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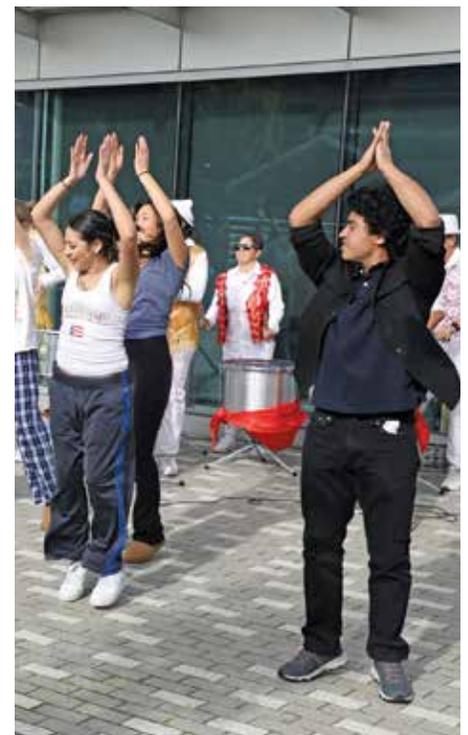
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That Special Spark



Left: Raj Mundra enjoys a 'Mr. Mundra Monday' with Student Council Co-Presidents Maddie Garfinkel 2024 and Cole Tao 2024.

So what have I learned? First and foremost, I have learned that the educational experience for students here is truly distinct and special. The combination of opportunities—a diverse environment with rigorous academics, meaningful service and civic engagement, hands-on technical skills acquired in the Shops, a beloved architecture program, exceptional visual and performing arts, strong student support, and more—is truly unique. We also have incredibly talented and dedicated faculty and staff who share their time, love, and expertise with students every day.

As a result, our students are extremely well-prepared to use their heads, hearts, and hands in the world that awaits beyond our walls. Graduates leave LWHS with a blend of competencies, skills, and mindsets that the world needs. I know from my conversations with many of you that you share this

As a newcomer to LWHS, I have had the distinct pleasure this year of discovering how special this community is. Since arriving last summer, I have learned what you, our community, know first hand: that LWHS sparks a unique kind of creativity and curiosity among students and faculty alike. It has been so exciting to see examples of that spark everywhere I look, and I am grateful for the welcome I have received from every corner of the community.

A PRIVATE SCHOOL WITH PUBLIC PURPOSE, LICK-WILMERDING HIGH SCHOOL DEVELOPS 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.

perspective and are grateful for the remarkable learning experiences you enjoyed during your high school years.

Lick-Wilmerding's legacy is strong. I am mindful of preserving that legacy as I think about our collective future. Today, I see a path emerging for LWHS in which we leverage our historic strengths and lean even further into dynamic and integrated programming, an expansive view of student wellness, and ever stronger links between the classroom and the real world.

The stories in this year's magazine are, I think, beautiful examples of both LWHS' long-established priorities and our hopes for the future. You'll read about how we celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. this year, an upcoming sustainability

summit in Switzerland this summer, support for Lick's "first-generation" students, and more. I think you will see in these pages many reminders of what you know and love about your alma mater as well as a glimpse into how we are shaping the future. I hope you enjoy reading this magazine as much as we enjoyed creating it for you.

Thank you for your continued support of this special community! I look forward to sharing more conversations with our alumni in the future!



Raj Mundra
HEAD OF SCHOOL



Continue the Conversation!

We always want to hear more from LWHS alumni. Please use this QR code to share your stories and memories with us.



SPOTLIGHT: SERVICE AND CITIZENSHIP

LWHS Students Headed to Switzerland, Summer 2024!

LWHS students and faculty meet with Villars Institute's Executive Director Lee Howell to learn more about the summer program. From left to right: Chris Yin, Briggs Cline 2026, Siddharth Chibber 2026, Zach Fuchs 2025, Riya Rawal 2027, Lee Howell, Finley Bell 2025, Etta Chung 2026, and Dr. Angela Wall.

How is Lick-Wilmerding High School preparing students to be global citizens? How do our classrooms connect our students to the larger world?

We're proud to announce that LWHS has been selected, alongside only 25 other schools worldwide, to participate in the **Villars Institute** this coming summer. Located in the Swiss Alps, the mission of the Villars Institute is to accelerate the transition to a net zero economy and to restore the health of the planet for all of its inhabitants. The Institute is a unique opportunity for LWHS students to bring their creativity, technical skills, and ideas to a global conversation about sustainability and people-centered design.

In June, six LWHs students, along with English teacher **DR. ANGELA WALL** and Frosh/Soph Dean **CHRIS YIN** will travel to Switzerland to participate in the Institute, where they will interact with teams from around the world and work with global practitioners to explore sustainability challenges and deepen their understanding of complex ecological, economic, political, and social systems. These six students are now officially “Villars Fellows,” and will have access to this global network of thinkers and creators for the rest of their lives. Here’s how two of our Villars Fellows students are thinking about their trip:

“I hope this fellowship will help me learn strategies to have a bigger impact in this community, and introduce me to a framework on which I may be able to design systems to impact change and deepen my mentorship with Lick teachers/staff with like interest.”

—ZACH FUCHS 2025

“The Villars program will be a perfect culmination of my years of environmentalism, incorporating design, storytelling, entrepreneurship, and most importantly building relationships. I have so much to learn but also so much to offer, and [I plan to] share all of my learnings with my peers.”

—FINLEY BELL 2025

We also had a chance to welcome **LEE HOWELL**, Villars’ Executive Director, to campus earlier this month. Mr. Howell visited our classrooms and sat down with the LWHs team of teachers and students who will be attending the summit in June. He was especially excited about the technical arts classes, and the ways in which LWHs students are using design thinking to solve problems. *“The world’s problems right now are novel—they are not things we have confronted before. We—humanity—need to invent the solutions. We will also need people who can take a solution and implement it, and understand process and systems thinking. There is literature around the kinds of skills employers are looking for: they will need workers who are analytical and can think creatively, in the ways that LWHs is teaching students to do.”*

LWHs students are a perfect fit for Villars: in our classrooms, they are learning not only how to be analytical and critical thinkers but also how to design and build objects with real world purposes. We can’t wait to follow their journey to Switzerland!



Left: Chelsie Joy Valerio 2025, Ernesto Duran 2025, Gio Lazo 2025, Tyler Foong 2025, and Ausar Honable 2024.

SPOTLIGHT: FOCUS ON CHALLENGING CURRIUCULUM

LWHS' Inaugural College Tour for First Gen Students

For several years now, Lick-Wilmerding High School has sought more and deeper ways to support First Generation students on their journey to college and beyond. One of our longtime dreams has been to provide a school-sponsored college visit trip, and we are thrilled to share that this year, that dream became a reality!

In February 2024, a group of students and LWHS faculty and staff set forth our inaugural First-Generation-to-College Tour! Fourteen students, along with Co-Director of College Counseling **GABRIELA MEJIA**, Director of Equity & Inclusion **DEE JOHNSON**, and Director of Student Inclusion **MATTHEW OAKLAND**, traveled to Southern California to visit nine different campuses over five days. The LWHS students on this trip will be the first in their families to attend or graduate from a four-year degree granting college or university.

Together with Gabriela, Dee, and Matthew, LWHS's First Gen students navigated extensive public transportation routes in rainy conditions to visit Loyola Marymount University, UCLA, Occidental College, the Claremont Colleges, the University of Southern California, and more. They experienced small liberal arts schools and sprawling public universities, libraries, classrooms, student affinity gathering spaces, dining halls, athletic complexes and facilities expressly dedicated to supporting first generation college students. At USC and UCLA, they also met with LWHS alumni **SHIMA KONISHI-GRAY 2023**; **FERNANDA SANCHEZ 2023**, and **MAYA IRIBARREN 2023**; those visits were



Top: From left to right, Daniella Nunez 2025, Vita Santa Cruz 2025, Nala Urrutia 2025, Valeria De Alba 2025, Prin Chavez 2025, and Grace Aguilar 2025.

Above: From left to right, Nala Urrutia 2025, Prin Chavez, 2025, Chelsie Joy Valerio 2025, Vita Santa Cruz 2025, Daniella Nunez 2025, Isalena Amador 2025, Raul Figueroa 2025, Ernesto Duran 2025, Ausar Honable 2024, Gio Lazo 2025, Victor Nolasco 2025, Tyler Foong 2025, Valeria De Alba 2025, and Grace Aguilar 2025.



