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TRUE TO HIS NATURE, GARY OFTEN SPENDS TIME WITH STUDENTS AND IN CLASSROOMS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. GATHERED HERE WITH STUDENTS ON THE EARLY LEARNING CENTER PLAYGROUND IN 2013, GARY MADE SURE THROUGHOUT HIS TENURE TO STAY CONNECTED WITH LEARNING AND ACTIVITIES ACROSS CAMPUS.

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

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A LETTER FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



Dear Friends,

This has been an eventful fall for Maumee Valley. In addition to the many accomplishments of students and faculty, we saw the successful conclusion of a campaign to identify the new head of school. I'm very excited that Lynn Casto and her family will be joining the Maumee Valley community. Lynn and I have begun to communicate regularly to prepare for a smooth transition. Knowing that we share a vision for Maumee Valley fills me with confidence that our school will continue to advance along the progressive ideals that we have long championed.

I'm proud to announce that our school has again achieved record enrollment. We have 572 students in grades PS-12, and the Upper School is fully enrolled with 240 students (60 in a graduating class). To accommodate our growing numbers we added four new classrooms, one in the Early Learning Center, two in the Lower School, and one in the Upper School.

I am frequently asked how Maumee Valley is growing when so many other independent schools are struggling. There is no simple answer to this question, though I can point to several contributing factors. First, there are the foundational issues. Maumee Valley continues to have outstanding faculty and high standards. Without them, we wouldn't be where we are today. Add to that, stunning facilities highlighted by the new Upper School and the Dayal House, our innovative three-intensive calendar and block scheduling, and our thriving dynamic international student program. All these things together help to make MVCDS the preeminent PS-12 learning institution in Northwest Ohio.

Warm Regards, Crary Soch

Gary Boehm Head of School

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BIG FISH!

This fall the Theatre Department presented the musical, Big Fish. A cast and crew of 34 took the audience through a gamut of emotions, sharing a compelling story with both humorous moments and tearful conclusions.

Presenting the musical in the fall is part of a new and exciting schedule that the theatre department is rolling out this year and into the future. Theatre Director Brian Bozanich explained, "In seeking to expand student opportunities, I knew I needed to change the calendar. A musical takes eight to ten weeks to rehearse, while a play takes six to eight." He decided to move the musical to the fall schedule, which created a space in January and February for a Middle and Lower School Show, Schoolhouse Rock Jr. The Upper School Spring Play, The Diviners, will perform in Milhon Auditorium, in the round. Another project on the calendar this spring is a production of Shakespeare's The Tempest in the Amphitheater during the Spring Intensive. The season will include four shows in three venues, featuring three different divisions. Brian says that he will have almost the exact number of rehearsal days as last year, yet will put up an additional production.

When Brian arrived in the fall of 2016 he assessed the theatrical needs of the students. He felt that the shows of



recent seasons, which included students from three divisions, had built a firm foundation. To take the program to the next level, however, he wanted to offer a specific production experience for Lower and Middle School. Brian feels that the school's no cut athletic policy is difficult to replicate in theatre and said "Just as not all divisions share the same math lessons, the curricular needs of a high school senior and third grader in acting training are fundamentally different." Auditions and casting are challenging for students when they are either not cast, or cast in a less than desired role. The Middle and Lower School show will be a no-cut experience. As long as the students can make a minimum number of rehearsals, they will perform on stage.

Moving into next year, the theatre department plans to present a fall play, an Upper School student-directed winter production, and a spring musical. Brian's

Eighth grader Neena Dzur's love of writing and music has paid off with some well-deserved awards. Last year she won a silver medal in the 2016 Library of Congress Letter about Literature Competition. Her letter examined the book If Only by Carole Geithner, whose main character overcame the loss of a beloved family member and in the process learned more about her own life.

This year Neena received an honorable mention in the annual New York Times, "Summer Reading Contest, Week 1/What interested you Most in The Times This Week? Why?" Neena wrote an article about commencements around the country that celebrated races, nationalities, and other groups that are commonly discriminated against. Neena appreciated the message these commencements conveved, that differences should be honored and celebrated and not used as a reason to discriminate.

Neena says "I enjoy all of my courses this year, but I especially like my English class because of the variety of writing we cover and the publishing opportunities Mrs. Emily Green finds for us." Mrs. Green has encouraged her to publish her work and has taught her about good writing strategies and different forms of writing, such as critical reviews, essays, and narratives. She also gives credit



goal is to switch between the two schedules, with a Lower School show every other year. This will allow the the students to work on and off stage both as members of an ensemble and student leaders.

Brian enjoys seeing a community of young people come together using words, action, and imagination to tell stories. He feels fortunate that the students have the energy to present shows four times this year.

to her past English teachers, Mrs. Sara Card, who had many interesting book suggestions, and Mrs. Jana Smith, who taught her about writing mechanics.

As for a source of inspiration, Neena cites R.J. Palacio's book Wonder. She admires the well developed characters and writing style. She has tried to emulate R.J. Palacio's technique of vivid descriptions in her own writing. Her favorite books are realistic fiction.

Neena's awards are not limited to the writing arena, she is also a musician. She received a top rating of Superior in the Middle School Ohio Music Education Association Solo and Ensemble Competition in Defiance, OH, on April 8, 2017, as part of the MVCDS String Choir and again as part of the MVCDS Violin Quartet. Neena appreciates Mr. Tom Sieberg, her current strings teacher, as well as Mrs. Colleen Sieberg, her previous strings teacher. She says they taught her what it means to have a full sound.

In her spare time Neena enjoys reading, writing, playing piano, traveling, visiting her grandparents in Vermont and Oregon, and cooking.

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FALL **INTENSIVES**

The August 2017 intensives included a wide range of oncampus studies and experiences.

The AUDIO PRODUCTION intensive covered basic audio production techniques, with emphasis on the technical and practical aspects of production in the studio, as well as developing the organizational habits and skills necessary to record live audio and produce audio for various media. The course focused on developing proficiency in understanding microphones and audio recording hardware uses and capabilities, recording techniques including microphone placement, setting levels, and equalizing, audio post-production, and live audio production.

Because any production is content-driven, time was also spent developing skills in crafting interview questions and developing effective interviewing techniques, as well as story-development, script-writing, and story editing. The students produced several stand alone audio projects (audio postcards, commercials) as early skill-building exercises, and moved on to producing more complex projects (live audio, and some music).

BLUES TO BEATLES TO BEYONCE: CONTEMPORARY

MUSIC students studied American music history from the beginning of the twentieth century through contemporary times. Students examined the introduction of folk music, country, blues, and jazz into popular American culture. Emphasis was placed on listening and analyzing excerpts of various styles of contemporary music, and on learning information about key artists and performers in different musical genres. The second component of the course was the advancement of music literacy through the practice and performance on instruments such as the ukulele, the guitar, and on the piano. Students performed in various ensembles and then offered a public performance at the end of the semester.

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DRUMLINE fostered teamwork, self-discipline, problem-solving, and the desire to set and achieve challenging goals. In this intensive, a drumline and percussion ensemble was created that composed, practiced, and performed original music tailored to the strengths, skills, and personalities of the class. Along the way, the students learned warmups and exercises designed to establish listening skills and ensemble cohesion across a range of percussion instruments. Students learned how to match one's playing with a group; how to use dynamics, meter, rhythm, and tempo in musical performance; and how to play drums outdoors and indoors. Mallet percussion, auxiliary handheld percussion, and drum set were included in the ensemble.

The **IMPROVISATION** intensive was geared

to help students develop as actors using improvisational games. Starting from the exercises of Viola Spolin and Augusto Boal, the participants learned the skills of improvisation and the key concept of "yes, and?" Other topics included comedic improv, rehearsal exercises to develop characters, long form improv, and Commedia Dell Arte. The improvisation intensive concluded with a public performance demonstrating all of these forms.

INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH METHODS introduced

ninth grade students to the fundamental skills and habits of mind, essential to continued study in the sciences. Students engaged in meaningful research with their peers while focusing on different areas of scientific research, such as developing a strong research question and hypothesis, literature review, experiment design, data collection and analysis, and laboratory reporting. Students also gained the tools they needed for a successful transition from Middle School. Students learned who they are as individual learners and practiced strategies that supported them in the learning process.

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INTERNATIONAL

RELATIONS change constantly. Pictures of students facing down their own government's tanks in Tiananmen Square have been replaced by images of counterterrorist operations in the Middle East. Students were challenged to explore the historical and political causes of regional instability suggested in these images, and what they tell us about our changing world order. Is the nationstate still the traditional power center of the international system in a world increasingly affected by globalization and







humanitarian crises? How does the transnational flow of people, goods, and ideas shape some of the most pressing issues of today, such as state security and sovereignty? Students addressed these and other questions as they examined various geopolitical theories and the methodologies scholars use to understand and analyze world events.

Students studied a variety of journalistic genres, including magazine, newspaper, and broadcast in the **JOURNALISM** intensive. They read different news stories and then worked to emulate writing styles and create their own versions. Effectively conducting interviews, avoiding bias in writing, using photography and video to enhance a story, and editorializing were all studied. The emphasis of the course was creation, and students worked to create their own collaborative versions of a newspaper.







a magazine, and a television broadcast. Guest reporters and field trips to WNWO television station and Toledo's newspaper, The Blade, were part of the course and helped students gain an understanding of journalism in action and allowed opportunities to learn about journalism as a profession.

MATH FROM ANCIENT TO MODERN...HOW DID THEY THINK OF THAT? are sometimes sparked by "aha"

moments, and sometimes they are built upon previous ideas that are due to a lot of perseverance and hard work. They learned how culture and environment influence the growth of ideas. They examined the need for proof and learned about the thought process behind great mathematical thinking.

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Students found that math is continually being developed into relatively new branches, such as graph theory and fractal math. Students examined the history of math and learned about famous mathematicians, theorems, and constructions, from ancient to modern times. Using famous mathematical theorems, they were expected to explain proofs and solve problems.

SOCIAL ISSUES IN LATIN AMERICA looked at different

texts and media outlets, and students gained a critical awareness of narratives of cultural, political and social issues in contemporary Latin America. Students analyzed and historically contextualized a variety of cultural media that deal with how identities are shaped. They conducted research, adopted a critical approach to the information gathered to present written and oral arguments in a coherent, structured manner and contributed to group discussions in Spanish. Movies, commercials, songs, newspaper articles, and short stories served as springboards for discussion. By the end of the course, students had deepened their understanding of important social issues in relation to different Latin American nations such as poverty, immigration, race, and identity; and they understood how each affected the latin american culture while continuing to develop their linguistic ability.

