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Dear JIS Alumni,

Greetings from Jakarta! I hope you're all doing well, wherever you are in the world, and are enjoying the school holiday season.



Our JIS families and teachers are currently on an extended break after what was a truly unforgettable academic year. After being apart for far too long, connecting only through our screens and learning via Zoom, we were finally able to gradually make our way back to the classroom in September 2021 with a hybrid system. Finally, in time for the final quarter of the year, all our students were allowed to be back on campus for full, face-to-face instruction in March. At last, we were once again able to enjoy various JIS traditions together, such as Uniting Nations Day, the Extended Study Program, LEAD Week, musicals and plays, High School prom, and even held a PTA Family Festival.

And through it all — the transitions, uncertainties, the ups and downs — your uplifting messages of encouragement were heard, welcomed, and greatly appreciated. These past two years have been challenging to say the least, but they've also shown us what a remarkable network of JIS Alumni we have all over the world. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your being a source of support and

inspiration; most of all, thank you for your unwavering Dragon Spirit!

In this final edition of the JIS Alumni Newsletter of the 2021/22 academic year, we take a final trip down memory lane for JIS's 70th anniversary with a very special interview conducted 30 years ago with one of the founders of our school, Antoinette Stepanek. We also hear directly from several JIS Alumni, including actress Angela Kinsey from the American version of *The Office*, and give you some exciting updates on what's been happening at JIS.

If you would like to be included in our next newsletter or know of a JIS Alumni who you think should be featured, please contact alumnicordinator@jisedu.or.id.

Thank you all once again for your continued support of our community!

Warm regards,

Maya Nelson
Head of School



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Have you signed up yet?

By signing up to the JIS Alumni Portal, you can search for fellow Dragons, network with other JIS Alumni, apply for a JIS Alumni ID, and browse our archive of past yearbooks. Last but not least, you have the chance to leave a message that everyone can read on the [Dragon Message Board](#).

Make sure to check out the [Dragon-Owned Businesses](#) page to see what your former classmates have been up to. If you own a business (restaurant, hotel, etc.) and would like us to help you spread the word to fellow Dragons across the globe, you can fill out this form after signing in to the Alumni Portal.



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If you've already registered, please remember to check your details in the profile section. If anything is out of date, be sure to update that information — this is how we stay connected and make sure that JIS-related updates like the Alumni Newsletter make it to the right inbox! If you have any questions, comments, or just want to say "hi", feel free to contact us anytime. We love to hear from our Alumni.

Dragon Own Business

Two years ago, we launched our revamped JIS Alumni Portal and one of the additional features was the [Dragon-Owned Business](#) page.



JIS Alumna **Charmaine Heilijgers** (2001) has started a leading tutoring company in Jakarta called **A for Effort**. Its main focus is tutoring in mathematics and science through in-person and virtual sessions for international students of all ages, helping them boost their confidence in these subjects.



JIS Alumna **Maria Camero** (2013) makes high-quality handmade jewelry for women and crafts for the home. Based in Buenos Aires, Argentina, her business **Artesanisimas** creates beautiful pieces using a variety of textures and materials.

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Send us your photos!

Do you have any photos that you would like featured in the next Alumni Newsletter? If so, please send them to us with a short note and we'll help share your JIS memories with all Dragon alumni worldwide. For further information please contact: alumni@jisedu.or.id.



New Head of School

We're thrilled to announce that after an extensive and productive international search, the JIS Board of Trustees has unanimously decided to appoint **Maya Nelson** as our new Head of School!

With strong ties to our school that go back decades, Maya has gone through the JIS experience as a student, teacher, parent, principal, and deputy head of school. She was most recently our interim

head of school, having successfully guided us through the ups and downs of online and then hybrid learning, and finally, full in-classroom instruction.



Maya Nelson with Dahlia Asmat, School-wide PTA President in PTA Festival Day 2022.

Alumni Reunion

The **Class of 1981** is hosting a reunion in Nashville, Tennessee, and it's open to anyone who attended JIS, including teachers, staff, and administrators. Nashville is an amazing city known for its music scene, culinary experiences, art scene, museums, and shopping — there is so much to do and see. Stop by, reconnect with fellow Dragons, and enjoy all the city has to offer!

