOVSKY '07, SHIREEN PARSAI '10, TAYLOR HOREN '09, SUSIE WALBRIDGE BLAKE '81, GRETCHEN CLARK GERACE '01, MIKAELA VAN KLEY UHLMAN '99, HEAD OF SCHOOL GARY BOEHM, AND ADAM UHLMAN '98.

# CLEVELAND

Gretchen Clark Gerace and Matt Gerace hosted the Cleveland alumni gathering on April 5th in downtown Cleveland. Everyone had a great time reconnecting and catching up with other alumni. They are already planning next year's event.

# CHICAGO

On April 11, MVCDS alumni and spouses met at Chris Johnson Gordon '76 and Scott Gordon's beautiful home overlooking Lake Michigan and downtown Chicago. Everyone had a great time talking about all the wonderful memories they have from their years at Maumee Valley.



**2017 CHICAGO GATHERING ALUMNI EVENT**

ON APRIL 11, MVCDS ALUMNI AND SPOUSES MET AT CHRIS JOHNSON GORDON'S AND SCOTT'S BEAUTIFUL HOME OVERLOOKING LAKE MICHIGAN AND DOWNTOWN CHICAGO. EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME TALKING ABOUT ALL THE WONDERFUL MEMORIES THEY HAVE FROM THEIR YEARS AT MAUMEE VALLEY. BACK ROW L-R: JONATHAN RALSTON '88, KATE KLEIN '96, LEIGH RORICK '06, NOLLIE BROWN '09, XAN DANES '09, HEAD OF SCHOOL GARY BOEHM, SUSANNA PATRICK HEDBLUM '82, WEEZIE FOSTER STODDARD '82, JAMES PARKS III '74, AND DANIEL STRANAHAN '88. FRONT ROW L-R: CHRIS JOHNSON GORDON '76, ILANA LEVIN '93, MARI BRANDMAN '05, ANN STRANAHAN, (LIFELONG SUPPORTER OF MVCDS), ANITHA RAO '01, MARY HUTTON BERGI '79, AND JAMES PARKS IV VISITING FROM WASHINGTON, DC.

## IN MEMORIAM



### **WILLIAM "BILL" BOESCHENSTEIN '43**

Mr. Boeschenstein, the former president, chief executive officer, and board chairman of Owens Corning, who led the Fortune 500 company through a 1986 hostile takeover attempt, died Saturday in Jupiter Medical Center in Hobe Sound, FL.

Mr. Boeschenstein, 91, died from an apparent heart attack after collapsing while playing golf at Jupiter Island Club, said Stephen Boeschenstein, the youngest of Mr. Boeschenstein's four sons.

"He was playing golf, which was something he loved to do," his son said. "He was actually trying to re-engineer his swing. He was dissatisfied with his performance. He was always working on his golf game."

Mr. Boeschenstein went to work for OC in 1950, following the path of his father, Harold Boeschenstein, who founded the company in 1938. The elder Boeschenstein was OC's first executive officer and retired as chairman in 1967 and as a director in 1971.

Together, the father and son led the company for nearly two-thirds of its almost 80-year history. The elder Mr. Boeschenstein died in 1972. He was born Sept. 7, 1925.

Mr. Boeschenstein served as a lieutenant in the Army Air Force in World War II and then graduated from Yale University in 1950 with a degree in industrial administration. He began his career as an executive trainee at OC but soon moved onto a variety of sales and marketing jobs.

He served as chief executive officer from 1973 to 1990 and chairman from 1981 to 1990 - an era marked by growth, change, and challenges. The company reported its annual sales grew from about \$615 million to about \$3 billion during his tenure.

Bill Hamilton, Owens Corning spokesman at the time, called Mr. Boeschenstein "a great leader" who was "well-loved and well-respected."

"He was very dedicated to the company. He cared about the company and all of the people who worked in it," his son, Stephen, said. "Dad was a man of exceptional honesty and integrity. He was looked up to by many great people for those qualities. That always made a huge impression on all of his sons."

