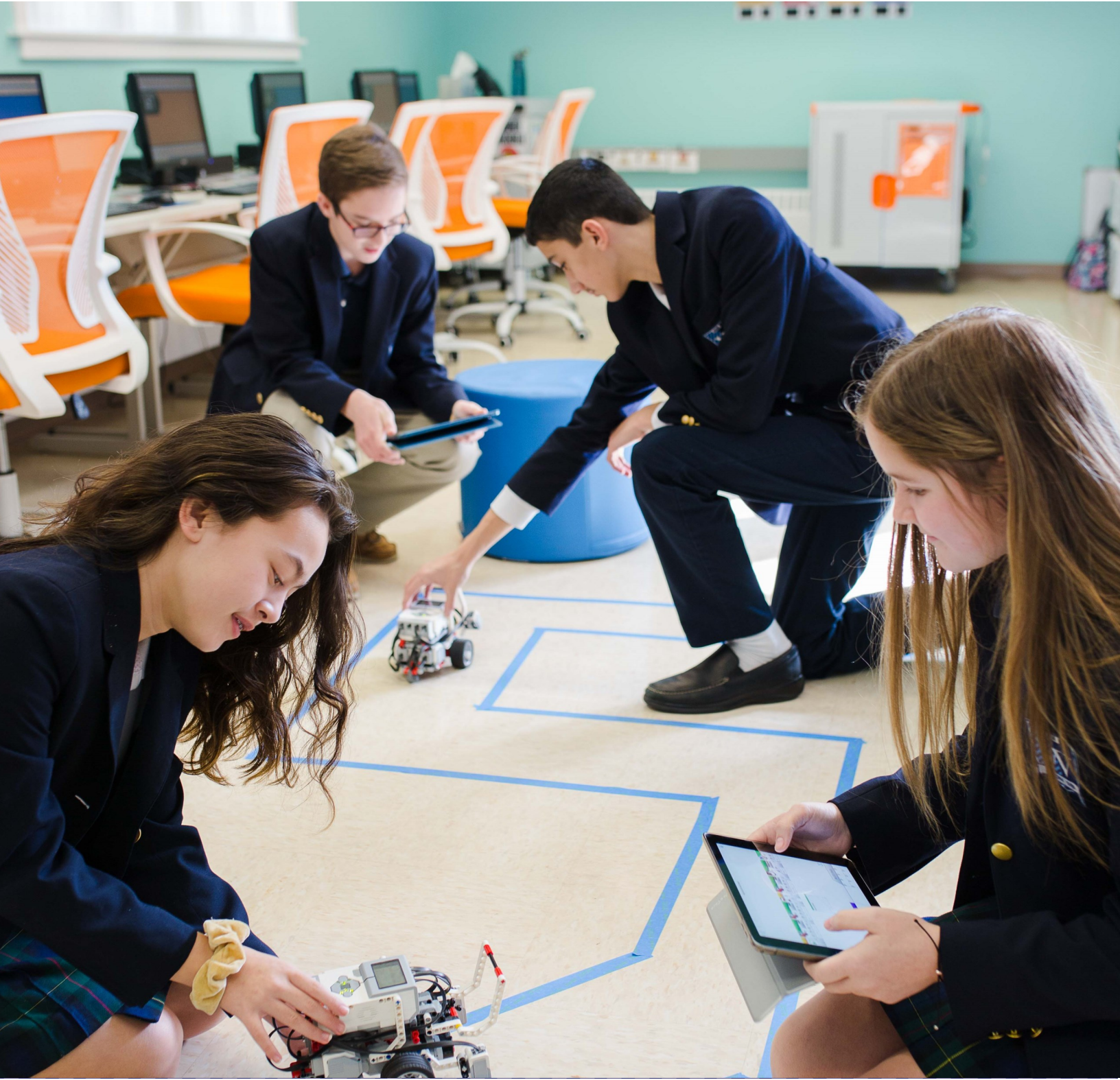




# WYNDCHIMES

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

As I reflect on the new decade of 2020, I am proud of all that has been accomplished as the school year unfolds. Not only do we celebrate new faces, new spaces, and new programs, there are many intangibles to also celebrate. These intangibles are often the most important value of a Wyndcroft education. It is the culture of the building, the caring of community members, and the celebration of learning that occurs every day, in every classroom of the school. I recently interviewed a young man for a substitute teacher position and witnessed his observance of these intangibles and was reminded how lucky we are to be part of this community. Not many schools provide this learning environment and this young teacher had not experienced it before. What an honor it is to teach in a place where children are eager to learn and parents advocate for education! Why would you want to be anywhere else?

The Learning Commons clearly is a “show-stopper” any time of day because every child is engaged utilizing the tools of the modern world for critical thinking and digital literacy. This is a place where inquiry, imagination, and creativity come alive! At any given time you may witness students working

individually or collaboratively on cyber security or coding, research or design thinking...it’s contagious! I am so proud to see that these tech skills have been integrated into classrooms enhancing and transforming the learning experience in such a positive manner.

Wyndcroft’s teachers enthusiastically guide children through a curriculum of strong academic challenges that develop good character and leadership. Beginning in morning meeting and advisory, Wyndcroft children build a community of Non Sibi. Our Music and Drama programs build poise and confidence for public speaking; the athletic programs build teamwork and sportsmanship; the Art program celebrates student talent and artistic appreciation; the study of foreign languages brings a global perspective to our classrooms; our students are honored in regional and state science fairs. For all this and much more, I could not be prouder.

I hope to see you at the many upcoming school events and witness these incredible programs first hand!

Read more about the new Tech Integration program and explore the Learning Commons in this issue of Wyndchimes.



# LEARNING COMMONS

*where inquiry, imagination, & creativity come alive!*

