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head, heart, and hands of highly motivated
students from all walks of life, inspiring them
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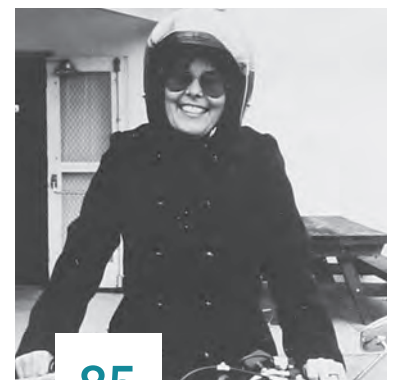
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An Interim Year

and small, conscious and unconscious; paradoxically, they can be both unnerving and critically important. It is a time when uncertainty generates possibility, challenging the norms and habits that may not always be healthy or good. The pandemic thrust us into a massive space of uncertainty from which we are only now emerging, the effects of which may linger for some time to come. Layer on massive economic, social, and political disruptions and you come to realize the significant importance of this moment in history for our school, our communities, and the world.

Lick-Wilmerding is on its own journey of transition. This magazine, the first in

The complexity of the liminal space has long intrigued me. Liminal spaces are spaces of transition—the place that exists between what is known and what is unknown. Throughout our lives we are constantly navigating liminal spaces, both large

two years, acknowledges the liminal space in which we find ourselves. And while there have been many challenges, you will see many more reasons to be hopeful, with reflections on **ERIC TEMPLE**'s tenure as head of school to the exciting transition to **RAJ MUNDRA**'s future leadership. There's renewed commitment to the Strategic Plan 2020-2025, a new leadership structure that continues to evolve to meet the needs of an increasingly complex school, and increasing strength in enrollment, specifically as it relates to our flexible tuition goals and intentions of creating a

diverse community. During this year, we have focused on rebuilding a strong sense of community, rebuilding and evolving systems, and recommitting to our mission. LWHS is a unique school; balancing the identity of the school rooted in its distinctive history with a deep desire to evolve to best serve students of the future, while maintaining our commitment to being a school with a larger public purpose, will be an exciting challenge for the future.

As you come into this new year and reflect on the ways in which your own life and communities are living in liminal spaces, I encourage you

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to embrace the opportunity before you, for it is only in times of uncertainty when we are forced to dive into the discomfort of change—change that allows us to reimagine a better future.



Katie Titus
INTERIM HEAD OF SCHOOL



Left: Ella Carter Fenster, Mizan Chin, and Franny Nakada reunited with their history teacher, Yeshi Gusfield (third to right), for a quick selfie.

Below: Kylie Gursky, Paris Hing, Cecille Pardo, and Ryleen Edwards have lots to smile about finishing their four years at LWHS.



speech with one final check-in question for the year, “What first comes to mind when you think of the Class of 2022?” His answer is “connection.”

It is clear that the connection and spark this class developed from their first day at LWHS as ninth graders are what powered them through all four years at LWHS, even though a year and a half of that time was intermittently interrupted. And we are confident that these connections, bonds, and sparks made at LWHS will continue to support and guide each member of the Class of 2022 in the next chapter of their lives. In Felix’s words,

“As we go off into this crazy world, we’ll never know for sure what life will throw our way. But we will always have each other and we will never lose that spark! Class of 2022, let’s go out there, build the world we want to see, and stay connected the whole way.”

Congratulations to the Class of 2022!

Graduation 2022

On Saturday, May 28, friends and family of the Class of 2022, along with faculty and staff, gathered at Oracle Park to celebrate the newest alumni from Lick-Wilmerding High School.

The Class of 2022, comprised of 134 hard-working and talented individuals, proudly accepted their diplomas from Head of School **ERIC TEMPLE** and LWHS Board Member **MIKA VARMA**. The graduates and audience were captivated by student-elected speaker **FELIX FEIN**, who began his



Above, left: Mila Fong Gougoutas, Callie Tzab, Mila Matos, and Maya Martinez-Krams take a moment for a quick photo before the ceremony begins.

Left: Graduate Katerina Kipp with her mother, and college counselor, Krista Klein.

Above: Commencement speaker, who was nominated by his class, Felix Fein.

“As we go beyond Lick and for many of us outside the Bay Area bubble, we will become ambassadors. And each of us will have an impact on those we meet. It will be up to each of us to connect with those in our new communities and put into action the ideals we have learned at Lick to lift up others, whether standing up for a friend, holding power accountable, or fighting for justice — in the classroom, on the street, or at the capitol. It is time to move beyond ourselves, stand up, bring people together, and make our voices heard. Let’s be the spark that changes where we are, no matter where that is.”



Left: It's not a "peace out" but a "see you soon"! Remember, once a tiger, always a tiger! Erika Tam, Dominique Cabading, Annabel Schneiberg, Cybele Bourelly, Rachel Gonzalez, and Ryleen Edwards.

Below: Ruthie Zapol, Zack Rivitz, Lucy Park, and Yaya Harman look excited for graduation to begin.

Bottom, left: Alexandra Pate and Lucy Park share a quick smile together before they walk into the stadium.



“Our time at Lick has been frequently interrupted by some of the gravest tragedies of our generation and many equally historic moments of justice. Lick has made us aware of the complex systems of oppression in the real world we are about to enter, and it is time for us to take action.”



“It is the will of each of you here today that have taken a risk—put yourself out there for the sake of the group—that has shown the power of connection. Again, it’s that spark that leads us to go to great lengths to make each other smile and to simply be there for each other.”

Top: Members of the Class of 2022 happily show off their diplomas after graduating! From left to right: Ayden Bitanga, Zachary Lee, Jace Borkholder, Jordan Lynch, Ikiru Kawaii, Ryan Liu, Nathan Mak, Raya Shveyd, Ramon Yusuf (kneeling), Collin Rushing, Kevin Guevarra, Jamie Eu, and Bryan Jiang.

Above: Friends and family of graduate Jayvyn Morthel celebrate outside of Oracle Park.



“I am continually amazed by what this class has made – both physically, but also how you have made friendships and relationships, stronger than a weld or wood glue or a back stitch. Ultimately, it is making connections that will prove to be the most permanent accomplishment you have achieved at LWS. You are all makers, and you have the skills to make your futures.” —ERIC TEMPLE

Top: Congratulations to the Class of 2022! Front row, from left to right: Jaime Eu, Ryan Liu, Bryan Jiang, and Ikiru Kawaii. Back row, from left to right: Ramon Yusuf, Nathan Mak, Minh Ly, Kevin Guevarra, Colin Rushing, Jace Borkholder, Raya Shveyd, and Zachary Lee.

Above, left: These are the smiles you see after you graduate! From left to right: Peter Brownrigg, Marco Donohoe, Matias Gersberg, Evan Aubry, and Alex Mader

Above: Frankie Solinsky-Duryea finds Shaun Lopez, one of his history teachers, at the ceremony for a photo.



Zachary Lee, Kevin Guevarra, Ryan Liu, Ben Pennell, and Phoebe Russell can't stop smiling after their graduation ceremony.

College Destinations for the Class of 2022

Congratulations to the Class of 2022!

We look forward to hearing about the adventures, new interests, experiences, and skills that make up the next chapter of your lives. We are confident that you will make the most of the head, heart, and hands education you received at LWHS and will embrace your journeys as curious lifelong learners. We encourage you to keep in touch!

Listed are the college choices from the Class of 2022, which represent over 70 different educational institutions. The number of parentheses indicates the number of graduates planning to attend the school when there are multiple.

Eight members of the Class of 2022 are taking a Gap Year/Gap Semester.

AMDA College and Conservatory of the Performing Arts	Santa Barbara City College
American University	Santa Clara University (2)
Arizona State University	Scripps College
Barnard College	Smith College
Berklee College of Music (2)	Spelman College
Boston College	Stanford University (3)
Boston University (3)	Syracuse University
Brandeis University	Tufts University
Brown University (3)	Tulane University (4)
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo (3)	University of Chicago
California State University, Chico	University of Idaho
Carleton College (2)	University of Michigan (3)
Case Western Reserve University	University of Notre Dame
Champlain College	University of Pennsylvania
Cornell University	University of Richmond
San Jose State University	University of Rochester
Dartmouth College	University of Southern California
Duke University	University of St. Andrews
George Washington University (2)	University of Vermont
Hamilton College	University of Virginia
Harvard College	University of Washington
Howard University	University of California, Berkeley (7)
Kenyon College (2)	University of California, Davis (2)
Lehigh University	University of California, Irvine
Loyola University Chicago	University of California, Los Angeles (3)
McGill University (2)	University of California, Santa Barbara (3)
Middlebury College (2)	University of California, Santa Cruz (2)
New York University (7)	University of British Columbia
Northeastern University (3)	University of Wisconsin
Northwestern University	Vanderbilt University (2)
Oberlin College (2)	Vassar College (2)
Occidental College (2)	Washington University at St. Louis (4)
Oregon State University	Wellesley College
Pitzer College (2)	Wesleyan University
Pomona College (2)	Williams College
Princeton University (2)	Yale University (3)
Reed College (2)	
Rice University (3)	

Leadership Transitions

BY LARA WITTER



Perspective on Change

By Board Chair, Kim Drew

At the board and across the entire LWHS community, we're embracing the valuable opportunities that come with leadership transitions. Throughout last year's Head of School search processes, we were able to hear from the entire community about the school's strengths and desired priorities for its next leader. Now, having **KATIE TITUS** in place for this interim year is providing the school with a fresh, outside perspective from a seasoned school head. All of this input is invaluable as we adapt the school's strategic plan, *Weaving a Vibrant Learning Community*, to a post-pandemic world and prepare to usher in a new era under Raj's leadership.

This has also been a time to reflect on what is core and enduring to LWHS. From the community feedback sessions and surveys, a wonderful list emerged: academic excellence; Head, Heart, and Hands curriculum; Public

Purpose Program; committed faculty and close student-teacher relationships; deep commitment to diversity, inclusion and access; and the technical, performing, and visual arts programs. One especially memorable piece of feedback was to "keep the quirk," capturing a community ethos that prizes "outside the box" thinking, being and creating.

From the board, a constant sentiment throughout this time of change is gratitude. Deep gratitude to **ERIC TEMPLE** for eleven years of outstanding leadership. And gratitude to the entire community—students, faculty, staff, alumni, families and caregivers, past and present—for actively engaging in these transitions and collectively shepherding LWHS's values and culture.

With appreciation on behalf of the board,

Kim Drew
Chair, Board of Trustees



Lick-Wilmerding High School was not part of my plan.

As a native Vermonter who has only worked in schools in New England and Pennsylvania, I was not seriously exploring west coast opportunities. I am also not the typical interim candidate who would be more likely at the end of their career of school leadership. Personally, I was at a crossroads, doing deep discernment about whether being a head of school was still part of my future, uncertain about whether there was still joy to be found in the work. And then I met Lick-Wilmerding High School. The unique history and mission captured my attention, specifically the school's

commitment to being a private school with a public purpose. That statement connects deeply with me as a product of public school education, so I was intrigued. I began conversations with the search committee and learned of the tender space the community found itself in after an unsuccessful head search. I instantly felt compelled to continue my exploration of a possible fit. So I visited campus and had an inspired tour of the school-in-action by then Board chair, **LARA WITTER**, and co-chair of the search committee and alumnus, **CAMERON YUEN-SHORE 2005**. I met people who loved LWHS and what the school had done for them and for their children, and I witnessed a place of learning

that was vibrant, diverse, and hopeful. The final step of the process was a series of Zoom meetings with various constituencies when I was asked probing questions about my leadership style and where I realized the deep craving of a community of people who were seeking a relational leader who could help them be reminded of their purpose and the deep strength of their community. I was hooked, and for the first time in my career, I was not chasing a job but rather being called to serve a community.

While having an interim was not originally part of the LWHS plan, we quickly engaged our optimism muscles realizing the potential benefits, especially at this time. Yes, the school was grieving an unsuccessful search, and yet, there was much to learn from the experience, AND there were real possibilities

Perspective from the Interim Year

By Katie Titus

“Lick-Wilmerding has reminded me of why I love leading in schools —it has been and always will be about the people. I was called to serve this school in this unique moment of its history and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to learn and grow in the process.”



Far left: Katie Titus demonstrates her basketball shooting skills at a community meeting.

Left: Katie Titus and History faculty member Shaun Lopez talk some shop—Basketball!

for an interim that could be a silver lining for the school and ultimately the permanent head. In working closely with board leadership and **ERIC TEMPLE** during the spring of 2022, supported by two trips to campus to meet with faculty and staff, students, and parent and alumni leadership groups, it was clear that the top priorities for the interim year were to re-establish a strong sense of community and help the school emerge from the pandemic, with a deepened commitment to joy and the exciting future under the leadership of **RAJ MUNDRA**.

As a person who leads from the core values of truth and optimism, it was easy to see the incredible strengths of the school. The faculty and staff are intentional about being at LWHS for its unique culture and that is not more apparent than in looking at how far people commute each day to be there. The adult community is passionate about their work and their students, and they connect deeply to the mission

of the school. Of course, Lick would not be Lick without the students. The one common message I heard throughout my listening tour was how amazing the kids were, and boy, were they right! The students of today's LWHS are engaging, driven, kind, diverse, and welcoming. The most important resource of a school is its people, and we can all celebrate the richness of that resource at LWHS! Beyond the people, the programming remains unique; the Public Purpose Program (PPP) inspires social activism among students and the shops remain a transformational space where students learn practical skills that infuse the ways in which they engage their education broadly. It is truly inspirational to see what these kids produce, in their classrooms, on the stage, and in the community.

And while there's so much to be optimistic about, it is also apparent that there are some hard truths to face. The school was emerging from

the impact of two and a half years of pandemic restrictions, during which time, the student population was intentionally grown by 100 students, reaching the strategic goal enrollment of 550 to fill the new academic building. In November of 2019, the Board adopted a five year Strategic Plan, and there was growing enthusiasm for the school's future under Eric's leadership. Then, the world shut down and everything changed. What is incredible is how much the school has been able to accomplish against the plan without the benefit of the necessary resources of time and money to devote to it. Coming out of the pandemic, we are re-engaging the plan, rebuilding the sense of community that was eroded in recent years due to unforeseen circumstances, and setting the school back on the path toward an incredible future. By the end of this year, if the transition work is successful, people should feel reconnected to a strong sense of purpose around the mission,

be reintroduced and guided by core tenets of the Strategic Plan, and have systems rebuilt to support the daily work of education of this generation of LHWS students to lead in a complex and changing world.

While this was not my plan, it has certainly proven to be a path well chosen. Lick-Wilmerding has reminded me of why I love leading in schools—it has been and always will be about the people. I was called to serve this school in this unique moment of its history and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to learn and grow in the process. My network of family and friends calls us back to New England next year where I will be the Head of School at Moses Brown School, a Quaker nursery through 12th grade school, in Providence, R.I. Being at LWHS for this year set a new bar for my expectations of my school communities and I am proud to call myself a Tiger.

Once a Tiger, always a Tiger!

Interim Head of School
Katie Titus and Raj Mundra,
LWHS' 14th Head of School



Administrative Transitions

With the retirement of Randy Barnett after 21 years, his position as Assistant Head of School was divided into two positions to better serve the needs of the student and adult communities. Thus, there are three new deans: two new roles and one consistent role, with two new deans and one returning dean. These new positions and faces are the following:



Alegria Barclay

Dean of Faculty

As Dean of Faculty, Alegria's primary role is to support faculty and to ensure that they have the professional growth opportunities, resources, and time to nurture and inspire our students. Within that work, she is intent on crafting trusting, collaborative, and meaningful relationships with faculty, staff, parents and students. During her

first few months here at Lick, she has enjoyed meeting one-on-one with every faculty member and seeing what passion and drive they bring to their work. She's also been auditing the 9th grade DT class which has been a fantastic way to meet students and immerse herself in one of Lick's core programs that make us so unique! She has had a

wide array of experiences prior to Lick: from her most recent role as the Director of Social Justice and Equity at the Nueva School to an English teacher in both Prague, Bangkok and at Alameda High School. She's also worked as a Book and Paper Conservator for the New York Historical Society and as a Middle School Librarian.



Kate Wiley

Dean of Teaching & Learning

In her 17th year as a history faculty member, and after 9 years as the Dean of Students, Kate Wiley is excited to transition to her new role, and the purposeful work to re-envision the curricular map and support the growth of teaching and

learning at LWHS. With her prior work experience, including curriculum design work for Bay Area nonprofits, she brings a depth of knowledge about teaching and learning, and is eager to co-lead the LWHS faculty and staff in implementing the

values and objectives of the current strategic plan. Kate is deeply connected to LWHS and its mission, specifically its commitment to diversity, equity and belonging and brings considerable institutional knowledge to the leadership team.



Raquel Oliva-Gomez

Dean of Students

Raquel brings a wealth of experience to this position; she has been the Dean of Students at Riordan High School, Mercy High School, and Oakland Charter High School (where she was also the principal). She is also a San Francisco native and graduate of Lowell High School (Class of 1994). In her role as Dean of Students, Raquel leads the Student Support Services (SSS) Team and co-chairs the Emergency Preparedness Team. The SSS team works to make sure there is a support plan for students who may be facing challenges navigating any social and academic pressures that come along with the transition into high school

and beyond. As well, she has stepped into the club advisor role for Every Mind Matters Club (a safe space to discuss the mental health stigma) and the KABA Club (promoting unity and appreciation of Filipino culture); is a site champion for the Rock the Street, Wall Street program to help female students increase financial and investing literacy; and, she attends the Multiracial Alliance Club, where students engage in conversations relating to their “mixed-ness.” She is also excited about the opportunity to work with the deans, the Center, and the class reps to plan several of this year’s grade level retreats. She

is a tireless advocate for students, has a creative ability to bring people together in common purpose, and is committed to helping students learn and grow through their high school journey.

One of her goals is to make sure that every Lick student is known, cared for, and has the support they need in a safe and welcoming learning environment so they can discover their authentic self, explore their passions, and create lasting memories. She also hopes to infuse the world with a full color spectrum of joy every chance she gets and aspires to share a smile with everyone in the Lick community.



Eric Temple reflects upon his time at LWHS. He'll always be watching over the Lick Tigers.

A Retrospective: Eric Temple's Leadership

As LWHS' 13th Head of School, **ERIC TEMPLE** was an incredible leader and steward of LWHS over his 11-year tenure. A quick glance at "Eric's Tenure" (see page 19) demonstrates the school's evolution and maturation under his leadership.

