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Dear Maumee Valley,

It's an exciting time to be a part of the Maumee Valley community! We have launched our new strategic plan, revised our mission statement, promoted a new guiding principle, and solidified our commitment to Maumee Valley's vision to provide each student a personal, experiential, and global education.

Despite continuing to educate in a global pandemic, the Maumee Valley spirit is alive and well. Our Middle and Upper School students completed their Winter Intensives (formerly Winterim) where they engaged in hands-on, collaborative learning with peers and faculty. Just a few of the highlights were the Cardboard Boat Regatta, Race in America, Astrophysics, History of Art, Applied Ethics, and How to Get Your First Job. During this same time, our students in Upper School also had the opportunity to engage in independent study work. Examples of these endeavors include program titles such as Environmental and Invasive Species Work in Florida, What is a Life Well-Lived?, Immersion into the Field of Psychology, and Sensory-Motor Processing at a Whole-Brain Level in C, Elegans. Intensive and independent study opportunities allow Maumee Valley students to delve deeply into specific topics and explore non-traditional educational paths. This is one way MV students blaze their own educational trail.

In this issue of The Valley, we celebrate the thirty-year impact of the Wolfe Gallery, a space that showcases student and professional artwork while providing opportunities for outreach to our community. When I see the joy and pride on students' faces as they explain to their parents and peers about the work hanging on the gallery walls, I'm reminded of the profound difference this space makes. It allows art to be infused into our students' daily lives.

I wish you all the best as spring arrives. We hope to see you back on campus soon to reconnect our Maumee Valley community.

Sincerely,



Lynn D. Casto
Head of School



TRAILS TO TRANSFORMATION: OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTION

TRAILBLAZING WILL DEFINE OUR APPROACH TO OUR WORK FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AT MAUMEE VALLEY AS WE IMPLEMENT THE NEW STRATEGIC PLAN. WHILE MUCH OF THE WORK WILL TAKE PLACE OVER THAT ENTIRE TIME, WE HAVE BEGUN TO MAKE PROGRESS IN YEAR ONE. THIS WORK REFLECTS THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF THE BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION, ALONG WITH FACULTY AND STAFF, STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND ALUMNI WHO WERE CONSULTED THROUGH SURVEYS AND FEEDBACK SESSIONS IN THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS.

AT MAUMEE VALLEY, WE BELIEVE IN A SPIRIT OF INNOVATION AND A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE THAT HAS DEFINED OUR SCHOOL FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY. WE REMAIN UNDETERRED IN OUR COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT TO EDUCATE AND INSPIRE TOMORROW'S LEADERS BY CULTIVATING CREATIVITY AND ENCOURAGING EXPLORATION.

WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT THE STRATEGIES, METHODOLOGIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND RESOURCES NEEDED TO NOT ONLY EMBRACE BUT ADVANCE OUR MISSION ARE EVER-EVOLVING. OUR STRATEGIC PLAN, "TRAILS TO TRANSFORMATION," SERVES TO PROVIDE THE PATHWAYS THAT BEST POSITION US TO MEET OUR GOALS AND REALIZE OUR POTENTIAL — FROM CURRICULUM TO COMMUNITY, FUNDING TO FACILITIES, PEOPLE TO PROCESSES, AND COMMUNICATION TO COLLABORATIONS.

BELOW IS A SNAPSHOT OF WHAT WE HAVE OR PLAN TO ACCOMPLISH IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES ALL FACULTY AND STAFF ARE PARTICIPATING IN PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES (PLCS) TO LEARN ABOUT AND IMPLEMENT AREAS OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN. MEMBERS OF EACH PLC QUESTION THE STATUS QUO, RESEARCH NEW METHODS, TEST THE TECHNIQUES AND THEN REFLECT ON THE RESULTS. EACH ADULT LEARNS BY DOING. THE FOLLOWING PLCS ARE IN ACTION THIS SCHOOL YEAR AT MAUMEE VALLEY:

- **Mastery Learning**
- **Service Learning**
- **Outdoor Education**
- **SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity)**
- **DAT (Diversity Advocacy Team)**
- **Restorative Practices**
- **Student Wellness**
- **Student Leadership**

IN ADDITION, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THROUGH COMMITTEE WORK, IS REVIEWING OUR CAMPUS MASTER PLAN, STRENGTHENING BOARD GOVERNANCE, AND IDENTIFYING STRATEGIC CAMPUS PRIORITIES TO IMPACT STUDENT LEARNING. THE SCHOOL HAS ALSO IMPLEMENTED A FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC FINANCIAL PLAN TO FUND THIS STRATEGIC WORK AND PRIORITIZE FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY — INCLUDING TARGETED WORK WITH OUR ADVANCEMENT OFFICE TO IMPLEMENT BEST PRACTICES IN FUNDRAISING WITH THE GOAL OF INCREASING OUR ENDOWMENT.

HAWKS ROBOTICS OVERCOMES LAST-MINUTE ROBOT REBUILD, ADVANCES TO REGIONALS

The Hawks Robotics team advanced to regional competition after showcasing tremendous resiliency while overcoming last-minute adversity and qualifying for the 2021 Best Robotics Regional Competition.

A discovery the night before uncovered that the robot was built using plywood, which was not part of the materials list. This forced the team to build an entirely new robot the night before the competition!

It took eight hours of work and the robot was ready at 11:30 p.m. — just hours before the Saturday competition at Bowling Green State University.

After showcasing great teamwork, MV's 50-person team walked out of the Perry Fieldhouse with the FalconBEST award! The award goes to the team with a combined high score between the engineering notebook, trade show booth presentation, marketing presentation and robotics competition.

The team earned first place in the robotics competition against eight teams, first place t-shirt, team video and team website. Thanks to the MV Hawks robotics' parents that supported this excellent team.



KEVIN LUDWIG '22 HONORED WITH ERIE CHAPMAN FOUNDATIONS RENAISSANCE STUDENT AWARD

Congratulations to Kevin Ludwig '22 for being honored as this year's recipient of the Erie Chapman Foundation's Renaissance Student Award. The purpose of the award is to encourage and recognize multi-talented students who specialize in more than one field of study.

Chapman '61 sponsors the scholarship in support of students who are exceptionally devoted to complete learning across all disciplines and dedicated to the well-being of others. This scholarship (modeled after the life of Leonardo Da Vinci) is given annually to a Maumee Valley Upper School student who exemplifies extraordinary passion and accomplishment across a range of diverse fields, including the arts and social justice. The purpose is to encourage and recognize multi-talented students who specialize in more than one field of study.

Congratulations, Kevin!

PHOEBE SCHOCKET '24 PUBLISHED BY NEWSWEEK

Phoebe Schocket '24 recently had her guest editorial published in Newsweek online. With editing assistance during Dr. Dan Cohen's Propaganda Studies intensive, Schocket wrote about her experience growing up in America after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, and the subsequent 20-year war. The piece was published on the eve of the 20-year anniversary of the attacks.

Read an excerpt from the issue:

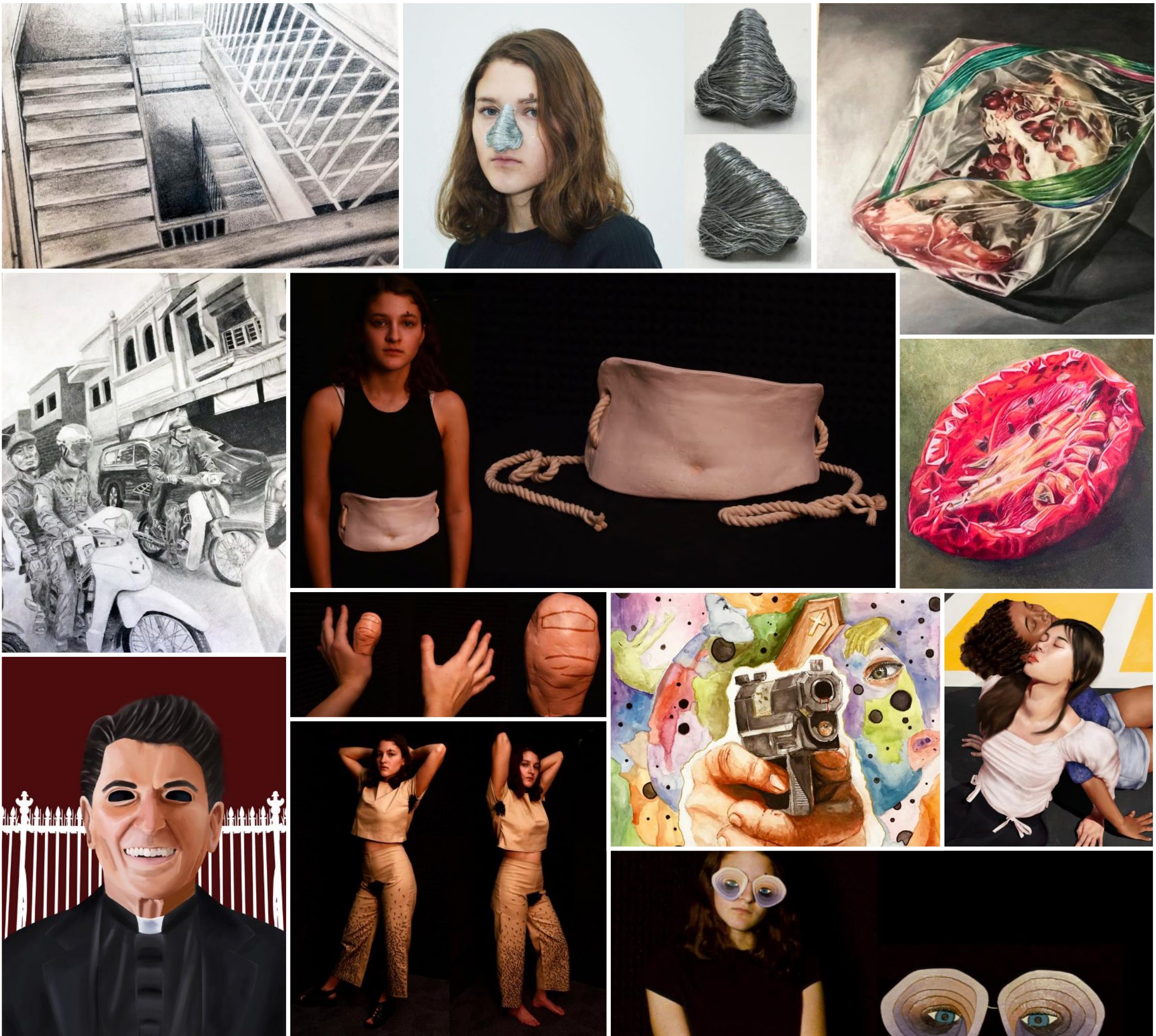
"In portraying America as exceptional, our elders left us to wrestle with the fact that the U.S. just wasn't as good as we were told it was. And rather than papering over the problems, we are finding our voices and criticizing what we see. Because for us, the lesson of 9/11 is that loving something means criticizing it, and demanding that it live up to its potential.

That's why you will find us screaming our outrage where so much of our energies are spent — on social media; it's not from a lack of gratitude for the greatness of this country, but out of a belief in what it can one day be, how great it can become, if we are honest about what we need to do to get there.

Because here's the thing people don't understand: My generation loves the United States. Even many of us who are the most critical do — just as older generations loved us enough to believe we could grow and learn and improve to become better than we were before. That's the way you love your family; and that's the way we love our country. We just aren't afraid to let the whole country — even the whole world — know when it needs to do better.

Here is how many of my peers see things: America truly is an exceptional place. But it's not exceptional enough. And it's our love of our country that makes us push for more."

Read the entire piece at <https://www.newsweek.com/us-post-9-11-generation-criticizing-america-our-patriotism-opinion-1627977>.



THE FOCUS **SHOW:**

SEVERAL CURRENT MV STUDENTS AND ALUMNI HAD THEIR ARTWORK FEATURED IN THE FOCUS SHOW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO. SHOSHI LAVETTER-KEIDAN '21 WON TWO JURORS AWARDS IN SCULPTURE AND FIBERS, FOR HER WORKS TITLED **"MY BIG FAT NECESSITY"** AND **"MY LAST SHAVE."** SHE ALSO WON THE TOLEDO MUSEUM OF ART AWARD FOR "MY BIG FAT NECESSITY." GABE BEGEMAN '22 WON THE MAUMEE VALLEY HEAD OF SCHOOL AWARD FOR HIS PIECE **"MASKED REAGAN."**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS AND ALUMNI FOR THE FANTASTIC WORK. CHECK OUT THE LIST OF ARTISTS WITH THEIR WORK IS BELOW AND SEE THE ACCOMPANYING PHOTOS OF THEIR PIECES.

- "SELF" CYBER ART **GABE BEGEMAN '22**
- "MASKED REAGAN" **CYBER ART**
- DIDI CHAN '21** "WAR" PAINTING
- SONNY ZHOU '21** "ABYSS" DRAWING
- SHOSHI LAVETTER-KEIDAN '21**
- "BIG FAT NECESSITY" SCULPTURE
- "SORE THUMB" SCULPTURE
- "MY LAST SHAVE" FIBERS
- "PICTURE FRAME" SCULPTURE
- "FLARE" SCULPTURE
- KYLEA HO '21**
- NORAH LI '21**
- "UNEATEN POMEGRANATE" DRAWING
- "SUN-DRIED TOMATO" DRAWING
- ERIK SLOTTERBECK '21**
- "STREETS OF VIETNAM" DRAWING

CONGRATULATIONS

TO MAUMEE VALLEY'S FIVE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS !



ISABELLE BROMAN '22



ARTHUR CHEN '22

Maumee Valley Country Day School would like to congratulate the five seniors on being finalists for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Isabelle Broman '22, Arthur Chen '22, Neena Dzur '22, Bryan Li '22, and Mia Westfere '22 earned the honor. The five finalists make up more than 8 percent of the current senior class.

The approximately 15,000 finalists nationwide represent less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors, according to a statement from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. More than 1.5 million students from 21,000 high schools entered the competition by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

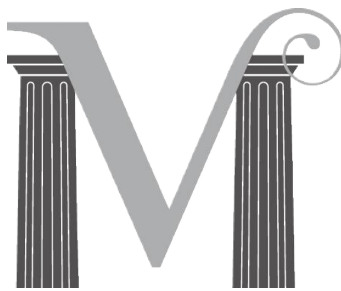
The students will continue competing for one of about 7,600 National Merit

Scholarships worth more than \$30 million.

Students and school officials must submit a detailed scholarship application to provide information about their academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received to become a finalist. These students must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, and write an essay.

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 to these students for their outstanding achievements.



NEENA DZUR '22



BRYAN LI '22



MIA WESTFERE '22



THE PLAY REIMAGINED THE CLASSIC MYTH OF ORPHEUS AND EURYDICE NOT THROUGH ORPHEUS' INFAMOUS JOURNEY TO RETRIEVE HIS BRIDE, BUT THROUGH THE EYES OF ITS HEROINE. DYING TOO YOUNG ON HER WEDDING DAY, EURYDICE MUST JOURNEY TO THE UNDERWORLD, WHERE SHE REUNITES WITH HER FATHER AND STRUGGLES TO REMEMBER HER LOST LOVE. WITH CONTEMPORARY CHARACTERS, PLOT TWISTS, AND A SCRIPT THAT WAS WRITTEN TO BE A PLAYGROUND FOR DESIGNERS, THE PLAY WAS A FRESH LOOK AT A TIMELESS LOVE STORY.



MVCDS PRESENTS
A FRESH LOOK AT
'EURYDICE'





HAWKS FIELD HOCKEY HAD A GREAT 2021 SEASON.

FALL SPORTS IN REVIEW

It was a great season for fall athletics at Maumee Valley Country Day School. We'd like to thank our student-athletes, coaches, staff, volunteers, and parents for making the fall season a huge success.

Go Hawks!

RICK DEICHERT '12 INDUCTED IN TAAC HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to Rick Deichert '12 on his induction into the Toledo Area Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, Nov. 19. Rick was a standout athlete on many sports teams during his time at Maumee Valley. He earned all-TAAC honors as a sophomore, junior, and senior, was TAAC Play of the Year in 2011, 1st team all-district in 2011, finished 3rd in the state in 2011, and was selected as all-state that same year in golf.

Rick also was a standout on the 2011-12 TAAC and district championship basketball team. Rick continued his golf career at NCAA Division III Ohio Northern University, where he finished in the top five at tournaments nine times and was a two-time all-conference honoree.



ALUMNI SPORTS SPOTLIGHT!



MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER HAD A SUCCESSFUL 2021 SEASON.



THE HAWKS FIELD HOCKEY TEAM HAD AN EXCELLENT FIRST SEASON UNDER NEW HEAD COACH PAULA PREDIGER.

UPPER SCHOOL FIELD HOCKEY

Losing a legend of a coach is typically really hard. Then there is losing our beloved Coach Terri Herrmann to retirement, so the task of first-year head coach Paula Prediger was huge! Nobody took that challenge more seriously than Paula, as her attention to every detail made sure the program kept moving forward! The team was able to put together a great year behind the efforts of our coach as well as seniors Kate McClellan, Antonia Villa, and Laney Bleyer. There is much to build off of this year, and the team is excited for things to come!



HAWKS SOCCER CONTINUED TO IMPROVE IN 2021.

UPPER SCHOOL TENNIS

The tennis team had another excellent year despite getting off to a slow start. The team persevered behind the senior leaders and finished the year playing their best tennis at the state sectional matches. Two wins over our league rival Toledo Christian highlighted the year, and a strong doubles win over Southview by partners Iris Qian and Amy Pan helped make it a great season.