Former Toledo Mayor Carty Finkbeiner knew Mr. Boeschenstein through his father, Harold, who supported Mr. Finkbeiner when he was running for Congress in 1974. He called the elder Boeschenstein "a business and civic icon in Toledo," and said the younger Boeschenstein admirably followed in his father's footsteps.

"Bill inherited the task of following his dad as CEO of Owens Corning, and holding up the tradition that his dad put into play," Mr. Finkbeiner said. "And it wasn't enough to be a very successful businessman, you also had a responsibility to help lift up the community that your business was in."

Mr. Boeschenstein was a past chairman of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority. He was appointed to the economic development agency in 1989 and elected chairman in 1991. He stepped down two years later.

In 1993, he was appointed by Gov. George Voinovich to head a 15-member commission studying Ohio's economy and tax structure. In the 1990s, he also served on the board of trustees for Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center and the organization now known as the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums in Fremont, OH.

He served on the boards of numerous companies and organizations, including Kroger Co., American Electric Power Co., FMC Corp., Toledo Museum of Art, and Edison Institute, which is the umbrella for the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

Family friend Susan Reams described Mr. Boeschenstein's death as "a shock" because he had been in good health. "He was such a family man ... and he did so many things for our city as well," she said. "He was such a fine leader for the city of Toledo."



## Remembering those who are no longer with us...



### BRUCE M. "BRUNO" HANKINS '53

Bruce Maxwell "Bruno" Hankins, 81, of Pemberville, a well-known area life insurance agent and outdoorsman, died April 3, 2017, at Otterbein Portage Valley Senior Lifestyle Retirement Community. He was married 58 years to Joan Farmer Hankins, who survives.

Born in Florida, Mr. Hankins was raised in Toledo and Maumee. He was a graduate of Maumee Valley Country Day School and earned a bachelor's degree in English at Colgate University in 1957. Afterward, he served in the U.S. Army and during his tour of duty he and Joan were stationed in Germany. Following service to his country, Bruce embarked on a 40-year career in the life insurance business, in which he was a life and qualifying member of the industry's Million Dollar Round Table. He was honored during his career with many industry awards. He also was an insurance industry lecturer and occasionally lectured at the University of Toledo.

As he began his career, he surprised friends and family alike by not following the expected footsteps into the family business, the Kiemle-Hankins Co., an industrial electrical and mechanical equipment firm.

A member of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Perrysburg, he also was an active member of Maumee Rotary Club, Rockwell Springs Trout Club, Toledo Club, and Carranor Hunt and Polo Club. He volunteered at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, and also was a member of the Black Swamp Conservancy and The Nature Conservancy.

Mr. Hankins was an avid outdoorsman, and his pursuits included bird hunting, and both fresh and saltwater fishing. He and Joan traveled often to Central and South America to hunt and fish. For many years the couple wintered in Costa Rica.

He enjoyed devoting time to mentoring, both young and old, as he firmly believed in Dale Carnegie's business principles as well as Dave Ramsey's financial advice. He always wanted to make a difference in people's lives. In virtually all outside activities, he asked for no publicity.

## IN MEMORIAM



DR. WILLIAM FREDERICK CLARK '45

### DR. WILLIAM FREDERICK CLARK '45

Dr. William Frederick Clark passed away on December 13, 2016, at age 89.

Bill was born on August 3, 1927, in Toledo, OH, and attended Maumee Valley Country Day School in Maumee, OH. He graduated valedictorian of his class in 1945 and served in the US Navy from October of 1945 to February of 1947. After receiving a scholarship to Harvard and graduating with a major in psychology, he went on to graduate from The Ohio State University Medical School in 1954. Bill completed his residency at the University of Michigan and his internship at Long Beach Memorial Hospital. Additionally, he graduated from the Southern California Psychoanalytic Institute with a PhD in psychoanalysis. He practiced psychiatry for 50 years in Long Beach, CA.