Beyond the bullet points, some of Eric's accomplishments include developing two strategic plans—*Building the Future* and *Weave a Vibrant Learning Community*. Under *Building the Future* from 2013-2018, he conducted a campus master plan; renovated the main classroom building, thereby transforming the LWHS campus; raised a \$28M Capital Campaign for this renovation; and developed the Habits of Mind curriculum- Imagine, Inquire, Collaborate, Persist, Reflect- that are now integral to LWHS' shared vocabulary for student learning and mastery. In addition, a four-year public purpose program was developed, with initiatives run and managed by the Center for Civic Engagement. During this time, he also worked with the administration and faculty to better align the curriculum across sections for more equitable teaching. He then launched the *Weave a Vibrant Learning Community* in



Eric Temple showcasing his Fab overall creation under the guidance of faculty member Laurel Nathanson.

the fall of 2019 whose focus is to provide and weave support for our entire community and prepare students to successfully navigate an increasingly complex society. While the pandemic slowed this work, progress has been made, particularly around teacher benefits and support and nurturing an inclusive community. This plan is the blueprint for LWHS' current priorities and serves as a roadmap for Katie and Raj as they lead LWHS these next few years.

Eric also courageously led LWHS through the Covid-19 pandemic. He prioritized care of the entire community, ensuring that community members had access to support for online learning and kept every employee employed during the pandemic. He worked tirelessly with the San Francisco

Department of Public Health (SFDPH), making LWHS one of the first Bay Area independent schools to reopen. The school's Covid-19 webpage was a model for both SF Rec and Park and the City of San Francisco. And, through the hard work of Eric, administrators and teachers, LWHS continuously pivoted and iterated on schedules and strategies to provide excellent instruction and support to students and families. As well, to safely bring our community back together, LWHS had a first-class testing program which has also been a template for other institutions.

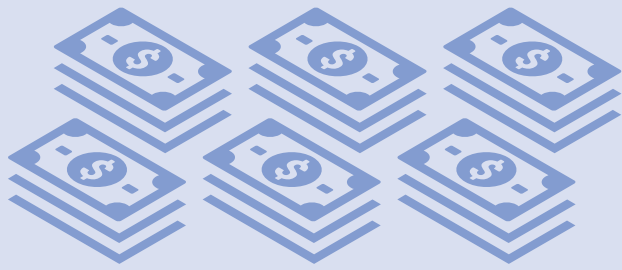
LWHS' mission and its students were always at the center of Eric's decision making. He had a deep commitment to Flexible Tuition and its ability to provide access to an LWHS education

to students from "all walks of life," committing 25% of tuition revenue to the Flexible Tuition budget, increasing this budget from \$4.4M to \$7.2M over his tenure, and increasing the number of students on Flexible Tuition from 175 to 186 students. He championed the school's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion work. Some *continued on page 20*

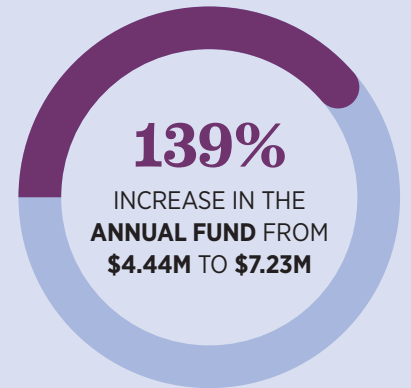
“You have been more than a “worthy successor.” Indeed, you have been extraordinary. If I helped guide Lick through its modern-day adolescence and young adulthood, you have led it to maturity.”

—AL ADAMS, LWHS' 12TH HEAD OF SCHOOL, SUMMARIZING ERIC TEMPLE'S 11-YEAR TENURE AT LWHS

ERIC'S 11-YEAR TENURE



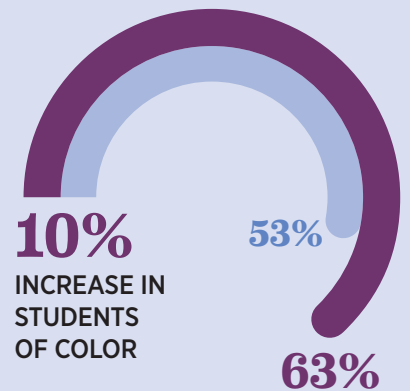
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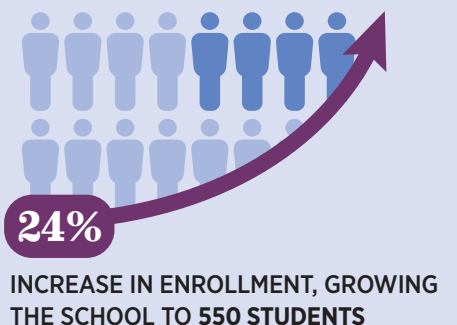
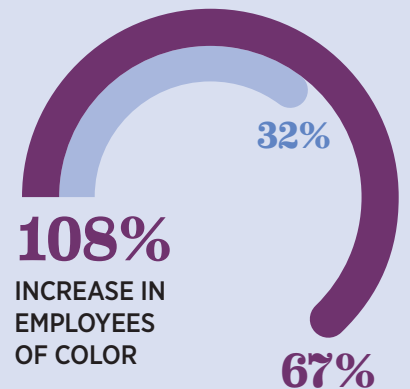
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INCREASED THE NUMBER
OF STUDENTS ON
FLEXIBLE TUITION
BY 8%



And more....

- Launched **Restorative Practice Initiative**
- Published **LWHS' Equity and Accountability** webpage
- Launched **Equity Pedagogy**
- Created **Inclusion Chairs** for both the **Parents' Association** and **Student Council**
- Created **Affinity Groups: AIF, AM, Family Networks**
- Created of the **Dean of Adult Equity and Inclusion**
- Created a **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Round Table**



of the touchstones include: increasing diversity of the faculty and staff and student communities, establishing the positions of Dean of Adult Equity and Inclusion and Director of Student Inclusion, conducting on-going professional development, creating our Family Networks along with student of color groups, creating the DEI roundtable for different school constituencies to share experiences and practices, and launching LWHS' webpage on Equity and Accountability and the Restorative Practices Initiative. He also left the school on strong financial footing and with a deep applicant pool.

Eric brought "such heart to his role in the community." Community members who worked with him noted his humor, compassion, high degree of empathy, humility, and his wisdom and breadth of knowledge in education and beyond. Above and beyond his many accomplishments at LWHS, Eric is recognized for his leadership in the independent school world, serving on the boards of a number of Bay Area private schools and assuming leadership positions of the National Association of Independent Schools, most recently chairing the Equity and Justice committee.



Eric has left LWHS a robust and vibrant institution, centered squarely on its mission to "develop the head, heart, and hands of highly motivated students from all walks of life, inspiring them to become lifelong learners who contribute to the world with confidence and compassion."

Top: Eric Temple is recognized for his years of service at the final FacStaff meeting in May 2022.

Above: Eric Temple, Christine Sebastian and Molly French sport their LWHS baseball jerseys at the 2021 graduation.

Two strategic plans—*Building the Future* and *Weave a Vibrant Learning Community*—laid the foundation and have set the direction of LWHS' evolution over the past 11 years.



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thread: Educate for Life

LWHS educates for life. We nurture the healthy development of the whole person and inspire both students and adults to become weavers—those who actively build communities.

Through small actions and large initiatives, members of the LWHS community will learn to weave their relationships, skills, and knowledge to meet the challenges of a changing world.

LWHS has always focused on educating the whole person through its Head, Heart, Hands philosophy,

which is fundamental to our strong academic program. The public purpose program is integral to realizing this vision. Additionally, educational experiences that foster empathy for others, focus on the physical and emotional well being of our community, and promote integrated thinking will prepare students for life. The LWHS experience enables students to navigate adult life well beyond high school and college.



goals LWHS will:

-  Nurture a community of passionate lifelong learners who strive for a sense of purpose in their work and gain fulfillment through healthy relationships.
-  Guide students to collaborate, participate, and lead in their work for a more just world.
-  Support the social and emotional health of LWHS students through fostering a sense of community, self awareness, empathy, and inclusion.
-  Engage the school community, including alumni, in a lifelong dialogue and partnership.

strategies

- 1 Using the building blocks of the current Habits of Mind—Imagine, Inquire, Collaborate, Persist, and Reflect—LWHS will reexamine and broaden the Habits of Mind needed to develop the whole person and educate for life.
- 2 With these Habits of Mind, LWHS will review and enhance current programs (such as public purpose, equity, social justice, antiracism, wellness, belonging, and environmental sustainability) to optimize impact and promote innovation.
- 3 As LWHS assesses current programming and develops new initiatives, we will prioritize students' physical well being and mental health.
- 4 LWHS will assess our use of time (both daily and over four years), to ensure that it aligns with the Habits of Mind and supports a healthy learning environment.
- 5 LWHS will expand engagement with our multi-generational alumni community to create lifelong dialogue, relationships, and ongoing teaching, learning, and mentoring experiences.

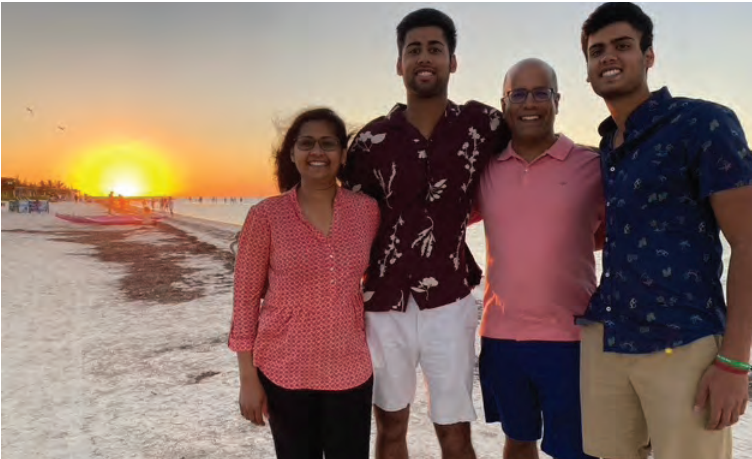


Raj Mundra meets with Student Inclusion Chairs, Nathan Rivera 2024 and Senai Wilks 2024, during a recent visit to campus.

Looking Forward: A Conversation with Raj Mundra, LWHS' 14th Head of School

Raj Mundra, currently the Deputy Head of School for Academics and Student Affairs at the Phillips Academy Andover, will be LWHS' 14th Head of School. From the outset of the Head of School search process through the final stages, Raj's educational philosophy and LWHS' mission and values are deeply aligned. Raj wrote in his Education Statement:

“In today’s global society, I believe it is a school’s obligation to prepare students to make informed choices and become engaged citizens who understand different types of humanity....To engage meaningfully and sustainably with a strong, academic liberal arts program, the best schools create an intentionally diverse community where students know they belong, can be vulnerable and honest, and feel loved...When a healthy culture and excellent curriculum are in place, I have seen students from many backgrounds develop into courageous leaders who think independently, work collaboratively, learn joyfully, and champion change.”



Left: Meet the Mundra family. From left to right: Raj's wife, Kavita, son Akshay, Raj, and son Ishaan.

Below left: The Mundra family, from left to right: Ishaan, Raj, Kavita, and Akshay



These words reflect LWHS' mission in so many ways: touching on "engaged citizens, an intentionally diverse community where students know they belong, and students from many backgrounds developing into courageous leaders."

Raj also has an impressive breadth and depth of experience. He has over 30 years in independent schools: as a teacher, an academic advisor, an administrator focused on innovative and

highly regarded teaching and learning environments, a football coach, a house counselor and a mentor. Moreover, he launched Niswarth (Hindi for "not for self"), Andover's flagship international service learning program. Embodying Gandhi's philosophy of Be the Change You Wish to See in the World, the goal of the program is to prepare students for an increasingly complex and interconnected world, focusing on the values of humility,

empathy and gratitude. This hallmark program also aligns with LWHS' work as a private school with a public purpose.

Raj has deep experience in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion work. To name a few: he has led inclusive pedagogical practices in the curriculum; worked with department chairs to create DEI frameworks for the teaching departments; collaborated with the Dean of Faculty to oversee hiring and evaluation practices to build and support a diverse faculty; and served as a co-leader of the Andover Faculty Men of Color group.

Raj enjoys building community by bringing people together, listening to various perspectives and experiences, and holding ourselves accountable to what we say we want to accomplish.



Fall 2022 Q&A with Raj after his visit to LWHS

What drew me to Lick and has me excited about the opportunity?

"I was drawn by the school's mission to develop and to connect the head, heart and hands of a diverse group of students. As I learned more about the school, it was also clear the community cares deeply about each student's health and well-being. I was inspired by the curriculum that promotes curiosity, creativity, reflection and innovation through integrating design thinking, ethical thinking, problem solving and collaboration. The Center for Civic Engagement also aligned with my values of service and citizenship. Lick's commitment and ongoing work with DEI is an incredible independent

school model for how to open doors and create a culture of belonging. The more I learn about the school community, the more I am eager to support everyone connected to the school."

What most surprised you about your recent visit to LWHS and your first opportunity to meet the community?

I was not sure what to expect, and I was so impressed with the kindness and honesty in my conversations with adults and students. The diversity and inclusivity of the community is striking, and I felt how core that is to the learning environment when I spoke with the student inclusion chairs and student

council about their experiences and hopes for the school. The discussions with faculty and seeing faculty teach classes was an absolute highlight—their commitment to student growth in and outside of the classroom is clear.

What are your thoughts on the transition this upcoming year?

I've been in consistent conversation with Katie and Kim since last summer, and we talk about the current challenges and opportunities within the community. Many of the discussions around building community and supporting faculty, staff and students align with my current work at Andover. I look forward to learning, listening, and understanding the needs of the Lick community as well as I can this year, and certainly after we move to San Francisco next summer.

What is a fun fact about yourself that you would like to share with the LWHS community?

I have lived and taught in schools on four continents. I love sunsets. My wife and I enjoy long walks exploring new places.

What has surprised/excited you about your visits to San Francisco/West Coast to date?

My wife and I are excited to live in a diverse, urban community with so much natural beauty. The variety of delicious food has been incredible! We love being outdoors, and can't wait to explore different parts of the Bay Area. I have also picked up the local energy around innovation, new ideas, starting and failing, developing resilience, and the confluence of cultures working and living together. We are looking forward to joining the community soon!

LWHS is also looking forward to Raj's arrival in July 2023!



All Walks of Life

BY DAVION FLEMING, DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

“All walks of life.” In my time at Lick-Wilmerding, families from across the San Francisco Bay area come to LWHS because of this singular phrase in the middle of our mission statement. Most of us are familiar with the legacy James Lick, Jellis Clute Wilmerding, and Miranda Lux left behind: to serve and be enriched by students from all walks of life. In the late 1800’s and into the turn of the 20th century, this meant offering free education to both boys and girls, teaching them technical and vocational skills for a public purpose.

While LWHS began charging tuition in the mid-1970’s, the school never lost sight of serving students from all walks of life. Thus, Lick-Wilmerding opened its doors to 50 Aim High students in 1986, empowering disadvantaged youth to take their first steps to graduate from high school and college. Many LWHS alumni had their first “Lick-Wilmerding” experience through the Aim High program.

Today, the legacy of Lick, Wilmerding, and Lux has grown as we take bigger strides in serving students from all walks of life. With easier access to data and resources, we can better measure each stride we take in living our mission. To see just how far have we come since we first opened our doors in 1895, take a look at the figures to the right.

As alumni, your successes and triumphs have helped make LWHS one of the most sought-after high schools in the Bay Area, boasting roughly 1,000 applications each year. Be proud. The next time you walk onto campus, know that you hold the legacy of our founders and each step you take opens bigger doors for future Tigers to also walk through.

They come from throughout the Bay Area:

70
ZIP CODES

30%
OF STUDENTS FROM
THE EAST BAY AND
PENINSULA

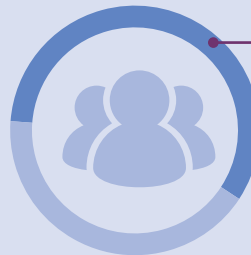
They come from over 150 middle schools:

25%
FROM PUBLIC SCHOOL

15%
FROM PAROCHIAL



They represent diverse identities*:



65%
SELF-IDENTIFIED
STUDENTS OF COLOR

- **11%** African American/Black
- **38%** Asian/Asian American
- **18%** Hispanic/Latinx
- **40%** Multi-racial

**Students may hold more than one racial/ethnic identity. These numbers are reflective of that.*

They are supported by the school’s Flexible Tuition program:

33%
OF THE STUDENT BODY
RECEIVES SOME AMOUNT
OF FLEXIBLE TUITION



- Their average tuition cost is **\$18K**
- LWHS dedicates over **\$7M** to our Flexible Tuition budget

2021-2022 Milestones: Faculty & Staff Years of Service at LWHS

5
YEARS



Lizzy Brooks
Technical Arts Faculty



Danielle Farinacci
Library Services



Kathleen Fazio
Food Services



Alessandra Mpadenyama
World Languages Faculty



Avery Pickford
Mathematics Faculty

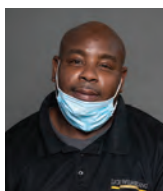


René Villicaña
History Faculty



Monica West
English Faculty

10
YEARS



Tito Buckner
Facilities



Mila Krush
Development



Alan Wesson
The Center for Civic Engagement

15
YEARS



Krista Klein
College Counseling



Regina Liu
World Languages Faculty



Don Rizzi
Science Faculty



Spencer Yu
2004
Athletics

20 YEARS OF SERVICE



Kate Boyd
Performing Arts Faculty

35 YEARS OF SERVICE



Eliot Smith
Athletics

45 YEARS OF SERVICE



Bev Boitano
Mathematics Faculty

Some Favorite Coach Smith's sayings....

“Champions find a way.”

“Put your foot in the circle.”

“Give me a hyphen.”

“The cream always rises to the top.”

“Success leaves clues.”

“It only takes these four letters to reach your goals: W O R K.”

“We’re like Wendy’s, we don’t cut corners.”

“It’s amazing what a team can accomplish when no one cares who gets the credit.”

“Show them the most love when they deserve it the least.”

“There’s always a chance as long as there is a second on the clock.”

“Touch the green dot.”