UPPER SCHOOL GOLF

Golf is one of the more mentally challenging games to play. Conditions are always changing, each course presents new challenges, and golfers are constantly working to keep their minds focused on the next shot. Some of the most seasoned professionals have off days! Our team this year was able to battle through all of that, finishing the regular season at 6-2 with the only two losses against the eventual league champion. Leading the way were both Avi Joshi '23 and senior Blake Rachwal. Blake kept his focus throughout the year, leading him to a TAAC Championship and his team's 3rd place finish in the league. Coach Milt Carswell was selected as the TAAC Coach of the Year for the work that he has done with our team.



THE SOCCER TEAM PLAYED A TOUGH SCHEDULE THIS SEASON THAT WAS FULL OF STATE-RANKED OPPONENTS FROM EVERY DIVISION.

UPPER SCHOOL SOCCER

It was a very productive year for the soccer team. The year started with a first-ever game under the lights on Koltay Field, as the team participated in the OHSA's Friday Night Futbol event. Temporary lights were set up along with other tailgate festivities that added some energy back to the home contest. That energy was needed as the soccer team put together a schedule of state-ranked opponents in every division with a core of young talented players and some savvy veterans.

Even though the team saw significant injuries to key players several times throughout the season, the team rallied and put together a successful season. Senior Hammudy Abdel-Ghani took home Toledo Area Athletic Conference Player of the Year honors for his play on the field.

UPPER SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Through heat, rain, and mud, the cross country team trekked through some harsh running conditions all season long. For the second year in a row, our school hosted the TAAC Championships on our campus. Several inches of rain fell the day before the meet, making for some downright wet, muddy, and sloppy conditions.

Our runners persevered through the conditions and both the boys and girls finished as TAAC runner-up. Seniors Ben Fischl and Austin Corns made it to regionals.



EVEN OUR YOUNGEST STUDENTS CAN PARTICIPATE IN FALL SPORTS AT MV IN CROSS COUNTRY.





INSIDE THE WOLFE GALLERY

Johnny Garcia, Middle School Humanities Teacher

Johnny Garcia is a world-traveling educator passionate about inspiring students to do their best in the classroom and in life. Most recently, Mr. Garcia taught English at Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School in South Florida, where he also coached water polo, coordinated community service efforts, and chaperoned Model United Nations. Prior to Miami, Mr. Garcia taught in Washington, D.C., Osaka, Japan, and Uijeongbu, South Korea. Mr. Garcia holds a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree in English from the University of Florida.

Sally Hatfield, Upper School English and ESOL

Sally joins Maumee Valley after 11 years as an assistant professor in the Ohio Program of Intensive English at Ohio University in Athens. Sally holds a BA in English and a MA TESOL, both from Michigan State University. Prior to attending graduate school, Sally served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Kyiv, Ukraine, teaching English to elementary, middle, and high school students. A quiz bowl participant in high school and later a coach, Sally’s passion for trivia landed her on Jeopardy.

Kassy Lee, Upper School English

Kassy Lee joins us from the University of Michigan, where she most recently served as a Zell Postgraduate Fellow in Creative Writing after receiving her MFA in Creative Writing. Before graduate school, Kassy gained five years of experience as a teacher and educator in the US, Guatemala, and China. Kassy earned her BA in Comparative Literature & Society with Cum Laude honors from Columbia University. In addition to being a published poet, Kassy also enjoys studying languages and translating Chinese poetry. An independent school graduate herself, Kassy is excited to share her skills and interests as she fosters a rigorous, collaborative, and nurturing experience for MVCDS students.

Jaelyn Stanley, Assistant Director of Extended Time Care and After School Clubs

Jaelyn Stanley has accepted the position of Assistant Director of Extended Time Care and After School Clubs. Jaelyn has been a member of our Extended Time Care Team for two years, working with our students from first to fourth grade. Jaelyn has also substituted in our ELC, Lower, and Middle School. Last summer, Jaelyn also led her own soccer camp here at Maumee Valley. She is known for her strong work ethic and authentic relationships with students. Jaelyn is a natural leader and is excited to have the opportunity to lead the Extended Time Care team. Jaelyn is a native of Cincinnati and a recent graduate of the University of Toledo where she has gained plenty of experience in planning and programming as president of her organization, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She enjoys playing soccer, watching Marvel movies, and painting! Jaelyn is looking forward to enhancing the Extended Time Care and After School Club programs.

Matt Ridel, Assistant Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds

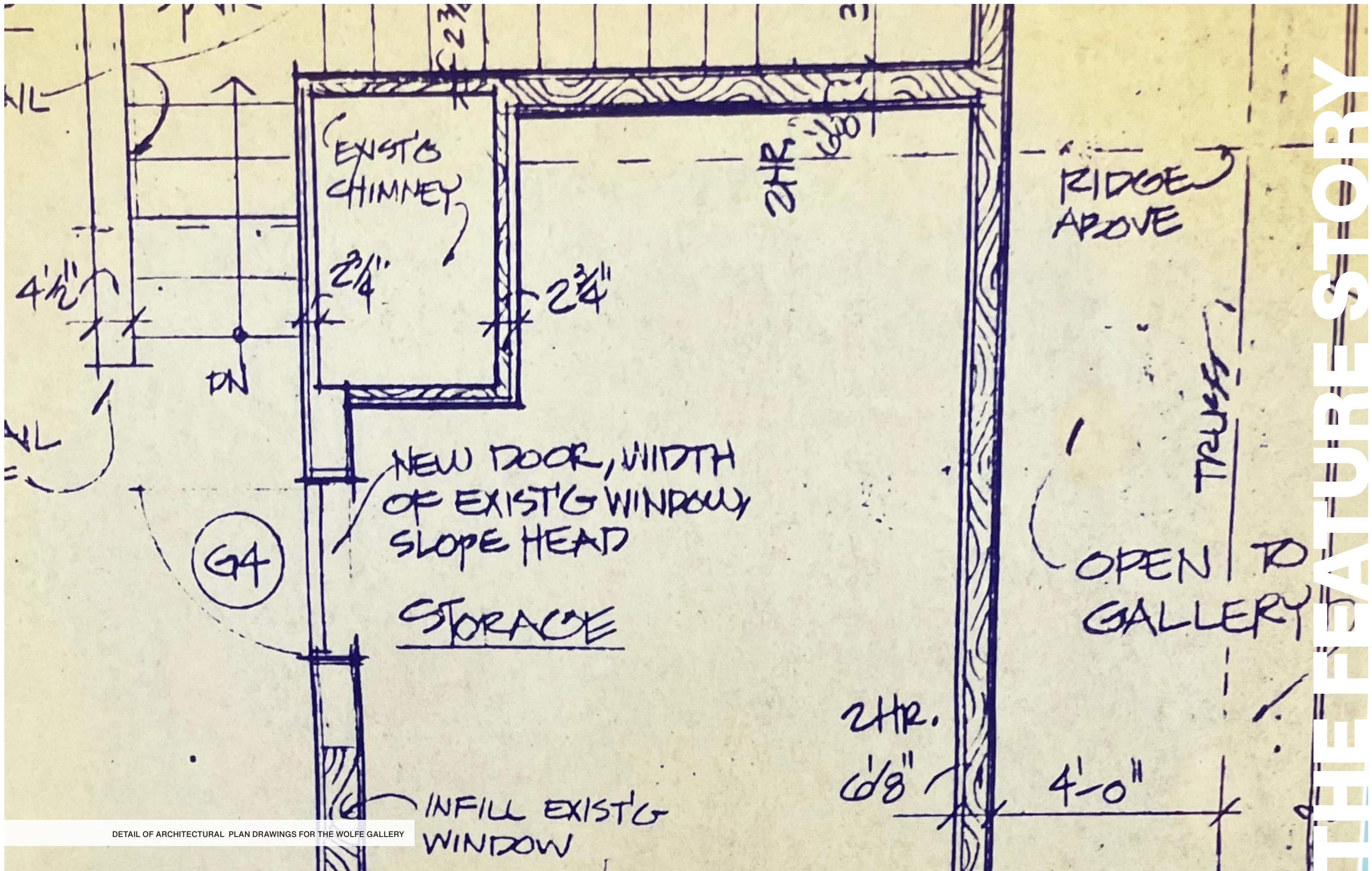
Matt joined the maintenance crew in May of last school year, making an immediate positive impact on the team. Matt has sixteen years of experience as a Class “A” Golf Course Superintendent in accordance with GCSAA guidelines. His extensive knowledge and experience in turf management and landscape design have already led to campus improvements. You may recognize Matt, as he has worked as a volunteer cross country coach for our Hawks teams for several years. An avid runner, Matt is about to complete his 37th marathon.

Cathe Waldrop, Upper School English

Cathe is an experienced independent school educator joining us from Alabama, where she taught Upper School English at Bayside Academy. She has taught English and Creative Writing at the collegiate level as well as high school Spanish. Cathe holds an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, an MA in English Literature from Middlebury College, an MS Ed in Urban Education and Leadership from the University of Pennsylvania, and a BA in English Literature with a Spanish minor from the University of Michigan.