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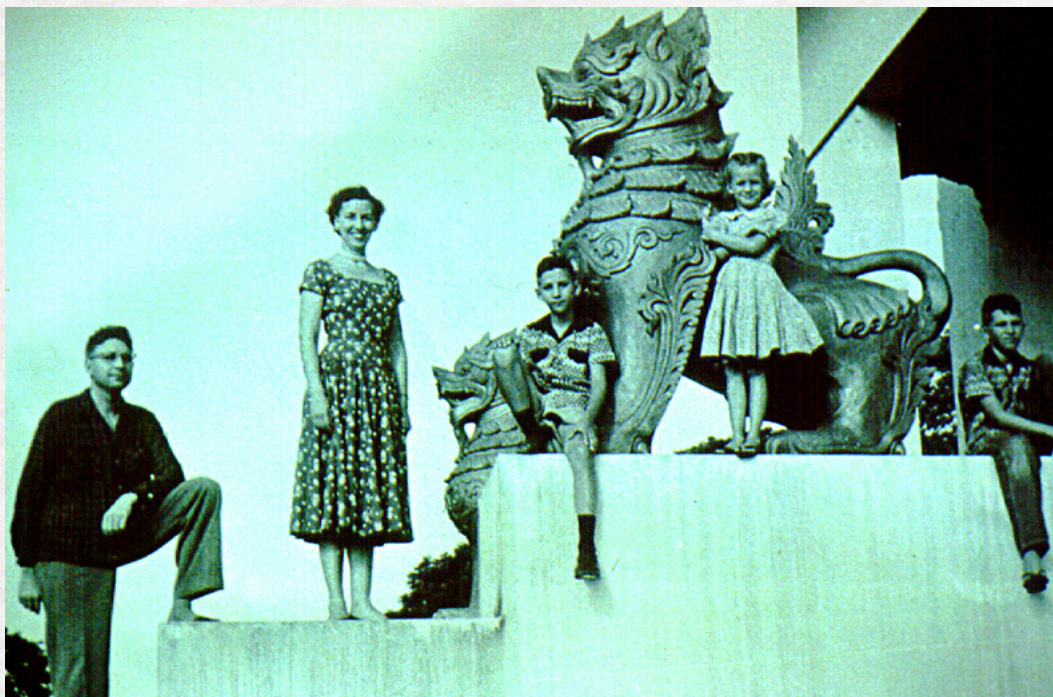


70th Anniversary 1951 - 2021

Jakarta Intercultural School

Over the past year, we've looked back at the seven decades of JIS on our 70th Anniversary website. We recalled JIS's beginnings in a house on Jl. Kebon Sirih and how the school further evolved in student numbers and campus size. Visit the [JIS 70th Anniversary page](#) to read the full story and to see more photos of our school's history.

In honor and memory of our founders **Antoinette** and **Joseph Stepanek**, we're thrilled to share with you an interview and pictures of when they visited our school during JIS's 40th anniversary.



School Founders Joseph and Antoinette Stepanek and their children in the 1950s.



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40 years in the making

By Heather Hendricks

Can you imagine returning to JIS after 40 years? Well, Mr. and Mrs. Stepanek did! The couple was responsible for everything about JIS today. Why? Because it was they who started JIS in the 1950s.

When Mr. and Mrs. Stepanek finally returned to Jakarta this March, they were amazed by the vast changes in Jakarta and Indonesian life in general. All the highways, roads, high-rises and malls that are so common to us now didn't even exist when they lived here.

They came to the middle school to pay us a visit, and Mrs. Stepanek gave a really nice speech, even if it did go over *some* of our heads: "...and you should get on your ships of life..." It was a really terrific way for us to learn about our school in an "unboring" way. We hope they come back again.



LEFT: "Nice to meet you." Mrs. Stepanek greets a well-wisher. **ABOVE:** Heather poses with Mrs. Stepanek. Don't they look cute?



ABOVE: The Stepaneks review the old days with Patimura Principal Mr. Youel. **RIGHT:** The very beginning of JIS took place here.





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TOP: The Stepaneks smile with the staff. **ABOVE:** The entrance of the "old" school. **RIGHT:** Mrs. Stepanek peaks with "The Observer."



• *"The [JIS] teachers are chosen out of a great many people, so they are hand-picked and good, and there's an earnestness. There is even a sense of mission. And that feeling of doing something very special is hard to beat. And it's right here. I sense it all the time."*
—Mrs. Stepanek



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■ Ed Goodell,
Publications director

SCHOOL'S FOUNDERS PAY RETURN VISIT

JIS's founders, Joseph and Antoinette Stepanek, began the school out of their home in 1951. In the following interview, conducted during the Stepaneks' visit to JIS in March, Mrs. Stepanek recalls the school in the early years.

Jakarta International School's first chalkboard was a red-tile floor; its first classroom doubled as someone's living room.