Student Notables

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As a part of the PPP Program, the Chinese 4 and 5 Honors Class translated “How to Survive a Heatwave” infographic into Mandarin. This infographic, created by psychiatrist Robin Cooper, M.D., is an important resource that educates people on how to survive heat events. Unfortunately, low-income communities and communities of color often suffer from heat-related illnesses, and by translating this graphic into Mandarin, it was the goal of the class to help alleviate some of these disparities. Furthermore, people with limited English-speaking skills have less access to information that can help them stay safe. The National



Institute of Health (NIH) featured the results of the first phase of the project, which started during the 2020-2021 school year with the help of these students **THOMAS CHANG 2023, RYAN CHIN 2021, RYAN COLLIER 2021, ELLA ENGLISH 2023, AMELIA FORTGANG 2022, MATTHEW GIBSON 2022, SPENCER GIBSON 2023, RONIN HWANG 2021, CAROLYN LAU 2022, LUCA LAWSON 2021, ALEX MADER 2022, TYLER PRAGIDES 2021, ADDISON THOMAS 2021, CHARLOTTE WYMAN 2023, MAX YOUNG 2022, WILLIAM YU 2023,** and **RUTHIE ZAPOL 2022.**

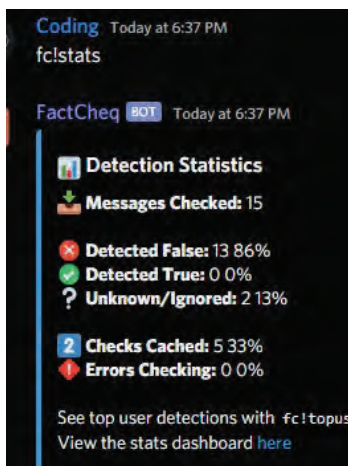
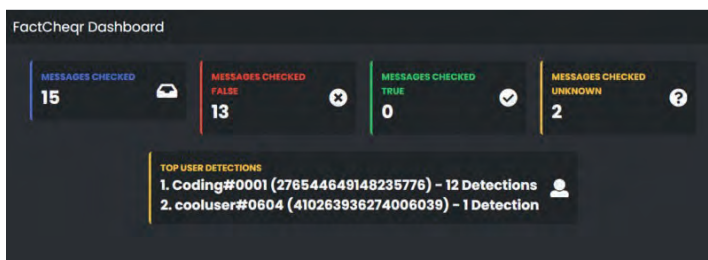
During the second phase of the project during the 2021-2022 school year, the students were committed to the public purpose aspect of this project and expanded the infographic to include climate justice and

environmental protection actions. The Chinese 5 Honors students are **THOMAS CHANG 2023, ELLA ENGLISH 2023, SPENCER GIBSON 2023, ALEX MADER 2022, MIA SHAO 2022, CHARLOTTE WYMAN 2023,** and **WILLIAM YU 2023.** Ella and William also created a bilingual podcast to help the community learn more about how climate change affects their daily life. “We were so honored to be involved in this project,” said **REGINA LIU**, who teaches this class. “It allowed us to serve the Chinese population local and nationwide, especially the elderly who may not speak English, so they too can learn how to endure and safely survive a heat wave.” To view the project, visit www.climatepsychiatry.org/coping-with-extreme-heat-english.



Top: Students in Chinese 4 and 5 Honors Class PPP had the opportunity to translate the “How to Survive a Heat Wave” infographic, created by psychiatrist Robin Cooper, M.D, into Mandarin. This class was led by Ms. Regina Liu (left) with students (from left to right) Thomas Chang 2023, Alex Mader 2022, Spencer Gibson 2022, Charlotte Wyman 2023, Ella English 2023, Will Yu 2023, Amelia Fortgang 2022, and Ruthie Zapol 2022.

Above: This poster, created by the Chinese PPP class, was used to share information about climate change in the community.



Above: Images from Fact Cheq, which won **Thijs Simonian 2024** first place at the Lancer Hacks Hackathon. The top left image represents an online dashboard with reports on users. The image top right shows the bot checking the statistics and the image above demonstrates the automatic fact detection.

Above, middle: Pictured with his work “Below the Surface,” **Kyan Shilpak 2022** used his art and craftsmanship to design and create these twinned rings which won him second place in the 2022 Power of Nature Youth Art Exhibit for the Greenbelt Alliance Organization.

Above, right: Student leaders of the Bay Area Youth Climate Summit (BAYCS), many of them LWHS students, successfully led the 2021 Climate Summit for Bay Area teens to engage in climate activism.

THIJS SIMONIAN 2024

won first place in the 2021 LancerHacks Hackathon. This 12-hour hackathon was organized by the programming club at Saint Francis High School, hosting approximately 200 students. In response to the rise of false information on social media, Thijs created Fact Cheq, a discord bot that detects misinformation and allows users to fact check comments and view statistics.

KYAN SHLIPAK 2022 won second place in the 2022 Power of Nature Youth Art Exhibit for the Greenbelt Alliance organization. High school students from all around the Bay Area presented climate solutions inspired by nature



expressed through compelling art. Kyan’s project, “Below the Surface,” consisted of a pair of fraternal twinned rings with a silhouetted tree and root aesthetic that he designed and handmade out of sheet metal. “The relationship between a tree and its roots can be seen as a metaphor for nature-based solutions to climate change. For every bright, gold, shiny, successful solution, there must be a network of planning, hard work, and dedicated behind-the-scenes activists.”

Over 400 students participated in the 2021 Bay Area Youth Climate Summit founded by passionate earth advocate, **AMELIA FORTGANG 2022**. The two-day convention, which took place in early October, included keynote speakers,

over 20 workshops, discussions, volunteering, and climate action planning. Hundreds of climate-minded youth around the world participated in the virtual climate summit, while the in-person event took place at Saint Ignatius High School. LWHS students **AMELIA FORTGANG, ERIKA TAM 2022, HANNA MERICKEL 2022, KYAN SHLIPAK 2022, BRUNO KAI ONG 2023**, along with other high school students, helped lead and plan this convention for Bay Area youth interested in learning more about pressing climate issues.

On November 20th and 21st, the LWHS Chapter of Junior State of America (the debate and politics club) attended the NorCal Fall State Convention in San Jose.



Approximately 21 LWS students participated and the team took home five Best Speaker awards. **ELI FASTIFF 2022**, **ADRIANNE BAIK 2023**, **INDIGO MUDBHARY 2022**, and **CECILLE PARDO 2022** won these Best Speaker awards for their topics, with examples ranging from voting to the federal minimum wage to school curriculums. In March, the LWS debate and politics club attended the NorCal Winter Congress Convention in Oakland as senators and representatives. 25 LWS students attended, and as a chapter, the team received 12 Best Speaker awards and the team's bill to make an NFT of the constitution passed. **INDIGO MUDBHARY 2022**, **ADRIANNE BAIK 2022**, **CECILLE PARDO 2022**, **SEDI-ANNE BLACHFORD 2022**, **CATE WARDEN 2023**, and **ELI FASTIFF 2022** won a number of these awards.

This year's Girl's In Tech (GIT) club hosted an international online hackathon for high school girls, with over 30 participants for the one day challenge to create and design an app. In addition, they took part in workshops led by the GIT leaders and mentors from the tech industry, including a Netflix cybersecurity analyst. This year, the GIT team consisted of **ELSA BOSEMARK 2023**, **ANTONIA CASEY 2023**, **FAITH DYOGI 2022**, **MIA SHAO 2022**, **SOFIA STEIN 2023**, and **ANUHEA TAO 2022**. The students learned how to use HTML and CSS coding systems and languages.

Particulates Matter, Fresh Air Now is a youth-led project that aims to raise awareness about the disproportionate impacts of air pollution in the Bay Area. This organization was founded by **FELIX FEIN 2022**, **ALEX MADER 2022**, and **KYAN SHLIPAK 2022** in 2021. Being



passionate distance runners and members of the LWS Cross Country team, Felix, Alex, and Kyan became concerned about the health effects of the Bay Area's air pollution. In response, they worked hard to mitigate pollution exposure and to address the environmental inequality in underserved communities. They were funded \$10,000 for the 2021 year, where they aided schools and organizations in the Bayview district with air purification systems, N95 masks, and educational workshops. The Particulate Matter team also led workshops at the October Climate Summit to teach youth about pollution advocacy and awareness.

Top, left: **Adrienne Baik 2023** presents her arguments clearly and passionately during the convention. She, too, was recognized with a Best Speaker award for her performance.

Top, middle: **Cate Warden 2023** was also recognized for her achievements and performance during the NorCal Winter Congress Convention in Oakland.

Top, right: **Cecille Pardo 2022** was awarded one of the Best Speaker awards at the NorCal Fall State Convention.

Above: **Particulates Matter** also led workshops at the 2021 Bay Area Youth Climate Summit to inform youth about local air quality inequity.



Above: Passionate Cross Country runners (from left to right) Alex Mader 2022, Felix Fein 2022, and Kyan Shilpak 2022 founded Particulates Matter, Fresh Air Now, in hopes to raise awareness about pollution in the Bay Area.

Top, right: Ella English 2023 (second to the right) and Teagan Dees 2023 (far right) spend time outside of the classroom with the students they have been tutoring to teach them other valuable lessons.

Right: Talented violinist Felix Fein 2022 is involved with both the LWHS Orchestra, as well as the San Francisco Youth Orchestra.

ELLA ENGLISH 2023 partnered with the SF Chinatown Charity Cultural Services Center (CCSC), a non-profit organization that has been serving low-income Chinese populations in the San Francisco Area since 1983, to start a tutoring program aiding low-income Chinese immigrant children starting in July of 2020 at the height of the pandemic. Ella noticed that these children were struggling to learn English as well as finding their place within society. These children, in particular, are disproportionately affected by the pandemic and by distance learning. The program aims to educate children while providing a safe learning environment. Currently the program holds over 100 students and around 60 tutors



and is continuing to expand. The program's curriculum is designed by the mentors and teaching topics range from English, math, science to art. Field trips are also included.

The San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra (SFSYO) is considered one of the finest youth orchestras in the world. **FELIX FEIN 2022** had the honor of being selected to participate in the 2021-2022

SFSYO. Founded by the San Francisco Symphony in 1981, it provides orchestral experience free of charge to talented young musicians. 108 young and promising musicians ranging from ages 12 to 21 represent their different communities within the Bay Area and are handpicked from a large group of aspiring, young, and talented musicians through an annual competitive audition.

Senior Awards 2022

Anne Murray Ladd Award

Kyle Gursky
Max Young

Jeanette Gaehwiler Award

Jace Borkholder
Ryleen Edwards

Scholar Athletes of the Year

Cate Kreutzen
Colly Urdan

Athletes of the Year

Alex Mader
Annabel Schneiberg

Signer Award

Zachary Lee

Carrie Howland Award

Alex Pate
Eamon Riley

Heads Award for Civic Engagement

Lucy Park



Above: Elsa Bosemark 2023 gives the thumb's up approval to the tester maker cart that she just built for her workshops.

Left: Voilà! The fully-stocked and ready to roll maker cart for HelloMaker events and workshops.

ELSA BOSEMARK 2023

began running virtual maker workshops in the summer of 2020 as she wanted to share her passion for building and express her creativity while helping kids feel less isolated during the pandemic years. She noticed many kids did not have the resources for these hands-on activities and so she started HelloMaker, running everything

from workshops, to summer camps, and after school programs with the support of Salesforce, SF Public Library, SF Botanical Garden, and ten other organizations! HelloMaker received the Excelsior Collaborative Grant and is partnering with Mission Science Workshop to start a Maker Cart program. Elsa, along with **SOFIA STEIN 2023**, **THERESA PHAM 2024**, and **SHIMA KONISHI-GRAY 2023**, have volunteered in



this project, wanting to inspire younger kids with their passion for crafts and creativity. To learn more, visit their website <https://hellomaker.org/>.

San Francisco Ignite Leadership in Youth (SFILY) is a youth-led organization that coordinates leadership programs that mentor middle schoolers in advocacy, teamwork, public speaking, and critical thinking practice. The curriculum is created and led by SFILY members including **EMILY NGUYEN 2023**, **WILL YU 2023**, **CECI RODRIGUEZ 2023**, **ALIA AZAD 2024**, **SENAI WILKS 2024**, among others at LWHS, which includes educational presentations, debates, panels, discussions, and guest speakers. The SFILY's mission is for students to feel more knowledgeable and confident to take action against issues in today's world by fostering a solid support system of



Far left: San Francisco Ignite Leadership in Youth team members pictured from left to right: Leo Liao 2023 from Stuart Hall, Emily Nguyen 2023, Senai Wilks 2024, Henrietta Benziger 2024, Lori Agbabian 2024, Shima Konishi-Gray 2023, Ethan Dunn 2023, and Mateus Kimm 2024. This group of students, along with other LWHS students led the 2022 SFILY Summer Program on campus with the goal of making social justice and leadership education more accessible to all middle school youth.

Left: Indigo Mudbhary 2022

mentors to help guide them in their leadership journeys. Over the course of a year, the organization has grown to mentor over 150 middle school students planning a total of 4 leadership programs.

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association announced the winners for the 38th Gold Circle Awards program, recognizing superior work by student journalists. The LWHS LitMag won eleven certificates at the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Gold Circle Awards. **INDIGO MUDBHARY 2022** received 3rd place for her traditional fiction writing piece called "Deep Fried," depicting a teen girl and her struggle to feel any emotion, ultimately resorting to harm in desperation. She also won 1st place for her humorous writing piece, "A Sketch," which is about a male author writing about a love triangle in 1940.

Athletic Notables

21-22 SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

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FALL 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

The **VARSITY BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM** won their first ever CIF State Cross Country Championship for Division V, along with clinching the BCL (Bay Counties League) West League and NCS (North Coast Section) titles. The team broke the LWHS team time record by over 2 minutes at the State meet this year—an amazing performance to close out an incredible season. **ALEX MADER 2022, FELIX FEIN 2022, BRUNO ONG 2023, HARUTO UESUGI 2023, SEAN GREEN 2024, SPENCER GIBSON 2023,** and **KYAN SHLIPAK 2022** made up this year's Varsity team. Their win secured LWHS' first boys state title in any sport. In addition, Alex ran with a time of 14:56, besting the old course record while setting the 2nd fastest time ever by a Division V boys runner. His time was the 7th fastest boys time of the day

and earned him All-State First Team honors. Felix and Haruto joined Alex among the top 10 LWHS finishing times on the State Meet course.

The **VARSITY GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM**, which included **AMELIE MALTZ 2023, FAITH DYOGI 2022, CATE KREUTZEN 2022, KAIRA SHLIPAK 2022, JOYA TERDIMAN 2022, MIRA HOEY 2024,** and **SASKIA LEE 2025,** took 2nd at the State meet. Their team time was the second fastest LWHS time ever. Amelie took 9th overall to win a top-10 medal and set her 5K PR by 48 seconds!

The team put in a remarkable season, winning BCL West and NCS titles, and taking a close 2nd at State. Their team times at NCS and State were the 2nd fastest all-time on those courses for LWHS. The top five LWHS runners of Amelie, Kaira, Faith, Cate, and Joya moved



into the top 20 all-time on the LWHS home course.

VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS, the defending champions, qualified for the NCS Tournament. The team had a strong performance in BCL West Team playoffs to secure 2nd place in the league. **CALIE TZAB '21** made it to the Finals of BCL West Individuals and was named All League 1st Team in Singles. **ALEXA DISABATO '23** and **NOELLE PAK '22** were recognized as All League 2nd Team in Doubles.

Top: Back row (from left): Mira Hoey 2024, Felix Fein 2022, Kaira Shlipak 2022, Kyan Shlipak 2022, Saskia Lee 2025, Dylan Sibbett 2022, Faith Dyogi 2022, Spencer Gibson 2023, Ella Schumer 2025, Haruto Uesugi 2023. Front row (from left): Cate Kreutzen 2022, Sean Green 2024, Joya Terdiman 2022, Bruno Kai Ong 2023, Amelie Maltz 2023, Alex Mader 2022

Above: From left to right: Joya Terdiman 2022, Faith Dyogi 2022, and Kaira Shlipak 2022 keep each other motivated during the race.



WINTER 2022

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL competed in the Division IV NCS tournament while also reaching 2nd place in the BCL West. **COLLY URDAN 2022** was recognized as MVP BCL and Player of the Year. Teammates **KEVIN LOUIS GUEVARRA 2022** and **JACE BORKHOLDER 2022** were selected for the BCL West All League 2nd Team. **PETER DREW 2023** and **NATHAN**

MAK 2022 were awarded BCL West All League Team Memorable Mentions.

Undeclared during the regular season, **GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL** clinched the BCL West Championship title for the fourth time and was ranked amongst the top girls basketball teams in the Bay Area. Congratulations to **ANNABEL SCHNEIBERG 2022** for being

Top, far left: Alex Mader 2022 earned All-State First Team honors, running the 7th fastest time at the State Meet.

Top: The 2021-2022 BCL West Championship team. Front row, from left to right: Emmie Hou 2024, Nina Laser 2023, Ryleen Edwards 2022, Dominique Cabading 2022, Paris Hing 2022, Natalie Mak 2024, Marcella Bustamante 2022. Back row, from left to right: Coach Daniel Tesfai, Assistant Coach Moné Sims, Annabel Schneiberg 2022, Hailey Moy 2025, Carolyn Lau 2022, Avery Robins 2025, Erika Tam 2022, and Assistant Coach Alfonso Joo.

Above, left: Coach Eliot Smith shares his words of wisdom with his team during the timeout. Champions find a way!

Above: BCL West Player of the Year Annabel Schneiberg 2022 moves the ball down the court to set up a play for the Tigers.



selected the BCL West Player of the Year. Annabel, along with her teammates **DOMINIQUE CABADING 2022** and **PARIS HING 2022**, made First Team All League in the BCL West. **RYLEEN EDWARDS 2022** was selected for 2nd Team All League BCL West and **KAILEE MAHLSTEDT-KAMEKONA 2023** was awarded an Honorable Mention.

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER placed 9th in the NCS Division IV and placed 4th in the BCL West League. **ANNIKA**

GURSKY 2022, ELLA FOLSOM 2022, KYLIE GURSKY 2022, and **PHOEBE RUSSELL 2022** were recognized as All League 2nd Team.

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER competed at NCS and placed 3rd in BCL West. **BEN PENNELL 2022** and **JONATHAN LOCALA 2023** were selected for the All League 1st Team. Additionally **JIMMY O'CONNELL 2023** and **ALEC MIYASHITA 2024** were selected for the All League 2nd Team.

Top, left: Callie Tzab 2022 follows the ball closely as she completes her strong forehand.

Top: Ben Pennell 2022, leading scorer for the team, prepares to send the ball down the field with one powerful kick.

Above, left: Jonathan Locala 2023 stops the ball and defends the goalbox.

Above: Maya Martinez-Krams 2022 uses her speed to get in front of her opponent.



SPRING 2022

MAX YOUNG 2022 was selected for 1st Team All League in **BOYS LACROSSE**. **COLLY URDAN 2022** and **MATTHEW GIBSON 2022** were recognized as BCL West 2nd Team All League. **JAY MASON 2023** and **ROWAN MORRIS 2023** were awarded Honorable Mention for the BCL West.

GIRLS LACROSSE had a successful season, qualifying for the NCS tournament.

CALLIE HENDRICKSON 2022 was recognized as 1st Team All League. **VV VOLPI 2022** and **SOPHIE SPOKES 2023** made 2nd Team All League. **KYLIE GURSKY 2022** and **ELLA SPERO 2024** were recognized as BCL West Honorable Mention.

The **BADMINTON TEAM** had a very successful season. **EDWIN MUI 2023** was recognized as BCL West 1st Team for Boys



Singles and also placed 2nd overall in the Badminton NCS Championships. **ETHAN DUNN 2023** and **RAJIV NATESAN 2023** also made the BCL West 1st Team in the Boys Doubles category. **WILLIAM YU 2023** was selected for BCL West 2nd Team for Boys Singles. **KIRA ALLEN 2024** and **INDY REDDY 2024** were selected for the BCL West 2nd Team in the Girls Doubles category.

Above, left: Joseph Dolce 2023 doesn't let the ball or his opponent out of his sight.

Above: Alexa DiSabato 2023 makes her way past the Head Royce defender to move the ball down the field.

