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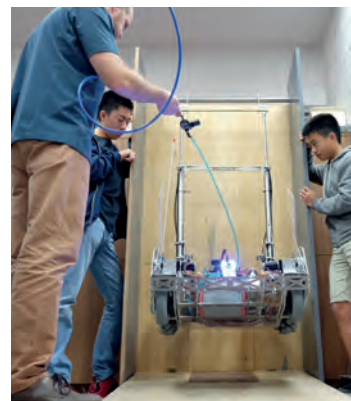
Institutions where TAS graduates from the Classes of 2014, 2015, and 2016 enrolled. Boldface print indicates institutions attended by graduates from the Class of 2016.

## United States

Art Center College of Design  
Babson College  
Barnard College  
Baylor University  
Bellevue College  
Beloit College  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Bowdoin College  
Brandeis University  
Brigham Young University  
Brigham Young University, Idaho  
Brown University  
Bryn Mawr College  
California Baptist University  
California College of the Arts (San Francisco)  
California Lutheran University  
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona  
California State University, Fullerton  
Carleton College  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Chapman University  
Clemson University  
Colgate University  
College of William and Mary  
Columbia University  
Cornell University  
Creighton University  
Dartmouth College  
Davidson College  
Dickinson College  
Drexel University  
Duke University  
Durham University  
East Carolina University  
Emory University  
Fashion Institute of Technology  
Fordham University  
George Mason University  
Georgetown University  
Goucher College  
Hamilton College  
Hampshire College  
Harvard University  
Harvey Mudd College  
Haverford College  
Illinois Institute of Technology  
James Madison University  
John Carroll University  
Johns Hopkins University  
LaGrange College  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Macalester College  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Menlo College

Middlebury College  
Minerva Schools at KGI  
New York University  
North Carolina State University  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Otis College of Art and Design  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pitzer College  
Pomona College  
Pratt Institute  
Princeton University  
Purdue University  
Reed College  
Regent University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rice University  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick  
Santa Clara University  
Santa Monica College  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Scripps College  
Seattle University  
Simmons College  
Smith College  
Southern California Institute of Architecture  
Stanford University  
Stony Brook University  
Suffolk University  
Texas A&M University  
The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art  
The George Washington University  
The Juilliard School  
The New School  
The University of Arizona  
The University of Texas, Austin  
The University of the Arts  
Trinity University  
Tufts University  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, San Diego  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
University of Connecticut  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
University of Kansas  
University of Louisville  
University of Maryland, College Park  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
University of Massachusetts, Boston

University of Michigan  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Oregon  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Portland  
University of Puget Sound  
University of Rochester  
University of Southern California  
University of Virginia  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin, Madison  
University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh  
Vanderbilt University  
Vassar College  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Webster University  
Wellesley College  
Wesleyan University  
Yale University



## Asia

Ewha Womans University  
Keio University  
Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology  
National Institute of Technology Tiruchirappalli  
National Taiwan University  
National University of Singapore  
Russell Square International College  
Shanghai Jiao Tong University  
Sophia University  
Taipei Medical University  
Temple University Japan  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong  
The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology  
University Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia  
University of Hong Kong  
University of Tokyo  
Waseda University  
Yale-NUS College  
Yonsei University

## Canada

Brock University  
Dalhousie University  
Emily Carr University of Art + Design  
McGill University  
McMaster University  
Queen's University  
Simon Fraser University  
University of British Columbia  
University of Toronto  
University of Waterloo  
Western University  
Wilfrid Laurier University  
York University

## Australia and New Zealand

International College of Hotel Management  
James Cook University  
Macquarie University  
University of Canterbury  
University of Otago

## Europe

Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne  
Glon Institute of Higher Education  
Goldsmiths, University of London  
ISCOM  
Jacobs University  
King's College London  
London College of Fashion  
Regent's University London  
Royal Holloway, University of London  
The London School of Economics and Political Science  
The University of Edinburgh  
The University of Manchester  
The University of Nottingham  
Université Paris V - Descartes  
University College London  
University of Bristol  
University of Exeter  
University of Reading  
University of the Arts London  
Webster University, The Netherlands





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Alumni Officer  
Helen Chen '94

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- Fill out an online form: [www.tas.edu.tw](http://www.tas.edu.tw) -> Alumni -> Alumni Contact Information Update Form
- Login to the Alumni Portal and update your profile.

The front cover features the lantern TAS submitted to the Taipei Lantern Festival. Read more about it on page 18.



# HEAD OF SCHOOL

## Letter to Alumni



Dear Alumni,

On March 2, your alma mater broke ground on its next generation building project: The Tech Cube. This five-story, open-planned facility on campus will be dedicated to STEAM education with a focus on design, technology, and robotics. It is inspired by a building at MIT and will have space for students and faculty to work side-by-side and engage in design-thinking challenges.

When the Tech Cube opens in December 2018, it will provide the canvas for 21st century learning that will give TAS students the necessary skills and experiences they need to make a real difference in the world. Upper school students will learn in an electrical engineering lab and design in a fabrication hub. The middle school floor houses a VEX arena and robotic design lab, as well as vast open areas for art and innovation. The floor dedicated to lower school students is designed to include “tinker and maker” spaces as well as an amphitheater.

In addition to being visually stunning and strategically functional, the Tech Cube will be in line with Taipei American School's commitment to environmental sustainability. The facility is planned to achieve the Bronze Level of Environmental Certification in Taiwan. This EEW (Ecology, Energy, Waste Reduction, and Health) certification will

recognize the Tech Cube as an environmentally compliant building.

While at the ground breaking ceremony, TAS Board Chairperson and member of the TAS Tech Cube Task Force Ms. Tina Koo addressed the crowd, “One of the jobs of the Board is to look into the future. We are to never settle for what is, but to always concentrate on what could be... We are fortunate to have an administration with whom we can do just that and the Tech Cube is the result of this vision and type of work.” Edward Wang '93 was also on stage representing his company I-Cheng Construction & Development Corp. He was awarded the bid for the construction of the Tech Cube. We are very pleased to have one of our own alumni contribute his expertise to this unique project. Edward was also the contractor for the Liu Lim Arts Building.



The Tech Cube will stand for decades to come as a symbol of Taipei American School's commitment to STEAM and the importance of 21st century education. I invite you to return to campus when it is complete and tour this remarkable facility.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading “Sharon D. Hennessy”.

Dr. Sharon D. Hennessy  
Head of School



# GREETINGS

## from the Advancement Office



Dear Alumni,

As another exciting school year comes to a close, I want to thank the many alumni who offered their time, expertise, and resources to benefit the school. We are so fortunate to have such a wide-reaching, devoted alumni base that has chosen to remain active with TAS both in Taiwan and around the world.

Some of you have chosen to give time through internship mentoring at your companies. Others have returned to campus as speakers, advisors, leaders, and event volunteers. Many of you are now proud parents of present-day Tigers studying at TAS. We are thrilled to maintain the unique and deeply rooted connections with each of you every day.

We are also grateful to the many of you that have supported the school through a gift to the annual giving program. Your generosity builds on a foundation of excellence where students have access to extraordinary faculty, programs, and facilities. Giving to TAS is just one of the many, and greatly appreciated, ways you can support your alma mater.

Thank you again for another wonderful year of meaningful alumni engagement. We look forward to another exciting year of reunions, alumni events, and community involvement. I hope you enjoy reading through this magazine, catching up on the stories of your friends, and learning a little bit more about the TAS of today.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Limmer".

Kathy Limmer

Director of Advancement



Tech Cube Rendering



Are you receiving this in your inbox every month?

Update your email address to receive the monthly alumni e-news on upcoming events around the world and news from TAS.

[www.tas.edu.tw](http://www.tas.edu.tw) > Alumni > Alumni Contact Information Update Online Form





## Author of *Revolutionary* Alex Myers at TAS

The TAS Upper School hosted acclaimed author Alex Myers on campus during the first full week of classes. During that time, Myers discussed his book *Revolutionary*, which all Upper School teachers and students read before his visit. The book tells the story of Deborah Samson, a woman in colonial America that disguised herself as a man to fight in the final stages of the Revolutionary War. Described as “unforgettable” and “an evocative portrayal of life in the Continental Army” by The New York Times, the novel exposed the TAS community to a beautifully written story of courage and perseverance.

Dr. Myers was raised as a girl and came out as transgender during his senior year at Phillips Exeter Academy. During TAS classroom discussions and at an all Upper School assembly, Myers spoke about his experiences and many of the issues transgender citizens face in society, on school campuses, and in the media.

Myers’ visit was warmly received by the TAS community; he received a standing ovation from the Upper School students during the assembly. He was accompanied by his wife, Ilona Tipp, who performed a jazz concert while at TAS.

## TAS Joanna Nichols Visiting Scholar and Artist in Residence Programs

The Joanna Nichols Visiting Scholar and Joanna Nichols Artist in Residence programs bring relevant, distinguished, and stimulating figures to TAS each year to share singular insights and experiences with students.

Over the years, experts in their fields have spent up to one month at TAS, sharing a wealth of knowledge with students. From intergalactic explorations to historical journeys into Asia’s past, visiting scholars and artists’ expertise has strengthened the educational opportunities for everyone at Taipei American School. The programs are the result of the continuing, extraordinary generosity and vision of a former parent.

