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Middle School Maker Club

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MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUBS: FINDING WHAT LIGHTS THE FIRE



Students can experience extraordinary and deep learning when they are passionate about the subject. Many students shine in the classroom, finding connections to the material that inspires them to soar. Others, while strong students, might still be seeking what lights their academic fire.

Middle School affords an opportunity for exploration and leadership through clubs, and has been intentional about carving time into the school day specifically for clubs. Students pursue interests as varied as comics, jazz band, rock climbing, Junior Model UN and math.

“The goal is that clubs are student-centered and student-driven,” said Assistant Director of Middle School Allen Vandegrift. They are a safe space for students to pursue interests and passions untethered to any academic assessment, and students are among peers interested in similar things.

The classroom of Charlie Brown Hon. 1689 is abuzz with games strewn on desks, a guitar in the corner. “Avi came to me about starting a guitar club,” said Brown, advisor for both Guitar Club and Games Club. A couple of times a week, Avi Mondgock and others interested in playing the guitar gather in Balderston Commons to learn new songs. Avi comes to each session with sheet music and a plan. “I’m learning how to play in a group,” said the eighth-grader and accomplished guitarist, who led the club through several runs of the Eagles hit “Hotel California.” “It has helped my technique.”

In Maker Club, students are working on an entry into the Future City Competition, this year focusing on imagining and building a no-waste city. Science teacher Susan Chan-Peter advises the club, which is growing by word of mouth. Adopting a project-based learning model, students have designed and begun to build a small model of a no-waste city, complete with an organic farm and solar panels. “Someone will code, someone will build, someone will write the essay,” explained seventh-grader Anna Larrabee. “It just depends on what you’re interested in doing.”

Collaboration, project-based learning and time to ignite student passion are key components of Penn Charter’s Strategic Vision goals, set 10 years ago but still enhancing the student experience today. **PC**

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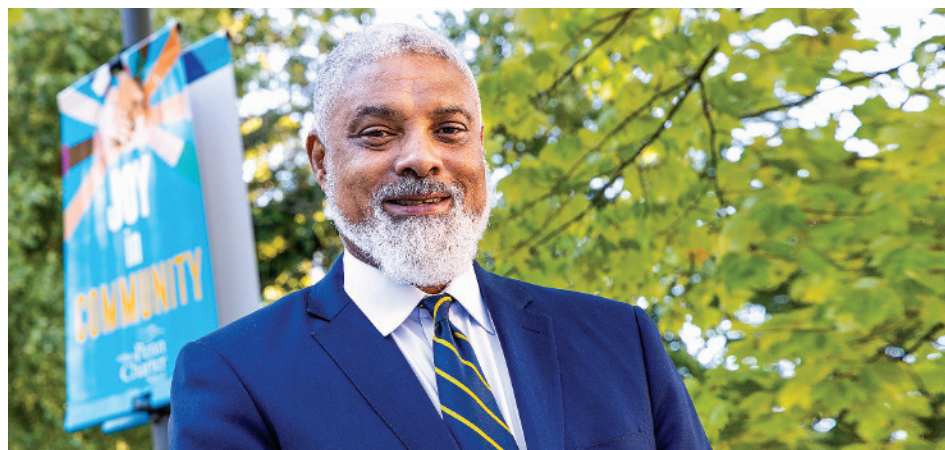


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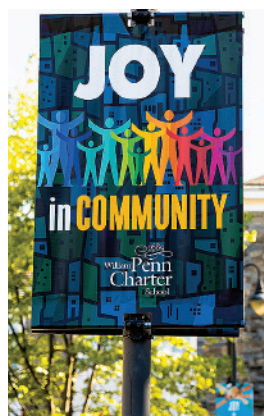
The vision for the transformation of Penn Charter's campus took a leap forward with the new Graham Center. Up next: a new lower school. See special section.

OPENING COMMENTS

From the Head of School



STUDENTS, THEIR PARENTS AND CARETAKERS, AND EDUCATORS are all familiar with the rhythms of the academic calendar. At Penn Charter, the unfolding of each new year's first day of school, pre-season workouts, the fall play, the thrill of winning PC/GA Day, the fulfillment of becoming an OPC, and a myriad of moments in between, are examples of the mileposts by which we measure each school year. Arriving at the Thanksgiving holiday is of no less import for students and teachers in school!



Having made it to this point, I take this opportunity to raise up Penn Charter's 2021-2022 theme, **Joy in Community**.

Why is making it to Thanksgiving a reason to give thanks? Since the beginning of this year and in the midst of this pandemic, *all* of our students have been on campus participating in in-person learning. The splendid and vibrant fall weather has allowed us to take full advantage of having our students outside for covid-safe learning, athletics and recreation. And teachers continue to show up each day to instruct and coach our students both in the familiar ways that we experience school and in new ways—because of covid—that stretch educators beyond anything for which they professionally prepared or bargained. Because we have arrived to this point, students are experiencing joy in our community.

Yet, joy in community takes work. In addition to our teachers' efforts, it requires the work of our students, parents and caregivers, and OPCs. Now, as you view Penn Charter, our programs and our people in the stories of this magazine, or in person on campus, you will witness the hard work that makes joy in community possible. This is the work of talented teachers and students. It is the work of transformational generosity that has led to a campus transformation. It is the work of empathy and equity. It is the work of student exploration. It is the work of continuing revelation. And it is the work of so much more.

Even as we deal with new issues in front of us, plan for breaking ground on a new lower school, navigate a global pandemic, and are challenged by societal shifts, finding joy in community is the work of Penn Charter.

I invite you to witness this work here in these words and on campus as time allows. And in the meantime, I hope you find joy in this holiday season and in the community that is Penn Charter.

Sincerely yours,

Darryl J. Ford Hon. 1689

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CAMPUS CURRENTS



JOY IN COMMUNITY



Penn Charter roared back to life in September, the first time since March 2020 that the full pre-K to 12 student body has been on campus together all at one time, all day, every day.

In an adjustment for covid, the traditional All-School Assembly was outdoors on Maguire Field for grades 7-12 and streamed to classrooms for pre-K to 6. The Class of 2022 posed with their new PC flag, and Head of School Darryl J. Ford delivered remarks that expanded on the theme for the year, Joy in Community. Ford spoke of affecting change and challenged students to consider, "What can you do to both be in community and do in community?" [PC](#)



RUNNING FOR PEACE, CELEBRATING FRIENDSHIP

Penn Charter families, friends, OPCs, faculty and staff gathered on campus September 18 for the annual Run for Peace in honor of Peter K. Ortale OPC '83 and Kenny Caldwell OPC '89, two graduates who died in the 2001 World Trade Center attack.

This year's event marked the 20-year anniversary of 9/11, and virtual supporters from near and far joined in through social media using #PCrun4peace.

The annual 5K event, plus a 1-mile family fun walk, benefits two PC scholarship funds created in honor of Ortale and Caldwell.

THIS YEAR'S EVENT RAISED \$20,988.94 FROM 111 DONORS.

The run was followed by the special dedication of the Kenneth M. Caldwell OPC '89 Court in PC's new Graham Athletics & Wellness Center. See page 25.

THE ALIBIS

Upper School thespians took to the Ball Theater stage this November for Penn Charter's first in-person production since February 2020. The show was performed for a limited audience on Nov. 5 and 6, with cast members donning transparent plastic masks to allow for greater expression within the limitations of covid protocols.

Theater teacher Eva Kay Noone directed *The Alibis*, a comedy-mystery about the murder of an eccentric billionaire and the attempt to identify the culprit among a group of equally eccentric suspects. The show consists of eight 10-minute plays designed to be performed in any order and combination. That unusual production style afforded Noone greater flexibility when it came to casting, plus more options for pivoting to a pre-recorded or partially pre-recorded show if infection rates required it. (Thankfully, they did not). Choosing *The Alibis* was a "no-brainer" for Noone: "I knew I could make this work in some shape or form. Not to mention it brings a lot of joy to the community," she said, evoking PC's theme for the 2021-22 school year, "because it's hysterically funny."



Noone invited PC faculty and staff to record the voice-over parts that are called for throughout the script, and these low-time-commitment roles allowed for more adult participation than in previous productions. All told, *The Alibis* featured 14 faculty and staff members, with three actually appearing on stage. The production also included Noone's costume design class, which helped with alterations; the Upper School 2D design class, which created art for the programs; and two Middle School students who took on roles in the cast and crew. Community indeed! **PC**

A MOST RESILIENT OPC CLASS

Members of Penn Charter's Class of 2020, the class whose senior year was interrupted by the pandemic, returned to campus in August for a reunion and celebration with family and teachers.

The event featured the simulation of a cap-and-gown walk, a picnic with food trucks and games, a tree dedication, Meeting for Worship and guided tours of PC's then-almost-complete Graham Athletics & Wellness Center.

"Clearly, you have been able to adapt in all kinds of ways we never could have imagined," Ford said, addressing the group of OPCs. "You leave pieces of yourself here: your intelligence, your service, your athleticism, your activism, your artistic contributions and so much more. For all this we thank you." Members of the Class of 2020 then picked up shovels and backfilled the hole where a commemorative tree was planted in their honor. **PC**



Former classmates divided into their Blue and Yellow teams to take part in the Color Day tradition they missed—the senior rope pull.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Eleven students in the Class of 2021 were recognized at graduation for successful completion of certificates in either Global Studies or Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability.

More about Commencement 2021 on page 8.

JOYFUL SERVICE

Penn Charter juniors and seniors spread out across Philadelphia in late September for a day dedicated to service and the wider community, showing up in a big way for local organizations and PC partners.

“The pandemic laid bare the needs in our communities that have existed for years, and those needs—food insecurity, access to housing and clothing, and environmental issues—continue,” said PC’s Assistant Director of the Center for Public Purpose Sharon Ahram. “Without missing a beat, these organizations continued to provide services to the community. And they give us the tremendous opportunity to be part of that.”

Students prepared, sorted and packed food at several different organizations that address food insecurity. They worked outside to remove invasive plants, tend trees, build picnic benches and clear debris left by Hurricane Ida flooding, all addressing environmental issues. Several groups organized furniture and clothing at organizations that support individuals who lack stable access to housing and clothing.

The day was a mobilization of PC students into the community, but not a one-off event. PC students continue to spend time at these organizations and on their behalf, addressing pressing issues. At lunch just days later, the PC Service Council made more than 75 sandwiches to be placed at the East Falls Community Fridge, where individuals experiencing food insecurity can find free food any time. **PC**



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Upper School students spread out across Philadelphia for a day dedicated to service and the community.



BEYOND THE BIRDS AND BEES

Emma Cohen-Westbrooke describes herself as someone who “benefited from excellent sex education from home and mediocre sex education from school.” This adolescent experience drew her to sex education and motivates her in her new role as Penn Charter’s first Health, Wellness and Human Sexuality Educator.

In response to painful accounts and constructive criticism from current and former students, Penn Charter established a Gender Equity, Sexuality & Consent (GESC) Task Force and, last year, launched a national search for this newly created position. Cohen-Westbrooke will not only teach comprehensive sexual education, she also is reviewing the current pre-K to 12 health education curriculum and the work of the GESC Task Force, and getting to know students and teachers.

She plans to put students, and their questions, at the center of her work at Penn Charter. “For sexuality education to be effective,” she said, “students need to see the information as personally relevant and meaningful in their own lives.”

Encouraging students to engage, discuss and ask questions is critical to Cohen-Westbrooke’s teaching. “I ask students questions that require them to consider their own values and perspectives on a topic,” she explained. “If I’m up in front of the classroom lecturing on a topic, I am not creating opportunities for my students to see themselves as intimately connected to the topics we’re covering.” **PC**



Seminar: Time for Tough Conversations

Alyson Goodner posed a question to her Upper School Seminar class after their viewing of a video titled “Coronavirus Racism Infected My High School” in the New York Times, about anti-Asian bias in the wake of covid. “We all walk around Penn Charter with our different identities and experiences,” Goodner said. “Do you feel like sometimes, at PC, we distance ourselves from this? Have we seen this in our own halls?”

The conversation in the classroom centered on the different experiences of students and their reflections on racism, privilege and blind spots. “It’s hard for others to understand how much is there,” one student said, “because racism and hate have this way of sneaking around those people who don’t want to be involved, and it hides itself, but [racism] is so prominent in other people’s lives. Unless you’re actively trying to think of how to help, how to be an ally, how to be aware, you don’t even realize it’s there.”

The three-pronged focus of Seminar, a twice-a-month class now in its second year, is on social and emotional wellness; DEI (diversity, equity, inclusion) and social justice; and consent, sexuality and gender issues. Its purposes are to listen and learn; to foster empathy and equity; and to strive for a more just community.

During the summer of 2020, a time of national civil unrest and cultural reckoning over racial and gender injustice, PC division directors interviewed students, parents and teachers to determine priorities for division schedules. A priority that emerged, particularly in the Upper School conversations, was the need to have protected time to talk about issues of race and gender.

“We use time to address those issues in some of our academic classes, like American Studies, Art and Social Justice, and Peace, Justice and Social Change, and in assemblies and other programming,” said Lee Payton, assistant director of Upper School, “but there wasn’t a time in the schedule that says, ‘This is where we’re going to do this work.’” Seminar was born from this process.

During this dedicated time, students are taught the differences between empathetic listening and dismissive listening. Seminar is predicated on these questions: Am I listening deeply? Am I offering my care and presence? Am I demonstrating to others the love and respect I wish to receive? These questions not only help community members engage in civil dialogue about a range of issues, but they speak to Quakers’ continuing pursuit to seek “that of God” in each member of the community and to connect with each person’s inner light.



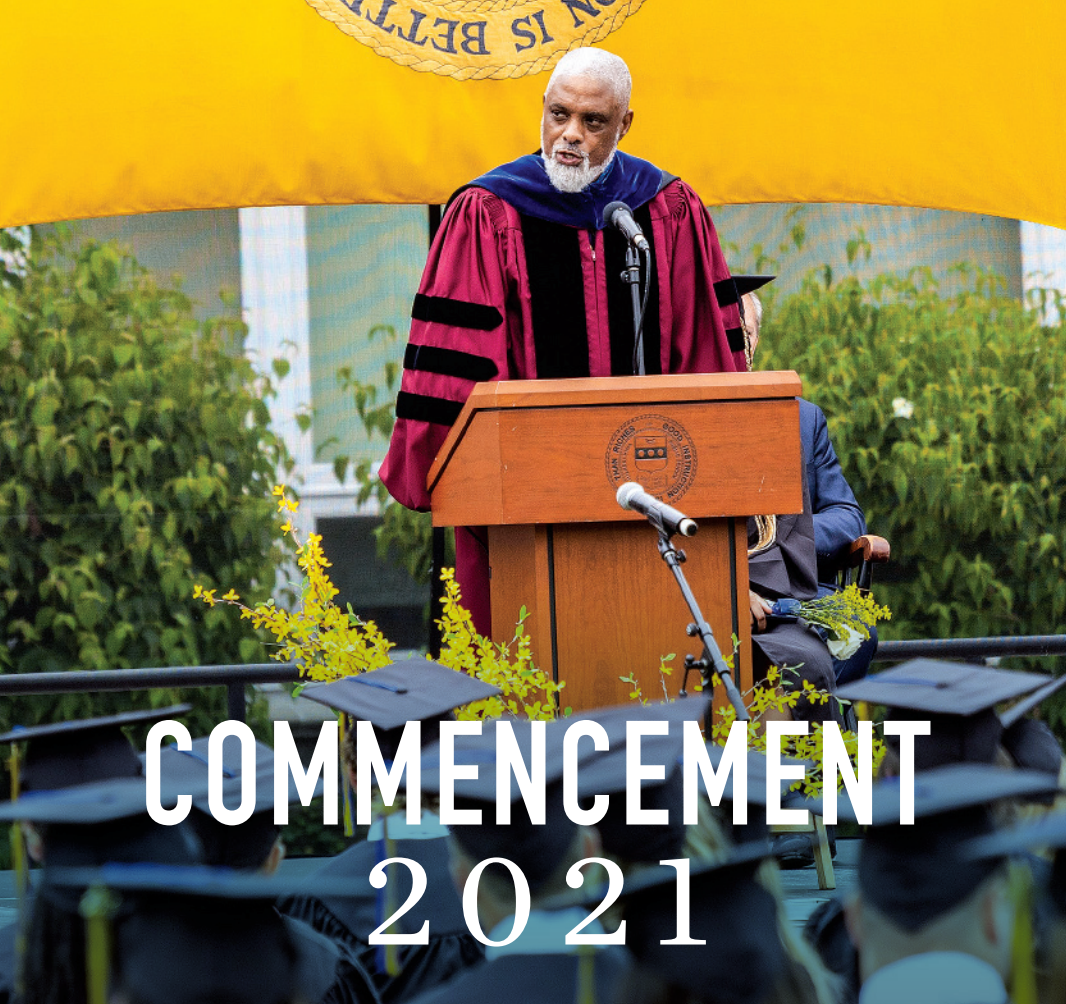
As part of a Seminar discussion on the original inhabitants of the Philadelphia area, the Lenni Lenape, American Studies students led other Upper School students on a walking tour of PC’s campus.

