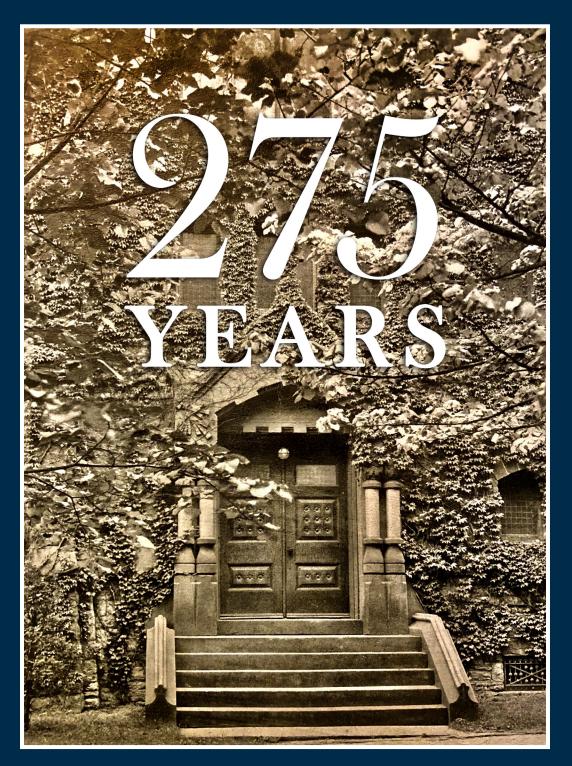
# LINDEN HALL FOUNDED IN 1746



Annual Report 2021 - 2022

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# A Message From Our Head of School

# Dear Linden Hall family,

It is hard to believe that another school year has come and gone – and this one was a landmark year. Celebrating Linden Hall's 275th anniversary was so special. From the Gala to signature events like Gretna Day and Alumnae Weekend, we connected our proud past to a very promising future. Everyone enjoyed the walks down memory lane, where we were able to see artifacts from generations gone by and enjoyed the well-articulated commentary from senior and Linden Hall archivist, Grace Remollino '22, outlining and reflecting on the major events in our history.





While still dealing with COVID protocols, our students and faculty showed their tenacity, dedication to excellence, and their sheer will to achieve. Again, this year, classes were held in person, and we were so fortunate that our community was healthy; we were healthier this last year across the board than we usually are due to the careful procedures we followed for health and wellness. As you would expect, our test scores remain highly competitive, and our seniors continue to be

accepted into tier-one colleges and universities.

The arts programs this year were spectacular, as we returned to in person performances. We are so proud of our thespians who put on two productions: *Leaving Iowa* and *PUFFS*. Their on-stage performances were inspired! Along with this group of talented individuals, the stage crew was an integral part of each performance. Their quiet, focused contributions helped with the success of the programs. Not to be outdone, our vocalists, musicians, and bell choir regaled us with complex



pieces of music that were performed brilliantly. Specifically of note was a first-time duet by members of the bell choir. Their ability to handle so many bells with such accuracy was truly awe inspiring.



Our athletic teams also had a momentous year. Specifically, the Linden Hall basketball team went to the state playoffs for the fourth year in a row. Making the Sweet 16 was a thrilling experience for players and fans alike! In swimming, we had two state finalists who made us enormously proud. Finally, one of our riders was crowned national champion in the spring! This year marks a special year for me as I joined Linden Hall as the permanent head of school – the first permanent female leader in the history of the school. I am humbled at this honor and will continue to dedicate my time and talents to ensuring Linden Hall thrives in the coming years.

As we reflect on a wonderful year, I want each of you to know how grateful we are that you are a member of our community. Each of you brings different talents and treasures that you so willingly share with



us. Thank you for your contributions of time and talent, and please know that your monetary contributions are so important for the sustainability of the school. I think it is important for you to hear and know that your contributions go directly to students and programs, unlike many other independent schools that spend a great deal of money on activities for employees and adults that never impact the student experience. At Linden Hall, we are student focused in every single thing that we do and that includes spending money where it matters the most – on students.