Today's three-campus complex—with its state-of-the-art facilities and 2,700-plus students—bears little resemblance to its predecessor, a school that opened in 1951 in the home of Joseph and Antoinette Stepanek in the heart of a nascent metropolis.

JIS can trace its origins—indeed its fundamental character—to that fledgling school and to the vision of Mr. and Mrs. Stepanek.

Step back to 1951.

Jakarta, its hard-won independence fresh in the minds of its 1.5 million inhabitants, is on the threshold of transformation. The city acts as a magnet, drawing foreign governments and industrialists wishing to take part in the nation's development. As foreigners arrive by the plane-load, a problem arises: Where do they send their children for schooling?

"There were Dutch schools for the children of the Dutch as well as Indonesian schools for the Indonesians," recalls Mrs. Stepanek, "but they never suggested we could pay and go because the language would have been very difficult."

Such were the limitations faced by expatriates, including the Stepaneks, who came to Jakarta—three children in tow—as part of an American (and later U.N.) delegation lending support to Jakarta's modernization.

What does one do when there are children to be taught and no teachers? Well, if you're Joseph and Antoinette Stepanek, you start a school.

The Stepaneks' story, and hence the story of JIS's beginnings, was elegantly recounted during the couple's return to JIS March 8-25. The visit, made

possible by the PTA, the American Women's Association, JIS and middle school teacher Dave Alexander, featured classroom discussions, a Founders' Day assembly and the dedication of a commemorative plaque.

On March 16, Mrs. Stepanek discussed JIS's formation as well as the school's triumphs and challenges in the early years.

When you and your husband left Jakarta in 1953, what was the school like?

We were here roughly three years and got the school going, but I never saw it beyond about 23 to 25 students. It was a small school by the time I left. I came back once with Joe on a business trip briefly and that is the only time. I don't think I even saw the school then.

So is this the first chance you've had to see what it has become?

This is the shocker [laughing]. In fact, we came into your travel department and Joe said, "You didn't start a school, you started a transport business."

How did you happen to be living in Jakarta at the time when you started the school?

Joe was with the first American mission that came here following the three-country committee called Tiga Negara, which was a delegation of people to oversee the independence of Indonesia. He was not on that committee, but as soon as the committee had finished its work, an American delegation came here with the thought of putting money into various fields of endeavor for modernization. And Joe is an engineer, so he represented the potential industrialization of a new country.

Was that through the United Nations?



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He did that first through the United States. When the program had been sold to this government, he then went back and the United Nations took up the work; it was not an American program thereafter. So he came as a first person both for the American mission and for the United Nations mission, and so when we came for the United Nations mission, his family followed. He came first and found the place. Kebon Sirih [the Stepaneks' home that doubled as JIS's first campus] was chosen, with one room being the office of this organization, the United Nations, and each other individual room a residence for a family.

There was a French family, a New Zealand family, a British family, ourselves...an assortment of people, but each individual man was of a different training and expertise.

It was in the back yard of the house [that the school got its start]. Part of that stems even from the fact that ours was the back room of the house and therefore opened out into rather a fine garden—two big trees and a circle of grass with the cars going around it. Within that circle of grass there was plenty of room for play, and this is where the sand box and the preschool were.

I had three children. The two boys were roughly third grade and first grade, and that's far enough along that they couldn't just be left without some instruction, so I had brought with me the material for those two grades from the Calvert school system. Most people who have been overseas have heard of Calvert. It was something established for the missionaries, really, in the last century. It's very old, and the mother of each family was given a guidance book.

The circle [of expatriates] was much smaller then than it is now, so we would meet people from many countries, from the Philippines and India and so on, and in the course of the conversation they would say, "What are you doing for the education of your children?" And I would usually say

that I was teaching them from my Calvert books. Inevitably the question came up, could their children join mine and so on.

At first, we simply used my home living room. It had a nice red-tile floor and I'd push back the major furniture—it was no effort—so we sat around on the tile. One kid has since reminded me that we used chalk, and we'd do the numbers and writing and so on in chalk on that floor and after school just mopped it down and used it all over again [the next day]. But as the numbers grew, it didn't seem reasonable to continue to use our place. There was in the back a garage building of three stalls, and it was not used at all. No one in our house garaged his car, and, for the most part, the people in the house had a car belonging to the ministry of their expertise. So those three stalls stood empty. We had house meetings from time to time to discuss group problems and at one meeting I asked if I might use the three stalls as a school. I was a little surprised to find some antagonism, some desire to hold the house as being just a residence. Yet being themselves in the United Nations, they could hardly hold out too long. And so they voted two stalls, but not three.