Left: Sophie Spokes 2023 uses control to capture the ball and move it down the field for her team.

Bottom: The Badminton team had a lot to cheer about after a strong season this past year.



Right: Sonia Chun 2022, who has committed to play volleyball at the University of Rochester, reacts quickly to return the ball, setting up the next play for her teammates.

Below, left: Jace Borkholder 2022 completes the pass to an open teammate.

Below, right: Mayen Thorsen 2025 leads the pack during her race.



VARSITY SWIMMING TEAM members **TOMMY RYAN 2023, COLIN YAO 2024, WILL FULLER 2022, and JACE BORKHOLDER 2022** qualified for the 2nd Team All League for the 200 freestyle relay in Swimming. In addition, Will made the 2nd Team All League

for the 100 yard butterfly and 100 yard backstroke. Tommy was also recognized as 2nd Team All League for the 50 yard freestyle and 100 yard freestyle. The relay team went on to compete in the NCS as did Will for the 100 yard butterfly.



Left: As Ketan Hoey 2022 crosses home plate, he is greeted and cheered on by teammate Jake McDonald 2023.

Below: Roy Martin 2024 exhibits perfect follow-through and execution on the pitching mound.

Bottom: Mila Grossman 2013 looks to make a play.

A number of **VARSITY BASEBALL** players were recognized by the BCL West for their outstanding play this season. **RYAN CHOY 2022**, **COLBY MARTIN 2024**, and **JAKE MCDONALD 2023** were selected 1st Team All League. **PETER BROWNRIGG 2022** and **ROY MARTIN 2024** made the 2nd Team All League, and **KETAN HOEY 2022** Honorable Mention.

Members of the **VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM** were also recognized by the BCL West for their performance this season. **KATE HOFFNER 2023** and **EMMIE HOU 2024** secured spots on the 1st Team All League. **MILA GROSSMAN 2023** and **CARLY POGGI-LI 2022** were recognized on the 2nd Team All League, and **MIRA HOEY 2024** Honorable Mention.

VARSITY BOYS TENNIS TEAM clinched 2nd place in the BCL

West League. **ENZO GRATS 2024** and **SAAHIL MISHRA 2025** received 1st Team for All League Boys Singles. **JOEL COLLIER 2023**, **ESTE LIU 2024**, **ANDREW CHOU-BELDEN 2024**, and **ANDREW EIDELHOCH 2024** won 2nd Team All League in Doubles.

The **GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM** won the NCS Class 2A Championship. Team Captain **RAYA SHVEYD 2022** was recognized as 1st team in the 100 meter dash (while setting a new BCL West league record) and long jump for BCL West All League. **CATE KREUTZEN 2022** also placed in the 1st team for her amazing 100m Hurdles, 300m Hurdles, 4x100 relay team, and 4x400 relay team times. **HENRIETTA BENZIGER 2024**, Savannah Harris 2025, **CATE KREUTZEN 2022**, and **RAYA SHVEYD 2022** set the new league record for the





Above, left: Marlon Maltz 2025 (right) and Ikiru Kawaii 2022 (left) stop the drive by the opposing team.

Above: Sekani Soriano-Bilal 2023 passes the baton to Ramon Yusuf 2022, who runs the final leg of the 4X100 relay. Along with Ryan Liu 2022 and Ikiru Kawaii 2022, this team broke the BCL League record in this relay race.

Left: Henrietta Benziger 2024 (pictured), along with Savannah Harris 2025, Cate Kretuzen 2022, and Raya Shveyd 2022, set a new record for the 4X100 relay race this year.

4x100 relay. Henrietta Benziger, Savannah Harris, Cate Kretuzen, and **NORA CHOI 2024** also crushed the 4x400 relay race! As for the BCL West All League 2nd team, Raya won for her 200 meter dash and **KAIRA SHLIPAK 2022** for her 1600 and 3200 meter runs. Last but not least, the Honorable mention goes to **SEDI-ANNE BLACHFORD 2022** for her amazing shot put results.

For the **BOYS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM**, Boys First Team includes **BRUNO ONG 2023** for his 3200 meter run, **FRANKIE SOLINSKY-DURYEA'S 2022** high jump, and **EVAN O'NEILL'S 2022** discus stats. **RYAN LIU 2022**, **IKIRU KAWAII 2022**, **SEKANI SORIANO-BILAL 2023**, and **RAMON YUSUF 2022** broke the BCL league record for the boys 4x100 Relay. **SEAN GREEN 2024** finished the season as

BCL West 2nd team for his 1600 meter run. The Honorable mention went to **DYLAN SIBBITT 2022** for his 800 meter run, Bruno Ong for his 1600 meter run, **MINH LY 2022** for his high jump, and lastly **FRANKIE SOLINSKY-DURYEA 2022** for the triple jump.



Top, left: Saahil Mishra 2025 and his powerful forehand made him a force to be reckoned with on the tennis court.

Top, right: Noelle Pak 2022 sends a powerful backhand across the court to win the point in her doubles match.

Above, left: Kate Hoffner 2023 hits the ball down the field.

Above: Zoe Salari 2022 looks for an open teammate.

Left: Katie Flemming 2024 soars above the net to spike the ball for the Tigers.



SPOTLIGHT:

2022-2023 New Board Members

Meet the new members of the Lick-Wilmerding High School Board of Trustees and the Lick-Wilmerding-Lux Alumni Board.

The 2022-2023 Lick-Wilmerding High School Board of Trustees, from left to right. Back row: Katie Titus, David Mitchell 1991, Yakuh Askew 1992, Jack Chin, Eric Niles, Jeff King, Cameron Yuen-Shore 2005, Anupam Mishra, Mika Varma, Julie Mikuta, Lina Garcia. Front row: Laura Miyashita, Chris Warden, Larry King, Kim Drew, Yvonne Neira-Perez Sallaberry, Venk Reddy, Sunny Ryan, Shabnam Koirala Azad, Miranda Martin. Not pictured: Alicia Fenrick, Andrea Evans, Anne Paxton, Charlie Wyman, Jenny Wilson 1997, Lydia Alexander, Melissa Ma and Staci Slaughter.

2022-2023 NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS



Andrea Evans

Andrea has worked extensively at the intersection of law and policy in the private, nonprofit, and government sectors for over twenty five years. In particular, she has led efforts to promote human rights, immigrant rights, and women's rights domestically and abroad. Currently, Andrea

is the Director of Tipping Point Community's Chronic Homeless Initiative, a five-year \$100 million dollar effort to reduce chronic homelessness in San Francisco. Andrea is very active in local and civic affairs. She serves as a member of San Francisco's Local Homeless Coordinating Board, the Board of KIPP Norcal Public Schools, and NextGen America.

Andrea has previously served as Chair of the Human Rights Section of the San Francisco Bar Association, the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women, San Francisco Fire Commission, and San Francisco Day School. She is married to her partner, Chris, and they have two sons, a senior at Nueva, and **QUINCY 2025**.



Melissa Ma

Melissa is a co-founder and manager partner of Asia Alternatives. She splits her time between Asia Alternatives' Hong Kong and San Francisco offices. She is on the firm's investment committee and co-leads Asia Alternatives' investments in buyout and direct co-investments. In addition, Melissa oversees investor relations, asset allocation, and investment strategy process.

Prior to launching Asia Alternatives, Melissa was a director at H&F, a San Francisco-based private equity firm. Previously, she worked at McKinsey & Co., in the Hong Kong and San Francisco

offices. Melissa was also a financial analyst in the Financial Institutions Group in the Investment Banking Division at Goldman Sachs.

Melissa received a masters in business administration from Harvard Business School and holds a bachelor of arts in economics and East Asian Studies, magna cum laude, from Harvard College. She is proficient in Mandarin Chinese.

Currently Melissa sits on a number of Advisory Boards for several of Asia Alternatives' private equity and special situation funds. In addition, she serves on the boards of the CAIA Association, Burke's School, One Sky (formerly Half

the Sky), San Francisco Zoo, and Harvard Alumni Association. She also serves as co-chair for the Harvard College Fund Executive Committee. Melissa is on the Advisory Board for the Asia Society (Northern California) and is a member of the Young Presidents Organization (YPO) Gold, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the National Committee on United States-China Relations.

Melissa lives in San Francisco with her children, Cloud (Burke's 2029), and **JUSTIN 2025**. In her rare free time, she enjoys tennis, swimming, and watching mindless sitcoms with her children.



Julie Mikuta

Julie is co-president of Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Philanthropies where she leads the K-12 Education portfolio. Prior to joining Schusterman, Julie was a Managing Director at NewSchools Venture Fund and focused on teacher preparation. Previously, she led school board trainings and superintendent-teams of large urban districts at the Center for Reform of School Systems.

Julie also served as an elected member of the D.C. Board of Education from 2001 until 2004. During her time on the D.C. Board, Julie was vice president of Alumni Affairs for Teach For America. Julie began her career in education teaching high school science in New Orleans through Teach For America.

Julie graduated with a degree in biology from Georgetown University, where she was captain of the women's

basketball team, and completed a doctorate at Oxford University, as a Rhodes Scholar. Julie has served on the boards of numerous national education non-profit organizations and is currently on the board of Stand for Children Leadership Center. Julie lives in Oakland with her daughter **DAMIANA 2024**.



Anupam Mishra

Anupam most recently served as the chief people officer of Aspire Public Schools, a network of 38 high-performing, college-preparatory schools serving 17,000+ TK-12 scholars in underserved communities across California. Under Anupam's leadership, Aspire redefined its core values through a Liberatory Design process involving over 100 community conversations, launched its first system-wide DEI Council, and redesigned its entire teacher compensation program supporting 800+ educators.

Prior to Aspire, Anupam served as a Partner at Hellman & Friedman, one of the oldest and most experienced private equity firms operating today. For over a decade, Anupam led the firm's software and education technology investments, serving on the boards of companies like Renaissance Learning, Ellucian, and Kronos (now the Ultimate Kronos Group).

Outside of his professional roles, Anupam has supported various educational organizations in board/ advisory capacities, such as the Oxford Day Academy, New Schools Venture Fund, and the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Anupam is a graduate of Harvard College, Harvard Business School, and the Broad Academy. He lives with his two sons, **SAAHIL 2025**, and Armaan, and his college sweetheart and wife of 21 years, Kavita.



Yvonne Perez-Sallabery

Yvonne holds a bachelor's degree in international economics and sustainability from UC Berkeley with coursework in French at the Sorbonne University; a master's degree in business from Brandeis University's Heller School of Social Policy focused on business and leadership skills to maximize social impact; and a master's degree in Psychology from the

Wright Institute. At the Heller School, Yvonne was awarded a permanent personalized plaque for outstanding stewardship work and leadership.

After being director for the Spanish immersion preschool, Language in Action, her passion for social impact simultaneously led her to start her own business as an interpreter/translator assisting in legal, medical, and educational matters. Currently,

she works for RAMS, Inc. as a Bilingual Behavioral Mental Health Counselor at Mission High School. She also sits on the San Francisco Friends School Board.

Yvonne lives in San Francisco with her husband Mike and three daughters: **JULIANA 2021**, **JULIETA 2023**, and Julisa, who attends San Francisco Friends School 2027.



Venk Reddy

Venk is the chief information officer of sustainable credit and a principal at Osterweis Capital Management, an investment management firm based in San Francisco. Previously, he was the founder and managing partner of Zeo Capital Advisors, a boutique investment manager since 2009 specializing in sustainable fixed income strategies whose team

joined Osterweis in 2022. He brings nearly three decades of finance experience across a variety of areas in addition to sustainable investing, including various hedge fund strategies, risk management, structured financing and asset allocation. In addition, Venk served as a trustee of the Katherine Delmar Burke School in San Francisco from 2014 to 2020, where he was a member of the Executive, Finance, and Governance

committees and chaired the Audit & Risk Management and Technology committees. Venk holds a bachelor's degree in computer science from Harvard University, where his research on the use of technology to teach cooperation among elementary school children began his lifelong extracurricular interest in education. He and his wife, Keelin, are the proud parents of **INDY 2024** and **ELLA 2026**.

2022-2023 NEW LICK-WILMERDING-LUX ALUMNI BOARD



**Alejandra Garcia
2010**

Alejandra Garcia is a senior program manager for the Center for Court Innovation's National Technical Assistance department, leading and delivering a wide range of on-site and remote technical assistance projects. These projects include drug treatment court evaluations, court training curriculum development for the

treatment of veterans, opioid court implementation, statewide strategic plans for adult drug courts and treatment courts for veterans, and training events. Previously, she worked as the program associate and social work intern for the Center's Training Institute where she co-created and implemented the strategic plan for its inaugural year, as well as collaborated with departments across the Center to develop original

training content. She previously interned with the New York Legal Assistance Group's Legal Health department and has worked in a variety of roles in the area of youth development.

She received her master's degree in Social Work (MSW) from the Silver School of Social Work at NYU and her bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology from Columbia University.



**Shana Lopes 1997,
PhD**

Shana is an assistant curator of photography at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. Over the past fourteen years, she has worked at the Center for Creative Photography in Tucson, Arizona, and the Metropolitan

Museum of Art in New York.

After completing her doctorate in 2017, she moved back to San Francisco with her husband, a Kindergarten teacher, and her two children, Rio and Damian. On the weekends, you can find her on Ocean Beach or perusing a local gallery.



Bella Mello 2013

Bella is a marketing and events professional. Having started her career at hospitality startup Sonder, she went on to manage marketing and events programs at San Francisco Opera and the San Francisco Chronicle. Most recently, Bella led marketing

and community outreach for Canvas Ventures, a boutique, venture capital firm.

Bella graduated from McGill University with a bachelor's degree in Art History. She lives in San Francisco with her partner, Han, and their two dogs, Minnie and Strawberry.



Alexis Rouda 2001

Alexis is a senior vice president and principal of Security Financial Services, a San Francisco based finance company founded over 75 years ago. In this role, he co-leads the firm's investment and operation activities. Alexis has over 15 years of experience in real estate lending, credit analysis

& underwriting, and small business debt. Previously, Alexis was with Comerica Bank, where most of his time was spent in the corporate and wealth management groups serving the needs of clients throughout the Bay Area.

Alexis obtained a bachelor's degree (Bachelor of Commerce) in International Business from

McGill University in Montreal, and spent a year in France at ESSEC Business School. Outside of work, you'll find Alexis speaking French, exploring his passion for aviation, and enjoying outdoor adventures with his family. He lives in San Francisco, with his wife **RACHEL CUEVAS ROUDA 2001**, and their sons Theo and Remy.



Ana Cajina Vasudeo 2000

Ana currently serves as the only Latinx school board director for Berkeley Unified School District and believes deeply that all students can succeed with the right support systems in place. She holds a Master of

Regional Planning degree from Cornell University and credits her exposure to STEM education at LWHS for helping her pursue a career in city and regional planning. She's excited to be a member of the Alumni Board and to continue to nurture a strong relationship between alumni and current students.

In 2019, Ana was honored to participate in the first Alumni of Color Panel at Alumni Day and looks forward to continuing to bring alumni of color together for future events. During her free time, she enjoys exploring new bike paths in the Bay Area with her husband and two boys, Kavi and Sebastian.

Alumni: Interested in getting involved with the LWHS community again? Whether you would like to help organize virtual and local events, raise money for the school, volunteer your time to speak with alumni and/or students, or become an Alumni Board Member and gain valuable nonprofit board experience, please contact alumni@lwhs.org for more information. Go Tigers!



Left: Faculty member Daniel Tesfai reunites with members from the Class of 2019 Nick Righetti, Aniket Joshi, Brandon Hing, and Joseph Woldemichael.

Below: Guests at the Years of Celebration cheer and give a round of applause to the retiring faculty who have dedicated years of their lives to educating others, both students and adults, at LWHS.



At the end of the year, the community convened to celebrate:

BEV BOITANO, Math Faculty
46 years

STEVE SIMON, Math Faculty
38 years

ROBERT SANBORN 1970,
Visual Arts Faculty
34 years

MARTY STODDARD*,
Performing Arts Faculty
30 years

ROBIN VON BRETON,
English Faculty
23 years

RANDY BARNETT, Assistant Head
of School/History Faculty
21 years

ERIC TEMPLE, Head of School
11 years

**Marty Stoddard retired in 2021, but due to COVID, we were unable to gather for a celebration.*

Years of Service Celebration

In May 2022, Lick-Wilmerding High School said goodbye to a special group of longtime faculty members, including Head of School **ERIC TEMPLE**. The LWHS community is grateful to each of these individuals for the meaningful contributions they have made to the school, the lives they have touched throughout the years, and the commitment they have each shown to LWHS' mission and lifelong learning.



Top: Robert Sanborn 1970 admires the work of his former student, Michael Renery 1999, who made custom LWHS baseball bats for each of the honorees.

Top, right: Michael Hassid 1994, Robert Sanborn 1970, and Josh Haner 1998

Right: Faculty and staff, also including former faculty, alumni, and parents of alumni gathered at LWHS to celebrate the retiring faculty and staff members.

Below: This is not a goodbye, rather an embrace that embodies an immense amount of gratitude for the impact that Robin von Breton has had on the entire LWHS community.

Below, right: Former faculty members Kathy Jarrett (second to the right), Reid Edelman 1982 (third to the right), and his wife, Deborah, connect with Bev Boitano (far right) at the event.





Left: Members of the Class of 1967 Ron Friedman, with his wife Charlene, Gene Conti, and Russ Tahir enjoy lunch and good conversation before meeting up with the rest of their classmates for dinner.



Below, left: The Classes of 1970, 1971, and 1972 enjoyed getting together at Head of School Eric Temple's home to celebrate their 50th reunions from LWHS. Alumni traveled from near and far to attend this celebration. Thank you to Tom Blumberg 1971 for capturing this group photo.

Front row, from left to right: Robyn Scott Forbes 1971, Walter Melion 1971, Collin Perry 1970, Nick Stern 1970, Ron Staricha 1972, Ken Mateik 1972, Ron Hipschman 1972, and John Clum. Middle Row, from left to right: Robert Sanborn 1970, John Raleigh 1971, Svetlana Raleigh, Richard Gonerko 1972, Joe Toback 1971, Dan Merer 1971, Stephen Clarke 1972, Scott Strehl 1972, Pam Strehl, Alan Gregerman 1971, Lisa Otterstrom, Dan Werthimer 1972, and Mary Kate Morris. Back row, from left to right: Ed Anderson 1971, Ted Bosley 1972, Tim Erickson 1971, Ed Tredinnick 1971, John Vonk 1970 with Phyllis Chase, and Peter Schumacher 1971.

2020 Alumni Day

On Saturday, April 23, LWHS opened its campus to welcome alumni and their families to attend Alumni Day!

Over a hundred alumni and their families visited campus, some for the first time in decades, and were able to take student-led tours, share memories, and reconnect with friends and classmates. Along with food and drink, there were outdoor games and activities for younger guests to enjoy.