As you read the highlights from this year, I hope that it brings back fond memories of your time at Linden Hall. I look forward to seeing many of you on campus this year!



Warm regards,

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Dr. Nan Wodarz Head of School

I truly love Linden Hall. Deciding to come here for high school was one of the best decisions I have ever made. Linden Hall is the perfect combination of a happy atmosphere and rigorous academics. This school is the reason why I now enjoy waking up to go to class. The students and administration make the campus feel like a second home. Linden Hall is worth the investment.

Helen L., '23

# 275th Anniversary

The parents, faculty, staff, alumnae, and friends of Linden Hall came together for a communal celebration of Linden Hall at this year's 275th Anniversary Gala at the Lancaster Country Club. The event was a magical evening filled with love, laughter, and memories. The "Walk Down Memory Lane" history exhibit showcased pictures and memorabilia LINDEN HALL SCHOOL EST. 1746



from 275 years of a Linden Hall education - including an original handmade quilt from 1946, a field hockey uniform from 1938,

yearbooks representing alumnae throughout the years, and so much more. The history exhibit was created from items stored in our

Archives, which are managed by the Alumnae Association.

Alongside the "Walk Down Memory Lane," attendees engaged in a silent auction and several Fund-A-Need



opportunities for guests to purchase specific items for the school, such as new projectors or weekend activities with the girls. Whether it was bidding on an auction item,

sponsoring the event, or simply giving a donation, Linden Hall raised close to \$50,000!



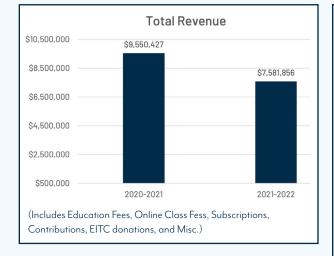
One of the most touching moments of the night came during Dr. Nan's speech to all attendees. Dr. Nan granted former faculty member, Pat Sullivan, an Honorary Diploma from Linden Hall, the first ever recipient of such an honor, for her dedication to the school and its students over the years. Linden Hall students also expressed their gratitude to everyone in attendance through a special video presentation in which they thanked contributors in their native languages.

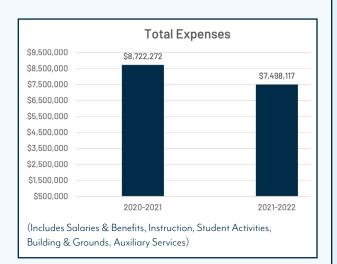
Attendees remarked that the Gala was "magical," "the party of the

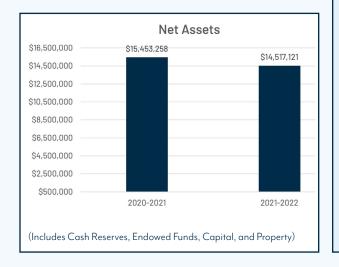
year," and "an evening they would never forget." Thank you to everyone who participated, donated, and celebrated with us, and we look forward to continuing to celebrate both the history of 275 years of education and the history Linden Hall will make during its next 275 years.



# 2021-2022 YEAR IN REVIEW







#### STRATEGICALLY POSITIONING LINDEN HALL

This past year brought many challenges in terms of maintaining our historic campus. The entire air conditioning system in the Evita Allen Academic Building needed to be replaced and many roofs, including the gym, chapel,

theater, and science wing needed to be repaired. To prepare for these situations more strategically and effectively, we performed an in-depth analysis of the facility needs over the next ten years. Specifically, we completed a comprehensive audit that outlines the anticipated repair or



replacement of everything from roofs to water heaters. This projection allows us to better plan for these expenditures. In addition to the facilities audit, the leadership team, in tandem with the board, developed a budget for that same time period.

What is clear is that the needs of the school are great, and we will have to do significant fundraising to maintain this beautiful campus. In the next two years, the estimated cost of repairs is approximately \$2 million, and over the duration of a ten-year period, we will need to raise an additional \$3 million – and this is just to maintain our facilities, not to enhance them. To accomplish this, our advancement team is working tirelessly to apply for grants, create a planned giving program, and connect with donors who support our mission.