Did anyone ever use that third stall for a car?

No. It was never used. How one stall could have helped them, I don't know—but they did [laughing]. So we had two stalls and that helped right away. We cleaned them out of course—they were cob-web-ridden. Then we needed furniture, and I was told by our Indonesian friends that school furniture here is made in the jail. So in the guidance of some person, I was taken to the jail. We stood in front of these great doors, and this slit opened and eyes peered out and we went in. We had made drawings and a list, and so we got what was called a "bangku." The "bangku" was the seat and the sloping desk at which two or three children might sit.

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Antoinette Stepanek



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At this time, the only other schools besides yours were the Dutch-language schools and Indonesian schools?

Either Dutch language or Indonesian. And so these were the pressures, you see, that made [starting] the school possible. Because we were a U.N. house, there came the business of prescribing what our school would be, how it would be different, what it would be based upon. Following World War II, we were very much imbued with the ideas of internationalism and the fact that this was one world and that sort of thing, and so we formulated this policy. It had to be an education in English because that was what we knew. And thereafter it had to be international, it had to be non-sectarian. We insisted from the very first day that the children had to learn the Indonesian language, and I understand that has persisted.

All those things you mentioned hold true today.

We insisted right from the beginning that [there would be] no discrimination whatsoever and so on. This is a little bit on the basis of the U.N. charter. That was suitable and that became the house. Some people felt that it should be just an American school, plain and simple, but we in a United Nations house couldn't do that, you see, we couldn't have said, "Oh, we're starting an American school," with people around us...

...living in that same compound...

Right. So all of these things that we might not think about so terribly much were all dictated by the circumstances while we were here.

It's so interesting. You have a good memory.

Well, I've lived through it.

You've probably been going over a lot of these details on your visit.

My husband and I have just talked a great deal, and he has made a good study of the years. He's particularly interested in the political development

of the country from the imperialist position and to independence. To me, I'm still thinking of the school and of the people we knew. A Miss Mansur came here. We were over at the Pattimura campus, and she came and I recognized her at once. And we had had no contact all these years. Her name was Miss Julie Mansur. She had been a teacher. And how she knew...I guess someone had gotten in touch with her. She had taught in the school. You see, at first I had all Indonesian teachers, except for Ruth Bogart, an American woman who was married to an Indonesian.

What kind of numbers were you looking at at this point, as far as the teachers and the students?

Five teachers and 20 kids, roughly.

So you and Mrs. Bogart and Miss Mansur...

...and Mrs. Boden—and here my husband's office came into it because her husband worked with Joe and he said, "Well, my wife is a teacher." She was trained in the Dutch system, of course, and she spoke English, which was very rare. She was an Indonesian woman, very well educated, quite traditional, quite stern. She offered a great dignity to the school, if you will, because she felt that this school had to come up to her standards. So she set the pace, and she was the third-grade or the top teacher, and she set the pace for that kind of learning and what kind of books, what kind of [instruction]. Mrs. Johnson was the wife of a United States [diplomat]—I do not and cannot remember what it was that her husband did. She came out of the embassy circle. We had another teacher whose name was Garland, and I have not found her last name. These were all locally hired people. People who were here. We didn't have the money to send for any people, to be sure, so we just had to do the best we could.

Were the two garage stalls starting to fill up?

They filled up. We also had good play equipment from the jail. This was amusing because they had no idea

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—Antoinette Stepanek**



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In Memoriam

JIS wrote to Mr. Joe Stepanek regarding the passing of his wife, Antoinette Stepanek, the founder of the school in 1952. This is Mr. Stepanek's response:

Antoinette Farnham Stepanek died of ovarian cancer on July 26, 2004. She was 87. The daughter of Charles Farnham and Antoinette Brett Farnham, she was born March 14, 1917 in New Haven, Connecticut. She married Joseph E. Stepanek on June 10, 1942 in New Haven. Mrs. Stepanek was involved in many organizations about the world. She was the founder of the Jakarta International School in 1952 and the UN Women's Guild of

Vienna in 1969. Antoinette was a writer and published five books on travel and family history. She is survived by her husband, sons Joseph F. Stepanek and James B. Stepanek, and daughters Antoinette Shaller and Debra Johnston.

The day before Antoinette died she was editing our 14th publication. Since her death I have published two of her writings as monographs for the family. I am now living at the family ranch high in the Rocky Mountains above Boulder, Colorado.