In the Fall of 2019, Wyndcroft unveiled the Learning Commons, a new creative learning space that combines the library and the computer lab with an open collaborative environment. The Learning Commons has been a project several years in the making, driven by a task force of Wyndcroft faculty across divisions and disciplines who attended conferences, visited several schools' STEAM labs and reviewed Tech Integration curriculums to create a vision that will drive Wyndcroft forward.

The Learning Commons was made possible by the generous donations of Wyndcroft families, including "Raise the Paddle" at the 2019 Auction. This enabled Wyndcroft to re-construct the existing structure and add new technology including 60 new iPads, new software, green screens, and robotics equipment. Mrs. Stone stated, "I am energized every day by our students and their ideas and I see my role as not only teacher but collaborator. The tools for teaching and learning continue to change and we continually evaluate the best resources needed to lead the way forward. The possibilities are endless."

Lisa Dunn, Assistant Head of School noted, "With the Learning Commons, Wyndcroft students have a flexible, welcoming space with the technology resources and guidance from faculty to experiment, collaborate, and create leaders in new tech-related disciplines."



Foundational to the vision for the Learning Commons is "Tech Integration." Tech Integration is both a class for every student beginning in Pre-K, but also a way of thinking about embracing technology in the classroom that has the purpose of enhancing and transforming the learning experience.

Tech Integration includes a curriculum of key elements such as computer literacy, cyber safety, and touch typing -- all important for lower and middle school students -- but extends into design thinking, programming, engineering, robotics, and cyber security. For example, the 7th grade recently designed and programmed Lego Mindstorm robots to complete a series of challenges including navigating pathways and obstacles.

**"THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS."**



Tech Integration also includes embracing new tools for teaching and learning, and helping students and teachers use technology to create experiences that were previously impossible without it. For example, first grade worked with Mrs. Rafetto in creating a page for their class story, "The Important Book." In Tech Integration, in collaboration with Mrs. Stone, students typed and recorded their page for others to enjoy. Fourth graders researched holiday traditions across the globe. In Tech Integration, they used a program to create a cartoon telling about the traditions they learned. These cartoons were produced as a QR code and sent to faculty with a link so other Wyndcroft students could learn about these holiday traditions in their classroom.

