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New school year brings endless possibilities

Dear Friends of Maumee Valley,

Another exciting fall has arrived, filled with the traditions we love and the excitement and possibilities that come with unwrapping a new school year.

This semester we welcome not only many new families, but also nearly 20 new faculty and staff. As we conducted our national searches, candidates brought to campus expressed a universal admiration for the caliber of our students and faculty and the closeness of our community.

Our cover story celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Dayal House and its remarkable contributions to campus life. And more celebrations are coming in 2024. In March, we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Millennium Theatre and, throughout the year, we celebrate the 140th anniversary of our school's establishment in Toledo. Marian and Mary Smead, recruited by Toledo families, moved their girls' finishing school here in 1884 from Batavia, NY, where it first opened in 1848. So depending upon how you like to count anniversaries, it also could be our 176th anniversary as an independent school.

I hope you had the opportunity to return for Homecoming Weekend Sept. 22-23. For many of you, the event provided the first opportunity to experience our renovated athletic wing, which is the front door to Maumee Valley for thousands of visitors a year. Nearly 100 contributors to the "Raise the Paddle" project at the 45th Annual MV Gala made the makeover possible.

Speaking of makeovers, this issue of *The Valley* returns us to our normal bi-annual publishing schedule and introduces design upgrades to increase readability and ensure the magazine's ongoing appeal.

I'm looking forward to another great year filled with passions for community and learning.

Lynn D. Casto P '23
Head of School



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At Maumee Valley, we recognize and embrace our responsibility to foster an inclusive, equitable, safe, and respectful community. We cultivate a community in which students, faculty, staff, and families feel genuinely welcome and are encouraged to learn from, with, and about one another. We honor the uniqueness of each individual and embrace diverse backgrounds, values, learning styles, and points of view to build a strong inclusive community. At Maumee Valley, we want all community members to know: We see you. We hear you. We value you.



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Vision

Personal. Experiential. Global.

Guiding Principle

We create an environment of freedom and responsibility to Think. Speak. Explore. Choose. Connect. Be you.

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ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

The Valley celebrates the students, faculty, and alumni of Maumee Valley Country Day School, and the donors making possible many of their achievements. It is published twice a year by the school's Office of Marketing and Communications.

NEXT ISSUE

The Millennium Theatre turns 25 in March 2024. We will take a look at its origins and essential role in supporting the performing arts at Maumee Valley.



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Sun rises on Class of 2024

The Class of 2024 celebrated the "Senior Sunrise" tradition in August by coming together to watch daylight arrive on campus. There were plenty of smiles, breakfast foods, blankets, and memories about the journeys shared and those yet to begin. The event began the countdown to the June 6 graduation of the 54-member-strong class.



Briefs

TEDx event showcases students, MV

Maumee Valley students brought TEDx back to campus in May with an event featuring 10 area high school students. Co-organizers of TEDxMaumee Valley Country Day School were **Layan Ridi '26** and **Daivik Patel '25**. "We had tremendous response from our peers throughout the area, and the topics they chose both entertained and educated," Layan said. The speakers each delivered a 16-minute talk. The MV students presenting were **Jaden Jefferson '26** ("The Importance of Local Journalism") and **Max Oberlin '26** ("Between Wind and Water: Sailing as a Means to Conquer Fear").



Maumee Valley named top private school in area

Maumee Valley Country Day School received three honors recently for the quality of its educational experience. Niche, a national provider of school data and rankings, in September named the school the best private school in Northwest Ohio for a fourth consecutive year. Maumee Valley also had four other top rankings:

- Most Diverse Private High School.**
- Best College Prep Private High School.**
- Best Private High School.**
- Best Schools for STEM (public or private).**

Readers of *Toledo Area Parent News* voted MV the "Favorite Private School" as part of its annual "Family Faves" competition. In addition, the Lower School received the 2023 "Eco Elementary School Award" for expanding the use of nature in its classrooms and extracurricular activities. The award recognizes a preschool, kindergarten, or elementary school for promoting environmental understanding and respect throughout the student body and is awarded by the Science Alliance for Valuing the Environment.



Mayor honors Jaden Jefferson '26

Jaden Jefferson '26 received an award for bettering the city from Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz this spring. The city

created the Irene Drouillard Service Award to recognize Toledoans who are making the city a better place to live. Jaden received the "Youth Award" for his contributions as a journalist. "Jaden is the best reporter in Toledo," the mayor said.



Campus has a cow over Senior Surprise

Maumee Valley seniors started a new tradition in May: a "Senior Surprise." The inaugural surprise by the Class of 2023: Operation Moo Moo. Barnyard animals (cow, sheep, and goats) were delivered furtively to campus and placed in a petting pen on the Anning Lawn. The event lightened the mood around exam season and a new surprise will be delivered annually by the senior class.

Community Connections

Throughout the year, the Maumee Valley community came together to celebrate our differences and learn from one another. The events were plentiful (and almost always included food!): a winter dinner and Juneteenth cookout hosted by the Afro-Am Club; an Iftar dinner organized by the Muslim Student Association; Diwali/Festival of Lights and Holi celebrations planned by the Indian Student Association; a celebration of the Chinese New Year by the Upper School Chinese Club; and the inaugural Pride Day organized by the Upper School's Gender Sexuality Alliance.



Clockwise, top right: Sheik Ismail Bowers delivers the keynote address at the April Iftar dinner; practicing calligraphy during activities to celebrate the Chinese New Year; guests lining up at the Iftar buffet; Nick Komives, an at-large member of Toledo City Council, speaking at the inaugural Pride Day in April; Trustee Alan Bannister P '26 working the grill at the Juneteenth cookout; sparklers lighting the way at the November Diwali celebration; and Lower and Middle School students performing a dance at the Holi celebration in April.

Building Understanding DEIB efforts across campus gain momentum

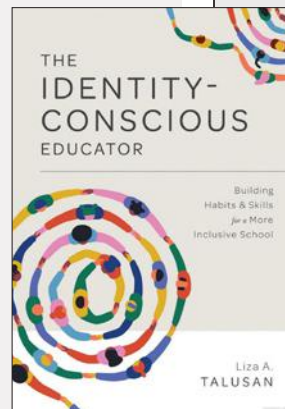
Maumee Valley Country Day School is investing in a multiyear project to solidify its commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging and establish community standards around those areas. The initiatives support one of the four goals of MV's 2021-2026 Strategic Plan—Community Connections—which calls for examining systems, processes, and curriculum to ensure equity and inclusion.

Leading the effort is **Reanne Young** (pictured, right), the school's first-ever director of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging and who is now in her second year. Much of the past year has been about collecting data from listening tours with students, current, families, alumni, and faculty and staff. She held an online discussion in July with alumni, in an event sponsored by the Alumni Council, to share the emergent themes from the past year of listening and continues to work with the DEIB Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Last fall, the school sent several faculty and staff to the NAIS People of Color Conference and six students to the Student Diversity Leadership Conference. The school also sent three faculty to be trained as SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) facilitators to continue this necessary professional development for all employees internally rather than using external consultants. DEIB issues also have been the focus of several faculty and staff professional development days. In addition, this year's campus read is *The Identity-Conscious Educator*, by Liza Talusan, who is coming to campus early next year to lead workshops with faculty, staff, and students and to meet MV families.

The focus of this academic year is on creating an action plan to make DEIB a core tenet of the school community.

Learn more at mvcds.org/DEIB



Faculty & Staff News

Casto joins independent school think tank

Lynn Casto, MV's head of school, has joined a new think tank helping independent schools around the country become more effective and sustainable. Independent School Management (ISM) created the 20-person Heads Circle to collect on-the-ground input from heads on the issues, opportunities, priorities, and ideas important for operational excellence and long-term sustainability. Casto is also a trustee of the Ohio Association of Independent Schools, which represents 43 schools in Ohio, and is the group's secretary this year.



Shoudt, McNally receive staff, faculty excellence awards

Congratulations to **Charles Shoudt** and **Adriana McNally** for receiving two prestigious schoolwide honors this spring. Shoudt received the Larry Anning Award for Staff Excellence while McNally received the Alumni Centennial Award for Faculty Excellence. Alumni, alumni

parents, and other members of the MV community provided the names of potential recipients; internal review committees then ranked the submissions to determine the honorees.

Faculty visit Italy to explore Reggio Emilia philosophy

Two new teachers at Maumee Valley visited Italy in May to learn more about early childhood education based upon the Reggio Emilia Approach.

Alex Kania and **Agustina Sanchez** were selected by the school's Academic Leadership Team to help build upon the Reggio-inspired components that the Lower School began to implement in 2019. Kania is a PreKindergarten and Junior Kindergarten teacher and Sanchez is a Kindergarten and 1st grade teacher. Both started in the fall of 2022.



The school funded the trip as part of its ongoing investment in professional development programs and opportunities for faculty and staff. The Reggio Emilia Approach aligns with the existing student-centric nature of learning at Maumee Valley, especially in the younger grades within the Lower School (PreK-3rd grade). In general, the approach values the child as a strong, capable, and resilient individual who is rich with wonder and knowledge.

Starting in the city of Reggio Emilia from which the philosophy draws its name, they visited schools and participated in seminars and workshops to learn more about and to see the philosophy in action. They have already started to share those practices with peers. "As an educator, learning about the Reggio Emilia approach inspired me to have a growth mindset and deeply engage my students into our lessons using their skills and interests,"

Sanchez said. "I've learned to develop their learning environment as their 'third teacher.'"

Newsmakers

The **MV Hawks Robotics Team** advanced to the BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology) Regional Robotics Competition in Denver. The team punched its ticket by performing well at the Falcon BEST Robotics competition. They won against nine other schools in two categories: BEST Video Design Award and T-Shirt Award. The team also earned two third-place finishes: BEST robotics and robot competition.

Maddie Williams '23 (right) was honored by the Association of Two Toledos at its 43rd Annual High School Honors Night. The ceremony recognized students for their efforts in studying the Spanish language and culture and their interest in continuing their Spanish studies at a higher level. With her is **Adriana McNally**, Upper School Spanish teacher.



Students in grades 2-3 this spring wrote an opinion piece as part of a unit on writing. The assignment: convince a local donut store to create custom donuts using the students' ingredients. Some letters went to Chuck and Cari McGee, owners of Papa Moose's Donuts in Rossford. The McGees were so impressed that they made the donuts just as the kids described and sold them in their Rossford store.



The Middle School MATHCOUNTS Team had four students in the top 10 out of 48 competitors at the Northwest Ohio Chapter Competition. The MV four-person team beat six others to claim first. The win entered the Hawks into state competition. MV's top 10 finishers were **Ella Hu '27 (1st)**, **Robbie Zhang (4th)**, **Mira Weingarden '27 (6th)**, and **Jash Patel '28 (7th)**. Members of the winning team were **Ella**, **Robbie**, **Mira**, and **Anthony Tam '27**. Other members of the team were **Solimae Patibandla '28**, **Jet Conover '28**, and **Julian Beatty-Duarte '28**.

Making the world a better place

Serina Tal '30 was recognized this year for her work in helping the homeless in Lucas County. During the county's annual "Point in Time Count," Serina distributed bags of hygiene products and winter items, such as hats and gloves, she had collected for those experiencing homelessness. "Something little can be something so big at the same time," she told nbc24. Last year, an MV art club she created raised \$100 by selling art made by student members; the money was donated to the Toledo Humane Society.

A hands-on learning project by Maumee Valley's youngest students is now giving area residents a chance to read a book while enjoying views of the Maumee River. The project: a lending library at Middlegrounds Metropark in downtown Toledo, for which a ribbon cutting was held in May. The PreKindergarten/Junior Kindergarten students decorated the lending library to look like a house, as part of the Lower school's "Passion Project" program. During the project, students explored a research topic through in-class discussions and first-hand experiences. The twist this year for the younger students was to select a project that also helped the community.

The Upper School Youth Outreach Club delivered nearly 1,500 books to students in grades K-6 attending Whittier Elementary School in Toledo. The 13-member club created the drive to spread the joy of reading. They set up a store inside Whittier's library using books donated by MV families and students. Our students acted as personal shoppers during the event, helping students pick books that matched their interests and allowing each to go home with multiple books. The outreach ended with a group reading activity.

The community outreach committee of the Global Leadership Program gathered hundreds of clothing items during the holiday season. The donated items were delivered to Helping Hands of St. Louis, a ministry of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Toledo.

Maumee Valley students across all divisions created more than 150 holiday cheer cards for local kids experiencing severe or rare health challenges. MV students wrote messages to encourage Ivy, Brody, Danica, and Jackson in their health journey. The project was coordinated locally by Operation Surprise Attack.

