

Annual Report 2022–2023



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Dear Linden Hall Community,

Emerging from the pandemic this year finally offered us opportunities to connect with one another in person. The energy on campus was so positive because we could see each other’s faces, regularly come together as an entire school, and spend time enjoying fun activities off campus. We were able to celebrate Gretna Day, Vespers, Mary Dixon Day, and so many other Linden Hall traditions, and it was wonderful to introduce these events to many students for the first time.

This year was truly magical — the athletic teams performed well, nearly 75% of our students participated in our music program, and a significant number of students received awards for their artwork. We cheered on all our student achievers and proudly celebrated their accomplishments.

The class of 2023 is a remarkable group of young women. They accumulated over \$1.5 million in college scholarships, which is a testament to their hard work and dedication. Moreover, our college acceptance list reflects some of the best schools in the world, including the United States Military Academy at West Point, Columbia University, and University College London. We know our students are well prepared to become leaders in their colleges and universities.

Our team continues to focus on four important areas of sustainability: recruitment, retention, cost containment, and fundraising. We are so fortunate to have donors who place Linden Hall at the top of their philanthropic priorities, and I thank those of you who gave of your time, talent, and treasure this year. In the coming months, Debbie Hurd and I look forward to working with friends and alumnae who are interested in learning how to include Linden Hall in their estate plans. Together, we will ensure that Linden Hall is strategically positioned to help future generations of young women be leaders in a dynamic, global society.

I hope you enjoy reading this year’s annual report, and I look forward to connecting with you in the coming months.

Warm regards,

Dr. Nan Wodarz, *Head of School*



Year in Review

2022–2023

REVENUE

Net Tuition and Educational Fees	\$ 3,906,936
Investment Income, Net of Fees	\$ 434,981
Contributions	\$ 434,913
Sale of Property/Equipment	\$ 12,830
Other Income	\$ 716,902
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 5,506,562

EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	\$ 3,540,001
Instruction and Student Activities	\$ 194,798
Auxiliary Services	\$ 160,353
Buildings and Grounds	\$ 440,875
General and Administrative	\$ 244,861
Depreciation and Other	\$ 603,583
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 5,184,471

Did you know...

LINDEN HALL STUDENTS.....



Donated over **475 lbs.** of shoes, clothing, purses, bedding, blankets



Recycled over **18,000 lbs.**
= LARGE ELEPHANT



Participated in over **2,300 hrs.**
of community service during 2022–23

BEQUESTS
in 2022–23
\$96,500



97

new donors this year



117

donors increased their giving this year



372

TOTAL Annual Fund donors



82

donors who have made gifts to LH in the past made their largest gift during 2022–23

—1969—

CLASS WITH MOST DONORS
& HIGHEST ANNUAL FUND
PARTICIPATION

—1972—

CLASS WITH HIGHEST TOTAL
DONATION DOLLAR
AMOUNT **\$104,000**

Congratulations Class of 2023

On May 26, Linden Hall bid farewell to a remarkable group of young women who have left an indelible mark on our institution's legacy. This group of graduates has exhibited extraordinary intellect, resilience, and a steadfast determination to make a lasting impact on the world. Under the empowering guidance of our esteemed teachers and administrators, this cohort has flourished into a poised group of individuals prepared to conquer new horizons.

During the graduation ceremony, our class of 2023 had the privilege of being addressed by several esteemed leaders from the Linden Hall community. Notably, Ms. Kara Oxenford, a distinguished faculty member from the history department, was chosen by students to deliver a speech. The event was also marked by the conferral of diplomas and Alumnae Association membership pins on the graduates, followed by the customary cap-tossing celebration in the courtyard, where students rejoiced with their peers, teachers, and families.

Special recognition was bestowed upon Rosa Xu, who earned the distinction of valedictorian, and Helen Lu, who achieved the honor of salutatorian. Rosa has chosen to pursue her higher education at the University of California — Irvine, while Helen will attend the College of William & Mary. Other prestigious institutions where this year's graduates will continue their academic journeys include Columbia University, University College London, and the United States Military Academy at West Point.

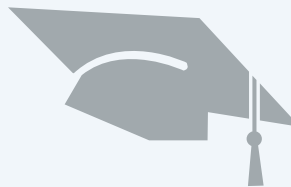
Armed with a solid academic foundation, unwavering determination, and profound sense of purpose, the class of 2023 is poised to shape the future. These exceptional young women aspire to break barriers, challenge stereotypes, and relentlessly pursue their dreams. There is no doubt that they will quickly begin making a profound impact on the new world they have just entered.