### 2016-2017 Visiting Scholar

Dr. Nancy Steinhardt, Department

Chair and Professor of East Asian Art at the University of Pennsylvania

### 2015-2016 Visiting Scholar

Dr. Michael Littman, Professor of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering at Princeton University

### 2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2016-2017 Artist in Residence

Maestro Richard Gill, Education Artistic Director of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra

### 2014-2015 Visiting Scholar

Dr. David Spergel, Charles A. Young Professor of Astronomy on the Class of 1897 Foundation at Princeton University

### 2013-2014 Visiting Scholar

Dr. Benjamin Elman, Professor of

Chinese Studies and Professor of East Asian Studies and History at Princeton University

### 2012-2013 Visiting Scholar

Dr. Arthur Benjamin, Professor of Mathematics at Harvey Mudd College

### 2011-2012 Visiting Scholar

Mike Chinoy, Senior Fellow at the US-China Institute

The school is looking forward to next year’s Joanna Nichols Visiting Scholar, Dr. Aaron Kyle, Senior Lecturer in Biomedical Engineering at Columbia University and Co-Founder/Lead Instructor at Hypothekids (HK) Maker Lab. You can read more about our Visiting Scholars and their lasting impact at TAS in the “Academics” section of our website.



## TAS Students Earn Top Science Honors

Several TAS students recently earned prestigious science honors this school year. Mitchell W. '17 was named a 2017 Society for Science & the Public Regeneration Science Talent Search Semifinalist, and Angel H. '17 and Gene H. '18 were accepted to present their research at the Taiwan International Science Fair.

Mitchell's project, *The Role of Rab11 Proteins in Neuronal Development*, earned him the distinguished honor of being one of only three international students recognized in the most prestigious pre-college science competition. Only 300 scholars were selected from 1,700 entries. He qualified to become one of 40 finalists.

Previous semifinalists have gone on to win some of the most important awards in math and science, such as the Nobel Prize and National Medal of Science. In recent years, a total of three TAS students have been named semifinalists to the science competition, more than any other international school over the past 20 years. The competition was previously titled the Intel Science Talent Search.

Angel and Gene presented their research at the Taiwan International Science Fair (TISF), organized by the National Taiwan Science Education Center (NTSEC). TISF brings together approximately 250 domestic finalists and 40 overseas students from 20 nations to compete for awards. Winners are selected to attend the most prestigious fairs around the world.

Students participated in three



adjudicated rounds and responded to questions. Angel's project, *Folate Deficiency and Supplementation Modulates Breast Cancer Cells' Transition into Cancer Cells and Formation of in vitro Tumors*, and Gene's project, *A Supervised Learning Authentication Model Based on Typing Behaviors*, were well received by all in attendance.

Angel won one of the coveted 9 spots to attend the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), the world's largest international pre-college science competition. In addition, her project earned third place in the Health and Medicine Division. Angel will be the first TAS student to participate in the Intel Science and Engineering Fair, further solidifying TAS's reputation as a leader in scientific research.

In other scientific research news, this year's TAS iGEM (International Genetically Engineered Machine) team developed a strand of DNA that expresses a protein designed

to treat the cataracts in the lens of the eye and presented their work at the iGEM Championships in Boston, Massachusetts. The iGEM team encapsulated the protein in a lab-made chitosan nanoparticle, which then went into the contact lens. The nanoparticle would then degrade, releasing the protein at a mathematically modelled and experimentally validated rate.

The TAS iGEM team earned three awards and six nominations, more than any other school in attendance, including Best Education and Public Engagement, Best Mathematical Model, and Best DNA Parts Collection. They were also nominated for Best Poster, Best Wiki (website), Best Integrated Human Practice, Best Education and Public Engagement, Best Mathematical Model, and Best DNA Parts Collection. They also received a gold medal for the completeness of their project.

In 2015, the TAS iGEM team won the High School Grand Prize at the iGEM Championships.



## TAS MUN

TAS hosted over 200 delegates from 19 schools in 10 different countries for this year's Interscholastic Association of Southeast Asian Schools (IASAS) Model United Nations conference. The



event's theme focused on "empowering the youth" through lobbying, debates, and negotiation.

The conference began with opening speeches and ceremonies. Intense sessions of lobbying and debate took

place over the next three days, and concluded with a General Assembly. During the event, committees of delegates formed and debated critical issues ranging from climate change to managing the European migrant crisis. Students kept the theme of youth empowerment in mind while negotiating solutions to these challenging issues.

IASAS Model United Nations' mission is to bring people of various backgrounds together to promote peace, develop a strong understanding of what it means to work with those who have different perspectives, and to come up with diplomatic solutions. This year, participants advanced this mission in a collaborative and meaningful way.





## TAS First Robotics Team Qualifies Twice for World Championship

TAS Team 4253 Raid Zero won the 2017 Hawaii Regional FIRST (FRC) Robotics Competition! This spectacular first place finish came just weeks after their second place finish at the South Pacific Australia Regional competition. Both achievements qualified the team for the World Championship in St. Louis, Missouri. FRC Coach and Chair of the Upper School Robotics and Computer Science Department Mr. Matt Fagen commented, "None of this would be possible without the school's unwavering support of our program and of our students. Our team is sincerely thankful for the opportunities the school

has provided for them."

In Hawaii, Team Raid Zero ranked first in qualification matches by a decisive margin and went on to lead the first seed alliance as captains. Impressively, they went undefeated through the finals. Mr. Fagen was especially proud of their hard work. He said, "TAS was the dominant force at this highly competitive regional and handily defeated reigning champions and Hall of Fame teams." The team was also awarded the Engineering Inspiration Award for its outstanding impact promoting STEM education and enthusiasm for engineering in their community. TAS was recognized for the rapid growth of the program, for starting up two new FRC teams in Taiwan, and for the volunteer work the

team does teaching programming and engineering to local Taiwanese students in communities where STEM education is not readily available.

In Australia, Team Raid Zero rebuilt their robot, dropping twenty-five pounds to increase its ground and climbing speed. The strategy worked, reducing their rope climb by ten seconds and allowing them to go almost undefeated through the qualifying rounds. In the fourth match of the semifinals, Raid Zero came up with a clever way to earn one more point to advance to the finals where they earned a well-deserved silver medal as well as the Engineering Quality Award for an exceptionally robust robot design and build.

## IASAS (Interscholastic Association of Southeast Asian Schools) Gold Medals

This year, the boys volleyball team and the boys and girls golf teams captured their second consecutive IASAS championships! The girls cross country also won gold at IASAS (for the first time in twenty years), as did the girls basketball team (for the fourth time in the history of the program), and the girls track and field team (for the first time since 2008)! Additionally, the girls badminton team took home its fourteenth consecutive gold medal.

**Go Tigers!**





# ALUMNI ON CAMPUS



## Welcome Back!

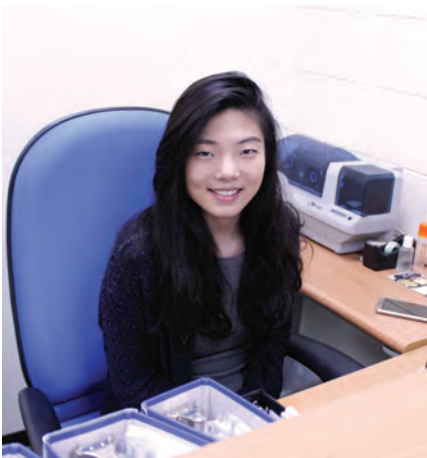
TAS welcomed back alumna Kaméa Chayne '11 who, over the course of four days, spoke to students, faculty, and parents as part of the school's ongoing commitment to wellness and a balance of life. Kaméa talked about how we can boost our mental

and physical well-being in order to become the most successful version of ourselves. During her talk, she focused on the question: What if you could change your life by simply changing your attitude and habits?

Kaméa Chayne is the author of *Thrive*, editor of KONSCHIOUS.CO,

Marketing Manager of Ethical Writers Co., and an Integrative Health Coach in training at Duke University. She is a recent graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, where she studied Psychology, Marketing, and Environmental Studies.

## Alumni Working at TAS



There are 22 alumni currently working at TAS. The following alumni started this school year in their new roles:

**Betty Chang '92** – Middle School Music

**Kailin Wang '07** – Lower School Grade 1 Teaching Assistant

**Daphne Ho '11** – Alumni Office

**Jessica Huang '11** – Performing Arts

**Sarah Ruggiere '12** – Lower School English as Academic Language

**Henry Chuang '12** – Upper School English





## College Alumni Homecoming Reunion

Chinese Chicken Leg is still the favorite lunch choice for alumni, especially those returning from college. Alumni panelists shared their insights with parents and seniors in a one-day event when college students visited their former teachers and greeted classmates. The highlight of the day was the opportunity to enjoy the chicken leg lunch.





## Alumni Parents at Lower School Extreme STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math)

This unique event allowed parents to work on projects with their children using the engineering design process. This annual event showcases the school's STEAM curriculum.



## ALUMNI BOARD MEMBERS



Elizabeth Wang '91



Gayle Tsien '87



Joseph Hwang '87



Timothy Chang '80



Paul Hsu '94

*Thank you for sharing your time and expertise with the school!*









## New Alumni Families at TAS

More and more alumni are considering TAS for their own children's education. This year, 188 students come from families where at least one parent attended TAS. This represents 8% of the total student population and it is a strong testament that our alumni continue to believe in the exceptional education TAS provides.





## NOVA Alumni Mentors

NOVA is a startup creation event that provides upper school students with an opportunity to design and launch their very own startup, business, or service organization. Teams of 3 to 5 students compete over a 48-hour period to brainstorm and prototype innovative solutions to 21st century issues, while receiving mentorship and attending workshops to bolster their design thinking skills. Several alumni participated in the first NOVA networking event listening to student ideas and providing encouragement and feedback.



## 2016 Annual Clash of Classes Basketball Games

This much anticipated annual event allowed alumni to reconnect while getting a good workout back in the TAS gym. More than 70 alumni participated. There was great camaraderie on and off the court. Several alumni also returned to play a few practice games with the varsity girls basketball team.