“We wanted to more deliberately prepare students for the real-world conversations and situations that they’re going to face,” Payton said.

During the course of Seminar’s first year, teachers and students were able to take part in topical discussions about current events like the presidential election, the Capitol riots and the shootings of Asian women in Atlanta, as well as subjects like identity and identity mapping, intersectionality, power and privilege, allyship, the Holocaust and Women’s History Month. Conversations this year have included the legacy of William Penn—both his advocacy of religious tolerance and education for all and his position as a slaveholder; the acknowledgment of the Lenni Lenape, the indigenous inhabitants of the region; and the school-year theme of Joy in Community, which celebrates our shared experiences.

The Seminar Committee, comprised of both faculty and students, continues to think about emotional wellness and current events and providing the Penn Charter community with the basic tools needed to navigate and decode it all.

As a committee member, Lily Aparin-Buck, now OPC ’21, expressed her goal: “To work towards creating a space in Seminar where individual students, advisors and the school community as a whole can be vulnerable, heal and make progress.” **PC**



COMMENCEMENT 2021

“I saw also that there was an ocean of darkness and death, but an infinite ocean of light and love, which flowed over the ocean of darkness.”

— George Fox

The 119 members of the Class of 2021 graduated on June 12 in a socially-distanced ceremony that was also broadcast by livestream. A limited number of family, friends, faculty and staff gathered on Maguire Field, which was temporarily outfitted with a stage and two large display screens to accommodate the restrictions of the covid pandemic.

Head of School Darryl J. Ford thanked the PC faculty for teaching during a pandemic despite their fears and despite the risk, and parents for their trust and support during the pandemic year.

He selected a portion of a famous quote from George Fox, the founder of Quakerism, to evoke the pandemic experience: “‘I saw also that there was an ocean of darkness.’ In March 2020,” Ford said, “the world changed for all of us. The world changed for Penn Charter’s students. The world changed for our seniors, the Class of 2021.”

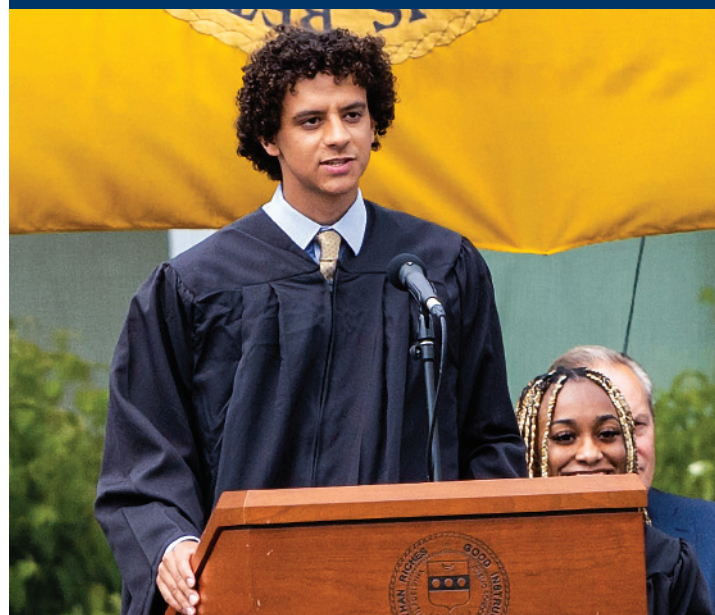
Praising the class for their resiliency, leadership and fighting spirit, and enumerating many of their achievements, Ford concluded with the optimistic sentiment embedded in Fox’s full quote: “Class of 2021, open your eyes to see an infinite ocean of light and love.”

“Know that your parents and teachers are certain of your talents and potential. We believe in you – even in these uncertain times. Pursue your own truths and passions, and believe in yourselves.”



“Throughout our time in high school, we have witnessed the growth of the Me Too movement, the Black Lives Matter movement, Stop Asian Hate, advocacy against antisemitism and so much more. Members of our class took the momentum of these movements, brought to light the experiences of a variety of different students, and fought for change.”

— Zora Johnson, Howard University



“Our class can and will all achieve truly remarkable things as we develop careers and lives, and all we need are those sparks of inspiration and courage. I challenge each and every one of you ... be that spark, ignite the very best in those around you. Congratulations to the truly extraordinary class of 2021.”

— Daniel Rodríguez, Princeton University



"The point is this class has been through a lot. I know I am getting tired of hearing that, but it is true. So to show our gratitude to the school that brought us all together in the first place, we set a goal of raising \$100,000 for our Senior Parent Gift, and I am proud to announce that we are currently at \$101,500 thanks to the over 80 families that have made gifts."

— Senior Class President **Patrick Istzwan**,
University of Richmond



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021!

An end-of-year survey showed that 88 percent of students in the Class of 2021 are attending one of their top-choice colleges. Fifty-five percent were enrolled at a "most competitive college" according to Barron's Profiles of American Colleges.



American University	Princeton University
Amherst College	Rutgers University
Bates College	Saint Joseph's University (2)
Boston College (3)	Skidmore College
Bowdoin College	Smith College
Brown University	Stanford University
Bucknell University (2)	Syracuse University (2)
Case Western Reserve University	Tel Aviv Univ. and Columbia University
Colby College	Temple University (5)
College of Charleston	University of Alabama
College of the Holy Cross	University of British Columbia
Columbia University	University of Colorado
Cornell University	University of Delaware (2)
Dartmouth College	University of Florida
Davidson College	University of Glasgow
DeSales University	University of Hawaii
Dickinson College (2)	University of Louisville
Drexel University (4)	University of Maryland
Fairleigh Dickinson University	University of Miami
Fordham University	University of Michigan (2)
Franklin & Marshall College	University of North Carolina
George Washington University	University of Pennsylvania (9)
Georgia Institute of Technology	University of Pittsburgh (4)
Haverford College (3)	University of Richmond (2)
High Point University	University of Southern California (2)
Howard University	University of St Andrews
Indiana University-Bloomington	University of Tampa (2)
Jewish Theological Seminary	University of Utah
Johns Hopkins University	University of Virginia
Kutztown University	University of Wisconsin
Lehigh University (3)	Ursinus College
Marist College	Virginia Tech University
Moore College of Art and Design	Wake Forest University (3)
Morgan State University	West Chester University (3)
Mount Holyoke College	Xavier University
Muhlenberg College	Yale University
New York University	
Oberlin College	
Pennsylvania State University (4)	Gap Year (3)



Watch a recording of the ceremony at
PennCharter.com/commencement2021, and
view more photos at **Flickr.com/penncharter/sets**.



Liam La Barge won the Phi Beta Kappa Award for scholarship and also received the Alumni Senior Award, given by the PC Alumni Society "To a member of the senior class who, on qualifications of scholarship, character, leadership, and athletic ability, exemplifies the best Penn Charter type." Liam is enrolled at University of Pennsylvania.

David Hayne OPC '96

BY MARK F. BERNSTEIN OPC '79



Have you ever stood in front of your closet for what seems like an hour because you just have nothing to wear? **David Hayne OPC '96** feels your pain, and he is here to help.

Hayne is the chief technology officer of URBN, the group of consumer product companies that includes Urban Outfitters, Anthropologie, Free People, and several

others. He is also president of Nuuly, a new division of URBN that has introduced both an online clothing rental site, Nuuly Rent, and an online thrift store, Nuuly Thrift.

For an \$88 monthly fee, anyone can go to Nuuly Rent and select up to six items of clothing from any store in the URBN family as well as other brands, to rent for a month. Going to a fancy party and need a dress but don't want to spend a lot for something that will just sit in your closet afterwards? Rent it instead.

"Instead of constantly buying newness and constantly adding items to your closet, which most women either can't afford to do or get tired of doing, Nuuly Rent offers a way to add newness to your wardrobe but in a more sustainable and cost-effective way," Hayne explained. At the end of the month, shoppers simply return the items they've selected and pick six new items or, if they fall in love with something, buy it online.

Nuuly Thrift, URBN's latest offering, approaches the retail market from a different angle. Rather than throw out that old sweater you don't want anymore, post a photo of it on the Nuuly Thrift website and see if anyone else wants it. Sellers hold on to their items until they sell and Nuuly facilitates the shipping and payment. In a way, it's like browsing through hundreds of other people's closets.

Hayne's parents founded a store known as The Free People's Store in 1970 in a West Philadelphia rowhouse. Six years later, they launched

Urban Outfitters just across the street from the Penn campus, though it now has 800+ locations in the United States, Canada and Europe. Along with his siblings, Sarah OPC '94 and Jonathan OPC '95, Hayne was a PC lifer and fondly recalled playing baseball for coach Rick Mellor OPC '69. After graduating from Trinity College, he went straight to work stocking shelves at the Urban Outfitters store on Walnut Street. He had the good fortune to come along just as e-commerce was beginning to develop, the good sense to jump on the new opportunities it offered.

In 2004, Hayne launched the Free People website, and over the next 11 years filled several roles for that division, including serving as chief operating officer. He and his lifelong friend Chris DiMarco OPC '94 also co-founded Perpay, Inc., an online financial company. In 2019, Perpay ranked fifth on Inc.com's list of fastest growing private companies in the United States.

Starting in 2016, Hayne turned his focus to URBN's corporate digital strategy as chief digital officer. But the goal, he said, was always to look for opportunities to build new digital experiences that their customers would appreciate. That led to Nuuly. The online rental business started in 2019 and the thrift business opened this fall.

Although the focus of Hayne's work is in cyberspace, he works at URBN's large corporate headquarters in the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Nuuly Rent, however, has also built a 300,000 square foot warehouse, including a full laundry facility, in Bristol, Pa. Covid has shaken up business for most retailers around the globe, and URBN is no exception. Before the pandemic, Hayne estimated, in-store transactions accounted for approximately 60 percent of URBN's sales, and online transactions the other 40 percent. Now the two are nearly even, with the trend moving steadily in the direction of e-commerce.

Convenience may be the most obvious reason to resell your no-longer-wanted clothes online but Hayne emphasized another one: sustainability. It is better to make sure that last year's fashions end up as someone else's treasure—and not in a landfill.

"The whole goal with Nuuly Thrift," he said, "is to make it as easy as possible to sell something and get the value of that and to monetize what's in your closet. Fashion is cyclical. We give you the ability to benefit from something and then not just throw it away but give it to someone else who can love it like you did." **PC**

M. Marit Rehavi OPC '97

BY MARK F. BERNSTEIN OPC '79



In our new Big Data world, making sense of the mass of statistics and information that surrounds us is, to borrow a phrase, like getting a drink of water from a fire hose.

"Lots of companies and organizations are drowning in data," explained **M. Marit "Miki" Rehavi OPC '97**, an economics professor at the University of British Columbia. "They know there's something important they can learn from it, but they have so much they don't

know where to start." What more and more organizations have done is turn to academics such as Rehavi to help them make sense of it all.

Diving into the reams of data, Rehavi often discovers surprising and unexpected truths: Upon closer inspection, decisions that are supposed to be objective often turn out to be quite subjective. As Rehavi tells her students, "'There's what people tell everyone that they do [in making a decision]. There's how they think they do it in practice. And there's what they actually do.'"

"Our brains are wonderfully designed to help us take shortcuts," she elaborated. "But our narrative of what we're doing may not be the real story."

Giving an example from her own work, Rehavi pointed to a 2013 article she co-authored in the Yale Law Journal about racial disparities in federal prison sentences. Judges sentence defendants, so it is natural to scrutinize them as the source of disparities. However, under the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, comparable defendants who commit the same crime ought to receive the same sentence. In practice, Rehavi found, a great deal turns on subjective decisions prosecutors make about what crimes to charge a defendant with in the first place. A federal statute, for example, requires that everyone convicted of using a gun while committing a crime of violence should receive an additional five-year sentence. Yet Black defendants are nearly twice as likely to be charged under that statute as similar white defendants arrested for the same crimes. Rehavi also has analyzed physicians' treatment decisions, and hiring and promotion decisions in the federal civil service and in her own economics profession.

The work of economists has been transformed over the last generation thanks to the availability of these massive data sets, many of them from the federal government. Rehavi's criminal justice data, for example, came from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, though she has also gotten information by other means, such as requests under the Freedom of Information Act and research agreements with private companies. Government agencies and companies, Rehavi said, are usually eager to share their data with researchers like her. "They realize the value of data research and don't have the time in-house to do it themselves. So, it is increasingly common for researchers to get access to confidential databases, because the data providers benefit from the information, too."

Not only does Rehavi use this data in her own research, she also serves as an advisor to Pro Publica, a nonprofit group that publishes investigative stories on a wide range of topics in the public interest. Rehavi helps journalists and their editors understand what data is available and how to use it in a clear and responsible manner. Though she is an economist by training, Rehavi said that much of her work now is done in collaboration with non-economists.

Rehavi's career path almost took her to law school after she graduated from Harvard in 2001. She was offered a job with the Council of Economic Advisers, and while working on health and education policy at the White House, she came to appreciate how many policy questions were also questions of economics. Changing course, Rehavi got her master's from the London School of Economics and her PhD in economics from the University of California, Berkeley. She worked as a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research at the University of Michigan before joining the University of British Columbia faculty in 2010. Shortly thereafter she was named a fellow of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research.

Like many OPCs, her greatest memory of Penn Charter is of a teacher, in her case the late science teacher Alice Davis, with whom she took chemistry and AP chemistry. "She was a force!" Rehavi gushed. The high standards Davis set for her students imparted one lesson but Rehavi particularly remembers another.

If anyone would say, "I can't," Rehavi recalled, Davis would reply, "No, you don't know *how* to do it, but you *can* do it."