Linden Hall congratulates the remarkable graduates of the class of 2023 and wishes them every success in their future endeavors.



CLASS OF 2023 MATRICULATIONS

Arizona State University
Claremont McKenna College
College of William & Mary
Columbia University
Messiah University
Michigan State University
Montclair State University
Parsons School of Design |
The New School
Pennsylvania State University —
Harrisburg (2)
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University (2)
Salve Regina University
State University of New York at Buffalo
Syracuse University
Trinity College Dublin
United States Military Academy
at West Point
University College London
University of Arizona
University of California — Irvine
University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill
University of Washington
Ursinus College (2)
Wellesley College



Academics in Review

At Linden Hall, academic learning happens both in and out of the classroom. Last year, our students engaged in numerous academic activities that greatly expanded their learning.

To celebrate Halloween, our AP Calculus BC class completed a “spooky” worksheet on derivatives. Once all elements of the assignment were completed, the graphed coordinates resembled a jack-o-lantern! In December, ESL students created gingerbread house instruction manuals, assembled kits to accompany their text, and then tested their designs to see if they would stand. After making adjustments, the students swapped kits and attempted to build one another’s designs. This exercise taught our ESL girls how to optimize the clarity of text when composing procedural directions in English.

To start out the new year and new semester, Ms. Koerne’s photography students experimented with combining art and science to create beautiful photographs! For their first assignment,



students looked at the surface tension of water and discovered the colorful results that emerged when adding food coloring and ink. This creative assignment was based on suminagashi, an ancient Japanese art form that is a precursor to the marbling process. Students edited the images they took during the experiment and chose 12 photos each to display during a school-wide presentation.

In mid-March, Mr. Hondares’s Modern World Literature students researched the lives and works of creative women from the 1900s. The project culminated in a performance in which students dressed as their chosen woman, gave an introductory presentation about her to their class, and then walked their peers through a reading of one of her works. Students’ choices included multimedia artist Yoko Ono, mystery novelist Agatha Christie, pop star Gwen Stefani, filmmaker Julie Dash, fashion designer Vivienne Westwood, and video game artist Rieko Kodama.

Also in March, Ms. Knipp’s middle school Forensics class welcomed two members of the Lititz Police Department. In addition to teaching students all about the gathering and usage of evidence, the officers helped them process and take home their own sample fingerprinting sheets.

In mid-May, Mr. Hondares's Image and Word class held a film festival at Penn Cinema. During this exciting event, student filmmakers showcased their final short-film projects and engaged in an insightful Q&A session with an engaged audience of classmates, families, and members of our English department. It was a pleasure to witness the creativity and hard work of our students.



ASSIST Program

For several years, Linden Hall has been a proud partner with the nonprofit organization ASSIST, which matches academically talented, multi-lingual international students with the top boarding schools in the United States. During their one-year stay, ASSIST scholars serve as cultural ambassadors who actively participate in classes and extracurricular activities at their host school. Since 1969, thousands of student scholars from dozens of countries have been matched with ASSIST-affiliated schools, such as Linden Hall.

As a participant in our ASSIST Scholars program last year, Luiza Gross '24 arrived at Linden Hall from Poland in the fall and brought a variety of gifts and abilities to our school. One of the extracurricular activities in which Luiza has excelled is archery. She has been an archer for five years, having first been introduced to the sport by a friend while singing in her school choir.

Last year, Luiza began exclusively shooting a compound bow, prior to which she had shot only a recurve. After making the switch, she won several awards, including a gold medal at the Polish 2022 Indoor National Youth Championships and a silver medal at the Polish 2022 Outdoor National Youth Championships. Moreover, she placed eighth in the Polish 2022 National Cup Open Category and even made the Polish 2022 Compound National Team. Because she chose to study in America last year, however, she was unable to compete on the national team.

Luiza hopes to one day work on archery events and serve as a judge. Although she does not want to become a professional



athlete, she has quickly developed an affinity for archery culture and has attended several high-profile competitions. Last year, she visited the Lancaster Archery Classic in Manheim. Although she did not compete in the event, she enjoyed watching the finals and was able to meet several of the sport's biggest stars. She spoke in person with Slovenian archer, Toja Ellison (world #7 women's compound); Toja's husband, Olympian Brady Ellison (world #3 men's recurve); Paige Pearce (world #2 women's compound) who won the gold at this year's Lancaster Classic; and Gaby Schloesser (world #8 women's recurve).