Left: Ernesto Duran 2025 enjoys the campus tour.

“What I loved the most about the tour was moving through the spaces with my community. I loved hearing everyone’s questions and perspectives as I went through the tours...I felt very independent and like I could imagine myself navigating life in college. I think the most eye-opening thing for me is that I could imagine myself in LA.”

“I think the most exciting parts about Pitzer and Redlands were their Latinx affinity spaces, I loved seeing the spaces in person and hearing about them, I felt at home knowing that my community was represented in those spaces, and also hearing about their executive boards showed me how I can continue with my passion with leading spaces in my community just like how I do at LWHS.”

especially meaningful, as our current students got to pepper our alumni with questions about college life and how well LWHS prepared them for post-secondary academics (spoiler alert: alumni report that thanks to their LWHS teachers, they were more than ready to take on college coursework).

Here’s what our adult chaperones, Matthew, Dee, and Gabriela, shared about the experience:

“This was an amazing, joyous, instructive, and laughter-filled trip for us all! Our group visited two college campuses daily, traveling via LA’s metro and rail system, including subways, buses, and trains (and the occasional rideshare when in a time crunch!) to get a feel of moving around such a sprawling city. Our evenings were spent exploring LA’s night markets, attending an

LA Kings game, eating Middle Eastern cuisine, and at Mr. Arenas’ recommended LA Ramen spot! This trip provided our students not only with an opportunity to see colleges, but also to build a community of support and care as they move through the college application process. What was clear for all of us is that, at its center, our First Generation College Tour program is one that invokes joy, community, and a deep sense of possibility.”

This trip is part of LWHS’s mission to develop the head, heart, and hands of motivated students and to provide opportunities for them to keep learning and growing. We are excited to start this tradition and see it grow and flourish!



Above: Ausar Honable stands next to the art he created for MLK Day.

SPOTLIGHT: A SENSE OF BELONGING

Joy, Play, and Rest: LWHS Celebrates MLK Day

BY MAYEN THORSEN 2025

Joy as resistance, play as healing and rest as resilience. On Friday January 12, Lick-Wilmerding High School students, faculty and staff were guided by these themes in celebrating the life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The inaugural MLK Day event addressed issues facing the LWHS community, like stress and academic burnout, while simultaneously serving as an educational forum on Dr. King's legacy.

The celebration was spearheaded by LWHS's Dean of Equity and Inclusion **DEE JOHNSON** and Director of Student Inclusion **MATTHEW OAKLAND**. Oakland, who joined the LWHS community this past fall, led a similar MLK event at his previous institution, The Nueva School. When brainstorming events for this year, he wanted to introduce something similar at LWHS. "When [we] saw that there wasn't an event to formally hold space for [MLK Day]...Dee and I were like, 'this is a great opportunity,'" Oakland said.

Throughout the day, students centered the event's themes in a variety of workshops. The "Sound Bath," led by Tech Arts teacher **SAMU CORTEZ** had students relax or meditate while listening to sounds at distinct frequencies. The BIPOC Healing Space led by History teacher, **RENÉ VILICAÑA**, allowed students of color to engage in reflective discussion. Facilities staff member, **MAURICE WILLIAMS**, contributed a workshop focusing on play through the medium of music, showing students how music can be therapeutic.

Although relatively positive themes were a guiding force for the event, some areas brought attention to Black pain and cycles of oppression. The morning keynote speech discussed the de Young's Kehinde Wiley exhibit, "*An Archaeology of Silence*." The exhibition drew attention to the systemic violence faced by the Black community.

The keynote speakers, **DEVIN MALONE** and **ABRAM JACKSON**, were vital in curating the exhibit. Malone currently serves as director of public programs and community engagement at the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, and Jackson is the de Young's first director of interpretation. In their speech, Malone and Jackson discussed the tragic themes of the exhibit,



juxtaposed with a persistent message of hope and change.

The closing keynote speech by **ADRIENNE MAREE BROWN** had a similarly optimistic tone. Brown is an author and activist whose 2017 text "*Emergent Strategy: Shaping Change*,

Changing Worlds" is one of the guiding materials for LWHS's Ethnic Studies course. She spoke to the radical powers of rest, resilience and joy, and the importance of finding community strength rather than division.

Top: Keynote speakers Abram Jackson and Devin Malone address the LWHS community.

Above: Tech Arts Department Chair Samu Cortez leads the students through a sound bath.



Students of all grades expressed feelings of happiness and fun attached to the event. “My first workshop [was] with the keynote speakers...it was an incredible experience,” **CHELSE JOY VALERIO 2025** said.

DYLAN LACHANCE 2027 said the day changed his perspective on what resistance can look like. “Resistance doesn’t necessarily have to be active, even something as simple as rest can be just as impactful,” he said.

Oakland hopes this event will become an annual tradition in the LWHS community. “Even if 50 years from now this school looks different, I’m hoping MLK Day is having its 51st anniversary.”



Top: Facilities Team Member Maurice Williams with the students who attended his workshop focused on using music as a form of therapy and healing.

Above: San Francisco dance company Loco Bloco provided joyful entertainment and got students and teachers dancing at lunchtime on MLK Day.



Planting Seeds: A Profile of Christine Godinez-Jackson, Director of the Center for Civic Engagement

Christine (Christy) Godinez-Jackson started her Lick-Wilmerding High School journey nineteen years ago as an associate in the LWHS Admissions office. Little did she know then how her career would blossom and grow, and come to shape LWHS significantly. Christy's story is also a story about how LWHS continues to be innovative and responsive, following the lead of the community, our students, and leaders like her.

From recognizing the need to support LWHS's First Generation students, to launching the Peer Connect Program, to pushing for deeper engagements for the Public Purpose Program, Christy always has a keen eye for what this community needs. She has worn many hats in her time here: admissions associate, our first director of student inclusion, the first director of the Center for Civic Engagement, a beloved teacher, and more. Always, she has centered students, with LWHS reaping the benefits of her kindness and creativity. LWHS' Director of Strategic Communications, **MONICA ALATORRE**, caught up with Christy just before her maternity leave (congrats to the growing Godinez-Jackson family!). Here are some of her reflections on 19 years as a Tiger.

What do you remember about your early years here?

One of our charges early on was to bring in a more diverse population to the student body. In my first year, the new ninth grade class was a little over 20% Latinx, so that was huge for the school. We realized there were a whole lot of kids out there we had not been reaching and we needed to figure out ways not only to enroll them but also to then support them while they're here. That became a big interest of ours: we were very intentional that we're not just going to accept kids to make the school diverse—we're going to make sure that they have an amazing experience here.

What are some of the things you value most about LWHS?

For me, Public Purpose is at the core. Since early on, I recognized that this school is really committed to doing good. So public purpose is essential for me, as well as the diversity of the student body. I appreciate that our students are highly motivated, not just to get good grades but also to do good in the world. Those are the two things that have kept me here: the commitment to public purpose and getting to work with a really talented group of young people who care. And

Right: Christine Godinez-Jackson, with students from one of the many Advisory groups she has led over the years.

since the Center has taken over the retreats for 9th-11th grades, I have loved building programs that inspire students to build community, to rest and find joy out in nature. So all of the programming related to wellness, inclusion, belonging, is very much central in the work we do, which I deeply value.

What do you want people to know about the Center for Civic Engagement?

That it's not about us. It's about the community we are part of. Sometimes people tell us we should 'market' more of what we do, and I always ask "WHY?" I understand the importance of telling people about what we do, but I also believe in the humility of this work. We do it because it's the right thing to do. Sometimes people don't understand all the partnerships we have, whether that's with TaxAid, the Youth Arts Exchange, SF District 7, but I hope people understand that at the core of the work, it's about building partnerships that are authentic, that are real, and that have an impact.

What are the classes you've taught here?