Students in grades 7-8 helped local nonprofit organizations with a variety of projects last fall as part of X-Block programming, an annual service initiative that broadens their view of the world and connects back to their coursework as the year progresses. The students worked with Metroparks Toledo, Toledo University Church Gardens, Sunshine of Northwest Ohio, SeaGate Food Bank, Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity, Maumee Valley Building and Grounds, Food For Thought, and Cherry Street Mission.



Belize

Traveling away from campus for Upper School Intensives is back in full swing, as COVID-related restrictions eased over the past 18 months. The first excursion to reestablish the practice was a spring 2022 trip to Puerto Rico. During the 2022-2023 school year, students chose from both domestic Intensives, such as New York (theater on Broadway) and Indiana/Ohio (canoeing the Maumee River to study watershed ecology), and international Intensives (Japan, France, England, and Belize). This year, Intensives are planned for Guatemala, South Africa, and Arizona.

In the Caribbean Ecology & Cultures Intensive last year, students studied tropical marine systems via reef snorkeling and the natural history of jungle ecosystems.

Experiential

Experiential and global Intensives in full swing as students learn beyond the classroom



In Asia, Upper School students in the Global Leadership Program explored cultural landmarks and the natural wonders of Japan as part of their spring Intensive. In addition to Tokyo, they visited the cities of Kamakura, Hakone, Kyoto, and Osaka.

Japan





Guatemala

Students in the Global Public Service Academy for Health Intensive traveled to Guatemala to explore the culture and work in a medical clinic. They explored the community and social issues and learned basic medical interventions such as measuring blood pressure. Students in the Broadway Intensive (left) attended five shows, explored the impact of theater, and participated in workshops with theater professionals.



New York

In the "The Lost Generation: Expatriates in Paris" Intensive, students literally and figuratively retraced the steps of that lost generation of artists, including Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Kay Boyle, Djuna Barnes, T.S. Eliot, and James Joyce.



France



The Arts

Student wins art prize

Alex Ni '24 won the 9th Congressional District Invitational Art Competition. As a result, his charcoal drawing is now on display inside the U.S. Capitol for a year. Judges selected his work titled "Concentration" (pictured below) as the best from 76 other students in 15 northwest Ohio high schools. MV students have won the competition four of the past five years.

His drawing and the works of two other MV students were recognized during a special ceremony in March at the Toledo Museum of Art. Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, who represents the 9th District, thanked students, families, and teachers for making art a vital part of public life. Other MV students recognized were **Paige Yustick '23** (for an acrylic painting titled "Saturday Morning") and **Chiaki Chen '23** (for a colored-pencil drawing titled "Lotso"). Chiaki's work also received an award from Bowling Green State University's Department of Art.



Artwork chosen for FOCUS show

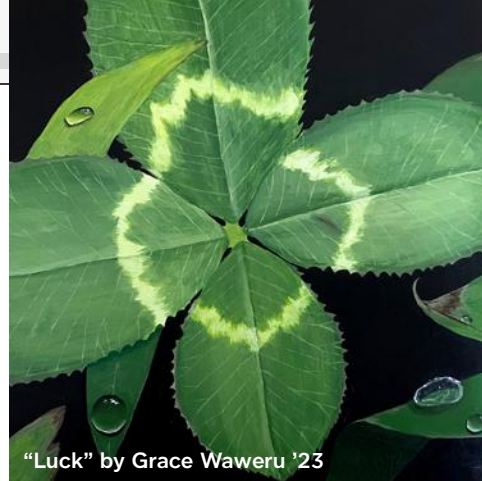
The artwork of 10 Maumee Valley students was accepted into the juried 2023 FOCUS Art Exhibition. Only 20 percent of submitted student work was accepted. The pieces will be displayed at The University of Toledo's Center for the Visual Arts Gallery Nov. 8-Dec. 15. The students are: **Paige Yustick '23**, **Grace Waweru '23**, **Alexander Ni '24**, **Sam Thomas '23**, **Chiaki Chen '23**, **Ethan Chen '23**, **Allison Launder '23**, **Elliott Zajac '23**, **Helen Yan '24**, and **Syncere Lumsden '23**.

Art from 8 appears in youth exhibition

Eight artists from Maumee Valley were selected for the monthly Northwest Ohio Youth Art Exhibition earlier this year. The exhibition features student artworks from Kindergarten through 8th grade from eight counties in northwest Ohio. Representing Maumee Valley were: **Anna Dowling '34**, **Allie Marker '32**, **Harper Oliver '32**, **Elliot Hultquist '31**, **Lucas Mabbitt '30**, **Muhammad Minhas '29**, **Tessa Moebius '29**, and **Solimae Patibandla '28**.

Student named an honored artist

Nora Culkstena '30 was chosen as an honored artist for the 43rd Annual Young People's Art Exhibition sponsored by the Ohio Art Education Association. The exhibition features 89 student artworks.



"Luck" by Grace Waweru '23



"Landscape" by Nora Culkstena '30



"Playing with Primary Colors" by Allie Marker '32



"Borrowed Ash/Painted Ash-#1" by Barbara Miner. Started in summer 2020 and ongoing. Hand-cut stencils, spray paint on dead Ash.



Wolfe Gallery presents impressive 2023-2024 lineup

Five visually different and thought-provoking shows are coming to the Wolfe Gallery this school year. Constructed in 1991, the Gallery was designed by world-class architect Hugh Newell Jacobsen and displays the work of Maumee Valley students and professional artists.

- **Through Oct. 6:** "What You See Is What You Missed" by Barbara Miner and Dan Hernandez
 - **Oct. 20-Dec. 1:** "Escape in the Midwest" by Jennifer Sowders
 - **Dec. 11-Feb. 28:** "Always Flourishing" (photography) by Rebekah Alviani
 - **March 11-April 26:** Group Fiber Art Exhibition by Fiber Forum
 - **May 6-June 4:** Upper School Art Exhibition
- Visit mvcds.org/calendar for the latest times and dates.

8 MV students accepted into elite Honors Orchestra

Eight Maumee Valley students were accepted into the Honors Orchestra by the District 1 Ohio Music Education Association late last year. In fact, every MV student who auditioned was accepted. "They all worked very hard this fall to make audition recordings with hopes of participating," said Cecilia Johnson, who teaches string performance at Maumee Valley. "Many of these students auditioned and were accepted last year but the event was canceled due to COVID-19."

Accepted into the High School Honors Orchestra were: **Sydney Abercrombie '25**, **Sofia Avram '26**, **Sharon Deng '23** (principal cello), **Jacob Hennon '25**, and **Zach Kiehl '24**.

Accepted into the Middle School Honors Orchestra were **Julian Beatty-Duarte '28**, **Sereen Taleb**, and **Robbie Zhang** (principal cello).

12 students selected for state, local orchestras

Congratulations to 12 Maumee Valley student musicians for being accepted into prestigious orchestras this fall. **Zach Kiehl '24** (violin) was accepted into the highly competitive Ohio Music Education Association's All-State Orchestra. This makes three years in a row an MV student has been accepted; **Sharon Deng '23** was accepted in 2021 and 2022. Zach was also one of six MV students accepted into the very competitive OMEA Northwest Ohio Regional Orchestra. The others are **Sydney Abercrombie '25**, **Erik Broman '26**, **Jacob Hennon '25**, **Lyra Qian '24**, and **Thomas Tong '24**. All play violin, except Lyra who plays cello.

Those six students were also accepted into the Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras, as were cellists **Omar Tal '27** and **Julian Beatty-Duarte '28**, violists **Katherine Zheng '25** and **Sofia Avram '26**, and flutists **Ella Hu '27** and **Wonu Kim '25**.



Nanny Goats Gruff

Kindergarten and 1st grade students delighted audiences in May by performing their rendition of "Three Nanny Goats Gruff." The show featured costumes, songs, and readings. Small groups represented different creatures in the tale. Following the show, students and families walked through a special exhibit in the Millhon Auditorium featuring some of their artwork from this year.

Talent on display at concerts, art shows

Students in the 4th and 5th grade showed their range of artistic abilities in March by performing in their annual Concert & Art Show. This year's theme was "Folktales Around the World." The performance featured singing, playing of instruments, and dancing. The artwork adorned the hallways of the Middle School and the theater lobby, too. Vocalists and musicians from the Upper

School and Middle School performed nearly a dozen pieces during their Spring Concert in May. During the performance, guests viewed student art projected onto a screen, which was curated by art teacher Lou Ann Glover.

Later in the week, 49 students (pictured, center) in grades 2-6 took center stage as they performed a string concert in the Millennium. Thank you to Jenica Fox, our Lower School and Middle School music teacher, strings teacher Cecilia Johnson, and Charles Brown, director of vocal music, for their excellent instruction and preparation of our students.



Zach Kiehl '24

16 earn Superior rating

Sixteen students received the top ranking of "Superior" at the spring District One Solo & Ensemble Competition. Honored were: violinists **Sydney Abercrombie '25**, **Erik Broman '26**, **Ryan Cui '24**, **Jacob Hennon '25**, **Zach Kiehl '24**, **Calvin McCullumsmith '23**, **Sereen Taleb**, **Thomas Tong '24**, and **Renee Watkins '23**; violist **Sofia Avram '26**; cellists **Sharon Deng '23**, **Lyra Qian '24**, and **Robinson Zhang**; flutist **Ella Hu '27**; and pianists **Karen Chen '24** and **Carol Tang '24**.

BRAVO! BRAVO!

Renovated Millennium Theatre showcases student performers

Kevin Ham '25 wows the crowd during a performance of "Chicago (Teen Edition)."

Crowds were treated to three spectacular and innovative theatrical productions during the 2022-2023 school year. Also starring in a featured role this year was the Millennium Theatre itself. Thanks to supporters at the 2022 "Raise The Paddle" project, the theater took on a new look through many enhancements. The upgrades included new carpet for the lobby and inside the theater as well as new lighting, ceiling tiles, and paint.

The season began with four November shows of the musical "Chicago (Teen Edition)," which featured performers such as **Hera Wang '23** (above). Next were two performances of the musical "James and the Giant Peach Jr." featuring students in grades 4-8 and directed by **Gabi Myers '23**. The season concluded with four performances of "A Wrinkle in Time," which brought patrons to different parts of campus as actors led them to locations across campus. Congratulations to the students, theater director **Brian Bozanich**, and the parent volunteers who supported the casts and productions.



Right: MJ Conover '29 and Will Stierman '28 were leads in "James and the Giant Peach Jr."

Here's a look at the upcoming theater season

Nov. 16-19: "Twelfth Night (or What You Will)"

One of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies, this tale of love, loss, and disguise is brought to life in a 1980s "MTV" reimagining. Shakespearean language, 1980s "RomCom" trappings, and an early MTV soundtrack infuse this spirited production.

Jan. 25-26: "Making Stuff Up" Improv Show (during Upper School Winter Intensive)

The Improv Winter Intensive finishes with two public performances. Part "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" and part audience suggestions, you never know what you will get at the show.

April 18-21: "Alice by Heart"

A young girl takes refuge in a London Tube station during World War II and confronts grief, loss, and love with the help of her favorite book, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.



A spooky hallway encounter with cast members from "A Wrinkle in Time."



Cast members perform an ensemble song during "James and the Giant Peach Jr."

Right: Nicole Wang '25 in the role of Roxie Hart in "Chicago (Teen Edition)."



Left: Becca Weingarden '27 and Maggie Blake '30 steal a scene as aunts in "James and the Giant Peach Jr."





Reaching New Heights

TAAC Hall of Fame inducts Emma Daugherty '18

The Toledo Area Athletic Conference will induct **Emma Daugherty '18**, the Ohio high jump champion in 2016 (indoor) and 2017 (outdoor), into its Hall of Fame this fall.

Daugherty (daughter of Middle School teacher Frank Daugherty) also was TAAC champion for four consecutive years. In 2017, she finished sixth at the New Balance High School National Championships, earning All-American honors. In addition to her state titles, Daugherty was indoor runner-up in 2017 and 2018 and outdoor runner-up in 2016. She also won numerous District and Regional titles en route to competing at the state championships.

While a member of the Maumee Valley track and field team, she also competed in the 100m hurdles, earning TAAC titles in 2017 and 2018. In 2018, she was named All-TAAC first

team in basketball (the same year the Hawks won the girls' basketball title).

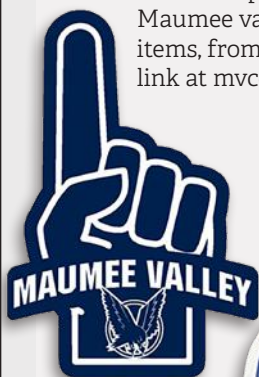
After Maumee Valley, she attended Princeton University, where she continued to high jump as a member of the women's track and field teams. She graduated in 2022 and today is an editorial assistant at W. W. Norton in New Jersey.