DR. ALAN SOLINGER '66

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Dr. Alan Michael Solinger, age 67, of Ridgefield, CT, died on Sunday, December 20, 2015. He was born on November 27, 1948, to the late Frank and Ruth Solinger in Cincinnati, OH. He is preceded in death by his brother, Steven. Alan is survived by his wife, Carol Solinger (nee Selonick), of 32 years; daughter, Megan Stephanie Solinger of Baltimore, MD; and son, Andrew Franklin Solinger of Washington, DC.

### WILLIAM B. DAMRON

William B. Damron, 63, of Bowling Green, OH, left the arms of his wife and fell into the arms of Jesus on Monday, August 29, 2016.

William was born in Detroit, MI, to the late Boyd and Deloris (Crabtree) Damron. He married Sheri (Eschedor) Damron on May 5, 1990, at Faith Temple Family Worship Center in Bowling Green and she survives him.

William was an active member of Faith Temple Family Worship Center for 32 years, where he was the Associate Minister. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Theology from the Southern Bible Institute and Seminary on June 4, 2004 and later became an Ordained Minister through Anchor Bay Evangelistic Association. His greatest joy was his faith and relationship with God, and he accepted any opportunity to serve others and share God's amazing love.

William was employed for 32 years as the Maintenance Director for Maumee Valley Country Day School. William served his country proudly in the United States Army. He was an avid Detroit Tigers and Lions fan as well as an avid Michigan Wolverines fan. William loved everything about Christmas. If it were up to him, he would have left the family Christmas tree up all year. William also enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.



WILLIAM B. DAMRON



**JAMES S. "JIM" KILE '62**

Jim Kile '62 of Estes Park, CO passed away December 6, 2015. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Sarah "Sally" Kile, son Steven (Jennifer) Kile of Fort Collins and daughter Tracy (Tim) Kile Schwartz of Fort Collins. He was Grampaw to three grandsons, Ryan, Noah and Jason, and two granddaughters, Audrey and Elise.

Jim was a man of deep love, integrity, humor and joy. He was smart yet humble, and quick to share credit for his own accomplishments. He worked hard to provide for his family and instill in his children and grandchildren values for education, hard work, exploration and pursuit of varied passions. He believed in "paying it forward" and inspired others to do so as well.

Jim was born in Berea, OH, in November 1944 to Jim Kile, Sr. and Doris Ruby Kile. His parents and his sister, Patricia Kile Zaski, preceded him in death.

He met the love of his life, Sally Smead, in 8th grade. They both graduated high school in Toledo, OH, in 1962 and sustained their relationship through college; both attended schools in western Massachusetts. Jim earned a bachelor's degree in American History and Literature in 1967 from Williams College.

Realizing that his draft number could be drawn anytime for the Vietnam War, Jim enlisted in the Naval Reserve in 1964, participating in Officer Candidate School during summers. He was first stationed on the destroyer USS Twining in San Francisco Bay while Sally was doing an internship for graduate school in New York City. Being separated by such a distance proved too difficult, so Jim proposed, and Sally transferred to UC Berkeley to complete her MSW. Their early marriage was tested – and strengthened – by additional distances, including his time serving in Vietnam on the hospital ship USS Repose.

Jim's gregarious personality made him the life of any party, with a twinkle in his eye and bad pun at the ready. He loved playing, coaching, and watching baseball; the family's numerous large and doting dogs; sailing and boating; reading to his grandchildren; gathering and laughing with family; making new friends and reconnecting with old friends. His deep and lasting love for his family will be felt for generations through the legacy of his values and generosity.

**ROBERT "BARRY" FINNBARR BENNETT '85**

Barry Bennett 48, of New Port Richey, FL, passed away last April 7, 2016, of an brain aneurysm.



