A child wearing a bright green rain suit with grey accents and a yellow face mask is sitting on a large, dark log in a forest. The child is holding a small red object in their right hand. The background is filled with fallen autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and brown, and some green plants are visible on the left. The scene is captured in a soft, natural light.

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Dear Maumee Valley,

This summer, I am filled with hope. Our community has emerged from a COVID winter, spring vaccinations arrived in Toledo, and the celebration of the class of 2021 is complete. This has been a strange year across the globe and at Maumee Valley, but the resilience and adaptability of our community remains strong. This is, in large part, due to the efforts of the whole Maumee Valley community — students, teachers, staff, families, and alumni. Everyone has stepped up this year in ways that make me proud: redesigning curriculum for remote learners, zooming in from locations across the globe, volunteering for extra roles required by COVID protocols, pitching in for our campus clean up, and launching the Alumni Soapbox Series, just to name a few. We have much to celebrate at Maumee Valley!

In this edition of The Valley, we share student, artist, athlete, and alumni accomplishments from the past year. In addition, we honor retiring coach Terri Herrmann and our three retiring faculty and staff members Tom Cambisios, Pam Hulbert, and Dave Villarreal.

Have a wonderful summer!



Lynn D. Casto
Head of School



2020-21 AWARDS

THE LARRY ANNING AWARD FOR STAFF EXCELLENCE is presented each year to a staff member who has worked at Maumee Valley for at least five years. The recipient is selected by a committee following a nomination process. The recipient personifies the highest ideals of personal integrity, professionalism, excellence and treats all members of the community with courtesy, kindness, and respect. The person chosen embodies the mission and vision of the school. The 2021 winner was **PHIL PASKVAN** and the 2020 recipient was **MELISSA KUHL**.

THE ALUMNI CENTENNIAL AWARD FOR FACULTY EXCELLENCE goes to a faculty member who has worked at Maumee Valley Country Day School for at least five years, embodies and demonstrates the ideals of the teaching profession and of the Maumee Valley community, is outstanding in the classroom, is a constructive faculty leader, and contributes in ways outside of the classroom. the 2021 winner was **PAM HULBERT**. For her excellence in teaching, compassionate care of our students, and passionate leadership of the ELC Forest School program, the faculty excellence award recipient for 2020 was **CHRISTINE MARKER**.

THE VIRGINIA SECOR STRANAHAN '22 CHAIR IN THE HUMANITIES is a four-year award that honors a teacher and encourages professional development. The chair allows the pursuit of enriching opportunities for study, travel or other projects that will enhance one's professional contributions to the Maumee Valley community. Highly skilled in pedagogy and gifted in awakening the intellectual curiosity in students, a builder of community, and a ceaseless advocate for students, **ROLLIE BARNES** is the 2020 recipient.

JEREMY MAHONEY '21 RECEIVES NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Maumee Valley Country Day School would like to congratulate Jeremy Mahoney '21 for earning the prestigious National Merit Scholarship.

More than 1.5 million students from 21,000 high schools entered the competition by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Mahoney competed for one of about 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$30 million.

After securing a PSAT score that earned him a semifinalist spot, Mahoney and school officials submitted a detailed scholarship application that provided information about his academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards.

Merit Scholar designees are selected based on their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation said in a statement.

Congratulations on your outstanding achievement, Jeremy!



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STUDENTS PRESENTED TWO OUTDOOR SHOWS ON THE BLUESTONE IN FRONT OF THE WOLFE GALLERY IN APRIL THAT FEATURED AN EVENING OF SOLOS AND DUETS FROM BROADWAY SHOWS. THE PERFORMANCES ALLOWED THE STUDENTS TO SHOWCASE SELF-CHOSEN SOLOS FEATURING A CHARACTER THEY CONNECTED WITH, ACCORDING TO DIRECTOR OF THEATRE BRIAN BOZANICH. ATTENDEES SAT PHYSICALLY DISTANCED FROM ONE ANOTHER AND WENT ON A TOUR THROUGH BROADWAY IN 18 SONGS. STUDENTS HAD A THREE-CAMERA SYSTEM SET-UP TO BROADCAST BOTH SHOWS LIVE ON YOUTUBE. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS AND MR. BOZANICH FOR PUTTING ON A WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE.

OUR STUDENTS SOUNDED FANTASTIC DURING THE MVCDS **STRING ENSEMBLE SPRING CONCERT** UNDER THE DIRECTION OF TOM SIEBERG WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 IN THE MILLENNIUM THEATRE. YOU CAN WATCH THE EVENT ON OUR YOUTUBE PAGE AT [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/TXCE1SMDGPA](https://youtu.be/TXCE1SMDGPA).





**MAINTENANCE
STAFF MEMBER
DAVID VILLARREAL
RETIRES AFTER
NEARLY FOUR
DECADES**

THE YEAR WAS 1986 and David Villarreal had just begun working at Maumee Valley Country Day School in the kitchen where he helped out with parties and washed dishes. Shortly thereafter, a maintenance position opened up. Villarreal became the janitor of the Smead Building. Throughout the years, Villarreal's story at Maumee Valley was one of flexibility and stepping up whenever there was a need. "The thing I offered the school – I will train to become a bus driver," he said. "Even if you don't want to do it, you go ahead and do it. It is our privilege to be called maintenance." After more than 35 years of dedicated service to the school and community, this June Villarreal retired from Maumee Valley.

Through the decades, Villarreal has been a part of many changes, including the construction of the new Upper School and Millennium Theatre, the reconfiguring of

school entrances, moving the maintenance garage, and much more. "We've been involved in all of the projects big or small," Villarreal said. "I see the school as so many changes. It's a privilege to see all of this. Where the school was, where it is now and where it is going in the future. Maumee Valley is always moving forward."

It is indeed true that Maumee Valley has changed drastically since Villarreal started. Enrollment has grown by nearly 100 students. The school buildings, athletic facilities and international boarding dormitories have all undergone significant upgrades or been introduced.

While Villarreal doesn't know exactly what he will do in his retirement – he knows he'll be slowing down. "It's a lot of walking," said the 66-year-old Villarreal. "It's a different school than it was 30 years ago." Head of School Lynn Casto knows all too well the impact Villarreal has had at Maumee Valley. When Casto was hired in 2018, she encountered him on campus. "Dave was the first person I met when I arrived at Maumee Valley. He was mowing the grass by the amphitheater as I approached the Boehm Building. He stopped the riding mower, got off, said good morning and asked if he could be of any assistance. This brief encounter shows the kindness of Dave Villarreal that he exhibits every day he is on campus," Casto said. "Dave has been an invaluable member of the Buildings & Grounds staff since 1986 and has worked behind the scenes to make sure that our teachers and students have all that they need for the learning process. From playground upkeep and supervision to checking pipes on bitter, winter nights, Dave makes sure Maumee Valley is running smoothly. I am forever grateful that he chose to spend the majority of his professional life with Maumee Valley."

The COVID-19 pandemic was especially tough for Villarreal, who admitted that maintaining the grounds and facilities while teachers, staff and students worked remotely was difficult. "When we were shut down, there were no people around—that's what I was missing. It was just an empty building," Villarreal said, tears collecting in the corners of his eyes. "It's the kids that make the building. That's what I will miss

being a part of the school. That's what keeps you here. I wouldn't stay for 35 years if it wasn't good. It wasn't easy. But it was fun."

Some in our community may not know that Maumee Valley has one of just a handful of natural grass field hockey playing surfaces in the state of Ohio, and Villarreal was the resident expert in mowing, striping, and maintaining the field. "You start cutting the grass little by little. You have to train the grass," he said. "We cut that every other day."

One of Villarreal's most precarious situations in his nearly four decades on the job came when he had to go on a snake hunt. The story goes something like this – someone reported seeing big snakes or a python along the pipes underneath the old Upper School building. "I'm a nervous person, but I don't fear anything. I used to crawl between the pipes in the old upper school way before they had walkie-talkies," Villarreal said. "There was supposed to be big snakes or a python down there. I ended up getting stuck between two pipes. You had to close the covers once you were down. I was stuck for probably 30 minutes. I said, 'Dave: No one is going to find you. They can't hear you yell! I just started relaxing my body. I finally was able to wiggle back the same way I went in.'"

Now that Villarreal's time at Maumee Valley is over, he said he misses being called on early in the morning. "My favorite thing about coming to work every day is opening up with the bosses," Villarreal said. "If they need something done right away – it's a challenge. I wanted to be there. I am dependable. I'm just the go-to guy."

PAM HULBERT'S SECOND ACT COMPLETE AS SHE RETIRES AS PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER

HULBERT RETIRED at the end of the school year after 16 years at Maumee Valley. The second act is often better than the first. First-grade teacher Pam Hulbert's second act began more than two decades ago in California. After going to college and studying acting, she found the jobs were not always steadily flowing in. So, in her late 30s, Hulbert began Act II of her career. "I wanted more consistent connection in my life," Hulbert said, adding she taught in Los Angeles before moving to Ohio. "It was a wonderful change. You felt connected. You felt you could contribute. It was just really satisfying." Hulbert retired after 15 years at Maumee Valley Country Day School. She also is a certified mindfulness instructor and said she plans to continue that work in some capacity.

Hulbert first came to Maumee Valley as a substitute teacher and worked in the Hob Haven summer program. "Pam exudes joy — joy in learning, joy in her students, joy in life. Pam has shepherded countless students into the lower school as a Primary teacher. They arrived to her classroom nervous but left confident and calm. Pam brought mindfulness to Maumee Valley, and she leaves this legacy behind," said Head of School Lynn Casto. "One of the last to leave the building each evening, she poured her heart and soul into her students. A thespian herself, Pam brought excitement and energy to her students each day. Pam's tender smile and positivity will be missed in the Lower School. I wish her all the best in her next chapter."