Daugherty becomes the fourth Hawk inducted into the Hall of Fame, joining fellow athletes **Rick Deichert '12** and **Megan Sieberg '03** and **Jim Fish**, the former MV athletic director and one of the architects behind the formation of the TAAC.

(For a full list of her track and field accomplishments while at Maumee Valley, visit mvcds.org/sports.)

Hawk spirit store expands

A new partnership is bringing a wider array of Hawk spirit items to the Maumee valley community. The online store features hundreds of MV-branded items, from clothing and drinkware to stadium seats and wall decals. Find the link at mvcds.org/sports



Tickets on sale for hall induction

Maumee Valley is hosting the TAAC Hall of Fame induction banquet Nov. 10 in the Millhon Auditorium. The event begins at 6 p.m. and tickets are \$35 per person. To buy a ticket, contact athletic director **Rob Conover** at rconover@mvcds.org.

7 athletes earn All-TAAC honors

Seven athletes earned 1st Team All-Toledo Area Athletic Conference honors during the 2022-2023 sports season. In addition, 11 Hawks won their events at the TAAC Track & Field Championship. Honored in soccer were **Asa Karns '24**, **Gustavo Caillaux '23**, and **Vukasin Tomic '24**; **Avi Joshi '23** (golf); **Emily Porter '23** (cross country); **Kelaysia Harris '25** (girls' basketball); and **CJ Majors '24** (boys' basketball). Track and field champions were **Paige Yustick '23** (300 hurdles); **Penny Weiner '26** (long jump); **Vivian Koles '23** (high jump); **David Parcher II '23** (high jump); **Izek Royer '24** (long jump); boys 4x200 (**Ryan Cui '24**, **Evan Dias '23**, **Amani-Jordan Chandran-Dickerson '24**, and **Josh Wang '25**); and boys 4x100 (**Jack Baker '24**, **Ryan Cui '24**, **Izek Royer '24**, and **Gabe Skinner '26**). (See a list of all sports honors received by MV athletes last year at mvcds.org/sports)

Tyler Foster '24 competes at state swim finals

Tyler Foster '24 competed in the 2023 Ohio High School Swimming and Diving Championships in February. He finished 8th in the 100-yard backstroke and 14th in the 200-yard freestyle. Tyler finished runner-up in both categories at Districts.

Varsity soccer wins 1st TAAC title since 2004

The varsity soccer team won the TAAC title in September, the team's first such title since 2004. The team went undefeated in the TAAC, outscoring opponents 30-1.

Emily Porter '23 commits to Denison at Signing Day

Emily Porter '23 signed her letter of intent in May to run track and cross country at Denison University this fall. Joining her (pictured, below) in the front row were her parents Jill and Michael. Also present (back row) were sister Jordan; MV coach **Jack Dias**; sisters Lucy and Lillian; and MV coach **Tara Morrin**.



BCSN honors Rose Parcher '25

Rose Parcher '25 was named the 13abc/BCSN Athlete of the Week in December. Rose hit the winning shot in the girls' thrilling last-second win against Continental, 40-38.

MV sends 5 to track championship

Vivian Koles '23, **Allison Launder '23**, **David Parcher '23**, **Josh Wang '25**, and **Alex Ni '24** represented Maumee Valley in the Ohio Indoor Track and Field Championships in March. David finished fifth overall while Alex, Allison, Josh, and Vivian finished in the top 20.

3 Hawk coaches win awards

Three Hawk coaches were honored with "Coach of the Year" awards in the Toledo Area Athletic Conference. **Chad Lillich**, who also earned his 150th career win last season, received the honor for soccer; the late **Rufus Simmons III** for track and field; and **Tiffani Blackman** for girls' basketball. The soccer team finished 10-8 and received a No. 3 District seed. Under Simmons, the boys finished 3rd and the girls 4th overall and won seven events at the TAAC Championship. Under Blackman, the girls finished second in the TAAC. In addition, soccer's **Shawn Lillich** was named District "Assistant Coach of the Year."

MVFA names Eileen Sullivan as Volunteer of the Year

Eileen Sullivan P '16, '18, '24, a backbone of the Boosters at Maumee Valley, was named "Volunteer of the Year" by the Maumee Valley Family Association. Sullivan plays a leading role in many of the organization's events, including the flower sale, which raised more than \$3,500 this year. Her greatest contributions have been in support of MV athletics, particularly the MV Boosters.



Tennis wins league crown

The boys' tennis team won the Northern Buckeye Tennis League with a 10-2 record. The team was led by **Gustavo Caillaux '23**, who was a Sectional runner up and District finalist.

Boys, Coach Simmons capture 6th grade hoops title

The boys' basketball team (left), featuring students in grades 5 and 6, won the 6th grade title (at home, no less!) at the Toledo Area Athletic Conference Youth League championship in March. Our girls' team finished runners-up. The boys were coached by **Rufus Simmons III** (far right), who passed away in February (see obituary on page 46).





Sporting a new look



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MAUMEE VALLEY ATHLETES ARE DEDICATED TO HARD WORK,
INTEGRITY, SPORTSMANSHIP, AND COMPASSION FOR ALL.



Athletic wing enhanced with 'Raise the Paddle' donations

The front door to campus through which thousands of sports fans pass each year received a major upgrade this summer. Renovations to the athletic hallway and fitness center were made possible by donors to this year's "Raise the Paddle" initiative, which annually focuses on a special project to support. The athletic spaces introduce Maumee Valley to visiting parents, athletes, and coaches as well as summer camp participants and youth sports programs. The renovations included removal of the carpet and refinishing of the underlying concrete floors, stylized painting on both hallway wings, new lighting, padded flooring in the fitness center, and Hawk-specific signage and graphics throughout.

WELCOME TO MAUMEE VALLEY!

Maumee Valley Country Day School is excited to welcome these new faculty and staff to our community this fall.



Brandi Baker Parcell
Director of alumni relations and special events

Brandi Baker Parcell joins MV's Office of Advancement as the director of alumni relations and special events. She has 16 years of experience in teaching, leadership, fundraising, program development, and community service locally and abroad. Most recently, she was the development director of the American Heart Association's Toledo office. Previously, she worked 16 years at West Side Montessori as both a teacher and later as director. She has a master's degree in higher education and a bachelor's degree in education, both from The University of Toledo.



Crystal Borchert
Lower School and Middle School art teacher

Crystal Borchert joins MV as the art teacher for the Lower School and Middle School. Most recently, she was an art teacher at E.A. Powell Elementary School for North Baltimore Local Schools. She also served as an art teacher at Hope Learning Academy in Toledo for eight years. She is no stranger to Maumee Valley: For the past 13 years, she has been an art instructor at our SummerTime Camp. She also served as a K-6 building substitute at MV from 2012-2013. She has a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Bowling Green State University and a master's degree in education from The University of Toledo.



Gracie Chamberlain
Upper School math teacher

Gracie Chamberlain joins MV as an Upper School math teacher. Most recently, she was a private tutor as well as a station and team leader at the BGSU Math Camp. A Perrysburg native, she has a bachelor of science degree in education (adolescent to young adult/integrated mathematics) from Bowling Green State University. Outside of the classroom, she has a love for personal finance, fostering dogs, and playing Pickleball.



Martha Chandran-Dickerson P '24, '27
Upper School English teacher

Martha Chandran-Dickerson joins MV as an Upper School English teacher. She also serves as a writing consultant working with students in the Natural and Health Science Residential Community at Bowling Green State University. In addition, she is a freelance writer and cultural literacy consultant. She also served as managing editor for the scholarly journal *Science Activities*. She has taught English courses to both high school and college students. She has a bachelor of arts in both communication studies and English from Daystar University (Nairobi, Kenya) and a master of arts in literary and textual criticism from Bowling Green State University. She is mother to Amani-Jordan '24 and Jadon-Christian '27.



Robert Daine
Upper School math teacher

Robert Daine joins MV as an Upper School math teacher. Most recently, he was a science teacher at Central Catholic High School in Toledo, where he taught a variety of courses, including integrated science, college prep chemistry and physics, AP physics and calculus, and robotics. His other classroom experience is at St. Wendelin High School in Fostoria and at The University of Toledo as a teaching assistant. A native of England, he spent a year as an exchange student at UT in 2010. He has a master of physics degree from the University of Salford (Greater Manchester, UK) and a master of science in physics from UT.



Megan Gray P '38
Administrative assistant to the Lower School and Middle School

Megan Gray joins MV as the new administrative assistant for the Lower School and Middle School. She served as an MV substitute teacher last year and her son James is in our PreK program. Most recently, she was a recruiter for Industrial Power Systems in Rossford. She has a bachelor of arts degree in communication with an emphasis in public relations from The Ohio State University and a master of education degree in secondary education from The University of Toledo. Outside of work, she enjoys traveling, reading, skiing, and doing yoga and Pilates. She loves visiting Toledo Metroparks locations and spending time with family.

WELCOME TO MAUMEE VALLEY!



Trent Hayes, Th.D.

Director of college counseling

Trent Hayes, Th.D. joins MV as the director of college counseling. Hayes has many years of experience in institutional leadership and operations, enrollment management, student advising, strategic planning, and leadership training and development. He previously was vice

president of enrollment management at Defiance College. He also has served as dean of enrollment management at Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science and in other roles within admission and enrollment management in higher education. He has a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Baltimore (MD), a master of arts in theology from St. Mary's Seminary & University, a master of science in higher education from Capella University, and a doctor of theology degree from Andersonville Theological Seminary.



AJ Johnson Jr. '18

Residential life associate

AJ Johnson '18 joins MV as a residential life associate working with students living in the Dayal House. He is no stranger to our campus: He currently is coach of the Middle School boys' basketball team. In addition, he is coach of the Hopson Elite travel basketball 14U team. He

also worked a year at MV's SummerTime Camp program.



Christopher McNulty

Upper School science teacher

Christopher McNulty joins MV as an Upper School science teacher. He is working on completing his Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from Indiana State University. His dissertation topic is "The Effect of the Arts on the Scientific Creativity of High School Chemistry

Students." While pursuing his doctorate, he also taught high school chemistry in West Lafayette, IN. And for 10 years, he taught high school analytical chemistry, organic chemistry, and biochemistry in Terre Haute, IN. In addition to his doctoral degree, he has a bachelor of science in science education, a bachelor of science in chemistry, and a master of education in curriculum and instruction, all from Indiana State.



Erin McNulty, Ph.D.

Upper School English teacher

Erin McNulty joins MV as an Upper School English teacher. Most recently, she was a graduate teaching assistant and instructor of rhetoric, composition, and literature at Purdue University. She also was a Writing Lab tutor at Purdue and a graduate teaching

assistant at Marquette University. She has a doctoral degree in literature, theory, and culture from Purdue. Her dissertation topic was "We Need Diverse Histories: Systemic Racism in Young Adult Historical Fantasy." Her other degrees are a bachelor of arts in English from Marietta College and a master of arts in English literature from Marquette.



Virginia Morris

ESOL teacher

Virginia Morris joins MV as the ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) teacher. She joins us from Sylvania Schools, where she was a long-term ESOL substitute teacher. She also has been a lead teacher at Bowling Green State University, where among her duties

was instructing international students in immersion English classes. She also has served as a head teacher at Human International Academy in San Diego, CA. She has an associate of arts degree, a bachelor of arts in applied science, and a certificate as a teacher of English for speakers of other languages, all from San Diego State University.



Adam Porth

Upper School math teacher

Adam Porth joins MV as an Upper School math teacher. He has 23 years of classroom experience. Most recently, he was a 7th and 8th grade math teacher (as well as athletic director) for American Montessori Academy in Westland, MI, where he was "Teacher of the Year" in 2018-

2019. For 12 years, he served in multiple education roles for Chicago Public Schools, including as a middle school math teacher. He has a bachelor of arts in education from Michigan State University and a master of arts in education from Olivet Nazarene University.



Dona Schwalm *Middle School teacher*

Dona Schwalm joins MV as a Middle School science and social studies teacher for 4th and 6th graders. She has many years of experience at Maumee Valley as an educator. She has been a substitute here since 2007 and a teacher assistant for both the Lower School and Middle School.

She has served in teaching and substitute roles for school districts in southeast Michigan and northwest Ohio. She has a bachelor of science in elementary education from Eastern Michigan University and a master of science in education from Walden University.



Cayla Slattery *K-1 teacher assistant*

Cayla Slattery joins MV as teacher assistant for Kindergarten and 1st grade. She graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science in early childhood education from the inclusive early childhood education program at Bowling Green State University in May 2022. When she's not at Maumee

Valley, you may find her working at Inside the Five in Sylvania or participating in community theater around the area. She also loves to travel and spend time with her husband John and daughter Clarie.