JAMES S. "JIM" KILE '62



ROBERT "BARRY" FINNBARR BENNETT '85

# CLASS NOTES



The **CLASS OF 1955 "MINI SPRING REUNION"** was sparked by a text from Emily Riddell in late January which said, "Cynthia and Jack are here through March, why not come up?" This started a series of emails. The gathering became a Valentine's party celebration in Northern CA. The attendees were Cynthia and Jack Lafferty, Emily and Stuart Riddell, Linda and Tony Plutynski, and Kay and Ted Koupal. The big feature of the gathering was a beautiful Valentine's Day luncheon hosted by Cynthia and Jack in their fantastic home on top of a mountain in Tiburon, facing San Francisco Bay. Sadly, it was our last time to see Jack because he passed away shortly after they returned home. The next Class of 1955 Reunion will be in October in Los Altos, CA, and Monterey, CA, hosted by Linda and Tony Plutynski. So far response has been good and we expect at least a third of the class to be there.

Photo: Back l-r: Tony "Pluto" Plutynski and Ted Koupal. Front l-r: Emily Shepard Riddell, and Cynthia Hutton Lafferty.



**STEPHEN "STEVE" W. CHRISTY '72** was elected to the Pima County Board of Supervisors in Tucson, AZ, on November 8, 2016. The Pima County Board of Supervisors is the elected five-member advisory governing body that sets policy for the county. Each Supervisor is elected to a four-year term.



**JEFF MILLER '80** was inducted into the Phoenix Country Day School Hall of Fame in the Spring of 2016 for soccer and tennis. Jeff was recognized for both his athleticism and his contributions to both teams.



## MINI REUNION CLASS OF 1984

Stephen Foster, Mark Goldman, and Leslie Van Hee Zalecki had a mini reunion at the MVCDS March Madness alumni event on April 1st at The Bronz Boar in downtown Toledo.



**KATE KLEIN '96**, her husband Tom live in Bucktown with their two children, five year old Helen and three year old Patrick. They have lived in Chicago for the past 9 years. Kate has stayed in education since graduating from Beloit College, and most recently was a district leader in Chicago Public Schools for a program that

**PHILIP WILLIAMS '71** received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in drama from the University of Miami, a Master of Fine Arts in playwriting from the University of Minnesota, and a Ph.D. in theatre from the University of Colorado. His first play, "The Hunter", was produced at the University of Minnesota as a part of his master's degree requirements. "Dark Twist" was staged by the Actors Ensemble Theatre of Boulder, Colorado. "The Purer, Brighter Years" premiered at the Old Town Playhouse in Traverse City, Michigan. "Here's Hoping", commissioned by Northern Michigan Planned Parenthood for the Troupe Teen Theatre Company, was presented in Petoskey, MI.

Other works include "Ask Me Anything and Other Short Plays", a collection of ten-minute plays that include "Ask Me Anything", directed by William Roudebush, "Last Exit and A Life Enriching Community", directed by Jerry Jensen, and "Which Way To The Beach", directed by Steven A. Chambers, at the New Theatre's Miami 1-Acts Festivals. "A Moment of Clarity" premiered at Magic Curtain Productions Still Got It Players Short Attention Span Play Festival in Orlando, FL. His work has also been seen in the South Florida One-Minute Play Festivals. His newest work, "All Together Now", won first

place in the 2016 Playgroup LLC playwriting contest. "Can't Live Without You", was his first play to receive a New York production, at the Manhattan Repertory Theatre in January 2008. In 1992 he was appointed to the national advisory board of the William Inge Theatre Festival. He has written numerous articles on the works of Inge and Lanford Wilson and contributed to The Facts on File Companion to American Drama edited by Jackson R. Bryer and Mary C. Hartig. His doctoral thesis, "A Comfortable House - Lanford Wilson, Marshall W. Mason and the Circle Repertory Theatre", was published by McFarland and Company in 1993.