In THE MYSTERY STORY, students discovered the elements, conventions, and thrills of the mystery story. The appeal of these stories comes from the puzzle-like plots, the characters (including memorable detectives and villains), and the strange moods created by mystery writers. Students read short stories by Edgar Allan Poe, Jacques Futrelle, Dorothy Sayers, and Arthur Conan Doyle (Sherlock Holmes), and two novels by Agatha Christie (A Murder is Announced and The ABC Murders). Students became familiar with and wrote about mystery stories and elements, and they also wrote their own mystery stories. Hands-on work included basic forensic science labs (such as blood spatters and fingerprinting), the recreation of crime scenes, board games (such as Clue and Mysterium), and performances of scenes from the play Witness for the Prosecution. Powers of observation and of close reading and writing, as well as problem solving, were tested in this intensive.

FALL SPORTS





Girls Varsity Tennis

The Girls Tennis program received a good boost from the addition of the International Students who are now eligible to play, and a new Head Coach Epifani Jones that brought with her a wealth of experience, a passion for the game of tennis, and a desire to help grow each player in the program in skill and character. The Girls Tennis Team took their game to new levels, and finished the year with several players advancing in the State Tournament at Ottawa Hills well into the day. Senior Julia Xiong battled fiercely to the end eventually lost in the second round. Going into the Tournament, Junior Stefi Avram earned a prestigious top four seed and battled competitively throughout the day. Many players made great improvements, and we are excited for what is next for the program.

Varsity Golf

This season the Golf Team continued their ascension into the top part of the league with veteran golfers Noah Greenbaum '20, Bailey Hannan '18, and Evan Heritage '19. Noah Greenbaum's play earned him a second place finish in the TAAC Championships which was good enough to earn a second Team All TAAC Selection. Evan went into the TAAC Championship as the top seed and finished inside of the top ten earning himself a First Team All TAAC Selection. Evan continued his play at the Sectional and eventually at the District Tournament, which he shot a 76 to win the 2017 District Title. Evan then went on to play in the State Championships in Columbus at the prestigious Ohio State Scarlet Course. The team continues to build in numbers and strength under the direction of Head Coach Craig Jacobs (Stone Oak Club Champion). Assistant Coach Owen Barton credits our golfers for their dedication to the sport.



Cross Country

Cross Country is back! With a deep history of success, talented runners, and two extremely dedicated and driven coaches, the Cross Country program is now back up and running. Eighteen runners trained relentlessly running up to 30 miles per week during practices and competing at local Cross Country Meets with great success. All runners had personal records this season, and our team finished third in the TAAC Championships, missing a runner up finish by only four points. Sophomore Lucas (Lucco) Szollosi was a workhorse leading the team with several top ten finishes. We also had great young talent this year and put together a Middle School Team, where powerhouse runners Emily Porter '23 led the way for the girls and Ryan Halbig '22 for the boys. The team is poised to compete for the TAAC Championship next year according to Coaches Lee Koles and Jack Dias, who both went above and beyond to help get our program back up and (literally) running!

Varsity Field Hockey

The Maumee Valley Varsity Field Hockey Team is considered one of the top teams in the State of Ohio, despite being the smallest Field Hockey school in the state of Ohio. They finished their season with an impressive 13-2 record in which they outscored their opponents 66-4 during the regular season. Both the dominant goalie play of Senior Natalie Bawab and record setting goal scorer Junior Shannon Herrmann led the team to rank as one of the top teams in the State. Senior Ella Foster and Sophomore Maddie Peek had great years both scoring goals and providing assists to help make it one of the best seasons in school history. With 37 players, an undefeated JV team, and a strong Middle School group coming in next season, the program is as healthy as ever. Coach Herrmann credits the team's success to the leadership of her Seniors!

Varsity Soccer

The Varsity Soccer Team ended the season finishing 11-4-1 in regular season play, and finishing runner up in both the Toledo Area Athletic Conference and the Northwest Ohio High School Soccer League. Senior Max Zilba provided great leadership and proved to be a key producer for the team in both assists and goals scored. Junior Mujahid Abdel-Ghani had a record setting year with goals scored, and he earned Player of the Year Honors in both the T.A.A.C. and N.W.O.H.S.S.L. Coach France credits a very skilled group of upperclassmen, but also recognizes the talent coming up from the Freshmen and Sophomore classes with the team starting as many as five freshmen in several games this year.

Middle School Soccer

Our Middle School Soccer Team went undefeated this year, which is a special accomplishment! With 26 players, experienced Coaches Bret Green and Frank Daugherty stayed focused on developing all of the players throughout the season, and those efforts paid off in results. The Maumee Valley soccer program is in healthy shape due to the efforts of the students and coaches, and we are extremely proud of such a special season.

Middle School Field Hockey

The Middle School Field Hockey Team had an impressive season under the direction of third year Middle School Coach Gabrielle Mancy, who played collegiate Field Hockey at The Ohio State University. The team finished 9-3 this year, including a victory over rival Ottawa Hills at Ottawa Hills. We are looking forward to our players developing and enhancing our very strong High School Program.

CURRENT ATHLETICS RECAP









CURRENT NEW FACULTY BIOS















NEW FACULTY + STAFF

Rebecca Achenbach, Intervention Specialist

Rebecca is a new member of the student support staff. She has served as an intervention specialist in Toledo Public Schools since 2007 and has experience working with students in multiple grade levels in the areas of organization, workflow, and time management.

Shuhra Assad, ELC Teacher Assistant

Shuhra joined the Maumee Valley staff last year, taking on the dual role of dorm parent and part time ELC Teacher Assistant. We are pleased to announce that Shuhra became the full time Teacher Assistant in Mrs. Marker's Junior Kindergarten classroom this school year.

Lindsay Brown, Junior Kindergarten Teacher

Lindsay graduated from The Ohio State University in 2016 with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education. She began her teaching career in the Columbus area. Lindsay has brought her enthusiasm and love of young children to the Early Learning Center.

Katie Budas, Educational Technologist

Katie is a 2003 graduate of Bowling Green State University, earning a Bachelor's degree in Education. In 2006, she earned a master's degree in the Art of Teaching. Katie has spent the last five years teaching art using digital technology in an online environment for Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow. Before that, she spent two years in the classroom teaching art. Katie is excited to bring her organizational, instructional, and technology skills to Maumee Valley Country Day as an Educational Technologist works with faculty in the Lower and Middle School to help develop their online tools and implement the integration of technology into the classroom.

Dennis Eller, Director of College Counseling

Dennis has served as a college counselor for over 25 years. He has personally visited over 350 colleges, from coast to coast and border to border, many of them several times. He has conducted workshops at both state and national conventions of college and high school counselors, advising others with tips and techniques that can best help the students and families they serve. He has been recognized by a number of college admission deans for his ability to capture the true spirit of the students he writes about in his school letters of recommendation. He has been featured both regionally (Fort Wayne Journal Gazette) and nationally (The Washington Post) with his articles about the college admission process. He is married to Gale (Fecher) Eller and has three children, Robyn, Karen, and Kyle. They moved to the Toledo area from Lauderhill, Florida, where Dennis served as the Director of College Counseling in the Scheck Hillel Community Schools.

Sarah Ettore, Lower School Primary Teacher

Sarah comes to Maumee Valley with eighteen years of classroom experience in Ohio, Kansas, and Virginia. She has a Bachelor of Science in American Studies with a Minor in Early Childhood and Elementary Education, and a Master of Arts in Teaching from Trinity College, Washington, D.C.

Claudette Garcia, Administrative Assistant to ELC, Director of After School Programs

Claudette has worked for Maumee Valley for over 4 years, heading the Extended Time Care after-school program and the Director of the After School Clubs. This year Claudette took on the additional responsibilities of the Administrative Assistant for the Early Learning Center. Claudette loves to cook, read, listen to all types of music, watch beautiful sunsets, and take care of children of all ages. She is also the proud mother of four boys.

Aya Khalil, Kindergarten Teacher Assistant

Aya has taught Preschool and Kindergarten students in several area schools, as well as in Pennsylvania. She has a Master of Arts degree with a focus in teaching ESL from the College of Charleston, and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and English from the University of Toledo. Aya has numerous articles published in Toledo area newspapers and online magazines.

Hannah Spengler '08, Development Officer, Events and Stewardship

Hannah's area of focus will be event planning and stewardship as part of the advancement team. Hannah has been helping out at MVCDS in many capacities since returning to Toledo. She has served as a long term Math substitute in the Upper School, and has also been our lacrosse coach and assisted with basketball and field hockey.

Jenny Thompson, Upper Intermediate Teacher

Jenny joined the Maumee Valley community with seventeen years of teaching experience, most recently as a Reading Intervention Teacher at Frank Elementary in the Perrysburg School District. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education from the University of South Carolina, and a Master of Arts in Developmental Reading from the University of Iowa.

Cassidy Vander Maten, Upper School Health and Upper and Middle School Physical Education Teacher

Cassidy has a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from the University of South Dakota. Originally from Iowa, Cassidy played basketball for two years at Northwestern College, transferring to South Dakota after an injury ended her playing career. She moved to Maumee in September of 2016 and is excited to join the Maumee Valley community.

Meredith Wilson, Upper School Humanities Teacher

Meredith relocated to the Toledo area from Rabun County, Georgia where she taught AP English and World History at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Chinese and History from the University of Florida, has a Masters in English from the University of North Florida, and has taught both English and History. Meredith is conversant in Mandarin Chinese and works closely with our international and domestic students.

Charlie Winters, Part-time Maintenance

Charlie is happily married to his bride of 26 years, and is the father of two amazing children. Charlie has joined the Maumee Valley maintenance team this past month. Growing up around farming, he enjoys working with his hands and is a jack of all trades. Charlie has spent the last 25 years investing in people while serving as a pastor in a local church. He is currently serving as Pastor at The Dwelling Place, Woodville campus and enjoys doing small equipment repair, working on classic cars, and he loves the outdoors.

CURRENT NEW FACULTY BIOS













A Campus Transformed

Dedicated alumni, parents, and friends of the school have joined together in providing thousands of contributions during Gary's time as Head of School. Under Gary's leadership, more than \$15.2 million has been donated since he took the helm in February, 2006.

Seven of the largest single contributions in the school's history were given in Gary's tenure, including gifts of \$500,000, \$750,000, \$1 million, and \$1.125 million - all in support of the school and its mission to deliver personalized, global, and experiential education to each and every student.

These contributions provide a permanent legacy that will serve students on campus today as well as future generations of students and families. These resources support the school's facilities, its faculty, its programs, and enriches its community.

Under One Roof, the largest and most successful capital campaign Maumee Valley has ever seen, has brought the most significant transformation to campus. In 2011, construction was completed of the 20,000 square foot Boehm Building - Maumee Valley's purpose-built Upper School building-creating a team-based learning environment with flexible and open spaces. The Kasperzak Center, Parry Commons, Gardner Library, Bearss Conference Room, DeHoff Media Lab, White Family Wilderness Room, and countless other spaces provide unique, personalized environments that bring students and faculty together throughout the day. A long-held dream was realized of uniting the school's students with direct, indoor access to academic areas, fine arts studios, and athletic facilities across all academic divisions. The Deichert Connector linked the campus' original Smead Building, which houses the Early Learning Center, to the Wolfe Gallery, Lower School, Middle School, and new Upper School buildings.