"At the time we would roll our eyes at that," Rehavi laughed, "but I think her point is really important. If we tell ourselves we can't do something, then we're never going to do it." **PC**



Following the Covid-regulated 2020 sports season, the pent-up longing of loyal fans burst forth on a spirited 135th PC/GA Day.

Fans from both schools packed the bleachers and sidelines and filled our corner of East Falls with cheering, chants and cowbells ringing. At the center of it all was the fabulous new Graham Athletics & Wellness Center, open for tours and eliciting oohs and ahhs.

Penn Charter's energized athletes seized the spotlight, winning six contests to GA's three and capturing the coveted Competition Cup that day.



View more photos at [flickr.com/penncharter/sets](https://www.flickr.com/penncharter/sets).

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Girls cross country raced to a 18-49 win, and ninth grader Alli DeLisi (far right) was MVP, with a time of 18:46.



FOOTBALL

The two PC players who produced much of PC's offense in the 35-32 win—running back Ohifame Ijeboi and quarterback Seamus McCain, both juniors—shared the MVP Geis Trophy.

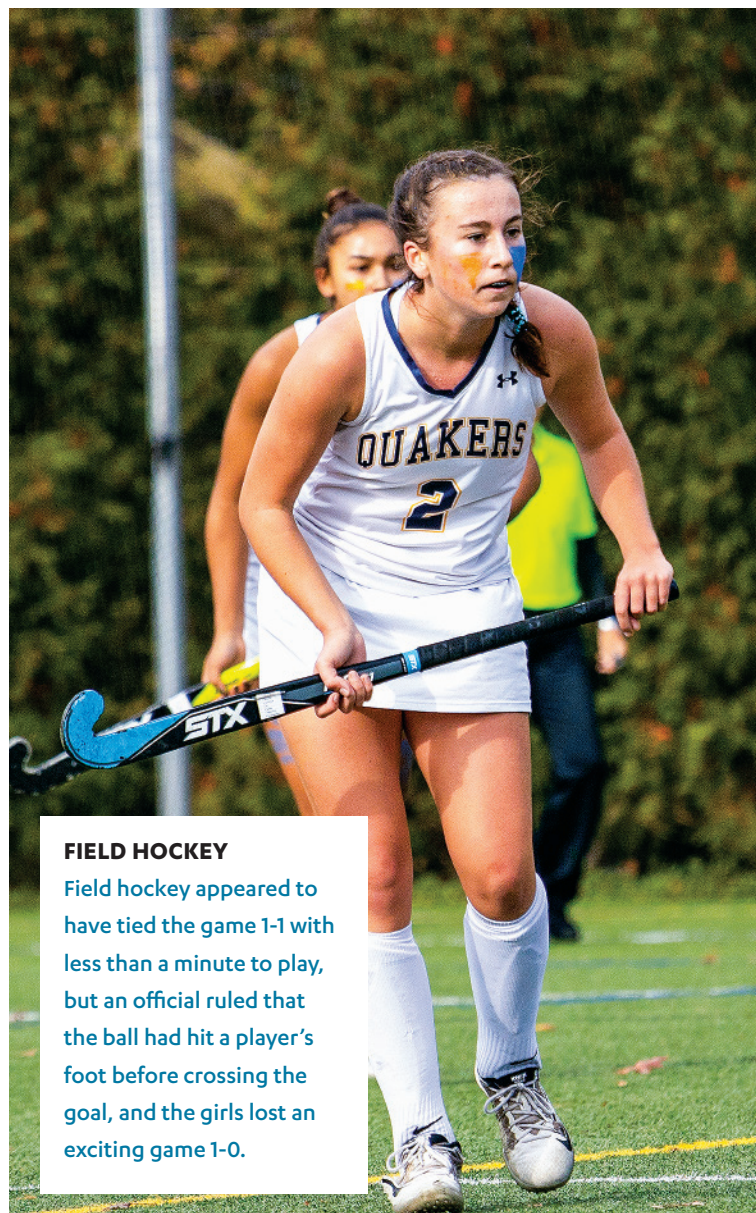
A highlight of any PC/GA Day is the football game, the oldest continuous high school football rivalry in the United States. PC won the 135th contest in a back-and-forth struggle that ended in the final seconds of the game when PC recovered GA's on-side kick.

Final result: **PC wins the 135th PC/GA Day with a total of 6-4!**



BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

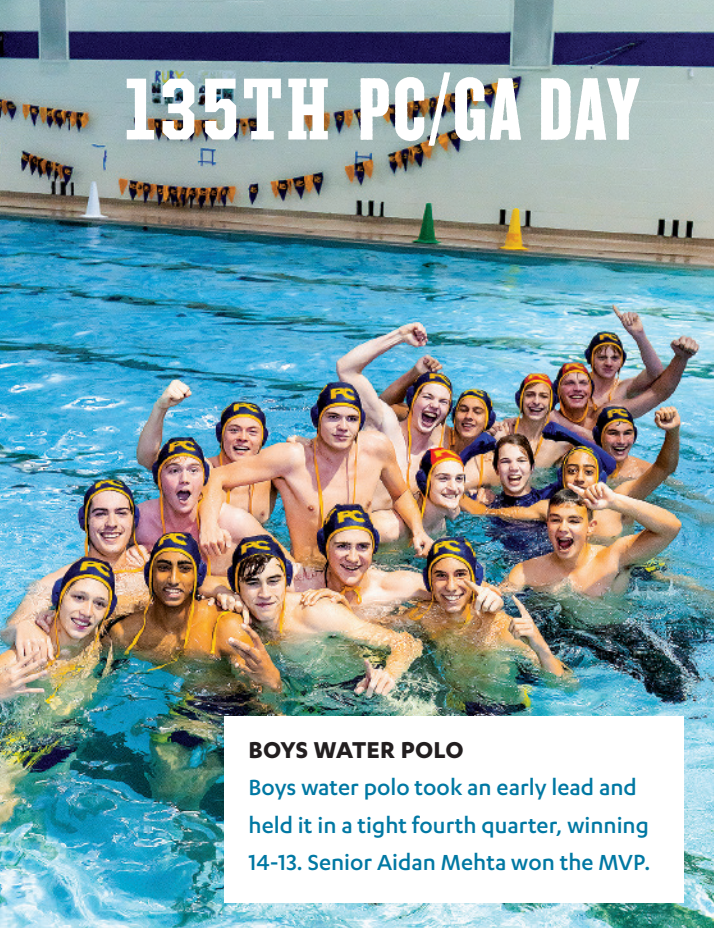
Boys and girls cross country started off the morning in victorious style. Boys beat GA 19-39, and PC junior Wes Trautwein (second from left) was named MVP with a time of 17:29.



FIELD HOCKEY

Field hockey appeared to have tied the game 1-1 with less than a minute to play, but an official ruled that the ball had hit a player's foot before crossing the goal, and the girls lost an exciting game 1-0.

135TH PC/GA DAY



BOYS WATER POLO

Boys water polo took an early lead and held it in a tight fourth quarter, winning 14-13. Senior Aidan Mehta won the MVP.



BOYS SOCCER

In boys soccer, senior Jason Stearn (pictured) won Penn Charter's Rump Memorial Soccer Award and took home the trophy. GA captured the win 3-0.



GOLF

In a match played earlier in the month, golf fell to GA 7-1.



GIRLS WATER POLO

Just off capturing the Easterns championship, girls water polo dominated in their match against the Patriots, winning 17-4. Senior Ruby Singer won the MVP.



GIRLS SOCCER

PC picked up another MVP trophy in girls soccer, where senior Kayla Bradby was recognized for her contribution to a 3-1 win over GA.

TENNIS

PC/GA Day weather prevented girls tennis from completing the match, which was at first delayed because of a rainstorm and eventually postponed to Monday. Play resumed on the three matches remaining, all of which were in third-set tiebreak, and GA earned a Competition Cup point with a 4-3 win over PC.



ATHLETICS ACHIEVEMENTS

BASEBALL

Seniors **Vincent Fattore**: (left) and **Andrew Healy** were invited to Boston's Fenway Park in early September to play in front of scouting agents for the Yankees and Red Sox, respectively. Fattore, an outfielder, and Healy, a pitcher, have been identified as MLB prospects as they approach their final high school season. The PC teammates have both committed to play at Duke.



CREW

Penn Charter rowers put in a formidable performance at the Philadelphia City Championships in May, taking home three gold medals and one title plaque.

Eli Moulton, James Foley, Jack Bowen and **Mac Haines** won gold in the freshman boys quad class, finishing a tight race two seconds ahead of Haverford. The girls novice quad of then-sophomores **Merrill Gadsden, Charlotte Baker, Lindsay Gadsden** and **Ella Bretschneider** won gold, beating the second-place boat by 11 seconds. A standout performance by the boys novice quad—with **Harrison Signorello, Matthew Clarke, James Glomb** and **Scott Sweeney**, pictured right, all sophomores at the time—resulted in a third gold medal and a title plaque for the boat, which finished with the top time across all heats.



GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

The girls cross country team won the Pennsylvania Independent School Athletic Association championship in October 2021, surpassing 12 rival teams and placing six runners in the top 25 of a field of nearly 100. Ninth grader **Alli DeLisi** finished second overall with a 5K time of 19:39.30, and senior **Olivia Montini** took fifth place with a time of 20:16. Rounding out PC's top-25 finishers were senior **Lane Murray** (14th), senior **Julia Dolce** (16th), ninth grader **Alex Jaffe** (18th) and senior **Elena Coupas** (24th). The girls team finished second in the Inter-Ac with a conference record of 7-1.



GIRLS TRACK

Girls track had an outstanding performance at the 2021 Inter-Ac championship hosted by Germantown Academy in May. **Peyton Parker OPC '21** (300m hurdles), then-sophomore **Dani Shipon** (800m) and then-junior **Olivia Montini** (3,200m) each won first place, and Parker set a school record with her time of 45.21. The girls relay team—**Emma Zwall OPC '21**, then-sophomore **Julia Dolce**, Montini and Shipon—won the 4 x 800. Zwall won second in a photo-finish 1,600m race, and **Amanda Ehrenhalt**, a junior at the time, took third in the 100m hurdles. Parker now attends Yale University, and Zwall attends Brown.

INTER-AC MVPs

Penn Charter produced three Inter-Ac MVPs in the spring of 2021. **Liam Birnie**, a junior at the time, led the boys tennis team with an undefeated 12-0 record in the league and a 14-0 record overall. The team finished with a 5-5 Inter-Ac record.

Then-junior **Darcy Felter** scored 110 total points (49 goals and 61 assists) and 76 draw controls during the spring 2021 lacrosse season. Her performance brought her career points to 179 before her senior year and without playing a Covid-cancelled sophomore year.

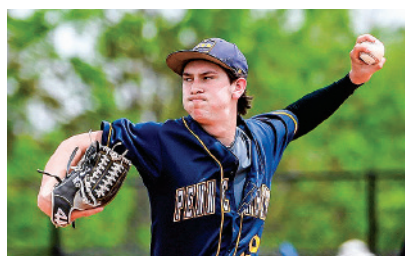
Danny Will OPC '21, in 28.2 innings pitched, recorded three wins and zero losses and 37 strikeouts. His 0.488 ERA was the best in the Inter-Ac. As a designated hitter, he achieved a batting average of .429 with four runs batted in. Will committed to play at Dartmouth College in November 2020.



Liam Birnie



Darcy Felter



Danny Will OPC '21

LACROSSE

In the spring of 2021, four Upper School student-athletes won All-American honors from the Eastern PA chapter of US Lacrosse. **Kaylee Dyer OPC '21**, **Antonio DeMarco OPC '21** and then-junior **Darcy Felter** earned All-American honors, and Felter and rising senior **Charlotte Hodgson** earned Academic All-American honors for their leadership in the classroom and on the playing field. In November 2020, Dyer committed to play at Michigan, and DeMarco committed to play at the University of North Carolina.



Kaylee Dyer OPC '21



Antonio DeMarco OPC '21



Charlotte Hodgson

PLAYING IN COLLEGE

Penn Charter athletes sign National Letters of Intent or make similar arrangements to continue their athletic careers at some of the finest colleges in the country.



During the winter and spring of the 2020-21 school year, coaches, families, and PC athletics staff gathered to recognize the following students for their college commitments: Above: **Tyler Needham** (Rutgers University, football), **Aaron Maione** (Davidson College, football) and **Rocco Palazzo** (Dickinson College, football). Below: **Augie Smith** (Oberlin College, soccer), **Jake Siani** (Johns Hopkins University, baseball), **Ryan Wreath** (Muhlenberg College, football), **Amanda Cowhey** (Bowdoin College, squash), **Molly McMahon** (DeSales University, soccer) and **Jamie Kubach** (Fairleigh Dickinson University, lacrosse).



And in November 2021, family and fans gathered to celebrate these students for their college commitments: **Ella Curci** (Winthrop University, lacrosse), **Vincent Fattore** (Duke University, baseball), **Darcy Felter** (University of North Carolina, lacrosse), **Andrew Healy** (Duke University, baseball), **Charlotte Hodgson** (Harvard University, lacrosse), **Peter Malitas** (Duke University, lacrosse), **Brenna McCafferty** (Monmouth University, lacrosse), **Colin Michener** (Villanova University, lacrosse), **Isabella Salvi** (Syracuse University, rowing), **Madeline Shoup** (University of Colorado, lacrosse), **Jack Stanley** (Fordham University, squash) and **Grace Turner** (Stanford University, lacrosse).

OPCS IN ATHLETICS

OLYMPIC TRIALS

Three young alumni—**Sarah Foley OPC '20**, **Reece Whitley OPC '18** and **Evan McFadden OPC '17**—competed in trials for the Tokyo Olympics in the summer of 2021. McFadden and Whitley swam in the same heat of the 100 breaststroke, with Whitley finishing a second shy of qualifying for semi-finals. Foley swam in the 200-meter breaststroke and shaved almost two seconds off her time between morning preliminaries and the evening “B” final, in which she placed second. Foley currently attends Duke, and Whitley attends UC Berkeley. McFadden graduated from Ohio State in May 2021.



Mike Hnatkowsky OPC '17 was named All-Centennial Conference Offensive Player of the Year and featured on D3Football.com about his phenomenal football career at Muhlenberg College. Hnatkowsky, a quarterback, began raking in school and conference records during his freshman year, was named league offensive player of the year in 2019, and won All-Centennial Conference recognitions twice. Hnatkowsky still holds PC's record for passing yards in a single game (390) and dominates the leaderboard with five of the top-10 records.



Penn Charter's Associate Director of Athletics and Upper School math teacher **Ed Foley OPC '81** was inducted into the Montgomery County Coaches Hall of Fame in November. Foley served as head coach of the Philadelphia Little Quakers for 31 seasons and has previously been an assistant coach

of PC's varsity football team and head coach of Middle School football and baseball. Foley's resume also includes time as a coach at Saint Philip Neri School in Lafayette Hill and as a coach and board member of Conshohocken Little League. He is a 2015 Pennsylvania Sports Hall of fame inductee, a three-time Ivy League football champion (University of Pennsylvania, 1982-84) and the recipient of All-Ivy honors and an All-American Honorable Mention.

Tony Resch OPC '81 was inducted into the USA Lacrosse hall of fame in October 2021. A former professional lacrosse player, Resch coached the Philadelphia Wings to four league championship wins over the course of eight seasons and served as an assistant coach for the US Men's National Team during two gold-medal seasons. Resch was previously inducted into the National Lacrosse League (NLL) Hall of Fame and the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame and was named coach of the year by the NLL and Major League Lacrosse.