I am currently teaching Leadership in Action, and have taught a class called The



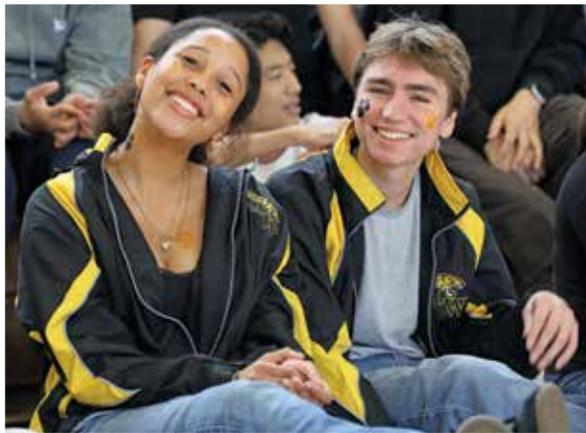
Philanthropy Initiative, which I hope to bring back soon. In Leadership In Action, which I co-teach with **CHRIS YIN**, I dive into knowing what your values are and what your story is. It's so crucial to leadership to understand what it means to be a kind leader. I believe that an amazing leader knows their people and values them, so we spend time teaching the students how to get to that place and why it's so important. And for the Philanthropy Initiative, every single time I've co-taught this class, the kids are just blown away, because it's an interesting subject. We talk about real things and have real partners talk about issues that are bigger than us.

Who is a personal s/hero of yours?

My parents. There's a quote that really sums up how I feel about both of my parents and my dad in particular. He came to this country when he was 16 years old, undocumented, and it just blows my mind how he figured

everything out. Sometimes he is still hard on himself and I just think 'what are you talking about?' He has four kids who are successful and happy and healthy. The quote says in part: "I think back to all the times when he gave me things he never had for himself. Here is my dad, planting all the seeds. Here I am, receiving all the flowers."

Thank you Christy for planting so many seeds here at LWHS, for tending the Public Purpose Program so well, and for nurturing literally hundreds of beautiful flowers, embodied in LWHS alumni who take their heads, hearts, and hands out into the world to keep doing good.



Students are the heart and soul of LWHS. Nothing is more gratifying than hearing what they think and feel about their experiences in Tiger classrooms, teams, clubs, shops, performances, and more. Here are seven student voices, representing every class, sharing a glimpse into life at LWHS.

“ Everyday when I walk into school and I have a space to learn and create, that sense of joy and elation that I had when I first opened my acceptance letter has not really left me at all.

—KAI SCOTT 2026

“ My favorite project at Lick has been participating in the Private Skills for Public Purpose program. I got to make three tables and a couple of bunches for students at a local elementary school. It was a really great experience to create something that was meaningful for other people.

—CHELSIE JOY VALERIO 2025

“ My favorite moment of the year was during our MLK day of celebration. We had a really incredible company called Loco Bloco come in and perform live music. And all of the sudden, the whole student body and teachers alike were all dancing and having fun and singing along in the courtyard. I have never seen so much joy on campus. It was so heartwarming, and it's a testament to the kind of love and joy that Lick kids can bring to the school day.

—MADDIE GARFINKEL 2024
2023-24 Student Council
Co-President

STUDENT VOICES



“It sounds like a cliché, but I really do love the community here. It’s super inclusive and inviting, and I can go to anyone for help. I think what I like most about my classes is that they push me and challenge me a lot, but in a way that is enjoyable. I know that I will grow from being pushed and challenged.

—ELISSA CARIDAD 2027

“This year, we started an initiative called ‘Mr. Mundra Monday.’ Every first Monday of the month during lunchtime, we sit with Mr. Mundra in the courtyard and any student can come ask him any questions they have about his initiatives or what student council is doing, and he sits down with the students and talks to them. So the students have gotten to know him a lot better and he’s gotten to know the community a lot better.

—COLE TAO 2024,
2023-24 Student
Council Co-President

“I enjoy being part of the girls’ soccer team here because you get to meet a lot of different people from different grades, so it’s a great place to make new connections. When I played as an underclassman, I felt more comfortable in the Lick community. Everyone is encouraged to go out and try a new sport, meet new people, and have fun.

—CHARLOTTE HAHM 2024

“During my freshman year I had actually never been in any theater at Lick or elsewhere. I just wanted to try something new, so I joined the play, and honestly, it changed my life. Now it’s one of my favorite things about LWHS.

—DANIEL WYDLER 2026



Left: Rhea Verghese, Lilly Varon, Alexa di Sabato, and Nadia Derryck are all smiles after the ceremony.

Below: Cate Warden embraces a classmate after the ceremony.



The Class of 2023 came into LWHS in August of 2019 from over **50** middle schools across the Bay Area; at graduation, they stood on stage as one, united community of 132 compassionate, curious, confident leaders, ready to step into the future. Little did anyone know what was on the horizon for March 2020, and how it would change their opening years of high school. They managed the tumult of the pandemic years with grace and persistence, and emerged with a sense of purpose and Tiger Pride that will serve them well as they go out into the world.

Graduates, friends, and family members enjoyed an inspiring speech from student-elected speaker **GEORGE DURAN**, who captured beautifully what it means to be part of the LWHS family.

Excerpts from George's commencement speech, along with photos from that joyous day, are featured on the pages that follow.

Graduation 2023

On Saturday, June 3, 2023, Lick-Wilmerding High School continued a proud 127-year tradition with Commencement Exercises for the Class of 2023, at the beautiful Sydney Goldstein Theater.

Interim Head of School **KATIE TITUS**, Dean of Teaching and Learning **KATE WILEY**, Dean of Students **RAQUEL OLIVA-GOMEZ**, and President of the LWHS Board of Trustees **KIM DREW**, had the honor and pleasure of handing each diploma to our graduates.



“The Lick-Wilmerding spirit is what makes Lick students so notable. There is a hunger in each and everyone one of you. Hunger for knowledge, hunger for improvement, and hunger for more, each embracing the community norms fully with no reluctance to lean into discomfort, suspending judgment and always being fully present.”

Top: Jasper Champa, Rose Mayer, Kreeya Makan, Aiden Yee, Jacob Weiner, Charles Zhang, Haruto Uesugi, Justin Yip, Ethan Dunn, and Will Yu make some noise and celebrate after graduation.

Above: Sekani Soriano-Bilal shares a quick smile before he enters the auditorium.

“The communities we formed within each classroom were vibrant microcosms of the broader Lick community. The loving bonds we formed created a safe space that fostered vulnerability and honesty. Our learning was deepened and we benefited greatly.”



Above: Pure joy from members of the Class of 2024 after receiving their diplomas! From left to right: Sekani Soriano-Bilal, Jimmy O'Connell, Johnny Locala, Ceci Rodriguez, Justin Yip, Alexa di Sabato, Jack Stanley, Evan Wyers, Fernanda Sanchez, and Sammy Ramos.

Left: Eli Ehrlich, Colin O'Brien, Alex Kalman, Joe Dolce, Rowan George, Sydney Franklin, and Eliana Dyas-Cray take time for a quick group photo after graduation.

“The class of 2023 has flourished into the changemakers we are meant to be, with hearts full of energy. I have seen time and time again how as a class, we are critical of the systems that are in place both in our community at Lick and in our world. There is a desire to engage in difficult conversations in order to create a better, more livable world. This class has some of the most powerful changemakers I know.”



“To the class of 2023, it has been a privilege to experience high school with you all. We were the last class to know the old Lick before the pandemic, and now we are the class that has set the new culture at Lick. I hope that each and everyone of you continues embodying that Lick tiger spirit, characterized by **resilience, commitment, and drive**. Let’s take this next step together as a community leading with **LOVE.**”



Top: Another cheerful group of members of the Class of 2024! From left to right: Jasper Champa, Bruno Ong, Aiden Yee, Jacob Weiner, Antonia Casey, Paul Finn, Christophe Bihan, Rajiv Natesan, Ethan Dunn, Kreeya Makan, Charles Zhang, Justin Yip, and Will Yu.

Above: Elena Guiterriez, Sophia Stein, and Vaughn Summers take a moment for a post-graduation selfie.



Above, left: Mary Darin Cline and Spanish Teacher Alessandra Mpendenyama pose together for a photo before the ceremony.

Above: Fernanda Sanchez shows her excitement to graduate before entering the auditorium.

Left: Biology Teacher Anton Krukowski shares a few words of support and encouragement with graduates Elsa Bosemark, Kamara Butler, Eitan Camacho, and Genavieve Caperton before the ceremony.



Left: Maya Andrews gives her classmate a big hug after the ceremony.

College Destinations for the Class of 2023

Congratulations to the Class of 2023!

We look forward to hearing all about how you will continue to use your head, heart, and hands to contribute to the world around you and find your joy. We encourage you to stay in touch!