Very best regards,
Joe Stepanek



Dr. Niall Nelson, Headmaster, with Mrs. Stepanek during her visit to JIS in 1994.



Review of the 70 Unique Hand-Drawn Posters

JIS commissioned a renowned Indonesian artist to create a unique painting representing Jakarta and JIS for its 70th Anniversary. A limited number of copies was made available via a random drawing that was part of an online fundraising event to support the JIS Bhinneka Tunggal Ika (BTI) Scholarship. We had a wonderful organizing the raffle and connecting with interested Alumni. The 70 posters are being sent all over the world!

JIS also would like to thank all of you who participated in this raffle. Your donation and support will have a significant impact on our scholarship students. If you would like to know more about the BTI or are interested in becoming a regular sponsor, please visit our [BTI website](#).



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Angela Kinsey

Class of 1989

This interview was edited for clarity and length

You first arrived at JIS in Pattimura?

Yes, I did. You posted a picture of the Pattimura playground on Instagram a while back and I instantly got drawn back to the Pattimura days when the wind was blowing through the trees. I had an instant fond memory. I immediately remembered walking through the campus, and I'm sure it's changed a lot, but there was a swing set in the back corner. I had long, long hair, and my mom would braid it. My mom said she would drive by and she could see my braids going up past the wall while I swang up into the air. It makes me so happy that the big Pattimura tree is still there.

How many years were you at JIS?

It's so funny because I never called it JIS, I always said J-I-S. But I guess I was there so long ago, I predate the lingo! I moved to Jakarta when I was 2 years old. We lived in Jakarta until I was 14. We returned Stateside for about a year and a half [because] my dad's company had transferred him. And then we went right back [to Jakarta], and I was so excited to go back! I walked through campus just like I always did and saw my friends that were still there. I have great memories of going to elementary school in Pattimura.



Press photo by photographer Adam Hendershott.

I think [my favorite memory of] growing up and going to JIS was having so many different nationalities in your classroom and your friend groups. I love the emphasis at JIS on intercultural education.

Then I went to J-I-S [the Cildank campus] and I was in a classroom called Timur. That was a Grade 5 and 6 hybrid class. Then I was at J-I-S until ninth grade because halfway through ninth grade, my dad was transferred back [to the States] for good. I begged my mom and dad to let me stay — maybe with a friend's family. I had heard of upperclassmen doing that if their family got transferred back in their junior year. My mom and dad said, "No way, we're not leaving you here in ninth grade to live for four years without — us



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Angela Kinsey | Class of 1989

absolutely not.” So, I was very sad and I did not want to go. Really, I lived my entire formative years — all my childhood — in Jakarta. It was home to me and I really struggled when we came back State-side.

Do you still remember any teachers from back in the day?

I have yearbooks and when I see their faces and names, I remember them. Most of my yearbooks are at my mom’s house. I love it when I go there to go down memory lane. I have a few here as well. I have lots of photos, but I feel like when you say their names, then I would immediately register. I loved theater and I had Dr. Allen, and he was fantastic.

Being part of the theater scene here at JIS, do you remember any of the productions you did and was that something that helped you get into your career in entertainment?

Oh, 100 percent! The theater department was off the charts— stellar, amazing. It was in my mind and my memory, like, Off-Broadway, New York City worthy. The stage and set pieces were gorgeous, as well as the craftsmanship that went into building the world of whatever we were showing and doing.

At that time, Dr. Alan was running the theater department — he was fantastic. My background, what I love, has always been comedy and improv. We were already doing improv exercises in elementary school [at JIS] as part of theater class. I talk about that to people; it was really before improv was sort of mainstream and we did it as acting exercises. But I just could not get enough of the theater program at JIS. It was just phenomenal. Then you had the orchestra, and the theater itself was just gorgeous. I was Amaryllis in *The Music Man* — it was a big deal if you were in elementary school to get cast in an upper school play. Everyone else was in high school and there were just a few of us in the lower grades. But I just loved getting to go to any shows; I would go to all of them. When I transferred to the other schools they just didn’t have the theater and the stage and any of the resources that JIS had.

**Do you have any favorite memories of JIS or Jakarta in general?**

I think [my favorite memory of] growing up and going to JIS was having so many different nationalities in your classroom and your friend groups. A big deal at JIS, when I was there, was United Nations Day. Everyone got very excited to represent their country and their culture. My parents were from Texas so I borrowed my dad’s cowboy hat! I love the emphasis at JIS on intercultural education.

We heard it in one of your interviews, you also speak Bahasa Indonesia with your sisters. Do you still that?