Tony Resch (center) and family

Julia Veith OPC '21 won a world championship rowing for Team USA at the 2021 World Rowing Junior Championships in Bulgaria in August. Veith rowed stroke seat in the Junior Women's Coxed Four that won the gold. Veith (far left) was recruited to row for Stanford University, where she began her studies in the fall of 2021. A swimmer, she didn't start rowing until ninth grade, when she joined the Penn Charter crew team. Veith also rowed for the Whitemarsh Boat Club.





THE LEGACY OF JOHN BURKHART

by Ray Bailey OPC '09

John Burkhart has been many things during his five-decade connection with Penn Charter: student, teacher, coach, archivist, Alumni Society secretary and documentary photographer, to name a few. But among his many contributions to campus life outside the classroom, he seems to have found a particular calling in the role of Class Record advisor.



John Burkhart, documentary photographer.

The 2019-20 school year marked Burkhart's 40th and final year overseeing production of PC's yearbook, a complicated, months-long process that many would balk at taking on even once. Yet decade after decade Burkhart, along with small teams of students, has quietly set about the work of creating, collecting, editing and arranging vast amounts of copy, art and photos, finally transforming them into a handsome, embossed blue leatherette record of a year at Old Penn Charter.

"Burky," an Upper School history teacher by trade, approached this parallel vocation with the utmost seriousness and care, according to those who have worked with him closely. When Upper School English teacher Liz Crockett Jones thinks of John Burkhart, Class Record advisor, she pictures her colleague "tucked away in the basement, without any fanfare, doing his faithful, diligent work to create history and memories for generations of students."

And Jones just might know that side of him better than anyone at this point. She spent the 2019-20 school year shadowing Burkhart in order to learn the production process before taking over as Class Record advisor in the fall of 2020. Her first year on the job only further revealed to her the complexity of the task and the enormity of this piece of Burkhart's legacy.

An old proverb would sometimes ring in her head while Jones grappled with one yearbook dilemma or another for the first time on her own: “You never miss the water till the well runs dry.”

“Burky’s a well filler,” she said. “You notice as soon as he’s gone.”

ABRUPT BEGINNINGS

Covid-19 pandemic aside, Jones was lucky to have had a relatively smooth onboarding process during the 2019-20 school year. Such was not the case for Burkhart, who came into the job abruptly and unexpectedly in the spring of 1980.



Burkhart in 1981, his first year as Class Record advisor.

As his colleague Stephen A. Bonnie OPC '66 remembers, the faculty returned from spring break that year to “a bit of commotion.” Penn Charter librarian and longtime Class Record advisor Edwin Owrid had fallen ill, putting production of the unfinished book in limbo. Then-Head of School Earl Ball called on Bonnie and Burkhart to take over the project, and they divided up the work to make it more manageable.

“Burky was the real brains of the operation,” Bonnie explained. Burkhart oversaw the editing process while Bonnie coordinated the senior class’s fundraising effort selling



John and Carl Burkhart OPC '58 at OPC Weekend 2008.

advertising space to family, friends and local businesses. It’s a Class Record tradition he calls “chasing the ads.”

“As usual,” Bonnie said, “a third of the kids were pretty good at getting them in, another third you sort of had to yell at, and another third you had to put on a dramatic performance for.”

A letter in the 1981 Class Record from student editor Andy Schut OPC '81 thanks Burkhart, first, for “demand[ing] so much” of yearbook staff and credits Bonnie with “salvaging our class from financial collapse”—a bit of comic overstatement that hints at the chaotic circumstances of that year’s production. After helping to get the wheels turning again, Bonnie stepped away from the Class Record and eventually found a niche in the Admissions Office, while Burkhart reconsolidated yearbook duties and settled in for another round, officially taking over from Owrid the following year.

“I think the job fit his personality because it requires a lot of organization,” Bonnie said about his longtime colleague. He’s not entirely surprised Burkhart stuck with it for so long, either: “John’s dedicated to the school, and he’s dedicated to the kids.”

A SCHOOL BOOK

If there’s one clear trend from the past 40 years of Class Records, it is that they’ve become more thorough in their documentation of campus life and, by extension, significantly longer.

That trend began early in the Burkhart era. In 1981-82, his second year as advisor, yearbook staff decided to expand the book to include all three academic divisions; the addition of class photos for grades K-11 marked a major shift in the structure and length of the book, and in the space of one year the Class Record grew from 167 pages to 210. Student editors noted the change and explained their reasoning in the yearbook staff section of the book:

“The 1982 Class Record set two important precedents: coverage was given to every aspect of Penn Charter, from Kindergarten through the Seniors, and underclassmen were part of the process. The contributors on these pages hope to have begun a new tradition, making the yearbook a school book.”

Dan Lai OPC '82 remembers how he and co-editor Evan Jones, both PC lifers, felt strongly about including the entire community in the Class Record that year; they also wanted to beef up the clubs and activities section. Burkhart was on board with it all.

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THE LEGEND OF JOHN BURKHART

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Liz Crockett Jones and 2020 Class Record co-editor Camille Weiss OPC '20 presented Burkhart with a plaque recognizing his yearbook service.

“It meant a lot more work,” Lai said, “but John was really open to our ideas and worked side-by-side with us to make them happen.” In the years that followed, Burkhart took those ideas and ran with them, continuing to expand the Class Record so that recent editions extend well into the 300-page range, often doubling the length of the 1982 book—a reflection, too, of PC’s growing class sizes.

Despite some similarities from year to year, each yearbook has its own unique design, meaning the Class Record presents not only logistical but also aesthetic challenges

for staff. According to Lai, Burkhart’s temperament made him particularly well-suited to balancing those demands: “There’s a creative side to him, but he’s also someone who’s very structured and goal-oriented.”

A FAMILY PENCHANT

According to Carl Burkhart OPC ’58, his brother John’s work on the Penn Charter yearbook is consistent with a family penchant for recordkeeping and documentation. “It’s almost genetic—it’s just the kind of thing we’re attracted to,” he said by phone from his home in North Carolina.

The Burkharths’ father, George Hon. 1689, spent much of his professional life producing reports for an insurance company; in his free time, he researched family genealogy and served as the secretary for his local bowling league. “The dining room table was always filled with bowling statistics,” Carl said. The elder Burkhart son—who made his living as a technical writer and engineering project manager, and is the official “correspondent” for the Coast Guard Academy’s class of 1962—recognizes the family disposition in himself, too.

Late in life, George Burkhart found another outlet for his record-keeping tendencies in the Penn Charter Alumni Office, where he volunteered for more than a decade beginning in the mid-1980s. His work researching OPC news and contact information, and occasionally stuffing envelopes and making calls, earned him an Honorary 1689 diploma in 1988.

The Burkhart-Penn Charter connection can be traced to former headmaster John Flag Gummere, who had previously taught George at West Philadelphia High. The two men remained in contact after George’s graduation, bonding over their common service in the U.S. Coast Guard’s Volunteer Port Security Force. By the time George’s son Carl entered PC in 1950 as a fifth grader, Gummere was in his ninth year as headmaster, a post he would hold until 1968. Carl himself went on to the Coast Guard Academy after graduation, due in large part to Gummere’s encouragement. “He was a giant,” Carl remembered of his former headmaster. “Not physically but intellectually, and as a leader.”

George Burkhart’s younger son, John, came to PC in 1964 as a fifth grader, matriculated at Gettysburg College in 1972, and returned to School House Lane in the fall of 1979 to take up his post as a social studies teacher and alumni secretary.

“I think he just found a home,” Carl said of his brother’s extended tenure at the school. “Penn Charter was a place where he could enjoy himself and excel.”

DEDICATIONS

John Burkhart is known for his modesty, but his reputation for avoiding the limelight hasn’t stopped students from publicly celebrating his Class Record leadership. Twice, in 1993 and 2014, Class Record staff conspired to secretly honor him with a yearbook dedication by submitting a fake page to the book’s printer and then swapping it out at the last minute.



George Burkhart Hon. 1689 (right) was a longtime volunteer in PC’s Alumni Office.

There are common themes in both dedications: Burkhart's reputation as a tough teacher who cares deeply about his students, his patience with seniors when faced with their perennial disregard for yearbook deadlines, and his presence at seemingly every school event, camera in hand.

"Even though it was extremely difficult to pull off," reads 1993's dedication, "we managed to slip this one by you. All of the sneakiness was well worth it for we could not think of a person more deserving of this distinction. ... You have devoted your entire self to Penn Charter, yet you never ask for anything in return."

The 2014 dedication declared Burkhart "a legend" and spoke to the various perspectives he brings to PC: "As a teacher, Mr. Burkhart comes off as intimidating at first, but as the year moves on, it is impossible not to like him. ... As an OPC, he knows what it is like to be a student at Penn Charter. ... As Class Record advisor, he continues to take on the task year after year of organizing a whining group of procrastinators, also known as the senior class, to produce a yearbook that we will all look back on to revisit our PC memories."

In April 2021, Liz Crockett Jones and yearbook staff took one final opportunity to honor Burkhart for his service, presenting him with a plaque that bears the inscription Class Record Advisor Emeritus and features a Class Record cover in replica. The gesture was conceived of in secret, in the tradition of past yearbook staffs, and carried out as a surprise before their humble teacher and colleague could object.

IN HIS OWN WORDS

Burkhart retired from teaching after the 2018-19 school year and has continued to lend his talents to the Penn Charter archives and School Store. It's a welcomed change of pace, he said, and though he looks back fondly on his Class Record days he's happy to finally put the job behind him.



In January 2020, Burkhart, longtime scorekeeper, was honored by his former student Marc Lisker OPC '86, who donated a basketball scoreboard in Burkhart's honor.

What kept him motivated for so long? "I've been blessed with very good editors," Burkhart said, "and wonderful writers, photographers and artists. ... I wouldn't say they made my job easy, but they definitely made it more palatable."

Ever the historian, Burkhart was determined to publish yearbooks that would capture "a really good sense of what life was like at Penn Charter" at any given time. From the '60s to the early '80s, Class Records were sometimes a bit unstructured in this regard: "Those books don't always allow you to gather much historical understanding of the school," he said. "I always tell the students, you're not just writing a joke book for your classmates, you're writing something for your grandchildren."

Aside from those general guidelines, Burkhart preferred to give his staff free rein. So while he always helped students weigh the consequences of their editorial decisions, he ultimately left those decisions up to them. It's an approach that allows staff to develop a greater sense of responsibility for their work, he explained—"and that's necessary because it's a very long process."

Throughout that process, students experience the value of sustained commitment to a long-term goal, and the delayed gratification

that goes along with it. Burkhart would often instill this expectation in yearbook staff early on in the school year, offering a pep talk to prepare them for the difficult task ahead:

"I'd tell them, 'You're going to work really hard for the next six months, then you'll go on spring break and be biting your nails waiting for the book to come in. But when it finally does you're going to open it up and see something you created and it's going to feel meaningful to you.'"

A lesson in dedication, you might say, from an authority on the subject. **PC**



John Burkhart: Illustration from the 1983 Class Record by Rick Holgate OPC '83



WILLIAM A. GRAHAM IV OPC '58 ATHLETICS & WELLNESS CENTER

THE GRAHAM EFFECT

“This building represents the intersection of PC’s past and its future. Names like Caldwell, Gallagher, White, Still, Kurz and Lyons connect us to our history, while the spaces themselves create the environment we need to be successful for the next 50 years.”

– DARRYL J. FORD, Head of School

From the moment seniors cut the ribbon and flowed through the entrance, the Graham fulfilled its promise.

The new facility is intended to elevate PC athletics and promote wellness, and it also was envisioned as a hub, a place where students and adults could gather in community to workout, watch a game, or simply take a brain break.

Students arriving before school and staying late, and at many points during the day, are spending downtime in light-filled spaces, surrounded by expansive views of the outdoor campus. And, oh!, those yellow chairs!

On PC/GA Day, more than 500 parents, alumni, students and friends accepted the invitation to tour the new facility. And with winter sports season just beginning, the Quakers and their fans will compete and host in a premier athletics and wellness center.

Go Quakers!



Blaine Steinberg OPC '11 Center



Caldwell Court | Dedication



Gallagher Overlook



Graham Lobby

Kurz Team Room



H-P-R Stillwagon Rock Wall

The William A. Graham IV OPC '58 Athletics & Wellness Center is a vibrant 88,000-square-foot facility that amplifies athletics and wellness. With two competition courts, a wrestling room, fitness center, rock wall, athletic training suite, classroom space and nutrition center, the Graham is a community gathering space as well.

GRAHAM BY THE NUMBERS

12 BASKETBALL HOOPS

10 SCOREBOARDS

1,288 BLEACHER SEATS

30-FOOT CLIMBING WALL FEATURING 10 LANES

13 ROWING MACHINES

18
BIKES

15
WEIGHT RACKS

2 HYDROTHERAPY TUBS

10
TREATMENT AND
TAPING TABLES

15
STATE-OF-THE-ART
REHABILITATIVE MODALITIES

916 ATHLETICS LOCKERS

6 SMARTBOARDS

29 NEW TREES PLANTED... SO FAR

YO FITZ!

Joe Fitzmartin—a legend, an icon, a fan favorite—might have expected a little fanfare as his retirement from Penn Charter approached. After 25 years of exemplary teaching, choral directing and piano accompaniment, surely he could count on a piece of cake and a few high-fives.

But Mr. Fitz could never have expected the gift he did receive.

On June 10, two days before Commencement, his last PC gig, he was escorted to the lobby on the second floor of the Kurtz Center for the Performing Arts, outside the Roberts Choral Room, where—*surprise!*—some colleagues awaited.

A large television screen lit up the space and—now, this was odd—the ubiquitous Zoom screen soon showed Amanda Roberts OPC '12, Sarah Roberts Hall OPC '06 and Brian Roberts, father of the two OPC sisters and their brother, Tucker Roberts OPC '09.

On behalf of his wife, Aileen, Roberts greeted Joe Fitz, an old friend from Tucker's days singing with the Keystone State Boychoir and Penn Charter choral groups, including Quakers Dozen.

Roberts got right to the point, the quite stunning point: "You have touched Tucker's life and so many others. Our family wanted to



For 10 years, the room at the top of the Kurtz Center stairs was named the Roberts Choral Room, in recognition of the Roberts' gifts to Framework for the Future, the campaign that grew PC's endowment for financial aid and faculty benefits and funded construction of two new facilities: a middle school and a performing arts center.

change the name of the Roberts Choral Room to the Fitzmartin Choral Room so, forever, the happy sounds that people will create in that room will be connected to you and what you have meant to so many people."

The gregarious Mr. Fitz said, "I'm speechless."

"Wow. My name on the wall. You just made my life. This is outrageous. I don't know what to say. Holy mackerel. This is beyond a Lifetime Achievement Award.

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Bottom of my heart. Thank you. And be sure to tell Tucker that Fitz said, 'Yo.'"

Tucker, who lives in California, was in-flight and unable to join the Zoom surprise, but he sent a reminiscence of his days singing, touring and learning from Fitzmartin, which Amanda read. His former teacher appreciated the memories, including that Tucker managed to squeeze in a quintessentially Fitz joke: *How many carrots do you add to the soup to turn the soup gold?*

Twenty-four. **PC**



SO NEAR
SO CLEAR



WORKING TOGETHER, we have been able to accomplish more than we once imagined possible. Our Strategic Vision, adopted by consensus a decade ago, has served as the roadmap for a journey benefiting the entire Penn Charter community now—and for decades to come.