The members of the Class of 2023 are now studying at 76 different colleges and universities around the country. We are proud to share this impressive list! The number in parentheses indicates the number of graduates who chose the school when there are multiple.

Four members of the Class of 2023 are taking a Gap Year/Gap Semester.

American University	Savannah College of Art and Design
Amsterdam University College	Seattle Pacific University
Barnard College	Skidmore College
Bates College	Smith College
Boston College	St. Lawrence University
Boston University	Stanford University (5)
Bowdoin College	Tufts University (2)
Bryn Mawr College	University of Arizona (2)
Cal Poly Pomona	University of Hawaii, Manoa
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (2)	University of Michigan (2)
California Baptist University	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Cleveland Institute of Music	University of Oregon (2)
Colgate University	University of Pennsylvania (2)
Colorado College (2)	University of San Francisco
Columbia University	University of Southern California (5)
Cornell University	University of St. Andrews
Dartmouth College (2)	University of Virginia
Diablo Valley College	University of Washington (2)
Duke University	University of Wisconsin
George Washington University (3)	University of California, Berkeley (7)
Grinnell College	University of California, Davis (3)
Gustavus Adolphus College	University of California, Irvine
Harvard College	University of California, Los Angeles (2)
Harvey Mudd College	University of California, San Diego
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2022-2023 Milestones: Faculty & Staff Years of Service at LWHS

5
YEARS



Ian Arenas
Visual Arts Faculty



Mario Chacon
Food Services



Samu Cortez
*Technical Arts
Faculty*



**Beatriz De
La Cruz**
*World Languages
Faculty*



Yesica Ortiz
Food Services



Heather Platt
Development



Kat Podgornoff
*Information
Technology*



**Tabatha
Robinson-Scott**
*Performing Arts
Faculty*



**Diana Suarez
Ben-Hur**
*Body-Mind Education
Faculty*



Elizabeth Tackett
Admissions



Maurice Williams
Facilities

10
YEARS



Molly French
Receptionist



Shaun Lopez
History Faculty



Justin Victa
Facilities

15 YEARS OF SERVICE



Youssou Fall
Technical Arts
Faculty

Youssou's compassion, dedication, thoughtfulness and care are truly appreciated by the Tech Arts team and all LWHS facstaff. **Samu Cortez** highlighted talks with Youssou about plants, forestry and sustainability; **Carrie Maslow** recalled how Youssou took care of sick LWHS kids during a trip to Senegal; **Andrew Kleindolph** cited walking to Roxie's on Ocean Avenue and talking about Ramadan, fasting, and spirituality.

"If you know Youssou, you know that he will be by your side in the good and in the hardest times. He will go out of his way to help you and support you as much as possible. As a department we are grateful and lucky to have him in our team and it isn't just our love for Ataya Thursdays!" Here's to another 15 years, Youssou!

—**SAMU CORTEZ**, Department Chair of Technical Arts



Emily Fung
Business Office

"**Congratulations on 15 years of service at LWHS!** Relish the milestone! Outstanding colleagues are not easy to find and while your job titles and responsibilities have morphed over the years, you have managed to go above and beyond. Your role here is unique in that you not only support the back office but you also support the students and families. You do both with skill, care, and kindness. We deeply appreciate all your contributions to the school and may you continue to inspire dedication and commitment."

—**WILSON HONG**, LWHS Controller

20 YEARS OF SERVICE



Andrew Kleindolph
Technical Arts
Faculty

"**For 20 years, the Design & Technology curriculum has been lovingly tweaked by Andrew.** For our Lamp Class in particular, the organization and orchestration that goes into building and maintaining this project is massive. Andrew's leadership is evident as every year the lamps become more and more amazing. He and the Tech Arts crew have created an experience for the kids that is completely unique and prepares them not only for their future tech arts classes, but engages their heads, hearts, and hands, in a deep and meaningful way. As department head, Andrew has worked tirelessly to help us be the best teachers and colleagues we could be. I know I speak on behalf of my whole department when I say we are so lucky to spend our days with a person who we so adore."

—**LAUREL NATHANSON**, Jewelry and Textiles Teacher

30 YEARS OF SERVICE



Laralyn Bergstedt
1992
Science Faculty

"**Laralyn is the heart and soul of the LWHS science department.** She combines a scientific, observant attention to detail, of curriculum, of our chemical supplies, of the ins and outs of her students lives, with an incredible work ethic and passion for everything she pursues - timed with creative bursts—in dance, in style, and in her elaborate projects with students. **25** years worth of alumni have been chemically transformed by Laralyn's guiding inspiration and love—as have her colleagues. We are all—students and colleagues alike—so lucky to have had her as part of the Lick community —really for 35 years since she started here as a student. Everyone in her presence is transformed. Thank you, Laralyn!"

—**GILLIAN ASHENFELTER**, Science Faculty



SPOTLIGHT:

2023-2024 New Board Members

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

The 2023-24 Lick-Wilmerding High School Board of Trustees. Back row, left to right: Lina Garcia, David Mitchell 1991, Rich Yang, Jessica Flemming, Laura Miyashita, Anupam Mishra, Julie Mikuta, Jason Kilar, Jeff King, Yakuh Askew 1992, Larry Kane. Front row, left to right: Eric Niles, Venk Reddy, Steve Kim, Robbi Shveyd, Charlie Wyman, Kim Drew, Sunny Ryan, Shabnam Koirala Azad, Yvonne Pérez-Sallaberry, Andrea Evans, Raj Mundra.

Not pictured: Lydia Alexander, Melissa Ma, Miranda Martin, Mika Varma, Jenny Wilson 1997, Cameron Yuen-Shore 2005

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!

2023-2024 NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS



Jessica Smith Flemming

Jessica is a consultant in the public sector, serving state governments in healthcare and social services administration. She has extensive experience with other big scale operations implementation projects like mergers and acquisitions, creation of corporate intranets, reductions in workforce, and new hire orientation. Previously she has worked with Fortune 500 companies, global investment and commercial banks,

management consulting firms, and technology startups.

In addition to her work experience, Jessica has been active in many school volunteer roles. At Cathedral School for Boys, she served on the Board as the Parent Association President, and as DEI committee co-chair. At LWHS, she has been co-chair of the Anti-Racist White Affinity group, served on the Tiger Talks committee, and as an admissions volunteer, new parent mentor, and advisory liaison. She was co-chair of

the SPEAK Board for K-8 Independent Schools for two years.

Jessica and her husband, David, live in San Francisco with their children **KATIE 2024, CARTER 2024**, and their son, David, a 7th grader at CSB. Jessica graduated from Stanford in 1998, and is a tribal member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in Eastern Oklahoma. She is passionate about Native American representation, racial equity, and social justice.



Jason Kilar

Jason Kilar is a technology and media executive/entrepreneur that has invested his career in the creation, building and/or scaling of missionary companies that obsess over customers. Most recently, Jason was the CEO of WarnerMedia (now called Warner Bros. Discovery). The businesses and brands under Jason's leadership included Warner Bros., HBO, HBO Max, CNN, DC, TNT, TBS, Turner Classic Movies, and Warner Bros. Games, along with retail, attractions and consumer products businesses. Jason served for nine years in a variety of leadership roles at Amazon.com during its startup era, running Amazon's books, music, and video businesses across North America and, following

that, was responsible for Worldwide Application Software.

After Amazon, Jason became the founding CEO of Hulu, where he assembled a founding team and together they grew the new company into \$1 billion in annual revenue by Hulu's 6th year. In 2013, Jason co-founded and became CEO of Vessel, a next-generation online video service backed by Benchmark, Bezos Expeditions, and Greylock Partners. Vessel was acquired by Verizon Communications.

Jason began his career with The Walt Disney Company in 1993. He received his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School in 1997 and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Jason has served on the Boards of Dreamworks Animation, Brighter, and Univision Communications. Jason is an active investor and advisor to early stage companies in Silicon Valley, where he also sits on the boards of Roblox, Wealthfront and Opendoor. Philanthropically, Jason served on the board of Management Leadership for Tomorrow for over 10 years and served on the board of Habitat for Humanity International.

More important than any of the above, Jason is lucky to be married to his wife of 25 years, Jamie. Together, they have four children: **ATTICUS 2028, RUBY 2026, IVY 2024**, and Sadie, who attends the University of Pennsylvania.