## Alumni Volleyball Games

Early in the school year, right after the first sports season began, the newly selected varsity team played against alumni who formerly represented TAS.

Joey Chen '98 was an assistant coach for this year's gold medal winning team.



## Alumna Instructor at the Junior Docent Program

For the second year, the students in the Summer Academy National Palace Museum (NPM) Junior Docent Program were fortunate to benefit from instructors such as Jerri So '89, an experienced docent at the NPM. Several Taipei alumni joined a tour guided by one of the students from the class at a special visit to the NPM. The alumni were very impressed with the knowledge and passion of the junior docents.

## Alumni Parent Luncheon

For the first time, a special event was organized for alumni who are current parents at TAS. The lunch meeting provided an opportunity for alumni of

different classes to meet and to tour the Upper School Science and Technology Building to see first-hand how today's curriculum and program offerings have expanded from what they remember as students.





## Parent Seminar for Alumni with Children

For alumni with school-age children who are not attending TAS, determining the timing to transition to the school is often the most difficult decision. In this special seminar, the Lower School Principal and the Mandarin Coordinator shed light on what is offered in the Lower School as well as what the students learn in the expanded K-12 Mandarin Program.



## New Additions to the Alumni Bookshelf

These new publications and items were added to the Alumni bookshelf in the Upper School Information Commons this year. These can all be checked out by students and parents. Alumni artists, musicians, and authors are welcome to contribute TAS memorabilia to our collection.

*Montana – Land of Contrast* by Harry Fritz '52

*Ten Sacks of Rice* by Penelope Dale, mother of Robin Dale '66

*Silly Girl Adventures – Trouble with the Angel and Wild Dreams* by Lulu Shen Chow '75

*Windmills of Our Minds* literary magazine by the Writing Class of 1976

*燈滅起跑：賽車主播羅賓的快意人生* (book in Mandarin) by Robin Kung '78

*Driven by Design* by Royce Hong '87



*The Little Red Racing Car* translated by Royce Hong '87

*跟著愚者看世界* (book in Mandarin) by Juillia Kuo '93

*歲月這把刀* (music album) by Freya Lim '98

*To Christy and Christy Hong Retrospective* in memory of Christy Hong '99

*Hello and 自由靈魂* (music album) by Lara Veronin '06

## New Additions to the TAS Archives Display

TAS cap donated by Eric Dillinger '82

Bottle from the Quote Vending Machine, a project by Alice Wang '02

Tiger jacket donated by Robin Fontaine Dodds '77





## 2016 Alumni Thanksgiving Dinner

The best way to celebrate Thanksgiving for alumni in Taipei is the annual dinner at TAS. More than 150 alumni arrived with family members to enjoy this special meal served with traditional Thanksgiving favorites.







Above:

## Alumnus at VEX Robotics

Allen Chang '94 (first row left) once again volunteered as a referee at the annual robotics competition hosted at TAS every December. This is an exciting event attracting more than 10 schools in the region. A TAS team advanced to the World Championship!

Right:

## Displays of IASAS Memorabilia

During the 2015 IASAS basketball and the 2016 volleyball seasons, current teacher Kathy Cutler generously donated her collection of past IASAS programs and t-shirts for display to honor all the former athletes and coaches.



## Enjoy the following benefits as a member of the TAS alumni community:

Alumni gate pass

Access to Alumni Open-Gym Sessions

Use of the four TAS libraries

Campus parking permit before and after school and on weekends

Priority admission for school-age children

Login to the Alumni Portal at [www.tas.edu.tw](http://www.tas.edu.tw) and complete the Alumni Benefits online form or call +886 2873 9900 ext. 328.



# ALUMNI SPEAKERS



## Business Club

As the Executive Assistant Manager at the Regent Taipei, Charlotte Liao '90 shared her insights and experience in the hotel and hospitality industries with TAS students. As Taiwan becomes more recognized as a top travel destination in Asia, the opportunities to work in fields related to hospitality have attracted many professionals. Charlotte has built her career at the Regent Taipei over many years, moving across departments, including guest services, concierge, executive club, front desk, sales and marketing, and now overseeing multiple areas. She highlighted the importance of passion for working in the service industry because keeping customer satisfaction in mind is the ultimate goal in facing the different challenges every day in the operations of an international hotel.

by obsession. He spends his time driving, designing, and connecting design with people. He is Managing Principal at X RANGE Architecture and Design and CEO + Big Head of Design at IPEVO, a creator of interactive classroom tools that are currently in use in over 51% of public schools in America. Recently, he created XING Mobility, the first electric race car, supercar maker, and advanced vehicle engineering consultancy based in Taiwan. He believes that motorsports are field experiments for tomorrow's mobility engineering and the future of transportation will emerge from progressive technologies developed for the racetracks. He inspired many young students by sharing the story and his love of race cars.



## Virtual Reality Class

Valerie Lin '14 and Alex Chen '16 spoke to the TAS Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality classes at TAS, sharing their interest exploring applications and explaining how they are utilizing VR technologies at their university.



## Author & Storyteller

Royce Hong '87 read his Chinese translation of the story *The Little Red Racing Car* to his daughter's Kindergarten class to the delight of many young racecar fans. The original English version was written by Dwight Knowlton and Royce published the Chinese version in 2014. Royce is a designer by training, entrepreneur by circumstance, and car fiend



## Wish4Kids Club

Christina Chen '97 (third from right), the founder of the Wish4Kids Club at TAS, returned to meet with current officers of the club who were eager to learn how the club began. Christina shared her experience starting the club during her senior year at TAS. She was impressed to see how the club has continued its mission to bring happiness to children suffering from health conditions.

**Do you have something to share with today's TAS students?**

We welcome alumni to return to talk about your experience on a variety of topics, including careers and volunteer work. When the schedule allows it, alumni speak in classes, at club meetings, and after school.



# FEATURE STORIES



## TAS Participates in the Lantern Festival

For years, Taiwan has earned international recognition for its beautiful celebration of the Lantern Festival. From the Pingxi sky lanterns to the Yuenshui beehive fireworks, each corner of Taiwan celebrates the holiday in its own unique way. In Taipei, residents honor the tradition with enormous lantern sculptures depicting themes relating to the Chinese Zodiac. This year, Taipei American School joined the Taipei festival and created a lantern.

The lantern itself is an enormous peacock spreading its wings in front of Taipei's North Gate. The peacock represents the Year of the Rooster and its sprawling feathers represent life and rebirth. This is particularly meaningful as it relates to the recent revitalization of the historic North Gate, where, fittingly, the festival took place.

TAS lower school art teacher Stephanie Lee '04 coordinated

the effort of constructing this magnificent lantern. She worked with students in all three divisions, parents, administrators, faculty, and staff during the first semester and all through winter break to bring the peacock to life. Special thanks to her assistants Jacky Lin and Zoe Kuo for their invaluable contributions and hard work.

Visiting Artist Mr. Tim Budden worked with students and parents to facilitate the paper cutting details installed on the lantern. He hosted a number of engaging workshops and classes where volunteers of all ages designed different parts. The Parent Teacher Association's Special Grant Program made this opportunity possible.

The result is a colorful and detailed lantern full of symbolism and beauty. The TAS peacock entry earned second place in the Primary School Division competition and was on display from February 4-12 around Taipei's North Gate.

## Alumni Named by *Forbes Magazine* on the "30 Under 30" Lists

Jenny Lee '05 was named on the new list for 30 Under 30 Asia Finance and Venture Capital in 2016, Daniel Tan '05 on the 30 Under 30 Asia Healthcare & Science 2016 list, and Richard Wang '07 on Energy 2017. *Forbes Magazine's* 30 Under 30 Asia list names 300 of the top promising young leaders, daring entrepreneurs, and game changers in 10 different areas.

Jenny joined WeLab, a small financial technology company. As Head of Growth, she focuses on scaling the business in order to provide affordable credit to the consumer credit market while establishing business partnerships and working with institutional investors. Daniel established DeNova to provide artificial skin for clinical testing. And Richard is the CEO and co-founder at Cuberg, a battery startup based at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory within the prestigious Cyclotron Road cleantech accelerator.

Congratulations to these outstanding alumni. Read more about these alumni by searching online for Forbes 30 Under 30 and their names.







## Alumni Win Bid to Name Middle School Gym

Coach Derryl Franz is a beloved former faculty member and coach who is respected by a decade of TAS alumni. Therefore, it came as no surprise that at last year's TAS Gala Ball, two dozen alumni came together through a world-wide effort to honor Coach Franz by bidding on and winning the naming of the Middle School Gym, a live auction item. Their successful efforts mean that the Middle School Gym will carry the title of Derryl Franz Gymnasium for the next three years.

During his time at TAS, Mr. Franz greatly strengthened Taipei American School's athletics program. His first order of business as director was getting TAS into IASAS. Today, thousands of TAS students have participated in IASAS events.

The effort to win the bid for Coach Franz was led by Randy Chen '91. Within days of the Gala Ball, he contacted as many alumni as possible through social media. At the 2016 Gala, Steve Gee '89 told the evening's guests, "Mr. Franz was a great all-around supporter of all the sports at TAS. Mr. Franz always cheered us on, as if we were in the Olympics... That's the kind of support he had for sports."

## An App to Help Manage Diabetes

Ed Deng '96 and the company he co-founded, Health2Sync, captured the attention of startups in Taiwan recently when China's largest e-commerce company Alibaba made an investment in his Health2Sync app that helps manage diabetes. The app allows patients to self-manage their condition by tracking important data and providing helpful tips in return.