During her time at Maumee Valley, Hulbert taught in the first and second grades in the primary. A memorable

experience for Hulbert during her early years of teaching occurred on the first day of school. She was going through books with a student and he picked out a book that was geared toward seventh graders about the Dust Bowl in the 1930s. Hulbert asked her first-grade student to write down the most important parts of the page on a sticky note. Hulbert recalled seeing the pride on the student's face when he completed the task. "He was super bright and it was incredible to see the child at work," she said. "I kept the sticky notes intact in the book and gave the book with the notes to him as a graduation gift. I have many heartwarming memories of all of the children I have taught."

Emily Prater's classroom was next to Hulbert's in the Primary for many years and she recalls how Hulbert made use of her background in acting when she'd read books. "I loved listening to her read books. Pam has the best reading voice. Her time spent in the theater comes out when she reads aloud, and it's oh so fun to listen," Prater said. "Pam is a wonderful educator. She wants every child to know they are loved and important. She listens to her students. Her passion for mindfulness permeates into her classroom, her lessons, and her life."

Hulbert's husband of eight years also is retiring this summer. She said they plan to eventually move up to Williamsburg, Mich. near Traverse City and build a home. "I'm contemplating some ideas on how to keep myself busy," Hulbert said. "It's a new wonderful adventure that we're able to do. I know I will need to do something to keep busy, but I'm definitely looking forward to slowing down." Prater said she adored the last seven years working with Hulbert and wished she could teach alongside her colleague for many more. "I love how Pam listens to you and always makes you feel heard and empathizes with you," Prater said. "She makes you feel appreciated. Pam is authentic and special. She's one of a kind and she's helped me be a better teacher and person. She will truly be missed."

After 22 years as a teacher, Hulbert said it was a fantastic second career. "I'm going to miss my colleagues and the kids for sure. It's been a lovely ride and my job is never, ever boring," Hulbert said. "I've met so many lovely families. I've enjoyed watching all of my students grow. It's a lot of work, but it's been deeply satisfying."





TOM CAMBISIOS RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS

NEARLY 30 YEARS spent as an educator at Maumee Valley Country Day School came to a close for Tom Cambisios this June. The longtime English and history teacher and former Head of the Upper School has retired. Cambisios served Maumee Valley for 28 years in two different stints – from 1990-94 and then from 1997 until today. Graduating classes were between 40 and 45 students when Cambisios began teaching at the school in the 90s.

Over the years, he said he worked with fellow teachers who were fabulous mentors. "I was so impressed," Cambisios added, noting that there were five teachers who had been at Maumee Valley for 25 years. "As a relatively young person, the quality of the faculty and the experience of the faculty was exceptional. Here was this bank; they were all individuals who were creative. We still have a highly competent faculty. I was struck because I had taught before at public and parochial schools." Those relationships laid the foundation for Cambisios' teaching. How he'd challenge students and fellow faculty members – growing professionally every step of the way. "These people were my mentors and I took advantage of them. I talked with them. I learned from them," Cambisios said. "There were intellectual challenges."

Head of School Lynn Casto said she knew of the "Legend of Cambisios" before she began at Maumee Valley Country Day School. The stories all share a common theme – Cambisios was an incredibly challenging teacher who had a tremendous impact on his students.

"I often hear, 'it was Mr. Cambisios who taught me to write,'" Casto said. "An exceptional educator, not only does Tom know his stuff – he is truly a master of many disciplines – he also knows kids. Whether it is a word of encouragement or a metaphorical kick in the pants, Tom knows how to motivate students. I will remember Tom's thoughtful, handwritten notes, his sense of humor, his impeccable organization, and his love for all things Maumee Valley. A 28 year veteran of Maumee Valley, Tom will truly be missed." Originally from Long Island, Cambisios said he plans to move to Virginia in retirement and work in his yard. He plans to travel and visit family in the Richmond area.

"I'm 64," says Cambisios, "I don't know if COVID had a big role in the decision, but a role. Things have changed in the last year and a half outside of the school's control," Cambisios said. "I want to enjoy retirement. It's sad when you see colleagues not be able to enjoy their retirement. I just want to have a few decades of doing other things. It's still a remarkable place

to teach. We have some really sharp and engaged students. Obviously, you miss the remarkable people – it's the students and teachers that keep you coming back year after year." Retired Maumee Valley teacher Ken Meinecke spent years teaching a Winterim with Cambisios.

A meticulous attention to detail in planning the course made for some of the most memorable experiences for students and Meinecke. "In my 40 years of teaching in both public and private schools, I never worked with anyone who had a clearer focus of what was important to engage students in learning and doing the work to prepare students to meet his expectations," Meinecke said. "Tom was an English teacher, so no matter what course he taught, students were expected to read and write for the course. A lot! He also gave them all the support they needed to meet his expectations. He met with students before school, during lunch or free periods, or after school. He praised students when they made a solid effort and he called them out when they were not doing the job. He clearly communicated what his expectations were and encouraged them to do an assignment over to try and improve as many times as they wanted. In his class, the grade the student received was the grade they earned."

Cambisios will continue to be an educator by putting lesson plans online for use by teachers across the globe. "I know that I won't stagnate. I will be as active as ever," he said. "I think everybody on Earth wants a legacy after they leave. Some people have it through their children. Some people have it through a career. Teachers obviously do it to make a difference. So the question becomes how to make a difference after you leave teaching. One of the things I like about teaching is that there's growth. If you're going to be good at teaching you have to continue to change and refine it. That's the absolute essence of good teaching."



HERRMANN HANGS UP THE WHISTLE AFTER MORE THAN 35 YEARS OF COACHING FIELD HOCKEY

TERRI HERRMANN STARTED COACHING field hockey at Maumee Valley Country Day School in the fall of 1986, but her introduction to the sport was not in the traditional way one might think.

Herrmann played softball at the University of Toledo and her best friend Cathy Hudson was a field hockey player there. While in college, the field hockey team at UT needed extra players to scrimmage against.

Enter Herrmann.

Hudson was later hired as the varsity field hockey coach at Maumee Valley Country Day School. Herrmann came on board as an assistant. In 1990, Herrmann would take over as head coach. "I was scared out of my mind," she said. "Cathy Hudson was an amazing mentor. I played fastpitch softball in college. I became a student of the game. I read everything I can. I watched videotapes. I study the game. I attend clinics. I read books. The sport is forever changing and it's really, really crucial to stay up to date on what is going on in the sport."

Herrmann retired from coaching the Hawks field hockey program but will continue teaching at Maumee Valley Country Day School.

The game and equipment has changed immensely during Herrmann's time. For example, the sticks used to be wooden and now they're fiberglass. Gameplay used to include offsides and limited scoring and a slower pace, she said. "I knew how to teach and if you know how to teach and respect the game and the girls you know how to coach as well," Herrmann said. "I would do whatever I could do to make the girls better athletes, and more importantly better people."

Paula Prediger will take over as varsity coach after spending 30 years coaching alongside Herrmann. Head of School Lynn Casto said she remembers playing against Maumee Valley when she attended Columbus School for Girls. "Terri Herrmann is one of the most dedicated coaches I have ever met. She is passionate about the game of field hockey and even more passionate about helping her girls chase excellence in all of their endeavors, both on and off



the field," Casto said. "Terri pushes her team to form close bonds, teaches her upperclassman to mentor the underclassmen, and always keeps the joy of the game at the root of the team's experience. Through her tenure coaching, Terri has developed a tight-knit field hockey community and impressive program with the ability to compete against top-ranked teams."

There are too many individual players, teams, and experiences, Herrmann said, to be able to pick out any specific favorite, however, she said coaching her daughter and building a positive, family culture within her program are highlights for her. "Over the years we created this field hockey culture that I have to say I'm extremely proud of. Our job is to make everyone feel welcomed and that they're important to the team — to embrace everybody as family," Herrmann said. "The field hockey culture is really sort of my pride and joy. These girls embrace each other and take care of each other regardless of their talent and regardless of the score of the game."

Athletic Director Rob Conover said Herrmann has been at the school at 7:30 a.m. each day and often leaves at 8 p.m. or later and she has done so for 35-plus years. "It is a daunting and nearly impossible task to think of the extent of Terri Herrmann's impact over her time at MV. She spends her day with our Lower School kids giving them the best physical education they could ever receive only to spend her free time after school either coaching field hockey or running after-school sports activities for our lower school

students," Conover said. "She has impacted thousands of kids, is always willing to do more, and has the best interest of our kids at the forefront. She puts her heart and soul into every kid, and as a father of three students at MV and a fellow employee, I can't thank her enough for what she does."

As one decade of coaching turned to three decades of coaching, Herrmann said she realized there never would be a "right" time to step away from coaching. "I am kind of at a point that I need to put my family and myself first. There have been many family things that I have missed that have really hit me hard that I can't ever get back," she said. "That's been really, really hard for me. There are other things that you can only do in the fall that I haven't been able to do because I work six days a week. That's been tugging at me. I feel like this is the time. I need to step away for my family. To step away for myself."



2020-21 SPORTS IN REVIEW

Like most things this year, our 2020-21 year was challenging, but Athletic Director Rob Conover said he was most proud of the coaches, student athletes, and families for their perseverance. While our participation numbers took a bit of a hit this year, Conover said Maumee Valley is positioned to rebound from that next school year. With all of the obstacles, our coaches and student athletes represented the school well. Following are some of the highlights from the year.