Just recently "A Moment of Clarity" has been selected as part of the 36th William Inge Theatre Festival New Play Lab in April, where it will be read by actors and have a talk-back. Philip is also presenting a paper at the festival's scholars conference, and this will be his 25th trip to the William Inge Theatre Festival, which is dedicated to the life and career of the playwright William Inge who gave us "Picnic" and "Bus Stop." (William Inge was also the uncle of JoAnn Kirchmaier, whose family grew up in Perrysburg.)

Philip is a member of The Dramatists Guild.







**DR. MARC RAYMAN '74** continues to enjoy his thrilling experiences as a top rocket scientist at NASA's JPL facility in Pasadena, Calif. He is still driven by passions that were already burning bright within him when he started at MV in the third grade. Marc's latest mission, Dawn, is the only spacecraft in history to orbit two destinations beyond Earth. Under his guidance, Dawn has conducted exceptionally successful explorations of dwarf planet Ceres (the first dwarf planet, which was discovered 129 years before its better-known sibling, Pluto) and protoplanet Vesta. Prior to Dawn, they were the largest uncharted alien worlds in the inner solar system, and Dawn has revealed them in rich detail. A key to exploring them was ion propulsion, which Marc first heard of in a Star Trek episode. He was instrumental in turning that science fiction into science fact. Dawn has now surpassed all of its original objectives after an interplanetary journey of more than nine years. (This mission has lasted almost as long as Marc was a student at Maumee Valley Country Day School, but living in Toledo and Sylvania, he didn't have to travel the 3.8 billion miles that his spacecraft has.)

In 2016, Marc received the Robert J. Collier Trophy for the nation's greatest achievement in space or aviation. The ceremony in Washington was attended by some members of Congress, leaders of NASA, and many luminaries in space and aviation. The guest of honor, the Collier Trophy itself, doesn't get out much. It resides at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum and leaves (under impressively strict guard) only one day a year for the ceremony. It was an imposing presence too, nearly eight feet tall and weighing 525 pounds. Previous recipients of the trophy, which was first awarded in 1911, include Orville Wright, Howard Hughes, Chuck Yeager, the crew of the Apollo 11 moon landing, and the Voyager mission team.

Later in 2016, NASA presented Marc with a medal for his "outstanding leadership" of this extraordinary extraterrestrial expedition. He was back in Washington in March to receive the Astronautics Engineer of the Year Award.

As a lifelong space enthusiast, Marc is having a great time pretending to be an adult as he gets to do what he had always dreamed of!

connects academic and social-emotional learning for all 680 schools and impacts 400,000 students. In May, she joined GCE Lab School as Head of School- a small private high school in Lincoln Park that focuses on inquiry and project-based education. GCE is in the midst of a half-million dollar scholarship campaign and are doubling in size next year. Kate thinks about her own education and teaching at MVCDS almost every single day and what a great impact it made in her life. She wouldn't be where she is now without it!



**RACHEL AND MICHAEL GERBER '97** welcomed Sybil Rubin Gerber on December 28, 2016, weighing 4 lbs, 6 oz. "Billie, as she prefers to be called, joined us a few weeks earlier than expected. But despite her small stature she is doing great. Billie obviously gets her strength from her mother, and her desire to lie around all day eating and sleeping from her father," said Michael.



**VIN GUPTA '01, MD MSC**, is a Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital. He is also commissioned as a Captain in the US Air Force Medical Corps, where he serves as a Critical Care Air Transport Physician. At the Institute, his focus is on Strategic Health Diplomacy and Climate Change, where he is leading a research initiative seeking to better characterize the determinants, distribution, and future directions of American Health Foreign Aid. Understanding how such aid can assist in climate mitigation efforts across climate-vulnerable countries in our Global South is a secondary focus.

Dr. Gupta is one of the 40 under 40 winners for Leaders in Minority Health. "The 2017 winners are doing amazing things that both better and diversify the healthcare marketplace. They serve as positive role models for our next generation of leaders in minority health." These 40 represent the next generation of thought leaders in reducing health disparities.