Regarding her love for archery, Luiza stated, "I have never much cared for sports, but archery just feels like home. It is a sport for everyone, and people of all ages and interests can do it. Olympians range between 17 and 60 years old, and international competitions have even been won by teenagers."

We are so proud of Luiza's achievements in both the sport of archery and many other fields, and we were so fortunate to have her at Linden Hall last year!



Athletics in Review

Our students were hard at work last year excelling in a multitude of athletic endeavors, including equestrian, wrestling, basketball, and archery! Linden Hall was once again the proud recipient of the National Athletic Trainer's Association Safe Sport School award, which we have won since 2019. Moreover, our varsity tennis, basketball, and volleyball teams enjoyed their first year of competition in the Lancaster-Lebanon (LL) League. We are also proud that 85% of our middle schoolers participated in an on-campus sport.



A few athletic highlights of the year included Jule '24 being named an LL League Defensive All-Star for her stellar performances on our varsity basketball team; Angela '23 earning the District III Fackler-Howler Sportsmanship Award; Melanie '23 earning the District III E. Jerry Brooks Academic Excellence Award; and our middle school soccer team finishing their season with a 4-1 record.

In early January, Manning '24 earned an impressive third-place finish while competing for our Interscholastic Equestrian Riding Team at Top Rail Sporthorses in Maryland! Manning '24 and Sue Bae '28 each earned second place in their flat classes, while Maya '25 earned first place in both her flat class and her test. Thanks to these strong performances, both our middle and upper school equestrian teams qualified for the Regional Championship, which is the first step to Nationals.



In late January, Tenra '24 qualified for two YMCA Nationals during the 2023 Winterfest Meet at the University of Maryland, College Park. Tenra was the first person from the Lancaster Lightning Swim Team to ever make two YMCA National cuts—and by 1/10th of a second! In the 50-yard Freestyle, she finished with an impressive 24.63. She also dominated the 100-yard Freestyle with a 53.16.

In February, Melanie '23 and Tenra '24 performed very well at the Lancaster-Lebanon League Championship Swim Meet. Tenra won the 50 free and placed second in the 200 free. Melanie placed second in the 100 free and fourth in the 200 IM.



In early March, Ava '23 participated in the Cross Road Horse Show. The show marked her very first on-campus equestrian competition, and she did a fantastic job showing lesson horse Dually Noted. Moreover, ASSIST student Luiza '24 made it all the way to the Pennsylvania State Wrestling Tournament, having never wrestled before! In the spring, Melanie '23, Hayden '24, Jule '24, and Angela '23 all participated in Warwick's co-op track and field team, with Angela earning a spot in Leagues for both shot put and javelin.

Arts in Review

Linden Hall has always taken great pride in the excellence of our arts programs. Last year, our student thespians, visual artists, and musicians created masterpieces and put on performances that will be remembered for years to come.

Last year's arts cycle began with our Fall Concert in early October, followed in November by our Fall play, "A Dickens' Christmas Carol: A Traveling Travesty in Two Tumultuous Acts" written by Mark Landon Smith. This play approached Dickens' classic tale from a comedic perspective.

In late November, Tamaki '28 and Clover '28 performed at the Lancaster-Lebanon Music Educators Association (LLMEA) Middle School Orchestra Festival. Then, in early December, piano club members Emily '24, Yola '24, and Yuna '24 shared their talents at Luther Acres retirement community in Lititz.

Our annual December Vespers Service was quite well attended by the community, providing students the opportunity to perform in front of a full audience. Deeply embedded in the Moravian tradition, Vespers has been a Linden Hall highlight since our founding in 1746.

At the beginning of the new year, Yuna '24 and Kathryn '23 participated in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 7 Orchestra Festival, giving a memorable concert performance.

Several of our students also participated in February's 2023 Scholastic Arts & Lancaster County Young Artists (LCYA) Competition, where they took home Honorable Mentions, silver medals, and gold medals. Winning students had their work exhibited in the Scholastic Art and LCYA Exhibition at the Lancaster Museum of Art and the Demuth Museum.

Toward the end of February, Kathryn '23 participated in the PMEA District 7 Band South Festival, and both Sara '24 and Kathryn '23 performed at the LLMEA High School Orchestra Festival with the philharmonic orchestra and sinfonia.