It is through generous donors like you that Linden Hall has been educating young women for more than 275 years. We are grateful for your gifts of time, treasure, and talent, and we look forward to your continued support.

# ETC Donations Help Transform the Future for Some Linden Hall Students

Through corporate and individual support, tuition assistance has been awarded to students who otherwise may not have been able to afford a Linden Hall education. The school strives to provide equal access to all academically talented students. Thank you to our 2021-2022 Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) donors for sharing the gift of an outstanding education with our community!

The state of Pennsylvania's EITC program allows both individuals and businesses to redirect tax dollars to Linden Hall School. When an approved individual or business contributes to Linden Hall, they receive tax credits up to 90% of their total contribution to the school.

When you participate in EITC, you help to make a Linden Hall education accessible to a diverse group of students, enriching our community and our students' overall experience.

We encourage all Linden Hall families and alumnae to take advantage of this unique opportunity to maximize their support of our school while enjoying the benefits of a tax credit. For more information on this powerful tax credit program that offers opportunities for our students, please contact Debbie Hurd, Director of Advancement at dhurd@lindenhall.org.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR EITC SUPPORT!

The following businesses and individuals supported the tuition assistance program through their EITC donations.

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# Congratulations Class of 2022

Linden Hall has strengthened my perception of opportunities. I truly believe that an opportunity is what guides an individual towards success and Linden Hall is so dedicated to providing them to its students.

Grace R. '22

# **CLASS OF 2022 MATRICULATIONS**

- > American University
- > Boston University
- > Bowdoin College
- > Duquesne University
- > Elizabethtown College
- > Emory University
- > Georgetown University
- > Grinnell College
- > Johnson & Wales
- > Lake Erie College
- > Lock Haven University

- Northeastern University
- > Pennsylvania State University (2)
- > Rice University
- > Rutgers University
- > Saint Leo's University
- > St. Olaf College
- > Temple University
- > University of California Davis
- > University of Delaware
- > University of Denver
- > University of Kentucky

- University of Michigan
- University of Mississippi
- University of Washington
- > University of Wisconsin
- > Ursinus College
- > Wellesley College
- > West Virginia University
- William Paterson University of New Jersey (2)

# Senior Awards

# Valedictorian Sherry Chen '22 Attending Northeastern University, attended Linden Hall for 3 years



The future is not predictable. There will always be more unanticipated events waiting for us. It is essential to embrace change and always look at the positive side to seek the best out of the experience.

# Salutatorian Su Lee '22 Attending Georgetown University, attenteded Linden Hall for 3 years

It takes a whole village to raise a child, and the teachers I had been looking for since I was a little girl were not just literal teachers. They were a community; friends, staff, dorm parents, friendly Lititz townsfolk, all of whom taught me invaluable lessons and made me the person I am today. I have faith that because of the friends we made, the teachers we had, and the lessons we learned, the class of 2022 will approach our lives and future careers with the same degree of love and passion that we've seen on this campus.





Linden Hall Medal: Abi-Grace Savizon '22 – Attending Rice University, attended Linden Hall for 4 years

This is the highest individual medal bestowed by the

school. It is awarded to the student who best exemplifies our values: scholarly achievement, character development, cultural awareness, and physical wellness.



Spirit of Linden Hall: Daisy Paredes '22 - Attending Wellesley College, attended Linden Hall for 4 years

The recipient of this award best represents the "Spirit of

Linden Hall" as indicated in our Statement of Community: truthful, fair and compassionate, respectful, and a contributor to our school and community.



Head of School Award: Jax Kouma '22 – Attending University of Delaware, attended Linden Hall for 1.5 years (11th grade mid-year transfer)

This award is given to a senior in recognition of extraordinary loyalty, compassion, and service to Linden Hall. The recipient leads by example, is highly respected by faculty and students, and leaves an indelible impact on the school.