# MEET OUR NEW FACULTY & STAFF



**Irina Amlin, Upper School Math** Over my ten years in Upper School Mathematics classrooms in Canada and Bermuda, I have developed a teaching approach that is student-centered, inquiry-based, and real-world relevant. I have been very fortunate to have worked worldwide with mentors who are at the forefront of mathematics education. Consequently I spent four years out of the classroom to make my own contributions to international education in the arenas of curriculum and assessment design, and in authoring Mathematics for the International Baccalaureate MYP books 1-3.

While I love a good math problem, I have also enjoyed leading service trips to India, Laos, Thailand, and Peru - as well as cultural and language trips abroad. I've taught Pilates and other fitness classes in and outside of schools for over a decade, directed a school musical, and I play piano and ski in my spare time. I hope that in having such random interests I can inspire students to view problems from multiple perspectives (both within mathematics and beyond).

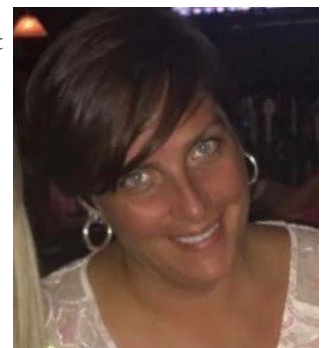
**Staci Mortenson, Assistant to Advancement** I joined the Wyndcroft community in the Fall of 2011 as a parent when my son began Kindergarten. Over the past nine years I have seen both my son and daughter flourish at Wyndcroft and jumped at the opportunity to join the Advancement team, working to support both Development and Admission. I began my career working for a PR and marketing agency in New York City helping to launch consumer technology brands. I then spent seven years as a software analyst for a hedge fund, honing my analytical skills. Prior to joining Wyndcroft, I worked for ICR, a strategic financial communications firm advising pre-IPO and public companies on their investor relations programs.

I currently live at the Hill School in Pottstown with my husband Erik, son Anders (class of 2020) and daughter Anneliese (class of 2024). I am grateful to have more time to spend with my friends and family, on the tennis court, and planning our family's next adventure.

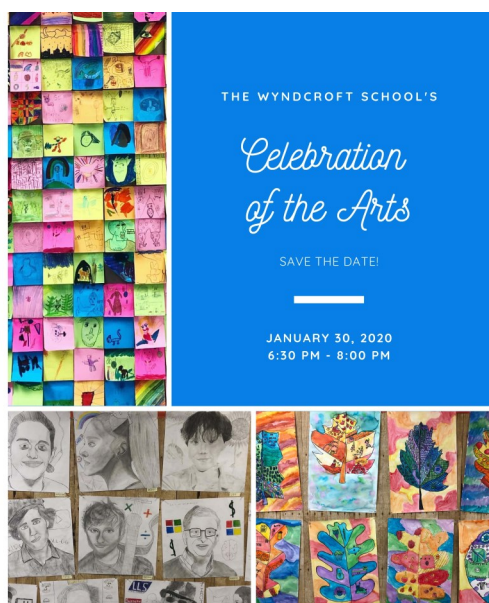


**Michele Murazzi, Upper School Language Arts** I have worked as a Language Arts teacher for 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grades. I recently moved from Jim Thorpe to the Pottstown area. I've been having a great time during my first year at Wyndcroft teaching 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. I love working with my classes helping them become better writers and more critical readers. One of my favorite projects this year was working with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class on their commercials. They created videos to demonstrate that they understood the concepts of ethos, pathos, and logos. I also had fun chaperoning the Batwing Ball. While not in the classroom, I enjoy reading, writing, drawing, and gaming. I received a BS in Secondary Education from West Chester University, and a M.Ed Reading Specialization from Wilkes University.