A brand-new milestone, the opening of the William A. Graham IV OPC '58 Athletics & Wellness Center, empowers us to see with fresh eyes our tremendous progress and the wisdom of the path we have chosen.

We are already realizing the impact of the campus transformation this community has made possible. Breaking ground on the new lower school next summer is the final piece.



"Every thoughtful step to reimagine our campus and create an Academic Village began, and ends, with Penn Charter's Strategic Vision."

Jeffrey A. Reinhold
Clerk, Board of Trustees

MILESTONES OF TRANSFORMATION have marked our Strategic Vision journey. What resonates most powerfully about this shared process, firmly rooted in our Quaker values, are the unexpected and transformative departures from our original plans. Because Penn Charter always remains open to new ideas and allows thinking to evolve, this work and its outcomes promise to have greater, more lasting value.

1

STRATEGIC VISION CONFERENCE CONVENED

From the outset, the Quaker nature of this endeavor was clear. Over two full days in April 2011, our community came together to craft a Strategic Vision, recommit to our green, urban campus, and plan for the future.

2

SIX PILLARS + CAMPAIGN ADOPTED

In December 2011, the Board approved our Strategic Vision—structured around six pillars: Quakerism, Program, Teaching, Time, Space, and Financial Sustainability—and a new expression of our mission: “educating students to live lives that make a difference.” The board authorized a campaign to undertake the vision’s program and capital goals.

3

MASTER PLAN COMMISSIONED

A gift from Jeffrey Reinhold led to the development of Penn Charter’s Master Plan, synthesizing community input to guide a bold transformation to protect our campus and develop spaces to meet the changing needs of our academic and athletics programs.

13

THE GRAHAM COMPLETED

Penn Charter’s newest building, the Graham Athletics & Wellness Center, has quickly become a hub of school life. Its light-infused design, blurring the lines between indoor and outdoor, and its enhanced facilities will elevate athletic performance and support community wellness and a healthier school-life balance for students across all divisions.

8

SECOND CAMPUS SECURED

By purchasing an additional 2.7 acres across School House Lane, we created a true second campus, featuring the Palaia Baseball Field, modeled on Citizens Bank Park, and complementing the Kline & Specter Squash Center and adjacent Reiger Tennis Courts.



6

LANDMARK GIFT SECURED

To put momentum behind the central projects, William A. Graham IV OPC '58 took the lead, making the then-largest gift of the campaign—a commitment that made possible a new athletics and wellness center adjacent to Maguire Field.

7

NEW MULTIPURPOSE SYNTHETIC TURF FIELDS ADDED

The first major athletics projects centered around two new synthetic turf fields: Maguire, including construction of an eight-lane IAAF 400-meter track, and Perrott, which serves field hockey, lacrosse and soccer, and provides space for recess.

10

OUR MISSION STRENGTHENED

We formalized our Center for Public Purpose, the hub of Quaker service for our community, and recommitted to the radical inclusivity at the heart of our mission and origins.

12

ADMISSIONS BOLSTERED

In a competitive marketplace, with an eye to socioeconomic diversity, we have experienced unprecedented success in admitting the best students and enriching our learning community, while raising our enrollment to record numbers.

9

OUTDOOR CAMPUS INTEGRATED

Deeply connected to our natural environment, the Wissahickon, and two watersheds, we use our outdoor spaces as classrooms—engaging students in active learning, from gardening to nature walks to environmental sustainability courses.

4

OUR FACULTY SUPPORTED

In 2013, we created our Teaching & Learning Center, the first of several Strategic Vision-driven investments to promote excellence in teaching and inspire curricular innovation across all divisions and in every grade.

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ACADEMIC VILLAGE ENVISIONED

The Master Plan revealed the potential of a campus transformed. By situating the new Lower School where Dooney Field House is located, we could create a true Academic Village—spurring collaboration across three divisions in closer proximity.

STILL TO COME...

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OUR CURRICULUM DEEPEDED

Led by the Strategic Vision's emphasis on curricular innovation, new approaches, like project-based learning; concentrations, like certificates in Environmental Stewardship and Global Studies; and innovative spaces, like the IdeaLabs for all divisions, thoughtfully built on one another.

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SUMMER 2022 GROUNDBREAKING

Once we have secured all necessary funding, we will raze Dooney Field House and break ground for the new Lower School.

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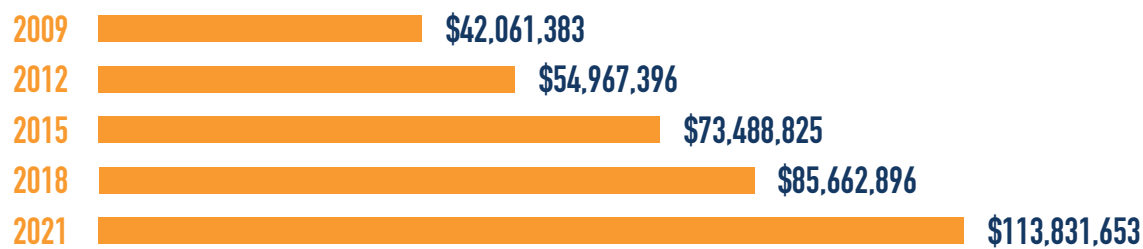
LOWER SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Our visionary Lower School will soon become a reality. It will be a world-class home to learning, discovery and exploration for our youngest students and will also mark our journey's final, crucial milestone: the completion of our Academic Village.

Your philanthropy makes everything possible

THE IMPACT OF OUR HISTORY-MAKING CAMPAIGN, *By the Light of Our Charter*
HOW FAR? *Can We See*, will reach far beyond this era of transformative philanthropy. Its capital projects will serve this community for decades to come, as will the growing endowment—the best measure of a school’s financial health and sustainability.

TRANSFORMATIVE ENDOWMENT GROWTH



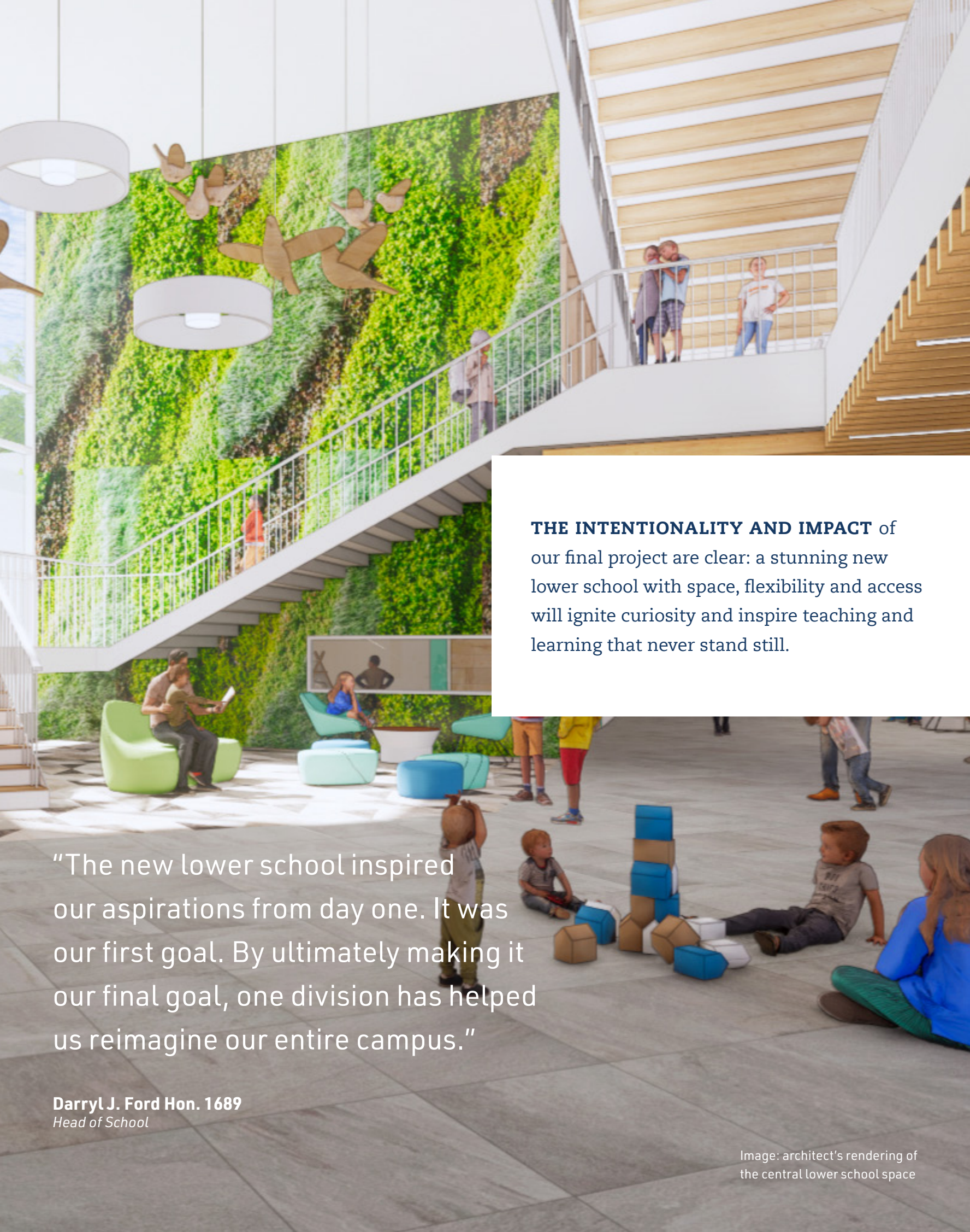
BASED ON MARKET VALUES ON JUNE 30 OF EACH YEAR

Corporate gifts have played key roles in the campaign through Educational Improvement Tax Credits (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credits (OSTC). To date, 107 donors have secured \$12.4 million in EITC/OSTC funding.



AS OF NOVEMBER 2021

Because the Annual Fund is included in the campaign, all Penn Charter donors are campaign donors.
HOW FAR? belongs to everyone—just as it benefits everyone.



THE INTENTIONALITY AND IMPACT of our final project are clear: a stunning new lower school with space, flexibility and access will ignite curiosity and inspire teaching and learning that never stand still.

"The new lower school inspired our aspirations from day one. It was our first goal. By ultimately making it our final goal, one division has helped us reimagine our entire campus."

Darryl J. Ford Hon. 1689
Head of School

Image: architect's rendering of the central lower school space



DEDICATED SPACES

Penn Charter welcomed families and friends to the Graham this fall to dedicate spaces in the building in honor and memory of OPCs and loved ones. Visit penncharter.com/DedicatedSpaces to read the compelling stories.



SHIPON FAMILY TRAINING SUITE

Marc OPC '84, Elisa, Judith and David OPC '88, joined by family, celebrated the dedication of the Dr. Jacob A. Shipon and Family Athletic Training Suite, which was named in honor of their father and husband, who was passionate about human performance and living to one's full potential.



BLAINE CENTER

Jill, Sid and Leigh Steinberg OPC '14, joined by family and friends, dedicated the Blaine Steinberg OPC '11 Center that bears a wall graphic of larger-than-life student athletes, including sisters Leigh and Blaine. Each day, the fitness center pulses with the energy of athletic teams during their workouts and PE students during Personal Wellness classes. "At Penn Charter," said Head of School Darryl J. Ford Hon. 1689, "our Strategic Vision statement is that we want to educate students to live lives that make a difference. Blaine did just that. And today, we recognize Blaine's continued impact on PC."



GALLAGHER OVERLOOK

Three generations of Gallaghers and Duffys gathered to dedicate the Gallagher Overlook, named in honor of Bill Gallagher Hon. 1689 and Mary Gallagher Hon. 1689. A gift from their children and grandchildren, the overlook is both a gathering space and meeting point on the upper level of the Graham.



CALDWELL COURT

"Meet you on Caldwell Court" will soon be a common refrain about a space already in use for PE classes, pickup games and basketball practice. The Kenneth M. Caldwell OPC '89 Court, one of two competition courts in the Graham, was dedicated this fall by family and friends to honor the memory of the joyful and kind Kenny Caldwell, who loved the game.



CLASS OF 1966 BLEACHERS

Joined by many members of the Class of 1966 and the DiStefano family, Martin Harry OPC '66 spoke of classmate "Steffy." The Class of 1966 Bleachers in honor of Steven P. DiStefano OPC '66, along both competition basketball courts, are named in his memory.



ATHLETIC HONOR SOCIETY CLASS OF 2021

A packed house at the Rittenhouse Hotel celebrated the legacy of Penn Charter athletics and the inductees of the Athletic Honor Society Class of 2021.





“Teaching and coaching at PC changes students’ lives. Student athletes learn about trust, teamwork and competition. Personal relationships forged through athletics bring students from diverse backgrounds together to work toward a common goal. We take great pride in watching our athletes compete and in seeing the impact athletics has on their lives.”

— Darryl J. Ford Hon. 1689
Head of School



Family turned out in force to celebrate with Michael James OPC '95, far left, one of the winningest runners in PC history.



Jen Gallagher OPC '94 and Tori Small OPC '96 were in attendance to celebrate their teammate Cydney Irving-Dasent OPC '93.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE 2021 CLASS OF THE ATHLETIC HONOR SOCIETY

INDIVIDUAL INDUCTEES

William Harris OPC '71
(posthumously)

Jamie Fitzgerald OPC '87

Cydney Irving-Dasent OPC '93

Michael James OPC '95

Steve Ley OPC '96

Melissa Schuck OPC '98

Virginia McMunigal OPC '06

Rick Mellor OPC '69, Coach

TEAM INDUCTEES

1981 Boys Cross Country

1990 Football

1997 Girls Tennis

2009 Baseball



View the inductee video at penncharter.com/ahs

View more photos at flickr.com/penncharter/sets

ATHLETIC HONOR SOCIETY



Marianne Harrison (center) accepted the award on behalf of her late brother **William Harris OPC '71**, a PC basketball phenom who lettered in four seasons, captained the 1970-71 Inter-Ac champions and set the boys career points record of 1,646. Pictured: Billy Harrison, Kristi Harrison, Jennifer Harris, Marianne Harrison, Keith Harrison, Katie Sowers, Jeff Sowers.

All-Inter-Ac and All-State, **Michael James OPC '95** won first place in the 800m, 1600m and 3200m. He lettered in cross country and track and captained both, including the 1994 Inter-Ac cross country champions.



Steve Ley OPC '96 lettered in football, basketball and track, and won the Inter-Ac title in triple jump in 1995 and 1996. He was a captain in football and co-captained the 1996 track Inter-Ac champions.

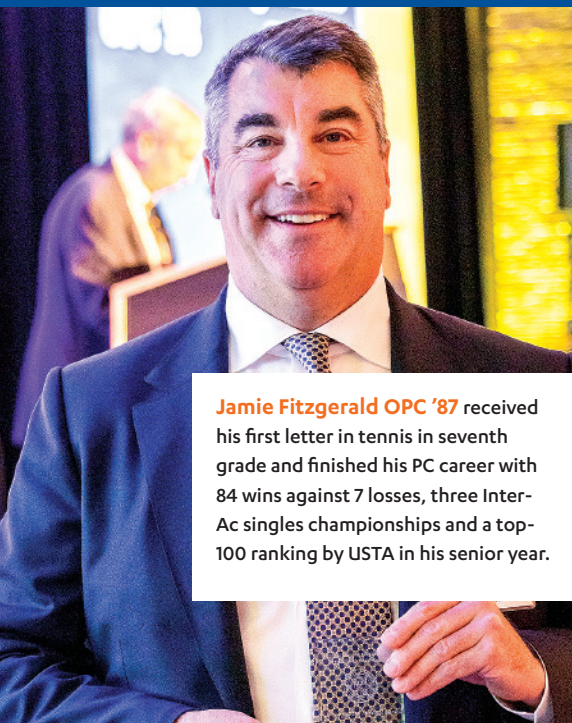
“We are here to celebrate the unforgettable wins, the heart-breaking losses, the coach who pushed us beyond our limits and the teammate who guided us to be more than we ever knew we could be.