With his mobile app, patients can measure and transfer data from their glucometer and log additional information to see how their food and meal times, exercise, or insulin injections and blood pressure affect their blood sugar levels. The app analyzes data and generates graphs and charts that are easy to read. Patients can also share information with their family members and physicians.

In October, the company announced a partnership with Taiwan's Ministry of Health and Welfare to offer the app



nationwide. The Ministry hopes to control diabetes on a large scale and to motivate patients to self-monitor their conditions to raise the effectiveness of diabetes management, limit complications, and reduce the time and expense of administering care to remote areas. Ed is in the process of expanding into Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, and India. You can download his app by searching Health2Sync.

## Alumni Offer Electric Scooter Rentals in Taipei

In October of 2016, Jeffrey Wu '98, Johnson Yeh '98, Jennifer Chiang '98, and Jay Cheng '97 launched a startup business offering a convenient alternative for residents and travelers in Taipei: WeMo Scooter. The service allows customers to rent from 200 economic and environmental-friendly electric scooters managed by a smartphone app.

In an interview with The News Lens, CEO Jeffrey Wu '98 said, "WeMo Scooter is a company that wants to build a better urban life by creating a new way of smart transportation that is sustainable, economical, and fun." Jay, Chief Technology Officer, commented that each member brings their unique professional background to their dynamic partnership.

In addition to solving technical issues of an online app and physically managing 200 scooters around the city, there are unique challenges for this new venture. According to Jay, "The scale of what we are trying to accomplish is daunting. WeMo Scooter is attempting to create a private form of public

transportation that has not been attempted in Taipei before." Scooter enthusiasts will be sure to benefit from this new service in Taipei.



WeMo Scooter founders from left: Jennifer Chiang '98 (4th), Jeffrey Wu '98 (6th), and Jay Cheng '97(7th)



# REUNIONS

## Class of 1991 25-year Reunion – December 2016

More than 50 alumni attended the celebrations in Taipei organized by Alex Lin, Jennifer Wang, and a team of volunteers. The festivities included a lunch at TAS and a dinner in town.



## Class of 1996 20-year Reunion – December 2016

Earl Cheng and Cynthia Wu organized two special events to celebrate the milestone year with a dinner and a lunch buffet at TAS.



## Class of 2006 10-year Reunion – December 2016

At the first official class reunion after graduating from TAS, alumni enjoyed an evening at TAS, thanks to Lara Veronin, Harold Li, Alex Cho, and class volunteers.



## Class of 1966 50-year Reunion – November 2016

Reunions are special reasons to travel, especially to meet high school classmates from five decades ago. The Class of '66 "Dukes" Kurt Trede, Peter Cormier, and Jesse McDugald had a great time in Las Vegas with Roberta (Robbi) Warner Senneke '66 and Pam Reppert Trede '70.



## Taipei Happy Hour – September 2016

The Tiger Lily, founded by Eric Fei '94 and business partners, sponsored this year's gathering for alumni in Taipei.



## LA Lunch – July 2016

Thanks to Erwin Shyu '76, alumni in the Los Angeles area attended a fun, summer gathering.





### Chicago Lunch – October 2016

Alumni living in the Chicago area enjoyed an evening together. Thanks to Yi-Ping Chang '07 and Bethany Shieh '14 for their assistance at this event.



### Washington, D.C. Lunch – October 2016

Alumni living in D.C. have organized events regularly over the years. This time, they had lunch at a unique restaurant offering Taiwan-style noodles. Gracious hosts Julian Sham '09 and Clifton Yin '03 made sure everyone had a great time, including special guest Julie Huang Goffe '58.



### Shanghai Speaker Series – November 2016

Alumni panel speakers Irene Fan '94, Clarissa Shen '95, and Carol Chyau '00 shared insights about their experiences working and living in this amazing city. Special thanks to Lorin Young '78 for sponsoring this annual event.



### Hong Kong Happy Hour – December 2016

This city is certainly not lacking in excitement and night life, especially during the end-of-year party season. With busy social schedules, many alumni stopped by for a drink to catch-up and relax.



### Taipei Reunion

Kang Chang '70, Jenny Shao '70, and Karl Yen '69, welcomed back visitors Billy Jones '81 and Jenny Hung Lee '81.



### Former Faculty Oregon Reunion

A group of former faculty members celebrated Chinese New Year together at the annual lunch event in Oregon. Special thanks to Jan Clark for coordinating and sending out invitations.



*Kneeling, L to R: John Crull, Jan Clark*

*Middle row, L to R: Cathy Funk, Mary Crull, Susan Rinker, Charlene Schneider, Carol Chadwick, Bill Funk*

*Back row, L to R: Fred Schneider, Kay Haberlach, Henry Schwarz*

More photos from reunion events hosted at TAS and around the world can be viewed online in the Media Gallery in the Alumni section of the TAS website at [www.tas.edu.tw](http://www.tas.edu.tw). Also, alumni often share photos from events on their Class Facebook groups. Search for them online and request to be added.



## **Boston - Fall 2016**

TAS alumni gathered in Boston to welcome the Class of 2016 to colleges in the area.



## **Upcoming Reunions**

**October 2017**

Alumni Reunion in New Orleans

**December 2017**

Class of 1992 (25 years), Class of 1997 (20 years), and Class of 2007 (10 years)

**March 2018**

TAS Worldwide All Classes Alumni Reunion 2

**August 2018**

Alumni Reunion in Atlanta, Georgia



# CLASS NOTES

1964



James Chen's two grandsons are attending TAS. He got together with Karl Yen '69, Bobby Yen '63, and May Su '78 during the holiday season. James played soccer with Bobby in 1962 when they were both in high school.



Hung Nguyen with Bob Hammerquist, Edgar Holzman, Tom Johnson, and Jim Wilkins after 50 years

1966



14 alumnae reunited in November of last year at the Venetian in Las Vegas.

1968



Sam Mar & Joë Medlëy

Two old TAS friends from the '60s and their better halves had a great time in Taipei. It has been almost 50 years since they last saw each other!

1971



Cynthia Sah hosted a fabulous exhibit of her marble works in Taipei and delighted in spending time with her family that flew from around the world, including her sister Emily Sah Lo '69.

1974



Jan Watten was surprised to see a group of TAS friends who stopped by her gallery in San Francisco during a very brief visit.

Marcia McGrath '76, Carolyn Bevans '76, Maureen Bevans '75, Stacey Wire '76, and Janel Wire Pratt '71



Caroline Lum '74 and Lamar Kauffman with their family

1975-76



Nancy Wang, Annie Ling, and Clarissa Lée met in Taipei last April.

1977



Caroline Yen brought a few alumni to TAS on a special visit: Teresita Hsu '77, Pauline Yuan '77, Simon Wei '78, and Sherman Fong '78.

1979



Jerry Bowsher (at TAS 1972-1975) visited after 42 years and fulfilled his dream to return to Taiwan with his wife.



Jeff '77 and Michelle Massa '79 hosted a group of alumni at their home in February.



## 1980s Alumni Reunion in Taipei



Front row, L to R: Elaine Hsieh '86, Eling Chiu '87, Pez Chu (son of Calvin and Eling,), Calvin Chu '84

Back row, L to R: Henry Lin '86, Charles Voliosalazar Huang '85, Carol Li (wife of Charles,), Frances Kuo '87, Helen Elena Tsung '84, Steve Lin '85

## 1981



Billy Jones and Sumi Ock '82 traveled from Arizona and Korea to see each other in Taipei. They met in Mr. Arnold's Journeys into Asian Culture Class.

## 1982



Nur Rachmawati Arifin: Several alumna met in Singapore in March of 2016. It was my first reunion with Grace and Joyce Dee since we graduated in 1982!



Rose Chan Loui: After graduation from TAS, I attended Stanford University and then NYU Law School. I have been living in LA with my husband and our three children. Four years ago, I took our two sons and my mom back to Taipei and we visited Mr. Arnold. This summer, I took our daughter to Taipei and we visited Mr. Arnold and Mr. Dankowski. I'm incredibly excited that she has started her freshman year at Stanford. She and her friends were quite impressed by what to me is the "new" TAS campus. We also got to visit my good friend Colleen Chua '78 when we went to Manila.

## 1984



Matthias Haeger returned to TAS and introduced his son to a teacher he had at TAS, Mr. Peter Hastorf, who is still teaching in the Middle School.



Helen (Elena) Tsung: In high school at TAS, we formed a special group consisting of 9 members: 6 from the class of 1984 and 3 from the class of 1985. After 32 years, we met in Taipei in March of last year. It was very special with a lot of laughing and reminiscing. Even after all these years, we still share the same connection. It was as if it was only yesterday we had spoken to each other!



Scott Kauffman with his wife April and daughters Morgan and McKenzie

Scott Kauffman: After attending TAS for 10 years and graduating from the University of Hawaii with a degree in Journalism, I spent 15 years as a full-time Sports and Business Reporter for *USA Today*, *Orlando Sentinel* and *Golfweek*. Since 2004, I have worked as an independent real estate broker, writer, and media consultant. I have been married for 22 years to April and have two daughters in high school at Montverde Academy (Morgan, Class of 2017, and McKenzie, Class of 2020).

My father Lamar "Bird" Kauffman, one of the most beloved science teachers at TAS, is retired in Laurel, Maryland.



**1985**

## Reunion in Seattle



**1986**



Lamar Kauffman Jr., following in the footsteps of his father, is a teacher in Florida. He currently teaches the sciences at St. Philips Episcopal in Coral Gables. He has two young daughters. His sister, Kimberly Kauffman '91, is a healthcare professional in Hawaii. She is married with two little girls as well.

**1989**



Annie Wu Su and Stefan Bohi met in Zurich after 28 years!