Additionally, there were two alumni panels. Members from the Class of 1957 discussed the transitions and changes LWHS went through at that time as the school not only moved locations, but also started to offer college-preparatory classes. The second panel, moderated by **ERICKA MORENO 1995**, addressed different alumni experiences and perspectives around diversity while attending LWHS.

A few classes also held reunion events and gatherings over

the weekend, including the Classes 1970, 1971, and 1972, who gathered (better late than never!) at the Head of School's home to celebrate their 50th reunions. Some classes, such as the Class of 1981, held their reunion on a different date (see the spread on the Class of 1981 Reunion in this section).

We look forward to seeing alumni and their families at **ALUMNI DAY 2023** on Saturday, April 22, 2023.



Above, left: Classmates Drew Howard 1968 and Dick Dreyer 1968 enjoy the opportunity to catch up at Alumni Day.

Above: There is something so special when you can find your team's photos hanging in Bothin Gymnasium. Jessica Lee 2009 and her husband, Ethan DeLano, take a moment to walk down the LWHS Athletics memory lane and look at the incredible teams and athletes that the school has had over the years. **Champions find a way!**

Left: Panelists Drea Chicas 2005 and Yanni Velasquez 2015 share their experiences around diversity while attending LWHS.

Right: Keanu Velasquez 2017 shows off his excellent form in a game of cornhole.





Class of 1981 Reunion Weekend

BY SUSAN FRIEZ ISBLE 1981 AND MICHELE KROLIK 1981

FLASHBACK! Saturday, October 16, 2021...a gorgeous, 70+ warm, sunny day on Ocean Avenue. The Class of 1981 gathered for their 40th reunion. After showing proof of vaccination and donning masks to go indoors, the day began with a tour of the campus led by LWHS Admissions interns **JACE BORKHOLDER 2022**, **ELODIE GRIFFIN-SCHMIDT 2022**, **RAYA SHVEYD 2022**, and **ZOE SOLARI 2022**. Many of us had not been on campus in 40 years and it was somewhat unrecognizable! When the group returned, everyone flocked under the giant shade tent with LWHS color-coordinated decorated tables with sunflowers, balloons, and a welcome table with goodie bags full of LWHS swag to take home. Alumni mixed and mingled with hugs and smiles, reminisced, and tried to catch up on where the last 40 years have gone.

Above: Members of the Class of 1981.

Back row, from left to right: Steve Wozniak, Callum Hutchins, David Bowdish, Cory Simon, Calvin Yuen, Chris Siebel, David Baird, Alan Lyons

Middle row, from left to right: Maeve Visser Knoth, Catherine Glew Dining, David Levin, Alex Glew, Ryutaro Hirota, Ward Lape, Chandler Smith, Nina Burnell Stevens, Joe Sharp, David Egert, Susan Friez Isble, Zach Berkowitz, Gilbert Leong, Roland Kneise, Tim Short

Seated/Kneeling, from left to right: Miko Ohno, Corinne Herndon-Vega, Melanie Bronner Barsuk, Michele Krolik, Cheryl Lee, Mercedes Jones Kirk



Top: Joe Sharp, Chandler Smith, and Ward Lape

Top, right: Joe Sharp gives his welcome speech.

Above: Members of the Class of 1981 and reunion guests shared memories and special words to about Chris Buschman as a way to remember their dear friend and classmate.

Above, right: The Class of 1981 enjoyed a delicious Princess Cake from Ambrosia Bakery.

Far right: Tim Short shares memories of his time with Chris Buschman at LWHS.

Right: Welcome Table with Goodie Bags

Left: Michele Krolik, Corinne Herndon-Vega, Nina Burnell Stevens, Miko Ohno, Cheryl Lee



The Saturday event officially kicked off with a welcome from none other than our MC and Senior Class President forever, **JOE SHARP**. Joe took us back to our beloved years at Lick, revisited some of our mischief, shared memories of our outstanding teachers, and highlighted the essence of Lick: head, heart, and hands.

Next, everyone indulged in a delicious lunch catered by La Mediterranee with pre-ordered box lunches and a buffet of scrumptious party platters full of Chicken Cilicia, Spanakopita, Dolmas, and favorite must-have Mediterranean dips and sauces. A delicious "Princess Cake" from Ambrosia Bakery was enjoyed
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During the afternoon, **MIKO OHNO**'s brainchild of re-enacting pictures from our senior yearbook was amazing! It was stunning to see our 1981 and 2021 selves side-by-side, and that time has largely been kind to us.

Top row, from left to right: Alex Glew/ Catherine Glew Dining; Gilbert Leon/ Calvin Yuen; Susan Friez Isble

Middle row, from left to right: Melanie Bronner Barsuk; Jose Sharp/ Ward Lape; Cory Simon/ David Egert

Bottom, Michele Krolik/ Maeve Visser Knoth; Catherine Glew Dining/ Alex Glew

And The Bricks played on!

In the early days of planning this long-awaited reunion, it was discovered that five of our classmates had formed a band—**THE BRICKS**—and that they periodically play gigs! The Bricks members are: **DAVID EGERT, DAVID BAIRD, GILBERT LEONG, CHRIS SIEBEL,** and **CALVIN YUEN.** The Bricks played on Saturday with a special appearance by **ROLAND KNIESE** and guest **ANDREW BEHLA.** They were very excited to play at the reunion and went so far as to learn two sing-along-songs—

“Eight Days a Week” and “Crazy Little Thing Called Love”—as well as, “Ripple,” for a special tribute to **CHRIS BUSCHMAN.**

Collectively they contributed an element of tenderness and fun to the event. We thank them for sharing their enthusiasm, schlepping their equipment, and making music for us. It was a treat to watch them play. The members of The Bricks also received originally designed t-shirts created by a classmate who shall remain anonymous.



The Bricks: Roland Kniese, Gilbert Leong, Calvin Yuen, David Baird, David Egert, and Andrew Behla (Michele Krolik's spouse)



before the conclusion of the day.

Fun Fact: Ambrosia Bakery was owned by a LWHS family for years. The family's youngest daughter graduated in 2015 and the couple retired shortly after that, but the school still uses this bakery for many of its events.

RECORD TURN OUT!

We were so excited to have made contact with ALL but five people in our graduating class of 50 so we decided to make it a weekend party, as was befitting the reputation of the Class of 1981! On Friday night, **DAVID EGERT** generously opened his home and hosted a small contingency to get the weekend started. On Saturday—the main event—a strong showing of 30 alumni and 12 brave plus ones came to Lick for a spectacular and memorable day. There was so much to be shared and not enough time to cover the 10, 20, 30 or 40 years since we had last seen one another. So, when we had to bring the Saturday event to a close, about half of us continued to The Laughing Monk Brewery for an open air after-party with cocktails and a QR Code dinner menu from Basil the Bold Thai Food—a hidden restaurant across



Above, left: David Cleasby arrives at the Friday night event at the home of David Egert.

Above: Zach Berkowitz

Above, right: Corey Simon with his wife, Consuelo

Right: The host, David Egert, of the Friday night event with classmate, Mercedes Jones Kirk

Lower right: Allegra Buschman and Tim Short spend time catching up at the Friday evening event.





the street. After a short while we had the place to ourselves and proceeded to stay until closing. Special thanks to Andrew Behla (**MICHELE KROLIK's** spouse) for organizing this piece to conclude the weekend.

Many of us had not been to a reunion since the 10-year gathering at the St. Francis Yacht Club, or the 20-year reunion at the Waterfront Restaurant on the Embarcadero with a day-after family picnic in Golden Gate Park. Two alumni had never been to a reunion, and only a handful had never missed an organized reunion or the annual alumni days at Lick over the years. Classmates who were unable to attend, due to prior commitments or health concerns about the pandemic, submitted bios with pictures and these were on display along with a brief recap from others on where they are and what they've been doing.

SLAM DUNK!

Everyone who came thoroughly enjoyed the day and, in some cases, the entire weekend. It was incredible to see everyone in their adult form. There was such a genuine feeling of gratitude and excitement as reconnections were made. We realized how special our friendships made at Lick really were and discovered how much they had meant to us. Despite 40 years, it was very easy to reconnect. Not many people can look back at their high school years with the fondness we are able to, and for that we are very grateful. The event could not have been more successful on every front.

SPECIAL THANKS

While we (Michele and Susan) were partners in crime in planning this reunion event, its wild success was also made possible by: the previously mentioned **DAVID EGERT** for

Above: Inside Laughing Monk Brewery

Top, right: Laughing Monk Brewery Invite by Andrew Behla, Michele Krolik's spouse.

Right: Michele Krolik, Allegra Buschman, Chris Siebel, and Andrew Behla

Opposite, top: Consuelo (Cory Simon's spouse), Miko Ohno, Miko's spouse, David Egert, and Cory Simon

Opposite, below: Chandler Smith, Calvin Yuen, David Baird, Gilbert Leong, and Tim Short



hosting a kick-ass pre-reunion party at his home on Friday night, **MAEVE VISSER KNOTH** for showing up early at Lick to help with decorating, set-up and bringing gorgeous sunflowers, and the behind-the-scenes ad hoc committee of **JOE SHARP**, **WARD LAPE** and **CHANDLER SMITH**—we thank them for their input and sharing this ride with us. Thanks again to Joe, for being our MC. The words he shared were poignant and true.

At LWHS, thank you to the student tour guides for a fabulous tour of the school. To **KATE BOYD**, and the **FACILITIES TEAM** on-site, thank you for helping with all the small details to ensure set-up and clean-up went off with a hitch.



The following are the five classmates we could not find. If you are in contact with them, or want to help find them, we'd really appreciate it. We want to confirm their home addresses, and get their cell numbers and emails.

- Joyce Nakamura
- Steve Schneider
- Masato Mayashiro
- Jennifer Heglarsen
- Heather Fain

Our next organized event will be in 2026 for our 45th reunion. In the meantime, Lick is again offering annual alumni weekends with its next one on Saturday, April 22, 2023.

**Time flies... Until we meet again...
Stay in touch everyone!**



In Memoriam ...

Our reunion was bittersweet this year as we had just lost our beloved classmate, **CHRIS BUSCHMAN**, who suddenly and unexpectedly had passed just four months before, on June 6, 2021, due to complications with pneumonia. We invited **ALLEGRA BUSCHMAN**—Chris' most awesome wife and our dear friend—to our reunion and inducted her as an official class member to hold Chris' place. A memorial table was set up, a moment of silence was held, followed by remembrances of Chris from several classmates. The Bricks then performed "Ripple" (lyrics by Robert Hunter, music by

Jerry Garcia). We thank Allegra for coming to all the reunion events and for representing Chris. It was wonderful to see her talking with classmates and listening to the stories we wanted to share with her. Chris was an important part of all our lives, and now Allegra is, too.



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Class Notes



1940 X

Have you ever wanted to fly in and open cockpit airplane? This has been a dream of **ROBERT “BOB” HEISS** for the past 70 years. At the age of 98 years and eight months (Bob believes months are just as important as years at his age), Bob got to fly in a World War II primary flight trainer designated PT-18. This is a tandem dual cockpit biplane built by Stearman Aircraft, a division of Boeing Aircraft. There were nine World War II vets from the Veteran’s Home in Yountville that were treated to a flight sponsored by Dream Flights out of Carson City, NV. They took off from the Napa airport on a beautiful clear

day, at a cruising speed of 90 mph with an altitude of 1500 feet. The flight lasted a little over 30 minutes and was a thrilling and exhilarating flight! When they took off, they were immediately over water with Mare Island directly in front of them. They banked around to the right and went north along the western edge of Napa Valley, seeing miles and miles of vineyards. It was a totally unobstructed view, with nothing between you and the ground, all while feeling very secure and being strapped into a seat complete with shoulder harness. Before reaching Yountville, they made another sweeping right turn following the Silverado Trail back to the Napa Airport. The flight ended all too soon—Bob had expected to be buffeted by wind

Above: Bob Heiss 1940 completes another successful mission in a PT-18 on August 11, 2021.

Right: At age 98, Bob Heiss 1940 is ready for takeoff as a passenger in a World War II primary flight trainer.



during the flight but that was not the case. The windscreen did an excellent job of deflecting winds. There was a small amount of turbulence within the cockpit, but they didn’t need goggles or even glasses. Based on his extraordinary education at LWHS, Bob went on to work at McClellan Air Base as an aircraft electrician in August 1941. One of the first aircrafts he worked on was this same model Stearman. As an 18 year-old kid,



he was so impressed and thought, “I would sure like to fly in one of these!” Well, 70 years later, his dream came true!

It was also a big day for Bob, just this past December 7, which was the day he celebrated his 100th birthday! A milestone birthday like this deserves two parties: his first party was at the Veterans Home in Yountville with about 100 guests, including fellow veterans and a few of the staff. His second party was with his family and a few of Bob’s longtime friends over the weekend. When people ask, “what is your secret to long life and mental agility,” Bob shares that he ate his vegetables as a kid and has had lots of TLC throughout his life. And, that he went to a GREAT high school that taught Bob how to think and to constantly be curious about the political and physical world around him.

Above: Jay Edwards 1951J with his wife during a recent trip to Israel.

1950X

During the pandemic, **ROBERT PAREDI** wrote his autobiography, *The American Legacy of an Italian Motorcyclist*, which was published in 2021. The book starts as a family memoir, and he opens up about his parents and early life in San Francisco. Robert then discusses his 32-year career with Exxon as a result of his bachelor of science degree in petroleum engineering from UC Berkeley. He then goes into how he, during his late retirement, has become an “accidental activist” with OCEANA and is doing his part to forestall petroleum exploration off the Atlantic Coast. To learn more about Robert’s book, visit www.bobparedi.com

1951J

It’s been a busy year for **JAY EDWARDS**, completing his third year at his job, which is the equivalent to a pastor, for the 3rd Church of Christ Scientists in Tucson, AZ, and was recently re-elected for another year. Jay reflects that this role has been one of great spiritual growth for him; it requires much Bible study with a dedicated community. Tucson attracts many snowbirds from the north so the attendance grows accordingly in the winter. Jay’s family continues to grow. In addition to his nine grandchildren,

Jay and his wife also have nine great grandchildren, five girls and four boys between the ages of one and 14. His family is doing well. Jay’s oldest son (who lives in Oregon) retired from Northrop Grumman five years ago. The second eldest has an active law practice in Palo Alto specializing in intellectual property serving mostly Silicon Valley businesses. The next eldest lives in San Diego and is manager of a large bicycle distributor there. His youngest, who lives in Reno, has completed nearly 25 years working for IBM in management. Jay says his job is such a secret that even he doesn’t know exactly what his son does. Jay has nine grandchildren. Jay plays golf a few days a week and stays busy in other social activities in their Del Webb community in Arizona. Jay and his wife still own a Del Webb home in Nevada, but with Jay’s current church duties, they are not able to travel to Nevada as much as he’d like. This will be Jay’s last year of his church commitment, so he and his wife plan to spend more time in Nevada in the future. Although difficult, Jay hopes to see some of his classmates for a reunion or a gathering with other alumni from the 1950’s.

SAM MIHARA continues to speak across the country about mass injustice. As of October 2022, Sam has given over 500 lectures to 91,000 students across the country and overseas. On August 6, 2022,



At the Golden Tigers luncheon in 2019, attendees were able to celebrate Frances Kawalkowski Bertetta 1936, who had recently turned 100 years old.

Update from Frances Kawalkowski Bertetta 1936

After graduating in December of 1936, **FRANCES KAWALKOWSKI BERTETTA**

received a scholarship to study at UC Berkeley. Unfortunately, she had to postpone her studies after a year to help her family financially. Shortly after, Frances married her husband, a veterinarian, in 1942 during World War II. They went on later to raise a family of four in Burlingame.

When her youngest child was in 2nd grade, Frances decided to go back to school and attended San Mateo Junior College. There she majored in biology with a minor in music since she had always played the piano. She continued her studies at SF State and received her bachelor of arts degree in biology. Using her secretarial and organization skills, Frances worked at a number of places including Stanford and at the aquarium at the California Academy of Arts and Sciences. She also found time to complete a masters degree in biology.

After working for several years, using her secretarial and organization skills, Frances decided it was time to travel and explore the world. Through Elderhostel, a program for those 50+ years old, Frances was able to enroll in noncredit classes to further her education while staying on or near university campuses and in hostels. Frances shares that this experience allowed her to see things that ordinary tourists might not. Through this program she traveled twice to Alaska, and all over the United States including Hawaii, Japan, China, and Africa, where she met the most hospitable people. Traveling to East Africa is one of the highlights of her life. Some of her favorite memories include seeing the Northern lights, watching ice carving contests, and riding around Mt. McKinley in a World War II airplane.

Frances returned to SF State to obtain a teaching certificate after she finished traveling. She taught biology, as well

as some special education classes in arithmetic to high school students. She later retired as a teacher.

Currently Frances lives with one of her sons. All of her children live in the Bay Area and she has five grandchildren and one great grandson. Frances shares that she was the only girl in her class that wanted to go to college. Luckily, she was able to take some of the same classes as the boys at the Portero campus while she attended Lux. She still had to take sewing and make a hat! She appreciated the small classes and the outstanding teachers. She feels very lucky to have had this education and has always appreciated it. Fun fact— Frances is a huge SF Giants fan!

Frances has been a board member of the Lick-Wilmerding Lux Alumni Association for many years. LWHS is grateful for her years of support and continued enthusiasm for the school and its community.



at the Japanese American Citizens League's (JACL) national convention in Las Vegas, Sam was selected as the Person of the Biennium in the field of education. The JACL is the country's oldest and largest organization of people interested in activities of Japanese Americans in the U.S. This was in addition to receiving the Paul A. Gagnon Prize by the National Council for History Education in 1988.



1956

After graduating from LWHS, **TAL FLETCHER** went on to UC Berkeley. In 1961-1962, he attended the Navy Officer Candidate School and then became a maritime space officer in 1963. He served as an air intelligence officer in Alameda until he received his second bachelor of science degree in international trade at the Thunderbird School of Global Management at Arizona State University. Tal worked in finance at a number of places until he retired from Bear Stearns Companies, Inc. in 2006. Tal married Sarah Cunningham Fletcher in February

Top, left: Sam Mihara 1951 accepts the JACL Person of the Biennium award in the field of education. Photo by Darrell Miho.

Top, right: David Rauch 1956 on his way to play a round of golf.

Above: Old photos from David Rauch 1956 of his classmates. On the left, classmates Jerry Greenwood, David Rauch, and Tony Broughton Wright (deceased) before they took a trip to Sebastopol in David's 1940 Chevrolet. On the right, members of the Class of 1957 soak up the sun in front of the school on one of the 97 degree days!

of 1971, and together they moved to Kentfield in 1973. They have been living in Smith Ranch since May 2019. Smith Ranch is conducive to those who want to retire but also remain active. Many residents have been and continue to be big travelers and many have moved to Smith Ranch from other countries. This is an international retirement community of well-traveled and well-known successful business persons. Within a few weeks after they moved, Tal and his wife agreed they could have made this move earlier and would have been very happy. During these past few years, they have developed a multitude of new friends and lead a very active lifestyle at Smith Ranch.