Steve Kim

Steve is a Managing Partner at Manna Capital Advisors LLC. He also served as a partner at Alternative Access Funds to help list an exchange-traded fund that invests in AAA-rated CLOs, the first of its kind. Prior to establishing Manna Capital Advisors LLC, Steve was a Managing Director and Head of Credit at ICONIQ Capital. Previously, he was a partner at Marathon Asset Management

and the firm’s Chief Investment Officer of Asia overseeing all regional credit trading and equity investments.

Steve has extensive experience investing, having managed several different investment strategies for Marathon in New York, Hong Kong, and Singapore. Steve served on Marathon’s Executive Committee from 2007 onwards and made partner in 2008. He started his career as an emerging market fixed-income analyst at Chemical Bank and

later traded bonds prior to joining Marathon in 2002.

Steve graduated with a B.A. in political science with high honors from the University of California, Berkeley. He received his Masters in International Affairs with an emphasis on international finance from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. He is a published author (Wiley & Sons, 2003). Steve and his wife Nanci are parents of **NATALI 2020**, **MATEUS 2024**, and **MARCOS 2026**.



Robbi Shveyd

Robbi is the founder and CEO of Advanced Wellness, a personalized training and sports performance gym in San Francisco. Robbi was a member of the Dream Team at Jewish Family and Children’s Services, an auxiliary board dedicated to helping battered women and their children escape from abusive lives and rebuild in a safe

and loving environment.

Additionally, Robbi is quite involved with Temple Emanu-el, most recently as part of two new rabbi search committees. Robbi has a B.A in dietetics from UC Davis and a B.S. in Kinesiology from San Francisco State University, where she also taught exercise physiology. Robbi has been active in the LWHS community since

2018, volunteering regularly at admission’s events and is currently co-chair of the Parent Committee for the Office of Admissions. Robbi serves as President of LWHS Parent Association for 2023-2024.

She lives in San Francisco with her husband, Leo, and their two daughters **RAYA 2022** and **REBECCA 2025**.



Rich Yang

Rich has over 25 years business leadership experience, including 14 years leading educational technology companies. He previously served as Co-CEO of Education.com before it was acquired by IXL Learning, where he continued as General Manager at IXL and led their M&A efforts. He went on to become President of Course Hero (now Learneo),

overseeing the Reading, Writing and Math business verticals and leading Corporate Development. He is currently advising edtech companies and investors.

Rich has been actively involved supporting Lick’s Admissions Office in mentoring Peninsula families. Rich was the Co-Chair of the Girls Middle School in Palo Alto, and is completing his 2nd term as a Trustee this year.

He has coached his daughters’ softball team for many years, but now enjoys watching them compete from the stands.

Rich lives in San Mateo with his wife, Caroline, and their two daughters, **ZOE 2023** and **AVERY 2026**. Rich has a MBA from the Harvard Business School, and dual-degrees from the University of Pennsylvania in History and Finance.

2023-2024 NEW LICK-WILMERDING-LUX ALUMNI BOARD

**Marissa Fong 2016**

Marissa is both a proud LWHS and Cal alumnus. She is a versatile, creative marketing professional born and raised in San Francisco. Currently serving as the Marketing and Communications Manager at the Gardens of Golden Gate Park, Marissa leverages her

background in Cognitive Science to foster connections between people and products, bringing a holistic approach to her work.

With interests spanning education, sports, sustainability, and innovation in media and communications, Marissa is committed to embracing diverse perspectives. Beyond her

professional pursuits, she enjoys swimming, cycling, nail art, and cultivating edible gardens.

**Max Ozer-Staton 2016**

Max loves the LWHS community. And he loves living in San Francisco, where he works as a political pollster and strategist. He specifically works on many issues

that he first became passionate about at Lick, like housing affordability and transportation. He attended the University of Michigan where he studied Psychology and Public Health.

**Raven Tolbert Trice 2011**

Raven is currently the Digital Marketing Program Manager at Great Place To Work, leading growth marketing initiatives and serving as a leader in the Black Employee Resource Group. Dedicated to

transforming workplace culture, Great Place To Work celebrates organizations that prioritize equitable experiences for all.

At LWHS, Raven enjoyed participating in the Black Student Union and exploring her passion for art in the glass shop. She continued her education

locally at San Francisco State University, graduating with a degree in Marketing Communications, and remains based in the Bay Area.



Left: Alumni Board President David Mitchell 1991 prepares hamburger patties at SF Glide to use for future meals.

Below, left: Thank you to everyone in this group who volunteered with LWHS at SF Glide in January. From left to right: David Mitchell 1991, Alexis Rouda 2001, Raven Tolbert Trice 2011, Blythe Engel 2017, Micah Elan 2016, Sarah Cherny 1990, Max Ozer-Staton 2016, Cerys Cherny 2026, Cara Barakat, and Gabriela Walter Caldera-Blackburn 2004.



Alumni Events

A brief summary of alumni events and gatherings during this past year

ALUMNI VOLUNTEER AT SF GLIDE, JANUARY 20, 2024

In recognition of MLK Jr weekend, a group of alumni volunteered at Glide Memorial Church to help with meal preparation to support Glide's commitment to providing free meals 364 days/year.

Organized by the Community Engagement Committee of the Alumni Board, led by **SARAH CHERNY 1990** and **BECCA HESS AMIRALTY 1996**, the volunteers spent the morning doing food preparation for future meals. It was a wonderful way to spend time together and give back



to the community. Thank you to **DAVID MITCHELL 1991, ALEXIS ROUDA 2001, GABRIELA WALTER-CALDERA BLACKBURN 2004, RAVEN TOLBERT TRICE 2011, MAX OZER-STATEN 2016, MICAH ELAN 2016, BLYTHE ENGEL 2017, CERY'S CHERNY 2026,** and Cara Barakat (St. Ignatius, 2027) for donating your time to this worthwhile cause.

**CLASS OF 2012 & 2013
10 YEAR REUNION AT
BAREBOTTLE BREWING,
DECEMBER 16, 2023**

The Classes of 2012 and 2013 decided to celebrate their 10 year reunions together in full force! Led by **KAILA PEREZ BOONE 2012, BELLA MELLO 2013, ANDREW RAUCH 2013,** and **ANNIE WILSON 2013,** a lively group of over 50 alumni from these two classes reunited

and celebrated with craft beer and appetizers.

**CLASS OF 1998 REUNION
AT BAY VIEW BOAT CLUB,
DECEMBER 9, 2023**

Thank you to **JESSICA MARMOR SHAW** and **WILLIE SWINERTON** for organizing and rallying their class to celebrate their 25th Reunion at the Bay View Boat Club in San Francisco. A lovely group of 25 of their classmates, including some families, attended the event, enjoyed refreshments and appetizers, and shared updates, memories, and a good time!

**ALUMNI HOLIDAY PARTY
AT DEL MAR, DECEMBER 21,
2023**

Over 100 alumni representing the classes of 1962 to 2021 joined Head of School

Top, left: 2013 Classmates Daniel “Beamer” Wong and Annie Wilson catch up at the 2012-2013 10 Year Reunion at BareBottle Brewing in San Francisco.

Top, right: Members of the Class of 2013 Kenneth Wong, Sam Lee, and Harry Glenn-Finer share memories and stories over a few pints at their reunion.

Above: A photo capturing the good times had by some of the members of the Class of 1998, who recently celebrated their reunion. Front Row, from left to right: Becca Neuwirth, Kate Levitt, Bing Kung, Christina Zanfagna, Josh Haner, Taylor Shaw, and Alex Mozes. Back Row, from left to right: Gardiner McKleroy, Alex Wettersten, and Willie Swinerton.

Right: Attendees of the Alumni Holiday Party received this collectible pin, the first of the Alumni Pin Collection.





Left: Zoe Solari 2022, Raj Mundra, JD Le Roy 2017, and John Donald 1990 meet for the first time at the Los Angeles Alumni event.

Below, left: Katie Swinerton Rinderknecht 2000, Emily Leach 2000, Brandon Yeh, and Nathan Calixto 2007 enjoy time with each other at the Los Angeles Alumni Meet-Up.



RAJ MUNDRA, Director of Development **BRIAN DRISCOLL**, and Annual Fund Manager **HEATHER PLATT** at this year's Alumni Holiday Party. It was also the launch of the Alumni Pin Collection—with attendees receiving the first collectable pin. This was the first alumni event that Raj attended and he enjoyed getting to meet and speak with everyone. A huge thank you to **MAX**

YOUNG 1983, owner of Del Mar Bar & Nightclub, for allowing LWHS the opportunity to celebrate the holidays at Del Mar!