Sarah Tilton *4th grade language arts teacher*

Sarah Tilton joins MV as the 4th grade language arts teacher. Most recently, she was a bilingual elementary teacher for Denver Public Schools, where she also served as an academic literacy partner helping to support a network of 14 schools with effective literacy implementation. She

previously worked at Maumee Valley in 2011 as an English as a second language teacher. She has a bachelor's degree in journalism and public relations (Spanish minor) from Ohio University, and two master's degrees from Bowling Green State University: a master of arts in English and a master of education in curriculum and teaching.



Betsey van de Heijning *Lower School counselor (part time)*

Betsey van de Heijning joins MV as a part-time counselor for the Lower School. She has served as an elementary counselor for both Fostoria City School District and Maumee City Schools. She has counseled at the high school level with Ohio Virtual Academy and Ohio

Connections Academy. And she is a court-appointed special advocate/Guardian ad Litem for Wood County Juvenile Court. She has a bachelor of science in speech and hearing sciences from Purdue University and a master of arts in school counseling from The University of Toledo.



Eboné Waweru P '23, '25, '27, '30 *Full-time building substitute*

Eboné Waweru joins MV as a full-time building substitute. She performed that role in all divisions last year on a part-time basis. For six years, she worked as a K-6th grade music specialist for Toledo Public Schools. She sings with the Toledo Opera Chorus and is a teaching artist

working with PreK to Kindergarten students in a program called "An Opera is a Story." She also volunteers with the Toledo Opera on its community engagement committee, which brings the opera art form into the community. She has two children at Maumee Valley: **Julia '30** and **Myles '25**. Daughter **Grace '23** graduated in June. She has a bachelor of education degree in music education from The University of Toledo.



Bennett Whitaker '97 *Director of student support and Upper School support specialist*

Bennett Whitaker '97 joins MV as the director of student support and Upper School support specialist. Most recently, he was a senior interpreter and transcriber (accessibility specialist) in Student Life Disability Services at The Ohio

State University, where he had worked since 2004. For nearly 20 years, he has been an independent interpreter at various community events in the Columbus area. He previously taught American Sign Language for 12 years as an adjunct professor at Capital University. He earned a bachelor's degree in both French and religion at Capital University; an associate of science in American Sign Language interpreting and education from Columbus State Community College; and a master of arts from Southern Illinois University in communication studies.



A Work of Art

Lou Ann Glover says goodbye after 40 years

In an industry where nearly 45 percent of teachers leave the classroom within five years, the longevity of Lou Ann Glover P '06, '08 stands out.

The cherished art teacher at Maumee Valley retired in June, ending 40 years of continuous full-time teaching. Add years spent here as a substitute or part-time teacher, and her MV tenure stretches to 42 years.

What was her secret to success? "Always put the kids first. Always be flexible. And always do your lesson plans in pencil."

"I'm going to miss the kids and their creative ideas and solutions," Glover said in a year-end interview. "Every day has been different, and that variety has kept me energized all these years." She even taught two of her children, both MV Lifers: **Eric '06** and **Evan '08**.

"Lou Ann's love of art and our students made the art classroom approachable and fun for kids," said Lynn Casto, head of school. "Thank you for uplifting our

students and helping them reach their potential."

In addition, Glover devoted her time to ensuring that our school is vibrant and colorful by displaying our students' artwork in the hallways, creating a student art collection, and exhibiting art for special events held on campus.

Maumee Valley artists were also represented in regional and state exhibits. And she helped curate 30 years of shows in the Wolfe Gallery as well as lighting and sound for Lower School concerts and sets and costumes in numerous Upper School productions.

Growing up in the Cleveland suburb of North Olmsted, Glover loved high school art and science classes and knew one of those fields would become her vocation. She also spent a lot of time with children as



a teenager and young adult, particularly volunteering at various events. So, teaching art in a school seemed a natural fit with her skills and interests.

It also helped that creativity runs in the family. Her twin sister Lynn became an interior designer for an architectural firm, younger sister Laura also became an art teacher, and brother Russ worked in the graphics industry. "My mom was a lab technician and my dad was a banker, so we don't know where it came from," she said with a laugh. "We were always encouraged to play, explore, and make things."

She graduated with a bachelor of fine arts degree from Ohio University, and was hired almost immediately as a full-time art teacher by Fairview Park City School District, just 10 minutes from where she grew up. "I got my apartment, my teaching job, and



"I began to leave projects more open-ended and became less technique-driven and more concept-driven. The instruction moved from how to to more about why you're doing the work, and which cultures and eras produced that work. I also encouraged students to incorporate more personal experience with their projects by adding their own ideas and touches to it."

married my husband all in one month," she said. "It was an exciting month!"

Four years later, husband Bruce was transferred to the Toledo area. Glover joined Maumee Valley Country Day School in 1981 as a substitute teacher. In 1983, MV hired her as a part-time teacher, and in 1984 as a full-time art teacher, teaching four year olds through 8th grade. (In her final year, she taught grades K-7.)

During four decades at Maumee Valley, her teaching style evolved to encourage more questioning of and questioning from the students. "I began to leave projects more open-ended and became less technique-driven and more concept-driven," she said. "The instruction moved from how to to more about why you're doing the work, and which cultures and eras produced that work. I also encouraged students to incorporate more personal experience with their projects by adding their own ideas and touches to it."

Her physical classroom changed as well with more emphasis on self-service, as if the students were in their own studio. "I wanted kids to get the materials they needed and in doing so, act more like an actual artist, making choices about materials an artist would have to make in their own work."

She gives a lot of credit for her longevity to staying connected to others within the art-teaching profession. She was active with the regional and state art associations and participated in national art education conferences. She also is grateful to Maumee Valley for providing many professional development

opportunities. Throughout her career, she also was a practicing artist, creating and selling her own fiber art at local shows and displaying her work in regional exhibitions. For several years, she ran a gallery at the Toledo Botanical Garden and has continued to try new ideas when teaching summer art camps.

And it helped that she served on many supportive and collaborative teams at Maumee Valley, especially the Department of Fine Arts team that represents music, art, and drama faculty across campus.

"That's important because art teachers can end up isolated and separated from other teachers working in core curriculum areas," she said. "It's important to get together with other teachers to talk, share, and plan. Listening to others is really important as is working out your ideas and schedules in a collaborative way."

She also credits the school's inclusive culture. "Teachers have freedom to explore their own ideas and to share those with the kids," she said. "We meet kids where they are and support them in their growth by teaching them how to learn and how they can keep moving forward."

In retirement, she is traveling, creating art, enjoying the outdoors, learning new things, and checking off the final four states she has yet to visit. "I've always been energized to come back to school. I just don't know what it will be like not teaching full time," she said. "It's going to be a surprise. Summer will be summer, but fall will be different."



Giving Thanks for Years of Service

The Maumee Valley Country Day School community also said goodbye last year to four remarkable and long-serving teachers. We are grateful these world-class educators chose to dedicate their careers to sharing their love of learning with our students and community.



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Collectively,
they served
Maumee
Valley for
91 years.



Herrmann



Sieberg

Kitsy Choka '75, P '05, '06

PreKindergarten/Junior Kindergarten teacher

Maumee Valley Country Day School had a profound impact on Kitsy Choka '75 and her family.

The Lower School Resource Center is named after her grandmother, Kathleen Blakey, who was the Lower School librarian. And both of her children (**Charles '05** and **Kathleen '06**) were Lifers.

"It's meant everything. Maumee Valley itself changed my life. I was at a different school, and I came here in high school and it's hard to put into words what Maumee Valley is. It's an unusual place filled with wonderful characters," Choka said. "Its diversity in people and how they think and feel and just the acceptance that everyone can have their own viewpoint. I didn't

have that at my other school. When I came here, it was nice to learn to be myself, and the teachers when I was in high school were amazing."

Choka started as an assistant PreKindergarten teacher and has been part of the legacy of innovation at MV.

"Education has really come full circle. I've seen every change. When I first started as a lead teacher, we did not have a director of the Early Learning Center. We had a coordinator and we just team taught," she said. "There's always something moving, something changing, and I guess that's what's exciting about teaching. It's not really ever the same. Even if you teach the same topic year after year, there are so many different ways to teach it depending upon the children. There is never a chance to get bored."

Every student who was in her classroom can remember a specific time when she made them feel comfortable and a part of the MV community.

"For me, MVCDS began with you," said **Gabe Begeman '22**. "My first day was rhyme day. You welcomed me into a room filled with possibility. I am grateful for every lesson, every smile. Happy retirement!"

There are hobbies Choka wants to get back to in retirement, including reading for fun and playing the piano. She said she will enjoy spending time with her grandchildren and not having to set an alarm.

David Hanson P '05

Upper School math teacher

David Hanson lived the school's personal, experiential, and global vision, and all of us—his students and his peers—were better for it.

After 18 years at Maumee Valley and 45 years in education, Hanson retired in June 2022, but he is back this year teaching a math class online. He started his education career after college when he went into the Peace Corps. After moving to a different country and international school every three to six years, Hanson came back to the United States so his daughter (**Laila '05**) could graduate from an American high school.

"I wanted a school that felt like an international school—a lot of diversity, interesting kids, kids from different places," Hanson said. "When I came to Maumee Valley, you could see kids sitting around in the hallways, but then you listened closely, and they were talking about chemistry reports and subjects like that. Their minds were always working on something."

"I loved it here. I got to teach all these higher-level math classes, which I like to do. The big draw here is the kids are just so nice. You enjoy talking to the kids," Hanson said. "I'll miss the colleagues and the students, and I'll miss the neighborhood." And who would not love learning advanced math when you can try your luck at a few pulls on the slot machine in Hanson's classroom?

From one of Hanson's colleagues in the Upper School:

"David is an exceptional teacher who always finds time to help his students, his peers, and his school. His experience living and teaching overseas, his affable personality, and his ability to make math accessible to all have been hallmarks of his time at Maumee Valley. Mr. Hanson knows math and loves people, so it is no surprise that his courses engage students in an authentic manner. He creates an environment where his students want to be in his class, they want to learn, and they find joy in the whole process."

Terri Herrmann P '16, '19

Lower School physical education teacher and coach

It wasn't necessarily the way she had planned to do it, but the Early Learning Center and Lower School physical education teacher and Lower School director of athletics Terri Herrmann retired in June 2022.

Her husband, Mike, had a job opportunity that moved them to Tennessee. (Their children **Jack '16** and **Shannon '19** are MV graduates.)

"I've taught here 35 years. I love my job," she said at the time. "I love teaching at Maumee Valley. I've lived a blessed life here both in the Lower School gym and on the coaching courts and coaching fields. I couldn't want for more."

Herrmann started coaching MV field hockey in 1986 and coached through the fall of 2021. She also coached basketball at all levels as well as baseball and primary track and field.

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 did so for 35 years.

"It is a daunting and nearly impossible task to think of the extent of Terri Herrmann's impact over her time at MV," Conover said. "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 sports activities for our Lower School students."

"She has impacted thousands of kids, is always willing to do more, and has the best interest of our kids at the forefront," he added.

The warmer weather in Tennessee is allowing her to shave a few strokes off her golf game. She also looked forward to improving her skills on guitar, which she started four years ago.

"I've been really fortunate that I've been able to teach in a spectacular school that I've thoroughly enjoyed. I've worked with amazing administrators and teachers, and I've had incredible students and players," Herrmann said. "I wouldn't have wanted to teach anywhere else. It's been a dream job and I've loved every minute of it."

Tom Sieberg P '03, '05

Upper School strings teacher

Anyone inside our buildings before school has most likely heard strings students preparing numbers under the tutelage of Tom Sieberg. He purposefully left the doors open for the hallways to be flooded with beautiful music being made by his students.

"When I took this assignment, I had already retired from public schools. I had been there for 35 years, and I really wasn't looking for another job, but Mrs. Sieberg [Colleen] needed my help here and I said fine," he said. "I fell in love with it, and it turned into a job and here I am. It's been a great addition to my teaching career. It's really been the icing on the cake."

(Mrs. Sieberg, herself a valued music teacher who taught at Maumee Valley for nearly 40 years, passed away suddenly in 2020.)

Sieberg came to MV after teaching at Toledo Public Schools. He's also been playing professionally with the Toledo Symphony for more than 40 years.

Originally from Fremont, Sieberg said he retired to spend more time with children **Megan '03** and **Ryan '05** and his first grandchild. He went to college to study both piano and violin, with the dream of playing professionally. Teaching was his fallback plan, he said.