SOCCER

Under our new Coach Chad Lillich, and behind deep senior talent, the soccer team had one of its best years. Finishing as TAAC and district runner-ups, the seniors will go down as one of the all-time winningest groups to come through Maumee Valley. They did so against one of the toughest schedules in Northwest Ohio. The season included a victory over state-ranked rival Ottawa Hills, and a tie score against a Division I state-ranked opponent Northview. Senior Jack Zilba was selected to the All-Ohio Soccer Team, with Cam Kaminski, Finn Corcoran, and others receiving District Honors. It was a great year for the Hawks soccer programs, and the future remains bright.





FIELD HOCKEY

The field hockey team endured the most significant disruption of any team this past fall. The state's orders did not allow our team to play more than two games in one day. Those familiar with the field hockey schedule know that every Saturday in the past the Hawks would head to Cleveland for two games and Cleveland teams would come to Maumee Valley for two games. That significant change forced our team to travel to Cleveland sometimes twice in one week just to get games in. Led by a great group of seniors, our team stayed focused and had a great year winning the first round tournament game and narrowly losing in the second round to the No. 2 team in the state. Seniors Lila Foster, Catherine Bigenho, Sydney Schmitt, Sophie Schocket, Malu Lopez, Leah Williams, and Caroline Wishner helped the team adjust to the changes and provided great leadership throughout the season. Any coach will tell you that while winning is important, they want their team playing at its best at the end of the season. Terri Herrmann felt her team was doing just that!

On average, 65 percent of students in grades 7-12 participate in an athletic program at Maumee Valley

GIRLS TENNIS

The tennis team again saw progress this year. Seniors Lojayne Osman and Cara Boisenneault led the team to some major victories including Southview, Napoleon, Whitmer, and Wauseon. The program continues to build great culture and strategy that will lead to success in years to come.

BOYS TENNIS

In talking with tennis Coach Epifani Jones, she felt her program finally turned a corner this year behind senior Brad Koles and a young but talented group of tennis players. Incredible work ethic, combined with talent, and good scheme and strategy allowed our tennis team to put together one of the best seasons in almost a decade. Many teams throughout the area took notice of the new and improved Hawks, commenting on how our tennis team has now become a formidable opponent!



GOLF

The golf team, under our new Coach Milt Carswell, and at our new home course Stone Oak Country Club, saw great improvement throughout the year. Blake Rachwal finished the year as a first team all-TAAC selection, and Avi Joshi was an all-league selection as well. Our young team looks forward to building upon their success this year.



TRACK & FIELD

In a year where many schools saw a decline in their numbers, our track and field team continued to put together a roster of almost 50 students, which is by far the most participation in over a decade. With great numbers and loaded talent on the boys and girls side, our teams won several of their tri-meets and hauled home countless Invitational Individual victories. The boys team finished just short of a TAAC championship, finishing as this year's runner-up. Megan McNally finished as TAAC runner-up in the 100 M dash, Zach O'Neill finished as TAAC champion in the 100 M, 200 M, and 400 M, and Emily Porter was TAAC champion in the 800 M. The boys 4x400 team of Michal Grucki, Evan Dias, Zach O'Neill, and Jackson Dias were also TAAC champions. Zach O'Neill competed in the 200 M, 400 M, and 4x400 relay team at the OHSA Track and Field State Championship. The boys 4x400 relay team also competed at the OHSA Track and Field State Championship. To go from seven runners seven years ago, hoping to just win an event, to now competing for league championships and state championships — our team has much to be proud of!

CROSS COUNTRY

The cross country team also experienced massive changes to their season that forced them to adjust and adapt. Their schedule was essentially upended, but the team never lost stride in adjusting, as they made the most out of their season. Out of a tough situation, came something great. Our team was able to host the first cross country meet on school grounds in decades and hosted the first TAAC Championship on campus in our school's history. Evan Dias and Emily Porter both just missed heading to the state championships. In the end Evan Dias, Quinn Dunlap, Austin Corns, and Emily Porter were first team all-TAAC selections. Ian Rybak and Ben Fischl were second team selections.

What the varsity girls basketball team was able to accomplish was something they will take with them forever. Having seven players on a varsity team is incredibly challenging. Having seven players on a varsity team with no seniors is even more challenging. And then to play against the competition they played against and to be as competitive as they were was a great accomplishment. Those seven players and their coaches stuck together and developed great chemistry and culture this year, that will set their program and our school up for success in the future. Our school is indebted to the girls who refused to give up and keep our girls program moving forward. Many coaches in the area felt our coach deserved the Coach of the Year award as a testament to the job he did. We are excited for the future of our girls basketball program.

The boys team also found themselves working through challenges throughout the year. They had practiced for four straight weeks, scrimmaged a couple times, and were heading into their first week of games when everything shut down again. Every team in our league continued to practice and play while our team abided by the local orders. During that time off, the players were challenged to stay disciplined and continue to keep their bodies and minds ready to play. They often worked out in creative ways wherever they could. After a five-week pause to the season, they resumed play after four practices against teams that were in mid-season form and against tough competition. The group was led by four seniors who calmly helped our team navigate a challenging year. JR Lumsden finished his accomplished career with almost 1,400 points, and over 600 rebounds for his career. He will go down as one of the all-time leading scorers and rebounders in our school history as well as a first team all district, and first team all-TAAC selection. Our seniors, Tre Simms, J. R. Lumsden, Cam Kaminski, Ranen Chew, and Gage Kuhl's ability to set a great example for our young and very talented players who will take over the reins of our basketball team moving forward.



GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL

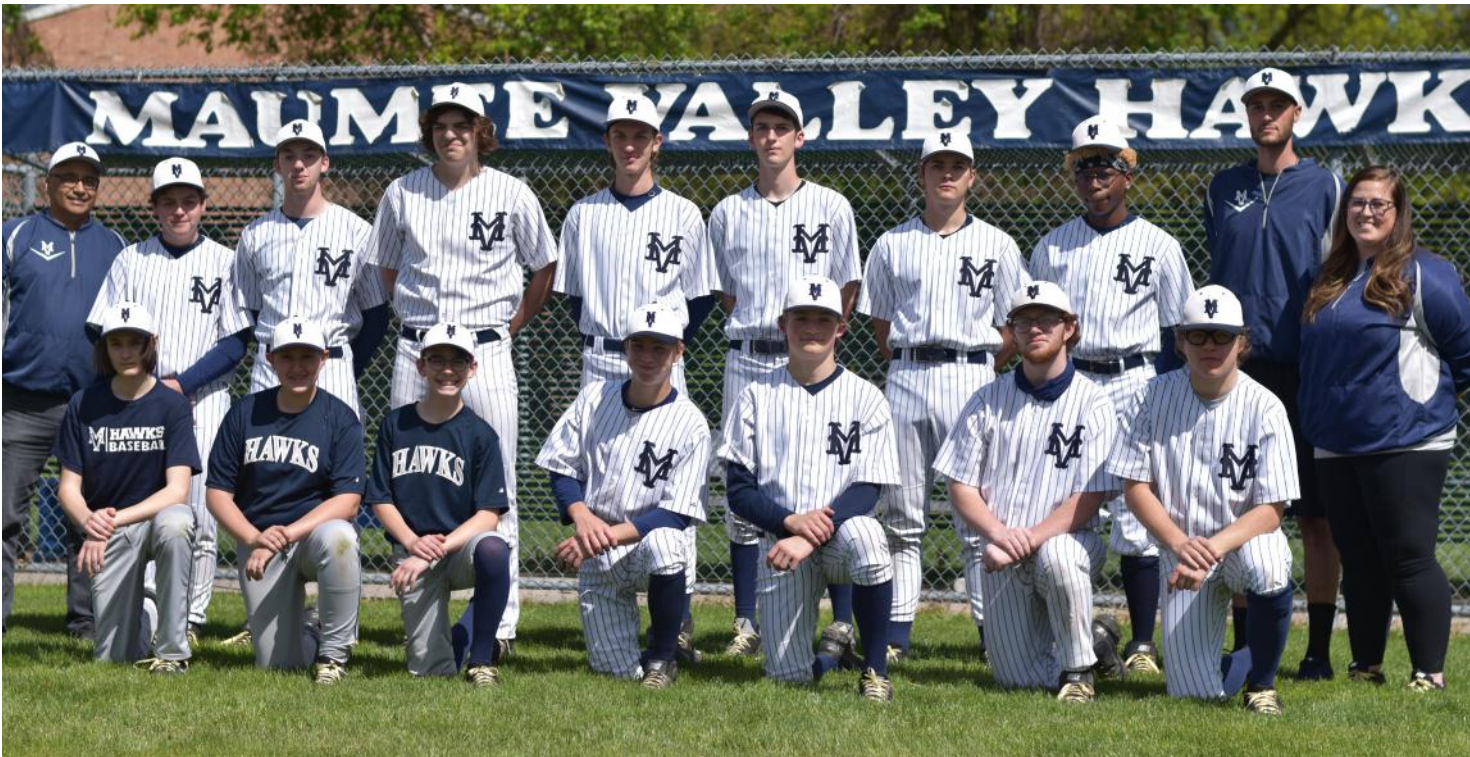


BASEBALL

When building a new program every rep, every practice, every game, and every minute is important to develop the program and players. Losing an entire year and bringing in a new coach could have been the end of the program. Instead, the baseball team persevered and was able to win five games this year under first-year Head Coach Dan Garcia. Drew Knorek, and Alec Schoepf both threw no-hitters during the year, and senior Eric Slotterbeck was selected as first team all-TAAC. It will be exciting to watch the team continue to build moving forward!