“I want you to take great pride in knowing that the legacy you left behind continues to shine through in our athletes.”

— **Chris Rahill OPC '99**
Senior Development Director



Melissa Schuck OPC '98 was a captain and letter winner in soccer, basketball and softball, leading the 1997-98 team to PC's first girls Inter-Ac title in basketball and—batting .414, slugging .527, with 26 runs—the 1998 softball team to league and All-City honors.



Jamie Fitzgerald OPC '87 received his first letter in tennis in seventh grade and finished his PC career with 84 wins against 7 losses, three Inter-Ac singles championships and a top-100 ranking by USTA in his senior year.



Cydney Irving-Dasent OPC '93, one of the pioneers of girls sports at Penn Charter, lettered in field hockey and lacrosse and co-captained the 1993 team, Penn Charter's first girls lacrosse Inter-Ac champions.



Virginia McMunigal OPC '06 lettered in and earned All-Inter-Ac honors in soccer, lacrosse and basketball. She was a captain in basketball, scored 1,573 career points and was named All-Inter-Ac 1st team 2003 through 2006.



ATHLETIC HONOR SOCIETY

A standout athlete as a PC student, **Rick Mellor OPC '69** became a remarkable teacher-coach. While teaching physical education to generations of students during the school day, every season saw him spending afternoons and weekends coaching boys sports. As head baseball coach from 1979 through 2011, he amassed 451 career victories, the most of any PC coach in any sport. He was a varsity football assistant coach for 45 years and a Middle School basketball coach for 16 years. He was recognized by the Inter-Academic League in 2009 with the Mike Mayock Award for excellence as a teacher-coach, and in 2010, he joined his father, Whitey, in the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame for Meritorious Achievement, and again in 2018 for Lifetime Achievement.



The **1981 Boys Cross Country team** dominated the Inter-Ac and established a foundation for a prolific program, as PC became a perennial contender for the league title. Representing the 1981 team: Andrew Shaifer OPC '84, Pete Shaifer OPC '82, Paul Justice OPC '84, Frank Salley OPC '82, Jim Neely OPC '82, Paul Maloney OPC '84, Mike Bennett OPC '85, Thor Moser OPC '82.



The **1990 Football team** exemplified the maxim "offense wins games, defense wins championships." The 1990 squad had it all. In an undefeated season that included three shutouts by the "Wolfpack Defense," PC outscored opponents 128-39. Representing the 1990 team: Michael Samuel OPC '94, PJ Kane OPC '91, Tom Coyle, Brian McMahon OPC '94, Brandon Shepherdson OPC '94, Bill Davis OPC '91, Bill Gallagher Jr. OPC '91, Bill Gallagher Sr. Hon. 1689, Albert Butler OPC '91, Garrett Jackson OPC '91, Rick Mellor OPC '69, Tory Olshansky OPC '93, Brian McCloskey OPC '82, Andrew Duffy OPC '94.



Undefeated in 1997, Coach Cheryl Irving's dominant team brought home the first Inter-Ac title for the **girls tennis program** thanks to spirit, a regimen of rigorous training, and team bagel breakfasts on match days. The team outscored the opposition 85-12 in games and continued their winning ways in 1998. Representing the 1997 team: Alice Affleck Bullitt OPC '98, Lauren Weinberger Conlon OPC '98, Gerri Trooskin OPC '98, Kate Ginty OPC '99, Ashley McDowell OPC '01.



The **2009 Baseball team** was ranked number 1 in Southeastern Pennsylvania by the Inquirer, number 5 in the Eastern Region by USA Today, and number 19 nationally by Perfect Game USA. Representing the 2009 team: Robert Amaro OPC '09, Mark Rhine OPC '09, Michael Foley OPC '10, Rick Mellor OPC '69, Doug Fleming OPC '09, Mike Massaro OPC '09, John Ryan OPC '09, Kenny Devenney OPC '01.

BELATED 50th REUNION *for* CLASS OF 1970



Members of the Class of 1970 pose by the dedication marker for the Graham's entrance pavilion.

The Class of 1970 returned to campus in October to belatedly celebrate its 50th reunion, a year and a half after OPC Weekend went virtual in May 2020 amid the covid-19 pandemic. That delay ultimately created an exciting opportunity for the reuniting alumni to dedicate the Class of 1970 Entrance Pavilion inside the brand new Graham Athletics & Wellness Center.

Director of Stewardship Stephen A. Bonnie OPC '66 worked with class agent Rob Reeves OPC '70 and members of the Class of 1970 to plan the reunion, which was nearly three years in the making. In spite of the delay, Reeves was determined to bring as many of his classmates together as possible—and to bring them back to School House Lane, in particular. “From the beginning I thought it would be most memorable to come to campus,” Reeves said. “A lot of guys haven’t been back in over 50 years, so that was important to me.”

The festivities began Thursday, Oct. 7 with a round of golf at Huntingdon Valley Country

Club and picked up again Friday at Penn Charter, where OPCs and their spouses gathered for lunch under a tent outside Timmons House. Head of School Darryl J. Ford Hon. 1689 welcomed the group and provided updates on the state of Old Penn Charter and the **How Far?** campaign. Senior Development Officer Chris Rahill OPC '99 then led the OPCs on a tour of the Graham that ended at the building's southwest entrance, a spacious pavilion encased in floor-to-ceiling windows that face Penn Charter's iconic tower.

There, the group paused to reminisce about influential teachers like Reid Bush, Ted Shakespeare and Bert Linton before getting down to the big reveal: a large wall-mounted marker for the Class of 1970 Entrance Pavilion, adorned with a PC logo and an inscription reading *Dedicated to our teachers and classmates*.

The ceremony didn't end there, and the group ventured across campus to the Kurtz Center for the Performing Arts, where Reeves, CEO of



Senior Development Officer Chris Rahill OPC '99 leads the group on a tour of the Blaine Steinberg OPC '11 Center inside the Graham.

Reeves Construction Company, was honored for his work on that building, now Penn Charter's second-newest, completed in 2010.

“The plaque was a total surprise and very moving,” Reeves said of the words of appreciation his classmates arranged to have added to the building's lobby. He looks back on the Kurtz Center project as a uniquely significant addition to his construction portfolio. “Most of my career I spent working for nonprofits, including a lot of independent schools, and it was especially nice to work at Penn Charter.”

Dinner at Timmons House capped off Friday's campus visit, and the alumni returned to Huntingdon Valley for more quality time Saturday evening. A comment from one of his former classmates stuck with Reeves and reaffirmed his sense of satisfaction with the long-delayed reunion. “On Saturday someone said, ‘I’ve missed you guys these past 50 years. It’s been very meaningful to be here with you.’” **PC**



The Class of 1970 dedicated a plaque to classmate Rob Reeves for his work constructing the Kurtz Center for the Performing Arts.

An aerial black and white photograph of the William Penn Charter School campus in 1963. The school building is a long, multi-story structure with a central clock tower. It is surrounded by a large, open field with some markings, and a baseball field is visible to the left. The surrounding area is mostly undeveloped with some trees and a few houses in the distance.

William Penn Charter School Then & Now

1963

This aerial photo is a view of Penn Charter's bucolic campus and the surrounding East Falls neighborhood.



2021

The new William A. Graham IV OPC '58 Athletics & Wellness Center is the latest addition to the now-47 acre campus.

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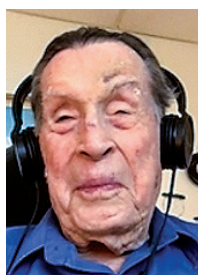


Penn Charter magazine wants to hear from you, and your classmates do, too! Submit your news and photos at penncharter.com/classnote. Digital photos should be 300 dpi JPEGs.

HON. 1689

John T. Rogers, Earl J. Ball and Pam R. Ball took a trip to Maine in August 2021.

1934



Julian Alexander Jr., who celebrated his 104th birthday this year, took a virtual tour of Penn Charter's campus from the comfort of his Florida home.

1951

A. Cope Garrett and Harry L.J. Garrett OPC '55 enjoyed their vacation in Garrett Garden in Mount Washington, Mass.



1952

Eugene M. Cheston Jr. reports, "Having no events or experiences of note (especially in virus times) is very desirable. That said, I will share that some years ago I was inspired by a friend to begin collecting and writing

aphorisms. The definitions of aphorisms are varied. They are usually brief and often deal with elements of wisdom and truth. To wit: The French philosopher Montaigne wrote, 'The truth of these days is not that which really is, but what every man persuades another man to believe.' Aphorisms as a class are a veritable gold mine of philosophy and thought about the human condition."

Frank F. Embick writes, "Memories are bittersweet. **Taylor Spink** shooting baskets in the gym. **Frederick W. Nill** running tirelessly on the soccer field. **David G. Harscheid** writing short stories. **John L. Welborn** hilariously spoofing faculty members. **David A. Potter** speaking often at Meeting (while most of us remained silent). **Adrien Reid Eschallier** playing French songs on his accordion."

David M. Jordan reports, "Jean and I are getting ready to move to a retirement home and are preparing to sell our house. Figuring out what goes with us and what to clear out (and how to get rid of it) is a lot of work! On the family side, my three grandchildren are doing well. Gus will be a senior at West Chester, **Charles Jordan-Weinstein OPC '20** a sophomore at Penn and Grace a junior at (whoopie!) Penn Charter. Jean's granddaughter, Maya, is in her freshman year at Marymount Manhattan."

William J. McGuckin, at **Robert Y. Twitmyer's** funeral on August 5, 2021, provided a moving remembrance; classmates **Skip Corson** and **Bruce Waechter** also attended. Bill reports that, as the rest of Philadelphians sweltered in extended heat waves, he and wife Carol enjoyed a relatively cool summer in Rangeley, Maine.

Michael P. Ritter notes, "As covid clears, Margo and I are working our way back to

activities we enjoy; that includes ice skating classes for Margo and back into musical activities and gigs for me in Leesburg and Alexandria, Va."

Joseph B. Van Sciver III writes, "The Vans are visiting and dining with friends and family, making up missed appointments, and playing musical duets with piano and banjo. Also shopping in stores once again! We are busy, and on the upbeat. Hope you are, too!"

F. Bruce Waechter writes, "Sadly, my wife, Janet, passed away on July 23, 2021. We were married 65 years and are blessed with three children, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. All children and grandchildren (except an 11-year-old at camp in Vermont) were at Janet's funeral, some from Seattle, Minnesota, Florida, Indiana, Las Vegas and Boston."

John H. Wagner III and his wife, Carol, celebrated 50 years of marriage.

1953

Richard L. Geyer shares, "Living in Las Vegas since 1995. In very good health. Gym and walk regularly. Hang out with teams from a local prep school and support politicians I know. Don't mind the heat."

1955

David Hugh Rosenbaum reports, "Here in my CCRC Quadrangle outside of Philadelphia, I became the Zoom master for four literary and landscaping groups. The seniors adapted quickly, although there were lost meeting links, ringing phones and

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more than one cat crossing into view. As restrictions eased, many did not want to go back to the in-person format, with the passing of microphones and long walks for the mobility-impaired. As of this writing, three of the four have elected to go back to in-person meetings, while the largest group is staying on Zoom. If only I could get them to remember when to mute and unmute!”

Richard N. Westcott has written his 27th book. *Amazing Phillies Feats: The Greatest Player Performances in Philadelphia Phillies History* is available on Amazon. The foreword was written by former Phillies president Bill Giles. While he still writes newspaper and magazine articles, Rich has been writing books for nearly 40 years. All are about sports, and most about baseball.

1958

Ted Cushmore and **Edwin A. Weißenmayer III**, best buddies while at PC, haven't spent time together in 63 years, except at a few reunions. In August, they visited at Ted's Minneapolis home and for five days on Lake Superior with their wives, Carol and Mariann. They've finally caught up!



1959

James R. Buchanan reports that he is still alive, upright and on the green side of the grass. “What more can one desire except perhaps a full glass of a nice single malt Scotch whisky.”

1960

Charles G. Douglas III of New Hampshire has cut back on his law practice and become a newspaper publisher after purchasing the local Bow Times. The monthly paper has a circulation of 4,200, offers an online version and has won eight New Hampshire Press Association awards this year.

1961

Richard E. Bater resides in the Pennsylvania mountains with his wife, Judy. Charles and Judy celebrated their 50th anniversary this year. Charles is recovering from a knee replacement and regrets that he was unable to attend his 60th reunion. “I wish the best to all of my classmates!”

1962

James R. Morgan and his wife, Vicki Lynne, moved from Califon, N.J., to Washington, N.J., in 2020. “We have three business endeavors that keep us busy part-time. Our family includes two sons, their spouses and four young grandchildren. We enjoy relaxing at our beautiful rustic cabin on Longwood Lake, N.J., which I designed and built.”
Fun Fact: Jim and Vicki Lynne dated during Jim's junior and senior years at PC.



John Sheridan's sculpture, "Broken on the Rock of War," was selected for the nationally juried exhibition of veterans' art in Austin, Texas. The artwork references the number of post-service suicides by veterans.



Thomas F. Strickland Jr. and his wife, Beth, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on June 4, 2021.



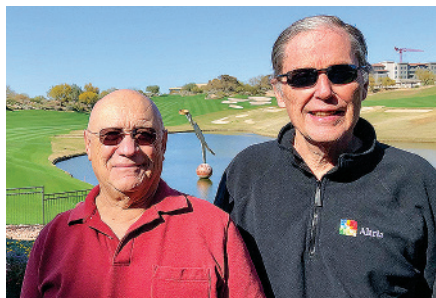
1963

Richard (Dick) M. Dearnley and **Charles Kurz II** met up at the annual Longport Mile race on July 4, 2021. Dick won second place and Charles won third in the men's over-70 age group.



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Charles Kurz II writes, “I connected with classmate **Paul R. Kroekel** (pictured) while I was in Arizona in March 2021 and, coincidentally, with **David D. Buckley** in August while I was having lunch at the White Dog Cafe in Wayne with **Harry E. Nothacker Jr. OPC '65.**”



1964

Charles H. Ellis III shares, “The medical nonsense first: On June 2, I fell while walking a few blocks from home. After a hospital visit, I spent a month in rehab. My wife has done a magnificent job making arrangements for in-home care and walking with me as I used a walker and then a cane. We’ve managed bus rides and a subway ride, but after 11 years of taking the steps to our fourth-floor apartment, I’ve started using the elevator. I hope to walk without limitation and to drive our little old car. On trips, mainly. No need to drive when we can walk to meet most needs and to enjoy many attractions.

“We’re happy parents of two lovely daughters (one in Washington, D.C., one in Virginia) and five delightful grandchildren under 10 who are already more culturally aware than I am. We owe them a better world, and the increasing variety of the population gives me hope, not fear. Experiencing greater

human variety may, in combination with my walking stick, improve my patience. My wife and kids would be pleased by that!”