"Not only has it been a wonderful experience with the teaching, with the kids, but this whole place—I've been associated with Maumee Valley for over 40 years. My kids went here and Colleen taught here forever, so it's become family," he said. "I really hope it continues to be. I am worried about a little separation anxiety as far as that goes, but it has to happen. It's time for new leadership here. I feel like I've done my part. We've had such amazing kids here. It's just a very good bunch."

Home-Field Advantage

Dayal House

A decade after opening, Dayal House continues to reshape campus

By Kevin Merrill

As Maumee Valley Country Day School nears its 140th anniversary next year, perhaps no event has had a greater impact on its sustainability than the opening of the Dayal House in 2013.

While the school had long welcomed students studying abroad and enrolled dozens of international students staying with host families, an on-campus residence hall added both enrollment and prestige by making us one of fewer than 300 schools (and only one of nine in Ohio) to provide on-campus housing to students.

In May, the MV community celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the house's opening, nearly 10 years to the day since the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"Maumee Valley's boarding program brings students from all over the world to study, and our community is enriched by their presence," said Lynn Casto, head of school, in remarks at the celebration. "Our international community, in part, has helped us achieve our vision to be 'Personal, Experiential, and Global.' The global perspectives our international students bring into our classrooms allow our domestic students to have a window into other parts of the world, helping to share their global worldview."

Lynn Casto,
head of school

This year, our international students (all in grades 9-12) hail from China, Russia, Serbia, South Korea, Spain, Ukraine, and Vietnam. Twenty-eight will be Dayal House residents and others will stay with host families.

Her words echoed those of Gary Boehm P '01, '05, the head of school in 2013, during the ribbon-cutting.

"This facility will open our school to students from Toledo to Tanzania and from Bowling Green to Beijing," he said. "Working and living under one roof, our students will have the opportunity to learn and grow together and will help us fulfill our mission: to prepare our students to become enlightened, compassionate, and contributing citizens of our global community."

Several hundred students have called Dayal home, including **Harry Wang '23**. "Dayal House has become more than just a building. It is a symbol of unity, acceptance, and growth," said Wang, who was chosen to speak at the anniversary ceremony on behalf of current and past residents. "It is a place where students from diverse backgrounds come together, share their stories, and form lifelong connections to this land."



Opportune Timing

The residence hall was built in just five months using a lead gift from Ned Lakshmapathy, whose two daughters **Sukanya '15** and **Maya '17 Dayal** were MV students at the time. He and the daughters' mother, Anisha Dayal, who was then a member of the MV Board of Trustees, were already donors to the school. They provided the funding for the Dayal Center for Academic Excellence and the Dayal Family Study Room, both of which were part of the Upper School when it opened in May 2011.

"I remember asking Gary how I could continue to support the school, and some of the ideas were more practical, such as replacing bleaches and scoreboards," Lakshmapathy said. "I said I was looking for a project that was sustainable and meaningful for the entire community." His inquiry occurred at an opportune time, as the school was in a years-long exploration of international student enrollment and programming.

(The building eventually took the Dayal name because, well, Lakshmapathy doesn't easily roll off the tongue. "My kids have my ex wife's last name and that was my idea," Lakshmapathy said. "Growing up with my last name was miserable.")

The entire family attended both the groundbreaking in December 2012 and the 2013 ribbon-cutting. "What I remember most about the ribbon-cutting was how it brought the entire community together," said Anisha Dayal.

As important as the donation was to the project, its success also required leadership to steer it forward, coming just two years after the school built and opened a new Upper School.

"Innovation and entrepreneurial programs like this don't simply happen along smooth curves," Boehm said at the time. "This willingness to be bold and to risk failure are essential components of growth, and a lot of the credit to this impulse goes to Dave Francisco P '08, '14, '20, our outgoing board president, whose vision and

encouragement were clear and steady."

For his efforts on the project and overall support of the school, his family (daughters **Hannah Spengler '08**, **Mackenzie Francisco '14**, and **Maya Francisco '20** and wife Patricia Wise) dedicated the Francisco/Wise Family Patio at the house during the ribbon-cutting. His daughter Christa Dewire is now a member of the MV Board of Trustees and his grandchildren, **Emma '29** and **Alex '29**, are students at MV. Mr. Francisco died in 2021.



One decade ago...



Clockwise, top right: Gary Boehm, then head of school, speaking at the 2012 groundbreaking; the Francisco family at the ribbon-cutting; and the Dayal-Lakshmapathy family cutting the ribbon in 2013.

Origins

The idea for a residence hall evolved from internal discussions that started about 15 years ago across a range of topics, from how to live our long-time mission to enable our students to be "global citizens" and enrollment growth to adding new

revenue sources.

"The attitude then was you're never going to be more than 475 kids no matter what," recalled Boehm. "And we said, 'What do we need to do to change that? We knew we had the premier academic institution in Northwest Ohio but we were looking for a way to better differentiate ourselves from other schools and to appeal to a broader audience. We already had a long but small history of international students but it wasn't enough. We wanted to be excellent at every program we had.'"

Many projects for becoming more distinct internationally were outlined in the school's then new strategic plan. The plan called for the creation of the Global Education Program and Speaker Series, from which in 2008 the International Student Program (ISP) started. Eventually, the ISP helped to establish the addition of a full-time international recruiter in the admission office and an English as a second language instructor

in the Upper School.

The strategic plan also placed greater emphasis on globalization through the introduction of sister-school relations in China and Ecuador, requiring Spanish language instruction for all students, and the introduction of Mandarin into the Upper School curriculum. Those enhancements built on a 20-year

and Jarin Jaffee, then the school's director of admission and later the Dayal House project manager, traveled to China to build relationships with local education officials that could increase the pipeline of students coming to MV. The introductions were facilitated by Fritz Byers P '06, '10, '21, a Toledo attorney and member of the Board of Trustees using his

connections from The University of Toledo and city of Toledo.

(Most of Dayal's residents since its opening have been from China.)

Byers helped MV recruit the late Dan Johnson, former president of UT and a civic leader.

Johnson had already forged a partnership with a university in Qinhuangdao, China (sister city to Toledo), and was key to helping Maumee Valley establish a connection to a high school in that city.

A common request began to emerge: International families, particularly those in China, said they would feel more comfortable sending their children to Maumee Valley if the school offered on-campus housing.

By early 2012, the plan for a residence hall was gaining converts, but still faced scrutiny. Concerns were raised about the impact on campus culture, possible new debt, and potential political instability in China. And the fact that "day" (and not *night*) was part of the school's name.

"There was a board meeting where this was all coming to a head, and we walked out onto what is now the Anning Lawn," recalled Jaffee. "And there was this cut-down tree. Jeff Helmick P '19 (a U.S. federal judge), who was then a trustee, jumped up on the stump and gave a speech about envisioning students crossing the quad and entering the Upper School and how it would help shape the school's future. Everybody got all excited about it, and away we went."

"Board support was crucial," Boehm said. "It wouldn't have happened without it. We could do the internal work, but we needed them to sell it." The groundbreaking ceremony took place in December 2012, and among the attendees was Mike Bell, then the mayor of Toledo.

Operations of Dayal House are funded entirely by room and board fees paid by students and are managed through the Upper School, with the international program manager Colleen Browning reporting to Stephanie Harman P '22, the Upper School head. The house staff includes **AJ Johnson Jr. '18**, a residential life associate; and dorm staff Jeremy Green, David Kidd, Shawn Lillich, and Megan Wozniak.

"No one could have predicted the impact that our small boarding program would have on the lives of our community and even our state," Casto said during the anniversary ceremony in May.

Their impact has reached across the state. When MV's international students began to live on campus, the Ohio High School Athletic Association would not allow them or others from outside Ohio to compete on athletic teams. International students could practice, but they could not compete.

"Through an active campaign that included students going to the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus to lobby, our community helped change Ohio law so that now international students who are part of a boarding program established by 2013 [the year the Dayal House opened] are permitted to participate fully in athletic competitions," Casto added. "This allowed for stronger relationships to be formed within the community and for our international students to have the fullest Maumee Valley experience."

Today, international enrollment efforts are led by Mike House P '32, director of enrollment management. He joined MV in 2013 as the associate director of admission for residential and international students, so he has seen firsthand the evolution of the international program and the Dayal House's impact on our community.

"Our reputation and impact globally is incredibly strong based on the program we've built and Dayal House is integral to that success," he said. "Our deliberately small size, home-like care and accommodations, and successful student outcomes create demand for our program and, more importantly, a tremendous global community. Seeing students and families transition from across the world to across our graduation stage is a true privilege. The experience is life-changing for them and their families."

"Our international students are woven into every corner of the community, from club leaders, musicians, and actors to artists and academic leaders."

Lynn Casto,
head of school

partnership with ASSIST, a U.S.-based nonprofit that matches academically talented, multilingual international students with U.S. independent secondary schools.

As new international initiatives were launched, a homestay program had already been established to support the school's international students. In fact, when the 2009 school year started, 17 international students were enrolled, 13 of whom were from China. All were staying with host families, who received a stipend to help cover the costs of providing room and board.

To bring greater focus to these initiatives, the MV Board of Trustees in 2008 established a task force to give structure and oversight to the International Student Program and explore other initiatives related to growing enrollment and serving international students. Chairing it was Shelly Orenstein P '08, '12 (whose family dedicated a tree in her honor during the ceremony in appreciation for her leadership and passion for international and residential student life at Maumee Valley). The task force reviewed many topics related to international enrollment, such as admission requirements, content of student handbooks, host family and travel policies, recruitment and marketing materials, and housing needs.

Also during this time, MV was expanding recruiting efforts in both Europe and Asia, where China was emerging as a global power; it would soon become the second-largest global economy. In 2010, Boehm



Haorui "Harry"
Wang '23

'A symbol of unity, acceptance, and growth'

The anniversary celebration featured student speaker **Harry Wang '23**, a Dayal House resident, who spoke about the importance of the home to international students. Here are excerpts of his remarks:

Home, the definition of this word might vary for different people. But for an international student who is far away from their family on the other side of the world, my home was a shelter for me and a group of people who cared enough to be my backbone.

Dayal House has become more than just a building; it is a symbol of unity, acceptance, and growth. It is a place where students from diverse backgrounds come together, share their stories, and form lifelong connections to this land.

Each and every one of you has played an important role in shaping this international family and fostering a spirit of collaboration and respect.



About the Dayal House

Construction cost: \$1.5 million

Beds: 28

Architect: The Collaborative

Square feet: 8,800

Design/build contractor: Rudolph/Libbe Inc.



Key Dates in International Programming and Enrollment

1986

Maumee Valley begins admitting international scholars through the American Secondary Schools for International Students and Teachers program.

1993

Maumee Valley establishes partnership with Ekebyskolan High School in Sala, Sweden, which sent an Upper School exchange student every other year.

2006

- Global Education Program and Speaker Series launched.
- International Student Program launched.
- Mandarin language curriculum added.

2008-2009

- The Board of Trustees establishes the International Student Program Task Force.
- Partnerships formed with Yanshan University in Qinhuangdao, China, and Colegio Steiner School in Guayaquil, Ecuador.
- International enrollment is 12.

2009-10

International enrollment is 17 (13 from China).

2011

International enrollment is 27.

2012

Ceremonial groundbreaking occurs Dec. 5.

International enrollment is 30 students, 20 of whom are Chinese.

2013

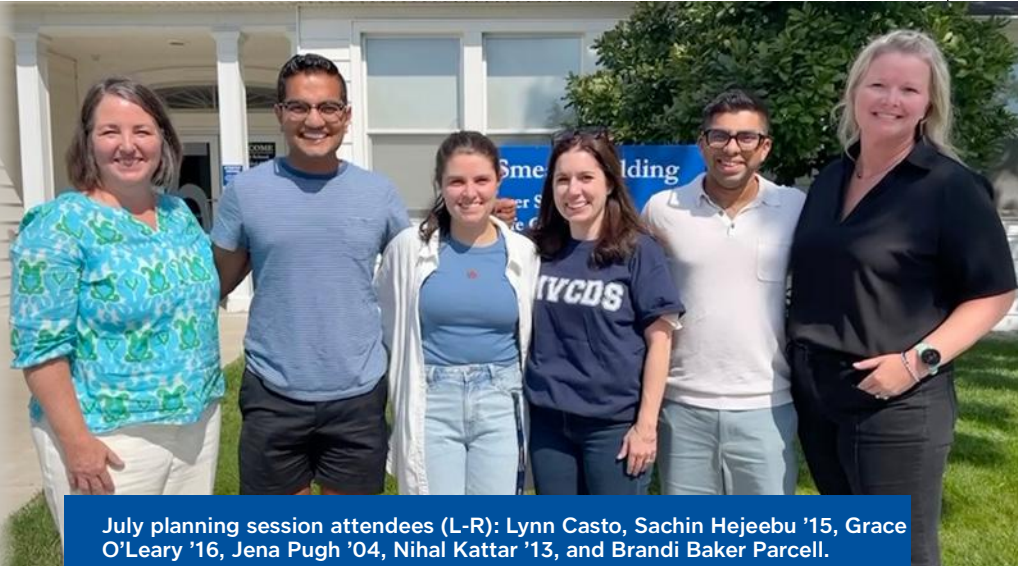
Dayal House ribbon-cutting takes place May 24.