LACROSSE

Another program that was hurt by losing last year was the lacrosse team. As the team fought hard first to just get enough players to play, they then had to battle throughout the season with only having one or two subs per game against teams that had 10-15 subs. Our girls fought hard behind Female Athlete of the Year Sydney Schmitt and were playing at their best toward the end of the year, which included a thrilling overtime victory against Bedford. With all but one player returning next year, the team looks forward to making yet another step in the right direction.





IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT

to honor the Class of 2021 during our 137th graduation. After a challenging year, we were thrilled to welcome families back on campus to celebrate on the Anning Lawn.

It was a little bit different than ceremonies of the past because of spacing and other requirements because of the pandemic.

In his final act as a member of the Maumee Valley faculty, Tom Cambisios addressed the Class of 2021. He is retiring after 28 years at MV. Cambisios' bellowing laugh and warm greetings are as legendary as his penchant for proper grammar and his love of fine literature.

"Here's an important key to happiness: live a life centered on others," Cambisios said during his speech. "Yes, choose a career that brings you joy and fulfillment, but for real happiness, bring joy and fulfillment to others."

"Teaching, of course, is an 'other-centered' career. Engineering can be too, if you focus on projects that will help other people. Art can be 'other-centered' if you think of creating art as bringing happiness or new ways of thinking to other people. Paradoxically, the more you place other people in the foreground, the more your own personal happiness will grow. If you're ever feeling down when in college, go help other people.

Finally, live a life of gratitude every day. When you were freshmen, grading your essays started off like wading through quicksand, without all the pleasant jungle scenery and the leisure time as you got sucked under. Now, here is another confession: I loved grading your essays, even when I didn't like it. Because by the fall, I saw topic sentences finally pop up like oases in the desert of your prose. By the winter, your use of supporting evidence grew like a colony of E. coli. And by the spring, you could craft a compelling argument better than a narcoleptic lawyer. (I'm really killing the analogies here.) Keep a gratitude journal. Gratitude sometimes asks you to look at what you love, not what you like. Like Snickers bars. Love life. Because the more you are thankful for the things you love, the happier you will be. Maumee Valley is a special place. Even on the days when I didn't like teaching here, I loved teaching here."

There were 63 graduates this year, although some could not be with us in person. The event was recorded and streamed live on YouTube. You can watch it at www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfPLVHSPk-0.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021!

SENIOR AWARDS

HEAD OF SCHOOL AWARD Eleanor Byers
MAUMEE VALLEY PRIZE Catherine Bigenho

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

MATH AWARD Erika Bawab
CHINESE PRIZE Jonah Musher-Eizenman
ART PRIZE Suenpui "Didi" Chan and Shangyi "Sonny" Zhou
THEATRE PRIZE Anjalie-Nicole Coates
GLOBAL SCHOLAR Catherine Bigenho, Lila Foster, Maria Luisa Lopez Ruiz
NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR Anthony Jeremy Mahoney

LETTER OF COMMENDATION FROM NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION

Omar A. Alkhalili, Lojayne Osman, Kenan Zaidat

CUM LAUDE SOCIETY

Omar Alkhalili, Catherine Bigenho, Finn Corcoran, Danah Eltahawy, Norah Li, Anthony Jeremy Mahoney, Megan McNally, Sophie Schocket, Edward Xhang, Shereen Yassine, Kenan Zaidat, Mary Zhao

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION

Omar Alkhalili, Erika Bawab, Catherine Bigenho, Caden Bretzloff-Rohrs, Ranen Chew, Danah Eltahawy, Lila Foster, Michal Grucki, Shoshana Lavetter-Keidan, Maria Luisa, Lopez Ruiz, Megan McNally, Jonah Musher-Eizenman, Zane Reeves, Sophie Schocket, Sarah Whitacre, Caroline Wishner, Shereen Yassine, Kenan Zaidat, Jackson Zilba

SEAL OF BILITERACY

Omar Alkhalili, Anjalie-Nicole Coates, Finn Corcoran, Yusuf Daboul, Quinn Dunlap, Danah Eltahawy, Lila Foster, Gage Kuhl, Megan McNally, Sophie Schocket, Caroline Wishner, Kenan Zaidat

ATHLETIC AWARDS

JOSEPH D DIDIER SOCCER Jack Zilba
ROBERT W GOSMAN MEMORIAL Alicia Reichelt and Cameron Kaminski
DONNIE TAYLOR BASKETBALL J. R. Lumsden
OUTSTANDING SENIOR WOMAN ATHLETE Sydney Schmidt
DOUGLAS WHIPPLE MEMORIAL TROPHY Gage Kuhl
NUZUM AWARD Quinn Dunlap



Omar Alkhalili
University of California Los Angeles

Jose Alvarez
International University in Spain, IE

Bryce Augustyniak
Gap Year

Erika Bawab
Purdue University

Catherine Bigenho
Lehigh University

Mason Bleyer
Gap Year

Cara Boissoneault
Kalamazoo College

Caden Bretzloff-Rohrs
Northeastern University

Ethan Brissette
The University of Toledo

Abigail Britton-Lowden
Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Eleanor Byers
Emory University

Suenpui Chan
Pratt Institute

Ranen Chew
San Diego State University

Anjalie-Nicole Coates
**AMDA/College and Conservatory of
the Performing Arts**

Finn Corcoran
Purdue University

Jingxu Cui
Johns Hopkins University

Yusuf Daboul
The University of Toledo

Jackson Dias
Bowling Green State University

Quinn Dunlap
Davidson College

Danah Eltahawy
Case Western Reserve University

Lila Foster
Whitman College

Madeline Goewey
Skidmore College

Michal Grucki
European Medical School

Omar Heif
Stony Brook University

Minh Ngoc Ho
University of Michigan

Tyson Hughes
Gap Year

Cameron Kaminski
Allegheny College

Filip Kaspar
Czech Technical University in Prague

Bradford Koles
Williams College

Gage Kuhl
Tulane University

Shoshana Lavetter-Keidan
The Cooper Union

Norah Li
The Ohio State University

Maria Luisa Lopez Ruiz
Berklee School of Music

James Lumsden
Lakeland Community College

Bryce Maenle
The University of Toledo

Anthony Jeremy Mahoney
Duke University

Megan McNally
The Ohio State University

Jonah Musher-Eizenman
Boston University

Lojayne Osman
The Ohio State University

Natalie Patrick
Rochester Institute of Technology

Samuel Peters
University of Dayton

Zian Qiu
New York University

Zane Reeves
California Institute of Technology

Alicia Reichelt
The University of Rhode Island

Malcolm Schiewer
The University of Toledo

Sydney Schmitt
Earlham College

Sophie Schocket
Emory University

Tremaine Sims
The Champion School of Real Estate

Eric Slotterbeck
Bowling Green State University

Sarah Whitacre
New York University

Leah Williams
Bowling Green State University

Caroline Wishner
The Ohio State University

Shereen Yassine
The University of Toledo

Kenan Zaidat
The Ohio State University

Ari Zeiter
Purdue University

Haohan Zhang
University of Southern California

Zhiyu Zhao
New York University

Yifei Zheng
Case Western Reserve University

Nan Zhou
University of California, Davis

Shangyi Zhou
University of California, San Diego

Anzong Zhu
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Jackson Zilba
Butler University



MAUMEE VALLEY LIFERS

- ERIKA BAWAB
- CATHERINE BIGENHO
- ELEANOR BYERS
- RANEN CHEW
- JACKSON DIAS
- QUINN DUNLAP
- LILA FOSTER
- CAMERON KAMINSKI
- SHOSHANA LAVETTER-KEIDAN
- MEGAN MCNALLY
- SAMUEL PETERS
- CAROLINE WISHNER



SPENDING NEARLY HALF OF THE DAY OUTSIDE ALSO INCLUDED SLEEPING ON MATS AROUND A FIRE DURING THE WINTER.

THE FUTURE STORY

REMAINING TRUE TO OUR ROOTS



MAUMEE VALLEY'S FOREST SCHOOL-INSPIRED PROGRAM IS A HYBRID OF DANISH FOREST SCHOOL AND AN EXPERIENTIAL APPROACH TO TEACHING OUR UNIQUE MAUMEE VALLEY CURRICULUM.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION has traditionally had a significant spot in the Maumee Valley Country Day School curriculum, but a recent growth in the forest school-inspired initiative now permeates throughout the 75-acre campus.

A national leader in nature-based education has taken note of our unique forest school-inspired program and decided to host a Nature-Based Teacher Certification course on Maumee Valley's campus this summer. The Eastern Region Association of Forest Schools and Nature Schools (ERAFANS) plans to host two levels of teacher certification courses on July 19-23. There will be about 50 educators from eight different states and Ohio. Maumee Valley will have more than 10 staff who plan to participate in the training, including every teacher through second grade, along with administrators and support staff. "We have the vision of diving deeper into outdoor education. For

us, this professional development opportunity aligns with our goal of wanting to be the educational leaders in Northwest Ohio. Forest school is relatively new for Maumee Valley, but taking learning outside has always been a part of MVCDS' identity. I think ERAFANS took notice that we're invested in outdoor education and we have been for a long time," said Michelle Thomas, head of pre-kindergarten through second grade. "We are fully invested in outdoor education and we're trying to see how the forest school philosophy aligns in our Lower School. We are continuously researching what's best for children and we are leading the way in progressive education. You don't see many other schools hosting events like this in Northwest Ohio."