**1991**



Eiho Baba is an Associate Professor of Philosophy and Asian Studies at Furman University. He gave a talk at TEDxFurmanU on the topic "Chinese Philosophical Texts with a Sensitivity to Underlying Assumptions".

**1992**



Betty Chang returned to TAS and is a middle school music teacher.

*Betty and her husband Samson with baby Tewodros Samson Debele (Tedy) born on February 6 and daughter Hananaiya*

**1993**



Alumni from the Class of 1993 gathered at Reynol Kuo's Japanese gastropub in Taipei in December.

Alex Lin created a Facebook page to feature stories about being Taiwanese. New videos are updated every Wednesday. He was nominated for the Best Director Award at the 2014 Taiwan Golden Bells. Search for "TKstory" on Facebook.



Tom Eckert had the honor of meeting former President Obama who visited Hanoi where Tom is stationed with Camille Funk '94.

**1994**



Brian Huang visited with his family and was excited to see Mr. Olson, his former biology teacher.



Chih-Chung Fan finally took a break from baking cupcakes in the Bay area to visit Taiwan.



Camille Funk celebrated her 40th birthday back in Taiwan, where she grew up while her mother taught and served as middle school principal at TAS. It was very meaningful for her to show the children all the places she remembered.



## 1995



As the TV host of Joanna's Journey on ELLE TV's online video, Joanna Liu travels around the world in style. Follow her Facebook to watch her shows.

## 1999



With a degree in Hospitality Tourism & Management focusing in foodservice at Purdue University and trained in Japan and France, Tammy Fan worked at a renowned French restaurant in Boston before moving to Hong Kong in 2006 to work for the world's most decorated Michelin starred chef Alain Ducasse. She started competing in various culinary competitions and received the gold medal at FHA Singapore 2008 (Food Hotel Asia). Tammy moved to Singapore in 2012 and worked for a restaurant listed in Asia's 50 Best restaurants and in 2014 became a pastry instructor and trainer for culinary competitions at a polytechnic.

Edward Fu and Melinda Hwang currently live in Los Angeles, California. Ed is the VP of Product at Velocify and Melinda works in marketing at Capital Group. They have 3 kids, Olivia (4), Benjamin (2), and Charlotte (8 months).

Christina Huang: In December 2016, I was able to organize a mini-reunion with the following people: Stanley Song, Derek Chen, John Chen, and Andres Su. On a separate occasion,

I got together with Derek Chen, Freya Lim, and Jeff Wang. Everyone is doing really well!

Saud Kazia is back in his home town of Bhatkal, Karnataka, India after working in Dubai for 7 years. He has started a small print shop.

Harry Kuo moved back to Taiwan in 2009 and has been spending time on his business that provides building materials for the Middle East region. He and his wife are dedicated to newhope.tw, a Christian charitable organization that focuses on kids with additional needs. He encourages anyone interested to look into this organization. Harry also participates in the basketball open gym sessions at TAS every week.



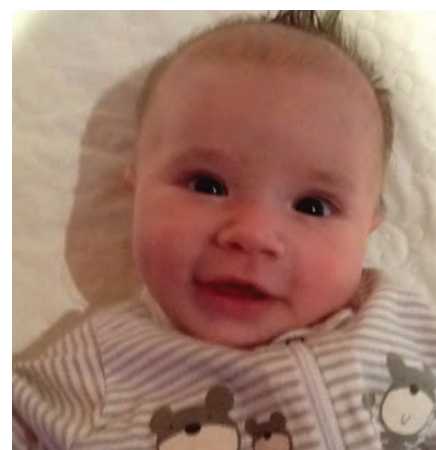
Tim Lu was featured in the Taiwan TV program *Sisi's World* in September for his pioneering research in the fields of synthetic biotics to treat diseases at Synlogic. View the video (starting at 1'14") by searching for "0GjDQcv-Adg" on Youtube.

Elaine Wang: I can't believe it's been over 15 years since we graduated! After college in Boston and law school in D.C., I moved to New York City where I started my legal career at Latham & Watkins LLP. I've remained at the firm for the last decade, starting out as a real estate attorney but more recently switching over to the internal management side of the firm, helping to train new attorneys and working within the firm's knowledge management department. Life on the "in-house" side of the firm gives me more time to enjoy life outside of work and this year I've been busy planning my wedding in Mérida, Mexico! My fiancé Miguel and I are very excited to celebrate with friends and family from around the world and we had a particularly good time visiting Taipei in the fall of

2016 (Miguel's first time in East Asia). Having the TAS experience has always made me appreciate an international perspective and that will remain important in my marriage and the goal to raise a trilingual, multi-cultural family, something that is of paramount importance in today's world!

Tiffany W. Wang is enjoying being at home in Los Angeles with her two young daughters, ages one and three. In her spare time, she enjoys making everyday family meals from a formal sit-down dinner to snacks for toddlers. She always looks forward to visiting Taipei and reconnecting with old TAS classmates.

## 2000



Melissa Fraser-Arnott earned her Doctor of Philosophy from Queensland University of Technology in July 2016 through the San Jose State University Gateway PhD Program. In the same month, she and her husband Dan welcomed their first child named Natalie.

## 2002



Alice Wang was awarded the best design team for the Taiwan Design Best 100 sponsored by the Shopping Design Annual Design Competition.



2003



Rosie Hyland starred as Mrs. Hathaway in the new London musical School of Rock that debuted in September of 2016.

2011



Antoinette Chang and Justin Cho returned to TAS to take their wedding photos!



Jasmine at a training event with her mentors

Jasmine Chang is working on Esperance, a debut young adult dystopian novel to be traditionally published after 2017. She draws from student-teaching at Columbia University and her controversial experiences in network marketing to critique the US public school system and the implications of mainstream culture on young generations. She hopes to use the novel to speak to the struggles teenagers and millennials today are facing, and to inspire them to pursue their passions and dreams.



A group of '11 classmates got together at Eric Sze's restaurant The Tang in New York City.

## Former Faculty



Barbara Altstaetter (middle school teacher 1971-1973) visited TAS after 42 years on her way to Vietnam. She marveled at the changes and was touched to see faculty images of those she worked with on the TAS wall of historical photos.



Trevor and Margaret Bond, and their son David '95, all former faculty at TAS, returned for a visit in April 2016. They were delighted to see their old friends in Taipei.

The "Alumni Online Directory" contains the email addresses and mailing addresses of TAS alumni. Login to the Alumni Portal to reconnect with your classmates.

Send your updates to TAS! We love hearing news about life-changing moments, such as marriages, new jobs, awards, and when you get together with TAS friends. We are always delighted to receive photos of these gatherings. Send submissions to [alumni@tas.edu.tw](mailto:alumni@tas.edu.tw).



Robert Carrelli (drama teacher 1989-1999) was honored at a special Walk of Hearts ceremony by his former student Kevin Spacey who attended Chatsworth High School. This distinguished award is given to teachers in recognition of their dedication and the impact they have on a student's life. Spacey said, "Mentors, parents, friends, teachers can sometimes say just the right words at just the right time, and it can be life-changing for a young person," the actor told the crowd. "So we should honor teachers always."

Image from © Chasing Spacey 2013-2017 | Theme Elise



Charlie Chen: I visited the Fitches at Santa Rosa on my way to Florida at the end of October. Charles at 91 and Marilyn at 87 are both very well.





Cathy Funk and Ann Andersen both visited Taiwan at the same time, but for different reasons. Cathy returned to celebrate her daughter's 40th birthday and Ann welcomed her second grandchild.



Louis Tolbert: Rochelle Ferran and I went to San Francisco to hear Margaret Patterson speak at the National Council Teachers of Math. Sandy Bartholome also joined us. It was a special treat to hear from a math teacher who worked with former middle school teacher Sandy Puckett at TAS. We gathered in Florida to welcome Mary from Panama and Jean and Uli from Seattle. We renewed friendships and remembered our good times in Taiwan.



Back: Judy Tracy, Cherry Hart Brown, Fran Larson, Kathy Keenan, Uli Lengenber, Doug Tracy

Front: Mary Yamazaki, Louise Tolbert, Jean Lengenber-Bowden.

Douglas Ward (PE teacher and coach 1980-1996): After nearly 30 years of teaching, coaching, and living abroad in Taiwan, China, and Luxembourg, my family and I recently moved back to the US. I am teaching and coaching at the Keys School in Palo Alto.



Former PE teacher Mimi Molchan, currently the Athletics Director at Singapore American School (SAS), attended this year's IASAS volleyball tournament hosted at TAS. She spent time with current teacher Kathy Cutler and visited Mr. and Mrs. Kuo, who retired 20 years ago after working in the TAS PE department for almost 50 years.

## IN MEMORY



**James Carlisle Phillips III '69**, dedicated father of three, died peacefully on January 13, 2017. Jim was raised in Taiwan by his parents, who were Methodist missionaries. After attending undergraduate school at Hamline University, he met his wife, Cathy Murphy, in an electronic music class while pursuing a master's degree at Washington University in St. Louis. He subsequently obtained a PhD in Music Theory and Composition from the University of Minnesota. Jim worked for 27 years in the library at the Star Tribune. Jim spent his free time in numerous choirs and singing groups. Jim was also an art enthusiast, loyally supporting both the Minnesota Orchestra and the Minneapolis Institute of Art. A caring and kind person, Jim involved himself in the lives of many and donated to social justice groups.