2023

International enrollment is 39.



Connecting to share memories, strengthen our beloved school



July planning session attendees (L-R): Lynn Casto, Sachin Hejeebu '15, Grace O'Leary '16, Jena Pugh '04, Nihal Kattar '13, and Brandi Baker Parcell.



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Sachin Hejeebu '15

Linnea Johnson '13

Mike Orra '99

Jesal Patel '91

Brent West '77

It is my great honor to serve this year as president of the Alumni Council. The Council functions as an executive board to the Maumee Valley Alumni Association, which serves as alumni's voice in all programming activities at Maumee Valley. My role as president also places me as a member of the Board of Trustees, the school's governing body. I am ecstatic to be a part of both organizations!

For those who don't know me, I have been on the Alumni Council since 2020. I graduated from Maumee Valley in 2016 where I had been attending since 4th grade alongside my sibling, **Sloan '18**. My father, **Abram O'Leary '93**, is also an MV alum!

After Maumee Valley, I attended The College of Wooster, where I majored in communication studies and philosophy. After graduating in 2020, I moved to the Chicago area to work for the Schuler Scholar Program, a college-access nonprofit organization. Today, I am a college counselor still working with the program and placed at George Westinghouse College Preparatory High School, a public four-year college preparatory school on the west side of Chicago.

At our July planning session, the Council convened on campus as well as virtually to set goals for this year. This fall, we are planning a LinkedIn Workshop and a meet up after Get Back Day, in addition to the activities presented during Homecoming. We will certainly be in touch with more information about all these events, so keep your eyes out for more communication from us. And if you have an idea for the Council, we would love to hear it!

While the Council continues to play the key role in selecting nominees for the annual Smead Alumni Awards, we also will help the school expand its nationwide alumni outreach program while also continuing to grow our virtual events launched during the COVID-19 crisis. At our most recent forum in late July, about 40 alumni and other attendees logged in for an update on the school's diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging efforts from Reanne Young, who leads those efforts as well as the student support team on campus.

And all of us are excited to work with Brandi Baker Parcell, the new alumni relations director. She has big shoes to fill in taking over for **Weezie Stoddard '82**, but she is more than up to the task. You can connect with her at bbakerparcell@mvcds.org.

Lastly, congratulations to the 62 members of the Class of 2023 for their collective success and contributions to our school. We are excited and honored to welcome you into the elite club known as Maumee Valley alumni.

Reach out to me at grace.cora.oleary@gmail.com to share your feedback and ideas about alumni programming. And thank you to all of those who made it to Homecoming Weekend Sept. 22-23, especially those alumni from classes with graduation years ending in 3 and 8.

Grace O'Leary '16

Alumni Council President

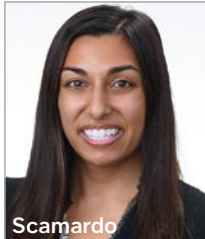
P.S. We're starting the nomination process for next year's Alumni Awards. Do you know alumni doing great work professionally or in service of the MV community? Anyone can submit a nomination, so please send us your ideas.



Pipatjarasgit

Poom Pipatjarasgit '17 is in the second year of being a Fulbright Scholar. A 2021 graduate of Brown University, he is using the award to earn a master's degree in European and international studies in France. The Fulbright program is the flagship international academic exchange program sponsored by the federal government.

Congratulations to **Elora Scamardo '16** for earning the Joel A. and Shirley A. Levine Public Interest Fellowship in Alternative Dispute Resolution from The University of Toledo College of Law.



Scamardo

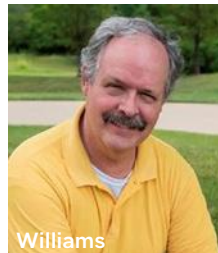


Lindsey

Pat Lindsey '70 recounted playing in the Masters Tournament in 1984 in an interview with *The Blade* this spring. He won the B.C. Open in 1983, a highlight of his eight-year career on the PGA Tour. He had four top-10 finishes in 1983.

The Alumni Council and the Upper School's

Young Entrepreneurs Club hosted an online discussion in April with four successful alumni entrepreneurs about their experiences in the health field. The participants were **Alyse Dunn '04**, founder and CEO of CareCopilot, an app that rewards you for taking care of aging parents; **Hyaat Chaudhary '99**, founder and CEO of LUXOME, which creates elevated home comfort essentials that add a touch of love and luxury to any space in your home; **Anurag Gupta '00**, founder and CEO of Tembo Health, a full-stack digital health solution that is revolutionizing health care delivery for seniors; and **Correy O'Neal '05**, co-founder and COO of Movement Genius, which is an inclusive digital



Williams

wellness platform providing body-centered movement classes to support mental and emotional health.



Mills

A documentary produced by **Erickson Blakney '83** aired last year locally on WGTE during National Fair Housing Month. "Zip Code Matters" has won numerous awards since its release. It examines how an individual's zip code is more predictive of their health and life outcomes than their genetic code. Blakney spent nearly two decades in the media business as an award-winning writer and reporter for Bloomberg and CBS News. Currently, he is a program officer with the New York-based Pinkerton Foundation.

Award-winning playwright **Philip Middleton Williams '71** presented a new work titled "The Sugar Ridge Rag" last year at the LAB Theater Project in Tampa, FL. The drama examined the bonds that unite a family through difficult times and explored how war can ravage a tight-knit family and how love can overcome that darkness. He has written more than 60 plays.

Jangus "JB" Whitner '10 received the Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award from the Ohio Pharmacists Association last year. The award recognizes a pharmacist who has graduated in the last 10 years and made significant contributions to the profession of pharmacy. In addition, he was recognized with an UNDER 40 Recognition Award for leadership, excellence, and vision in the practice of pharmacy.

Sarah (Ross)

Mills '95 is the new executive director of the Old Art Building in Leland, MI. The OAB promotes cultural enrichment and provides a gathering place as a community center.



Blakney



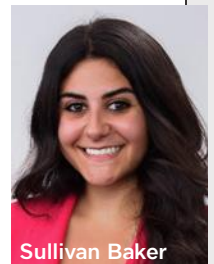
Alumni Mixer

Thanks to **Leah Whitaker '00** for organizing an alumni mixer in August in the Wolfe Gallery. In addition to snacks and drinks, attendees

competed in a general knowledge trivia game. Among the attendees were 2000 classmates (from left) **Bethanie (Rosen) Cherry, Imani Roach, Leah, Elaine Stoll, and Hannah Lehmann.**

Natalie Sullivan Baker '18 received the 2022 David B. Lipsky Award for Conflict Resolution, Impact, and Excellence from the School of Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR) at Cornell

University. The award recognizes selected ILR students who have made exceptional contributions to the study and/or practice of conflict resolution. She is now pursuing a law degree at The University of Toledo College of Law.



Sullivan Baker



Whitner

MV Gala

The crowd went wild. Wild for MV, that is, with fundraising at the Toledo Zoo.

This year's MV Gala was a wild one in more ways than one. With the theme of "Wild for MV," the annual fundraiser and community builder took place at the Toledo Zoo. Nearly 180 friends of Maumee Valley attended, and about \$203,000 was raised. The main beneficiary of the generosity: our athletic facilities, which were this year's "Raise the Paddle" project. Top: **Dr. Rebecca Skinner Green** and **Dr. Ewart Skinner P '24, '26**. Right: **Lynn Casto**, head of school



Among the attendees were Virender and Dr. Tanvir Singh P '30.



Student performers, including Sydney Abercrombie '25 (left), serenaded attendees during the cocktail hour and silent auction. Above: Dozens of items were donated to the silent auction, from handmade quilts and custom experiences to theater tickets.



Clockwise, from top: Stephanie Harman, head of Upper School, and Dr. Skinner Green audaciously applied the wild theme to their wardrobe selections; a Zoo resident stopping by to say hello; MV supporters inside the Great Hall raising paddles during the live auction; Areka Foster P '20, '22, '24, Weezie Stoddard '82, P '10, '12, '15, and Reema Ridi P '23, '25, '28, a member of the Board of Trustees; Abigale Charney (left) and Sunny Masterton P '24 strike a pose; and Sarada and Dr. Arjun Das P '28, '34. Dr. Das joined the MV Board of Trustees this fall.





Hawk spirit on display

Hawk Nation celebrated friendships new and old as well as their alma mater during Homecoming Weekend in September. An alumni tent at the Knight/McCoy Track Complex allowed visiting alumni to watch multiple soccer games in comfort during the Fall Tournament. A reception on the Bluestone preceded the Smead Alumni Awards presentation in the Millhon Auditorium. Keep informed about future alumni events at mvcds.org/alumni.

Right: **Bennett Whitaker '97**, MV's new director of student support and Upper School support specialist, caught up with former homeroom advisor **Jewel Woodard '77, P '14**. They met as Bennett was beginning 6th grade.

Far right: The awards ceremony was emceed by **Grace O'Leary '16**, seen here with **Brandi Baker Parcell**, MV's alumni relations director (center), and **Terri Hermann**, former teacher and coach.

Top: The evening's honorees were (from left): **Dr. Rajendra Kattar P '13, '18**; **Dr. James Willey '70**; **Louise 'Weezie' Stoddard '82**; **Dr. Miriam Gohara '90**; and **Zeinab 'Zizi' Khalil '10**.



88th Annual Smead Alumni Awards

As part of this year's festivities, Maumee Valley moved the annual Smead Alumni Awards to the fall. Five remarkable community members were honored for their contributions to the school and their professions.



Miriam Gohara '90 Alumni Achievement Award

Professor Miriam Gohara is a clinical professor of law and director of the Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization at Yale Law School, where she founded and teaches the Challenging Mass Incarceration Clinic. After graduating from Maumee Valley in 1990, she earned a bachelor's degree

in history from Columbia University and a law degree from Harvard Law School. After clerking for Judge R. Guy Cole, Jr., on the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, Professor Gohara worked for two years at the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem. She then spent 16 years representing death-sentenced clients in post-conviction litigation, first as assistant counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and then as a specially designated federal public defender with the Federal Capital Habeas Project. Professor Gohara has litigated cases in state and federal courts around the United States, including the United States Supreme Court. Professor Gohara serves on the advisory board of the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem. She lives in Connecticut with her husband and two teenage sons.

Dr. Rajendra “Raj” Kattar P’13, ’18 Alumni Parent Dedication Award

Dr. Rajendra “Raj” Kattar is the president of the Heart Institute at ProMedica. Dr. Kattar has practiced cardiology for 25 years in Ohio and Michigan. He spent much of his life in Milwaukee, WI, where he received his bachelor’s degree at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and his medical degree at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Kattar is known for putting his patients first, personalizing the patient experience, and successfully integrating technology and medicine in his communities. Dr. Kattar has been a dedicated Maumee Valley parent since 2001 when his older son **Nihal (’13)** entered the 1st grade. (Son **Sahil** graduated in 2018.) Dr. Kattar has assisted with several student trips and activities and he has made tremendous contributions to the annual



auction. Along with volunteering as a committee member to help secure sponsorships, he and his wife Rajitha hosted and organized three auction dinners from 2015 to 2017. Dr. Kattar has been a member of the Maumee Valley Board of Trustees since 2020.