Today, Maumee Valley's forest school-inspired program is a hybrid of Danish forest school and an experiential approach to teaching our unique Maumee Valley curriculum. Our Prekindergarten-second grade teachers effortlessly align their curriculum, like the primary's

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simple machines unit, or foundational math and literacy skills in the Early Learning Center (ELC), with a nature-based approach to learning. It also incorporates bringing nature into the classroom. According to research on the benefits students have from participating in forest school programs, children develop increased confidence, self-esteem, improved communication skills, better balance and coordination, more fine motor skills, increased relaxation, better concentration and a motivation to learn. Our students develop such skills by climbing trees, swinging on vines, jumping in muddy puddles or working together to cross fallen trees or climbing the hillside in one of several outdoor classrooms on the 75-acre campus.

Outdoor education has always been a staple at Maumee Valley and even in the 1930s, students spent "hours wading in swamps, chasing snakes and frogs," according to The Weathervane. From remnants of when campus had horses or the gardening program students utilized and many more — students and alumni have endless stories and experiences on what outdoor education has meant to them.

Monica Wiedel-Lubinski is the executive director of ERAFANS and her organization is facilitating the summer training on campus. She met Thomas during ERAFANS' training in Baltimore in 2019. "Nature-based education (NBE) is an expression of nature connection, and nature connection is beneficial to all people — students and staff alike. Although it may feel more accessible to introduce nature-based education into playful early childhood curriculum, interdisciplinary links to NBE are relevant across grade levels," Wiedel-Lubinski said. "Schools like MVCDS who embrace NBE in higher grades have a keen understanding of the interwoven relationship that NBE has on increasingly complex content. More holistically, NBE is integral to the health and well-being of our communities and the cultural aspects of stewarding while sharing nature don't vanish when children reach first grade."



WHILE NOMADIC TRIBES OFTEN USED YURTS IN ASIA BECAUSE OF THEIR PORTABILITY, A GENEROUS DONOR HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR MAUMEE VALLEY STUDENTS TO UTILIZE MORE OF OUR 75-ACRE CAMPUS FOR LEARNING.

THE YURT SHOULD BE COMPLETED FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR AND PRELIMINARY WORK THAT INCLUDES GETTING THE REQUIRED PERMITS, CONSTRUCTING THE FOUNDATION AND OTHER PLANNING IS UNDERWAY. SOME SURVEYING WORK AND LAND CLEARING MUST BE COMPLETED AS WELL.

STAFF ARE WORKING ON FINALIZING A LOCATION FOR THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM AND PLANS ARE TO HAVE IT DEEP INTO THE FOREST AND FOR IT TO HAVE A HEAT SOURCE. THE HEAT SOURCE WILL ALLOW STUDENTS TO STAY OUTSIDE LONGER AND ALSO BE A SHELTER FROM THE ELEMENTS WHEN NEEDED. WHILE IT'S THE GOAL TO KEEP STUDENTS OUTSIDE FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, SOMETIMES WET CONDITIONS AND THE LACK OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT DOESN'T MAKE THAT POSSIBLE. THE HOPE IS TO SECURE A SKI LODGE-LIKE BOOT WARMER AND AN INDUSTRIAL WASHER AND DRYER TO COMPLEMENT THE ADDITION OF THE YURT.

THE STRUCTURE IS POSSIBLE DUE TO THE ESTATE GIFT FROM MR. TOM R. DEUPREE.



School leaders leaned heavily on outdoor learning spaces this year after the COVID-19 pandemic shuttered our campus last spring. There were two dozen outdoor learning spaces utilized starting this fall, and there also were five large canvas tents spread out across the campus. This allowed our teachers and students to safely space out and take advantage of nature-based learning. At the start of the school year, the ELC's forest school-inspired program meant that students spent 50 percent of their time outdoors engaging in structured and unstructured learning experiences, while the other half of their time is spent learning indoors.

New for the 2020-21 school year was the expansion of forest school up to second grade. With the intention to expand the program into third grade for the 2021-22 school year. "For ERAFANS as a forest and nature school association, we are always planting seeds of nature-based education through professional development," Wiedel-Lubinski said. "We are honored to hold our certification course at MVCDS and welcome educators to your neck of the woods."

If you are interested in learning more about the program, visit mvcds.org.



THE 43RD ANNUAL AUCTION RAISED \$187,500. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF MVCDS.

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43RD ANNUAL AUCTION

This year, with the help of our chairs, **JESSIE BOHL NAPRAWA '98** and **LISA OBERLIN**, MVCDS hosted the 43rd ANNUAL AUCTION Week! The festivities kicked off May 1 with a Live Auction Variety Show in the Millennium Theater that was able to be seen around the world on YouTube. If we learned anything from this past year, it is that we can easily connect and have our passionate MV community support each other. Full recap of the weeklong event to come in the next issue of *The Valley*.



HEAD OF SCHOOL LYNN CASTO, FRED KOLES '82 AND DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT CHRIS HOLINSKI THANK PARTICIPANTS DURING THE 43RD ANNUAL LIVE AUCTION VARIETY SHOW ON MAY 1.

OUR SCHOOL



September 13—With fond summer memories behind, we once more return to dear old M. V.



September 23—Attempts are made to broaden our culture (or something) and we all trip obediently (?) to the Art Museum for weekly lectures.



October 5—*Le Cercle Français* has its first meeting. “Pas un mot d’ Anglais!”



October 6—After four vicious hockey battles the Browns finally conquer the Oranges.



October 29—Soft music, a full moon What a night for the seniors’ dance!



November 18—Today we assume our best company manners, for the mothers come to lunch. Juniors and seniors dance.



November 24—Oh boundless joy! We have our first vacation. Well let’s “eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we—” go back to school.



December 2—Juniors and sophomores have a party for some of their friends from other schools.



December 9—*Weather Vane* board gives dinner and treasure hunt for the ad-contest winners, the sophomores. The kitchen help (the juniors) get roasted alive.

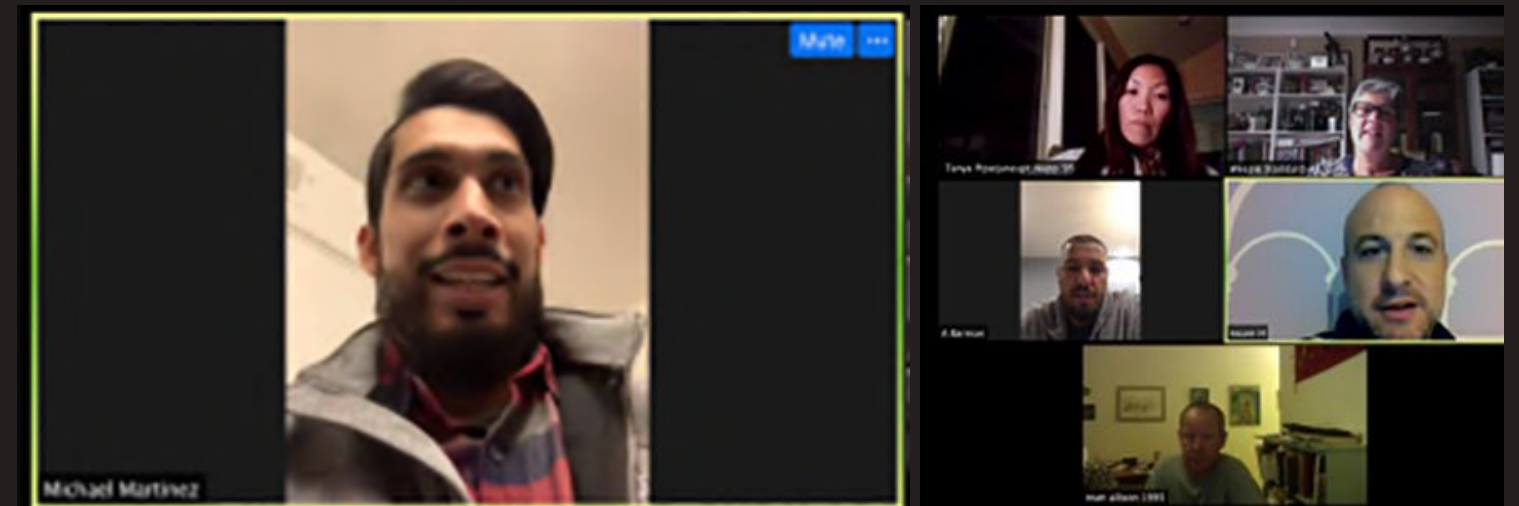


CLASS OF '80 VIRTUAL REUNION

VIRTUAL REUNIONS

CLASS OF '55

CLASS OF '90



CLASS OF '05

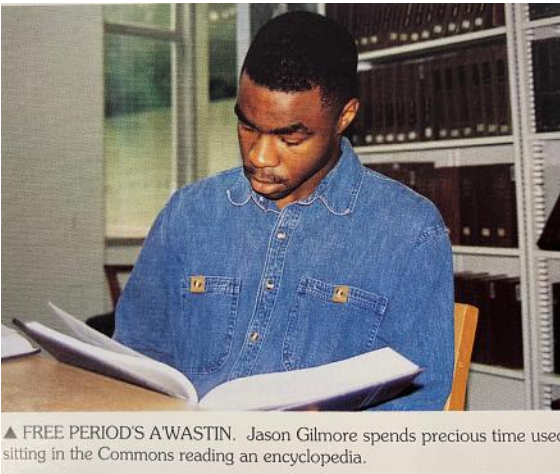
CLASS OF '95

CLASS NOTES

VIRTUAL SOAPBOX SERIES

In an opportunity to build community, connect students with alumni in order to learn from their experiences — the Maumee Valley Alumni Council started a virtual soapbox series.