Drew Williams, Middle and Upper School Teaching Intern

Drew will be a familiar face to many as he first joined Maumee Valley to work in our Extended Time Care program. This is where Drew started to impress us all, and he fell in love with Maumee Valley! Drew graduated from the University of Toledo with a BA in History and a minor in Africana Studies. Drew was elected Student Body President during his undergraduate career and participated in various student organizations, including the Diversity Planning Committee. Drew was awarded the Donald S. Parks Defying the Odds Award and the Dean's Leadership and Engagement Award at UT. Also a musician, Drew will share many talents with our students as he works alongside our history faculty and learns to be an educator.



THE FUTURE STORY

DETAIL OF ARCHITECTURAL PLAN DRAWINGS FOR THE WOLFE GALLERY



STUDENT ARTWORK AT MAUMEE VALLEY HASN'T ALWAYS HAD THE BENEFIT OF THE BEAUTIFUL WOLFE GALLERY.

Thirty years ago, a small area outside of the former Upper School office showcased students' work. It was buried deep inside the building and was difficult for visitors to find.

But former Upper School Art Instructor David Burkett had a vision, and with the help of former Head of School Dick Cadigan, the Board of Trustees and a generous gift from Fritz and Mary Wolfe — the Wolfe Gallery was born.

The Wolfe Gallery was designed by world-class architect Hugh Newell Jacobsen and was built in 1991. This year, Maumee Valley

celebrates the 30-year anniversary of the Wolfe Gallery after hundreds of shows have taken place inside the gallery since its opening.

"David Burkett was really the person behind the design and the desire of the gallery. The fine arts were really important to the board and the school and they were looking at ways to expand the fine arts. We were always looking at how to improve the fine arts and offer better facilities," said Lower School Arts Instructor Lou Ann Glover, who also is the co-director of the Wolfe Gallery. "It's a unique facility and opportunity and a beautiful facility to have for elementary to high school. A lot of times hallways are dedicated, but to have a dedicated gallery is really a wonderful opportunity for kids. It's a big 'wow,' but aside from that it allows kids to learn how to talk about art, how to look at art in a professional setting, how to ask questions, how to help curate; it offers a unique setting and a great place to go be alone with art."

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE...



**THE WOLFE
GALLERY "OFFERS
A UNIQUE SETTING
AND A GREAT PLACE
TO GO BE ALONE
WITH ART."**



The beautiful, well-lit, open space showcases two-dimensional and three-dimensional artwork. Maumee Valley students also have their artwork displayed in the gallery throughout the year, along with a rotating schedule of professional artists.

David Burkett and Former Superintendent of Building & Grounds Larry Anning also played active roles in the design and building process.

Construction was completed in 1991, and the first show featured a student exhibition and artwork that was inspired by world-famous sculptor Louise Nevelson.

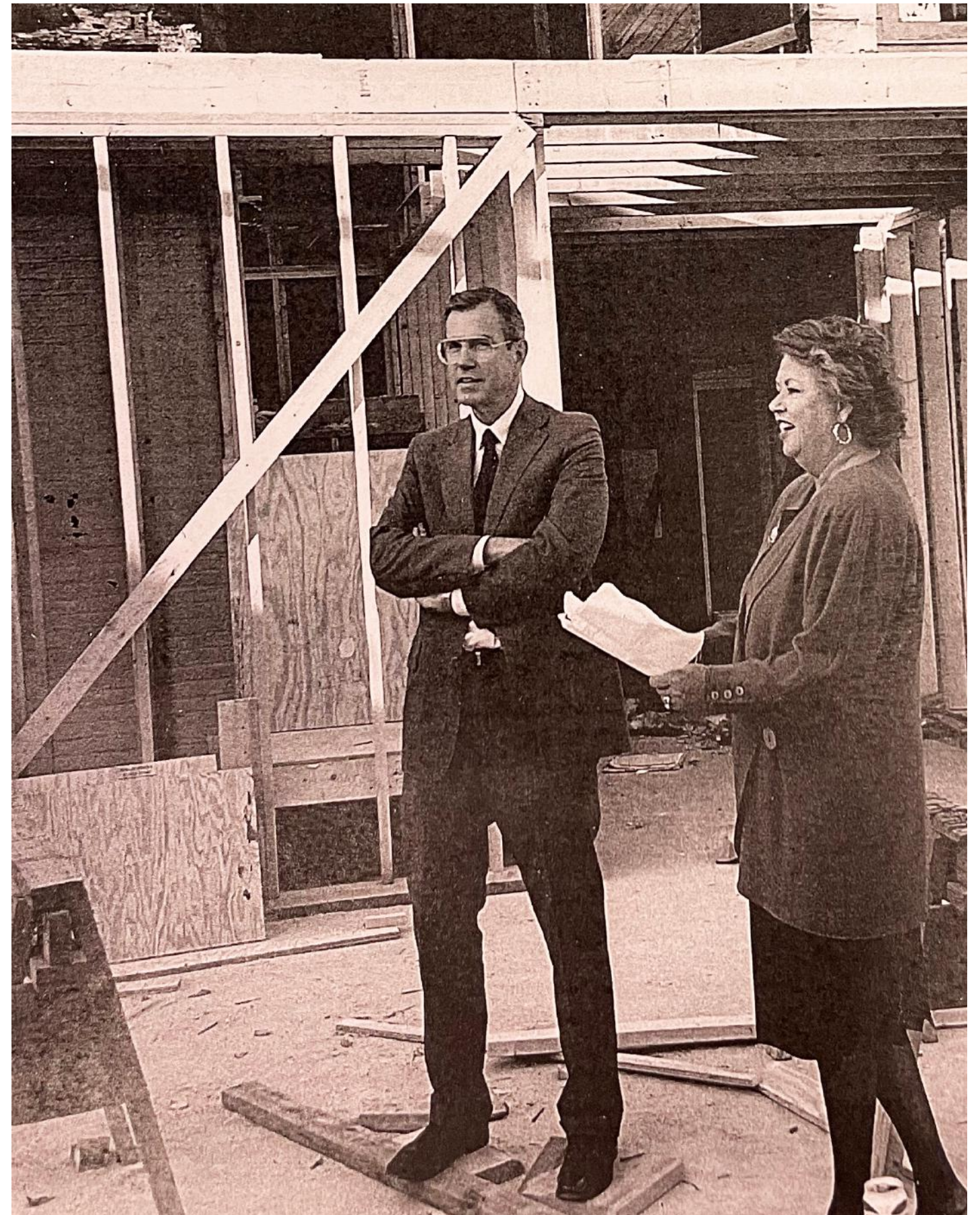
Before the gallery was built, the space served as an Upper School art studio and served as the school's dining hall and kitchen.

The weathervane that adorns the top of the gallery was created and donated by Frederica Wolfe '76, daughter of Fritz and Mary.

"I am proud that the name is on the building and that I was able to do the finial for the cupola. I am happy my parents did that for the school, and I am happy to look at one of my earliest pieces," Frederica Wolfe said. "The visual arts are truly an enriching experience. STEM courses aren't the only thing that makes the human being tick — you have to involve all aspects of the human being — and the arts are part of that."

Perrysburg-based artist Robert Vanitvelt's show "Faces of Change" was on display in the Wolfe Gallery until January 14th. The show featured paintings depicting such figures as Martin Luther King, Jr.; Rosa Parks; Harriet Tubman; Sojourner Truth; Muhammad Ali; Frederick Douglass; Billie Holiday; Prince; Emmett Till; Mamie Till; former President Barack Obama; and former First Lady Michelle Obama.

Thereafter the gallery will feature a display for youth art month.