Georgia Welles

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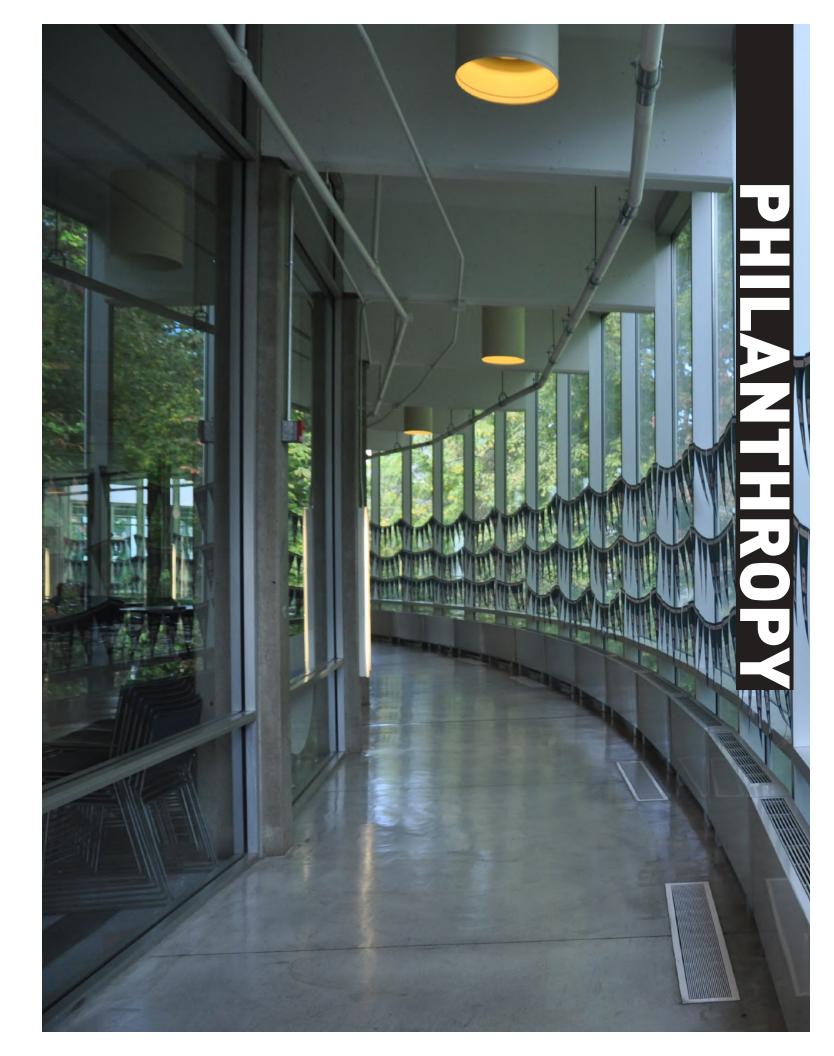
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school, home, and a bit of

Contributions have fueled improvements across campus in other areas as well. The Dayal House opened in 2013 and welcomed 28 international students as Maumee Valley's first residence for boarding students. In 2017 a contribution from the Block Family and Block Communications provided for renovations of the Smead Building, allowing for more classroom space and the expansion of the Early Learning Center.

The campus and its buildings are only one chapter of the story of inspired philanthropy over these past 12 years. The number of permanently endowed scholarships and named funds has grown from 27 to 39. In honor of Gary's service, the current fundraising initiative, Honor the Past Imagine the Future, has raised more than \$1.5 million for additional endowment and permanent support, and commitments are still being received. In addition to these special campaigns, the Annual Fund has continued to support the operations of MVCDS thanks to our parents, alumni, alumni parents, faculty, staff, and friends. The steadfast support of Maumee Valley donors over the years is a testament to their dedication to the school's mission and Gary's leadership.



ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends of Maumee Valley,

We continue to hold our place as the pre-eminent school in Northwest Ohio thanks to our committed faculty, staff, parents, and supporters. Once again, during the 2016/2017 academic year, Maumee Valley students had unforgettable learning experiences, and thus extraordinary accomplishments, both personal and experiential, including:

- Graduating seniors went on to attend schools from the University of Chicago to the University of Pennsylvania to Denison and to Georgetown. Kids continue to get into one of their top two schools and into schools that fit their interests.
- The Middle School introduced X-Block for the 2016-17 school year, which is an extended period of time set aside for students to focus on developing their passions and making a difference in the community.

• MVCDS and the University of Toledo College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences created a unique partnership that allows high school students to participate in authentic, on-going research and to experience current, 21st Century research methods inside actual working research laboratories and higher educational facilities.

- MVCDS string students advanced to the Northwest Ohio Regional and All State Orchestras and performed with the Ohio All State Orchestra.
- Organized by Maumee Valley students, TEDxMaumeeValleyCountryDaySchool was a great success.
- Lower School students watched the October 19 space walk by Astronaut Shane Kimbrough who emailed them from the International Space Station after the walk.
- A Maumee Valley Junior won the girls Division III State High Jump Championship with a jump of 5 feet, 9 inches.
- A sixth grade student received a superior rating with a score of 27 out of 30 at the State Science Day at Ohio State with her project: More Than Just A Score Can Increase While Gaming.
- A senior received the honor of being named a U.S. Presidential Scholar an honor given to the nation's most distinguished graduating seniors. Only 4,000 top students (of the 3.5 million graduating seniors in 2017) are selected.
- The theatrical productions of *The Lost Boy* and *Footloose* drew large audiences and showcased the students' hard work and great talents.
- For the third year in a row, the Maumee Valley Robotics Team placed in the Falcon BEST Robotics Competition at BGSU and attended the Regional Championship in Fargo, ND.

Students are given these opportunities to excel through the generosity of parents, alumni, alumni parents, grandparents, foundations, and the faculty and staff of Maumee Valley. As you read The Valley, I hope you can see the impact of your support to the school and the opportunities you are providing. Your support of the annual fund and the auction, Top Chef MV, provide the operating dollars needed to hire the best teachers, provide experiential learning opportunities, and continue to support students' interests and curiosities.

On behalf of all of these groups, I sincerely thank you for your generosity and continued support of our cherished Maumee Valley Country Day School. Your gifts provide an environment where intellectual curiosity is encouraged and students are given the opportunity to follow their passions, all leading them to become "enlightened, compassionate and contributing citizens of our global community."

Jeffrey Helmick President, Board of Trustees, 2015-2017

Matt Buchanan President, Board of Trustees, 2017-2019

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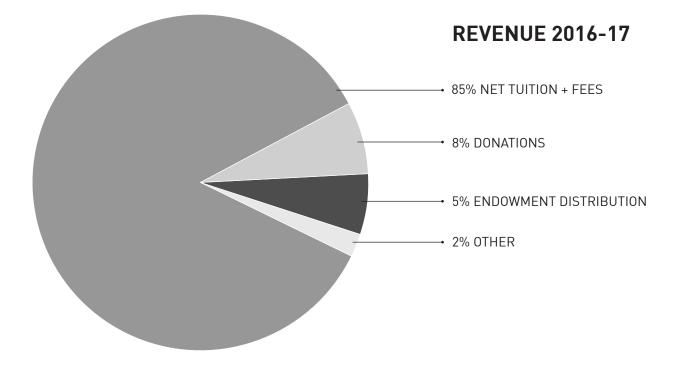
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\$675. This chair was established in honor of Georgia's outstanding and continuous leadership over several decades serving Maumee Valley in many roles. The income from this fund supports the leadership role of the Head of School.

Dayal Center for Academic Excellence, est. 2013 by an anonymous donor

This fund was created to support the Dayal Center for Academic Excellence at Maumee Valley providing support for Middle and Upper School students to help them reach their academic and personal potential.

BUILDING TOWARD ENDOWMENT

\$11.9

The 1950's Scholarship This scholarship was created by members of the graduating classes from the 1950s to be awarded to children of alumni.

The 1980's Winterim Scholarship

This fund supports Upper School students with a financial need traveling to a foreign country as part of a Winterim experience.

Sonny and Laila Ariss Scholarship, est. 2006 by Dr. Sonny and Mrs. Laila Ariss \$18,0