RACE TO CHASE ALUMNI HAPPY HOUR AT HARMONIC BREWING, JANUARY 22, 2024

Previously named Roarcl, the Race to Chase Basketball games versus University High

School is a beloved rivalry event. Although both the girls and boys varsity teams lost their games, alumni were invited to attend happy hour directly following the games at Harmonic Brewing at Thrive City in the Chase Center. Alumni from the classes of 1971 to 2016 attended in addition to a number of faculty and staff.



Left: LWHS hosted its first alumni dinner in St. Louis this past February. The attendees include, from left to right: Winifred Montgomery, Bob Appleton 1963, Rowan Morris 2023, Marco Donohoe 2022, Sophia Casey 2021, Nina Laser 2023, Emma Yin 2022, Raj Mundra, Brian Driscoll, Amelie Maltz 2023, Ella English 2023, and Chris Chen 2020.

PARENTS OF ALUMNI COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE ASSEMBLY EVENT AT LWHS, FEBRUARY 1, 2024

During COVID, LWHS paused sending care packages to college-aged alumni. This year, a group of 25 Parents of Alumni volunteers gathered to assemble over 300 care packages filled with candy, tea, a luggage tag, and a Starbucks gift card for a little pick-me-up. Classes of 2020-2023, you are missed! Hope you enjoyed these small gifts.

LOS ANGELES ALUMNI RECEPTION AT THE CULVER HOTEL, FEBRUARY 1, 2024

This was the first time since 2019 that the LWHS Alumni & Development Office has been able to travel to see alumni in the Southern California area. It was exciting to be back! Over 35 alumni and their guests gathered at The Culver Hotel for appetizers, beverages, and great conversation.

ST. LOUIS ALUMNI DINNER AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

While attending the National Association of Independent Schools Conference, Head of School **RAJ MUNDRA**, along with Director of Development **BRIAN DRISCOLL**, and Director of Learning Strategies **WINIFRED MONTGOMERY** were able to meet with a group of alumni on the Washington University Campus for dinner. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know the LWHS alumni attending Washington University, plus meet **BOB APPLETON 1963** and his wife, Susan, who is a professor of Law on campus.

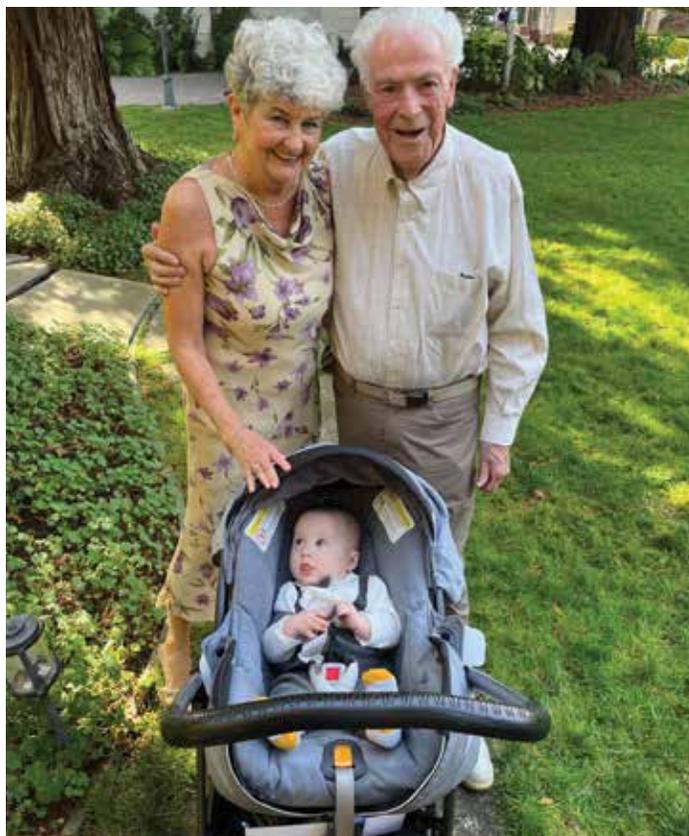
ALUMNI DAY 2023 AT LWHS, APRIL 22, 2023

On a sunny Saturday afternoon, over 130 alumni and guests joined the LWHS Alumni & Development Office on campus for a fun-filled day. The event was centered around alumni

and their families, offering a bounce house, face painter, henna tattoo artist, and student-led tours of the campus. LWHS offered student-led tours of the campus. Additionally, there was a Careers in the Arts panel organized by the Networking Committee of the Alumni Board. Moderated by Alumni Board Member **SHANA LOPES 1997** (SF MOMA), the panel also included **CATHARINE CLARK 1985** (Catharine Clark Gallery), **ZAC ROSE 2001** (Asian Art Museum), **TANYA ZIMBARDO 1997** (SF MOMA), and Visual Arts Faculty Member **OLEG OSIPOFF**. Although the event was momentarily interrupted by a power outage that led to a deflating bounce house, it was a day to be remembered!

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Class Notes



1951J

SAM MIHARA writes that this past year has seen many significant events. Sam just turned 91 years young, and in the past year he surpassed teaching social justice at over 500 schools and spoke to the Congress. Sam was awarded the Salem Massachusetts award for Social Justice. He believes the future looks brighter than ever.

now fully retired, remains active as a docent at the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento, where he volunteers as a tour guide.

1954X

CHARLES "JOE" SUTTLE, along with his wife, Laurie, retired to Rio Vista, CA, after a long career in telecommunications with Pacific Bell, other telephone companies, and for the last 15 years as an independent contractor. Joe will continue his activities as a public speaker, working with audio-visual teams, and spending time with their grandchildren.

Above: Paul Gumbinger 1952 and his wife, Louise, with their newest grandson, James.

Above, right: Paul Gumbinger 1952 and his wife, Louise, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

Right: Clint Day 1960 (left) with the staff, including mascot Ernie the Eagle, at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL, where he has been working to start an entrepreneurship program for veterans.



1952J

PAUL GUMBINGER and his wife, Louise, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on New Year's Eve. They recently welcomed the birth of their newest grandson, James, making a total of 11 grandchildren for them. Paul,

1960

CLINT DAY is still helping others become entrepreneurs, recently starting a one-stop, new business hub at setyourownsalary.com. He also helped start a veterans entrepreneurship program at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL.



AARON WONG gives a shout out to the Class of 1960! Aaron is well and continues to enjoy retirement. He has now also retired from a couple of non-profit Boards to their Advisory Boards, including the Alameda County Library Foundation. He has returned from two weeks in Japan, plus five days in Seoul, South Korea. He thoroughly enjoyed it. Aaron's family is also doing well. His son is now Senior Treasurer/Finance Director at Gallo Wine and his daughter is a Pediatrics Oncology/Hematology Physician at OHSU Portland. He and his wife have four granddaughters, the eldest of which is on Honors at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in Bio-Chem. Aaron and his wife continue to enjoy traveling to their second home on the Central Coast near Pismo Beach and golfing down there. Come by and say hi if you are ever down there!

Above: Aaron Wong and his wife have been enjoying their time traveling and spending time along the Central Coast.

Above, middle: C. Dell Lindstrom 1962 volunteers as a train engineer on the miniature 2-foot gauge train that is operated out of Mills Park in Carson City, NV.

Top, right: Paul Shattuck 1962 points to the Sierra Hemlock (Tsuga Mertensiana), standing 9,000 ft on the NE shoulder of Mt. Banner in the Glacier Pass area of the Ansel Adams Wilderness.



1962

BOB KLEIN writes that this is the year that he and his classmates all turn 80! He would like to congratulate everyone and he sends best wishes to all the wonderful folks still on the right side of this astroturf!

C. DELL LINDSTROM retired from the SF Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) and currently volunteers as a docent at the Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City, NV. He is also a train engineer on the miniature railroad, which runs in Mills Park in Carson City. Dell and his wife, Connie, recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. They both enjoy traveling.

PAUL SHATTUCK is still actively using the skills in mechanical



arts and sciences that he learned back in 1959-1962 in his adhesive manufacturing plants. Thank you, **MR. ROBERT "WICK" PRATT!**

Paul is having a lot of fun working full-time creating new applied chemistries for biodegradable compostable packaging to replace one-use plastics among other things. He hopes his beloved LWHS still promotes mechanical arts, which is such a scarce resource in the manufacturing sectors. Besides creative work, Paul has ascended Mt. Banner/Glacier Pass in the Ansel Adams Wilderness this last year and he's hit the ski slopes hard.