PHILANTHROPY



LEADERSHIP IN GENEROSITY

2020 - 2021 GIFTS

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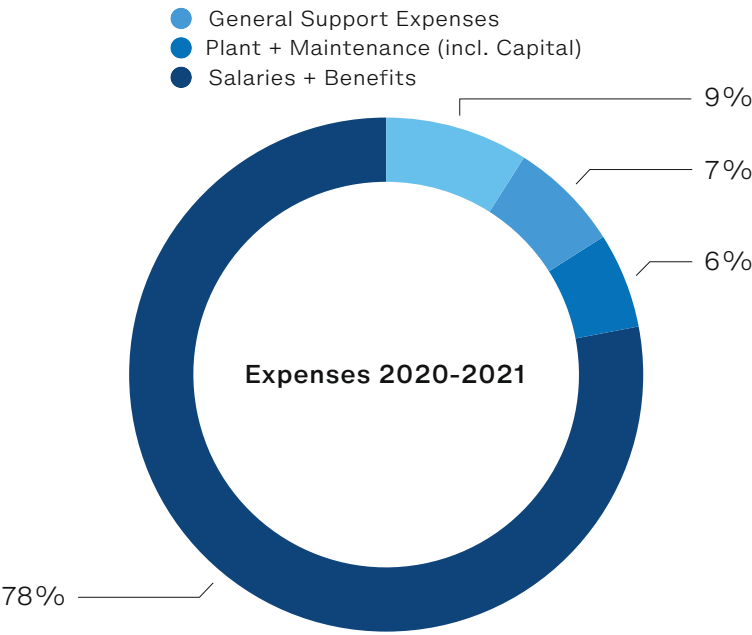
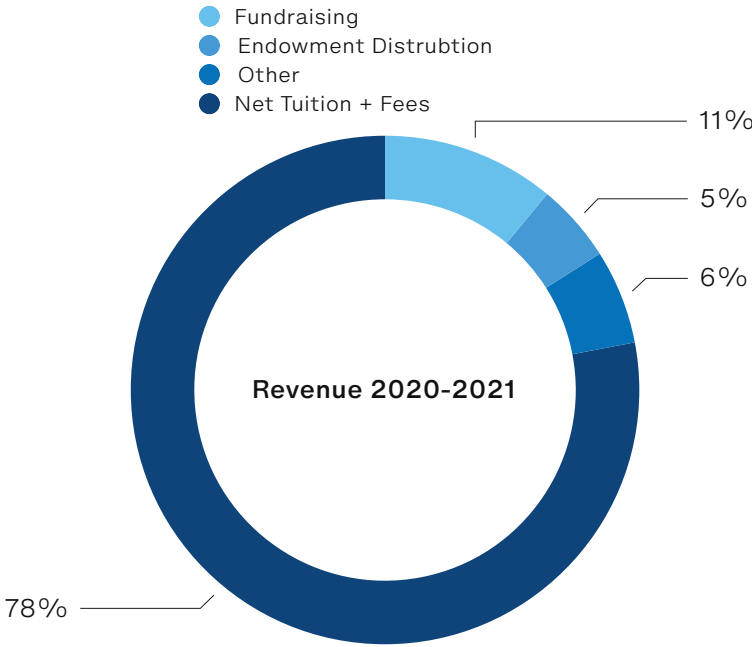
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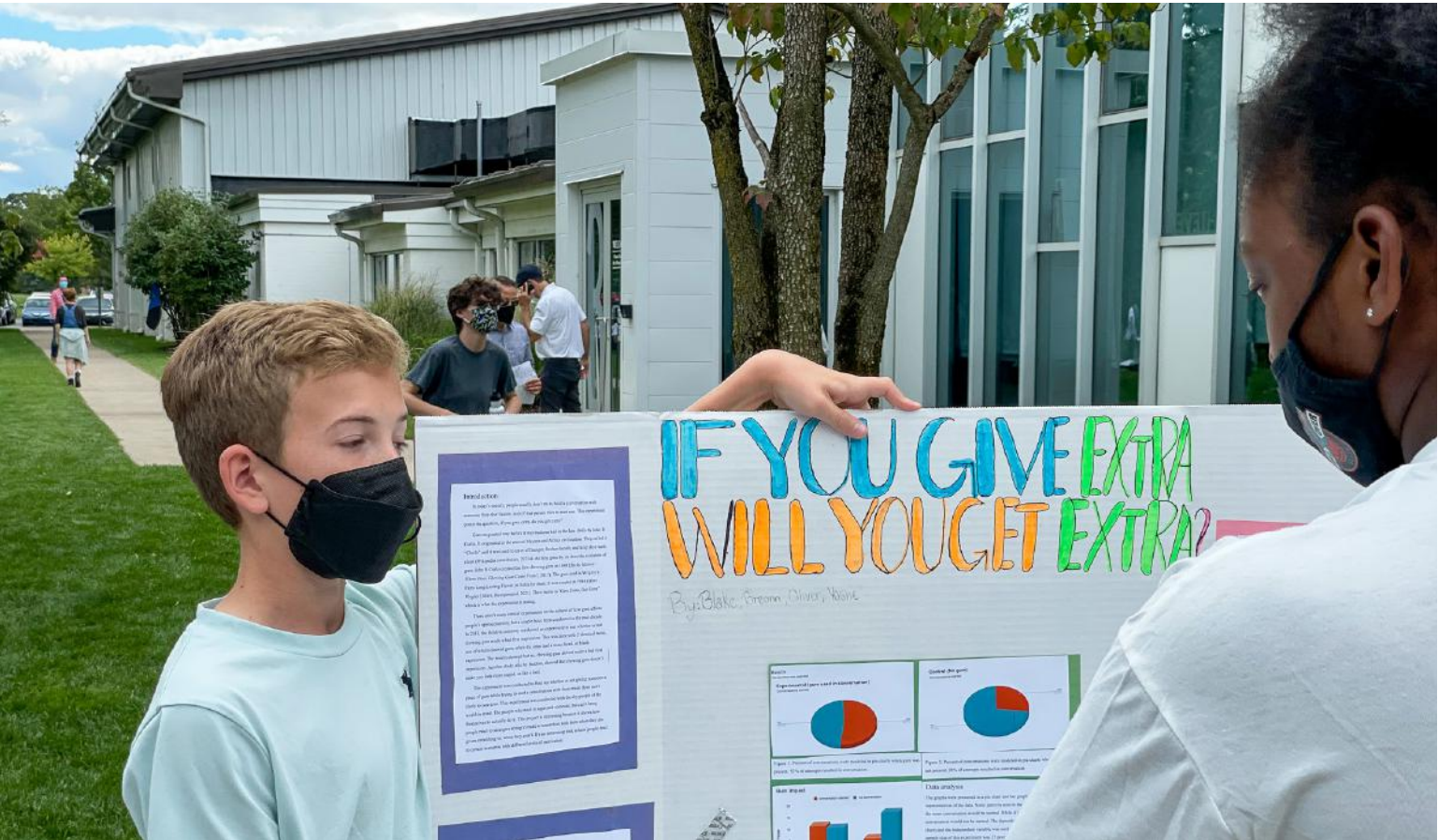
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In honor of William Santino '07
Dr. Jack Santino and Dr. Lucy Long



ONE OF JONATHAN RALSTON '88 PIECES THAT WAS ON DISPLAY AT THE 20 NORTH GALLERY.

ALUMNI PAGES

2020-21 REUNION WEEKEND

FRIDAY ALL ALUMNI RECEPTION

The Maumee Valley Country Day School 20-21 Reunion Weekend was held Sept. 17-19 and celebrated graduating classes ending in 0s, 1s, 5s, & 6s. It was on the Bluestone, alumni had a wonderful time catching up with old friends and making new connections with others.



SATURDAY REUNION DINNER

This year's reunion dinner was at Registry Bistro, formally known as the Secor Hotel. Everyone had a great time sharing memories and telling stories of their time at Maumee Valley.



SUNDAY FAREWELL BRUNCH



Our traditional farewell brunch was held at The Carranor Hunt & Polo Club.



Thank you to those of you that attended the 2020 & 2021 Reunion Weekend. It was great seeing you all back on campus and in person.

Can't wait to celebrate the classes ending in 2s & 7s next year.

GET BACK DAY BREAKFAST



CLASS OF 2020



CLASS OF 2021

Get Back Day is a special time at Maumee Valley Country Day School when alumni return to campus to reconnect, engage, and celebrate their alma mater with the entire Maumee Valley community. We celebrated the classes of 2020 and 2021 this year. We had 10 alumni from the class of 2020 join us for the get back day breakfast and 19 from the class of 2021.

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION



All alumni and friends were invited to join the school community in singing the MVCDS traditional favorites: Turkey Dinner, Over the River, Give Thanks, and the Car Song.

LEADERSHIP ADVENTURE LUNCH

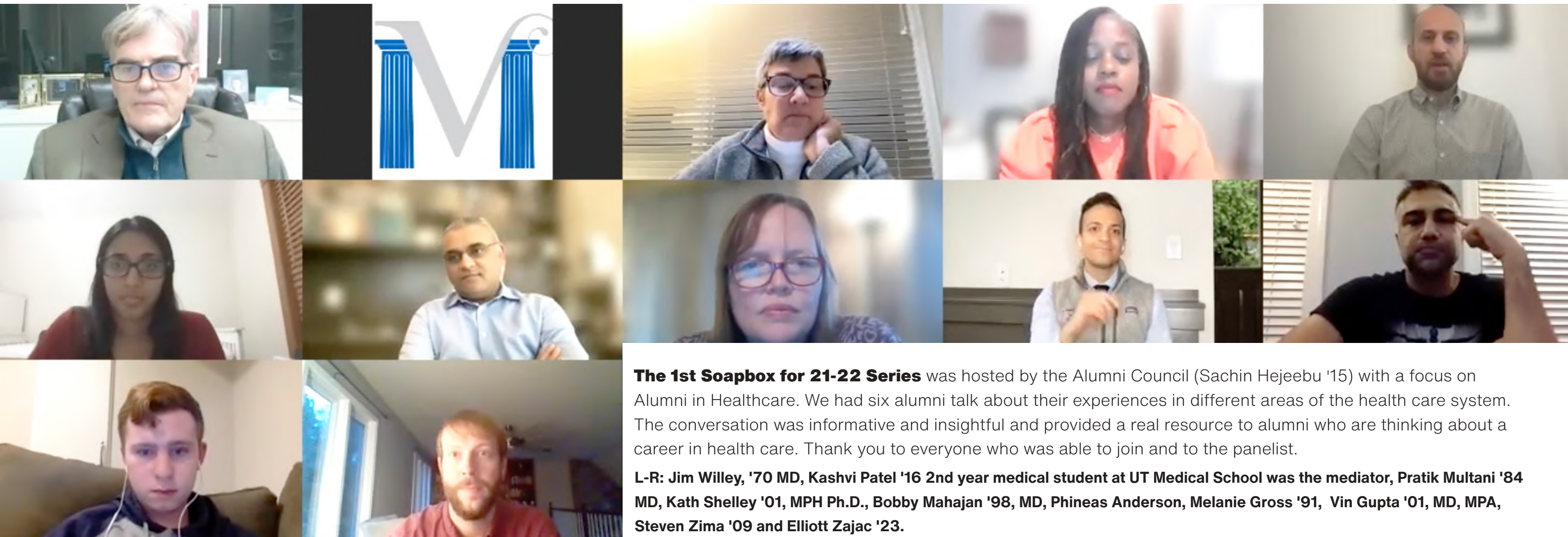
Every year Maumee Valley Country Day School celebrates our Leadership donors with an event to thank them for all they do for Maumee Valley. The Leadership level of giving is a gift of \$1,000 or more over the last fiscal year. This year's Leadership Lunch included an outdoor tour of our beautiful campus led by current teachers, Frank Daughtery and Sara Card.