In early April, three of our young musicians, Seren '28, Amina '27, and Liv '27, attended the



2023 LLMEA Middle School Band North Festival, where they performed the world premiere of a piece by American composer Michael Kamuf. Then, in mid-April, it was all hands on deck for three memorable performances of our spring musical, *Little Shop of Horrors!*

In late April, student artists and musicians showed off their skills during our 2023 Spring Arts Showcase. Festivities began with the opening of Lyet Gallery for the 26th Annual Art Show. The annual Spring Concert was held concurrently, providing guests the chance to enjoy stellar student performances.

Throughout April, the Elementary and Middle Children's Art Exhibit, sponsored by the Lancaster County Art Association, displayed 27 amazing pieces of our middle schoolers' work, one piece per middle school student.

In early May, we inducted an exceptional group of students into the prestigious International Thespian Society. Our inductees had not only demonstrated outstanding performances but also exhibited leadership, teamwork, and a genuine love for theater. Moreover, in mid-May, several of our talented student artists were inducted into Linden Hall's brand-new chapter of the prestigious National Art Honor Society. Our inductees' exceptional skills and artistic passion earned them these well-deserved recognitions.

Alumnae Reunion

Last April, we were thrilled to welcome many of our beloved alumnae back to campus. Alumnae Reunion Weekend highlighted members of all graduating classes ending in 3 or 8, and what an amazing turnout we had! The weekend began with Senior Tea, during which our alums enjoyed a meal and afternoon tea with the graduating class of 2023. In the evening, guests gathered outside for a cocktail hour with Linden Hall staff — we could not have asked for better weather or more entertaining stories! We were so grateful to the Alumnae Association for hosting this special event. Following cocktail hour, alums enjoyed attending our student-led Spring Arts Showcase in Snavely Theatre and Lyet Gallery.

Events continued Saturday morning with guided tours of campus led by several of our student ambassadors. During the tours, alumnae reminisced about their time at Linden Hall and learned some interesting facts about our school's historical architecture. Campus tours were followed by a magnificent service in Mary Dixon Chapel, highlights of which included a performance from our student bell choir, as well as a sermon from our chaplain, Mr. Denny Foreman. Following chapel was our much-anticipated buffet brunch, during which alums enjoyed a delicious meal with their Linden Hall



sisters and rekindled decades-long friendships. After lunch, we honored Joey Yocum '59 as the recipient of our first-ever Distinguished Alumnae Award.

Festivities concluded on Sunday with a solemn service in the Moravian Church adjacent to campus.

Regarding last year's reunion, Ms. Taylor Sultzbach, Alumnae Relations Coordinator, remarked, "It went so well! There were so many events for folks to attend, and I loved seeing the smiling faces of our alums as they came back together. Watching them reconnect, reminisce about Linden Hall, and share memories made me feel like I was a part of the sisterhood they all share. I'm already looking forward to next year!"

Welcoming home our wonderful alumnae is one of our most sacred traditions, and we are glad that 2023's reunion was such an incredible success. Many thanks to all who attended, as well as to those who made the weekend happen, including our Alumnae Association and our dedicated, hard-working staff. Our school would not exist without your continued and fervent support.

Save the date for Alumnae Reunion 2024, which will occur April 12-13. This year, we are excited to celebrate classes ending in 4 and 9.



Casino Night 2022



Our 2022 Fall Fundraiser, themed “Casino Night,” saw a great turnout and generated over \$20,000 for our school! Parents, alumnae, faculty, and others enjoyed an evening of amusing casino games, fantastic prizes, and wonderful opportunities for making new friends. Additionally, Dr. Nan provided exciting updates about Linden Hall’s current initiatives. We were incredibly grateful to everyone who participated, donated, and celebrated with us on this special evening.



Summer Camp 2023

Summer Camp 2023 was an absolute blast! During our two most exciting weeks of the summer, we hosted Mysteries Week, Wizarding School, and Equestrian Camp! During Mysteries Week, our young spies and sleuths put their investigative skills to the test. They rotated through a variety of stations, including Spy School, Forensics, Mysteries from History, Create Your Own Mystery, and more. In Wizarding School, campers were sorted into one of four Houses named for the first four Heads of School at Linden Hall. They competed for house points, attended classes such as Potion Making and Nature Studies, and participated in clubs, such as Wand Dueling and the Care of Magical Pets.