**SAMI LEA LIPMAN '02** recently relocated from Boulder, CO to Boston, MA. She's joined the management team at Down Under School of Yoga where she will serve as their Senior Manager of Brand, Marketing, and Strategic Planning. Sami will also be joining their world-renowned teaching faculty where she will instruct Baptiste and Vinyasa yoga classes. Down Under has several schools of yoga under their name, including Vinyasa, Iyengar, Ashtanga, Baptiste, and Ayurveda; they also boast some of the nation's most prominent yoga teachers and are one of the first yoga studios in the country to offer their teachers full benefit and compensation packages. Sami is overjoyed to be joining their staff and faculty.



**SARAH AND MICHAEL KRUEGER '03**, along with big brother Mason welcomed Ethan Jon Krueger to their family. He was born on November 17, at 3:17 pm, weighing 8lb, 13 oz., and was 22 in. long.

## ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

**DR. ANITHA RAO '01** is CEO & Co-Founder at Neurocern. She is a board-certified behavioral and geriatric neurologist, most recently at the University of California San Francisco Memory and Aging Center where she received subspecialty training in memory disorders, Alzheimer's disease, neurodegenerative conditions, and dementia.

Her additional interests include: neural networks, big data, machine learning, and predictive modeling in health information technology. Dr. Rao has published several articles on neurological disease and public health outcomes, and served as an Advisor for the American Geriatrics Society and The American Academy of Neurology.

Dementia is a disease that affects 90,000,000 people globally. With close to 1000 dementia specialists in the world, each would be responsible for 90,000 patients. Dr. Anitha Rao is one of the limited number of physicians in the United States with advanced dementia training and has become a pioneer in dementia tech.

"The choice I had after finishing my training was to become a dementia research clinician who would see roughly 2,000 patients a year or take a once-in-a-lifetime chance to create algorithms that could potentially change the life of millions for the better." Said Dr. Rao

During her fellowship at the UCSF's Memory and Aging Center, Dr. Rao met with countless patients and family caregivers who lacked access to specialized physicians and were desperate for answers on how to manage the symptoms and behaviors of this challenging disease. From her experience in practice and clinical research, Neurocern was created. The company, part of MATTER Chicago, has been recognized several times for their ground-breaking business, most recently by 1871 as one of the Top 12 Women Led Start Up Companies.

Dr. Rao states, "Dementia is an umbrella disease with more than 20 different types, of which the most commonly known are Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease dementia. Each type has its own hospital plan and family care plan. Each individual dementia patient has a unique brain profile that would take numerous doctor visits to analyze, especially with the limited access to specialists. The key to preventing rapid decline in dementia is proper management of behaviors at home and reducing hospital visits."

Anitha was introduced to her co-founder, Marguerite Manteau-Rao, a former dementia caregiver, through a mutual colleague in 2014. Marguerite, a licensed clinical social worker with an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, has experienced the limited

resources and answers for dementia affecting families first hand. Anitha and Marguerite identified the market need for a solution that would facilitate relief to non-specialized doctors with clinical decision-making tools and also empower family caregivers with highly relevant home care plans.



**CRAIG CHOKA '05**, who works for Sports Media Technology (SMT), won an Emmy for his team's role in Super Bowl 50. Craig's team was also nominated for an Emmy for their work on the Belmont Stakes.

The Emmys have different categories and SMT was nominated for quite a few. The category Technical Team Remote consisted of the technical crew for a show on locations versus a studio show. This category included the cameramen, engineers, graphics operator, audio technician, etc. It's an Emmy to reward the people who are more behind the scenes.