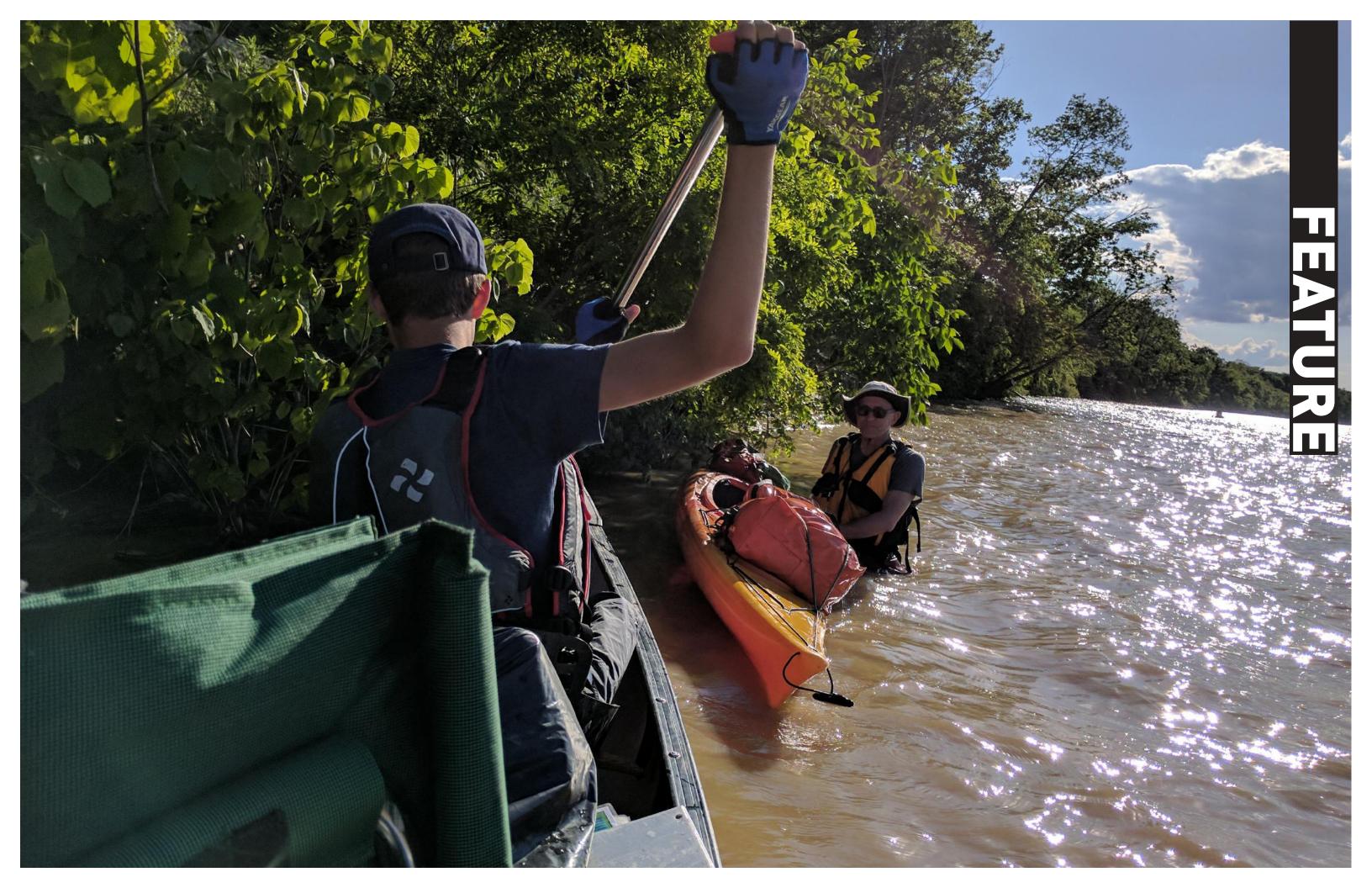
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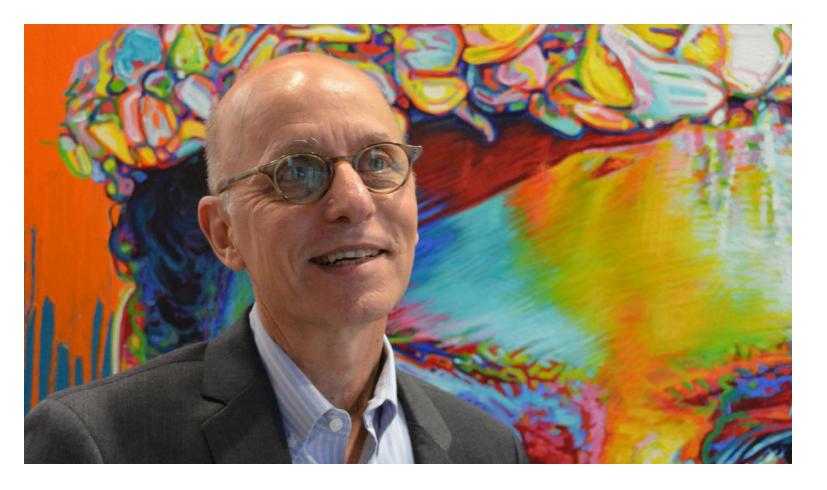
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This is a scholarship to support students traveling for their Winterim experience.

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"LEADERSHIP AND LEARNING ARE INDISPENSABLE TO EACH OTHER." - JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

THE EVOLUTION OF A LEADER Great leaders continue to learn even after they are defined by success. They learn from their experiences, from the individuals surrounding them, and from those who support them along the way. Leaders aren't born; they strive, they succeed, and they fail, but they are always learning to be great, loving to learn regardless of their success or their position. This is no truer than with our current Head of School, Gary Boehm. His love for learning, starting as a small child growing up in Pennsylvania, through his 26 years of devoted service to Maumee Valley, have made him the extraordinary leader that he is today.

During his early years in Baden, Pennsylvania, it's apparent that his mom's actions had an effect on how he began to cherish the importance of learning and of showing compassion for those different from him. His mother, Mary, was the child of Italian immigrants and had grown up as the only Italian in her Pittsburgh neighborhood. Her family often took in recent immigrants and helped them get on their feet. As an elementary school teacher, she gave special care to the children of those families. Although Gary did not have a clear path to education throughout his childhood, he saw the impact that his mother had on these families, and he learned from a young age how much her compassion affected their well-being.

Gary naturally led his little group of friends during these times. With plenty of playmates abundant in his neighborhood, he could often be found leading them through imaginary play as their gallant general. Leading them was effortless, and even though he was a bit of a late bloomer, as they would say, the neighborhood children looked up to Gary and they charged into battle with him, often until the street lights came on, signaling that it was time to scurry home.

At age 15, his family moved to Denver and Gary found himself having to find his way. Navigating both a new city and large high school, Gary learned what it felt like to not be a part of the "in" crowd. However, he soon found his way. Gary was drawn to a group of musically inclined students that sparked his affinity for music, a theme that would be recurring throughout his adult life.

After working to pay his own way through college, and thus taking more than the average four years to finish, Gary graduated from the University of Colorado in Boulder. Over the course of six years, Gary oscillated between studying many subjects, finding that each time he took a new course it peaked new interests. Although he took some education and psychology courses along the way, he finally settled on a double major in math and physics with the aspiration to study astrophysics in graduate school.

In 1977, after graduating from college with a BA in mathematics, Gary sold his piano, bought a motorcycle, and began a three month road trip that took him up and down the east coast. While visiting friends in New York, Gary realized the Big Apple was where he needed to be, and so he returned to Denver to save enough money to move. Upon returning to Denver he learned that a couple of his college friends had been holding a job for him at Laradon Hall, an organization committed to providing young adults with intellectual, or other developmental disabilities, with individualized services in order to promote their daily independence. Gary was tasked with teaching the residents how to assemble units in a production style fashion. As he looks back now, Gary says, "Even when I thought that I had the instructions broken down into their simplest form, I learned that instructions could always be differentiated and taught differently in order to achieve true mastery. I took this knowledge with me into the classroom as a math teacher later in life." He found himself very fond of the people he worked with and those that he cared for.

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Gary witnessed The New York music scene come to a crossroads, and while the popular punk music at CBGB's didn't fit with his musical identity, he found another venue that did. At Gerde's Folk City in the West Village, Gary found himself immersed in the folk music revival, amongst like-minded regulars and musicians that enjoyed the sound of artists such as Bob Dylan, The Weavers, and Sonic Boom. But the music wasn't the only thing Gary would be drawn to. Over a series of nights, a beautiful young woman captured his attention. A mutual attraction developed, and as Bonnie tells it, she herself had to eventually work up the courage to ask Gary out-- so much for his budding leadership.

Bonnie and Gary started dating while simultaneously contributing to The Fast Folk Musical Magazine (originally known as the CooP), a combination magazine and record album dedicated to promoting the careers of independent artists. This burgeoning publication took the New York singer/songwriter scene, and shared it with the masses. The strategizing and planning of the monthly publication helped him flourish as an individual, and was a first step in helping Gary find his true voice. Three years later, in 1982, Bonnie and Gary were married.





During this time, Bonnie and Gary lived in a tiny apartment on the West Side of Lower Manhattan in Greenwich Village. It was here that they welcomed their first child, Tyler. Fatherhood made Gary realize he needed to dedicate himself to a defined career. It was during these years that Gary also began to understand himself more. "He really came into his own as an adult," remarked Bonnie, "Having both his mother and a favorite aunt as school teachers probably influenced him. At some point, he realized that he was not going to be a theoretical mathematician or an astronomer, and when he saw an advertisement in New York for a math teacher at a private school, he decided to give it a try." Gary quickly found that teaching math was not so dissimilar to his time as a project manager for Laradon, and started to fall in love with the classroom. After teaching at two schools in the Bronx, Gary came across a job posting in the New York Times for a teaching position at Colorado Academy in Denver, an opportunity that would be closer to family, which was important to them as they were starting a family of their own.

Gary landed the Middle School Math position at Colorado Academy, which came with a big house on campus and ample opportunities to advance in his career. Frank Wallace, the Head of School there, saw something in Gary, and paved the way for him to be impactful from the start. Gary had a hand in planning new project initiatives and he enjoyed being an influential member of the decision making process. Leading and guiding various committees through analytic and strategic operations came naturally to him. Gary credits this time as the beginning of his path towards school leadership.

In 1987, Gary and Bonnie welcomed their daughter, Emily, into the world.

Gary's experiences and his love of learning eventually led him to his ultimately defining opportunity at a small independent school in Toledo, Ohio. Gary remembered what his mentor, Frank, had often said to him: "Find a place to work that matches your values, that way you never have to second-guess yourself when making decisions." And so, he did.

Bonnie and Gary had not heard of Maumee Valley, or even been to the city of Toledo, but the unique school offered mixedage classes in the lower grades, a diverse student body, and a child-centered curriculum that was appealing to the young couple. Toledo was affordable, and seemed like a nice place to raise their children, so Maumee Valley became the perfect place for Gary to continue in his career. "In the summer of 1991 my wife and I loaded up our Volvo station wagon with two young children, a dog and, if memory serves, two newts, and we moved to Toledo, a town where we knew no one. We came to Toledo to join the Maumee Valley Country Day School community, a school that felt like home to me the very first time I visited," said Gary.



During his tenure as Head of Middle School, Gary was resolute in his commitment to teaching math while simultaneously juggling the demands of a leadership role. His unwavering dedication to student achievement, demonstrated by direct involvement in the classroom, helped him to truly understand both student and faculty needs. Former student Hannah Spengler '08 remarks "Mr. Boehm was the reason I developed my affinity, and ultimately lifelong passion, for math. As an 8th grader, I was unsure of myself at times in the classroom. His joyful and often humorous teaching style gave me confidence in myself, both as a student and as a person. When I became a high school math teacher, I emulated many of the practices I had experienced in his classroom."

Gary's compassion shined through during his years as Head of School, often guiding him to make decisions in a calm and compassionate manner. When he had to make difficult decisions, he ultimately chose what was best for the school and for the people involved. "Gary always brings a cool and level head to every situation he confronts. He doesn't rattle, and you can almost see him developing a methodology in his head whenever he has a tough issue As

Making hard choices is a full time job for any Head of School, and for Gary it was even harder since he valued and treasured his peer relationships from before he became Head. But as it turned out, his strongly cultivated relationships with past peers along with his development of a powerhouse administrative team allowed him to take risks he otherwise wouldn't have had the confidence to navigate alone. "Gary is a marvelous educator with a wealth of experience, and he's not afraid to take chances," said former Board of Trustees President, David Francisco. Gary quickly defined his leadership style, and learned that with the support of his faculty and staff, he could make Maumee Valley a leading educational institution. Director of Athletics Rob Conover adds "I have never had anyone I wanted to work harder for. As a boss, Gary is tough on you, and oftentimes tells you what you don't want to hear. But you know it is the kind of constructive criticism that you need to grow as both a person and a professional." With the community's eagerness for him to propel the school forward, Gary gained the confidence to propose big changes

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to tackle," remarked Matt Buchanan, current President of the Board of Trustees.

As his leadership skills continued to develop, Gary was a visionary in the making.