**Robert Forsgren (1930-2016)** began his teaching career at Woodstock School in India in 1955 and completed it at TAS from 1990 to 1995 as a middle and upper school physical education teacher. He coached volleyball, cross country, and track & field. He treasured the years he shared with a joyful international community in Taiwan. The field days he designed with very creative events brought the students together in an active and joyful manner. Bob's powerful presence to nurture us all with his smiling blue eyes and compassionate heart will be his lasting trade mark as a person. He passed away on May 4, 2016 and his departing words were, "I will always be with you" and "count your blessings". He was grateful to teach at TAS with energetic and exciting students.



# PROFESSIONAL CORNER



## Above the Fold

George Jeng '99  
[www.abovethefold.io](http://www.abovethefold.io)

This is a single page news site that aggregates top news displayed on the home pages of over 20 news outlets. The site was built around the premise that the homepage of each news outlet represents what each editorial team deems to be the most important stories at any particular moment. By providing a cross sectional view across multiple news outlets, we put all the current news at your fingertips without any filters or bias allowing viewers to become better informed readers.



## Ansett Aviation, Taiwan

Steve Chiu '99, General Manager Taiwan  
[www.ansettaviationasia.com](http://www.ansettaviationasia.com)

This aviation training facility in Taoyuan features an Airbus A320 full flight simulator to train pilots across Asia. Ansett Aviation is one of the largest independent training centers in the world operating in Australia, Taiwan, and Italy, later this year. Those who have yet to fulfill their pilot dreams can inquire for flight experience packages.



## Bingham's Brewery Limited

Michelle Joyce '92, Director  
[www.binghams.co.uk](http://www.binghams.co.uk)



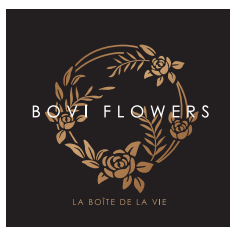
We are a real ale brewery, brewing traditional British beers. Our beer Vanilla Stout won the title of Supreme Champion Beer of Britain. The competition was judged in August 2016 at the Great British Beer Festival. There were eighty different beers of different styles in the final round of the competition so we are incredibly proud of our achievement.



## Blissperience Life Coaching

Dinesh Daswani '97  
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Dino is a mind transformation coach in Taipei and he was interviewed by the *Taipei Times* about his personal transformation. Read the full article online by searching "A Prophet in the Making in Taipei".



## Bovi Flowers

Lawrence Liu '13, Founder  
[www.boviflowers.com](http://www.boviflowers.com)

Beautiful gifts shouldn't have to wither. Each Bovi Box™ is made with real roses that can last for years with minimal care. Designed by international award-winning artisans and infused with Jo Malone fragrances, Bovi Flowers is the ultimate floral gift for your loved ones. For every Bovi Box™ you purchase, Bovi Flowers will prepare a special gift box for underprivileged children in Oakland.



## Choco Rush Co

Pashmina Lalchandani '99  
[chocorush.co](http://chocorush.co)

Choco Rush is a craft chocolate marketplace and subscription club featuring the best craft chocolate from the world's best bean to bar chocolate makers. Tasting is believing. Discover truly remarkable chocolate!



## Shokay

Carol Chyau '00  
[www.shokay.com](http://www.shokay.com)

Shokay is the world's first socially responsible premium yak down brand. We are committed to benefitting the communities that produce yak down, conscientiously selecting the right partners, creating timeless products, and using the best business principles. In 2006, Carol, about to graduate from Harvard Kennedy School, sought to promote socially responsible business ideals in the Greater China region. She traveled to Yunnan in Southern China, spent time working directly with NGOs and the local government, and was introduced to yak down for the first time. Ideas were slowly taking shape and when she returned to Harvard, she knew that the best way to help catalyze the growth of social enterprises in China was to start one of her own.



## Project Stark

Olivia Lin '11

A dating app designed by Olivia in her startup. The app matches people based on a 4-question personality test.



## The Tang

Eric Sze '11  
[www.thetangnyc.com](http://www.thetangnyc.com)

The Tang is a contemporary Chinese noodle bar nestled in the heart of trendy East Village in New York City. We serve noodles, wraps, and appetizers based on traditional recipes originated from various regions in China and present the essence of authentic flavors, together with innovative twists inspired by the big apple's metropolitan appetite. Eric's goal is to represent Chinese/Taiwanese food in America with a belief that noodles are the perfect entry point in which to display his creativity and culinary abilities.



## A Team of Their Own

Frank Boring '72, Producer

This is a documentary that recounts the history of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League from its inception in early 1943 through the present. Frank is a filmmaker and an Affiliate Professor in the School of Communications at Grand Valley State University. He has produced or co-produced several films, including *Fei Hu*, *The Story of the Flying Tigers*, (broadcast on PBS in the US and CPTV in Taiwan), and *A Lesson in Diplomacy and Nightmare in New Guinea*.



# 14th Annual *Gala Ball*

The TAS community of parents, teachers, administrators, alumni, and friends celebrated the school's long-standing tradition of excellence at the 14th annual Gala Ball. All proceeds were designated for the Tech Cube building project. Gala Ball volunteers invested a great deal of time and tremendous effort, including Charlotte Kuo '86. Many alumni contributed items to the silent and live auctions, supporting the school and showcasing their talents and businesses. Thank you to everyone who helped make this Gala so successful!





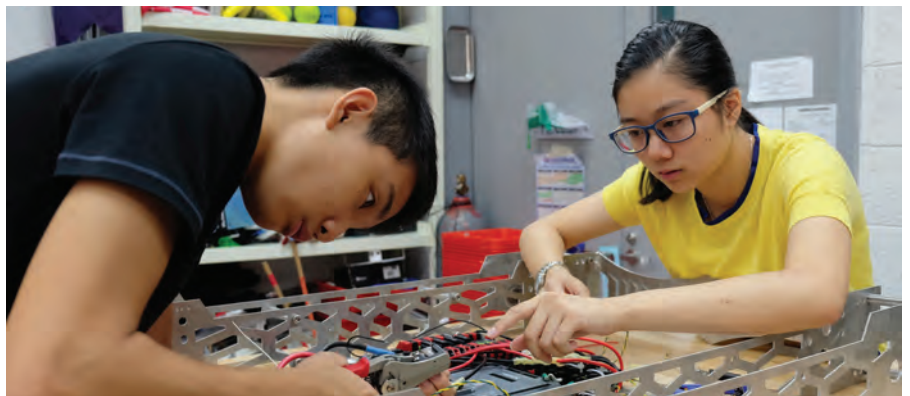
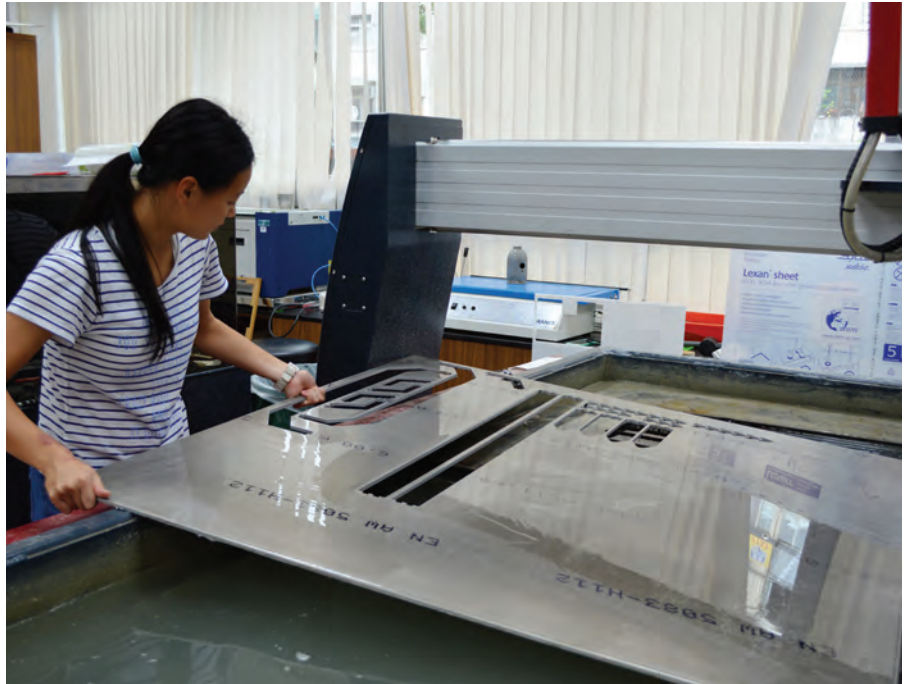




# GIFTS IN ACTION

Taipei American School relies on gifts to the Annual Giving Program to fund initiatives for our students that would otherwise not be possible. Your gift can be designated toward one or a combination of five different initiatives: Program Excellence, Professional Excellence, Building Excellence, Endowment, and the Hope N.F. Phillips Scholarship Fund. *(Last school year, gifts made the following enhancements and opportunities possible.)*

## Program Excellence



Gifts to Program Excellence are reflected in the achievements of our students, the development of programs, and the expansion of unique learning opportunities school-wide. You can see excellence in action through programs everywhere on campus - in the classrooms, laboratories, performance spaces, and sports facilities. Your support enables us to capitalize on the excellent education we offer and to carry the school to even greater heights.