Zeinab “Zizi” Khalil ’10 Young Alumni Award

Zeinab Khalil is a New York-based lawyer who graduated from Maumee Valley in 2010. After MVCDS, she earned a bachelor’s degree in international relations and women’s studies at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, where



she delivered the Honors Commencement Speech and was awarded the Student of the Year Award by *The Michigan Daily* and the Senior of the Year Award by the Alumni Association. She went on to work as an advocate with groups including the New York Immigration Coalition, Communities United for Police Reform, and the Arab American Association of New York. She earned her master’s degree in public policy from Yale University on a merit-based scholarship. She went on to work with the United Nations Development Programme, the Soros’ Open Society Foundations,

and on access-to-justice initiatives with city agencies in New York. She then earned her law degree from Columbia Law School, where she directed the Law School Writing Center, was a staffer for the Human Rights Law Review, and represented indigent individuals in the school’s public defense clinic. She worked as a litigation associate at the international law firm White & Case LLP in New York. She now works in the federal judiciary as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Judge Eunice C. Lee of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Louise “Weezie” Stoddard ’82 Alumni Lifetime Dedication Award

Louise “Weezie” Foster Stoddard has been a part of Maumee Valley Country Day School for 40 years: 12 years as a student and 28 years as an integral part of the MV campus. After graduating in 1982 as a Lifer, she earned a degree in advertising and design at the Columbus College of Art & Design. She then spent 20 years as the campus technology coordinator, helping implement technology to facilitate learning. From 2014 to 2022, she served as the associate director of alumni relations. Her contributions to the school



have gone well beyond the scope of her formalized roles. She consistently went out of her way to enhance campus life by helping with logistical planning, campus projects, being a coach, and bringing people together. She coached Middle School field hockey for 17 years and started high school lacrosse and coached it for 17 years. Outside of Maumee Valley, she was a very successful coach, having managed lacrosse programs at

Notre Dame Academy and The University of Toledo. The Foster family is an institution by itself at Maumee Valley. Alumni include father **Steve ’57** and her late mother **Kay Rathbun ’58**; siblings **Katie ’80**, **Stephen ’84**, and **Bittin ’86**; children **Dillon ’10**, **Dixon ’12**, and **Kayloulou ’15**; as well as many nieces and nephews (**Forrest Foster ’08**, **Ella Foster ’18**, and **Lila Foster ’21**).

Dr. James Willey ’70 Alumni Service Award

Dr. James Willey is a pulmonary and critical care physician and George Isaac Chair for Cancer Research at The University of Toledo. He is also the medical director of the Eleanor



N. Dana Cancer Center. After graduating from Maumee Valley, he earned a bachelor of arts degree in zoology at the University of Vermont and his medical degree from The University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences (what was then the Medical College of Ohio). He has been awarded 14 U.S. patents and his patented technology is licensed to Accugenomics, Inc. in Wilmington, NC, a biotechnology company he

co-founded and for which he is a consultant. He has mentored many MV students in his UT research laboratory, many of whom are now successful physicians. Dr. Willey and his wife Elisabeth James are proud parents of two MV graduates—**Marilynn Willey Schwartz ’10** and **Paige ’12**—who benefited greatly from their experience. He also has served on the Alumni Council and Endowment Committee.

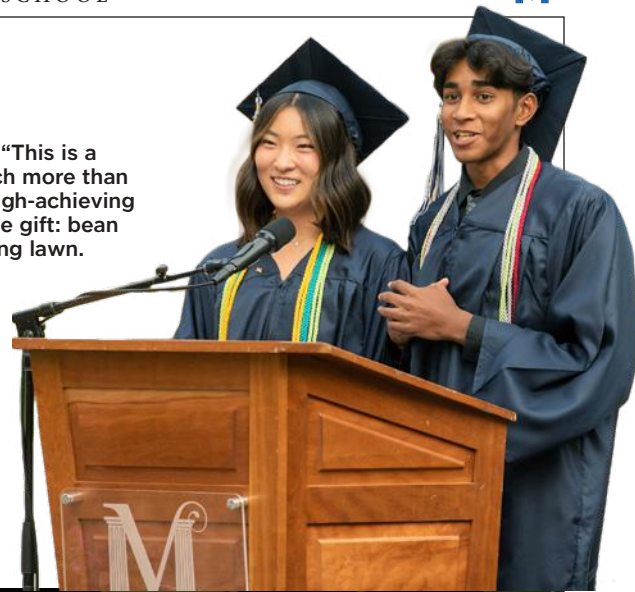
Class of 2023

Maumee Valley celebrated the achievements of 62 seniors, including 9 Lifers, at the annual Graduation Exercise. "This class is a remarkable, fierce, and talented group," said Lynn Casto, head of school.

The keynote speaker was **Bradford (Ford) Koles Jr. '82** (below, left), a vice president and national spokesperson for Advisory Board and parent to graduating senior Vivian. "You will do great things. You will do what you set out to do. I cannot wait to see it," he said. "Maumee Valley has made you ready. That is what Maumee Valley does." Receiving the Head of School Award, Maumee Valley's highest honor, was Sharon Deng (below, right) who was celebrated as "a model of our Maumee Valley mission."



Kimmi Zhao '23 and Harshil Patel '23 had the honor of presenting the class gift. "This is a class that supports each other. What these past four years have gifted us is much more than just an education," Harshil said. "There is no doubt that the Class of 2023 is a high-achieving class. But it's clear we couldn't have done it without each other," Kimmi said. The gift: bean bag chairs and a couch for the Perry Commons and a spike ball net for the Anning lawn.



The event featured a performance of "Memories" by the String Chamber Ensemble and supporting vocals, and a performance of "Firework" by Gabrielle Myers '23 (left), who was accompanied on guitar by Elijah Marx '23.

Lauren Ahmer

The University of Toledo Honors College

Riyah Alnsour

University of Michigan

Jacob Buchanan

Bowling Green State University

Edoardo Buldrini

École Supérieure de Commerce de Paris-Turin

Gustavo Caillaux

Purdue University

Triana Card

University of Cincinnati

Caleb Casto

Bowling Green State University

Kai Cecil

Clark University

Haojia Chen

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Yushu Chen

University of California San Diego

Rachel Cheng

Miami University

Sharon Deng

Duke University

Evan Dias

Ohio University

Nikola Dimitrić

Fontys University of Applied Sciences

Colin Dunlap

Appalachian State University

Ian English, II

Miami University

Jillian Frost

The Ohio State University

Sloane Geisel

Bowling Green State University

Laya Gokula

The University of Toledo

William Gordon

Miami University

Morgan Hirsch

Vanderbilt University

Quang Huy Huynh

University of Minnesota Twin Cities

Avi Joshi

The Ohio State University

Vivian Koles

Williams College

Allison Launder

Purdue University

Jackson Lechlak

Gap year

Syncere Lumsden

The University of Toledo

Elijah Marx

Study abroad program in Taiwan through U.S. Department of State

Calvin McCullumsmith

Stanford University

Gabrielle Myers

Arizona State University

Congratulations



Left: Syncere Lumsden '23 proudly displaying her new diploma. Above: Grace Waweru '23 and Emily Porter '23 creating a lasting memory.

David Parcher, II
University of Cincinnati

Harshil Patel
University of Michigan

Ved Patel
The University of Rochester

Alexis Phillips
The Ohio State University

Emily Porter
Denison University

Trevor Pribis
The Ohio State University

Sami Ridi
University of California,
Berkeley

Edward Rodriguez
Case Western Reserve University

Ananya Saini
University of Pittsburgh

Isabel Saunders
Ohio University Scholars
Program

Omar Soltan
Washington University-St. Louis

Xiao Tan
Emory University

Haotong Tang
New York University

Yingbo Tang
University of Utah

Samuel Thomas
Art Institute of Chicago

Andrew Tran
The University of Toledo

Samantha VanVorhis
Oklahoma State University

Haorui Wang
Syracuse University

Zhen Wang
Syracuse University

Renee Watkins
Smith College

Grace Waweru
Smith College

Madeline Williams
Georgetown University

Athena Wynn
St. Louis University-Madrid

Rucheng Xu
Purdue University

Fan Yang
University of Pittsburgh

Qiyue Ying
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Paige Yustick
Savannah College of Art and
Design

Tameem Zaidat
Brown University

Elliott Zajac
Skidmore College

Oliver Zajac
University of Chicago

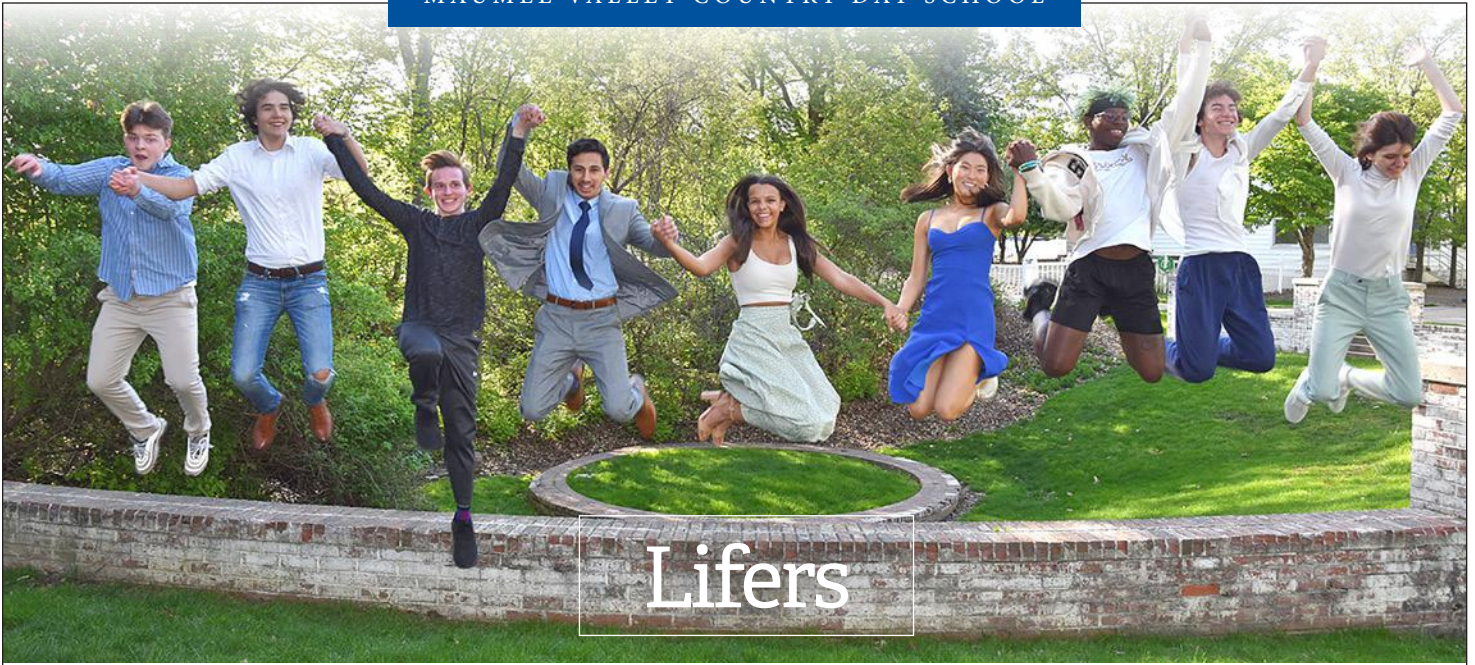
Kimmi Zhao
University of California,
Berkeley

Hisham Zrien
The University of Toledo

Class of 2023



Clockwise, from top: Class members assemble for the traditional group photo the day of commencement inside the Kasperzak Center; new grads Elliott Zajac, Allison Launder, Oliver Zajac, and Trevor Pribis gather for a photo; and Rucheng "Jerry" Xu, Zhen Wang, and Haojia "Kenny" Chen having a good time following the ceremony.



Nine Maumee Valley "Lifers" joined hands and took the traditional and symbolic leap forward off the wall of the Alida Ashley Outdoor Amphitheater. Celebrating together are (from left) Colin Dunlap, Jacob Buchanan, Kai Cecil, Avi Joshi, Triana Card, Kimmi Zhao, David Parcher II, Evan Dias, and Paige Yustick.

Class of 2023 Awards

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RECIPIENT

Oliver Zajac

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FINALISTS

Sharon Deng
Elijah Marx
Calvin McCullumsmith
Tameem Zaidat
Elliott Zajac

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM COMMENDED STUDENTS

Yushu Chen
Trevor Pribis
Renee Watkins
Qiyue Ying

CUM LAUDE SOCIETY

Riyah Alnsour
Yushu Chen
Sharon Deng
Elijah Marx
Calvin McCullumsmith
Xiao Tan
Renee Watkins
Qiyue Ying
Tameem Zaidat
Oliver Zajac
Kimmi Zhao

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(Senior Awards were presented at the Upper School Awards Assembly on June 1, 2023.)

DEPARTMENTAL

Math Prize
Xiao Tan

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Laya Gokula

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Riyah Alnsour

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Laya Gokula, Allison Launder,
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International Student Award
Fan Yang

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Joseph D. Didier Soccer Award
Gustavo Caillaux

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Ananya Saini and Harshil Patel

Donnie Taylor Basketball Award
Laya Gokula and Nikola
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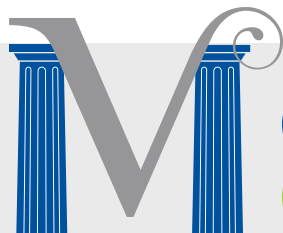
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Next year's event will be on Saturday, April 27.