**Linden Hall Legend: Rehema Karuri '22** – Attending Emory University, attended Linden Hall for 7 years

This special award is given to a student who began her Linden Hall journey in the sixth grade and remained a LH student through graduation.

# Cross Generational Learning A Partnership with Moravian Manor

In March of 2019, Linden Hall students first connected with Moravian Manor residents through a COVID-19 pen pal program. Over two years later, the partnership continues to flourish through discussion, service, and friendship. Each month, Linden Hall students gather with Moravian Manor residents to discuss contemporary issues on Zoom or in-person. This year, a community service component was added to the partnership, in which residents and students were able to go out into the community and volunteer together.

During one event, students and residents volunteered at the Wittel Farm and learned about food insecurity in Lancaster County. Together, they harvested over 200 pounds of produce that was given to Water Street Mission's Outreach Center in Lancaster City. In addition to volunteering outside of Moravian Manor, Linden Hall students also established a musical connection. Various students routinely visited residents to discuss their passion for music and to play alongside one another in performances for the Moravian Manor community. Our students were empowered all year long to share experiences across generations, form true mentorships, and partnerships with members of the Lititz Community, and give back to the world outside of the Linden Hall campus.





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# Maya Planeta '25 Named National Champion



Hosted at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA from April 28 – May 1, 2022, riders from across the country gathered for a special 20th Anniversary edition of the Interscholastic Equestrian Association's (IEA) National Finals. Linden Hall's decorated equestrian program, led by 2021 national reserve champion Gloria Wahl '22 and national champion Maya Planeta '25, added to its legacy with yet another stellar showing on the biggest of stages.

Competing as the only freshman in the otherwise upperclassmandominated Varsity Intermediate Test and Varsity Intermediate Dressage Seat Equitation divisions, Maya Planeta '25 rose to the challenge, outperforming her fellow division riders. Maya placed 1st and earned the title of National Champion in the Varsity Intermediate Test

division, while placing 3rd in the Varsity Intermediate Dressage Seat Equitation division. Her performance marks the second straight year that she has earned national championship honors from the Interscholastic Equestrian Association. "Competing at Nationals was a great experience and opportunity for me. I was able to meet people from all over the country, and I am so thankful for Erika Kurtz helping me through my riding journey," Maya said of her experience at Nationals.

Maya's champion-level performance in Harrisburg wrapped up a successful and dominant season. She placed 1st for the Linden Hall High School Team at Regionals – hosted at Linden

Hall on March 27, 2022 – in Intermediate Dressage Seat Equitation. She also earned 1st place in the individual divisions of Intermediate Dressage Seat Equitation and Intermediate Test.

The Linden Hall Equestrian Program is led by Trainer Erika Kurtz, who assumed the position as Riding Coordinator in the Fall of 2021 and features riders from the school, as well as from the greater Lancaster County community. Maya's performance at this year's IEA Nationals added yet another championship ribbon to the ever-growing collection housed at Linden Hall's Kaitlin E. Haughey Stables.



# Athletics in Review

### ARCHERY

The Linden Hall archery team continued to compete at a high level both in Pennsylvania and virtually across the country. The team participated in St. Jude's charity E-tournament, as well as state qualifying tournaments in the Lancaster area. At this year's Lititz Area Mennonite School state qualifier, Jesa Burleson '22 ranked 3rd in the high school girls' division with a score of 262.

### BASKETBALL

Varsity Basketball won its fourth straight District III 2A championship defeating Columbia High School, and made it to the Sweet 16 of the PIAA state tournament. Anastasiya Astapenka '22, Nadja Velisavljev '22, Jenadia Jordan '22, and Luna Kirby '22 all committed to play basketball at the collegiate level.

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

Melanie Hahn '23 and Helen Lu '24 both competed at the PIAA District III 1A meet, with Melanie placing 19th overall and finishing with a time of 23:36.4.