My sister Tina’s Indonesian is fantastic. She went back to Indonesia as an adult and lived there later in life. My Indonesian is very rusty, *saya lupa banyak!* But my sisters, two of them haven’t lived there in a long, long time, and they’re very Southern. If we would be out shopping or something, and they would want me to look at someone they might say, *waduh, lihat orang itu!* I am sure people in Indonesia, their ears would be bleeding!

Do you have any favorite Indonesian food that you miss or do you still eat Indonesian food at all?

I miss and I love Indonesian food. Every once in a while, you’ll stumble across someone who’s like, “Do



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When was the last time you were back in Indonesia?

In my 20s, and that was a long time ago because I just turned 50. When I was 30, about to turn 31, I booked *The Office* and then that was the next nine years of my life, so my whole 30s were *The Office*. And I had my daughter, but I talked about Indonesia a lot. And my home has things from Indonesia all through it.

I definitely want to take my family there. I just am looking for the moment, the opportunity. And you better believe I'll come to JIS and Pattimura!

What advice do you have for current JIS students?

I feel like every experience is what you let it be. I think one of the biggest things I talk to my kids about is going into new places with an open mind and setting aside your previous thoughts of how things should be or that part of yourself that has that rigid view may be of just a different place you know. I think some students coming to JIS, they're coming from other countries, other backgrounds. If they can just take a minute and [realize] that their life will be that much richer because they were at JIS, that they're going to have professors and teachers that help them see the world in a new way, that they're going to have friends that they would never have met anywhere else — and it is truly a treasure, it's a gift. I look at my time [at JIS] and it was a gift. And I'm lucky that I was there and was able to receive that gift. JIS is a melting pot but in the best way; it's a melting pot centering on education.

you know there's an Indonesian restaurant in such and such town." I had a friend tell me there was an Indonesian restaurant in Westwood California and I went to find it. It did have some items on the menu. It had *krupuk*, which I was really excited about but it did not hold up. I really miss the food, I also miss all the sauces — just all the dipping. But I definitely, whenever I can, order anything that resembles *nasi goreng*.



PEL Teachers in the 1960s



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Kim Montelibano Heil

Class of 1992

What is your connection to JIS?

I attended JIS as a student from 1981, as a second-grader, to 1992, as a graduating senior.

How did your time at JIS shape you into what you are doing now?

I believe my time at JIS helped shape my ability to connect and engage with the diverse populations of our world. My work in the performing arts, and primarily in theater-casting, has very much been informed by my experience in an international environment.



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What is your favorite memory?

I have so many! I was a part of the theater department and did a bunch of shows and musicals in the Fine Arts Theater. I was also a part of the IASAS dance team and got to travel to Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, and Taipei. As a member of Joint Sound, I was able to perform and travel around the world. But maybe I just always loved stepping onto the JIS campus. It always felt like home.

What advice would you give to our current students?

Follow your curiosity and allow yourself to examine and challenge the boundaries of your comfort zones. Be willing to learn and forgive yourself when you make mistakes, as long as you do better on the other end.

Anything else you would like to add?

San Diego needs an Indonesian restaurant, stat! So if you know a chef who can make a spicy *nasi goreng* and authentic *ayam gudeg* — tell them to email me!



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Mike Brumby

Class of 1997

How did your time at JIS shape you in what you are doing now?

Seeing my parents work there and their lifestyle made me want to follow in their footsteps in education. I hope to one day be able to work at JIS.

What is your favorite memory?

Being involved in all the sports programs and competing in the IASAS competitions. I played for the soccer, tennis, and badminton teams.

What advice would you give to our current students?

To make the most of your time at JIS. It is the best school in the world with the best teachers and facilities. Get involved in as much as you can, but also, do as much as you can to give back to the Indonesian community outside of the walls of JIS.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

On July 2, Lukas Gallu and I will take on the challenge of stand-up paddleboarding around the entire island of Bali. It will be the first time this feat has been attempted. If we are successful, we will set a Muri Rekor Dunia Indonesia and a Guinness World Record (awaiting approval). The journey will take 16 days and cover around 450 kilometers.

The main aim is to try to raise awareness for ocean conservation, which is a big problem all over the world, especially in Indonesia. After China, Indonesia is the world's second-



biggest marine polluter. During the high tourist season, Bali's famous beaches, such as Kuta and Legian, are buried by up to 60 tons of plastic rubbish each day. Along our trip, we organized many talks with local communities (mainly children) about the problem of plastic pollution and ways we can all help tackle this problem. On a positive note, Indonesia aims to reduce ocean plastic waste by 70 percent by 2025 and to eliminate it by 2040.