The series also is an avenue for alums to give back, share, and encourage our current students. A Zoom panel of alumni working in entertainment featured six panelists in February:



Steven Ashley '70, Managing Director of Masterpiece, PBS's flagship Sunday night series

Kelvin McIlwain '88, VFX Supervisor known for his work on blockbusters including Aquaman and Fast 7

Jason Gilmore '94, writer and director of acclaimed short films that have played on the major broadcast networks

Parul Agrawal '01, Vice President, Drama Development, at Warner Bros. Television

Tyler Boehm '01, Vice President of Sobini Films

Anant Tamirisa '02, Senior Vice President of Business and Legal Affairs at AGC Studios

Panelists talked about their current roles in the industry and explained their career paths. The

CONNECTS ALUMNI, CURRENT STUDENTS

panel took questions and young alumni took the opportunity to learn more about the industry, ask for career advice, and make connections with working professionals.

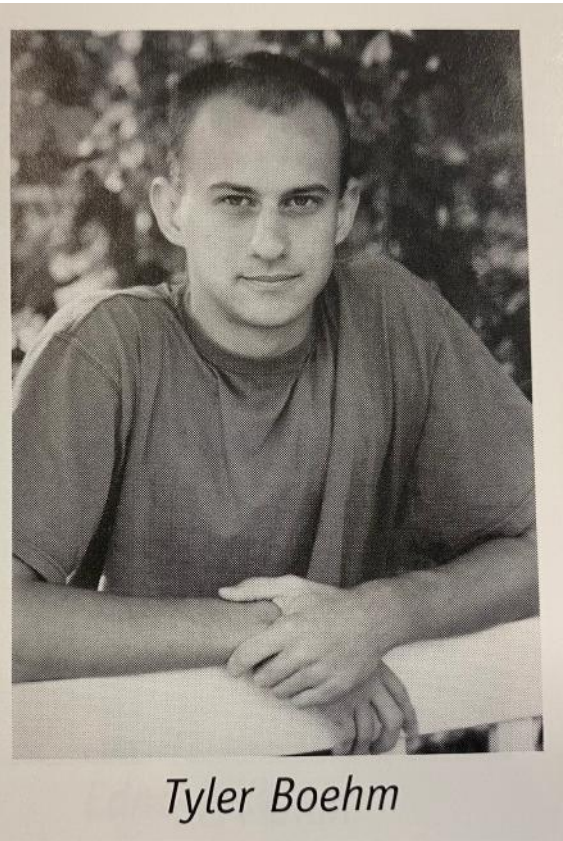
The series began in January with a diversity, equity and inclusion panel called "Coming of Mute: Maumee Valley Alumni Speaking Up and Showing up for our Community."

Panelists included Moderator Nihal Kattar '13, Rachel Watkins '89, Asma Elgamal '15, Grace O'Leary '16, Valentina Xu '18, and Head of School Lynn Casto.

Maumee Valley provided a timeline of its DEI work, including staff training, a partnership with a DEI consultant, and reworking the curriculum. The rest of the time allowed for participants to hear panelists' experiences at MV to shed light on the work that still needs to be done to make MV a more inclusive space.

We hope to continue these conversations with the intention of hosting an open forum discussion, as well as providing more ways for the MV administration and alumni to take action in the coming months.

Those interested in getting involved can email Weezie Foster Stoddard '82 at wstoddard@mvcds.org.



CLASS NOTES

1950s



STEVE FOSTER '57 AND KAY RATHBUN FOSTER '58
Kay and Steve show off their Maumee Valley Lifer Club t-shirts, married 60 years.

1970s

PHILIP WILLIAMS '71
Since January, Philip has written more than 20 plays of various lengths from 10n-minute to full-length (over two hours), and many of them are available through Smith Scripts. Philip's entire catalogue is 40-plus plays all of which can be seen on his New Play Exchange page. NPX page: <https://newplayexchange.org/users/2009/philip-middleton-williams>

The five publications in the photo are the following five plays that have been published by Smith Scripts and just barely scratch the surface.

In December 2020, Philip was honored by the Antique Automobile Club of America South Florida Region as their Most Valuable Member for 2020. He's been a member of the board of directors of the local club since 2003 and has served as Membership Chair since then, maintaining the database

for a chapter with over 140 members (and their antique cars), handling annual renewals and registration for our local shows and events, including the annual Art Deco Weekend show on Miami Beach in January.

AACA South Florida is one of the most active chapters in the antique car hobby, putting on up to five local shows in venues throughout the South Florida region as well as providing cars for the Memory Lane exhibit at the annual Miami International Auto Show at the Miami Beach Convention Center. Their club also provides judges for the annual Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance. Many of our members have won awards through the national Antique Automobile Club of America.

Personally, his antique car is a 1988 Pontiac 6000 Safari that he's owned for 32 years, having purchased it in 1989 in Traverse City, Michigan. It

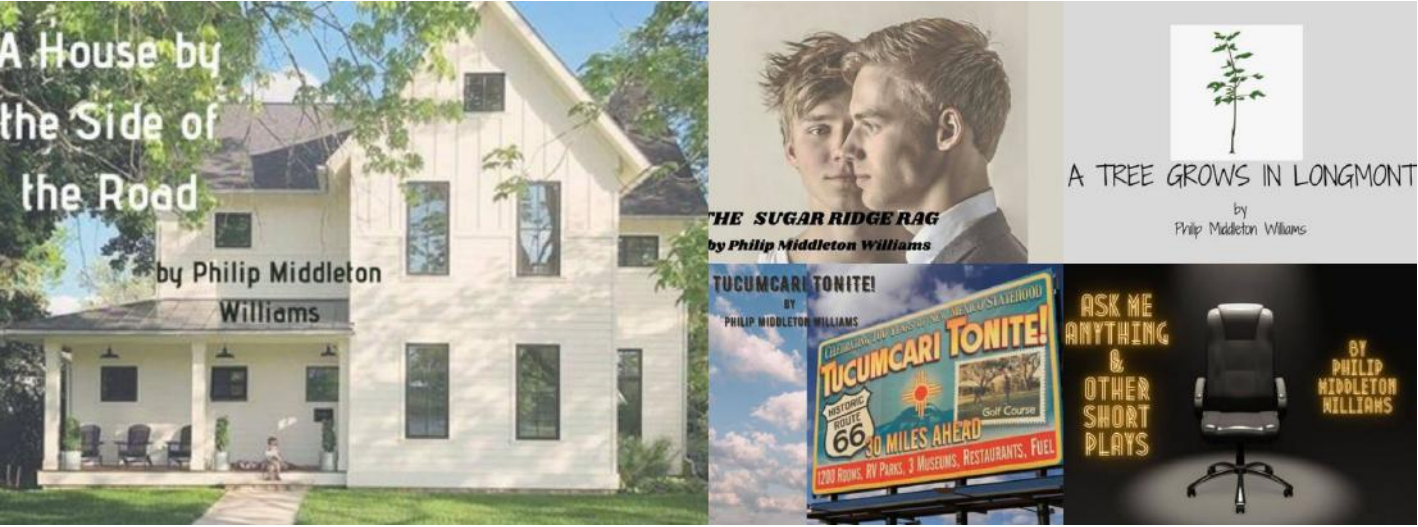
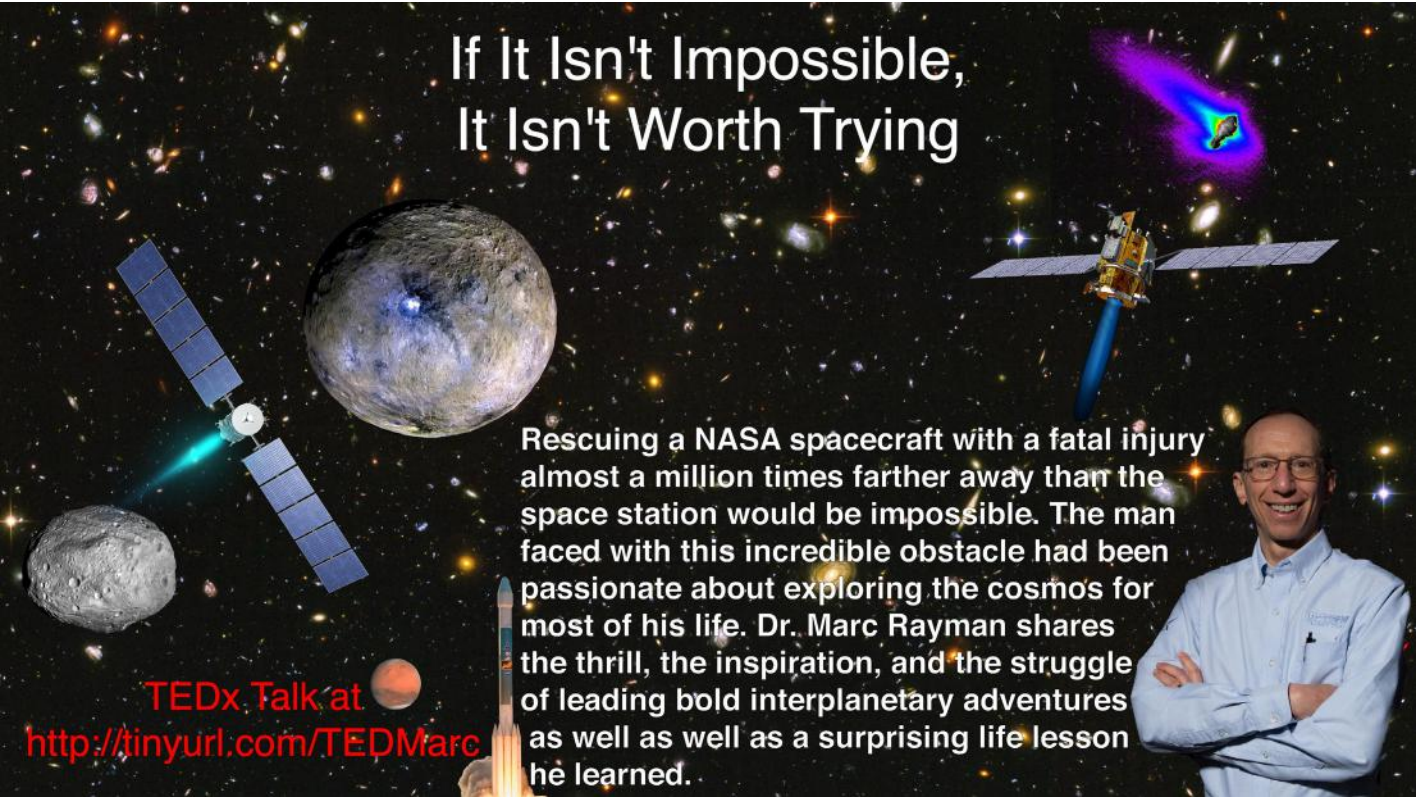