Have you moved recently?

Stay in touch! Follow the QR code to update your contact info (address, email, phone, employment).



1963

WALLY FREE shares that he is still battling his “rare” cancer but also keeping busy with other projects. He is currently working on major renovations to a 1917 Craftsman fixer-upper. Wally is also restoring his 1971 VW Camper that sat in his backyard for 28 years. Although he is moving a bit slower, he stays busy and says, “life goes on!”

TIMOTHY RODGERS is delighted to share that his grandson, **KOLBY RODGERS 2027**, is a member of this year’s 9th grade class. It turns out that Timothy’s grandfather also graduated from LWHS in 1908, something he never knew until years after he had graduated.

1964

JOHN KIPPING is still spending his summers working in Southeast Alaska on the tour vessel *Delphinus II*, which belongs to Dolphin Chargers. Aside from the summers in Alaska, John is mostly retired but still consults on some tree issues. Last year, he installed solar on his roof and just purchased an electric vehicle. John also volunteers at Loaves and Fishes,



a homeless services campus in Sacramento.

1965

LAWRENCE SUSNOW is still living in Napa, where he grows grapes and Perigord truffles. He is retired now, with a loyal Lagotta to fill the empty hours. Lawrence says to let him know if you are in the area.

1966

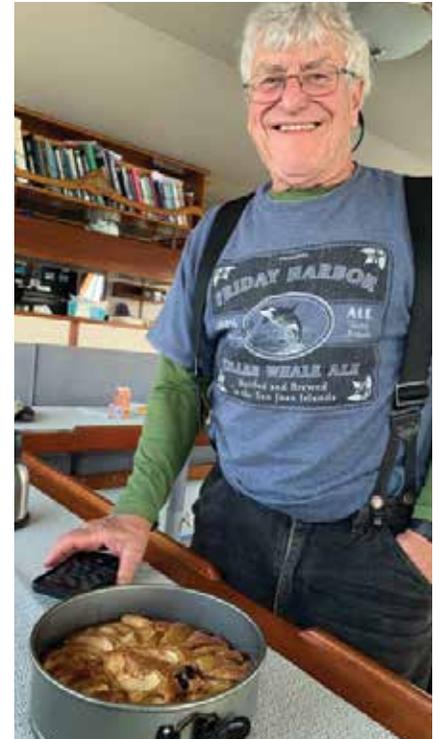
ED COLLOFF fully retired last year and is now spending time with

Top, left: Photo of the 1971 VW Camper that Wally Free 1963 is restoring.

Top, middle: Photo taken by John Kipping 1964 of a typical sunset see on Admiralty Island, AK.

Above: John Kipping 1964 takes the wheel as first mate aboard the *Delphinus II*.

Above, right: John Kipping 1964 makes time to bake a pear dessert for his crew on the boat



family (his son, daughter-in-law, and three grandchildren), who live close by. Ed also participates in Israeli Folk Dancing 2-3 nights a week and is becoming fluent in Hebrew (he takes Zoom classes 3x a week). He also stays busy with piano lessons (and practice!) and Tai Chi. Ed says he’ll have to go back to work to find more free time!

1967

JOSEPH GRECO has his photography available to view online. Check out his instagram profile [@josephgreco](#) where you can find links to his websites.

Now retired, **JONATHAN LEWIS** divides his time between writing microfiction about traveling and making assemblage art



Above, left: Jonathan Lewis 1967 also made his way to San Miguel de Allende in Mexico, where he visited the cloisters.



Left: Jonathan Lewis 1967 spent time traveling internationally last year. He is pictured here in Stockholm, Sweden.

Above, right: Richard Clarke 1970 with his wife, Janet Clarke.



and for the craft skills he uses in his art. Jonathan continues to support MCE Social Capital, an international business finance program reaching millions of impoverished women in the developing world, which he founded in 2006.

STEVEN SAARMAN just finished remodeling his home with classmates **GEORGE MIERS** as the architect and **RUSTAM TAHIR** as the photographer.

1969

WILL KNOX sends his greetings from Ojai, CA, where he has been transplanted after living in Los Angeles for 40 years. He still works at creating that one memorable fit/series, but sustains himself through restaurant real estate and concept development. Ojai is a great

spot for creativity, wellness, and spirituality so he welcomes visitors. If you are a golfer, Will would be happy to play a round!

1970

RICHARD CLARKE retired in April 2023 after serving 41 years as a full-time church musician. The last 29 years were served as director of music and liturgy at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Wayzata, MN. This spring, Richard will attend his 50th Class Reunion at Kenyon College in Gambier, OH.

1971

ANDY BALE recently retired from his work as an environmental engineer. Looking back, after all

from recycled salvage. Both endeavors can be viewed on his website (www.JonathanCLewis.com). Last year, Jonathan and his wife, Jeanette, celebrated their 50th Anniversary by traveling internationally; along the way, he collected additional material for his short stories. He credits his LWHS education for teaching him to write and appreciate literature



his years in the education system, Andy shares that his years at Lick were some of his most memorable!

WALTER MELION was elected Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Science. His latest book, “*Karel van Mander’s Foundation of the Noble, Free Art of Painting,*” was awarded the 2023 Roland Bainton Prize for Best Monograph in Art History. Walter spent the 2023-2024 academic year as Samuel H. Kress Senior Fellow at The Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts, National Gallery, Washington, DC. In March 2024, Walter gave a series of lectures at the Sorbonne, where a one-day colloquium was held in his honor. Walter was surprised to learn he has a *Festschrift*, which was presented in January. The book is titled “*Image and Contemplatio in the Early Modern Literature and the Visual Arts: Festschrift for Walter Melion.*” He shared that he is not sure why all of this is happening now!

After twenty-three years as a senior technical writer at Morgan Stanley, **JOEL WEINBERG** retired at the end of June 2023. Two days later, he and his partner, Adam Kent, flew to Spain for a two-month working holiday. Adam gave piano and flamenco concerts, and Joel relaxed. In retirement, Joel plans to write a sequel to his first novel, *True Religion*. He is currently working on a memoir about the search for his biological parents.

1974

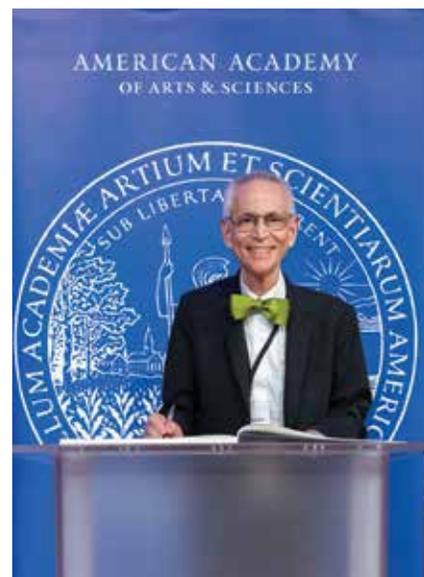
HARRY FISK BOWLES and his wife, Hollis, recently freed themselves from the golden shackles of Southern California, abandoned their empty nest in San Marino, and are now enjoying a little slice of paradise living in Fairfax, CA. It turns out that one of Harry’s neighbors is **KEVIN DAY 1994**. Harry and Kevin have become fast friends and



Above, left: Andy Bale 1971 with his son, Mattias.

Above: Kevin Day 1994 (left) and Harry Fisk Bowles 1974 (right) are neighbors and have become good friends.

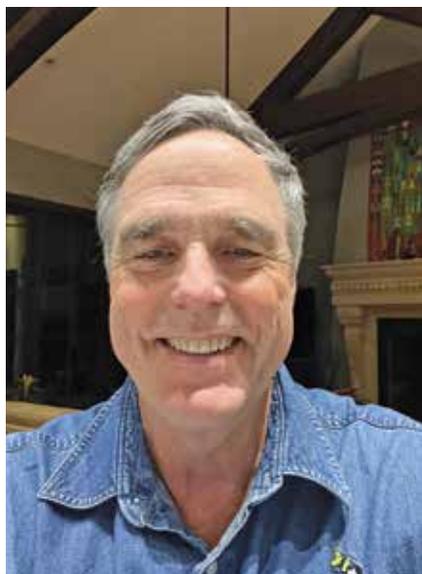
Right: Congratulations to Walter Melion 1971, who was recently inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences as a Fellow.



enjoy hiking together on Mount Tamalpais and exploring the Marin County watershed.