86TH ANNUAL SMEAD LUNCHEON & ALUMNI AWARDS

Maumee Valley Country Day School celebrated the 86th Annual Smead Luncheon & Alumni Awards. It was a wonderful event, with over 50 alumni, parents, trustees, and friends gathering to celebrate the work and achievements of some of the most dedicated members of the Maumee Valley Country Day School community. Alumni and guests arrived in anticipation of seeing teachers and friends. Steven Ashley '70 was this year's recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award. The school also honored and thanked Alumni Service Award Carty Finkbeiner '57, Michael Bohl '00, Lifetime Dedication Award Dean Kasperzak '76, and Alumni Parent Dedication Award Linda & Fred Deichert. Maumee Valley also recognized Tyler Boehm '01 as the new Alumni Council president while saying thank you and goodbye to Jessie Bohl Naprawa '98 as Alumni Council president.



VIRTUAL SOAPBOX SERIES 21-22



The 1st Soapbox for 21-22 Series was hosted by the Alumni Council (Sachin Hejeebu '15) with a focus on Alumni in Healthcare. We had six alumni talk about their experiences in different areas of the health care system. The conversation was informative and insightful and provided a real resource to alumni who are thinking about a career in health care. Thank you to everyone who was able to join and to the panelist.

L-R: Jim Willey, '70 MD, Kashvi Patel '16 2nd year medical student at UT Medical School was the mediator, Pratik Multani '84 MD, Kath Shelley '01, MPH Ph.D., Bobby Mahajan '98, MD, Phineas Anderson, Melanie Gross '91, Vin Gupta '01, MD, MPA, Steven Zima '09 and Elliott Zajac '23.



THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!

Thank you for all of the support our MV community gives to the school. We planted daffodils this fall to thank the 611 donors that gave to the 20-21 MV Fund. Every student plants a daffodil bulb or two on different parts of campus near their division to show their appreciation for all the donors.

CLASS NOTES

1970s



BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

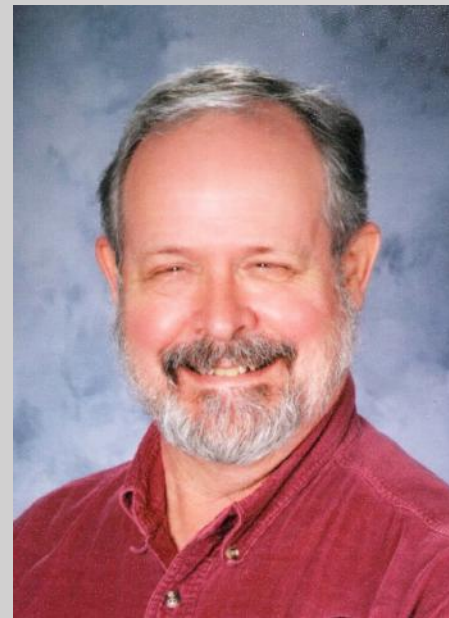
MV alumni birthday celebration in Cape Cod, MA.

Photo L-R: Chris Johnson Gordon '76, Lynn Foster Riely '79, Mary Hutton Bergi '79, Taryl Johnson McKee '79, and Ruth Hutton '76.



ERIC DOLGIN '71

Eric still lives in Santa Monica, CA practicing medicine; he is president of the Cranial Academy Foundation. His wife, Robyn, continues to be published.



PHILIP WILLIAMS '71

Dark Twist – Next Stage Press
Dark Twist is a drama about coming to terms with the past. Set at an all-boys boarding school in New England – a school not only steeped in tradition but also in illicit scandals and harrowing secrets – Richard Barlow and Jeff Arnold, former classmates and now teachers, meet in one of their old classrooms to reminisce.



1980s



JOYCE ANAGNOS '86

Sorry to miss my 35th reunion Sept. 17-19, 2021! The ongoing pandemic coupled with caring for aging parents prevented me from attending. Please know that I am thinking of all of you. I live in Toledo working as a staff attorney at the state appeals court located in Toledo. The work is challenging and satisfying. My sister, Angela Anagnos Koustoumbardis '84, is a neurologist in San Jose, CA and, fingers crossed, will soon finalize a position with the Cleveland Clinic that will bring her to Northwest-ish Ohio more often. Family gatherings centered in Toledo are increasingly important as our parents are not traveling anymore. Stay well, everyone!

1990s

MIKE '97 AND SARAH ZOLL BECKER '97

Mike graduated from the University of Michigan's MBA program this spring! His wife, Sarah and their three kids (Evan, Hayley, and Logan) are so proud of how he persevered this past year through the pandemic, full-time work, and being a full-time grad student! Mike is the director of Project Management at Navitas Systems in Ann Arbor where they focus on battery R&D. This June, Sarah also celebrated 20 years at her company where she works in actuarial science as a director of pension outsourcing. They hope their fellow 1997 classmates are all doing well.

2000s



SAL VALONE '05

Sal just wrapped up working on the Loki series for Marvel a month ago and is happy to see it's a success. He's working on another Marvel project that will take him into next year while living in London. Sal has been living in LA since 2009 and has been working on big-budget studio films ever since.



CLASS NOTES



MARGAUX FOSTER FORD '09
Margaux and her husband Will started a food truck Trip'n Biscuits in Toledo. Check out their Facebook page and book them for your next event.

2010s



SAM GOLD '12
Sam graduated Cum Laude from the University of Toledo on May 21. While Sam was a student, he won the Fornoff competition, which is a moot court competition for UT students, where the finalists argue in front of a panel of the court of appeals judges from Ohio and Michigan. He was also a Contributing Editor for the Law Review and a Co-Chair of the Moot Court Fornoff competition. Lastly, Sam was named a member of the

Order of the Barristers which is an award given to graduating law students who “demonstrate exceptional skill in trial advocacy, oral advocacy, and brief writing.”



NOALLE FELLAH '12
Noalle recently completed her Ph.D. in chemistry from New York University. She has accepted a position with Pfizer as a Senior Scientist and resides in Groton, Connecticut.



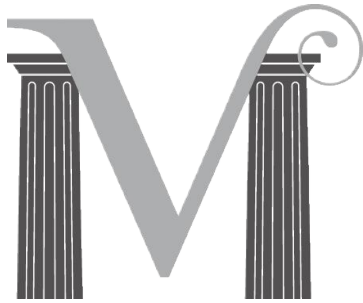
KIMMY GOEWY '18
Kimmy works as a production technology intern at Walt Disney Animation Studios, she builds the technologies that let the animators make their magic. If you are interested in game development/graphics engineering career path advice contact her via wstoddard@mvcds.org.



MARC NAGEL '12
Being a chef in Paris, Marc got used to eating very well with twice daily staff meals cooked by people who make food for a living. When the global bummer of 2020 hit and shut down restaurants in France, he had to once again take responsibility for feeding himself. In doing so, Marc rediscovered the joy of home cooking in his tiny apartment kitchen with only two burners and no oven. Marc thought it would be a good idea to pass on some of the lessons he has learned in the process. Follow and subscribe via YouTube - Eat Like a Chef for tips, tricks, and easy recipes so you can eat as I do at home.

JONATHAN RALSTON '88 HAD A SOLO EXHIBITION AT THE 20 NORTH GALLERY OF HIS EXQUISITELY DETAILED ARCHITECTURE PAINTINGS: SHADOWS & ENLIGHTENMENT.

CLASS NOTES



**BETH YOUNG '98
& JOHN SHIPLEY**

Welcomed Cecilia Jane Shipley, to the world on Oct. 31, 2021, 8 pounds, 3 ounces and 21 ¾ inches long.