Photo L-R:
1. "A House by the Side of the Road" is a collection of seven short plays about a father and his sons throughout their lives and after.
2. "The Sugar Ridge Rag" is a play about twin brothers at 17 in 1970 going different directions in the shadow of the war in Vietnam.
3. "A Tree Grows in Longmont" is about me and my late partner, Allen, and a look back at our life together.
4. "Tucumcari Tonite!" is about Alex, a bail bondsman from Las Vegas, taking Tony, a mob accountant, across country to his new life and identity under witness protection.
5. "Ask Me Anything and Other Short Plays" is a collection of eleven short plays ranging from outrageous to farce; parody and mockery to touching.



Dr. Marc Rayman '74 presenting his TEDx Talk

has over 250,000 miles on it. It was built at the GM of Canada plant in Oshawa, Ontario (hence the 1988 Ontario license plate) and has been in numerous shows since it became an antique in 2013 when it turned 25. It's been to the summer cottage in Michigan, on skiing trips in Colorado and New Mexico, and he still drives it every week to the supermarket, just as millions of families did with their station wagons when they were the ultimate family car. It has made many trips to Kazmaier's Market in Perrysburg.



DR. MARC RAYMAN '74
Marc's TED talk is now available under the name "If It Isn't Impossible, It Isn't Worth Trying." You won't be surprised that he talked about space, but his objective in the talk is to make a larger point that applies to many other endeavors. The event was on Oct. 24 but due to COVID-19, he pre-recorded the video at home.

1990s



MIRIAM GOHARA '90
Miriam is a Clinical Associate Professor of Law at Yale Law School. Professor Gohara spent 16 years representing death-sentenced clients in post-conviction litigation, first as assistant counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund (LDF) and then as a specially designated federal public defender with the Federal Capital Habeas Project. You can read more about some of her work at <https://bit.ly/3e6gcvl>.

CLASS NOTES

ELLE



Future Of Beauty's 20 For 2020

Twenty of the year's most impactful forces in the beauty industry.

BY TEAM ELLE DEC 10, 2020

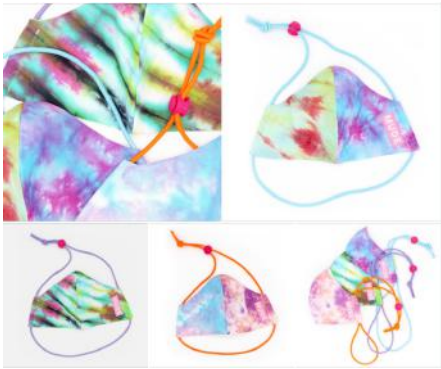
MONA GOHARA '93
Mona was featured in ELLE as one of the beauty industry leaders for 2020. Mona created a line of skincare products along with Unilever for men and women with melanin-rich skin. "It is important that everyone has access to skincare products that are backed by science," Gohara said. Read the entire feature at <https://bit.ly/3mUpCyt>.



VISWANT KORRAPATI '99 AND VIN GUPTA '01
Dr. Vin Gupta, a leading Healthcare Policy Expert, and MSNBC Correspondent joins The Pilot Boys Podcast to talk everything COVID as it relates to sports, vaccines, treatments, as well as his role and perspective in Healthcare consulting and more!



EMILY KOELSCH REBORI '97
2020 and 2021 has been a busy year! Luckily, COVID has not been as terrible for kids as we first thought it would be. As a pediatrician, we are trying to keep our kids safe while still providing regular care. My office colleagues and I also recently signed up to be a clinic site for residents from Westchester Medical Center/MFCH where I did my residency. We will be educating the next generation of pediatricians! In my spare time, I am the vice president of the Board of Directors for the Child care Council of Westchester, an organization that advocates for high-quality, safe, and affordable child care and helps pair families with the child care they need. It is very rewarding work! Stay well, wear a mask, and get vaccinated, Emily.



MAUDE KASPERZAK '07
MUDE is an accessory and home goods line that aims to inspire fun and playfulness to every day through colorful, one-of-a-kind pieces. Featuring hand-painted and dyed textiles, MUDE products range from face masks, purses, pouches, and soft storage solutions. From start to finish, every item is designed, created, and produced by Maude Kasperzak in her Baltimore, MD studio. Find out more at <https://mudestudios.com/shop>.

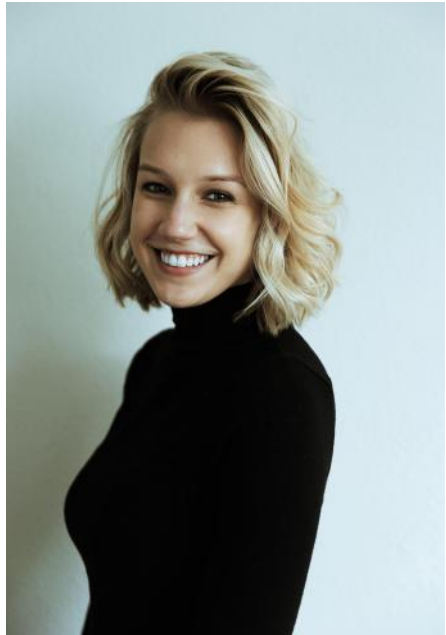
BREANNE BERGEON '15
I have been working as a registered nurse since October of last year on the front lines since the first outbreak of COVID. I worked as an RN for one year in one of the busiest emergency departments in downtown San Antonio. I then made the decision to transfer to critical care to help out in our COVID ICU unit. During its peak, the virus completely exhausted, not only our resources but our staff. At one point, we didn't have enough ventilators or rooms to keep up with the influx of patients that were coming through our doors. People were testing positive left and right and our staff was pushed to take care of patients in the most critical conditions. With new information being released every single day,



JANGUS WHITNER '10
Jangus doing his part to help with vaccines. He was interviewed in Columbus, OH for extra vaccines. Providers double-check lists to maximize vaccinations and prevent waste. Interested in the MYTHS vs. REALITIES of COVID19 Vaccines? Watch a Livestream of a Panel Jangus joined with Dr. Mysheika Roberts (Health Commissioner, Columbus Public Health) and Dr. Leslie Mathew (Chair of Healthcare Admin. Program, Franklin Univ.).

PETER FUNK '13
Peter is back on MV's campus as a remote learning advisor for grades 5-6, and a teaching assistant to the Lower/Middle school. He graduated from BGSU with a Master of Arts degrees in History and German. He is so excited to be back at his alma mater to make a difference in the lives of MV students!

HARRISON HEARD '14
Harrison Heard is a Tenor, Voice Teacher, and Photographer based in the Princeton, New Jersey Area.



we have had to adapt daily to changes in care and policies, all while protecting ourselves and our patients. We are the advocates and voices for our patients. We are the communication between family and loved ones. We are

the sole providers 24/7, 12 hours a day for this vulnerable population. We are their only sense of comfort for days or even weeks on end. The way this virus affects people young and old is different than anything I have ever seen. The smallest change in vent settings, drips, and care, in general, can be detrimental, no matter how necessary they may be. Nothing can be predicted. I never would have thought that as a new graduate nurse I would be working in a pandemic, but it has allowed me to grow both as a person and a healthcare professional. The experience and heartache I have gone through will be with me forever. It has been a whirlwind of an experience and one I will never forget.

CLASS NOTES

JACOB WILL '03
Jake and his wife Melissa welcomed their daughter Camila Rey born on Dec. 14, 2020, 9 lbs., 2 oz., 22 in. long.



AVEN CREUTZ '94
Evan and his wife Dara just celebrated their daughter Isla's first birthday. They live in SW Oregon where Evan is an environmental lawyer for Sea Shepherd, a nonprofit, public interest law firm focused on ocean conservation.



MICHAEL KRUEGER '03
Michael, Sarah, Mason, and Ethan welcomed Garrett Allan Krueger, 7 lbs., 9 oz., and Graham Louis Krueger, 8 lbs., 2 oz. to the family on Aug. 28, 2020.

MATT KOLLARITS '04
Matt and Stefanie Marotta Kollarits welcomed their son, Isaac David Kollarits, on Nov. 9, weighing 9 lbs., 14 oz. and 21.5 in. long. Jay (3) and Isaac are a happy couple of brothers.



BEA CHRISTINA ELLIOT FRANKEL '04
Christina, Joseph, and big brother Charlie welcome Perry Louise Frankel, born Nov. 4 at 7 lbs., 7 oz. and 19 in. long.