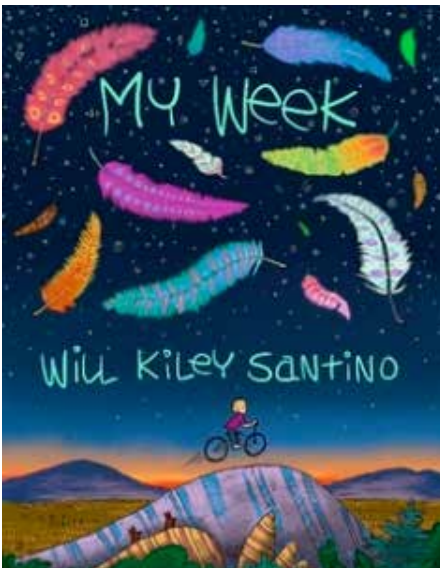


**PERRIGRINE "PERRI" GARNER RICE '05** married Christopher Rice on October 3, 2015, and their three daughters Baylee, Camille, and Delilah were flower girls. Perri's maid of honor was LaSonja Bruce '05. Laila Hanson '05 also attended and celebrated the special day with Perri. They are currently living in Toledo and Perri keeps busy managing day to day life with having Cerebral Palsy and focusing on raising her children. "I have some of the best memories and experiences from Maumee Valley and I hope to send my girls there when they get older."



Everyone gathered on October 8, 2016 in Hilliard, OH, for the wedding celebration of **DANIELLE MALUDY '07** to Ashlynn Maludy. The day was a beautiful, sunny fall day as they were surrounded by families and close friends. The ceremony was in front of a small pond, followed by a reception in a banquet hall with tall vaulted ceilings, exposed wood beams, and a large stone fireplace. After the wedding they ventured to Costa Rica for their honeymoon.





**WILL SANTINO '07** is an artist, author, poet, and performer based in Madison, WI. He currently teaches drawing at the University of Madison, and is working on his third book. Will's books: *My Week* and *Examples of Anything* are available on Amazon.



While vacationing in Ireland with their families, **ADDY ROTHMAN '09** became engaged to Adam Parker of Winston Salem, NC. Both graduates of Wake Forest University, the couple resides in Atlanta where Addy is a Senior Marketing Specialist

at Deloitte and Adam is a Director at Carter, a real estate development firm. The newly engaged couple are planning a wedding in the spring of 2018.



**ALOK HARWANI '09** proposed to Stacy Henthorne on February 11, 2017, and she said "yes"!



**YUI YAMAGUCHI '10** lives in Tochigi, Japan, where she works at a pharmaceutical company. Yui got engaged on January 18th to Tatshiro Kobayashi, an engineer at a company that manufactures aeronautical parts.



**TREVOR MASTERS '12** proposed to Samone Schneider on March 1, 2017, and she said "yes"!

**ZEINAB ABBAS KHALIL '10** will graduate with her master's in public policy in May 2017, from Yale University where she focused on international development, civil-society mobilization, and democratization. Zeinab will begin working at Open Society Foundations (OSF) in NYC shortly after graduation in the office as the President.

Zeinab completed her BA at the University of Michigan in International Relations, Middle Eastern Studies, and Gender Studies. She wrote her honor's thesis on the prospects for democratic outcomes following post-military coup parliamentary elections. She was a foreign policy intern at The Century Foundation, where she researched civil society mobilization, transnational governance, and gender and militarization. She



**OLIVIA PHIFER '11** is currently working on her international Masters' degree at SKEMA business school in Paris, France. She is studying digital marketing and also serving as a teaching assistant and digital marketing assistant for the school. Olivia hopes to remain in France following her studies and work in the digital marketing and tourism sector.



**ALEX KARCHER '12** successfully finished his second year of law school as a student at Ohio State's Moritz College of Law in April. As part of his L2 curriculum, Alex had the opportunity to study law abroad at the University of Oxford. While there, he took courses in Comparative Constitutional Law, European Union Economic Law, a course in Common Law, and participated in the renowned Oxford Tutorial Program, researching and writing an article on transgender rights under the European Convention on Human Rights. This summer he is looking forward to returning to Toledo as a law clerk at Anspach Meeks Ellenberger LLP.

previously worked with Nazra for Feminist Studies in Cairo, where she co-published a report on military policy against women human rights defenders. She is a Kathryn Davis Fellow, which she used to start the QUWA Project, a women's anti-violence and political organizing program for displaced Arabic-speaking women. She previously lived in Turkey working with Syrian refugee women, and has also spent time working at the Arab American Association of New York as a community organizer and policy associate. While in graduate school, she interned at the UN Development Program, where she focused on electoral capacity building in Arab and North African states. She returns to Toledo frequently to be around family and loved ones.