DAVID RAUCH writes that he is still kicking after all these years! He has managed to stay healthy and active by playing golf a few times a week, taking care of the yard work, and puttering around (still!) with cars. After graduating, he enlisted in the Air Force and spent three years in Germany. David was able to travel a lot and became interested in car racing—and did quite well! In 1959 he even co-drove at the Nürburgring in the 1000 km race. When he returned to the States, he attended the College of San Mateo for two years and then became a mechanic at a Volvo dealership, where he eventually worked his way up to foreman and then service

manager. He then decided to open his own business and owned his shop for the next 33 years. He got back into vintage racing in 1990 and continued to race for many years until he retired.

David married in 1963 and raised two children until his divorce in 1980. He remarried again in 1983, inheriting five more children. David and his wife, Carron, have been married for 39 years and now have 11 grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

David has attended two Golden Tigers luncheons and marvels at the changes to LWHS since he graduated. His class was the last class to graduate from the old campus, where the UPS building is now located. He remembers watching the Lick Freeway being built right next to the school and trying to drown out the construction noise while in class. His favorite teachers were **RALPH BRITTON**, who taught math and physics, and English teacher **LYDIA TETERIN**. David and Carron live in Bodega Bay now, after having homes in Redwood Shores and Groveland, near Yosemite. David has kept in contact with **ROBERT BROWNE**, who lives not that far from him. David encourages students to cherish their time at Lick. He could not have had a better foundation for his life.

1958

In an act of generosity and philanthropy, **PETE STERNLOFF** donated \$200,000 to Bluefield State University to establish the Sternloff Center for West Virginia Musicology. As a jazz and blues musician, Pete says, “this fulfills something I’ve dreamt and talked about for a long time. I’ve had the opportunity to play with some of the finest blues and jazz musicians in the country right here in Mercer County. I know how much talent we had, many of whom went on to successful careers nationally and internationally.” The center will archive and promote the unique, diverse history of music created and performed in southern West Virginia.

The Sternloff Center will be housed in the wing of the William B. Robertson Library and will be an interactive, multi-media, multi-platform resource for those who are interested in exploring and understanding the history of music in southern West Virginia. The center will formally open in the summer of 2023 and operate as a non-profit foundation under the direction of the college. After serving in the Air Force, Pete moved to Bluefield 32 years ago. He is the owner of Ye Olde Ugly Duckling, an antiques, rare books, and vintage goods store in downtown Bluefield, and is an active member of the community.

1959

DON MICHELETTI shares that his time in the Shops has dramatically impacted his life.

As a ninth grader, Don took the four Shops courses: machine, sheet metal, wood, and electrical. He fell in love with the machine shop and enjoyed making things. During his time at LWHS (1955-1959), Mr. Thompson taught the classes as if a student were going to become a machinist—it was no toy shop.

Don eventually became a mechanical engineer, graduating from Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. He went to work at Raychem Corporation in Menlo Park. Raychem made many plastic-based products—most notably heat shrinkable tubing. They also made aerospace wire. The thousands of different Raychem products were used in a variety of industries. What was great about Raychem is that their processes were very proprietary so they built much of their own process and manufacturing machinery in house.

The skills Don learned, mostly in machine and sheet metal shops, were an enormous help in designing and building machinery. A real plus was that when interfacing with the people actually building his projects, Don knew exactly what they were doing and how. His clients appreciated that.



Don didn't ask them to do what was impossible. Later in his career, as part of his responsibilities, Don ran a prototype product and equipment development group. As a leader, he was able to work well with the group because he had some real experience. Don told his colleagues that one of their jobs was to educate the new engineers, who did have the same background as Don, about what was possible and what was not; to help them, but not to ridicule them.

Even in the age of computer-driven machine tools, there is a need to understand how the actual process works and to keep in mind the procedures and costs involved. Having true practical knowledge goes a long way in getting things done effectively.

Additionally, as a vintage auto (before 1940) enthusiast and restorer, knowing how to make parts that are no longer available, has helped Don a lot. And it adds a lot of enjoyment to his hobby!

Above: Mark O'Shea 1960 with his wife of 60 years, Sharon, and one of their great grandchildren at the 4th of July parade over the summer.

Above, right: C. Dell Lindstrom 1962, in uniform as a conductor, stands alongside the historic McKeen motor car at the Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City, NV, where he is currently a member of the museum's motor car crew.



1960

MARK O'SHEA and his wife, Sharon, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in July.

1961

PETE WANGER is alive and well and has been living in Burlingame for the past 48 years. He is currently busy as President of the Stanford Singles Club - Bay Area and is a radio amateur operator (Call sign WA6ECH) with the local emergency preparedness community. His current hobbies include singing the baritone part in the Sound Judgment Barbershop Quartet and Fault Line A Cappella Chorus, using the training received from **DOROTHY UNGARETTI** in the LWHS chorus and Little Group. His daughter, **GRETCHEN**

WANGER 1990, recently moved to Denver where she enjoys the clean air. And he is often in contact with classmate **RICHARD JOHNSON** who lives in Reno with his wife, Maria Partridge. They're both very active on the staff of Burning Man and the local public art scene. Finally, in August, Pete made a "jailbreak" from the COVID lockdown for a trip to Iceland to witness the waterfalls, glaciers, volcanoes and tectonic plate action.

1962

In February 2022, **C. DELL LINDSTROM** and his wife, Connie, celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. He is currently keeping busy as a docent and member of the motor car crew at the Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City, Nevada. Dell is also an engineer on the 2ft. gauge train



Left: Paul Shattuck 1962 and his nephew celebrate after trekking up to Tower Peak at the NE corner of Yosemite in June.

to travel again after becoming homebodies for the last two years due to COVID.

which operates during the summer in Mills Park in Carson City.

PAUL SHATTUCK says hello to all of his classmates and hopes to gather to celebrate their recent 60th reunion! Paul shares that Lick keeps on giving him dividends 59 years later in both his personal and business life. He is still working full-time at Adhesive Products Inc in Albany, which was founded in 1878, and has been in the Shattuck family since 1934. Paul and his company have modified some old natural base formulas to make repulpable, biodegradable non hydrocarbon base formulas to use in packaging, paper straws, etc. Fun stuff for a guy who almost flunked high school chemistry! Paul still does long distance bicycle events and alpine ascents and treks thanks to ultra light

modern equipment that helps get him up the mountain.

1963

WALLY FREE writes that he is ready to be at LWHS in 2023 for his 60th reunion! He still travels back roads in the seven western states. Wally shares that medical science is keeping up with him and still keeps him healthy and aware.

DON GILSON shares that after a 58-year hiatus, there is now another Lick student in the family! He is looking forward to hearing about all of the changes that have occurred since he started at LWHS from his granddaughter, **AMY APPLE 2025**. Don and his wife live in San Francisco and are looking forward to being able

Above: And now there are two Tigers in the family! Donald Gilson 1963 with his granddaughter, Amy Apple 2025.

1964

JOHN KIPPING spent another four months this past summer aboard Dolphin Charter's small cruise boat in southeast Alaska's Inside Passage as first mate/naturalist. He's now home again and self-employed as a part-time certified arborist, while also writing for an arborist's journal. Last year the Caldor Fire came within a mile of their home, so John also continues to manage the forest around their dwellings. This past May, he floated and explored the Trinity and lower Klamath Rivers in northeast California by raft. His daughter, Zoe, a Reed College graduate, celebrates her second year of employment as a librarian at the homeless campus of Loaves and Fishes in Sacramento, a fine



organization. John thanks Lick for the wonderful education that he received years ago, especially the various trade classes!

1966

JOE GARRETT shares the unfortunate news that classmate **CHARLIE MORGAN** passed away in July. Charlie played on the basketball team at LWHS and is survived by his brother, **WILLIAM MORGAN 1963**.

JEFF QUIROS continues to expand his art career and hopes to make this his sole means of support. He has been selling prints through his website for some time. Jeff has recently begun to explore the world of non-fungible tokens (NFT). He recommends you look this up, if you are not familiar with NFTs. He believes it could be the wave of the future for fine art and much more. To view Jeff's work, visit www.jeffquiros.com

Above: Since 2013, John Kipping 1964 has been rafting as a private boater after spending decades working seasonally as a whitewater river guide in Oregon, Idaho, California, and Alaska. Here he is entering a rapid on the John Day River in Oregon last year.

Above, right: Jonathan Lewis 1967 at the Carnavalet Museum in Paris doing some research for his short stories. If it looks like he's dozing off, it is because he is—as he occasionally did in his LWHS classes. Jonathan says, "some things never change."



1967

Since retiring twice (once from a compensated career and then from a career working pro bono for social justice causes), **JONATHAN LEWIS** has been putting his LWHS education to happy use. For the last three years, he's been using the skills he learned at Lick (woodworking, electronics, art, design, and much more) to create art box sculptures. To shape a new work of art and have others relate to it has been a special joy that Jonathan never anticipated in high school. This year, Jonathan took up writing short stories that he calls fictionalized travelogues. Each story is about a lead character's engagement with a particular

venue and the character's search to find his place in the world. From learning basic grammar to studying great literature, Jonathan says his LWHS education sits next to him every day. With that being said, writing is a demanding journey, but he is loving it. Jonathan welcomes feedback, suggestions, critiques, and edits. The two social enterprises that Jonathan helped to birth (MCE Social Capital and Copia) are thriving. As a result, hundreds of thousands of impoverished women in developing economies have better lives, and that makes him very proud. On the personal side of life, Jonathan is besotted with his two grandkids, and is proud of his son and daughter-in-law. Jonathan and his wife will also be celebrating their upcoming 50th anniversary

with a year-long celebration of travel. One destination will be Egypt with a cruise down the Nile, based on his classmate **RUSTAM TAHIR**'s entertaining report on his experience. To view Jonathan's artwork visit www.jonathanclewis.com/artist. To read his travelogues and see the countries he's written about, visit www.offcourseofcourse.me

JAMES WALSH has had a busy year. He's not been traveling or doing anything physical, but has been busy trading stocks several times a week. Now that brokers do not have commission trades, it makes this fairly easy. James also shared that this last year has been his most successful year in the market. Of course, the market went up 28% last year, but he did a little better. He recommends just following the trends. Most of his stocks have had a 25-30% correction and he buys when they start to rebound. Of course, he's made a few errors, but it keeps James active. His best advice is to follow the charts. If the chart is going up, invest, and if it's turning down, sell some.

James would like to remind everyone that stocks have gained 9% a year on average since 1929. He does think this is a great time to invest and you can give stocks to charity to avoid paying capital gains. And if your stock goes up 50-100% in a year, James suggests that you do what he did—give some of the profits back to LWHS.

James is still weight lifting and cycling, and also does some jogging—after all, James shares that he did break Lick's mile record over 50 years ago.

The Class of 1967 held its 55th reunion this year. Though many in the class opted to forgo due to COVID concerns, a great group of **PHIL VARDARA, STEVE SAARMAN, DAVE EANDI, GEORGE MIERS, GENE CONTI, AL PAMPANIN, JIM WALSH, RON FRIEDMAN, RUSS TAHIR**, and their significant others managed to fall in love again with the new Lick. They also enjoyed a boisterous meal at Coqueta, and had a super wonderful afternoon at George Miers' Sonoma estate. They look forward to the 60th and hopefully with everyone healthy and sane.

1968

RICHARD "DICK" DREYER is still working as a senior principal at Holmes US as a structural engineer. Retirement seems pretty scary to him. But, there is very exciting news to share. Dick and his wife will soon become grandparents! Their first grandchild should be arriving in February of next year.

Subsequent to graduation from Lick, **WES THOLLANDER** attended the California College of Arts & Crafts. He then attended the Instituto de San Miguel de



Above: **Wes Thollander 1968** enjoys long-distance adventure motorcycling, one of his many hobbies.

Allende in Mexico, and then went on to both Napa Junior College and Santa Rosa Junior College. No degrees, just six years of eclectic college experiences. Wes and his wife live on 20 acres near Calistoga, in the Napa Valley. He's spent the bulk of his career building custom homes and wineries in the Napa Valley. His other activities include photography, travel, long-distance adventure motorcycling, and vintage motorcycle restoration. To check out his construction projects, visit www.thollanderconstruction.com. Wes' photography can be viewed at www.thollanderphotography.com.



1969

After more than 30 years at the School of Global Policy and Strategy at UC San Diego, **STEPHAN HAGGARD** will be stepping back from full-time teaching to focus on research. His latest preoccupation has been democratic backsliding, with a short book on the topic that came out in 2021: *Backsliding: Democratic Regress in the Contemporary World*.

WILL KNOX has been married for 36 years and has lived in Ojai since 2016. He and his wife have one

Above: Arlo Hale Smith 1973 with his partner, Clark Tanner.

Above, right: Arlo Hale Smith 1973 walks his daughter, Sohaa, down the aisle at her wedding in Las Vegas.



son, who is 27 years old. Will has worked in restaurant real estate and concept development. He also now has a podcast, *Mr. Restaurant*. If you are in Ojai, come say hello!

1972

KEN MATEIK is finally fully retired now and spends most of his time with his wife, Karla, gardening, fishing, and photographing wildlife anywhere in the Western United States. He uploads most of his photos and data to the iNaturalist website as a citizen scientist and has received calls from various agencies on some of the rare species. Ken highly recommends this website to anyone who is interested in the flora or fauna anywhere in the world.

1973

ARLO HALE SMITH shares that his daughter, Sohaa, was married on June 11, 2021, in Las Vegas. Sohaa teaches stage management at University of

Nevada, Las Vegas. Arlo has been living with his partner, Clark Tanner, since April 2021. His previous partner, Phil Cortland, passed away in 2018. Arlo has converted to Reform Judaism. He is also working to organize the Forward Party as an alternative to the current two-party logjam.

BRUCE TAYLOR is enjoying retirement! He started working on cars in **JOHANNES THOMPSON's** machine shop class and just never stopped. After running his own service and repair business for 32 years, he has handed the business over to his daughter. Bruce says his LWHS experience was formative in so much of his life: his fine art, literature, and manual arts combination fit him perfectly. Hello to all the members of the Class of 1973!

1974

MIKE COHEN retired from Sutter Health after 25 years. He has been spending his free time traveling with his wife of 37 years, Mary, to Hawaii, Mexico, Norway, Denmark, and Fiji. He has been scuba diving with the sharks, gardening, and visiting his grandchildren in Salt Lake City. He would love to hear from other members of the Class of 1974.



1979

In November 2021, shortly after celebrating 33 years of marriage, **JEANNE HECHT BELLEW** and her husband, James, moved to Costa Rica! They got through the pandemic, felt immense gratitude, and wanted to live the life they were craving so they took their work online and moved. They decided to choose a different path that allows them to live the life

they determine in an environment of health and well-being while growing their income as digital nomads. They sold all of their “stuff” and moved to Costa Rica with their duffel bags and their two dogs. Their children, Jake and Jesse, are both in Europe. Jesse is living in Paris and just had a daughter, Rosie, who is their first grandchild, with his girlfriend, Sophia! Jeanne and her husband will be visiting them later this year for five weeks to help them get settled. Jake is participating in a two-year MFA program in documentary filmmaking and will spend his semesters in Lisbon, Budapest, and Brussels. Jeanne and James are living their lives now the way they have wanted for a long time. They live in a beautiful country that is friendly to immigrants. They spend time working, being of service, and traveling. It took them time to work through the mindset that told them what was and wasn’t possible until they understood that living where they wanted and working when they



Top, left: Jeanne Hecht Bellew 1979 and her husband James, with their dogs Cousteau and Ferdinand. To follow Jeanne and her husband’s adventures in Costa Rica, visit or subscribe to their YouTube channel, *Duffels and Dogs*.

Left: Jesse, the son of Jeanne Hecht Bellew 1979, holding his daughter (and first grandchild for Jeanne and her husband), Rosie.

Above: Pete Dickinson 1979 completed an Olympic Distance triathlon in Malibu this past September.

wanted, while not part of their cultural conversation, was more achievable. If anyone is interested in visiting Costa Rica, please reach out—or subscribe or check out their YouTube Channel, *Duffels and Dogs*, to follow their adventures, ask any questions, etc. They are 0.5 miles from the beach and are remodeling a two-bedroom casita for visitors. Jeanne says if you can be a digital nomad, they will have a set up for you! Jeanne is honored to be a part of the LWHS community and hopes to see some more alumni and classmates again...in 2024? Pura vida!

PETE DICKINSON writes that he and his family emerged relatively unscathed from COVID restrictions. His daughter graduated from UC Riverside, and she is working hard while figuring out next steps. Pete and his wife, Julie, practice law together, which is heaven on earth, even if they do work seven days a week. Pete is now a senior partner in the firm,



Above: Baby Ambre, the first grandchild of Laure Morin-Mygardon 1979, was born in France on May 6, 2022.

which gives him more choice about his caseload. Last year, he participated in and completed an Olympic-distance triathlon in Malibu. He recently went on a Nuremburg-Holocaust adventure led by LA County Bar Association, which was deeply disturbing. His next vacation will be to Bali!

LAURE MORIN MYGARDON is excited to announce the birth of her first grandchild, Ambre, who was born on May 6, 2022. Laure was an exchange student at LWHS from France in 1979.

1980

JAMES CAHAN has been living in Maine for the past four years. He celebrated his 19th wedding anniversary on December 21, while also celebrating his 17 year-old daughter, Kat, and his

15 year-old son, Jacob. James spent 26 years as a prosecutor in Santa Clara County, and another year and a half as a prosecutor in Kennebec County in Maine. Now, through the challenges of a pandemic and shipping crisis, James has developed a game, had it manufactured in Shanghai, and the game should hopefully be delivered to him sometime early next year.

1981

See Class of 1981 Reunion Highlights for updates.

1982

After 22 years, **REID EDELMAN** still enjoys living and working in Ukiah, CA, where he teaches theater at Mendocino College. Reid cherishes the lifelong friendships that have endured with classmates from Lick and also with colleagues and students from his years teaching at Lick from 1987-2000. Reid and his wife, Deborah, have two wonderful sons. Eli is a sophomore at Pitzer College and Noah is a junior at Ukiah High School.

ROBIN HAUSER lives full-time in Park City, UT, where she continues to work as an independent filmmaker and public speaker. Robin's most recent film, *\$avvy*, explores why it is critical for women to understand and take

control of their personal finances. To view the film, visit www.vimeo.com/516566048.

SAM HERZBERG received a 30-year service award for his 31 years of service to the County of San Mateo in the Planning, Public Works, and Parks Departments. He lives in San Carlos with his wife, Leslie, and their two daughters Aliza, age 24, and Talia, age 21.

1984

Martin Azevedo and his wife, Julia, celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary in November and their son Zane's 9th birthday in October. Martin spent the pandemic working at home as a data engineer for clinical trials, practicing piano, learning electronics, and reconnecting via Zoom with friends and LWHS classmates now scattered around the world. Strange to say, but Martin believes it's brought some old friends closer together.