SAMI LEA KONCZEWSKI '02

Sami, Patrick, and big sister Ophelia welcomed Julius Fox Konczewski, 9 pounds, 15 ounces and 21 inches long on Aug. 12, 2021.



**MOLLY EBRAHEIM
WIDMER '07**

Molly and John welcomed Marley Sue Widmer born on July 1 at 7 pounds, 8 ounces and 19.25 inches long.



ILANA AND MIKE BECK '08

Welcomed Valerie Annalise Beck on September 18, 2021, 8 pounds, 12 ounces and 19.7inches long.



NEW ARRIVALS



SEAN CRAIG '09

Sean married Jaime on Oct. 10, 2020, and welcomed Beckham James Craig on Feb. 17 at 7 pounds, 1 ounce.



LIZ KRUEGER ROBERTS '06

Liz, Cal, and big brother JJ welcomed Matthew Frederick Roberts born on July 9 at 7 pounds and 20 inches long. JJ is loving his new job as a big brother!



**ABBY & DILLON
STODDARD '10**

Welcomed Marshall David Stoddard to the world on Nov. 3, 2021, 7 pounds, 11 ounces and 21 inches long.

CLASS NOTES



ROB FRANCO '93

Rob proposed to Ana Stone during a trip to Glacier National Park in Montana on July 5, 2020, and she said yes. Eric & Ilana Levin '93 visited and took the professional engagement photo. They were married in Seattle on Jan. 23, 2021, with guests and reception hosted on Zoom.



LUCAS MADRAZO '02

Lucas and Janet got married on July 10, 2021, in Bed Stuy (a neighborhood in Brooklyn, NY) on their friend's rooftop with a small gathering of family and a couple of friends. Other alumni that were there were Anant Tamirisa '02, and my brother, Geoff '04.



BONNIE TURNER '04

Ryan O'Leary proposed to Bonnie on their way home from the most amazing trip ever, surrounded by best friends and so much love. She said yes!



NATHANIEL LEMPERT '06

Nathaniel married Kristen Thomas on July 10, 2021, in Summersville, WV. Alexa Lempert Lepsetz '04, Abi Pai '06, and Jesse Rubin '06 attended the wedding.



JENNIFER BRUBAKER '08

Jennifer and Himanshu Sharma were married on May 21, 2021, in Port Clinton, Ohio. Jennifer is completing her residency training in Psychiatry at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, MA. Himanshu is a hospital physician at Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital in Hartford, CT. Their marriage was celebrated by their parents, Darla and Shaun McMackin, Kevin Brubaker, Neeraj, and Rajiv Sharma, as well as friends and family throughout the US and internationally.



MIKE BECK '08

Mike married Ilana Hamilton on August 9, 2019, at the Ponte Winery in Temecula, CA. Alumni in attendance: Heather Beck (Parry) '05 and Stephen Parry '07.

ENGAGEMENTS



ALEX SILVERMAN '10

Proposed to Julia Shube on June 20, 2021, and she said yes!



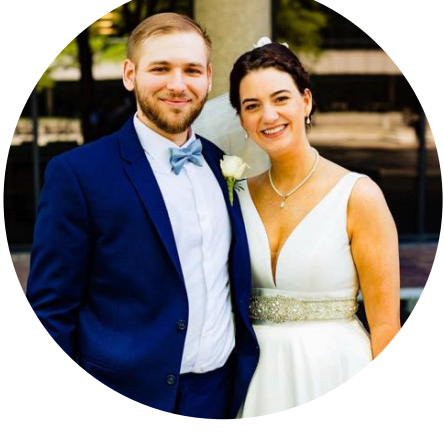
COLLIN HUSTED '10

Collin proposed to Blair Rotert in Washington, DC, on May 27, 2021, and she said yes.



TAJÉ ROBINSON-MEREDITH '10

Tajé married Donald Miller on May 14, in Davenport, IA.



SAM GOLD '12

Sam married Allison Gold on May 22, 2021.



RICK DEICHERT '12

Rick proposed to Crystal Zheng on May 30, 2021, at the Cleveland Museum of Art and she said yes!



PETER FUNK '13

Peter Funk proposed to Amanda Sosa on Oct. 30, 2021 and she said yes!



George Stranahan '49

George Stranahan was a physicist and rancher who founded Flying Dog Brewery, one of the largest craft breweries in the U.S. Physics Ph.D., founder: Aspen Center for Physics/a distillery/prize-winning cattle farm/Flying Dog Brewery & owner of The Woody Creek Tavern, where Hunter S. Thompson was your drinking buddy. In 1970, Stranahan and group of like-minded parents turned the local education system on its ear by establishing the Aspen Community School. Taught students to think differently.



Dave White Sr. '55

H. David White was born in Zanesville, OH on Feb. 1, 1937, to James F. White and Nelda (Carey) White, and died of cancer in his Toledo, OH home on Jan. 4, 2021. During his life, he made clear that his obituary should contain only these statistics, nothing more. But data points alone could not possibly sum up the multitudes that his life contained, and the lasting influence of his legacy.



Jeff Wright '57

Jeffrey Chapman Wright died Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021, of COVID-19, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital. He was 81. A dedicated golfer, Jeff was an active member of the Country Club of North Carolina for many years. Jeff graduated from high school at Maumee Valley Country Day School in Toledo and earned his bachelor's degree from Yale University. His career path was determined at an early age when he fell in love with the Jeep as a teenager. During his college years, he launched his remarkable career of extolling, demonstrating, and driving the Jeep vehicle.



Peter Handwork '59

Judge Peter Michael Handwork, the longest-tenured jurist on the Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals and beloved by those who knew him, died Saturday, Sept. 5, 2020, in Sylvania after a long battle with metastatic melanoma and amyloidosis. He died peacefully, surrounded by his family. He was 78.

Kathy Ramsey '64

Kathryn Thomas Ramsey, of Clinton, TN died peacefully on March 17, 2021. Born and raised in Toledo, she graduated high school from Maumee Country Day School and received a Bachelor of Education from the University of Toledo. As a teacher of physical education and science at Glenwood Elementary School and Clinton Elementary School, Kathy taught generations of students, many of whom still remember her as their favorite teacher. She received the Tennessee Teacher of the Year award in 1978. She will be remembered for her generosity, kind spirit, her sense of humor, and the ability to make others laugh.

Gavin "The Gav" Smith '85

Gavin Tracy Smith, of Cleveland Heights passed away on Dec. 29, 2020, at the age of 53. He was born in Toledo on June 24, 1967, to Linda C. Smith and Arthur H. Smith and grew up with three loving brothers in Maumee, Ohio. Gavin graduated from Maumee Valley Country Day School in 1985 and went on to receive a bachelor's degree from Kent State University and an MBA from Case Western Reserve University.

Everett Woodard '89

Everett K. Woodard, of Toledo passed away Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020. Born on April 16, 1971, Everett was a stand-out soccer star, playing from the age of 5 and into his adult years. As CEO and Executive Director of Innovator Entertainment Group, he was a promoter of many local artists and was MC for multiple events. He was also known for his "voice-overs" for both local and Bay Area TV commercials.

Zach Greenfield '09

Zachary Meyer Greenfield, age 29, died suddenly and tragically on Sept. 22, 2020. Zach was a 2009 graduate of Maumee Valley Country Day School and graduated cum laude from Bowling Green State University in 2014.

Adrienne Brynn Mabry Byars '27

Adrienne Byars, beloved daughter of Helen Mabry '88 and Andrew Byars, passed away in her sleep on Nov. 28, 2021. Adrienne started her educational journey at Maumee Valley as a student in PK and was a member of the Class of 2027. She remained at Maumee Valley through fifth grade before moving with her family to Michigan at the onset of the pandemic.

Adrienne was an adventurous, thoughtful young woman who always had a book in her hand at car line. Her voracious reading led to a talent for writing and discourse. Her teachers remember that she "could talk to anyone and seemed comfortable in every situation." She loved animals and loved to help others. Adrienne's teachers shared that she always wanted to partner with those left behind. She was a champion of the underdog. Passionate and vocal about what and who she believed in, she has left her mark on all of our hearts. She will be remembered for her spunk, zest for life, and the joy she brought to others.



IN MEMORIAM ALUMNI

IN MEMORIAM FORMER FACULTY AND STAFF



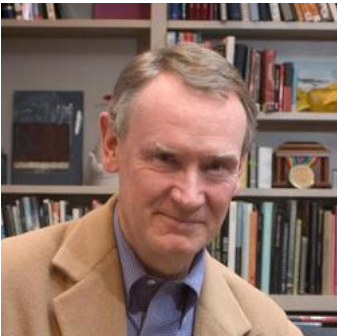
Marjorie Hutton

Marjorie M. Hutton, 94, passed away at home on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, after a short illness. She was the daughter of the late Thomas J. and Lillian Clark Mattimoe. A graduate of Notre Dame Academy and Marygrove College she received a master's degree in library science from the University of Michigan in 1949. That year she joined the Toledo Museum of Art where her mother had for many years taught Saturday art classes

Marilynn Willey

Marilynn Willey, 102, died at her home on Dec. 6, 2021. Born during the third wave of the 1918 flu pandemic, she survived COVID-19 more than a century later. Right after her 101st birthday she tested positive for COVID-19 and didn't have any symptoms. Marilyn taught history and french at MVCDS.