Equestrian Camp encompassed a variety of riding and horsemanship learning opportunities for girls. Whether a new or experienced rider, each camper participated in activities that greatly expanded her equestrian knowledge. In addition to two riding lessons per day, campers attended local field trips, including a tack shop visit, and enjoyed presentations from a horse dentist and other guest experts. In the evenings, equestrian campers joined with other Summer at Linden Hall campers for crafts, campfires, water games, and team-building activities for a time of bonding and fun.

Last year’s summer camp was our most successful in years, and we were thrilled that all participants had an amazing time. We can’t wait for Summer Camp 2024 to be even bigger!



Serving Our Community

Last year, our students engaged in over 2,340 community service hours in Lancaster County and beyond. Projects included volunteering at local retirement communities, assisting with campus events, helping with facility operations at local animal shelters, removing invasive species from local land conservancies, cleaning up litter at local parks, hosting drives for people in need, teaching coding, tutoring, assisting in adapted sports programs, and more.

In the fall, several students assisted Lancaster Conservancy with its efforts to control invasive species. Volunteers visited Climbers Run Nature Center to remove the invasive multi-flora rose. Through their efforts, they were able to effectively liberate spicebush shrubs, box elder saplings, a baby oak, a trapped toad, and a bank of ferns.

After Winter Break, Mrs. Workman's art students donated pottery bowls to Opportunity House Shelter's 21st Annual Souper Bowl. Linden Hall has contributed pottery to this fundraiser for the past several years, and last year our donation of 30 bowls raised \$1,350 to support one of the area's most beloved non-profits.

In March, our Diversity Council sponsored a cupcake drive to benefit the Autism Ally Group, which exists to support, create awareness of, and empower individuals with autism and other disabilities. Students, faculty, and staff eagerly supported this student-led campaign and enjoyed delicious cupcakes crafted by local woman-owned business Russy's Sweet Treats.

Throughout April, our community engaged in numerous campaigns to promote sustainability, recycling, and a deeper respect for Mother Nature. We collected soda pull tabs and aluminum cans as part of a friendly competition between the Blue & White teams, which were donated to Ronald McDonald House as part of their fundraising program. Additionally, we launched new recycling initiatives through TerraCycle to recycle Tide products, toothpaste tubes, deodorant sticks, and much more.

In early May, a number of students participated



in a community service project at the Wittel Farm in Elizabethtown. The young volunteers helped plant crops that would eventually be donated to help feed hungry people throughout Lancaster County.

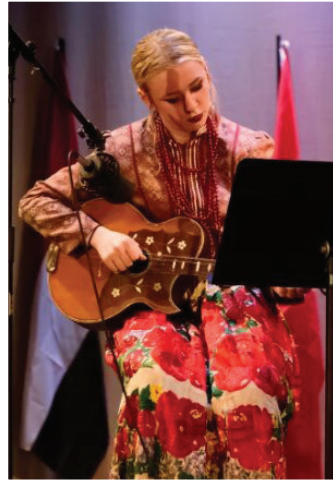
In mid-May, Diversity Council raised an impressive \$400 for YWCA Lancaster. To fundraise, the council set up a concession area during lunch to sell delicious international and American foods.

International Night

International Night 2023 was a tremendous success, exhibiting fantastic displays of cuisine, fashion, music, and spoken performances from around the world. Our girls were so happy to share the magnificence of their cultures with fellow students and families.

The night began with a fashion show, featuring students in traditional Han Chinese clothing, Pakistani dresses, the clothing of the Nigerian Yoruba tribe, a Moroccan caftan, a dress inspired by traditional Guinean clothing, an Indian sharara suit, and folk clothing from Croatia.

Following the fashion show, students thrilled the audience with several incredible presentations, including incredible songs and speeches about Poland and Spain, poems and songs in Chinese, an original work in the Pulaar language, a traditional Croatian song, an amazing Irish dance, and a series of songs and dances from Nigeria, Ghana, and Haiti performed by our Afro-Caribbean dance group.



In addition to enjoying the night's many presentations, guests were treated to delicious student-made foods from across the globe. The cuisine included empanadas, cannoli, pierogies, jollof rice, biryani, chai, and much more. We were so proud of our many international students who shared their cultural traditions with our Linden Hall community!