With the community's eagerness for him to propel the school forward, Gary gained the confidence to propose big changes over the years. With the support of many friends and donors, Gary spearheaded a capital campaign initiative, Under One Roof. The campaign unified all school areas quite literally "under one roof" by connecting all campus buildings to each other. The campaign also led to the construction of a much

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needed, eco-friendly Upper School, which simultaneously expanded the enrollment capacity of Maumee Valley's high school to 240 students. In recognition of his fundraising efforts for the Under One Roof campaign, donors named the school's new Upper School building in his name.

With campus facilities unified, and a newly constructed Upper School with additional student capacity, Gary decided it was time to focus efforts on enrollment. Maumee Valley enrollment numbers were not responding to the growth of the campus culture and had remained steady around 470 for many years. The school needed a boost to maintain everyday expenses, not to mention in order to introduce additional progressive programs. Gary believed that there was untapped opportunity with international students and he went out on a limb, to not only pursue international enrollment, but to also lead the design and construction of a 28-bed oncampus residence hall, the Dayal House. He believed families would be attracted to the school and the Toledo area - and he was right. Within the first year of the Dayal House ribbon cutting the residence hall was full. Gary's intuition to develop an international student program led to record enrollment of mission-appropriate international students. The program was such a success that it now expands beyond the residence hall walls with an additional 19 international students residing around the city with host families. further enhancing Maumee Valley's diversity and global mission.

Warren Bennis, noted American scholar, once said "Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality." From a young age, those who were close to Gary similarly remark that he has a gift of strategy that affords him the ability to be a visionary. As stated by Matt Buchanan, "Some of my fondest memories of Gary are from our trips to ISACS conferences. You see his passion for education really come alive in the various



sessions we attended. He was developing the foundational ideas for "The Vision" in some of those early meetings. The conversations we had during those trips were thoughtprovoking and inspiring. I'm honored to have been with him during those times."

It was during one of those life-altering and career-changing periods in which Gary knew the school was ready for a progressive educational leap. Maumee Valley students were flourishing and the faculty was presenting new ideas for teaching strategies and innovative learning opportunities. The time was right and the community was ready for big change, and Gary embraced the challenge. After considerable reflection, as well as countless hours of research and bouncing ideas off of colleagues and mentors, Gary's dream manifested into the MV2020 Vision. Joan Bayer recalls "Gary's vision was well thought-out, and comprehensive, but most importantly, it got people to buy in. Ultimately, I believe that this document was the impetus for the changes and the creativity Maumee Valley experienced. It is what allowed us to really become a major player. This Manifesto speaks to Gary's ability to not only be a visionary leader, but an authentic one as well." Joan added warmly "Gary may not be perfect-- but he's pretty close."

The Vision opened new opportunities for course offerings by allowing students and faculty to better learn together with an innovative redesign of the school's schedule. After consultation with other schools and considerable work by the faculty in developing over 40 new courses, a new Upper School schedule was adopted. Schedule changes included the expansion of the school's signature Winterim program into three three-

week intensives each year in Upper School. Similar changes were implemented throughout the lower division with equal success. As stated by Matt Buchanan, "Implementation of this vision allowed our faculty and administrative team to greater realize our mission of an education personal to the needs and interests of every student."

Although Gary's numerous accomplishments during his tenure as Head of School are too numerous to mention, his growth as a leader is evident throughout his evolution at Maumee Valley. He has treasured the advice and support of many individuals along the way. And as much as he looks up to each of them, he has consequently made a lasting impression on them.

Fred Deichert recalls, "A few weeks after I became board president, Gary called me to share an issue that had come up. I listened as any newbie would, and when he was done, I didn't say anything - just trying to absorb what I had just heard. After a few seconds of silence, Gary said 'this is the part of the phone call where you're supposed to give me wise counsel and advice.' Which I thought was hilarious. It showed me that Gary is much more of a build-consensus leader than people give him credit for.

Not surprisingly, with Gary at the wheel, Maumee Valley's profile raised significantly in the local community and with independent schools across the country.

As Gary prepares to retire this summer after 26 years of distinguished and devoted service as a teacher, Head of Middle School, and ultimately, Head of School, he will leave Maumee Valley with a purposeful direction and a bright future. His hard work and tireless drive to make choices in the best interest of the school has led Maumee Valley to a record enrollment of over 570 students today, more than 15% higher than just 12 years ago. As a testament to his character, compassion, and leadership, Maumee Valley is not such a well-kept secret anvmore.

"I feel fortunate to have been given the opportunity to lead such a progressive and dedicated faculty. I know how hard they all work and how committed they are to doing the right things for our children, and I know how much they sacrifice to make the magic happen. I feel fortunate to be surrounded by such a talented and brave administrative team and staff, a group that was always willing to leap into new territory with me. I also feel fortunate to have had the support of a forward-thinking Board that always encouraged me to be bold. I could not have had a more nurturing and positive environment to grow as a professional and as a person," said Gary Boehm.

Little does he know that it's all of us, the students, parents, faculty, and staff who feel fortunate; fortunate to have learned with him, from him, alongside him. May retirement prove to be a continuation of his growth as a truly personal, experiential, and global leader.

He will reach out to people he knows will challenge his thinking. It's the mark of a secure leader."

"IF YOUR ACTIONS INSPIRE OTHERS TO DREAM MORE, LEARN MORE, DO MORE AND BECOME MORE, YOU ARE A LEADER."

- JOHN QUINCY ADAMS

A REFLECTION FROM GARY BOEHM...

I came to Maumee Valley and Toledo in the summer of 1991 with the idea that I would stay for three years, learn what I could, and move on to another school in another city. Maumee Valley was going to be a short stopover on my way to becoming a school head. Three years into that plan, my children loved coming to school each day, living in Toledo was easy, people were friendly, I found my work to be both rewarding and challenging, and I realized that I had a lot to learn and that Maumee Valley had a lot to teach me. Here it is, twenty-six years later, and I still love coming to work and I learn something new almost every day.

I was drawn to Maumee Valley by the easy friendliness of the adults and the joyful energy of the students. As soon as I walked into the school I felt a warmth and comfort that was lacking in the other schools at which I had been interviewing. Preserving that sense of community and casual but purposeful learning environment that I found at Maumee Valley has always been my biggest concern. Although much has changed over these past twenty-six years, I think I'm most proud that this essential quality of the Maumee Valley culture has remained intact.

I will be forever grateful to then Head of School Dick Cadigan who, when calling to invite me to apply to Maumee Valley, had to spend over an hour on the phone convincing me to at least fly to Toledo for an interview-- "no strings attached." He changed the trajectory of my life. I'm also grateful to the many, many teachers, administrators, and parents who helped me grow into my different roles here at MV. I sometimes wince when recalling some of the mistakes I've made, and marvel at the patience that was shown me.

Maumee Valley will always be in my heart-- it is the community in which my children grew up, and the place where I grew old. I will miss my many friends and colleagues, my trips to visit alumni, and my interactions with the students and parents. I will miss the Lower School students responding to my morning greeting with a loud chorus of "Good morning, Mr. Boehm!" and I'll miss watching students perform, present, and play.

After twenty-six years at MV, and another twelve years of teaching before coming here, I'm finally ready to graduate. People ask what I'm going to do next, and I feel somewhat awkward not being able to give them a definitive answer. The truth is that I have some ideas, but I have no plans. In some ways I feel that I'm coming full circle, returning to when I was younger and casting about, trying to figure out what I wanted to do with my life. It was scarier then because I felt a strong pressure to make a decision. While I still admit to feeling a little social pressure to have an impressive answer, I'm increasingly comfortable saying that I don't know what's next. My plan, if you can call it that, is to live, travel, be with family, read, explore new ideas, and be open to whatever might come my way. I feel like it is the start of a great adventure, not unlike the one I began when I arrived at Maumee Valley twenty-six years ago.

Cary Boehn

GARY BOEHM January 2018



E A S T COASI SWING

Head of School Gary Boehm and Alumni Director Weezie Foster Stoddard '82 made the rounds this fall reconnecting with Maumee Valley alumni on the East Coast.



BOSTON, MA, ALUMNI GATHERING

PAUL SUTHERLAND '64 HOSTED THE BOSTON ALUMNI GATHERING IN HIS WONDERFUL CAMBRIDGE HOME. WE WELCOMED A FEW NEW FACES THAT NIGHT, STORIES AND LAUGHS WERE SHARED AND EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME. ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THAT NIGHT WAS LEE EISEMAN '65 SINGING MAUMEE VALLEY COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL'S ALMA MATER FOR ATTENDEES. GUESTS PICTURED ABOVE INCLUDED JESSIKA PARRY '10, LEE EISEMAN '65, JUSTIN LOCKE '73, PAUL SUTHERLAND '64, JOHN SUHRBIER '57, RICH EYSTER '68, AND DILLON STODDARD '10.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE (NOT PICTURED) WERE GAIL STEKETEE '67 AND DMITRI MUSATKIN '06.



TROY AND ITHACA, NY, ALUMNI GATHERING

WEEZIE FOSTER STODDARD '82 ALSO VISITED WITH JOHN SULLIVAN '16 AND KAYLOU STODDARD '15 FOR A RELAXING DINNER IN ITHACA, NY. WEEZIE THEN MET UP WITH LEE BIGELOW '10 AND MICHAEL GARDNER '13 IN TROY, NY, FOR THE TRADITIONAL "TROY TOWN" LUNCH.



PROVIDENCE, RI, ALUMNI GATHERING

DAVID WARD AND ABBY STRANAHAN '83 HOSTED THIS YEAR'S PROVIDENCE, RI, ALUMNI GATHERING AT THEIR BEAUTIFUL HOME. WE HAD A GREAT TURNOUT OF ALUMNI FROM THE 1960'S THROUGH 2017. SOME OF OUR FRIENDS FROM ACROSS RHODE ISLAND THAT JOINED THE FESTIVITIES WERE RON COWIE '88, EMILY HALL '90, MARGOT MCILWAIN NISHIMURA '83, SUZANNE DICKSON ALBERT '64, ASHA TAMIRISA '06, AND POOM PIPATJARASGIT '17.

GREENWICH, CT, ALUMNI GATHERING

JOSEPH PROFACI AND AMY DANA '82 HOSTED AN ELEGANT EVENING AT THEIR HOME IN GREENWICH, CT. IT WAS A SMALL GATHERING, BUT MAKING NEW CONNECTIONS WITH OLD FRIENDS MADE IT SO WORTHWHILE. FELLOW ALUMNI FROM THE NEW YORK CITY SUBURBS JOINED US INCLUDING STEPHEN BOESCHENSTEIN '84, SCOTT FAUVER '79, AND ELLEN FAUVER REIMER '78.