Last school year, gifts to Program Excellence supported:

- Robotics, Scientific Research, and Artificial Intelligence programs with a Wind and Solar Hybrid Power Generation System, a water jet cutter, and a Baxter Research Robot;
- The Fine and Performing Arts Programs with internships, equipment, and a Lutum Max-XL 3D Printer;
- Joanna Nichols Visiting Scholar Dr. Michael Littman, Professor of Mechanical & Aerospace

Engineering at Princeton University, and Joanna Nichols Performing Artist in Residence Maestro Richard Gill;

- Sports programs with a scoreboard for the MS Gym and Sport Specific Training;
- Production equipment for the Film Studies Program;

*And more!*







## Professional Excellence



TAS is dedicated to recruiting, developing, and retaining engaged and innovative subject matter experts who have a direct impact on exceptional student learning. Conference attendance, action research, and cutting-edge technology integration require commitment and resources. Contributions support teachers by offering meaningful professional development to keep faculty inspired and at the forefront of their field. Gifts to Professional Excellence provided many opportunities last school year, including:

- Character Education training with Derrick and Julie Tennant;
- MS Visiting Author Gordon Korman;
- Math training with Yeap Ban Har and Ron Lancaster;
- Faculty attendance at the Character Education Conference in Atlanta, a journalism course, NEST and SEPT workshops, technical theater professional development, and clinical symposia;
- Teachers College Reading and Writing Project representatives at TAS to work with LS faculty members;
- LS teacher attendance at the coaching institute at Teachers College in New York, a math conference, the Learning 2.0 Technology Conference, the Learning and Brain Conference, and the 15th Annual Chinese Articulation Workshop;

*And more!*





## Building Excellence



## Endowment

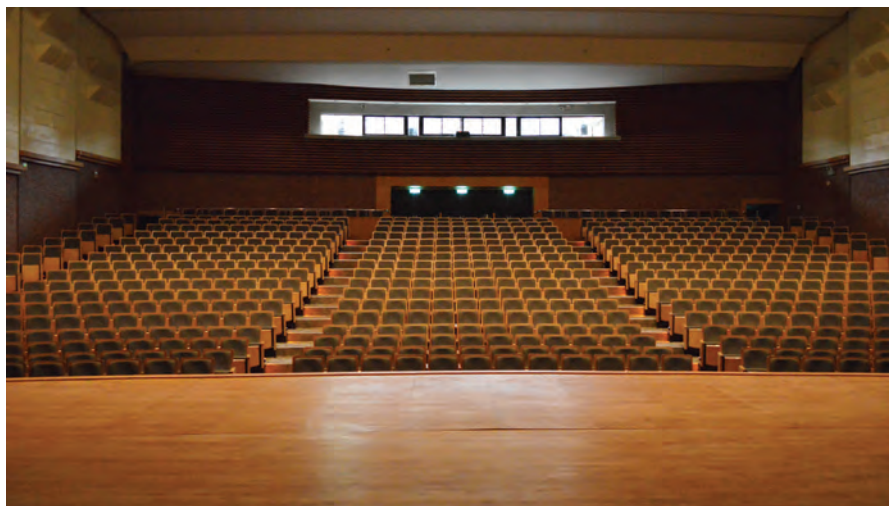
Your gift to Endowment helps assure long-term financial stability for the school. It ensures that future generations of TAS students enjoy excellence in education. It also serves as an emergency reserve. Twenty percent of all Annual Giving Program gifts made toward Building Excellence, Program Excellence, or Professional Excellence will be designated to Endowment.



Gifts to Building Excellence support the development of campus facilities, which enhances programs KA through Grade 12. Over the years, Building Excellence has built or enhanced the campus facilities in many ways. With gifts to Building Excellence Part 1: Facilities Development Project, new facilities were built such as the Upper School Science and Technology Building, the Liu Lim Arts Center, and a new gym. Contributions to the Annual Fund for the Building Excellence Part 2 initiative were designated for the Health and Wellness Center and for bleachers for the new gym. Last year, gifts to Building Excellence made possible:

- The continued renovation of the Guy Lott Jr. Auditorium;
- A state-of-the-art Synergy Turf putting green and driving cages;
- A LS basketball court and field dome.

Gifts to Building Excellence are currently designated for the construction of the Tech Cube.





# Hope N.F. Phillips Scholarship Fund

## Opening Doors of Opportunity

Taipei American School established the Hope N.F. Phillips Scholarship Fund to provide partial scholarships—temporary tuition support—to families experiencing financial difficulties. This scholarship fund allows students who would otherwise have to leave the school because of financial hardship to continue their education at TAS.

The scholarship deservingly bears the name of Hope N.F. Phillips, former teacher, principal, board member, and alumni ambassador at large. This scholarship had been her dream for many years. It bears the name of one who has greatly enriched the history of the school, and it ensures that capable and valued students are able to continue their education at our school.

As an educational institution, it is our responsibility to provide an outstanding education to all who attend. We, too, must be prepared for the unexpected in

the lives of our students. The Hope N.F. Phillips Scholarship Fund has had and will have a direct impact on the students of Taipei American School now and for generations to come.

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**2015-2016-five students**

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**2014-2015-one student**

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**2013-2014-three students**

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**2012-2013-four students**

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**2011-2012-two students**

The ultimate goal of the Hope N.F. Phillips Scholarship Fund is to build an income-producing endowment that will support students at TAS for generations to come. Parents, faculty, staff, alumni, friends, and corporations are invited to contribute and assist us in growing this fund. Please support the Hope N. F. Phillips Scholarship Fund.





# GRATITUDE REPORT

Thank you to the following alumni who have chosen to participate in our annual giving program during the 2016-2017 school year. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

*(As of April 18, 2017)*

## Alumni

Anonymous

Eileen Zehngraff Goodoien '56

Milton Hicks '62

Gordon Brooks '66

Peggy Maley Cox '66

Terry Shu '68

Karl Yen '69

Kang Chang '70

Genie Shyu Swabb '70

Teresa Shyu Mayer '71

Liv Haugland '72

Lloyd Coleman '73

Linda G. Sheppard '73

Phil Peach '74

Justin J. Chu '75

Kathy Looney Smith '75

Tami Briner '76

Thomas Glass '76

Yarom Limor '77

Caroline Yen '77

Lewis Hoffmann '78

Helen Koo '78

Vincent Long '78

Freda Fung '79

Alice Tse '80

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Wayne Chen '89

William Y. Chen '89

Loretta Chiang '89

Fifi Chu '89

Taylor Fravel '89

Daniel Grindell '89

Eugene '89 and Jenny Hong

Shirley Na '89

Pauline Siao '89

Cecilia Sun '89

Emily Sun '89

Dairian Wan '89

Spencer Wang '89

Philip Yu '89

Shinjiro Temma '90

Sandra Yuan '91 and Kevin Chen '91

Ernie Hsin '91

Alex Lin '91

Howard Pan '91

Sandy Shen '91

Julian Wolhardt '91 and Ketty Lieu '91

Cheng Family

Shing Chi Poon '92 and E Wen Liao

Victor Wong '92

Allen Timothy Chang '94

Irene Fan '94

Eric Liu '94 and Heidi Chen '95

Elizabeth Ting '94

Richard Wang '94

Caesar Chang '95 and Grace Sun '03

Paul Lin '95

David Ta-Wey Liu '95

Bernard Yang '95 and Jennifer Hsia' 97

Karen Kuo Lee '96

Andrea Chiu '97

Michael Hsieh '97 and

Jennifer Hsui '03

Albert Ming Ku '97

Galex Yen '97 and Heather Chen '97

Howard Huang '98

Timothy Weiting Huang '98

Jessica Chuang '99

Henry Kuo '99

Edward Wang '99

Likai Gu '00

Jonathan Liao '00

Jerry Lin '00

Terry Chung '01

Philip Hwang '01

Steve Ng '01

Kevin Chang '02

Sean Cheng '02

Jack Hou '02

Jay Shuang '02

David Tu '02

Frank Kuo '03

Darson Lai '03

David Lo '03

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Debra Lin '03

Peter Shen '03

Michael Tu '03

Dallas Yew '03

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Valerie Ho '04

Chris Liao '04

Caleb Yang '04

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Maggie Cheung'06

Steven Chen '05

Jay Choi '05

Chris Hansen '05

Michael Lin '05

Liann Yim '05

Rebecca Chen '06

Stephanie Chen '06

Richard Hallock '06

Melody Hsu '06

Calvin Liao '06

Amber Lin '06

Jason Lin '06

J. Pan '06

Stephanie Sun '06

Terence Tse '06

Tiernan Grehl '07

Zachary Mar '07

Derek Lee '08

Kevin Wang '08



Cindi Yim '08  
 Michael Chen '09  
 Scott Chen '09  
 Richard Hsieh '09  
 Oliver Hsu '09  
 Conrad Hu '09  
 Kevin Lee '09  
 Gerry Lee '09  
 Jody Liu '09  
 Joseph Lu '09  
 Julian Sham '09  
 Ervin Tsay '09  
 Allison Tse '09  
 Gabrielle Lai '10  
 Patrick Lee '10  
 Johnathan Lee '10  
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 Paul Yuan Yim '12  
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 Louis Lin '13  
 Adrienne Tse '13  
 Mathew Lee '14  
 Alex Sheu '14  
 Ingrid Wong '14  
 Vincent Yang '14  
 Michael Ang '15  
 Antonio Chan '15  
 Jonathan Chen '15  
 Patrick Yu '15  
 Thibault Binier '16  
 Brian Cheang '16

Sean Cheng '16  
 Michael Chou '16  
 Kevin Hsu '16  
 Travis Huang '16  
 Brian Liang '16  
 Jonathan Moon '16  
 Jeremy Shih '16  
 Derek Wang '16  
 Leon Yim '16  
 Allen Yin Jr. '16

### Alumni Events

2016 Alumni Washington, D.C. Luncheon  
 2016 Alumni Chicago Luncheon  
 2016 Alumni LA Luncheon  
 2016 Alumni Hong Kong Happy Hour  
 2016 Alumni Shanghai Speaker Series

### Reunions

2016 World Wide All Classes Alumni Reunion  
 Class of 2006: 10-year Reunion  
 Class of 1991: 25-year Reunion

### Service Organization

E.H. and M.E. Bowerman Advised Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation

### In Honor of Richard Arnold

Shing Chi Poon '92 and E Wen Liao  
 Helen Koo '78

### In Honor of Winnie Tang

Annie Cheatham and Ann Gibson

### In Honor of Glenn Wolfe

Peter Shen '03

### In Honor of Class of 1991's 25th Reunion

Anonymous

### In Memory of Nien Yuen Chen

Irene '90 and Philip Chen

### In Memory of Joe Brooks

Gordon Brooks '66

### In Memory of Dr. Chin Hsen Hsu

Erwin Shyu '76 and Tina Fan

### In Memory of Ms. Jan McDowell

Clifton Yin '03

### In Memory of Hope N.F. Phillips

Anonymous

E.H. and M.E. Bowerman Advised Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation

### In Memory of Robert "Robin" Phillips '65

Helen Chen '94

Peggy Maley Cox '66

### In Memory of Mr. Sandy Puckett

Frank Kuo '03

### Current Board Members who are Alumni

Timothy Chang '80 and Shirley Chang '88

Joseph '87 and Katherine Hwang

Ferdinand P. Tsien and Family

David Ko '92 and Elizabeth Wang '91

### Current Administrators and Faculty who are Alumni

Anonymous

Dr. Winnie Tang '65

Maria Peters '89

Helen Chen '94

Terry and Cheryl Lagerquist '98

Nicky Yeung '99

Irene Fang '01

Teresa Chiang '02

Michelle Kao '03

Teddy Tu '04

Stephanie Chih-Yang Hsieh '04

Sarah Ruggiere '12

### Former Adminstrators and Former Faculty

Robert and Patricia Carrelli

John Dankowski

Annie Cheatham and Ann Gibson

David and Teresa Lewis

### Current Parents who are Alumni

Anonymous

Jim Boyle '76 and Sherry Boyle

Erwin Shyu '76 and Tina Fan



Oliver and Heidi Silsby '80  
 Winston Hsia '84 and Yutina Huang  
 David Wu and Karen Chyan '85  
 Ferdinand P. Tsien and Family  
 Dennis Hong '87  
 Gilbert Bao and Kay Ling '88  
 Dan Cooper '89 and Yi-Fen Cooper  
 Jeffrey Dawn '89 and Grace Tsai '89  
 Steven Y.K. Gee '89 and Lily Choi  
 The Ben Kintzley Family  
 Kazumi Ko and Edward Ko '89  
 James Tsao '89  
 Cynthia Hsu '91  
 and Alfred Woo '89  
 Irene '90 and Philip Chen  
 Kailynne Chiu '20  
 and Kerrianne Chiu '23  
 Krista Lee '90 and Paul Hu '90  
 Helen Wu and Allen Kan '90  
 Maria Ting '89  
 Randy Chen '91 and Cynthia Teeters  
 Austin Lee '91  
 Raymond Kuo '91  
 Jeffrey Su '91 and Fong-Ming Nyeu '97  
 Richard '91 and Ting Ting Yang '93  
 Edson Chang '92

and Lussa Chang  
 Johnny Liao and Judy Chen '92  
 Judy Gee '92  
 Stephanie Hong '92  
 Henry Ho and Rosalind Wang '92  
 Anthony Wong '92  
 and Grace Kuo '92  
 Ikyo Asanaka '93  
 Chris Liu and Conny Lin '93  
 Brian Hsieh and Tina Wu '93  
 Felix Ho '93 and Sylvia Chao '94  
 Michael Chu '93 and Fantine Wang  
 Reynold Kuo '93 and Inga Chiang  
 Richard Moh '93  
 and Shao-Yun Yang  
 Paul '94 and Nancy Hsu  
 Kenny Chuang '94 and Jill Wu  
 Michelle Chow Su '94  
 Robert Lee and Teresa Hsu '95  
 Steve Huang '95 and Betty Hsu  
 Cheng Lin '96 and Tzu Yin Chen  
 Dr. Joey Chen and Mona Lo '96  
 Edward Deng '96 and Lydia Lim '97  
 Alan Ng '97  
 Amy Hsi '97 and Frank Day  
 Jay '97 and Karen Cheng

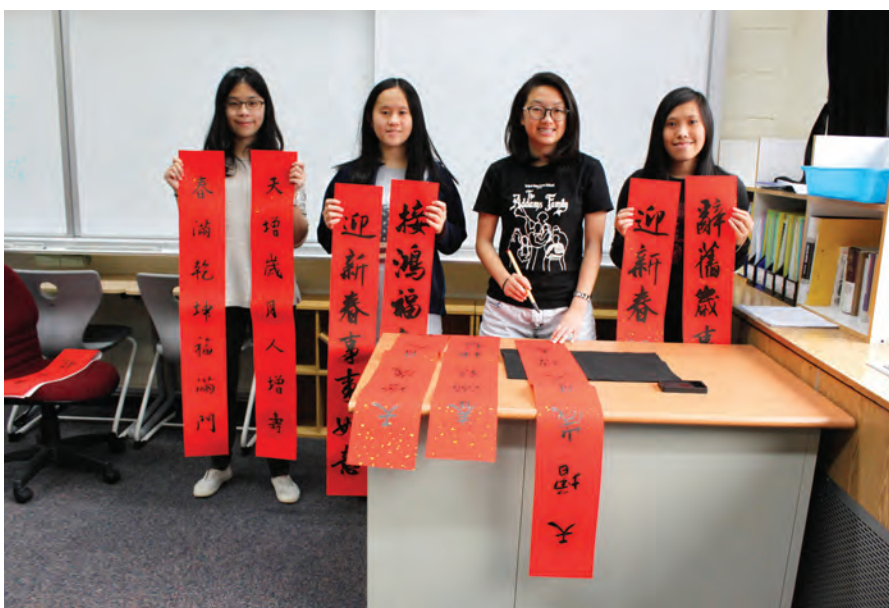
Joseph and Ika Huang '97  
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## Matching Gifts

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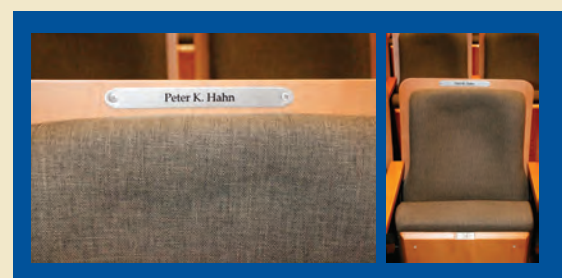
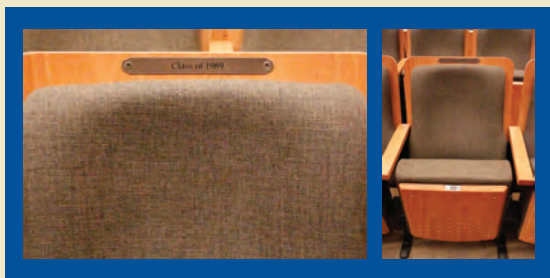
The display of Chinese Spring Festival Couplets (春聯) is an important custom in celebrating the Lunar New Year. Students in the Upper School Calligraphy Club hand wrote and sent 800 couplets as a thank you to alumni donors. They were delighted to decorate their homes with a touch of the Chinese New Year spirit.





Please

# HAVE A SEAT



As part of our *Please Have a Seat* campaign, members of the TAS community have the opportunity to name a seat in the auditorium. For NT\$90,000, you can have a plaque inscribed for permanent display on a chair in the auditorium.

Your gift to this Building Excellence initiative funds renovations to the Guy Lott Jr. Auditorium, including seats, carpeting, cabling works, LED lighting, and more. Your gift ensures students continue to have a world class performing arts space for drama, dance, music, and assemblies.

For more information on this initiative, please visit the Supporting TAS section of the website.



## Name a Plaque to Honor Your Teachers

Teachers have the ability to change lives. Many people have a favorite teacher, someone who left an indelible and lasting impression. You can honor the teacher who challenged, inspired, and supported you by naming a plaque at school.

Daniel Cheng '68 made a gift in memory of a very special teacher who made a difference in his life. Mimi McGrath was an upper school English teacher at TAS from 1961-1974. She was known as a tough but fair teacher who pushed her students to excel. Students could count on her for encouragement and understanding.

You can also honor your graduation class. Contact the TAS Alumni Office to learn more about naming opportunities.



# Baby



# Bibs



## TAS BABY BIBS

Did you recently become a parent or a grandparent? Let us know and we'll send you this special gift from TAS. We have a new design this year thanks to Jeanne Brantingham '74 at "Bunnies by the Bay". See more photos of these cute cubs and request a baby bib online in the Alumni section of the TAS website.



# TAIPEI AMERICAN SCHOOL

## WORLDWIDE REUNION 2

### MARCH 18 - 28, 2018



*TAS Worldwide Reunion 2016*

We are happy to announce the TAS WORLDWIDE REUNION 2 for alumni, family, and friends! Activities will include a day at TAS while school is in session, visits to “old” stomping grounds and excursions to new ones, and an optional trip to Taichung, Tainan, Nantou (Sun Moon Lake), and Taitung. Accommodation is the beautiful Grand Hotel. Full pricing and payment information is available online at [www.Eventbrite.com](http://www.Eventbrite.com) and is listed as TAS 2018 Worldwide Reunion 2.

You can also send an email to [TAS2018.WorldwideReunion2@gmail.com](mailto:TAS2018.WorldwideReunion2@gmail.com) for additional information. Even if you attended the first Worldwide Reunion in 2016, there’s a lot more for you to do and see on this trip. China Airlines and Eva Air are providing special Premium Economy Cabin airfare. Stay tuned!



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