IN MEMORIAM FORMER BOARD MEMBERS



Roger Mandle

Roger Mandle, who as the fifth director of the Toledo Museum of Art undertook improvements to galleries and grounds and won wide acclaim - and the museum a record number of visitors - for a major exhibit of works by the painter El Greco, died of cancer in Dartmouth, Mass, according to a statement from the Rhode Island School of Design, where he was president from 1993-2008. He was 79. He was director of the Toledo Museum of Art from 1977-88.



Dave Francisco

David Robert Francisco passed away on June 11, 2021, after a battle with Alzheimer's, and a brief stay in Hospice of Northwest Ohio. David was born in North Canton, Ohio, on July 11, 1946. He graduated from Hoover High School in 1964, after which he attended Kent State University, where he studied finance and served as president of the Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. He began his career as a bank examiner in South Bend, Indiana, before moving to Bryan, Ohio, where he lived for more than twenty years. He soon became President and CEO of First National Bank Northwest Ohio.



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: INVESTING IN OUR STUDENTS' PASSIONS

HAOXIN KEVIN YU '22 FELT EMPOWERED TO PURSUE HIS PASSION AT MAUMEE VALLEY COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL.

"MAKING INVESTMENTS IS MY PASSIONATE TOPIC," HE SAID. "WHEN I WAS A FRESHMAN, I WAS REALLY PASSIONATE ABOUT MAKING INVESTMENTS IN THE STOCK MARKET. ON THE OTHER HAND, I FEEL THAT MAKING INVESTMENTS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT THING THAT STUDENTS HAVE TO LEARN AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. I CREATED THE CLUB IN HOPES THAT STUDENTS WOULD HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF INVESTMENTS."



He was a part of MV's Student Investment Club as a sophomore, and they participated in paper trading in what was a stock market simulation.

"We did that for a year, and I was like 'Maybe we should get involved with real money so students will have a better hands-on experience when it comes to investing,'" Yu said. "I feel that making investments is a really important thing that students have to learn as early as possible."

A donation to Maumee Valley Country Day School helped Yu revitalize the club, as it had fallen dormant over the years. The gift was added to a pre-existing endowment fund at the school that is dedicated to financial education, stock market trading, and other similar experiences for students.

"So here comes the hard part — when we were trying to ask for money from the school, we had to do all sorts of presentations. Ms. Allie Dane (Advancement Staff) helped me with that a lot. Then basically, in the presentation, I had to incorporate all of the values of the club and make it seem aligned with the school values so the school would support my idea of creating this club and trusting us with the money," Yu said. "I am very thankful that the school would give us real money to start this club."

The Maumee Valley Country Day School's Board of Trustee approved the \$10,000 allocation to the Student Investment Club through its finance committee.

With help from current parent Dan Karns, who is volunteering his time and offering advice and guidance to the club and Jim Kirtland, director of finance and operations at Maumee Valley — school officials laid down some parameters for the club. Karns interacts with the group and guides them at meetings and Kirtland interacts with the financial institutions.

"In my job, I don't interact with students a whole lot — it's been nice," Kirtland said. "One of the valuable pieces to me is they're using real money. To have real money makes it a better experience. The students are driving this. The students are doing all of the work."

There are around 20 members in the club this year, Yu said. The club is divided into four different groups based on the economic sector. They meet every two weeks and each team suggests two or three stocks for potential purchase.

A vote from the group is the final determination on whether they'll purchase the stock or not.

While I'm creating this opportunity for other people to invest, I'm also learning a lot from this experience," Yu said. "For example, many of my group members will come up with very good ideas and good vision on certain stocks that I can learn from. The second is leadership. Since I'm the leader of the Student Investment Club, I have to make sure everyone is doing the right thing, that everyone is on time and doing their work so that is another big part.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALUMNI COUNCIL

Hey Hawks,

While the pandemic made it harder for us to see one another, especially when so many of us are spread out across the globe, it also provided us with the opportunity to connect in new ways. In 2021 the alumni council began a series of Zoom events designed to connect Maumee Valley alumni of all ages, no matter where they live.

Our first event was "Coming Off Mute: MV Alumni Speaking Up and Showing Up for our Community" The event began with an update regarding Maumee Valley's timeline of diversity equity, and inclusion work, including staff training, a partnership with a DEI consultant, and reworking the curriculum. The rest of the evening was spent listening to 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.

Other events provided alumni and current students an opportunity to learn about career paths as well as to make networking connections and build mentoring relationships. Our first event was a Zoom panel focused on alumni working in Hollywood. Our panelists represented a wide array of jobs in the entertainment field, from special effects to law to writing and directing and more. We followed this up with a recent panel on health care that also featured a wonderful group

of alumni discussing their work in diverse careers, including as practicing physicians, epidemiologists, and policymakers.

We have more exciting events coming up. We also hosted a Zoom fireside chat with Zeba Zhan '99 and Erickson Blakney '82. The two accomplished alumni discussed their work in journalism and issues of DEI. Be on the lookout for information on future events, including a career-based law panel this spring.

These virtual events have been a big success and we plan to continue them past the pandemic, but it was also great to be back in person this September for the Smead Luncheon and Alumni Awards Presentation. Honorees this year included Steven Ashley '70 for the Alumni Achievement Award, Carty Finkbeiner '57 for the Alumni Service Award, Dean Kasperzak '76 for the Alumni Lifetime Dedication Award, Linda and Fred Deichert P '12, '14 for the Alumni Parent Dedication Award, and Michael Bohl '00 for the Young Alumni Award.

We would love to hear from you if you have nominees for this year's Alumni Awards, ideas for events, or just want to reconnect. We're hoping to see all of you, whether online or in-person, in 2022.

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INFORMATION ON THE 3RD ANNUAL MV INVITATIONAL COMING SOON.

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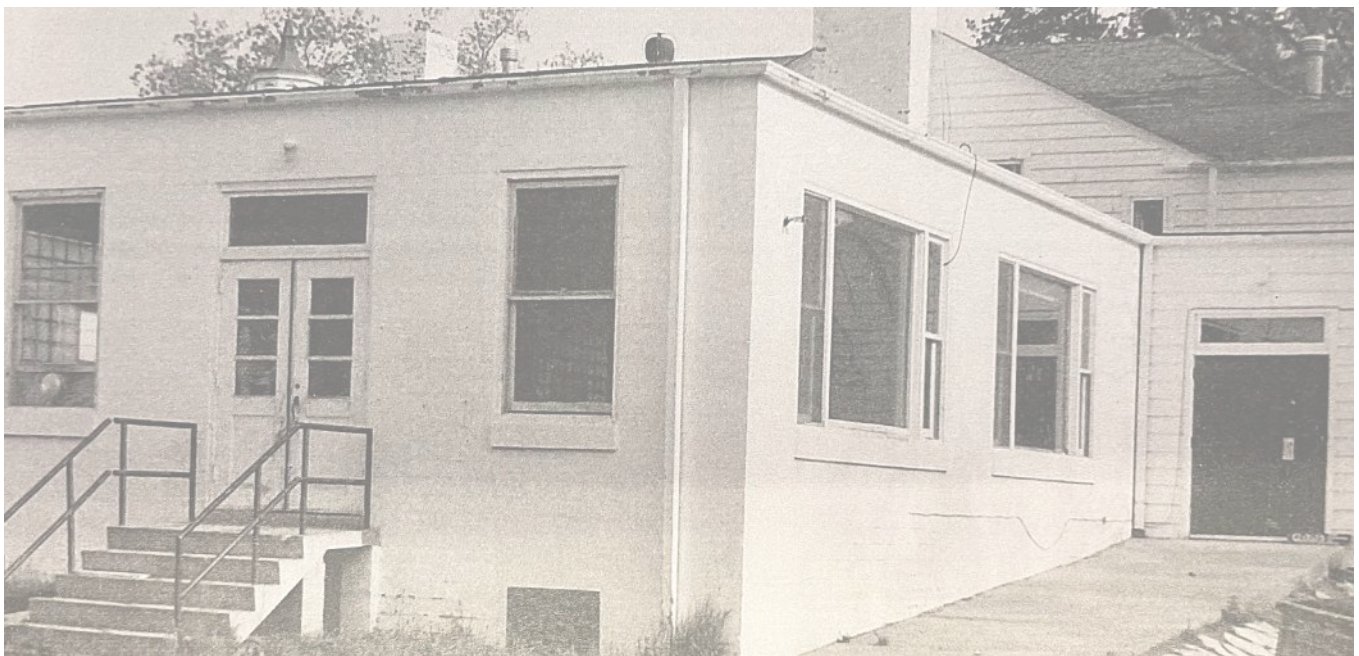
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