1985

SUSAN FELKER HIXSON turned 55 this year, has both kids in college, is an empty nester, and is enjoying the unmarried life. Susan is currently working on earning her Waldorf Certificate in Education, fixing up a vintage camper, and living near the American River/Sacramento. She is looking



forward to seeing her classmates for their 40th reunion!

RODERICK WYLIE shares that he taught a studio course, “Dreamscapes of Aurora: Geothermal Landscapes of Energy and Rejuvenation” at the Harvard Graduate School of Design this past fall.

1986

After their two young daughters moved to the East coast, **DOUG SILVERSTEIN** and his wife, Gaby, moved to Germany, near Stuttgart, in 2021. Gaby is an international school coach. When he is not studying German, Doug is an environmental sustainability writer and lecturer. Doug encourages fellow alumni to send him a note if you are in the area or planning a trip to Germany. He is happy to provide tips for hiking, biking, culture, soccer, food, and beer.

1987

JEANNE BELL has moved to beautiful San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. She is in the early stages of launching a product to support nonprofit leaders in more justice-centered organizational structure and decision-making.

In May, **JASON GULLION** and his wife, Mischa, decided to try something new and moved to the Pacific Northwest. They live near the town of Duvall, northeast of Seattle. Their pup, Ryder, is loving the bigger yard! Jason just started a new role as the Head of Strategic Platforms in IT for BioMarin Pharmaceutical, where he has been working for almost seven years. Jason looks forward to new adventures at work and play!

STEVE HAAS and his wife, Megan, are enjoying empty nesting to the fullest and have traveled more this year than the past 5 years combined!



Left: **Doug Silverstein** 1986 and his wife, Gaby, enjoying life (and some German food) outside of Stuttgart, Germany.

Top: **Andrew Lie** 1987 with his wife, Page, son Henry, and daughter Margaret.

Above: **Andrew Lie** 1987 speaks at the ribbon cutting of 705 Serramonte, which is a new faculty and staff housing development for the Jefferson Union High School District in Daly City.

ANDREW LIE and his wife, Page, have been empty nesters for a while now. Their daughter, Margaret, works as a legislative advocate (read: lobbyist) in Sacramento and their son, Henry, is in his senior year at San Diego State. They still live in Pacifica and Andrew continues to work as director of finance for an international design firm in San Francisco, while Page works as a clinical nurse for a fertility clinic. Andrew is in his seventh year as a trustee for the Jefferson Union High School District in Daly City, where they opened 705



halls at LWHS as a high schooler. Mark hopes his fellow classmates are doing well and encourages his classmates to reach out to catch up via email mckress@gmail.com.



Serramonte, their new faculty and staff housing development, in May 2022. There are 122 apartments offered at over 40% below market rate rent for their educators. You may have seen or read about the project in various media outlets these past few months and perhaps you might have seen Andrew on air or quoted in a few of the articles! Andrew is proud of the work that their school board and district team have done to solve a pressing issue at the intersection of the housing crisis and educator recruitment and retention. Andrew looks forward to seeing his LWHS classmates soon.

Top, left: Arden Hoffman 1989

Top, middle: Mark Kress 1989 with his oldest son.

Top, right: The cover of *Sex and the Single Panda: The Revolting Pursuit of Love in the Animal Kingdom* written by Dahlia Gallin Ramirez 1989. The book was released on February 1, 2022.

Above: Good friends and members of the Class of 1989 Lee Rosenberg and Dahlia Gallin Ramirez recently got together with their families. Pictured, from left to right: Jhonna, Lilia, Lee, and Darren Roseberg, Andrés and Sissel Ramirez and Dahlia Gallin Ramirez.

1988

DEIRDE VISSER shares that in March 2022, Routledge released her book, *Joinery, Joists and Gender*, the first-ever history of women and gender non-conforming woodworkers. The book begins by tracing the presence of women in the shop from the medieval period to the present, and the second half includes profiles of 16 incredibly inspiring makers working today.

DAHLIA GALLIN RAMIREZ

has been contributing humor and cartoons to *The New Yorker*. Her first book was released in February, *Sex and the Single Panda: The Revolting Pursuit of Love in the Animal Kingdom* (Chronicle Books). For more information, visit www.dollyonpaper.com

LEE ROSENBERG reunited with **DAHLIA GALLIN RAMIREZ**, one of his best friends from LWHS, with their families at Golden Gate Park. All the kids are growing fast. Dahlia's husband, Andrés, gave Lee's son, Darren, skateboarding lessons in the park and then invited them over to build Darren a skateboard. They strolled on rollerblades, bikes, trailers, and skateboards to Dahlia's lovely home in San Francisco, where they had coffee and let the kids hang out. Lee had so much fun visiting with Dahlia and her family—and he even got a signed copy of her recently published book! Lee says they will be visiting again soon.

1989

ARDEN HOFFMAN was appointed to be the chief people officer and senior vice president of General Motors in October. She will start her new position in January 2023.

Lick What? **MARK KRESS** writes that his oldest boy just started high school at Miramonte in Orinda. Visiting his son's high school brought back fond memories of walking down the



Left: Ayo Seligman 1990 and Junko Green 1991 continue to work together in education at Minerva University.

1991

JUNKO GREEN and **AYO SELIGMAN 1990** continue their long-term collaboration in educational innovation, which hit a major milestone this year with Minerva University's independent accreditation. Other institutions around the world are also adopting the Minerva model, as part of a growing education reform movement. Ayo and his family are now living in San Anselmo, while Junko and her family live in Oakland—but they continue to connect regularly. To learn more about Minerva University, visit www.minerva.edu.

JULIAN KATZ has spent the entire pandemic living with his wife and three daughters on a ski hill in the Canadian Rockies. After spending his entire career at advertising agencies, Julian now works at Meta, overseeing the work they do and relationships they have with their agencies, with a heavy focus on social impact initiatives (diversity & inclusion, sustainability & economic opportunity). In 2020, Julian co-founded a nonprofit organization, Green The Bid, a grassroots community and advocacy group dedicated to shifting the commercial production industry to zero-waste, net carbon-neutral, sustainable, and regenerative practices.

1993

DAVID DUSKIN is a co-founder and chair of the Board of Directors for the Petaluma River Park Foundation, an organization that acquired 24 acres in the heart of downtown Petaluma, is adjacent to public transportation, and is now open as a public park dawn to dusk, 7 days a week. With a mission to meet a vital need for shared space that connects people, art, and nature, Petaluma River Park's vision is to be a vibrant, welcoming place that fosters a love of nature, sparks creativity, and unifies our community for generations to come. Trained as an artist, blacksmith and metal fabricator, David has a bachelor of arts in art and English literature, and a master of fine arts in sculpture. Building on his formal education and a series of apprenticeships, David is working on both public and private commissions and teaching grad students once a week at Academy of Art University in San Francisco. For more information, visit www.PetalumaRiverPark.org or www.DavidDuskin.com.

REBEKAH KRELL and **ZACH SHEPARD** surprisingly have not yet married (each other). To their mutual surprise after purchasing quirky tiny homes, they both chose the idiosyncratic Duravit 1930's series toilet and sink, and now enjoy matching bathrooms.



As Rebekah says, Lick my left.
As Zach says, Lick my right.
From their respective matching
bathrooms in their tiny homes,
Rebekah and Zach would like to
say, “Go Tigers!”

Above: Francesca Gessner 1994 with her husband and two children.

Above, right: Shana Lopes 1997, who is an assistant curator of photography at SFMOMA, stands in front of one of the pieces from the exhibition that she just curated.

1994

After 15 years as a deputy city attorney with the San Francisco City Attorney’s Office, **FRANCESCA GESSNER** has moved to the California Department of Justice to serve as chief of policy for Attorney General Rob Bonta. Francesca lives in San Francisco, in the same Bernal Heights house where she grew up, with her husband and two children, ages 4 and 6.

After spending three years in New York, **ALEX GOLDHAMMER** moved back to the Bay Area at the end of 2017. After seven years at Google, he is now working at Peloton. Alex works with the software engineering team on next



generation projects. He still enjoys participating in triathlons in his free time.

BEAR KORNGOLD has been a clinical psychologist in private practice in Noe Valley since 2007. He specializes in working with couples. His daughter is currently in the thick of high school applications (and loves Lick!). It has been really nice reconnecting with and rediscovering LWHS and its community. It is amazing that **GORANKA POLJAK-HOY** and **ELIOT SMITH** are still at LWHS and still teaching and inspiring students.

from their perspective. Every time Susie sees Mrs. Clark’s grandchildren, she remembers Mrs. Clark’s fantastic AP European History class! Susie was recently promoted to Chief Operating Officer of First Republic Bank in September, which is keeping her busy but also very engaged in the San Francisco community since they are headquartered here. Susie loves running into former classmates and fellow alumni in First Republic branches and out and about in San Francisco. She hopes everyone is doing well and staying healthy!

1996

SUSIE CRANSTON HAMILTON writes that Lick continues to be part of her family’s life. **NANCY CLARK**’s grandchildren now babysit her two boys, along with some other fantastic LWHS students. It’s fun to hear what is happening on campus

1997

SHANA LOPES, an assistant curator of photography at SFMOMA, just opened an exhibition at the museum titled *Sightlines: Photographs from the Collection*. She encourages members of the LWHS community to visit the exhibit. The exhibit runs until May 7, 2023.



ANYA HOLLAND-BARRY, her husband, and two children (ages 9 and 12) reside in Madison, WI. Anya accepted a new job this year as the elementary general music teacher at two schools. She continues her work in children’s musical theater with community and professional organizations in the Madison area. In her spare time, Anya can be found cheering on her children at gymnastics meets or on the basketball court.

TANYA ZIMBARDO welcomed her baby, Clay Cielo Doyle, in February 2022. She recently curated two exhibitions, *Speculative Portraits* and *Susan Philipsz*, that were on view at SFMOMA through early September.



1998

MANDY FAVLORO is finishing her two-year term as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA), a national organization that works to protect and enforce the legal and civil rights of students with disabilities and their families. They are currently planning their annual conference, which will take place in San Francisco early next year. Mandy has been volunteering in various roles with this organization for over 15 years.

MORGAN VENABLE and his wife, Lena, welcomed son Aki Joseph Venable on November 2, 2021. They returned to the Bay Area in 2021 after a few years in Seattle,

Left: Morgan Venable 1998 and his daughter and co-pilot, Juniper, enjoy paragliding at Mussel Rock Park.

Top: Lesley Kraechan 1999 has been very active in the community, and is the Club Service Chair for OneVet OneVoice SF of the Lions Club. Lesley (far right) seen here with past colleagues and the President of her Lions Club, Courtney Ellington (far left), continues to work with women that are survivors of violence, women who suffer from anxiety or panic, and those who have other health conditions similar to her own (MS, Lupus, diabetes).

Above: At a recent community service project, Lesley Kraechan 1999 (left) helps students from the Gum Moon summer school drop off cleaning supplies to donate to vets who are in transitional housing at The Auburn in San Francisco.

where daughter Juniper was born. They bought a duplex together in Pacifica with his sister **NOE VENABLE 1994** and her family. Morgan continues to enjoy the proximity of the paragliding site at Mussel Rock Park, first introduced to him by faculty member **SCOTT GASPARIAN** back in 1997. Juniper, age 3, is his favorite co-pilot, and insists that when she’s bigger, she can fly on her own. Get in touch for a free tandem flight!

1999

Not only is **LESLEY KRAECHAN** a proud member of Rotary Chinatown, she is also the Club Service Chair for the newly formed Lions Club OneVet OneVoice SF. She says she likes to think they make sure that no one is left behind. As Club Service Chair, Lesley is in charge of community service. Their first project involved bringing eyeglass vouchers (\$160 discount) and to the staff and students of Gordon Lau Elementary School. They hope to bring this program to all public schools in SF County. If anyone has a location where they would like an eyeglass donation box—they take old glasses, in any condition, and you don’t need to know the prescription. Or if you have eyeglasses to donate, they want them!

Lesley is also open to hearing ideas for community service projects, such as one-time projects like trash pick-up, larger projects between various organizations (installation of public art, play structures), or more legacy projects that will carry on and inspire others after she's no longer the Club Service Chair and after her lifetime, such as (hopefully) her book and eyeglass projects.



Above: Ana Cajina Vasudeo 2000

Right: 2004 classmates Gabriel Haas, his wife, Janifer Schierenbeck Haas, with their son, Wylo, at the SF Zoo.

2000

YVONNE HUNG founded Otelier, a furniture studio during the pandemic that focuses on sustainable furniture for apartment living. Her first product was a standing desk, designed and made in the Bay Area. It won the Industrial Design Award at SF Design Week and GOOD Design Award in 2021. The company is busy working on their next product, which is scheduled to come out in early 2023. See more at www.otelier.com or on Instagram @otelier_home.

ANA CAJINA VASUDEO is midway through her tenure serving on the Berkeley School Board. She is active in various committees, including the school district's Career Technical Education Advisory Committee and is passionate about increasing opportunities for students of color to have access to high quality STEM education. She also serves



on the board of the California Latino School Boards Association and presented recently at their Unity conference on a resolution she authored *In Support of the Achievement and Success of All Latinx Students in Berkeley Unified School District*. When she's not serving on the board, she enjoys biking in the Bay Area with her husband and two boys.

2004

JANIFER SCHIERENBECK HAAS was born and raised in the East Bay and went to elementary and middle school in Oakland. In 2000, she was accepted to LWHS and graduated in 2004. Sequentially, with the help of a Presidential Scholarship, she attended Mills College, an all-women's liberal arts university in Oakland. During those four years, she also apprenticed with her father and learned the ins and outs of landscaping, irrigation, residential "flips," building maintenance and repair, construction, and property renovations. Janifer graduated in 2008 with honors from Mills College with a bachelor's degree in fine art. In 2009, she had a collaborative video piece with artist Ruth

Boerefijn that was on display at the De Young Museum in San Francisco. Afterwards, instead of chasing an art career, Janifer decided to follow in her father's footsteps. After obtaining her California General B Contractor's License in the same year (at the time, she was the youngest female in California to earn this license), Janifer started her own woman-owned and operated construction company, Lady Pro Construction, Inc. Over the years, her company was subcontracted out to do both large construction, renovations, and landscaping projects (i.e. with the City of Berkeley, the Berkeley Marina, and Trader Joe's), as well as personal homeowners, residential landlords, and commercial businesses for smaller-scale jobs. Janifer met her husband and classmate **GABRIEL HAAS** at LWHS (first class of the first week in 9th grade), and they started dating in their senior year. They married in 2012 and, in 2015, Janifer and Gabriel decided to start a family. In January of 2016, the couple had a gorgeous baby boy, Wylo Haas. As a result, Janifer took a hiatus from work to be a stay-at-home mom for two years. In 2018, she decided to pursue a different career path and enrolled in the Funeral Service Education Program at American River College in Sacramento. Janifer graduated in December last year and currently works full-time as an embalmer at Duggan's-Serra Mortuary in Daly City. Gabriel is a



teacher at Aptos Middle School..

MARIO SAWAYA shares that his sister, **DALIA SAWAYA 2006**, just released an album. It can be found on Spotify and other streaming platforms under “Dalia & The Big Violin.” Her album can also be found on Bandcamp at <https://daliaandthebigviolin.bandcamp.com/album/dalia-the-big-violin>.

2005

DELLA DUNCAN produced several audio documentaries through the Upstream Podcast this year about a Feminist Economic response to COVID, the legacy of Occupy Wall St., and Abolishing Policing. To listen and learn more visit www.upstreampodcast.org/.

AILEEN JOY has spent more than a decade as an organizer for dignified homes for all as part of Tenants Together (TT). TT consists of a coalition of 50 member organizations and is California’s only statewide organization for renter rights. As the head of resource organizing for TT, they coordinate philanthropic and peer-to-peer giving relationships to build tenant power in communities statewide, centering the leadership of communities most impacted by historic and current housing violence. Displaced from SF just before starting at LWHS (thanks, flexible tuition!), they are committed to keeping Californians in their homes. When not working, they still love hanging out with their best friends from LWHS and their big family.

Above: Ryland Fallon 2006 with his wife, Natalie Warsinger-Pepe, and their son Leland, who was born on August 5, 2021.

Above, right: Nathan Calixto 2007 (left) and Josh Hoerger 2006 (right) found themselves working together on the same ICU team at UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento. Nathan is an Anesthesiology resident and Josh is a Pulmonary and Critical Care fellow.



2006

RYLAND FALLON married Natalie Warsinger-Pepe on February 24, 2020. Together, they welcomed baby boy, Leland Gray Fallon, on August 5, 2021. He says time flies when you are stuck in the house.

PIPER NIEHAUS and her husband, Andrew Melvin, welcomed daughter Mae Niehaus Melvin in July.



2007

NATHAN CALIXTO is a third-year anesthesiology resident at UC Davis Medical Center (UCDMC) in Sacramento, and worked on the same ICU team as **JOSH HOERGER 2006**. Josh is now a third-year pulmonary and critical care fellow at UCDMC.

Above: Samantha Bradley 2008 with her daughter, Ella. Ella's grandmother, Andi Alban 1977, recently visited and they were able to capture this adorable photo!

Top, right: Ed Foley 2008 was selected to play in Mario Kart 8 Deluxe Championship Cup in September.

Right: An early morning shot of the Northern lights near Fairbanks, AK, taken by Ed Foley 2008.

2008

SAMANTHA BRADLEY and her husband, Jake Gosline, welcomed their daughter Ella in August. Ella joins a family of proud Tigers: Jake's mom **ANDI ALBAN 1977**, is thrilled to be a grandma, and Samantha's brother **BEN BRADLEY 2006** and sister-in-law **CHARLOTTE**

GJEDSTED 2006, are excited to have a niece. They look forward to attending alumni events with the whole family soon!

It was a big year for **ED FOLEY!** Last November, Ed moved to Redmond, WA, and he has been gradually acclimating to the wet weather. (California could use some of this rain!) In April, Ed and his mother, **LORI STASUKELIS**, visited Fairbanks, AK, where they experienced the Northern lights for the first time. Ed continues to coordinate software engineering

operations at HaptX, where they've just announced their newest product, HaptX Gloves G1. In September, Ed was one of 12 Mario Kart players from North America whom Nintendo selected to compete in the Mario Kart 8 Deluxe Championship Cup invitational at PAX West in Seattle. Ed is looking forward to whatever new experiences and discoveries the next year brings.

MELISSA OLAGUE is currently in the process of getting certified as a professional life coach. Her focus is on helping



clients manage burnout and reach their goals faster. Feel free to email Melissa if you or someone you know is interested in coaching at restandpersist@gmail.com.

In October 2021, **CAROLINE WONG** married Anthony Strasburger in Anaheim. The wedding was attended by Caroline's cousin **THOMAS CHOW 2001**. Caroline and Anthony are expecting their first child, due late March 2023.

2009

In 2021 **MIA DIVECHA** and her husband, Nima, welcomed their first baby, Leyla Naheed Divecha! Leyla was born on June 22 in Minneapolis and she's been calling the shots ever since!