Z E B A   K H A N

JOHN S. KNIGHT JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP  
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Zeba Khan '99 was recognized as one of 18 journalists and journalism innovators from around the world to have been awarded John S. Knight Journalism Fellowships for the 2017-18 academic year at Stanford University. The John S. Knight Journalism Fellowships at Stanford foster journalistic innovation, entrepreneurship, and leadership. Each year, they give up to twenty outstanding individuals from around the world the resources to pursue and test their ideas for improving the quality of news and information reaching the public. Zeba competed with over 585 applicants from more than 100 countries.

She is a commentator and essayist who writes about how Islam intersects with race, politics, and identity within the U.S. She has published in numerous outlets, including The Boston Globe, The Washington Post, CNN, TIME and The Los Angeles Review of Books. In addition to her own writing, Zeba is a senior facilitator with The Op-Ed Project, a social venture that trains thousands of women and other historically underrepresented voices on how to own their expertise and develop their public voice



A community activist in a past life, Zeba founded Muslim-Americans for Obama in 2008 to mobilize Muslim voters around the country in support of the Obama campaign. Because of her work, she was recognized as a leading figure in the Muslim American community by the Obama White House. This fall, as a 2018 John S. Knight Journalism Fellow, she will focus her work on how to increase diverse viewpoints within the media. Zeba was honored by the MVCDS class of 2017 when she was chosen to be the speaker at their graduation.



**Hello Maumee Valley Community!**

In 2016-17, the Alumni Council added new members Mark Goldman '84, Ilana Levin '93, Jessie Bohl Naprawa '98, Megan Fish Robson '00, Tyler Boehm '01, Lucas Madrazo '02, and Nihal Kattar '15. This past year we've come together during many events including Get Back, Give Back Day, Holiday Hoops, the Holiday Party, regional alumni events nationwide, the Alumni Wine and Cheese dress rehearsal parties, March Madness Alumni gathering, the Smead Luncheon, and more than several reunions at Homecoming and during the Holidays. Highlights include: Larry Anning returning to lead a tour of the campus during the homecoming reunion and a robust turnout for the holiday shindig.

Recently, our committees have worked to improve alumni/current student networking using both available and new technologies, and we have enjoyed helping host events both on and off campus with MVCDS faculty and staff. We have also been working to build a more robust list of mentors, hosts, and alumni who are willing and able to help current Upper School students as they plan their future intensives.

We are currently soliciting nominations for new Alumni Council members, so if you know of someone who would be a good fit for 2017-2018 or you are interested, please contact either the alumni office at [alumni@mvcds.org](mailto:alumni@mvcds.org).

Finally, this summer on the weekend of July 28th, we have a Reunion planned! We hope you can make it to one or more of the scheduled events. We can't wait to see you back on campus.

**Sincerely,**

**Alex Bowe DeRosa '82**  
**Alumni Council President**

**THANK YOU FOR MAKING  
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**REUNION WEEKEND (2'S & 7'S) JULY 28-30**

**ALL SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC AUG 21**

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AUG 22**

**MVCDS ALUMNI GATHERING SEPT 22**

**MID ATLANTIC ALUMNI GATHERINGS SEP 25-28**

**GRANDPARENTS DAY OCT 20**

**EAST COAST ~~SWINE~~ ALUMNI GATHERINGS OCT 2-6**

**ALL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE NOV 12**

**FALL MUSICAL ~~WINE & CHEESE~~ ALUMNI GATHERING NOV 15**

**GET BACK, GIVE BACK DAY NOV 22**

**HOLIDAY HOOPS DEC 26**

**ALUMNI HOLIDAY PARTY DEC 26**