KYLE O'CONNELL '05
Whitney, Kyle, Liam-3, and Joseph-2 welcomed Annalise Marie O'Connell on Feb. 11, 2021, weighing 7 lbs., 2 oz. and 19.5 in. long.



LINEA PARRY FALTER '12
Linea and Mitch welcomed their son, George Mitchell Falter born on Jan. 6, 2021, weighing 6 lbs., 9 oz., and 20 in. long.



CHANDLER JOHNSON INGLE '13
Chandler and Joshua welcomed Charlotte Reese Ingle on March 3, 2020, weighing 9 lbs. and is 21.5 in. long.



NEW ARRIVALS



ROBIN NORLEN '06
Robin and Linnea welcomed Leon Jonathan Norlen on Feb. 20, 2020, weighing 8 lbs., 1 oz. and 20 in. long.



QUINN BERGEON RUSU '12
Quinn married Lucian Rusu on Oct. 5. The couple welcomed Madelynn Emery Rusu on Nov. 21 in San Antonio, Texas, weighing 6 lbs., 3 oz. and 18 in. long.

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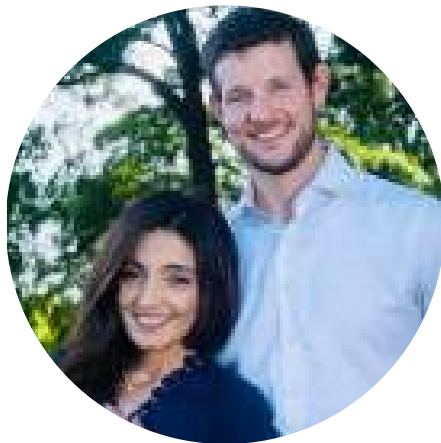
DAVID COHEN '81

David married Jill Hoffman on Nov. 30, 2020, in St. Lucia at a place called Jade Mountain. They loved it so much that they stayed an extra five days and already booked it for their anniversary next year. Between the two of them, they have four kids.



SARA ALLOY '01

Sara Alloy ('01) and Dwaine Williams were engaged on Nov. 14. Sara is an Associate Creative Director for a global tech consultancy, and Dwaine is a Senior Structural Engineer in the solar racking industry. They live in Washington, D.C., with their two cats and miniature schnauzer. They're extremely excited to be planning a Spring 2022 wedding in the countryside of Northern Virginia.



MICHAEL ANSPACH '04

Michael got engaged to Shuhra Assad on Aug. 30, 2020, at the Toledo Country Club.



ELLERY

KATE LUNGMUS '05

Kate and Travis Lee celebrated their wedding on Nov. 28 in Elgin, Okla. Kate and her husband Travis are both stationed at Fort Sill where they teach field artillery captains to be commanders. They will both be promoted to major next summer. Pat Lungmus, Carlyn, and Riley Lungmus were at the wedding.



SAMANTHA GEISER '07

Samantha got engaged to Tom Paquette II, on Jan. 5, 2021.



TAJÉ 'TJ' ROBINSON '10

Donald Miller proposed to Tajé on Nov. 15, and she said yes! Congratulations!

ENGAGEMENTS



ANDREW FALK '08

Andrew married Kat Wiesenbahn on August 1, 2020, in Cincinnati.



GILLIAN OSSWALD '10

Gillian got engaged to Clark Van Winkle at Pier 45 Hudson River Park, New York City on Aug. 15, 2020.



MOIZ HASSA '11

Moiz got engaged to Sabeen Sidiki in February 2020.



LAURA ZIMA '11

Laura got engaged to James Mark on May 29, 2020.



EMILY BRETZOLF-ROHRS '13

Emily got engaged to Griffin Boustany at Two K Farms Cidery & Winery on July 25, 2020.



THAD WOODARD '14

Thad proposed to Sabrina Chandra in Philadelphia on Oct. 25 and she said yes!

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALUMNI COUNCIL

Greetings Members of the Maumee Valley Community,

According to Article 4, Section 3 of the Alumni Council bylaws, "Council members will participate in ongoing discussions via whatever means of correspondence is available and appropriate." In a year like no other, the Alumni Council has found that not only is Zoom available and appropriate, but a remarkably valuable tool for enhancing community engagement. Not to mention, it has provided a newfound way to mute myself!

Coming together as a community is a long-held Maumee Valley tradition. Every year, we gather, and we give. While this year has certainly looked different for all of us, the Alumni Council's mission to maintain and promote meaningful connections remains. In an effort to build on school tradition, broaden our alumni base, and emphasize the vital role alumni play in the financial health of the school, the Council focused on two projects this year.

With a nod to Upper School Assembly and an intention to connect students and alumni personally and professionally, we launched the Virtual Soapbox Series. Our first event, Coming Off Mute: MV Alumni Speaking Up and Showing Up established an essential, ongoing community dialogue about DEI. Our second event, Film and Entertainment, featured alumni discussing their experiences as professionals in the entertainment industry. A huge thank you and congratulations to Tyler Boehm '01, Melanie Gross '91, Grace O'Leary '16, Nihal Kattar '13, Mark Goldman '84, and all of the panelists for producing, hosting, and participating in these thoughtful discussions. Our next soapbox will be presented in the fall. Please stay tuned.

Our second initiative was to begin working more strategically with the Advancement Department. Every student who attends Maumee Valley benefits from the gifts that others have made before them, and the Alumni Council plays an essential role in creating and promoting opportunities for giving back. This year, in support of the 43rd Annual Auction, council members Joss Kiely '01, Megan Fish Robson '00, and Alex DeRosa '82 made a beautiful cookbook featuring student artwork and the favorite recipes of current and past faculty and staff members. Copies of The Epicurious Hawk are still available for purchase. Please contact Weezie if interested.

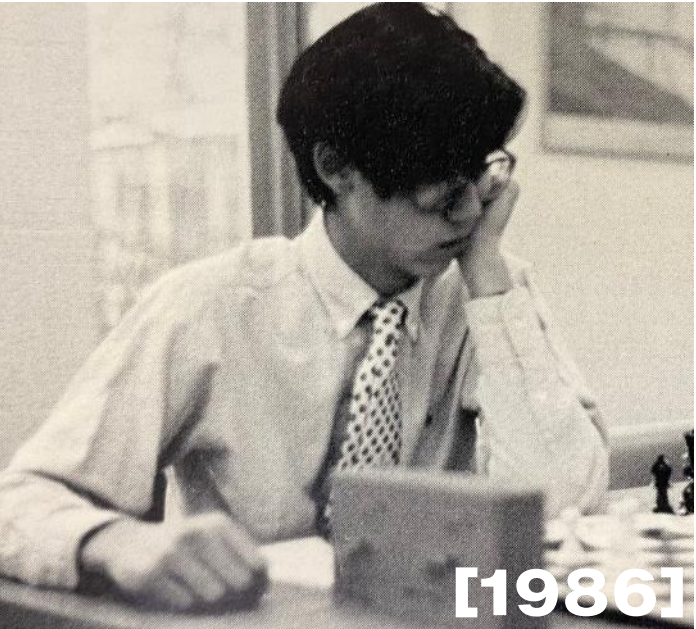
I am privileged to serve the MV community with such a creative, hard-working, and dedicated group. Thank you for all that you do to make MVCDS the culturally vibrant and academically distinguished school that it is. I look forward to seeing many of you (virtually or in person) soon!

Kindly,

Jessie Bohl Naprawa '98
President, Maumee Valley Alumni Council, 2020-22

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: [CHESS CLUB, 1981 - 2010]

Written by **Ken Meinecke** P '06, '07, '09



When I arrived in 1981, I asked if there was a chess team, and everyone told me about how great the team used to be back in the 60s and 70s. Someone even found some old trophies the team had won which had been thrown in a box in storage. The trophies were either broken or falling apart. Someone else found what was left of the chess sets the team used. It had been good tournament quality equipment at one time, but none of the sets were complete anymore.

The first year for my team I had six people who came to practice somewhat regularly, but I often had to track them down on the night of a chess match to have the four players I needed to have a team. I recruited anyone and everyone to play chess for the first few years, but it was clear we were in a building phase.

That all changed in 1984 with the arrival of Doug Creutz as a freshman. Doug recruited his friend Eliab Erulkar and Middle School student, JoJo Thirasilpa also began playing with the team. We won our division in the Toledo Chess League and made it to the playoffs. In fact, the team made it to the playoffs every year for the next 10 years. In 1986, Daniel Siegel, came to MV and joined the team with no experience playing chess. He became the fourth player on a team that won the Toledo league championship twice and was runner up one year. That was also the first time I took the MV chess team to the State chess tournament. (note, teams do not need to qualify for the state tournament in chess) We won a trophy that year, seventh place out of 29 teams. Their best finish at the State Tournament was third place. (I don't remember what year that happened.)



By 1990, I had 18 students playing chess with a desire to be on the team. I was no longer tracking down students to play for matches. Several of the students started playing as Middle School students. I also had an afterschool chess program in the Middle School because of the interest among the students. MV was not the only school with lots of students interested in chess. The Toledo league started a division for schools with enough plays to have three teams of four players. Everyone who wanted to play chess had an opportunity to play in an interscholastic chess match.



By the late 90s, interest in chess began to wane. I still had students interested in chess, but there were too many other activities at MV to get students to put in the time to develop their chess skills to keep the team competitive. There were always one or two players who were strong chess players, but overall, the team was not as competitive. By the year 2000, the problem for players was conflicts with other activities they were participating in. I was once again having difficulty getting enough players for matches. Gone were the days of a player like Doug Creutz, who did not play on the basketball team his senior year, because he wanted to focus on chess.



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