Mia and Nima were lucky to be surrounded by lots of help—including Auntie **ZAI DIVECHA 2006**, dear friend **LIESL SPITZ 2007**, and a visit from **SARAH BINDMAN**. They can't wait to teach Leyla all kinds of LWHS skills, like what a hyphen is and how to use a bandsaw (maybe when she's a little older!). Mia recently participated in a giving project through the Headwaters Foundation for Justice, where she, along with 20 other cohort members, raised and funded grants to local organizations. The model is intended to center donor-organizing and remove the power structures in traditional philanthropy. Mia currently sits on their development committee.

ANDRÉS FUENTES-AFFLICK married his now wife, Chanell Heslop, in September 2022 in Salt Lake City. The couple met while studying at the University of Michigan (GO BLUE!) and look forward to moving to Chicago in the summer of 2023.



Top, left: **Caroline Wong 2008** with her husband, Anthony Strasburger.

Top, middle: **Caroline Wong 2008** (middle) celebrates with family and friends at her wedding reception, including with her cousin Thomas Chow 2001 (bottom row, second from the left).

Top, right: **Mia Divecha 2009** with daughter, Leyla.

Above: **Marissa Seto 2009** with her husband, Alex Quan.

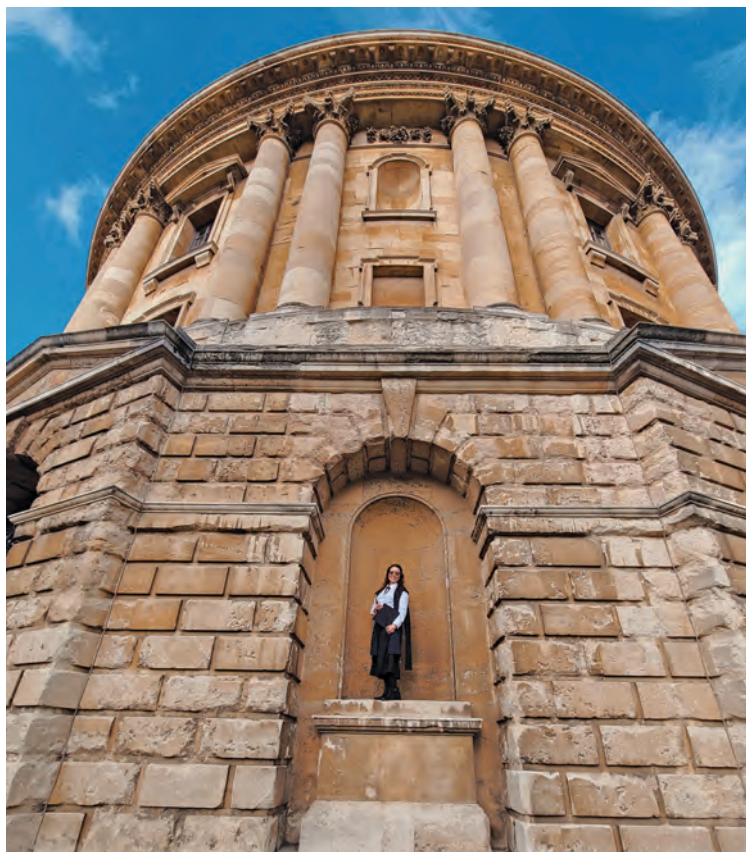
Right: **Andrés Fuentes-Afflick 2009** married Chanell Heslop in Salt Lake City this past September.



On a perfect October afternoon, **MARISSA SETO** married her best friend and partner, Alex Quan, at the beautiful Bear Flag Farm in Winters, CA.

2010

SOPHIA WILSON accidentally became an internet micro-celebrity by tweeting under the pseudonym "Maimonides Nutz." After that, Sophia taught herself digital art on a whim and built a solid business selling her art.



All of this has been wild and unexpected—she also had an interview posted in *Hey Alma*, a Jewish magazine for people around ages 20-30. She is glad to have gone to LWHS because it celebrates weirdness, which Sophia needs to embrace every day. LWHS also taught her also how to WRITE, which Sophia can tell has had a huge impact on why she is now a very powerful writer.

2011

This past September, **VINCENT LOPES** happily rung in his 30th birthday with two of his classmates and best friends—**WESLEY SPARAGON** and

Above: Akari Goda-Maurezzutt in front of the Radcliffe Camera at the University of Oxford.

Right: Mikaila Kalinowski 2007 and Sarah Prensky-Pomeranz 2007 with the bride, Rachel Prensky-Pomeranz 2012 at her wedding in Lake Tahoe



STANDISH O'GRADY. Wesley and Standish happened to be in San Francisco as Vincent was in town to celebrate three decades of rotations around the sun gathered. The three gathered together for the first time in almost 10 years and had a great night which included all-you-can-eat Korean BBQ, some games, and a trip to Baker Beach. It was like being 18 all over again but with a bit more aches and pains. Vincent would not have had it any other way.

2012

AKARI GODA-MAUREZZUTT completed her master's of science degree in science for

the conservation-restoration of cultural heritage at the University of Bologna during the height of COVID-19. In October, Akari moved to the United Kingdom to begin her PhD in archaeology at the University of Oxford. Her proposed research is focused on China, Mongolia, and the Eastern Steppe from 2000-0 BCE by combining analysis of the imagery with the scientific analysis of ancient DNA and the compositional makeup.

RACHEL PRENSKY-POMERANZ got married to Billy Malmel in Lake Tahoe July, 2022. The couple met in Chicago and are both currently UC Berkeley Grad Students. Rachel is getting her MBA and Masters in Public Health,



and Billy is in law school. They celebrated their wedding with fellow Lick alums!

2013

CAROLINE DOYLE is currently living in Brooklyn near a number of Lick graduates, rooming with her boyfriend and their dog. She is currently working for a sculptor based in Brooklyn, assisting him on the fabrication of wood, metal and ceramic pieces (all skills that Caroline picked up during my time at Lick!). Caroline also performs stand-up comedy and hosts a regular blind dating comedy show, in which many Lick alumni have been lucky (or maybe brave?) enough to participate. Go Tigers xo!

SAM OZER-STATON writes in with a report on the beautiful little community of Lick grads living in Brooklyn, NY. Sam shares an apartment with classmate **RYAN QUINN**, which is just a few blocks from Prospect Park. They used to

live with **DAVID KURLANDER**, who has since moved in with his wonderful now-fiancé Zara Sternberg. David and Zara are getting married in May and both Ryan and Sam will serve as groomsmen. In a snub that Sam chooses not to take personally, **BEN SCHNEIDER** will be the best man. **CAROLINE DOYLE** also lives a few blocks away. **ALLISON PARK** is in the neighborhood as well. Plus **ERICA CREW** and **ROSE PAXTON** are a short walk away. On a recent walk back from the gym (Sam began going to the local Crunch Gym earlier this summer but quickly developed a foot issue and has since stopped), Sam ran into Class of 2014 alumni **MAYA POLLACK** and **CLAIRE STACY**. He also just saw **OWEN SMITH-CARL** at his local pho spot. **BAHAR OSTADAN** lives on the Upper West Side, but at heart, she is a Brooklynite. There's clearly something happening in Brooklyn and Sam encourages other LWHS alumni to join!



Left: Caroline Doyle 2013 (left) regularly performs stand-up comedy in New York.

Top: The alumni group in NY is growing! From left to right, From left to right, Glenna Roberts 2014, Sam Ozer-Staton 2013, David Kurlander 2013, and Ryan Quinn 2013 met up recently in Brooklyn.

Above: Roommates Ryan Quinn 2013 and Sam Ozer-Staton 2013 meet up with their good friend and classmate David Kurlander 2013.

QUINCEY TICKNER has planted over 100 trees throughout the five boroughs in New York City. Head. Heart. Hands 24/7!

2014

GRAHAM ANDERSON recently started his MBA at Wharton (UPenn), as well as a dual degree in International Relations focused on Latin American Studies. Shoutout to Lick Spanish for starting the fire.



CHARLES RYAN has had great success as a live trumpeter over the past year. Teetering between classical and pop stages, he was able to participate in some fun musical “firsts”. Classical Performance highlights include American Bach Soloists, Santa Rosa Symphony, and Symphony Silicon Valley. Pop highlights include MICHELLE at Outside Lands, Snow Tha Product at the Herbst Theater, and Teddy Swims at Chase Center’s Winter Wonderland.

Left: Quincey Tickner 2013 continues to embrace the head, heart, hands and has been busy planting over 100 trees throughout the five boroughs in New York City.

Above: You never know where you might run into LWHS alumni! Teddy Overway 2016 and Dylan Montagu 2015 both found themselves working as seasonal wildlands firefighters this summer.

Above, right: Charles Ryan 2014 performed with MICHELLE at the Rickshaw Stop in San Francisco for her Outside Lands After Hour show.

Right: Photo of Yosemite Helitack’s helicopter, H-551, with the Red Fire glowing in the background shot by Dylan Montagu 2015 while fighting the Red and Rodgers fires.



2015

This season, **DYLAN MONTAGU** has been working as a seasonal wildlands firefighter at Crater Lake National Park. He had an opportunity to work with Yosemite Helitack as a helicopter crew member for part of the season, supporting the Red and Rodgers

Fires that were going on at Yosemite National Park. During his time there, Dylan ran into **TEDDY OVERWAY 2016**. Teddy and Dylan first got to know each other during their BART rides between the East Bay and Lick, and became friends when they both ended up joining Track and Field as throwers.

They hadn’t seen each other since Dylan graduated in 2015, so when Teddy tapped his shoulder at the heli base in Yosemite, it took Dylan a few moments for his brain to

recognize him. Similar to Dylan, this was Teddy’s first season doing wildlands firefighting and he’d recently joined the Yosemite WildFire Module. His crew was at Yosemite’s Crane Flat Helibase and was to be flown out to the Rodgers Fire, a several thousand acre fire located in a remote part of the park, where they would spend the next 14 days.

Dylan and Teddy had a great time catching up for about an hour until he had to get on the helicopter



to be transported to the fire, and then said their goodbyes with plans to hopefully meet up in the Bay Area after the season, if the timing worked out. Funnily enough, they both ended up running into each other again at North Cascades National Park, where both Dylan's Crater Lake crew and Teddy's Yosemite Crew had assignments to help manage and assist North Cascades National Park with fires they had in their park.

LOIE PLAUTZ shares that "Queer Window," the all queer and trans sketch comedy team for which she writes an acts, is one of the headliners at this past year's New York Comedy Festival!

In 2021, **YANNI VELASQUEZ** competed in his first Olympic distance triathlon. He decided to increase the volume and dedicated a year of training with the Golden Gate Triathlon Club to race in his first Ironman 70.3 (1.2 mi swim, 56 mi bike ride, 13.1 mi run), which took place in August 2022. This called for early morning swims in the ocean to moonlit bike rides home. As an athlete with no structural or competitive running background,



this race was the first time Yanni has ever ran a half marathon. He clocked in 5:26:15, with the goal of finishing under 5:30:00. Although Yanni experienced severe leg cramps in mile 8 of 13.1, he fought through heavy adversity and small tears.

Yanni is proud of all the training he put in, on top of working full time at LWHS, and being a full-time graduate student at USF, pursuing his masters degree in school counseling. He looks forward to one day competing in his first full Ironman race.

2016

RON OPPENHEIMER started a new creation project with Cirque du Soleil where he performed in Malta until the end of 2022.

Far left: The official poster for "Queer Window," designed by Loie Plautz 2015. The comedians featured in the photo are Alex King, Denzel Belin, Spencer Meade, Ai Vy Luu, Matt Grote, Chris Welles, Cara Washington, and Edson Montenegro, and Loie Plautz.

Left: After biking 56 miles, Yanni Velasquez 2015 is all smiles with his bike in hand (and above his head!).

Top, right: First Ironman—check! Congratulations to Yanni Velasquez 2015 for completing the Ironman and meeting his goal!

Right: You can find Ron Oppenheimer 2016 on stage in Malta, performing in *AMORA*, a Cirque du Soleil production until the end of the year. Can you spot him in this poster? (Hint: he is pictured three times.) Artwork by Marie-André Lemire for Cirque du Soleil.



The show is called *AMORA*. Ron performed the aerial pole, which he learned during lockdown in his parent's backyard, along with tap dancing, and aerial rope! He also recently participated in the 13th edition of the international circus festival, YoungStage, in Basel, Switzerland.



CHARLES STORY is proud to report that he is officially a licensed commercial real estate broker and is working for Colliers in the Bay Area. After having previously graduated with a masters degree as a computer scientist, Charles took a (small) leap of faith and has been working most of the past year in real estate. The pandemic has changed the game of how companies approach their space, and it has made it a lot more exciting for how the office is used. Fun fact, Charles says you never really notice all of the “for lease” signs until suddenly it’s your job to. He plans on staying in this career for at least half a decade and hopes to work with other Lick alum soon!

2017

JOHN CRAIG graduated from Washington University in St Louis with the Class of 2021 with a bachelor of science degree in



Above, left: Charles Story 2016 enjoyed scuba diving during his recent trip to Egypt.

Above, middle: Photo of the Los Angeles Venue of the Immersive Van Gogh Show by Massimiliano Siccardi, produced by Impact Museums, where John Craig 2017 is working as a production coordinator.

Above, right: Alexandra Tien-Smith 2017 (middle), with her family (from left to right) Christine Tien, Phyllis Tien, friend Milan Filo, and Scott Smith at their final destination, Saint James’ Cathedral in Spain.

architecture. (He took 3 years of architecture classes at Lick!) John is beginning his career in the themed entertainment/experience design space and is currently working as a production coordinator for Impact Museums, the production company behind the Original Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit, among many other exciting world-class attractions. They are utilizing various immersive AR technologies, like projection-mapping.

After graduating college virtually in the pandemic, **ALEXANDRA TIEN-SMITH**, her family, and her best friend from college went on a 120 kilometer pilgrimage walk to St. James Cathedral on the Camino de Santiago in Spain. After that, Alexandra headed to London, where she studied at Le Cordon Bleu and received a Diploma in Gastronomy, Nutrition, and Food Trends. She studied the science of food and



sustainability while also learning practical culinary skills. One of her favorite desserts she made in class was a chestnut chocolate tart. Alexandra is enjoying the UK so much that she is now pursuing a Master of Philosophy in Population Health Sciences at the University of Cambridge.

2018

Over the pandemic, **ELLA GILLMOR** transferred from UC Santa Cruz to The New School in New York City. She moved to NYC in the dead of the winter at the beginning of 2021 and touched snow for the first time! Ella has fully transformed her life and is so excited to walk through all the new doors she has opened for herself. Ella is very proud of herself for going back to school during the pandemic and taking advantage of online school to get back on track and on top of her education.

In Memoriam



1939X
Roberta Pool
Schnittger



1944J
Robert Marotto



1946J
George White



1948X
Julius "Skip"
Stegman



1949J
Gerald Garibaldi



1952X
Francesco "Frank"
Chiappella



1957
Robert Shenk



1958
Richard Vohs



1959
Philip Gambucci



1963
John Osborn



1966
Thomas Felter



1966
Robert Charles Morgan



1967
Thomas Ashley



1969
Bruce Orcott



1975
Eliza Peterson Escott



1979
William Vollmayer



1981
Chris Buschman



1995
Eliza Rassen



Remembering Eleanor Burke

ELEANOR BURKE (May 29, 1938-May 26, 2022) died May 26, 2022, after a two-year battle with colon cancer. Having lived in San Francisco nearly her entire life, she loved the city and was deeply invested in her communities, of which one was Lick-Wilmerding High School. After teaching for two years at Drew School, she taught at LWHS from 1978-1995 and also taught a writing class at SFSU in the evenings. Many students from her era will remember her “minimal deficiencies,” which quizzed students’ basic English usage and served as a writing guide-post for many Lick grads.

After retiring from teaching in 1995 (and a year-long solo journey around the world), she started creating books of her colorful sketches. Her books include: *Sketching San Francisco Neighborhoods*, *Saigon Sketchbook*, and *A Walker’s Sketchbook of San Francisco*.

Eleanor truly embodied the spirit of LWHS as a passionate, self-directed, lifelong learner, contributing to the world with confidence and compassion.



Far left: Eleanor Burke, a huge SF Giants fan, loved sporting her Giants gear and regalia around town.

Left: Eleanor Burke with her grandchildren, Molly Dicke 2014 and George Dicke 2017.

ELEANOR BURKE’S “MINIMAL DECENCIES”

This guide has served as an important writing tool for many LWSH students and alumni. There were 13 in total, touching on such subjects as possessives, spelling, commonly confused, no-no’s, and numbers.

For those who did not have the pleasure of having Mrs. Burke as an English teacher, we hope this is one small way to commemorate her legacy among the LWSH community. For a complete list of “Minimal Decencies,” visit www.lwhs.org/alumni.

NUMBER ONE RULE:

a lot is two words, not one:

*Wanda snores **a lot** when she sleeps, even sometimes when she's awake.*

COMMONLY CONFUSED:

liable/likely: liable means legally responsible; likely means apt to happen:

If you sign this agreement, you will be **liable** for monthly dues.

It is **likely** to rain today; you'd better take your wellies.

currently/presently: **currently** means happening at the same time; **presently** means something will happen shortly:

Currently the Giants are in second place in their division (i.e. at this moment).

Presently the rain will begin to fall (i.e. at any moment, but not RIGHT now).

NO-NO'S:

The reason is because is redundant; better to say the **reason is that**

Odious: The **reason** I am cheering is **because** Bumgarner just hit a grand slam.

Better: The **reason** I am cheering **is that** Bumgarner just hit a grand slam.

Even Better: I am cheering **because** Bumgarner just hit a grand slam.

anyways is non-standard English; don't use it—the word is **anyway**

irregardless is also non-standard English; don't use it either—say **regardless**

double negatives in English are another no-no:

Not ok: One **can't hardly** blame Howard for being tired: he studied late every night this week. I **can't help** but feel sad for Howard; he failed the test anyway.

Fine: One **can hardly** blame Howard for being tired; he studied late every night this week. I **can't help feeling** sad for Howard; he failed the test anyway.

Also, avoid the wimpy word **very** if you can. Instead use strong words in themselves rather than modifying weaker words with **very**

Not Good: Marcy was a **very** nice girl

Better: Marcy was an honest, generous and kind girl

The same holds true for the wimpy verb **to be**; try to find a more colorful verb:

Not Good: The stage lighting for the play **was** excellent.

Better: The stage lighting for the play **dazzled** the audience.

different than is a no-no...the preferred idiom is **different from**:

Omar's curve ball is entirely **different from** George's.

NUMBERS:

The general rule in English is to spell out numbers under 100 but to use numerals 100 or over:

Henry VIII had **six** wives, not **300**.

FEWER/LESS:

fewer (or **number**) implies an amount that can be **counted**;

less (or **amount**) refers to something that cannot be counted or quantified

Fewer than thirty birds showed up for Sophie's birthday party. A **number** of them were dressed in bright pink.

Sophie had **less** interest in birthday gifts than in dessert. She devoured a large **amount** of strawberry shortcake.



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