Celebrating Mr. Dennis Foreman's



Last year's performance of *Little Shop of Horrors* marked our first Spring Musical since the COVID-19 pandemic, and what a show it was! As one of the most popular and longest-running off-Broadway shows in the world, *Little Shop* has captured the hearts of theatergoers for over 30 years. The talent on display during each performance was truly remarkable, and we are so proud of each of our students, faculty, and staff who made it all possible. From the vocals and choreography to the stunning set design and costumes, everything came together to create an unforgettable experience.

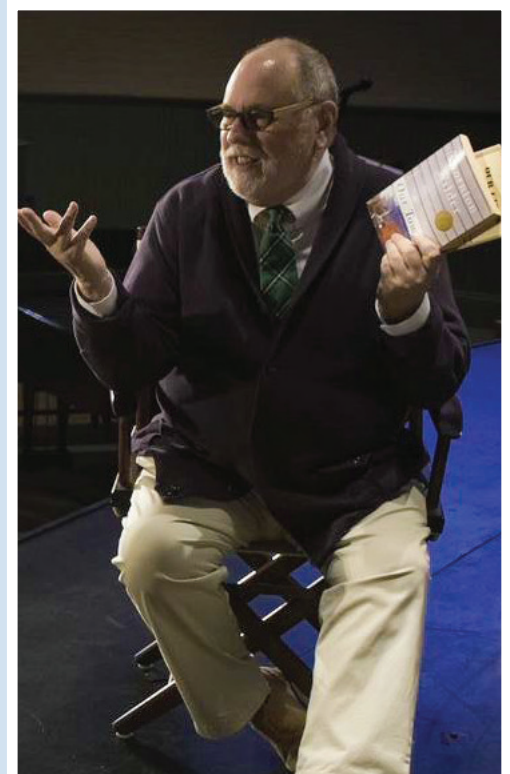
Mr. Denny Foreman, Linden Hall's theater arts instructor and school chaplain, directed this student-led production of *Little Shop*. The play marked Mr. Foreman's 60th play at Linden Hall, and we were thrilled to sit down with him to discuss his decades of experience working with our theater department. Keep reading to learn more!

Tell us about your journey to Linden Hall.

Originally, I was not planning to come to Linden Hall, but in Fall 2001, I received a call from the headmaster asking that I help coordinate the fall play after the school's theater director had a surprise family emergency. I agreed. The headmaster then called me back in Spring 2002 and offered me a full-time job in the theater department. Additionally, because of my work as a youth pastor, he designated me as Linden Hall's residential life director.

Tell us about some of the highlights during your time with the theater department.

There are so many highlights, though my all-time favorite play at Linden Hall was Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*. High schools simply do not do this play because it is so difficult to do well. Due to our talented cast, we did a wonderful job.



60th Production at Linden Hall

“Linden Hall’s rendition of *Little Shop* was spectacular, from the compelling set design to the impassioned musical performances. The staff, stage crew, and performers should be incredibly proud to have been involved in such a memorable rendition of this theatre classic.”

— A Little Shop Attendee



I am also especially proud of the fact that we performed *Peter Pan* with some help from Michael Tait of Tait Towers. It was incredibly creative. We also performed renditions of both *The Sound of Music* and *Puffs*. The latter piece was a massive undertaking with many moving parts. Another of my favorites was *Silent Sky*, which depicts the true story of Henrietta Leavitt, a woman who charted the galaxy and measured the stars. For this performance, we had only a very small cast but were, as always, fortunate to have brilliant actors who made the whole performance come together. A former teacher and I also wrote and directed our own play, *Mo-Trek*, which fused Star Trek and Motown. This one was a lot of fun!

How has Linden Hall changed since you arrived?

Unsurprisingly, technology has become a much more prominent component of how we operate. When I started here, no one had a cell phone, and it was only in the mid-2010s that we started seeing laptops in the classroom. This changed everything.

COVID has also changed many things, and those of us in the performing arts are still recovering from that. In theater, we seek to build a program and foster talent, and over the years our students build on what they have already done. Because of COVID, however, we lost three years of development, and have now begun building the program all over again. For last year’s production of *Little Shop of Horrors*, we had only two returning students on stage.

What is your favorite part about working at Linden Hall?

I have always loved my colleagues, as they continually inspire me. This compliment applies to the student body as well, as they are very intelligent, aware young women who are excited to get involved with life, politics, and current events. I am regularly astounded by the unique depth and knowledge in the conversations I overhear at the lunch table.