**Kelly Whalen Raub, Advancement Officer** I joined the development team having spent the last 18 years teaching at Dallas Middle School as their 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Reading specialist and before that taught 6<sup>th</sup> grade English and Reading outside of Fredericksburg, Virginia. I attended Kutztown University for both my undergraduate and graduate studies and Widener University for my doctoral work in children's literacy. I am dedicating the majority of my time currently on the Wyndcroft Auction, one of our two fundraising events. I look forward to the Derby in May and hope to see you there! If you have any interest in lending a hand and have suggestions to make it the very best Extravaganza & Auction yet, I'd love to hear from you!



# CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS



**Thursday, January 30, 6:30-8:00 PM**

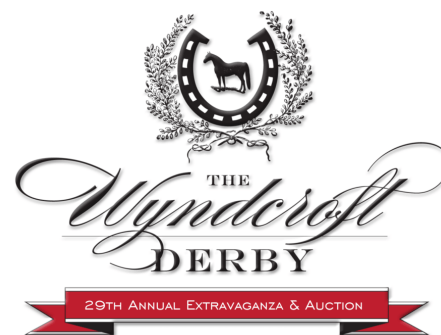
Come see a showcase of artwork from Wyndcroft's students in pre-school through 8th grade, watch theatrical performances, hear musical numbers, and create some artwork of your own! Bring your family and friends. Everyone is invited to attend!

## THE WYNDCROFT DERBY

The 2020 Extravaganza & Auction is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, at The Wyndcroft School. The Extravaganza & Auction is the highlight of the spring season for the Wyndcroft community. The evening begins with a silent auction and ends with a spirited live auction. In between, enjoy a full open bar and delicious dinner buffet.

The Extravaganza & Auction, along with Annual Giving, are Wyndcroft School's only charitable events. The success of this event supports the educational needs of all Wyndcroft students. Proceeds fund innovative educational programming, critical resources, and operational expenses. We encourage everyone to make every effort to be a part of this important event for the school, but more importantly our children!

For more information on supporting The Wyndcroft School, please contact Kelly Raub, Advancement Officer, at (610) 326-0544 x 110 or [kraub@wyndcroft.org](mailto:kraub@wyndcroft.org) or visit [www.wyndcroft.org/auction](http://www.wyndcroft.org/auction)



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# KATE WUNNER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

*The KWPDF supports the ongoing education of Wyndcroft's faculty and staff.*

*Here's a look at some of the ways it was used this year.*

**Angi Harrison, David Johnson, Kim LaGuardia, Angelina Fickert, Brooke Musser, Lisa Dunn, and Alex Turock** attended the **International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) conference**. ISTE is home to a passionate community of global educators who believe in the power of technology to transform teaching and learning, accelerate innovation, and solve tough problems in education.



**Alex Turock** attended the **Formative Assessment Conference** which provided practical guidance and research-driven strategies to activate all learners, delivered by some of the most notable names in formative assessment.

Lower School Teachers **Julie Bell, Angelina Fickert, Melissa Griffaton, and Dana Mullen** took the **Responsive Classroom Advanced Elementary Course**. The Responsive Classroom approach to teaching is comprised of a set of well-designed practices intended to create safe, joyful, and engaging classroom and school communities. The emphasis is on helping students develop their academic, social, and emotional skills in a learning environment that is developmentally responsive to their strengths and needs.

**Sue Rafetto** attended an **MCIU Wilson Foundations seminar**. The Wilson Foundations provide all students in K-3 classrooms with a systematic program in the foundational skills for reading and spelling, emphasizing phonemic awareness, phonics-word study, high frequency word study, fluency, vocabulary, handwriting, and spelling.

**Rachel Nisula** virtually attended the **Art of Education University's "Art Ed Now" Global Online Conference**. This conference included lesson ideas, new materials, methods and classroom strategies to try with students, and suggestions for ways to expand the curriculum as an art educator.





# WHY GIVE TO WYNDCROFT?

As parents of two current Wyndcroft students and one alumna, the educational experience that Wyndcroft provides is one of the great blessings that our family celebrates.