NEW YORK CITY, NY, ALUMNI GATHERING

THE NEW YORK CITY ALUMNI GATHERING WAS HOSTED BY PHIL GRIFFIN '75 AT HIS RESTAURANT, BODEGA 88. THE UPBEAT VIBES OF THE RESTAURANT PROVIDED A HIGH ENERGY ATMOSPHERE FOR THE EVENING. WHILE THE FOOD AND DRINK WERE SUPERB, THE COMPANY AND CONVERSATION WERE EVEN BETTER. THERE WAS A CONSTANT FLOW OF PEOPLE IN AND OUT OF THE RESTAURANT SHARING STORIES ALL NIGHT LONG. SOME OF THE ALUMNI WHO RECONNECTED INCLUDED JENNIFER PESIN '06, RACHEL LESAGE '06, HELENA XUAN '17, LISA WEST ALPERT '80, JANE EYSTER WOODSON '75 AND HER DAUGHTER ELIZABETH, SUSAN LEHMAN '76, DEENA ZUCKER '15, JESSICA LEE '15, JESS QU '15, AND FORMER FACULTY MEMBER DAVID BURKETT.



FORMER FACULTY AND STAFF ENJOY RECONNECTING WITH ALUMNI AND FRIENDS AT REUNION WEEKEND 2017. L-R BACK: MARGARET BLACKBURN, JEWEL WOODARD '77, SAM MCCOY, RON EUTON, DAVID TESTONE, KEN MEINECKE. L-R FRONT: CHUCK SPRANDEL, JIM HAWKINS, CHUCK LUNDHOLM, KAREN LUNDHOLM, KAY GUILBALT.



PHOTO: L-R: JEWEL WOODARD, JEFF VINCENT, TIM GILBERT, BRUCE SOWALSKY, AND BRENT WEST.

CLASS OF 1977 MEMORIAL GIFT

The class of '77 had their 40th Maumee Valley reunion this summer. They planted a tree and held a dedication ceremony in memory of Terry Armstrong on the Anning Lawn where the old Upper School courtyard was located. "Terry Armstrong was the life of our class. Always up-beat, he provided insights in the classroom and energy on the athletic field. He made Maumee Valley and each of us better," remarked a guest. Sadly, Terry passed away in 2012. As a friend in Washington, DC, remarked at the time of his passing, "I will always remember Terry as a complete man. A man of kindness, dignity, intelligence, and sensitivity. A hard working, caring man who was always positive." Certainly, these are the same attributes of the classmate we remember at Maumee Valley in the 1970s.



L-R: JODY KATZNER, WEEZIE FOSTER STODDARD, MICHAEL BARNES. SEATED L-R: ALEX BOWE DEROSA, MICHELLE MORGAN, CLAUDIA TAMBER, AMY DANA, AND KARI SPRANDEL COUGHLIN.

THE CLASS OF 1982 had a cookout at Weezie Foster Stoddard's '82 home that Alex Bowe DeRosa '82 and Weezie hosted for their 35th reunion. Former Lower School and Upper School Head Chuck Sprandel and Dawn Sprandel Kaser '80 joined in on the reunion. Everyone had a wonderful time reconnecting and sharing stories of their high school days.

MAUMEE VALLEY COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL REUNION WEEKEND SUMMER 2017

On a warm summer evening in late July, Maumee Valley alumni, faculty, and friends gathered on the Bluestone Court in front of the Wolfe Gallery. Although the format for reunion weekend remained similar to previous years, the school shifted the date from Homecoming Weekend each fall to mid-summer, in an effort to create greater synergy between gatherings for "milestone reunions" and alumni returning to the Toledo area. The weekend was a resounding success. On Friday evening over 130 alumni gathered for drinks and musical entertainment while noshing on a light supper spread put on by our very own Chef Joe.

True to tradition, the weekend's celebrations continued on Saturday morning with coffee, bagels, and a tour of the new Upper School, led by Head of School Gary Boehm.

The class of 1957 celebrated their 60th reunion and the class of 2012 celebrated their 5th reunion at a private dinner at Registry Bistro in the Secor Building in the heart of Downtown Toledo. Chef Erika Rapp delighted guests with family-style mixed grill platters of meat, fish, and seasonal vegetables. Friends clinked glasses in celebration of fond memories over the years at Maumee Valley. Recent graduates recounted new life adventures and aspirations, while older alumni remembered classmates no longer with us. The evening concluded with a slideshow presentation in honor of all the members of the classes that returned, and Gary Boehm enumerated the school's ongoing successes in independent studies and the expanded Winterim program—a true hit among alumni, young and old, near and far!

Sunday morning's brunch at the Carranor Hunt and Polo Club provided a quiet, but cheery conclusion to the weekend's festivities.

ALUMNI NEWS, EVENTS, AND HAPPENINGS

MVCDS FORMER FACULTY : PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE KAREN AND CHUCK LUNDHOLM

Being part of the Maumee Valley community for 42 years was a gift for Karen and Chuck Lundholm. Each day brought opportunities for them to grow as teachers, and to interact with colleagues in an environment that encouraged them to learn and help their peers daily. There was a strong spirit of collaboration that promoted teamwork and partnerships, and they had a lot of fun along the way!

Karen began her career at Maumee Valley Country Day School as a first and second grade teacher. Soon after, she became Coordinator of the Primary Team, and within a few years, the Head of Lower School. Karen was the first recipient of the Maumee Valley Alumni Association Faculty Award and the first recipient of the Virginia Secor Stranahan Chair in the Humanities.

Chuck was predominantly an English teacher, but also taught some math in his early years. He was Head of Upper School for seven years, coached Jr. High football and girls basketball and softball. He also served as a college advisor for a while. In 1984 he was one of 500 applicants to receive a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to participate in a four-week study at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, DC.

Retirement has been, and continues to be, a wonderful reward at the end of both of their careers in education. Their years at Maumee Valley fill their memory banks and fuel many of the conversations that they enjoy with former students, parents, and colleagues. The Lundholm's have fond memories of the production of The Pirates of Penzance, a musical fundraiser put on entirely by faculty and staff, "happenings" in the Lower School, special days of activities created and led by faculty and staff to celebrate the beginning of fall, or to participate in a unique art experience; annual fall senior class trips to Stratford, Ontario, to experience top-notch productions of Shakespeare and allow seniors to hang out together as they began their final year at MVCDS; overnight faculty retreats to Pokagon, South Bass Island, and Maumee Bay State Park where we learned together during the day and line danced at night; snow days; playing landlord to a pair of mallard ducks who raised a family in our Lower School courtyard; Upper School "Work Day-Play Day" mayhem; the move to the Commodore Perry hotel downtown during the gas crisis in the mid-70s; making gingerbread houses (complete with furniture!) with Primary Group kids at holiday time; and on and on!

Whether they are enjoying leisurely mornings with the newspaper and coffee, doing volunteer work, having weekly Friday morning breakfasts with Maumee Valley friends, watching movies together, pursuing family history, or keeping track of their three sons, many good memories from their years at Maumee Valley are with them through retirement. Although Chuck is not a fan of air travel, they have logged many miles in the car.

Karen and Chuck's oldest son, Steven, loves life in the Pacific Northwest where he can walk a few blocks from home to watch whales and dolphins playing in the Sound. Their second son, Matthew, teaches English in Kisarazu, Japan, and travels around the Pacific rim to scuba dive and explore exotic places. Andrew, their youngest son works in the Art Education office at the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore where he has purchased, and is renovating his first house. Even though their children are spread out demographically they enjoy visiting them often.

The Lundholm's are always looking for opportunities to stay in touch with former colleagues and students. If you find yourself back in Toledo, please look them up. They're not hard to find, and they'd love to see you!





CLASS NOTES The celebration kicked off with Maumee

their attics.



MICHAEL GALBRAITH '70 Michael has declared his candidacy to challenge incumbent Robert E. Latta in Ohio's 5th Congressional district of the House of Representatives in the 2018 election

Michael grew up in Maumee and attended MVCDS from kindergarten through 12th grade, graduating in 1970. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Bucknell University in 1974 and his Master's degree in Business Administration degree from Bowling Green State University. He has worked in the international financial markets, mostly in London, for almost 30 years. Galbraith currently runs his own small investment firm and serves on the Water Committee of the Toledo Rotary Club. He and his wife, Ditte, have three grown children and two grandchildren. They currently live in Maumee, OH.



The CLASS OF 1967. 50TH REUNION NIFTY FIFTY! Twenty members of the Class of 1967 gathered on May 5th-7th for a threeday celebration of their 50th Reunion, with almost half of them traveling considerable distances to attend. The planning started a year in advance when classmate Monica MacAdams '67 began sending class members emails, while collaborating with Maumee Valley's alumni-liaison Weezie Foster Stoddard '82 and classmate Lynn Forni Bohnengel '67 to organize the events



CHRIS WELLES '80

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Valley's annual Smead Luncheon on Friday, May 5th, where classmate Gail Steketee '67 was honored with the Alumni Achievement Award. Dr. Steketee '67, dean and professor at the Boston University School of Social Work, focused her fascinating remarks on her special area of expertise: "hoarding disorder," inspiring many to run home and clean out



MIKE ZERNER '72 , STEPHANIE WHITE '79 AND DAVE WHITE, JR.

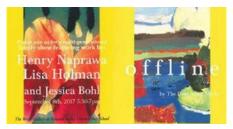
Stephanie White and Mike Zerner participated in Over the Edge, this year's fundraiser for The Victory Center. They helped raise funds for a bucket-list experience of rappelling down 16 stories of the Toledo Edison building in downtown Toledo. Stephanie was sponsored by the Dave White Family Collision. Mike raised funds for The Victory Center's fight against cancer. Stephanie was also joined by her brother Dave White Jr. '80 and

After a life-changing summer safari to Kenya in 2007, Chris Welles was inspired to establish a fashionable line of clothing that raises money to protect endangered wildlife. "I was a complete whiner,



MICHAEL T. MAGUIRE '83,

Michael married Annette Queen on June 3, 2017 in Toledo, OH. In addition, Michael, a songwriter, and Shawn Schwaner '84 have written a true-life book Dear Mama: Lessons on Race, Grace and the Wisdom To *Overcome* about the trials and tribulations of growing up in the 1960's and 1970's.



JESSIE BOHL-NAPRAWA '98 Jessica, along with her mom Lisa Sawicki-Holman and sons Henry '28 and Harper '29, contributed works to a family art show in The Wolfe Gallery at MVCDS

Welles said. "I didn't want to go in July [of 2007]." But the amazing experience of Kenya's natural habitat led him to want to give back to that country. American Rhino, Welles's clothing shop, has gone from simple hats and stickers (with the logo of an American flag in the shape of a rhinoceros) to an online presence since 2016 and a brick-and-mortar store in Lynnfield, Massachusetts, last summer.