We will be aiming to raise Rp 20 million to go toward Coral Triangle Center's (CTC) marine conservation programs, specifically to support restoration of damaged reefs in Bali through its Adopt-a-Coral program, and to provide environmental education to public



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It is the best school in the world with the best teachers and facilities. Get involved in as much as you can, but also, do as much as you can to give back to the Indonesian community outside of the walls of JIS.

school children living in Nusa Penida Marine Protected Area.

Donors will receive the following from CTC: a donor acknowledgement e-certificate, a photo of the baby corals transplanted in its restoration site, an annual report detailing the growth and progress of the baby corals, and an update about the environmental education program provided to the school children

With your donation, you are not only helping to restore damaged coral reefs but also helping to inspire and teach the future guardians of Bali's uniquely rich marine biodiversity. More information can be found on the following link: <https://kitabisa.com/campaign/thebaliislandpaddle>

If you would like to follow this journey, updates about the challenge will be posted on our Instagram account ([@thebaliislandpaddle](https://www.instagram.com/thebaliislandpaddle)).



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Cilandak Campus
Construction in 1972

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JIS ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT

Alumni Participation in HS Careers Day

Many of you may remember taking part in High School Careers Day as a student. This insightful JIS tradition is still very much alive, connecting High School students with professionals from various fields and giving them a glimpse at what they can look forward to in the workplace. Not even pandemic restrictions could stop us from having the event this year, with more than 50 members of the JIS community — parents and alumni — signing up and contributing their time and knowledge as guest speakers through online panel discussions. Students received valuable insights into a range of professions and industries, from education, entrepreneurship, and media, to technology, diplomatic relations, and law.

Thank you to the following JIS Alumni who joined us on 2022 Careers Day:

Class of	Name	Company/Profession/Studying at
1982	Thomas G Ryan	Ryan Bros Coffee
1992	Kim Montelibano Heil	The Old Globe
1994	Rico Michael Bradley	MD, Dapur Film and Making Name
1996	Ana Reyes-Abano	Facebook (Meta) Asia Pacific
1996	Anuj Ralhan	Stifel
1996	Ardi Putra Baramuli	World Bank Group
1996	Melchior Zwyer	Marvel Studios
1999	Laetitia Lemaistre	World Bank/Consultant
2002	René Mörs	Queens Head Jakarta
2003	Patrick Putnam	Deloitte Canada
2004	Sahil Sondhi	Waterbom Bali
2005	Sara Sunisa Pasang Lehman	DAI Global/USAID ASEAN PROSPECT
2007	Akshay Dave	Waterfall Asset Management
2007	Hillary D. Kim	Beth Israel Deaconess Med. Center
2011	Olivia Murray	Accoras-headspace Inala
2013	Felicia Hutapea	CMS
2013	Leah Maneisha Sidhu	Happy Valley Dental Surgery

Class of	Name	Company/Profession/Studying at
2014	Isabella Wiemers	State Government of Victoria
2014	Emily Blackwell	Diabetes Victoria
2016	Celine Chai	NinetyEight
2017	Anna Freeman	International Foundation for Electoral Systems
2017	Katrina Dimalanta	Education First
2018	Kanisius Kusumadaja	Tesla
2018	Natasha Sondakh	Self/England & Company
2018	Rowan STA MARIA	P3 Group
2018	Ziyuan Xu	Huawei Finance
2019	Kaskara Hasibuan	Comocasa
2019	Moses Mayer	Harvard College
2019	Shaurya Taparia	BNP Paribas, Centerbridge Partners
2019	Wesley Trisnadi	Loyola Marymount University
2021	Ananya Sahai	University of Chicago
1988	Kathleen Kinn Maguschak	Virginia Beach City Public Schools
1980	Randolph Oudemans	Now.Here.



JIS Students wearing Kebaya in the 1960s



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Back in School

We were finally able to transition to full on-campus learning in March — in time to kick off the fourth and final quarter of the 2021/22 academic year.

All our students were back in the classroom, learning and growing together as they should be. As per government regulations, however, we continued to implement health protocols such as mask-wearing, frequent hand-washing, sanitizing, and social distancing.



Middle School Performance

“Matchmaker, matchmaker make me a match. Find me a find, catch me a catch.” We couldn’t get these foot-tapping lyrics and accompanying tune out of our heads for weeks after the Middle School’s vibrant performance of “Fiddler on the Roof Jr.!” The student-led cast and crew dedicated months of online and face-to-face rehearsals while juggling the complexities of hybrid learning to put on an unforgettable show. Bravo!