Choosing to send our children to Wyndcroft has been one of the best decisions we have made. Wyndcroft offers a wonderful balance of academic rigor and support, individualized learning, opportunities for athletic and artistic growth, and an emphasis of the development of children with high moral character and great compassion.

We are so thankful for the administration and faculty – their dedication, commitment, and expertise. Words do not sufficiently express our gratitude to Wyndcroft for the wonderful education provided to our children.

To better express our appreciation, we have tried to support Wyndcroft in as many ways as we can and, specifically, by supporting the Annual Fund.

**The simple fact is that tuition payments alone do not fully fund the school's programs.** Giving to the Annual Fund enables Wyndcroft to continue to invest in resources and programs that provide students with rich educational experiences and opportunities to reach their potential.

**Giving to the Annual Fund supports the very programs that make Wyndcroft so outstanding.**

This year we were honored to be asked to contact other Wyndcroft parents to encourage support of the Annual Fund. We have had the chance to speak to many of you, and know you too love the school and its approach to education.

We ask you to join us in showing our appreciation to The Wyndcroft School by giving back through the Annual Fund. If you gave last year, please consider a larger gift this year. If you have not yet made a gift in the past, please consider making your first gift this year.

With great thankfulness,  
Mark and Jennifer Rice  
Parents of Ellie ('17), Zach ('20) and Abby ('22)

Gifts to Wyndcroft can be made online through our secure website at [www.wyndcroft.org/support](http://www.wyndcroft.org/support), via mail or by phone.

Contact [Staci Mortenson](#) in the Development Office at (610) 326-0544 x158 for more information.

# EITC AMBASSADOR

## DISTEFANO ENTERPRISES LLC

Robert Evans, '65, Director of Development champions Wyndcroft's EITC program and recently sat down to interview Danny DiStefano, EITC Ambassador for the school. Earn a 90% tax credit against your Pennsylvania individual and business taxes when you support Wyndcroft through the EITC (Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit) program. The EITC supports moderate-income scholarships for bright, motivated children who are mission appropriate. Your minimum EITC gift of \$3500 earns you a \$3150 credit against your Pennsylvania taxes.

**Home:** Exeter PA

**Family:** Wife Tylee and six children 8 to 23, including Dani, who's a second grader at Wyndcroft.

**Education:** B.A., Villanova University

**Occupation:** Restaurant ownership and management, real estate, marketing

**Special Interests:** His family, friends, and businesses

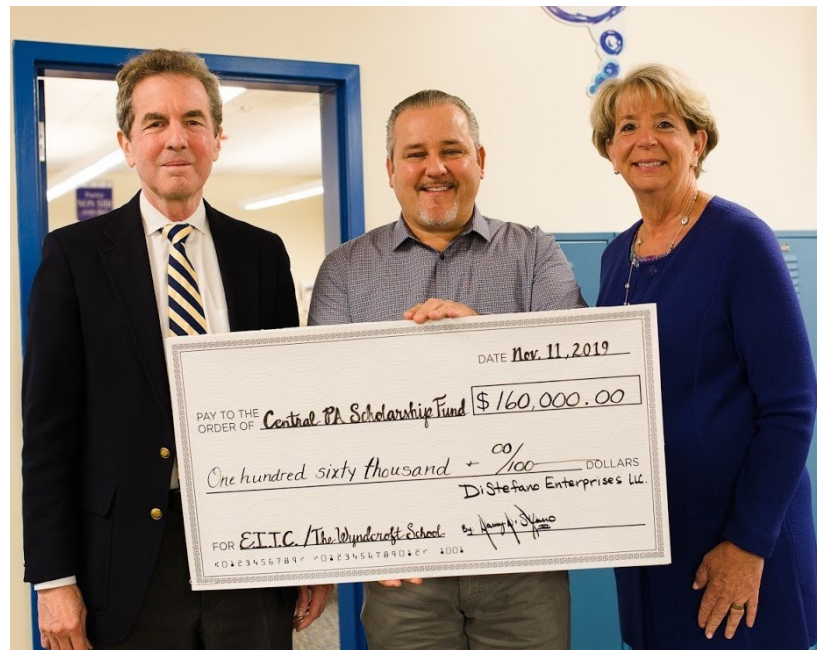
**Philanthropy:** Founder, DiStefano Alliance with his twin sons, which works with inner city kids on reading, 2nd Street Learning Center, Opportunity House.