The former executive recruiter traveled to Nairobi to find manufacturers for his line of apparel, including hats, belts, shorts, hoodies, and more. Proceeds benefit wildlife conservation efforts throughout east Africa. Welles has also traveled to Kenya to outfit rangers in the Maasai Mara National Reserve - charged with protecting rhinos from poachers - with boots, uniforms, backpacks, and other essentials.

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in the fall of 2017. More about their work can be found at www.thedorrstreetstudio. com. This year Jessica started her own company called "The Drew Box." The company's main offering is the Drew Box, a sturdy container with moisturizing oils, supplement pills, a sleep mask, lip balm, lotions, candles, and instructions for simple yoga stretches. For more information or to order a DrewBox, go to www.thedrewbox.com.



RON BIRNBAUM '89

Ron ran for the California 5th Assembly district in Los Angeles. A life-long Democrat and community activist, Ron is also a physician who has worked with the underserved in Los Angeles County, and a former Medical officer in the United States Navy. He was running on a platform of progressive policies that put human needs first.

"We came up short on election night - but we ran a campaign that I and everyone else can be proud of. We took ZERÓ corporate dollars to fund our campaign. We fought to pass single payer (healthcare) in California – something we desperately need. We ran a campaign that was honest, ethical, knowledgeable, and genuine. And in that respect, I couldn't be prouder of our accomplishments," Ron said.

ANITA TAMIRISA '98

Anita's son Lukas Kiran Talanda was born November 15th. Anita and her husband, Ondrej, are enjoying watching Lukas relishing his rice cereal, rolling over, and doing baby push-ups.



Rishi and his wife Brittany are the proud parents of Ziem Om Sehgal, born on November 19th.



OLLA DANIELLE GOODWIN-AVERY '98 Danielle and Jetahn Avery, and big brother and future MVCDS alumnus, Jameson Avery '32, welcomed Carrington Avery on July 17th



IMANI ROACH '00

Imani recently joined the online arts publication Artblog as managing editor. Artblog's mission is to promote equity and inclusion in Philadelphia arts. Before Artblog, Imani was both a contributor and a senior editor at Guernica magazine. Since moving to Philadelphia in 2012, Roach has devoted herself to the local arts community as an art history lecturer at the University of the Arts, as an active member of the Vox Populi Gallery and Collective, and as a practicing artist and musician



MICHAEL BOHL '00

cy, Michael had ideas for new medical devices but found that the process for developing them was difficult to navigate. That's when he began to envision a formal program that would serve as a pipeline where ideas could be vetted and, if feasible, developed quickly. "When you cut down that development time, that tends to be when things are the most exciting and when the best ideas come out," he said. "It's difficult to continue to innovate the same solution when it takes years to make it through each step of the process. You forget and move onto other things.

In addition to his professional career, there is good personal news for Michael. He and h̆is wïfe Jessica welcomed Olivia Ryan Bohl to their family on July 17th.



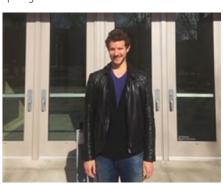
BRENNAN KASPERZAK '00

Brennan is a master glass artist, living in Seattle, WA. His latest creations combine two of his passions: mountains and glass. Inspired by mountains, he creates quilt patterns and geometric designs in snowboards using cut sheet glass. In removing the functionality of the snowboard by creating it in glass, Brennan allows the snowboards to become his canvas. He says that light plays a significant role in glass, as in snowboarding: shine a light from behind and you may notice a change in your view of the snowboards. His web site is brennankasperzak.com.



KELSY GREFE '03

While on a walk in Kelsy's favorite Toledo Metropark, Wildwood, Anthony Oberhaus surprised Kelsy with a proposal. Shortly after, the happy couple headed over to her parent's house for a surprise engagement party full of family, friends, and plenty of champagne. The newly engaged couple has recently moved into a house together, got a kitten, and plan to marry in the spring of 2018.



MICHAEL ANSPACH '04

Michael just completed his second year of law school and was recently elected editor-in-chief of Marquette University Law Review (2017-2018). In his first year at Marquette Law, he founded the Organization for Student Well-being, which continues to provide the Marquette community with alternative, mindful methods for dealing with the stresses that lawyers and law students encounter on a daily basis. Michael worked at Anspach Law in Toledo this summer, and in the fall he will begin working at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.



VINAY GUPTA '01 On May 3rd, Vinay and Nisha Gupta of Boston, MA, welcomed their first child, Aydan Ahir Gupta.



LESLIE ANDREWS ATHMER '04 Leslie and Brian Athmer and big brother Bennet welcomed Naomi Rebel-Jean Athmer on September 13rd.



27, 2016.

Ryan Anderson '97 graduated from McGill University Faculty of Law (Montreal), was the right hand advisor to the Mayor of Tucson, and is now an executive with Tucson Power and Electric. He and his wife Blue have a daughter, Mosey, age 4.

Elliot Anderson '99 is successful in residential real estate in Tucson; he and his wife Danielle have a son, Wilde, age 7, and daughter, Pioneer, age 4.

Phineas and Mitch Anderson have recently hiked in Chile, Argentina, the Galapagos Islands, Italy, and Norway. Phineas continues his effort to help end FGM (female genital mutilation) and is working on passing a law in Arizona called Death with Dignity regarding assisted suicide. He was in a serious motorcycle accident in New Mexico on August 12, 2017, but he is back to his old self.

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L-R: Danielle Anderson, Elliot Anderson '99, Ana Sirbu '04, Phineas Anderson '05 (honorary member of the Class of 2005), Mitchell Anderson, Mihai Toader, Ryan Anderson '97, and Blue Baldwin.

Ana Sirbu was an exchange student at Maumee Valley from 2001-2002, graduated from Harvard, and worked at UBS, Silver Lake Partners, and Google. She is presently Vice President of Finance and Capital Markets for startup Blue Vine. Ana and Mihai asked Phineas (head of MVCDS from 1994-2005) to perform their wedding ceremony in Napa Valley, August



EMILY BOEHM '05

On July 8, 2017, Emily married Lloyd Mason on a farm outside of Durham, NC. A sticky summer dance party ensued, complete with a large and enthusiastic MVCDS contingent! Many Maumee Valley alumni joined Émily and Éloyd to celebraté their union, including maid of honor Mariana Brandman '05 and bridesmaids Hannah Kasperzak Jacobs '05 and Anna Gale '05.



MVCDS ALUMNI AT THE BOEHM/MASON WEDDING

Photo L-R: Tyler Boehm '01, Charlie Seeman '03, Maude Kasperzak '07, Mariana Brandman '05, Ryan Sieberg '05, Broer Oatis '05, Emily Boehm '05, Andrew Bishara '05, Tom Paladino '05, Anna Gale '05, and Hannah Kasperzak Jacobs '05.

Also in attendance from the MVCDS community were Head of School and father of the bride Gary Boehm, mother of the bride Bonnie Blankenship, Dean Kasperzak '76, Mary Ellen Newport, Bob Seeman, Karin Jacobson, and the officiant, Maumee Valley alumni parent Laurie Jackson (mother of Sam '05 and Anna Steinbock '07).



SARA MEINECKE '06 Congratulations to Sara and Jorge A Arriagada Triana on their wedding held August 5, 2017. The newlyweds were caught in a pop-up shower as they left University Church, Toledo, OH.

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HEATHER BECK PARRY '05 AND STEPHEN PARRY '07 Heather and Stephen welcomed Arlo

Patrick Parry, who was born on May 3rd. He was so eager to meet his family he showed up a full month early.



ALEXANDRA HUSTED '07 Alexandra became engaged to Korin Hasegawa-John on Patriot's Day in Boston, MA. They will be relocated to Ann Arbor, MI, where Alexandra is starting in the Master's in Public Policy Program at the University of Michigan and Korin will be continuing his job as a partner at Carlisle & Company. They will be married in Toledo in May 2018.



ELI LIPMAN '07

Congratulations to Eli Lipman '07 and Ashley Blohm on their wedding on August 13.2017.



MEGAN FIRESTONE '08 Megan and Josiah Wagner were married on Ăugust 20, 2017.



MAUDE KASPERZAK '07

Maude is currently working as the creative director of Charm City Cakes in Baltimore, MD. After the work of Chef Duff Goldman and his team caught the eye of the Food Network, Charm City Cakes became the subject of the hit series Ace of Cakes. Maude began working there shortly after

filming wrapped in 2012 and has been working alongside Duff and his team ever since. Charm City Cakes opened its second Baltimore location in April 2017 in the Harbor East area. The new shop boasts a small slice of the magic of the original Remington bakery where all the cakes are created, featuring baked goodies and official CCC merchandise.



Congratulations to Molly Rogers and Thomas Blue on their wedding on September 15, 2017, in West Virginia. Molly is currently the director of Family Ministries at Charles Town Presbyterian Church.



Alex became engaged to Glen Essakow during an April snowstorm in Boston, MA. They celebrated afterwards with friends and Greek food. The couple met at Emory University and moved from NYC to Boston with their puppy Hugo. They plan to wed in 2018.



HANNAH SPENGLER '08

Maumee Valley is pleased to announce that Hannah has joined the Maumee Valley Advancement Team as Development Officer, Events and Stewardship, Hannah's area of focus will be event planning and stewardship. Hannah has been helping out at MVCDS in many capacities since returning to Toledo. She served as a long term math substitute in the Upper School, has coached the Lacrosse team, and assisted with field hockey. Along with her new position, Hannah is also an assistant coach for the Maumee Valley Girls Basketball Team. We're fortunate to have her on our team!



KARA FORD '09 Kara and Neal Spureon III were married on September 2, 2017. Their ceremony was at

the Oak Openings Lodge near Toledo, and the reception was at the Swanton Sport Center (Kara's family's bowling alley). The wedding party included Hannah Santino '09, Kevin Ford '05, Kyle O'Connell '05. Other MVCDS alumni in attendance included Kara's mom Charlene O'Connell '80, her uncle Boyd Ratliff '86, her coworker Holly Hillyer '96, Stacy Benner '80, Mikaela Myers '09, Daniel Gordon '08, and Schuyler Beckwith '04.



ATHENA COCOVES '09

Athena recently won the Press Club of Toledo's Touchstone Award for Excellence in Journalism for her story "Dope Sick. Cocoves, Managing Editor of Publications at Adams Street Publishing, wrote her investigative story on heroin addiction, and won in the non-print daily category. You can read her article at toledocitypaper. com



ALOK HARWANI '09

Alok graduated from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in May 2017, and started his new job in June at the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics as an emergency Medicine Resident Physician in Madison. WI.



MICHAEL GARDNER '13 Michael, a dual major in computer and systems engineering and computer science with a minor in music, served as a member of the Class Council during his time at Rensselaer, and was a member of RPISEC, a security club, and the Rensselaer Center for Open Source (RCOS). Michael was also an active member of the RPI Players, a studentled theater group. Following graduation, Gardner plans to continue his education at Rensselaer by pursuing a master's of science in technology commercialization and entrepreneurship.