'Wild for MV' raises \$203K

Thank you to the Maumee Valley community for attending and giving generously at the March 18 "Wild for MV Gala." The 45th such event, held this year at the Toledo Zoo, raised more than \$200,000, including \$57,000 for extensive renovations to our athletic spaces. **Thanks for supporting MV.**

Clockwise from top left: Corrie Voss P '30 and Lauma Culkstena P '24, '30 enjoying the Great Rotunda; Dhawi and David Pienta P '24 were among the attendees; and (from left) physical education teacher Heather Rakosik P '30, Lower School head Michelle Savickas, and Rachel and Michael Freeman P '30, '33, '34, '34.

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ALUMNI

Joan "Nan" Parfet Miller '46

Joan "Nan" Parfet Miller '46, who served more than 20 years on the school's Endowment Board, passed away in April. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert in 2004, who had served on the MV Board of Trustees. After MV, she earned a psychology degree from the University of Arizona. She



developed a deep fascination for the American Southwest. Dismayed at the poverty and lack of opportunity in the desert she loved sparked a strong resolve that led her to spend many years tutoring at elementary schools in the Navajo Nation in northwest Arizona. She also was a talented tennis player, avid fly fisher, and member of the Junior League of Toledo.

Neil Greene '55

Neil Greene '55, who met his future wife **Joan '55** while attending Maumee Valley, passed away in May. He earned undergraduate and master's degrees in engineering from Dartmouth College and a Ph.D. in mechanical



engineering from the University of Michigan. At U of M, he conducted research on rocket fuel properties for NASA. He and his family later moved to Granville, OH, where he had a 30-year career with Owens Corning Fiberglas. He enjoyed driving and restoring old corvettes, model airplane building, gardening, fishing, and traveling.

Gail Farmer '59

Gail Farmer passed away in June. She took ballet classes and throughout her life often spontaneously danced when she heard a tune she liked. Her family lived in both New York and Massachusetts. She later worked as secretary in the religious studies department at Merrimack College in addition to being a Cub Scouts den leader for many years.



George M. Jones III '62

George Miles Jones III '62, a prominent local business and civic leader, passed away in February. He earned a bachelor's degree from Denison University and later became chairman of the Manhattan Group, which managed holdings in Toledo that included Kwik Parking. He chaired the WGTE board of directors for more than a decade; he also served 25 years as a trustee with the Toledo Symphony and 31 years on the board of the Toledo Museum of Art, where he served as chair during the 2006 opening of the museum's Glass Pavilion.



He also served on the boards of the National Museum of the Great Lakes, Fort Meigs in Perrysburg, and Fort Ticonderoga in northern New York, Woodlawn Cemetery and Arboretum, and the Lucas County-Maumee Valley Historical Society. In December 2009, Toledo Mayor **Carty Finkbeiner '57** presented Mr. Jones with a glass key to the city of Toledo as a testament to his lifelong pursuit of the betterment of his community.



Sarah Suydam Secor '70

Sarah Suydam Secor '70 passed away in December. She graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1977 and later became a paralegal for multiple Toledo law firms. A lover of all creatures, Ms. Secor rescued many dogs and cats and made sure squirrels and birds in her neighborhood were well fed through winter months.



Justin Locke '73

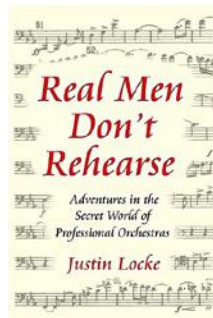
Justin Locke '73, who played with the Boston Pops Orchestra for 18 years under renowned conductors Arthur Fiedler, Henry Mancini, and John Williams, passed away in December. After graduating from Maumee Valley, Mr. Locke studied string bass at the New England Conservatory of Music.



He wrote four books, including *Real Men Don't Rehearse* in 2005, which recounted his years with the Boston Pops. He was interviewed many times by members of the Boston media and was deeply interested in how children learn.

While playing for children's concerts, he noticed the children were bored and distracted. Challenged to write a

children's concert that would engage and educate simultaneously, he wrote a sequel to Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" in which the wolf attempts to legally prove he didn't eat the duck. Concert promoters were shocked to see children riveted, and he was commissioned to do more shows, which were translated into several languages and regularly performed across the United States and Europe.



FACULTY & STAFF

George L. Chapman III

George L. Chapman III, a former Maumee Valley teacher, coach, and prominent local business leader, passed away in March. Mr. Chapman taught history and economics at Maumee Valley and coached basketball and



football. He later received a law degree from the University of Chicago, and became a partner in the Toledo law firm Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, in 1982. He later became

chairman and chief executive officer of Health Care REIT, which he led into becoming the eighth-largest REIT and a member of the S&P 500.

Joe Prince

David J. "Joe" Prince, the beloved chef at Maumee Valley for nearly three decades, passed away in November 2022. Mr. Prince graduated from Hocking College with a degree in culinary arts. He later worked at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg and at the Inverness Club before joining MV. One of the most cherished events at the school's annual spring auction was a cookie-baking party with "Chef Joe." Mr. Prince enjoyed working with his hands in carpentry, building furniture, and remodeling, but his greatest joy and passion was preparing food for others. His wife, Tabitha, is now in charge of the food program at the school.



Rufus Simmons III

Rufus Simmons III, an MV coach and parent (**Amaya '29**), passed away in April. He coached the 5th and 6th grade boys' basketball team, which this spring won the TAACYL Championship. He also



Nancy E. Carroll '70

Nancy E. Carroll '70, an award-winning actress whose nearly 50-year career spanned the stage, television, and film, passed away in December 2022. Her father, Joseph Carroll, taught music at Maumee Valley in the 1960s and her brothers **James '69**, **Peter '74**, and **Sean '78** were also MV graduates.

She developed a lifelong passion for acting early, and even while an MV student studied ballet in Toledo and danced in major local ballet productions. She later brought her immense dancing talent into some of her theater roles. She

graduated from the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music.

In the 1970s and early 1980s in Toledo, she appeared at the Westgate Dinner Theater in seven productions. She also appeared in "Nonsense" during its two-year run in Boston from 1986 to 1988. She appeared in more than 140 off-Broadway and Broadway theater productions in several genres. In 2010, at age 57, she debuted on Broadway with a role in "Present Laughter."

In 2002, Ms. Carroll won the Boston Theater Award for outstanding actress in the Sagan Theatre Company's production

of "Bailegangaire." In 2008, she received that award twice more for roles in "Present Laughter" and "Brendan."

She won national acclaim with a vast repertoire of roles in stage, film, and television. The timing of her pauses and overall acting technique dazzled critics and fans alike. She had a unique talent for bringing her characters to life and was considered a blast to work with by fellow actors.

As a movie actress, she had roles in "Irrational Man" (2015), "Spotlight" (2015), the HBO miniseries "Olive Kitteridge" (2014), and "Boston Strangler" (2023).



Georgia Welles

Georgia Welles, a former head of school and trustee at Maumee Valley and parent to five graduates, passed away in August. Among her many legacies was the creation of the Georgia Welles Head of School Chair, an endowed fund recognizing her outstanding and continuous leadership over several decades. She served

as interim head of school in 1974, as president of the Board of Trustees from 1973 to 1976, and for many years as a member of the school's Endowment Board. She also was named an emerita trustee.

The Welles (husband David preceded her in death in 2008) had five children graduate from MV: **David "Deke" '70, Ginny '71, Jeffrey '72, Peter '78,**

and **Christopher '80.**

In addition to her service to Maumee Valley, she provided philanthropic leadership to other local institutions, including the Toledo Museum of Art. She received the Governor's Award of the Ohio Arts Council for her arts patronage and the "Museum Advocate of the Year" from the Ohio Museums Association.

coached the Middle School track and field team. He was well respected and beloved by the students he coached and their parents. When not coaching, Mr. Simmons was a highly respected feeder driver at UPS, where he was an outstanding union steward.

Judy Donaldson

Judy Donaldson, who worked at Maumee Valley for more than 30 years, from the late 1970s until 2013, when she relocated to Massachusetts, passed away in June. She served as an assistant to

several heads of school and later worked as the school receptionist. Hers was the warm and welcoming face that greeted students, faculty, and staff. Mrs. Donaldson knew everything about Maumee Valley, and she loved sharing her knowledge with the community. Her daughters, **Liz '80** and **Shawn '85**, vividly remember how their mother knew exactly where they were and what they were doing at all times.

Jeannette Marie (Caress) Samples

Jeannette Marie (Caress) Samples, a Maumee Valley educator from 1967-2003, passed away in 2022. She began her 30-plus years as an educator

in the Elyria City School District and North Ridgeville City School District. She started teaching at Maumee Valley Country Day School in 1967 but took a short break in the 1970s when her daughters were born. While at Maumee Valley, she was a

Dream Odyssey Recipient in 2001 and received the Outstanding Teacher Award in 2002. With her husband Gary (also now deceased), she traveled to all 50 states and to more than 50 countries.

TRUSTEES

Stephanie "Stepper" Elizabeth Girard Leboutillier '63

Stephanie "Stepper" Elizabeth Girard Leboutillier '63, who met her husband **George '63** at Maumee Valley and graduated four children from the school, passed away in January. The children are **Jean-**

Baptiste '88, Gretchen (Good) '89, Stephen '94, and Megan (Learning) '95.



She was a tireless volunteer and Maumee Valley benefited from that energy, as she served

on the Board of Trustees, as the Parents Club president, alumni class agent, and alumni president.

James R. Patrick, MD

James R. Patrick, MD, a former member of the Board of Trustees, passed away in February. Children **Nancy (Greeley) '79, Susanna (Hedblom) '82, and James '87** graduated from Maumee Valley.



He graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy, Ohio University, and Yale University School of

Medicine. In 1969, he came to Toledo to become the first chairman of pathology at what was then called the Medical College of Ohio.

Harold H. Salverda

Harold H. Salverda, parent to six MV graduates and a former

Trustee, passed away in July. He was well known throughout Toledo for his work in helping people and neighborhoods through his leadership of and service on many nonprofit organizations. At Maumee Valley, he was also secretary of the board and chairperson of the MV admission committee. His children are **Carin (Smith) '76, Marc '79, Eric '81, Trena (Williamson) '83, Andrew '88, and Pieter '91.** He was preceded in death by wife Kaye, for whom the Kaye Louise Salverda Scholarship is named. The scholarship supports an incoming Upper School student who demonstrates leadership skills, is engaged in community service, and contributes to school vitality.

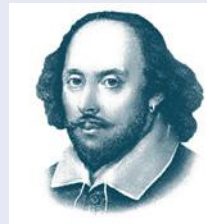


Gopinath Upamaka, MD

Gopinath Upamaka, MD, parent of **Neelima '09** with wife Anu and former member of the Board of Trustees, passed away in February. He served on the board from 2008-2011. He was a former ProMedica Toledo Hospital medical chief of staff and practiced cardiology in the area for more than 30 years and continued to see patients until his death.



EVENTS



Oct. 20-Dec. 1

"Escape in the Midwest," a painting exhibition of landscapes (above) and other themes by **Jennifer Sowders**. She is a trustee and signature member of the Ohio Watercolor Society and lives in Fostoria. The reception is Nov. 17 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Oct. 31

3rd-6th Grade String Concert. Blakey Resource Center

Nov. 16-19

The Department of Theatre presents "Twelfth Night (or What You Will)." One of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies, this tale of love, loss, and disguise is brought

to life in a 1980s "MTV" reimagining. Shakespearean language, 1980s "RomCom" trappings, and an early MTV soundtrack infuse this spirited production. Tickets on sale Oct. 31. More details at mvcds.org/theater

Nov. 21

Everyone is invited back to campus to celebrate our community, sing songs together, and support Maumee Valley as part of the annual Get Back Give Back Day. Follow updates on our social platforms

Dec. 5

Upper and Middle Schools String and Choral Concert. Millennium Theatre

2024

Jan. 25-26

"Making Stuff Up" Improv Show (during Upper School Winter Intensive). The Intensive finishes with two public performances. Part "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" and part audience suggestions, you never know what you will get at the show.

April 27

The 46th Annual Gala is both an evening of fun and a fundraiser for Maumee Valley. More details about location and auction items arrives in the spring.



MV Annual Fund 2023-2024

To bring our academic experiences to life, Maumee Valley Country Day School relies on the generosity of current families, trustees, alumni, alumni parents, and community organizations. And the most important vehicle for ensuring our success is the MV Fund. Nearly 600 donors contributed nearly \$380,000 to the MV Fund last year. Gifts ranged from \$1 to more than \$75,000, and every gift had an impact on students. Support the MV Fund today.

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