Danny and Tylee discovered Wyndcroft when they were looking for a school for Dani. They are delighted that Dani is thriving at Wyndcroft, and are thrilled that their EITC gifts will provide scholarships to other deserving students who can do Wyndcroft-level work and who can thrive here.

**On Dani's Wyndcroft experience:** Dani has grown personally in several ways. She has been challenged and has blossomed academically, and each year we become equally impressed with her teachers and how they continue to raise the bar to accommodate her personal overall and academic growth. The entire staff has been amazing and has treated Dani as family.

Socially she has had the freedom to be herself and to confidently and freely express her feelings, and she has met several wonderful friends.

**Why we support Wyndcroft:** We support Wyndcroft because we believe in the mission and the culture and we see first hand through our daughter's growth the benefits of



a child being fortunate enough to be exposed to this environment. We support Wyndcroft in hopes of both enhancing the resources available to our existing students as well as providing opportunity through the EITC program to those less fortunate.

**Only at Wyndcroft:** Special thanks to Director of Development Robert Evans '65 for all of your help, support, and guidance throughout our learning to understand and navigate the EITC process. I urge all parents who wish to direct their PA tax dollars to the EITC program to reach out to Robert at [revans@wyndcroft.org](mailto:revans@wyndcroft.org) and to have a casual information- gathering conversation over a coffee. I will be happy to discuss my own experience with EITC with anyone who's interested.



## ANNUAL GIVING

Gifts to the Annual Fund support the general operating budget and have an immediate impact on the day-to-day vibrancy of our school.

### ENDOWMENT FUND

Endowment helps to advance the long-term goals of the school. It provides income that ensures we can support our faculty and maintain our facilities for generations to come.

Clifford and Kristen Haugen

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Funds donated by businesses to Wyndcroft via tax credit programs support school scholarships for local students.

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*Wyndcroft is pleased to note 100% Faculty and Board of Trustees participation in the 2019-2020 Annual Giving Fund.*

## WYNDCROFT ANNIVERSARIES

Each January, The Wyndcroft School celebrates those teachers and staff who have reached milestone anniversaries of service to the school. This year was no exception as two members were recognized during an all-school Chapel. They are (pictured from left to right):

- Ken Dorris, Director of Athletics, 15 years
- Sue Yusko, Facilities Team, 30 years



# ALUMNI NEWS

## CLASS OF 1958

We received a beautiful message from **Jill Pollock Schuler '58**, who continues as a Travel Advisor at Singer Travel in Wyomissing, PA. Jill, her sister Carol Pollock Abrams '55, and her brother Mayer "Mickey" Pollock II '60 grew up in the lovely home that is now Wyndcroft's Highland House, containing our Early Learning Center and several administrative offices. She writes us:

"I have so many fond memories of my years at Wyndcroft, starting when I was just 3 years old. I am very happy that my childhood home is now part of the campus, and I think that Wyndcroft did an admirable job in renovating it to meet the needs of the school while still preserving the beauty of the building. I was very fortunate to enjoy Miss Obie for both first and second grades. She was a wonderful teacher, and I loved her dearly! I can still envision her beautiful handwriting. I have fond memories of Mrs. Mellon as well . . . Mr. and Mrs. Snively, of course, were my neighbors, so I enjoyed their friendship well into adulthood. Wyndcroft instilled in me a love of reading, starting at a very early age, which exists to this day. It is very reassuring to know that the excellence in education provided by Wyndcroft during my formative years is thriving so many years later. The campus has gone through many changes in the 72 years since I was first a student! I wish you continued success as you move forward and offer the progressive education that has always been the pride of Wyndcroft!"