James C.B. Perkins III is enjoying semi-retirement in Columbus, Ohio, with wife Harriet, a retired trademark attorney. “I’ve been manufacturing and distributing medical imaging products for the past 42 years with my companies. Our daughter, K. Perkins, is a TV and screenwriter in L.A. and our son, Gerritt, is an art director and designer for a computer graphics/gaming company in California. **John S. Morrow** and I contact each other multiple times each week; it’s hard to believe that we’ve been friends for 60 years! John and wife Kathy are retired in Florida and have 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. John often calls me laughing at my midwinter temperatures up North, while I cheer John on during hurricane season. John and I hope to make it to our 60th reunion in a few years and look forward to seeing classmates once again and going to Dalessandro’s for cheesesteaks. I’d enjoy hearing from friends at Jim@CTMRsyringes.com.”

1966

Michael J. Kennedy writes, “This December will be my 40th anniversary as a California lawyer, and I’m still going strong—so long as the Constitution is in peril, I will be 24/7. I have fond memories of my years at PC and the great associations I made there, which sadly have evaporated into the mists over the years. It’s a great place, with great people, ideals, scholarship, heritage.”

Allen F. Steere visited Penn Charter in May 2021 to drop off some family keepsakes belonging to his late father-in-law, **Joseph T. Sullivan II OPC 1926**. Allen met with his favorite teacher and PC archivist, **Allan B. Brown Hon. 1689**. Joseph’s 1926 diploma, photos of his championship football teams and his academic record book, or report card, are now kept safely in the Penn Charter archives.



Pictured are **Allen Steere** and **Allan Brown** holding Sullivan’s certificate for varsity letters.

1967

James H. Armour was surprised with a wonderful Father’s Day present: “My old Penn Charter jacket that I got when I was in seventh grade in 1961. Still looks good!”



Harry S. Cherken Jr., Faegre Drinker senior counsel, has been appointed honorary consul of Armenia for the greater Philadelphia area. In this role,

Cherken will facilitate economic, education and cultural exchanges between Armenia and Philadelphia; will endeavor to protect the interests of Armenian citizens; will support the Armenian diaspora community and organizations at large; and will act as a liaison for official government and business delegations. As such, he has become a member of the Consular Corps Association of Philadelphia, the oldest association of foreign consuls in the United States.

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1968

Edwin S. Skinner Jr. and “the whole clan” travelled to Suttons Bay, Mich., for their two-year delayed family vacation. After the two weeks, Pam and I travelled to Mackinac Island by ferry (no cars allowed) to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. We can’t wait for next year!”



Pictured: Ed, daughter-in-law Meredith, grandson Nathan Marshall, wife Pam, daughter Caryn Marshall, granddaughter Lauren Skinner, son Tim Skinner, granddaughter Ali Marshall, grandson Dylan Skinner, son-in-law Ryan Marshall on the Sleeping Bear Dunes overlooking Lake Michigan.

Kenneth J. Young reports, “The baseball season has been a very good one for my minor league baseball teams. People are having fun at the park and coming out in good numbers. I hope all are staying well.”

1969

Thomas M. Sadtler shares: “Jane Wells (GFS ’70) and I have been married for over 42 years. We enjoy bike riding with our daughter, Hannah, and son, Sam. This year we rode in the New York City to Philadelphia Greenway Ride on Aug. 28-29. My wife, Jane, and I (pictured in Italy on our 40th anniversary), live in a small house in Concord, Mass. We would be glad to put up anyone who needs a place to stay while they visit Boston.”



1970

George J. Hauptfuhrer III and his family welcomed two more grandchildren in late April: Carmen in Maryland and Bennett in California. He writes, “We are now blessed with seven grandchildren (but wish very much that they lived closer to us in Atlanta). Sally and I celebrated our 40th anniversary in late June.”

Glenn J.R. Whitman and **Eric P. Wagner** along with their wives, Anna and Esther, met for dinner in the Inner Harbor in Baltimore this August. “It was a wonderful evening, one of only a few outings by either couple over the prior 18 months, and was notably marked by the patience of Eric, who speaks Spanish fluently, and Esther, who is Peruvian, allowing Glenn and Anna to speak halting Spanish with them all night.”



1971



William D. Barker Jr. writes, “I will ever refer to the education I was privileged to receive at Penn Charter as defining the destinies of my life. Former

teachers Ted Shakespeare, **John R. Schug Hon. 1689**, Ralph Allen, **Russell A. Faber Hon. 1689** and Ron McGowan were inspirational in their classes!” Bill was named this year to the Board of Trustees of the Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation, a private nonprofit supporting the preservation, education, and the archaeological investigation of Historic Jamestowne.

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Robert A. Picardo, along with classmates **Keith Helmetag** and **Edward H. Bissell**, attended the opening of **Mark A. Bryce's** art show at the Oceanside Museum of Art in Oceanside, Calif. Bob writes, "Mark's show was great and the work very impressive. We all gathered with family and friends for dinner afterward. William Penn's ears should have been burning."



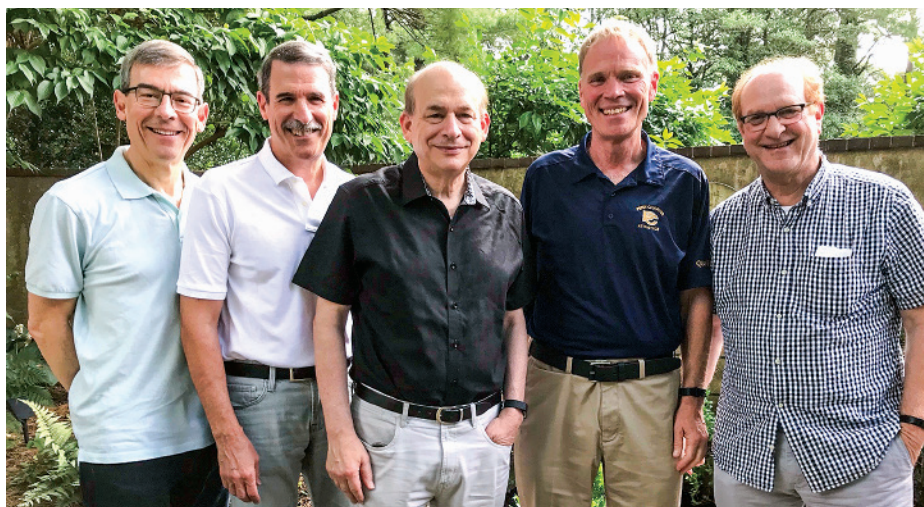
Pictured, from left: **Keith Helmetag**, **Mark A. Bryce**, **Robert A. Picardo**, **Edward H. Bissell**.

1972

Michael C. Gibson retired in 2016 from working 35 years at a law firm in Philadelphia. He and his wife and their seven rescue dogs moved to southern Delaware. "I enjoy gardening with a group that plants 26,000 tulips each year in gardens around Lewes, and then we give them away to the public after they bloom."

1973

Frederick H. Bartlett III gathered with a group of his OPC '73 classmates at the Philadelphia home of Susan and **Michael A. Golden** in June 2021.



Pictured, from left: **Peter G. Spitzer**, **Michael A. Golden**, **David W. Leebron**, **Frederick H. Bartlett III**, **Philip Wachs**.

1974

The OPC '74 Ocean City homeowners meeting! This summer **Blake M. Christoph**, **William B. Ashmead Jr.**, **J. Peter Davis** and **John P. McCrudden** (pictured, left to right) gathered in Ocean City, N.J.



1975

Gregg S. Hartman recently retired from a career in anesthesiology that spanned Cornell University and, for the last 22 years, Dartmouth-Hitchcock in Hanover, N.H., where he was professor and vice chair. "A new golden retriever, Bodhi, keeps me active. I no longer play soccer but still play hockey two to four times a week. Golf in summer, and yes, still a Flyers fan!"

1976

Robert W. DeBolt writes, "I am so proud of my nieces and nephew, the Hnatkowsky family. This summer we celebrated the graduation party of my goddaughter **Kaitlyn C. Hnatkowsky OPC '21** in Sea Isle City, N.J. She is off to Penn State main campus to further her studies in international business."

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A huge shout-out to parents Mike and Chris Hnatkowsky for raising such great and wonderful kids. I'm so proud of them all."



Pictured: **Michael Hnatkowsky III OPC '17**, **Alexis N. Hnatkowsky OPC '17**, **Kaitlyn C. Hnatkowsky OPC '21**, **Robert W. (Bear) DeBolt OPC '76** and **Brigitte M. Gutpelet OPC '17**.

Christopher V. Kendrick followed his wife, Carol, into retirement after practicing for 27 years at the same law firm. "My efforts to do good and fight evil carried on. In June, the California Supreme Court upheld a \$10 million victory that my colleagues and I had achieved for a client. It was also my eighth case published in the California law books as setting precedent."

1977

Alexander S.M. Gibson is proud to announce that his wife, Beth, has been invited to join the staff at University of Florida. "Beth is an occupational therapist with over 25 years as a specialist in Driver Rehabilitation, which she will teach to other OTs. Therefore, after almost 40 years in Atlanta, we will be leaving Hurst Drive and moving further south to Gainesville, Fla.

I will continue to operate my export sales business, Hurst & Maxwell, LLC, but from Florida. Plus, this will not stop me, "Dino" (my 1973 Monte Carlo) and Beth from attending my 45th reunion in 2022!"



1978

Sterling H. Johnson III, Stephen K. Robertson, William F. Rice OPC '80 and **Paul A. Bernard** met up in mid-June to see Theatre Exile & Theatre in the X's production of "Pass Over" in Hawthorne Park, Philadelphia.



Brian P. McDonough shares, "While on summer assignment helping to build the new Peninsula London, I was fortunate to land a spot in the London 10K race for charity.

It was the first race in London in two years, due to the pandemic, and I ran on behalf of a charity that supports hotel workers here. Wishing all classmates and their families good health and a great fall."

John F. Somers, CEO of Harmac Medical Products, won the 2021 Manufacturing Lifetime Achievement Award from Buffalo Business First for his company and community commitment.



1979

James N. Iademarco turned the big 6-0, as did many of his OPC '79 classmates. "I'm reflecting more and thinking about fond Penn Charter memories, including a white water rafting adventure trip with three Iademarco OPCs, family and friends, inspired by our lifelong mentor Reid Bush, who passed away in 2020. Reid (far right in photo) was my adviser, and we stayed connected ever since. I was thrilled to have spoken to **Richard R. Smith Hon. 1689** after 43 years, to congratulate my former French teacher for receiving the Honorary 1689 diploma. It was a great conversation, and Richard informed me that he turns 90 this year! My consulting practice, Strategic Avalanche, is deeply involved with entrepreneurial startups focused on sustainable biotech solutions for food and agriculture. That said, I am working on my next life chapter, although I have excluded space travel for now."

Class Notes



Pictured, circa 1993, from left: **Michael Iademarco OPC '78**, Nicholas Iademarco (George Mason HS), **James Iademarco OPC '79**, Charles Greene III (family friend), **John Iademarco OPC '83**, ACE tour guide, M. Reid Bush.

1982

Kenneth A. Murphy witnessed the graduation of the third Murphy daughter from Penn Charter in June 2021. **Morgan Elise Murphy OPC '21** (seated, right) continued the Penn Charter legacy with sisters **Kendra Denise Murphy OPC '09** and **Mia Kenese Murphy OPC '19** (seated, left). Morgan will continue her education at Tulane University. Kenneth and his wife, Sybil, are looking forward to being empty nesters. **Frank Salley** and **Gregg M. Hennix** joined the Murphy family at Morgan's graduation party. They are looking forward to celebrating the Class of 1982 40th reunion in May 2022!



1984

Andrew Meyers writes, "It's hard to believe I've been in Houston, Texas, going on 23 years with my wife, Julia. We have two beautiful daughters, Lily (20) and Samantha (19), both at Texas A&M University: Lily is a junior majoring in education to become a middle school history teacher, and Samantha is a freshman majoring in biomedical engineering. (See family photo below.) Julia and I are becoming empty nesters and plan on spending more time at the lake together. Please reach out at andrewmeyers@sbcglobal.net if you are ever in Houston."



1985

Jonathan H. Bari and son Jax, class of 2031, presented a resolution to Philadelphia councilmember Allan Domb to recognize May as Celiac Disease Awareness Month. As one of his second grade projects, Jax has been writing persuasive letters, including to President Joe Biden. A letter to David Muir, of ABC News, said, "Eating without fear is our hope. Food insecurity for celiacs happens every day. I recently wrote to President Biden asking for help and wanting to meet with him to share my ideas. Can you help tell the celiac story?" Muir was persuaded by Jax's letter and featured him in the #AmericaStrong segment. Jax's goals are to get Congress to increase funding for research to find more treatment options and a cure, and to mandate that gluten be labeled as a top food allergen on all packaged foods in the U.S.

Class Notes

Joseph J. Gleason Jr., Darryl Berlinger, Charles J. Dougherty, Brian P. McNally, Joseph F. Doherty Jr., Brian J. Duffy, Chris Lewandowski, Robert L. Salkowitz and Andrew Duffy OPC '94 celebrated a "guys weekend" in Ocean City, N.J. in September. (Not pictured: Mike Bennett and Sean Fitzpatrick.)



1986

Paul P. Rabinovitch and family moved to Boca Raton, Fla. two years ago. "We welcome all OPCs visiting sunny Florida to drop us a line! I continue my role as managing director of a 100 percent impact investment-focused family office."

1987

Scott F. Waterman, **Peter Hayes OPC '97**, **Todd E.H. Hecht**, **Glenn A. Weiner** and three of their sons banded together to play another season of summer softball.



Pictured, from left: **Scott Waterman OPC '87**, **Peter Hayes OPC '97**, **Todd Hecht OPC '87**, **Glenn Weiner OPC '87** and **Jake Weiner, Class of 2022**.

1988

Patrick H. Keane, a media dealmaker, has won big in his sports betting business. Head of Action Network, a media platform aimed at sports bettors, Keane sold the business in May for \$240 million.

1989

Justin A. Sheetz and wife Nuala have lived in San Francisco for 20 years, the last 18 on a former military base near the Golden Gate Bridge. "It's been an amazing place to live, especially working and schooling from home during the pandemic. We have two boys, Ben (12) and Owen (17). School from home was a challenge, but they're okay. They were into swimming and soccer but Minecraft, fishing, bike rides and baking seemed to sustain them. Nuala is an ESL instructor at the community college. I've been in investment management and am now a partner in a startup boutique quantitative investment firm. I finished a master's in computational finance from the University of Washington in 2017. While I programmed a little at Penn Charter and Colby College, I wish I had studied harder in math and taken calculus, as Ms. Flemming advised me!

"A note to **Adam F. Goldberg OPC '94**: *Schooled* was awesome! It was great to see interviews with the real PC teachers, especially Elizabeth Flemming, **Richard D. Mellor OPC '69** and **Charles H. Brown Hon. 1689**! I hope my classmates and their families, teachers and staff are doing well, and cheers to the continued success of the school."

Class Notes

1990

Justin B. Wineburgh, president and CEO of Emmy-nominated entertainment and media company Alkemy X, has been honored as a finalist for Ernst & Young's prestigious Entrepreneur of the Year 2021 Greater Philadelphia Award.