### EQUESTRIAN

Linden Hall dressage teams hosted Regionals this year and were crowned Reserve Champion. Maya Planeta '25 placed first in Regionals and advanced to Nationals, where she was named National Champion.

# SOCCER

Middle School soccer completed a full competitive season, with Alexa Lindsay '27 leading the team in goals scored.

# TENNIS

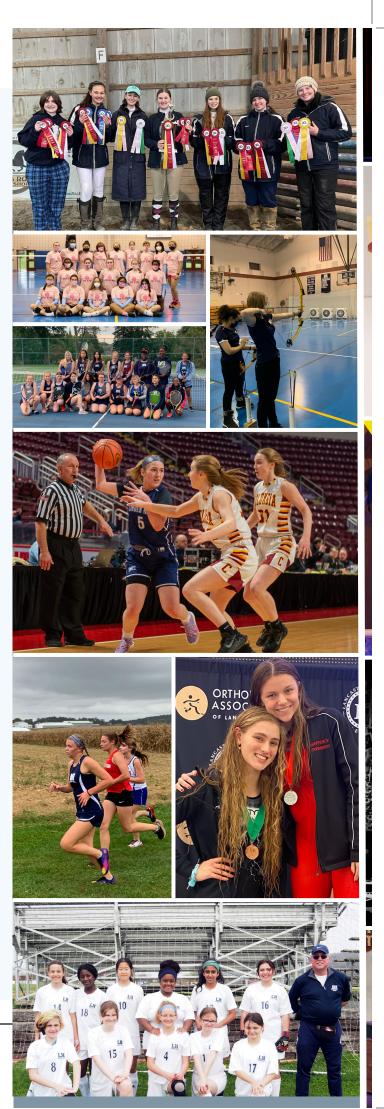
Varsity Tennis competed in several matches and exhibitions throughout the season. The team finished 6-7 in PIAA games and will join the LL League in the Fall of 2022..

# VOLLEYBALL

Varsity Volleyball played a full independent schedule for the first time since 2019 due to the impacts of COVID-19. The team competed well in preparation to join the LL League in the Fall of 2022.

### CO-OP SPORTS AT WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL

Linden Hall students competed in Warwick's swimming and track and field programs. Tenra Adams '24, Melanie Hahn '23, and Liz Perot '22 excelled for Warwick's swim team, competing in both district and state meets. Liz swam the 500 Free in the state finals, earning All-State Honorable Mention.













# MUSIC

We were thrilled to return to live concerts with in-person audiences this year! Our ensembles performed in our Fall Concert, Vespers, and the Spring Arts Extravaganza. In addition to our concerts, the Choir participated in Musea, and the Orchestra played in Music in the Parks Adjudication. We were so proud of our musicians who received "excellent" and "superior" ratings! Outside of our ensembles, we had an orchestra musician who shared her talents with the instrumentalists at Moravian Manor. This was such a wonderful experience for our students, and we are looking forward to joining them again this school year. We had numerous students participate in county, district, regional and state orchestra and band. They did a fine job of representing Linden Hall at each of these auditions and performances. Six of our senior musicians, Sherry Chen '22, Delaney Gable '22, Rehema Karuri '22, Daisy Paredes '22, Becky Viscusi '22, and Gloria Wahl '22 received recognition from the Lancaster-Lebanon Music Educators Association for outstanding dedication and musicianship.

# Arts in Review

# THEATRE

The best news for our Theater Program is that we were finally able to perform onstage in front of live audiences! Our fall play, Leaving Iowa, was a poignant comedy about a family vacation and a son coming to terms with his father's legacy. Our spring production, PUFFS, parodied a certain school of wizarding and magic. This wellknown play is one of the most produced plays in American high schools and was definitely a crowd pleaser. New inductees in our International Thespian Troupe include Naiyana Camara '22, Naomi Cox '24, Sara Holler '24, Ellen McDaniel '24, Halee Morrissey '24, Daisy Paredes '22. and Rehema Karuri '22. Prior to COVID. our Parents' Arts Boosters had generously provided 30 tickets to Lancaster's Fulton Theatre to see *TITANIC: The Musical*. The tickets were finally used to provide trips to the theater to see four productions. Our students greatly appreciated this opportunity!