HS Performance

It’s been proven that the performing arts — music, dance, and drama — have wide-reaching benefits for students, providing them with the tools to think creatively, innovate, and appreciate diverse cultures and backgrounds.

We see wonderful examples of this played out at JIS High School every year. As part of the 2021/22 academic year, our talented student actors, singers, and dancers collaborated to stage the musical “In the Heights”, a moving performance about communities and dreams.





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JIS Learning Center

We're proud to announce that the JIS Learning Center is scheduled to open its doors in August for the 2022/23 school year. As an extension of our current Student Support Services, the JIS Learning Center provides additional support for students with moderate to significant learning needs and global developmental delays. The culminating goal of the program, designed by JIS educators with decades of combined experience in special education, is for students to acquire and confidently use a range of functional academic skills and daily life skills, resulting in a level of independence.

For more information, visit: <https://bit.ly/JISLearningCenter>



HS Class of 2022

The JIS Class of 2022 has a lot to be proud of. The final two years of their High School journey were certainly challenging, but they persevered and showed us what it means to be Dragon Strong. Though one phase of their JIS experience has come to an end, another one is just beginning as they join the ranks of our global Alumni community! Welcome, Class of 2022 graduates; we hope you stay connected and keep us up to date on your next adventure!

HOME OF THE DRAGONS

Elementary

Before going on their much-deserved term break in March, JIS Elementary School students had the chance to go on an exploratory journey of our beautiful host country with Indonesia Week, a tradition that has been going on for decades.

For three festive days, they celebrated the rich, vibrant cultures of this vast archipelago through various fun-filled activities and performances.

This beloved JIS tradition was made possible by the dedicated efforts of our Bahasa Indonesia and Performing Arts Teachers, and our parent volunteers! And we can't forget the amazing JIS Facilities, Communications, and IT departments for helping us on the production side of the event.

#BestfortheWorld #indonesiaku #indonesiaweek



Middle School

JIS Grade 6, 7, and 8 students created portraits, drawings, reduction prints, and drypoint prints as part of their visual arts class exhibition. Their thought-provoking works of art in the Middle School Art of the Dragons Gallery were displayed across the MS campus.



Portrait of JIS by Grade 6 students





DRAGON SPORTS

IASAS Cultural Convention

Please join us in congratulating all the JIS student delegates who participated in the 2022 IASAS Cultural Convention for representing our school with their amazing talent! This year's Cultural Convention — which included dance, drama, music, tech, and debate and forensics — took place over two days and was held online, with in-person events on the final day. Months of practice and preparation paid off for our delegates, who gave each event their all and earned plaudits from both their peers and teachers. A huge thanks also goes to our coaches, who supported and encouraged our Dragons throughout their journey.



IASAS Golf

Congratulations to all JIS student-athletes who participated in this year's IASAS Golf championship! They completed the streamed event with Senior Kayla winning Gold in the girl's division, the Girls' Team winning Silver, and the Boys' Team winning Bronze. We also had individual players earning All-Tournament Honors, with Rafa (Grade 10) and Amalia (Grade 11) both coming in sixth place. A huge thanks goes to Coach Garret Anderson, Assistant Coach Josh Cybulskie, and everyone involved for supporting our golfers!

The 2022 IASAS Golf championship was hosted by the International School of Bangkok, with tournaments held at each participating school's home course and streamed online. The opening, closing, and medals ceremony took place over Zoom.



A group of 2nd graders before going to meet President Soeharto in 1985.



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JIS GIVES BACK



Jakarta Intercultural School
Bhinneka Tunggal Ika
 Scholarship



We have an exciting BTI update! The JIS scholarship team recently hosted our very first on-campus Bhinneka Tunggal Ika (BTI) Activity Day after two years of holding the event online.

Fifty-one potential BTI scholars from all across Jakarta were able to join us for interviews with JIS administrators, as well as a tour of our Cilandak campus.

And just before the Idul Fitri break, we had the chance to host a second Activity Day with

19 shortlisted candidates who participated in another round of tests. Their results enabled the BTI Scholarship Committee to further narrow down their search to two BTI scholars who will be joining us in August to start Grade 9 and 10 for the 2022/23 academic year.

If you're interested in supporting the Bhinneka Tunggal Ika Scholarship please click **here**

or if you are interested in supporting it in other ways, please contact **scholarships@jisedu.or.id**



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Pattimura campus in the 1990s.



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