Linden Hall is so fortunate to have Mr. Foreman on our team, and we look forward to many more theater performances under his expert direction!

Student Life

Linden Hall's exciting student life activities are open to all our girls, whether they are boarders or day students. Last year, students enjoyed numerous events, which contributed to both their learning and their personal growth.

At the beginning of the year, boarding students teamed up with our dining staff to make a huge spread of baked goods for the fall bake sale to benefit the United Zion Benevolent Care Fund! Additionally, our RAs went tubing down a creek with Mrs. Mouliert, enjoying the opportunity to soak in Pennsylvania's beautiful natural scenery beyond campus.

In mid-October, we celebrated Gretna Day, one of Linden Hall's oldest traditions. Our seniors and juniors returned to Mt. Gretna for the first time since 2019, enjoying a skate around the roller rink. Meanwhile, younger students celebrated the day on campus with many outdoor activities, including a Gaga Ball tournament.

In late October, students attended the Lititz Halloween Parade, which was quite a "treat" for them. A few days later, we celebrated our annual on-campus Fall Fest, sponsored by the Linden Hall Parents' Association! From pumpkin carving to candy tosses and yummy treats, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

In November, we celebrated Parents' Weekend, which included several fun activities, including lawn games, geocaching, student and family bingo, barn tours, and more. Just before Thanksgiving, we held our annual Turkey Trot, a fun run that offered a wonderful opportunity for our students, faculty, and staff to display their athletic prowess and school spirit. The trot



offered a great way to engage with one another before a well-earned Thanksgiving break.

After Winter Break, we were thrilled to welcome Chef Nino and his daughter, Sara, of Lititz's Piccolo Eatery, as well as Chef Giuseppe Scieurca and Valeria Signorino of Scieurca Sicilian Chef! Chef Giuseppe and Valeria were visiting the US from their home in Sicily and were kind enough to present to our students during their stay. They explained the 500-year-old Sicilian tradition of Pupi di zucchero, known in English as Sugar Puppets. Chef Giuseppe is one of only four chefs in the world who still practice this unique culinary tradition!

A few weeks later, we celebrated Blue and White Week, one of Linden Hall's most time-honored traditions. This week of non-stop fun and events included our annual Teacher Torture, a badminton tournament, a series of challenging strategy games, a school-themed art design contest, a scavenger hunt, a "Wednesday Addams" costume contest, a Decades dress-up contest, a blindfold obstacle course, a word scramble, and several exciting basketball contests.



including sweet treats, doggie dates, a beach house week, and a free lunch with Dr. Nan! It did not take long for the bidding wars to begin, as several highly popular auction items quickly climbed into the hundreds of dollars and created some fierce competition among buyers. All in all, last year's junior auction raised over \$5,000 to support the class of '24!

In late April, we celebrated prom at Rock Lititz with two local all-boys schools, Church Farm School and Phelps School. Our girls had a fantastic time meeting and dancing with the students from these schools, and we

The week ended strong with a plethora of impressive performances in Snavely Theatre. First was the newspaper fashion show, during which students modeled their impressive clothing creations made entirely of newspaper. The final event was the talent show, which ended with a surprise visit from the Jonas Brothers!

In March, several boarding students attended a Dance of Hope performance at Millersville University's Ware Center. This concert highlighted the music and dances of Africa and showcased the talent of young African performers, each of whom offered a moving story of resilience, creativity, and persistence.

At the end of March, our Junior Auction offered students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to bid on dozens of phenomenal donations,

look forward to attending many dances together in the future.

In May, we celebrated our Spring Fling. Students came together for a day filled with laughter, sunshine, and lively outdoor activities. From bingo to kickball, limbo to chalk painting, and delicious ice cream treats, we had it all! We were very grateful to the Parents' Association for hosting this event.



Linden Hall Heritage Society

Much of Linden Hall's history has been built by alumnae and friends of the school who included Linden Hall in their estate plans. These gifts, whether directed toward specific priorities such as tuition assistance, faculty support, or given unrestricted, provide the firm financial foundation upon which the school is built.

Show your commitment to Linden Hall and become a member of the Heritage Society. Estate gifts have a transformative effect on Linden Hall, permitting the school to plan for the future while helping to keep the cost of a Linden Hall education affordable for current and future students. Heritage Society Members help to ensure the school has the resources it needs to prepare girls for many generations to come.

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