# PHOTOGRAPHY

Mia Rossi '23 added to her long list of award-winning photographs as she received

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two Honorable Mentions and a Gold Key in the Regional 2022 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, presented by Lancaster Museum of Art and Lancaster County Youth Artists Awards (LYCA), and an American Visions Nomination (Photography) for her photograph "Max."

#### **VISUAL ARTS**

Our Visual Artists were very productive this school year. Led by Ms. Workman, our students participated in the Souper Bowl for the sixth straight year. Several of our artists earned prestigious awards for their artwork. Sadie Chow '23 was awarded the "Pauline Stauffer Award of Excellence 2022" - an award given by the Demuth Foundation "In memory of Pauline Stauffer recognized for her selfless promotion of student art exhibition in Lancaster County." Joining a long list of past Linden Hall award-winning artists in both the Scholastic Arts and the LYCA competitions, this year's winners included students from both our upper and middle schools. Manasbi Bista '22 and Sadie Chow '23 received an Honorable Mention in the Scholastic Arts competition; Sadie Chow '23, Manasbi Bista '22, and Melanie Hahn '23 received Honorable Mentions in the LYCA competition; and Rachel Fowle '25 and Maddie Martin '27 received Gold Awards in the LYCA competition.

Did you know?

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# 1972

CLASS WITH HIGHEST TOTAL DONATION DOLLAR AMOUNT

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# 1969

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**32%** 

# 80

NEW DONORS THIS YEAR

# 73

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BOARD	FULL-TIME	CURRENT	ALUMNAE
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# 360

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# Alumnae Reunion

In early April, after a two-year hiatus, Linden Hall welcomed alumnae back to campus for Reunion Weekend. What an amazing weekend it was!

Alumnae Reunion kicked off Friday afternoon with our Virtual Senior Tea. Our senior class had the privilege of chatting with alumnae about their Linden Hall experiences, and alumnae were able to offer advice to the girls who were a little over a month away from graduation. After Senior Tea, Linden Hall hosted a Virtual Trivia Night. Participants were divided into teams and quizzed on general knowledge trivia. The whole event was so much fun and allowed alumnae across all years and locations to meet.

Saturday was the first time since 2019 that alumnae were able to celebrate Reunion Weekend on campus. The day began with the chance to view our Linden Hall History Exhibit, followed by a beautiful chapel service in the Mary Dixon Chapel. Students in the Bell Choir performed, featuring the first ever Bell Choir duet performance in Linden Hall history. After Chapel, attendees made their way to the Alumnae Lunch where classmates could catch up with old friends and former faculty members. Head of School, Dr. Nan Wodarz, welcomed everyone back to campus, and Grace Remollino '22 read her research paper on the history of Linden Hall.

The afternoon ended with the annual Alumnae Association Meeting. Courtney Myers '93, President of the Alumnae Association, honored faculty member, Claudia Prosack, as an Honorary Alumna.

Saturday concluded with guided tours around campus, led by some of our student ambassadors. Alumnae were able to walk the halls of the buildings and hear about our students' lives at Linden Hall today.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 2022 Reunion weekend.









# Linden Hall Heritage Society

A special type of legacy is a planned gift, which ensures long-term financial security for Linden Hall. The type of giving varies depending on the unique needs of the donor; it might be a bequest, life insurance, an individual retirement account, etc.

By remembering our school in your estate planning, you can ensure that the path to a Linden Hall education will remain accessible for young women of future generations. We are grateful to the many donors who are members of the Linden Hall Heritage Society. These planned gifts have and will continue to have a transformative effect on Linden Hall, permitting the school to more accurately plan for the future, while keeping the cost of a Linden Hall education affordable for current and future students.

If you would like more information about how to include Linden Hall in your estate plans, please contact Debbie Hurd, Director of Advancement, at 717-626-8512 or <u>dhurd@lindenhall.org</u>.

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