## CLASS OF 1965

**Richard E. Ludwick, Jr., Ph.D., '65** completed his history of Ludwick Motors, his family's automobile dealership in Pottstown, and presented a copy to the Pottstown Historical Society. Chryslers, Plymouths, Dodges, DeSotos, Imperials, and other cars from Ludwick's were the vehicles of choice for many Wyndcroft families. The book is rich in detail and comprehensively illustrated. Dick Ludwick, Rick's father, shares memories of his 50 years in the business and selections from his treasure trove of archival material. The predecessor business was founded in 1915, and the successor dealership lives on today as Tri-County Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Limerick. Rick would be delighted to send a digital copy of *The History of Ludwick Motors to anyone who's interested.*

## CLASS OF 1966

We asked **Jane Estreicher '66** for a personal update, and she writes, "Wyndcroft serves as a wonderful nurturing environment in which children can be educated, grow, develop potential talents and skills, and achieve. . . . Love Wyndchimes, the new student uniforms. The awards and secondary [school] placements are second to none! I think my many interests and lack of boredom are the result of the strong foundation I received at the Wyndcroft School."

**Jonathan Evans '68** acted and sang in many Wyndcroft productions. When he got to the Hill School, he joined the Hilltones and had roles of increasing importance in the annual Gilbert and Sullivan operettas there. In his Sixth Form year he sang the roles of both Buttercup and Josephine in HMS Pinafore (the Hill was all-male in those days and boys sang the petticoat roles - it was part of the fun) because the guy who was to have played Josephine got kicked out at the last minute for missing rehearsals. Jon had learned Josephine's part by listening to recordings at home back in his Wyndcroft years, so he just wore a sign saying Buttercup on one side and Josephine on the other, flipping sides depending on which role he was singing at the moment.

Many years later Jon returned to performing Gilbert and



Sullivan when he became active in the Valley Light Opera of Amherst, Mass. His roles were bookended by performances in *Yeomen of the Guard* in 2002 and 2014. In 2002 he was Second Citizen and wore a close-fitting medieval-looking leather cap which, as he said, made you look even more oppressed. In the 2014 production of *Yeomen* he sang the lead role of Fairfax opposite Elaine

Crane, founder and executive director of the Greater Worcester (Mass.) Opera. He's pictured (prior page second from right) on New Year's Eve 2019 in one of the elegant costumes he wore in 2014. The occasion was the First Night celebration of the Valley Light Opera, when Jon and three other singers reprised their madrigal from the 2014 production. Jon's son Rhys says he wants the family to go out to dinner with Jon dressed this way. Offstage, Jon is an independent investment and financial services writer for Vanguard, MassMutual, and other major companies.

#### CLASS OF 2000

**Alexis Levengood '00** was awarded her Doctor Of Philosophy November 18, 2019 from University of the Sunshine Coast, Queensland Australia.

#### CLASS OF 2010



**Cecelia Sagona '10** celebrated her white coat ceremony on July 26, 2019 as she started her journey to become an obstetrician/gynecologist at the Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University.

**Wyatt Fabian '10** joined the Franklin & Marshall men's soccer staff as an assistant coach before the start of the 2019 season. Fabian was a standout defender while at F&M. He was a three-time All-Centennial Conference member, a two-time All-Region selection, and a Third Team All-American following his junior campaign. A captain during his senior year, Fabian started all 62 games he appeared in, notching five goals and adding five assists. Fabian played a key role during one of the program's most successful stretches, helping lead the team to three NCAA Tournaments, including a pair of Sweet 16s, and the CC Championship in 2017. Wyatt graduated from F&M in 2018 with a Bachelor's degree in Government and History.

#### CLASS OF 2011

**Mark Forrest '11** scored his first professional goal as a member of the Pittsburgh Riverhounds soccer team. The goal broke a 0-0 tie in the 89th minute of the last game of the season and won the Riverhounds the game and the regular season title in their league.