1991

Carlton A. Ruley shares, "Aloha kakou to my OPC family, friends and OPC '91 brothers! I'm lucky enough to be enjoying the Hawaiian sun and tropical breezes. My wife, two kids and I moved to Hawaii in 2014 and are staying just outside Hilo on the Big Island. I completed my master's degree in social work in 2019 before covid-19 struck. I was fortunate to find a job working with the Hawaii County Prosecuting Attorney's Victim Assistance Unit's Restorative Justice Program. We ensure that the voices of crime victims are heard in the criminal justice system, we educate offenders on how their crimes affect victims, and we offer alternative ways to resolve conflicts via Victim Offender Conferences. If any OPCs are ever in the area, please hit me up so we can connect and 'talk story' over cold beverages while the wind whips whatever hair we have remaining on our old heads. Mahalo nui."

1992

David M. Mandell is making his mark on the bourbon industry. The Bardstown Bourbon Company, which David cofounded, has quickly become one of the industry's

largest distilleries. Pictured, from left: Cofounder **David Mandell** with Bill Binder, host of the YouTube series Binders Stash; chief operating officer John Hargrove; and master distiller Steve Nally. (Photo courtesy of Bardstown Bourbon.)



1993

Laurel (Toffey) Neff writes: "It's exciting to say I finally crossed over the 20-year mark with the U.S. Army; and I'm even happier to say I still love what I do. I'm embarking on a 10-month master's program at the Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy in Washington, D.C. Following graduation in summer 2022, I will take command of the 16th Hospital Center (Airborne), stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. My family is thriving, and we have enjoyed being stationed close to extended family the past few years. Who knows where we will go from here, but know that I keep my fellow OPCs in my thoughts and prayers. Stay safe!"



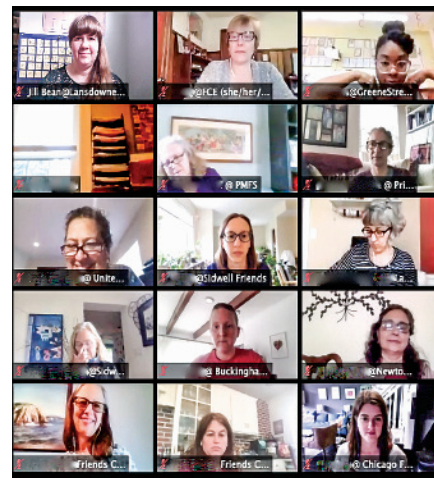
1995

Ariel T. Bernstein has published her latest children's picture book, *We Love Fishing!*, which received a starred review from Publisher's Weekly. Perfect for fans of Mo Willems, this hilarious picture book explores feeling like the odd one out with bright and engaging art by New York Times bestselling illustrator Marc Rosenthal.



1997

Jill M. Bean continues to teach first and second grade at Lansdowne Friends School. In the past year and a half, she worked in conjunction with the Friends Council on Education to organize virtual gatherings of elementary school teachers. She felt it was important to connect teachers as they worked to support the needs of young children during the challenges of the covid-19 pandemic.



Class Notes

1998

Captain Matthew Gillespie of the Philadelphia Police Department's 18th District launched a podcast, *Aftermath Philadelphia*, in which he hosts critical conversations with those involved in reducing the epidemic of gun violence in the city of Philadelphia.

2000

Lindsay Donn Mann was named AVP, Legal Counsel, North America for Charlotte Tilbury, a British luxury makeup and skincare brand, where she serves as the company's first North American in-house attorney reporting directly to the global general counsel in the U.K. She most recently served as legal counsel for Calvin Klein. Prior to that, she represented a combination of brands, including Tommy Hilfiger, Speedo, Warner's, Olga, Nancy Ganz and Chaps by Ralph Lauren on behalf of PVH and Warnaco, as their legal counsel. Along with her in-house legal career, Lindsay also volunteers as a pro bono lawyer with the Transgender Legal Defense & Educational Fund. She and her husband, Justin, live in Glen Ridge, N.J., with their children.



2001

Joseph C. Flores Jr. writes, "My wife, Vanessa, and I welcomed our third son in April. His two older brothers, Nico (Class of 2032) and Lucas (Class of 2034), are excited to teach him their favorite sports. I am in-house counsel at a Fintech company, primarily supporting our capital markets group. Vanessa is a pediatric hospitalist who focuses on implicit bias and health equity."

2002

Jane H. Affleck shares, "We welcomed our second child, Helen Fitz, in June. We are still living in Portland, Ore., and would love to hear from any OPCs living or coming through the area!"

2004

Chelsey B. Donn is the cohost of a new podcast called *Review That Review*. It's a comedy podcast dedicated to reviewing ... reviews! What Siskel & Ebert did for cinematic masterpieces, Chelsey and her cohost, Trey Gerrald (*Orange Is the New Black, You're the Worst*), do for online reviews.



2005

Douglas Brookman joined Mesiroow, an independent financial services firm based in Chicago, as a managing director within the investment banking practice. Doug will be responsible for leading the team's financial sponsor coverage efforts.

2006

James R. Bell has had a busy year and a half. He moved back to Virginia and took over as the Air Operations Officer or "airboss" on the USS San Antonio, where he was promoted to lieutenant commander. He departed the SAN in December and is now back in the cockpit flying the mighty MH-60 Seahawk. The biggest news is that he and Sabrina are expecting their first baby in November.

Julie A. Bown married Andrew Janos on May 1, 2021, at Fitler Club in Philadelphia after having to postpone their original wedding date because of the pandemic. Fellow OPCs in attendance included **Julia (Bateman) Tewksbury**; **Christopher W. Bown OPC '10**; and bridesmaids **Jennifer Bown OPC '16**, **Lauren (Ingersoll) Heenan**, **Blair (Braun) Weber** and **Stephanie (Ragg) Speece**. The couple resides in Ardmore, Pa. Andrew is cofounder, CFO and broker at Copper Hill Real Estate, and Julie works as lower school director of student support at the Shipley School.



Class Notes

2007

Sarah (Miller) Katz shares of her meet up with **Marguerite (Walters) Adzick** and **Kelsey (Dorwart) Lehrer**: “After we were vaccinated, we introduced our kids for the first time in Rittenhouse Square in April 2021!”



Pictured, left to right: **Marguerite Adzick** with Behr, **Sarah (Miller) Katz** with Joey, and **Kelsey (Dorwart) Lehrer** with Evelyn.

2008

Matthew Cahn writes, “Middle Child Clubhouse, which opened in October, is a fun all-day cafe and bar, from the schmucks who brought you Middle Child, bringing a new energy to your favorite, old-school American eateries. By day, we serve sandwiches, salads and coffee, all quick enough for when you’ve got to go but great enough for when you’ve got the time. By night, we serve modern tavern food and light drinking fare, alongside a seriously solid list of beer, natural wine, sparkling and frozen cocktails for throwing back, and stronger cocktails for sipping.”

2009

Robert D. Amaro happily reports that “After nearly five years (and four residences) in San Francisco, our family is finally

settling down in Richmond, Va., where we bought a house in March 2021. Anderson (Aj) became a big brother to Hartley in December 2020, and we decided it was time to get back East to be closer to family and friends.”

Dillon J. Minacci, while DJing at Try Hard Coffee in Austin, Texas, had a chance encounter with **Julia A. (Richards) Andrews OPC ’04**.



Justin Renfrow will continue his professional football career with the Edmonton Elks in the Canadian Football League. Justin was signed this summer and moved to Edmonton in Alberta, Canada. In addition to his football career, Justin has grown his apparel business and his Instagram live cooking series, “What’s Cooking JR?”



2011



Daniel Jarzembowski finished his legal internship by passing the Second Juridical State Exam with honors last October. He’s working as an

associate attorney-at-law in the Hamburg office of the British-German law firm Taylor Wessing.

2012

Leah J. Garden, a 2021 Environment Fellow at Young Professionals in Foreign Policy Project and development lead of the Sustainable Agriculture Economy with Bambino Life Foundation, published her research on “Preventing a Climate Coffee Catastrophe.”

Carolyn Grace recently interviewed authors Anastasia Miari and Iska Lupton about their debut cookbook *Grand Dishes*, a collection of recipes and life stories from 70 grandmothers around the world. For the website Food52, she writes about how the book presents food as a mode of storytelling, the importance of highlighting older women in today’s media, and what it means to cook with context.

Marion Z. Hirshberg, Elizabeth S. Cahn, Emily R. Kurtz and **Danielle Lazarus** traveled to Portugal together to celebrate Emily’s upcoming wedding.



Class Notes

Di'anna Thomas-Palmer joined the coaching staff for the UMass Lowell women's basketball team as assistant coach. Go River Hawks!



Savannah Wilson started working on prints last year during the height of the social unrest surrounding race. Motivated, angry and inspired all at once, her response was to create something meaningful. Her focus is black women and women of color, a group who have “always carried society on their backs while receiving very little acknowledgment, support and understanding in return. I wanted to create portraits of black women as they are—human. Portraits that show that women of color are delicate and powerful, strong and vulnerable, beautiful and natural. And this is only the beginning.” Check out Savannah's Etsy Store: SavWilsonDesigns.



2013

Matthew L. Brown officially became a private pilot on June 30, 2021.



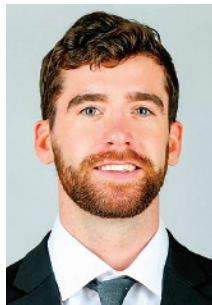
Michelle A. Gross joined pharmaceutical company Merck & Co., Inc. as a study manager and clinical scientist in the oncology department after starting her career at ICON Clinical Research plc. She graduated from George Washington University in D.C. with a bachelor of science degree in biology in 2017. Michelle plans to pursue her career and further studies in the pharmaceutical industry.

Michael Paolini graduated from the Georgetown University School of Medicine in May 2021. In June, he began his surgical residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Mercy Hospital.



Class Notes

2014



Sean F. O'Brien graduated from Colgate University in 2018 and, after graduation, played two years of professional basketball overseas. In October 2021 he

began a new role as director of basketball operations at Colgate University.

2015

Taylor P. Bernstein started law school this fall at Columbia Law School as a Hamilton Fellow.

2017

Christopher L. Johnson graduated from NYU Shanghai in May 2021.



Evan J. McFadden graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in aerospace engineering and summa cum laude honors in May 2021. While attending Ohio State, Evan was a member of the men's swimming team, competing in three Big Ten championship meets in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke. He also represented Ohio State at summer national championships in 2018 and 2019. In June 2021, Evan placed 25th in the country at the U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials in Omaha, Neb., where he joined fellow OPC and former teammate **Reece P.**

Whitley OPC '18 on the blocks. Additionally, Evan was awarded the NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship as well as OSU's prestigious Fergus Memorial student-athlete scholarship for postgraduate study. Evan accepted a graduate research assistant position at the university, where he plans to work toward his doctorate in aerospace engineering.



Jack G. Roseman graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in engineering. Last summer Jack moved to Detroit to start his career with General Motors.

2021

Dean M. Bergmann has started his collegiate career as a catcher on St. Joseph's University baseball team. Bergmann shared that, "Saint Joseph's gave me the option to pursue both my academic and athletic career, not only at an amazing institution, but close enough to home that I can share my experience with my family." Good luck, Dean!

Jessica Wolfe was recognized by the Green Family Foundation and Firsttrust Bank at the 52nd annual Samuel A. Green Scholarship program ceremony. Jessica received a second place prize, which included a \$7,500 scholarship based on her essay response to "How Will Your College Education Help You to Make a Substantial Impact in Your Community?"

Julia R. Veith was a member of the 60-person roster for the 2021 U.S. Rowing Under 19 National Team, which competed at the 2021 World Rowing Junior Championships in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. Julia raced with the USA Coxed Four boat, which won the gold!



Class Notes

DEATHS

Hon. 1689



Robert A. Fox,
on April 14, 2021.

1939



William Bates Jr.,
on July 29, 2021.



Robert C. McAdoo,
on Aug. 26, 2021.

1947



Wayne D. Van Hest Sr.,
on Aug. 22, 2021.

1948



George S. Meinel,
on Feb. 4, 2020.



Franklin T. Osgood Jr.,
on May 15, 2021.

1949



George C. Fuller,
on May 5, 2021.

1952



Robert Y. Twitmyer,
on July 20, 2021.

1953



Philip H. Pfatteicher,
on June 22, 2021.

1956



Henry R. Waddington,
on July 6, 2021.

1960



Joseph E. Loughran,
on Sept. 15, 2021.



David A. Scott,
on July 28, 2021.

1964



Peter P. Liebert IV,
on June 9, 2021.



Daniel C. Potts,
on Sept. 22, 2021.



Laurence M. Russell Jr.,
on May 31, 2021.

1966



Bruce H. Kenworthy,
on Oct. 8, 2021.



Alan P. Marian,
on Aug. 15, 2021.

1984



Daniel C. Jones III,
on Aug. 5, 2021.

1992



Alexander D. Colley,
on Jan. 20, 2021.

1994



Alexander Willis,
in September 2021.

Class Notes

MARRIAGES

2005

Margaretha Ehret married **Patrick Farrell** on Aug. 6, 2021.



2006

Julie A. Bown married Andrew Janos on May 1, 2021.



Brendan McNally married Caroline Connor on June 5, 2021.



2008

Scott Kaesshaefer married Erin Kilonsky on Sept. 10, 2021.



Alexandra L. Olsman married Zachary Frankel on Sept. 4, 2021 in San Miguel de Allende. Alexandra writes, "Carrying that 2008 flag in my luggage was definitely a priority, lol." In the photo from left to right: **Rob Nation OPC '07**, **Lauren Jacobs OPC '06**, **Derek Speranza**, **Elias Tanner**, **Sierra Tishgart**, **Sara Henley**, **Christina Matthias OPC '06**, **Kyle Maurer**, **Jeremy Maurer** and **T.J. Ferrick OPC '06**.



MARRIAGES

2011

Aleesha R. Powell married Jose Gutierrez Jr. on June 13, 2021.



Grant A. Guyer married Alexandra Farris on Oct. 2, 2021.



2012

Emily Kurtz married Jeffrey Horowitz on Sept. 18, 2021.



MaryKate O'Brien married Michael Boland on Oct. 2, 2021.



Jackson J. Tamasitis married Brennan McEntee on Oct. 8, 2021.



2013

Cathryn Skinner married Harry A. Haynes IV on Oct. 2, 2021.



Class Notes

BIRTHS

2002

Helen Hoffman, to **Jane H. Affleck** and Pete Fitz, on June 13, 2021.



2003

Augusta (Gusty), to **Lydia L. Dworetzky** and Tim Grose, on June 28, 2021. She joins big brother Emmett.



2005

Elijah Douglas, to Caylynn and **Jacob R. Markovitz**, on May 4, 2021.



2006

Scarlett Armstrong, to **Alexis Armstrong** and Alex Melecki, on May 2, 2021.



Emory Lou, to Nikki and **Jeffrey Torchon**, on March 29, 2021. He joins big brother Silas.



2007

Behr Webster, to **Mark** and **Marguerite (Walters) Adzick**, on Aug. 4, 2020. He joins older sister Annie.

2008

David Samuels, to **Rosa Samuels** and David Deming II, on April 26, 2021.



Maya Jeananne (M.J.), to **Brian** and **Stephanie (Yuhasz) Kotloff**, on March 27, 2021.



2009

Hartley Jo, to Rachel and **Robert D. Amaro**, on Dec. 2, 2020.





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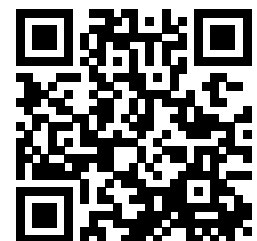


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