Michael Gardner and Kyle Neumann, senior class presidents at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), recently







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PATRICK BERINGER '10

Patrick and Kristina Pabon were married on August 29, 2017, in Bird Point. AK. surrounded by family and friends. Patrick is a Lieutenant Junior Grade in the United States Coast Guard and lives in



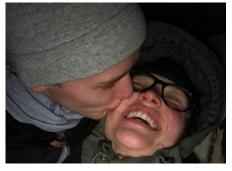
MARILYNN (MAR) WILLEY '10

Marilynn became engaged to Matthew Schwartz on November 5, 2017, at Bear Mountain in upstate New York. They met five years ago as college students in the Boston area and now reside in New York City. They hope to marry some time in

ASHLEY SCHOEN POLITO '11

Ashley and Luke Polito were married on June 10, 2017, in Holland, OH, Maumee Valley alumni in attendance included Maggie Fixler '11, Margaux Ford '09,

Maddy Foster '13, and Karla Luketic '11. Luke and Ashley are now living in Vienna, VA, right outside of Washington, DC.



IDA KÄRNSUND '13

Ida got engaged to Filip Andreasson in October, 2017, at Grótta Island Lighthouse, Seltjarnarnes, Iceland. At the lighthouse on the small island just West of Reykjavik, you can only get to the island at low tide because you have to walk to it. Filip went down on one knee and asked Ida to marry him. She said yes! They are very happy!



NEEMA KAMALA '15

Neema is one of 550 American students to receive a U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship. She will be traveling to Arusha, Tanzania, for two months to study Swahili. The Critical Language Scholarship Program, part of the U.S. government's efforts to expand the number of Americans studying critical foreign languages, helps scholars gain language and cultural skills.

addressed the RPI graduates during commencement. At graduation, the speakers praised their class for creating a Student Relief Fund, which helps students in emergency financial situations (the first of its kind at RPI), with funding of more than \$17,000. Michael and Kyle encouraged their class to continue widening their perspectives. "No matter what you participated in at Rensselaer, we all made new friends, people of different backgrounds than we grew up with at home. It is through the friends we made that we learned lessons that helped us grow, along with the technical knowledge of our coursework ... All the while we will keep RPI's mission at heart: 'Why not change the world?'

IN MEMORIAM











Remembering those who are no longer with us...

Beverly M. Fisher '41

Beverly M. Fisher, age 93, of Toledo, OH, passed away on Wednesday, May 3, 2017. Bev was born in LaCrosse, WI, on January 7, 1924, to Everette and Eunice (Delaney) Richardson. She grew up in Eagle Point Colony, then moved to Rossford, OH, after being adopted by Dr. and Mrs. Herold, her aunt and uncle, after the death of her mother. She attended Maumee Valley Country Day School, graduated from Scott High School in 1941, and attended the University of Toledo.

Judith Ann Williams Basinger '56

With great sadness and joy, Judy was received peacefully into the Kingdom of Heaven on May 19, 2016, at the age of 77 in Clearwater, FL. Born on August 14, 1938, to Russel H. and Lillian (Herzog) Williams of Old Orchard in Toledo, OH. Judy attended Maumee Valley Country Day School, Ottawa Hills High School, and the University of Toledo, receiving a degree in Education in 1961.

Corinne Edwards Patoff '57

It is with profound sadness that the family of Corinne Edwards Patoff announces her passing on October 27, 2017. Corinne, best known as Toddy, was born in Toledo, OH, on January 24, 1939. Corinne attended Maumee Valley Country Day School and Smith College. She will be remembered for her kindness and deep love for family and friends.

James Kile '62

James S. "Jim" Kile of Estes Park, CO, passed away December 6, 2015. 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.

David Tramer 1989

David Esman Tramer, age 46, died on June 11, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Toledo on November 16, 1970, attended Maumee Valley Country Day School, and graduated from Ohio University with a bachelor's degree in Telecommunications. For the last half of his life, David lived in Carol Stream, IL, and he worked as an electronic printing specialist for Aramark Corporation and R.R. Donnelly until his illness. David was also an accomplished bass guitarist, performing soft rock music in a group named "3 Too Far" that performed in the Chicago area; some of their music included David's own compositions. He also had written a movie script that he planned to produce as an indie film.

Richard Joseph, Jr. '64

Richard Oscar "Dick" Joseph Jr., age 70, of Toledo, OH, passed away peacefully on August 3, 2017, at Ebeid Hospice, surrounded by his beloved wife Cherie, family, and friends. Dick was born in Toledo on September 24, 1946, to Richard Oscar Sr. and Helen Freda (Namay). He graduated from Maumee Valley Country Day School, Class of 1964. He earned his Bachelor's in English from DePauw University, Greencastle, IN, in 1968 and later his master's degree from the University of Toledo. He was the only son of one of the founding members of the Joseph Supermarket Chain and Joseph Real Estate Companies, where he served as president. Dick's chosen career path was real estate investment and management. He was also a partner in Joseph's Beverage Center.

David Inge "Cricket" Kirchmaier '76

David Inge "Cricket" Kirchmaier of Maumee, OH, passed away unexpectedly on July 11, 2017, at his home in Maumee, OH. He was born on June 7, 1958, to JoAnn (Mahan) and Peter C. Kirchmaier in Toledo, OH. Cricket attended Maumee Valley Country Day School, graduated from Trinity-Pawling School in 1977, and Hillsdale College in 1981.

Cricket was a happy man who lived everyday like there was no tomorrow. He spread love to everyone who crossed paths with him. He never missed an opportunity to smile and laugh with people. The little things in his day-to-day routine kept this fire alive, whether he was taking a moment to call his children, sharing photos of his latest culinary project, having a beer with friends, or planning a visit with somebody in his nationwide community. He lived a life that everybody dreams of sharing with others, letting go of negativity and always staying positive. His infectious laugh and gleaming grin made spending time with him nothing short of blissful.

Jordan Almester '00

Jordan Almester, 36, passed away unexpectedly in his home on September 15, 2017. While living in Ohio, Jordan attended Maumee Country Day School (class of 2000) and Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH, (class of 2006) where he studied English and writing. Jordan was an all-around athlete while attending high school, often describing himself as "a jack of all sports, master of none." He went on to play his favorite sport, Rugby, at Wittenberg University for the Mudpigs, as well as professionally for the Tampa Bay Mayhem and Tampa Krewe Rugby teams in Florida. Many past coaches and teammates describe Jordan not only as a brother, but also a true leader and an accomplished athlete who worked hard and dug deep to accomplish his goals.

The Jordan Almester Memorial Fund has been established in Jordan's memory and will support Maumee Valley's student-athletes, who receive financial aid, to pay for auxiliary expenses associated with playing on a team sport not covered by the school's athletics budget. If you would like to contribute please contact Maumee Valley for more information at alumni@ mvcds.org.

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SIBLINGS AT THE MVCDS REUNION 2017

Weezie Foster Stoddard '82, Bittin Foster Duggan '86, Stephen Foster, Jr. '84, Amy Dana '82, Stephaine Dana Stranahan '76, Courtney Haddad Quinn '92, Royce Haddad Jr. '87, Kelley Katzner Ellman '87, Jody Katzner '82, Kari Sprandel Coughlin '82, Dawn Sprandel Kaser '80, James Patrick '87, Susanna Patrick Hedblom '82, Dixon Stoddard '12, and Kaylou Stoddard '15. Not in photo: Jim Tuschman Esq. '59 and Thomas Tuschman '62.

2018 SMEAD SLATE

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD MASAHIDE (MAX) YASUDA '68

ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD RON COWIE '88

ALUMNI LIFETIME DEDICATION AWARD **BECKY ASHLEY ROSS '69**

ALUMNI PARENTS AWARD JIM & NANCY FISH

YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD BERKLEY WELLES WELLSTEIN '02

Hello Alumni,

The Alumni Council recently discussed the success of the new summer reunions and reviewed adding alumni achievements to this year's Smead Luncheon Award nominations. The conversation is always delightful and spirited! The summer reunions allowed for more participation and the warm weather made it possible to enjoy outdoor activities. Although we added some names to our lists of future Smead Award recipients, we know more MVCDS alumni are out there doing wonderful things, and we do not always hear about their work. Thus, if you have a friend or family member who you feel has achieved something important or who has given service to our school, please contact the alumni office at alumni@mvcds.org to add them to the nomination list. Speaking of service, if you are interested in joining one of our alumni subcommittees (Networking, Special Events, or Membership/Stewardship), please contact the alumni office at alumni@mvcds.org.

We've also pondered the initiative to help current Maumee Valley students connect with alumni through mentoring experiences, job shadowing, internships, and hosting. As the Upper School has expanded Winterim into three intensive experiences, we wanted to provide more assistance to students who are interested in local, national, and international independent study opportunities. We have received more than 25 alumni and community names from this initiative, but we can always use more. Please email suggestions to alumni@mvcds.org.

Gary Boehm, Head of School, and Weezie Foster Stoddard '82, MVCDS Alumni Relations, has completed the East Coast Swing, along with other alumni events including an Alumni Wine and Cheese Reception prior to attending the Fall Musical production, Big Fish, Get Back Give Back Day, Holiday Hoops, and the Alumni Holiday party, all of which were on-campus. Please make plans to attend one of our upcoming get-togethers. See left for details.

If you have not been receiving MVCDS emails, please update your contact information by sending an email to alumni@mvcds.org. We look forward to keeping in touch, and we hope you also will come to visit the school. We are always happy to see you and to hear your Maumee Valley stories.

If you have an idea for an alumni event, or you would like to help sponsor one, please contact the alumni office at alumni@mvcds.org. We are looking forward to another engaging and enlightening year at Maumee Valley Country Day School.

Sincerely,

Alex DeRosa (Bowe) '82 President, Maumee Valley Country Day School Alumni Council

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WEST COAST SWING: JANUARY 21-26, 2018 (SAN DIEGO, LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, PALO ALTO, & SEATTLE)

ANN ARBOR ALUMNI GATHERING: MARCH 16, 2018

MID-ATLANTIC SWING: MARCH 19-21, 2018 (PHILADELPHIA, BALTIMORE, & WASHINGTON DC)

COLUMBUS ALUMNI GATHERING: APRIL 17, 2018

ALUMNI WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION FOR SPRING PLAY: APRIL 18, 2018

CHICAGO ALUMNI GATHERING: APRIL 25, 2018

50TH REUNION CELEBRATING CLASSES 1968 & 1969: MAY 4-6, 2018

SMEAD LUNCHEON: MAY 4, 2018

CLEVELAND ALUMNI GATHERING: MAY 2018

2018 REUNION WEEKEND: JULY 27-29, 2018 CELEBRATING CLASSES ENDING IN 3'S AND 8'S MAUMEE VALLEY COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

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