#### CLASS OF 2016



**Mary DeLan '16** won the Chorus Prize and the Prize for Excellence in Vocal Music in Memory of Robert Andrews Lewis '78 and the Hilltones at the Hill School Junior Prize Day in September.

**Ben Griffaton '16** was named Athlete of the Week at Perkiomen School for his performance on the Varsity Golf Team in September. Ben shot a 38 (two over par) against Upper Perk earlier this season. This was the lowest score of his career.

**Romaisa Khan '16** received a number of awards at The Hill School Junior Prize Day in September including: Physics 1 AP Prize, The Bausch and Lomb Science Award, and The Bryn Mawr College President's Book Award which is given to a young woman in the Fifth Form who exhibits a true love of learning and intellectual curiosity about the world around her. Roma was also named to the Cum Laude Society and the Dean's List for the 2018-2019 school year.

**Sloan White '16** was recognized for her participation on the Girls JV Soccer team this year at The Hill School. "Sloan is the heart and soul of the Girls JV Soccer team. Her positive energy is infectious. She leads by example both on and off the field, and she may be her teammates biggest cheerleader. We thank her for staying with the team for her sixth form year and reminding us that soccer is fun."

**Anna Zitkus '16** received Honorable Mention in Greek 3 Honors at The Hill School Prize Day in September.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: OLIVIA DiCICCO '16

Olivia has taken the children's book that she wrote while in Mrs. Forrest's 8th grade class and she has updated it and published it as a Kindle book on Amazon.

While some changes have been made, the story remains largely the same: a feisty female warrior who saves a reluctant prince; still a timely story of female independence and empowerment. Olivia's Mom wrote, "Olivia's love of art and creative writing really blossomed while at Wyndcroft. She holds all of her Wyndcroft memories dear and still loves to go back and visit. I hope it is great news like this about past students that reinforces what we already know about Wyndcroft: a wonderful education supported by dedicated teachers and staff who make a lifelong impact on their students. That is so true for Olivia who plans to pursue Creative Writing as her major in college next year. Thank you for all that you do!!"



### CLASS OF 2017

**Tyler Calcagni '17** received Honorable Mention in Chinese 2 at The Hill School Junior Prize Day in September 2019.

**Trent Charlton '17** was named to the Dean's List at The Hill School for the 2018-2019 school year. In addition, Trent received the Greek 2 Honors Prize at Junior Prize Day in September.

**William Dollhopf '17** received The J. Michael Pentz '58 Prize for the Greatest Interest & Improvement in Mathematics at The Hill School Junior Prize Day in September 2019.

**Kirsten Lange '17** received Honorable Mention in Engineering 2 at The Hill School Prize Day in September.

**Raina Shah '17** received Honorable Mention in Greek 2 Honors at The Hill School Prize Day in September.

### CLASS OF 2018

**Morgan Kachmar '18** was named to the Dean's List at The Hill School for the 2018-2019 school year.

### IN MEMORIAM

**Susan Maria Dolan '68**, age 65, died on July 28, 2019 at her residence in Birdsboro. Born in Reading she was a daughter of the late Dr. Charles V. and Olive (Herzer) Dolan. She was employed for 41 years by the Reading Hospital as an R.N. medical I.C.U. nurse, retiring on April 1, 2019. She was a graduate of the former St. Pius X High School in Pottstown, and later graduated from Kutztown University with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. Surviving are her siblings: Amanda O. Nickle '73, with whom she resided, Charles V. Dolan '63, Tennessee, and Bernard H. Dolan '72, of Leesport. She was predeceased by two sisters, Ann Dolan and Mary Dolan '60.

The family of **Oliver Carrington Conger, Jr. '49** has notified us that he passed away on October 20, 2019. Oliver had a long and successful career in the insurance business. He was predeceased by his wife Dr. Cynthia Sharpe Conger and his son Oliver C. Conger III. He is survived by his children the Rev. Canon George Conger, Carter Conger, and Andrew Conger, and by his sister the Hon. Rita Conger Banning '43.

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Thursday, January 30, 2020

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