1975

BRAD MCCULLOUGH hopes he and his class will all be able to get together for their 50th reunion, which is soon approaching! Brad



and his wife of 40 years, Jennifer, have two daughters, who are both living and working in San Francisco. One is a nurse, and the other is an 8th grade Math and Science teacher for SFUSD. When asked what he does in retirement, Brad answers that he plays golf, bocce, and volunteers. He is currently on the board of four chapters of the Chevron Retirees Association and is the National President. Brad also serves on the following boards: Berkeley-Sakai Association, Friends of Wagner Ranch Nature Area, the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association, East Bay Heritage Quilters, and the Chevron Golf Club San Ramon. He is also on a local Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee and works about 12 tournaments a year as a Tournament Official for the Northern California Golf Association. Brad didn't think this was enough, so he recently joined the Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary (a definite stretch since he is a late riser), which does a lot of great work in the community.



Above, left: Brad McCullough 1975

Above, right: A photo of the beautiful family of Jeffrey Leon 1978.

Additionally, Brad participates in two bocce leagues, 50-70 rounds of golf a year, hikes a few times each month, goes skiing occasionally, and also travels a little. This year, Brad will travel to Denver for a meeting, and then will lead a group of students to Sakai, Japan. He also hopes to spend a week away with Jennifer. Brad tries to attend the LWHS Alumni events and enjoys meeting newer alumni. Brad says he's having a blast and definitely using his head, heart, and hands in retirement.

1978

JEFF LEON is living in Ross, CA, with his fiancée, Julie Giannini. The couple plans to wed in September. Jeff's oldest son, Parker, is working for a real estate developer. His second son is a sophomore at SMU's Cox School of Business and enjoying Dallas. Jeff's youngest son is finishing his senior year at Avon Old Farms in CT, and

his daughter is a junior at the Stevenson School. Jeff has been busy in the real estate private equity business, and skis and plays golf in his free time.

1979

After living most of 2022 in Montana, **BETTY SCHWARTZ MARCON** and her husband moved to Peterborough, NH, where her husband secured a new job as a private chef. Betty finally has the space to concentrate on her restaurant consulting work. As a community manager for High Road Restaurants, she's also traveling around New England engaging restaurant owners to support legislation to end the sub-minimum wage for tipped workers. If you aren't aware, in 43 states it is legal to pay servers \$2.13/hour with the expectation that tips cover the remainder. Most states have slightly higher tipped minimum wages, but



Left: Michael Cucek 1981 takes this selfie at a rest area atop Onoyama in Kanagawa Prefecture, with Mt. Fuji in the background.



Right, top: Pete Dickinson 1979 successfully kicked a field goal at the Rose Bowl Stadium before he ran the Rose Bowl Half Marathon back in January.



Right: Pete Dickinson 1979 and his wife, Julie, attend this year's SAG Awards.

Texas, for example, still uses the federal standard. So YES, Betty has gone political! She recently testified in front of the Connecticut legislature and met with legislators in Massachusetts, and is building support in Maine. It's the best job ever! On a personal note, Betty is excited for the upcoming wedding of her daughter, Camille, this October in NYC. Her son, **LOIC MARCON 2017**, is getting his Masters in Global Health Financing at the London School of Economics this year and is loving his time in London. She's afraid she's lost him to the Brits, at least for a few years!

\$8,000 and was then given the opportunity to kick a field goal at the Rose Bowl Stadium on the morning of the Rose Bowl Half Marathon. Work will be bringing Pete back home to San Francisco more often so he hopes to see more of his friends and family in the coming years.

1981

This past January, **MICHAEL CUCEK** became advisor and coordinator of Asian Studies at Temple University, Japan Campus. He is responsible for scheduling Asian Studies classes, recruiting teaching faculty, and advising students on their progress toward completing their majors at TUJ (Temple University's Tokyo branch, with an enrollment of over 2200 undergraduates).

In November 2023, **MAEVE VISSER KNOTH** was appointed Chairperson for the Newbery Award Selection Committee. She will work with a small group of

people this year from around the country to find the absolute best children's book. Maeve says, "I am very honored. It's been my dream since I was about 10 years old." For those of you who know Maeve, you know how perfect this role is for her. Maeve's classmates (including **SUSAN FRIEZ ISBLE** and **MICHELE KROLIK** who submitted this note) are so proud of her for achieving this dream and can't wait to hear which book she and her committee select!

On January 25, 2024 **DAVID WU** passed away. After LWHS, David attended City College for a time. Eventually he would follow his father's footsteps, finding a job in the financial world at Schwab. There he met Gilda, the mother of his two children, first Isabel, followed by Alexander. David asked classmates **ROBERT STEGER** and **ROLAND KNIESE**, respectively, to be their godfathers. (Following the news of David's passing, Robert and Roland, having not seen each other for decades, got together for dinner to

1979

It has been a busy year for **PETE DICKINSON**. Half of his clients were on strike last year, in solidarity across the organized labor space. AI is stalking the legal and entertainment industries as China has no protections against it. Peter recently fundraised



reminisce about their old friend.) David was so proud of both his children, starting every conversation with updates about them.

Ultimately, Wall Street wasn't a good fit for David and he moved on from the stress of the financial world. In the late '90s, with his family, he moved out to the Sunset district. A passion he developed a little later in life was for fast cars, especially Porsches. Finding his dream car and wanting to reach his potential with it, he took racing lessons at Sears Point Raceway. Unfortunately, one day he lost control of his car, resulting in a dramatic crash that he was fortunate to survive. David sustained serious injuries that left him with physical challenges, making daily life more difficult. Undaunted, he somehow showed,

Above: David Benjamin (left) 1982 met up with his classmates Suanne Yorn Bouvier and Barry Fineman during a recent layover in Texas.

at least on the outside, a positive, optimistic face that inspired many who knew him.

That positive, sunny demeanor had always been there. He will be remembered for the big bright, disarming smile he shared with everyone, whether sporting his signature Vuarnets on his face or on top of his head. He will be remembered for his natural athleticism, great balance and hand-eye coordination that he used in tennis, basketball, and while skateboarding...sometimes sneaking a cruise down the LWHS hallway. He will also undoubtedly be remembered for his keen sense of style, nurtured spending time at Wilkes-Bashford and Brooks Brothers, knowing just how much wrinkle was appropriate with his button-down for a given social event or when his top siders achieved the perfect worn-out look.

His spontaneity and optimism will be dearly missed by friends and family.

1982

DAVID BENJAMIN shares that one of the best parts about being a pilot for Delta is being able to visit fellow alumni and classmates during his layovers. Recently, David got to see **BARRY FINEMAN** and **SUANNE YORN BOUVIER** in Dallas, TX. He hadn't seen Barry since graduation!

ROBIN HAUSER is living in Park City, UT. She is currently working on a film about the rising trend of elective egg freezing and the future of fertility. For more information on the project, visit <https://vimeo.com/822143106>.

GEORGE KUNEY is retiring after 11 years of full-time law practice and 24 years of teaching at the University of Tennessee College of Law, where he taught many different courses, including Bankruptcy Law, Business Associations, Business Reorganizations & Workouts, Commercial Law, Contract Drafting, Contracts, Commercial Leasing, Mergers & Acquisitions, Real Estate Finance, Representing Enterprises, and Secured Transactions. He is the author or co-author of 22 books or editions and 57 articles on business law related topics.

REID EDELMAN is in his 24th year directing the Theatre Program at Mendocino College in Ukiah, CA, where he lives with his wife, Deborah. They are now empty nesters as their sons Eli (Pitzer 2024) and Noah (Columbia 2027) are both off at college. Recently, in Ukiah, Reid has reconnected with three of his former students from LWHS, where he taught theatre from 1987-2000. **LUCAS VERBRUGGHE 1999**, **DAN HOYLE 1998**, and **KITA GRINBERG 1997** have all found their way to Ukiah, two hours north of SF. Kita is now the



principal of Big Picture Ukiah at South Valley (an alternative high school dedicated to engaging students through community immersion experiences) and Dan and Lucas have both been teaching with Reid at Mendocino College. In February, Dan performed his solo show *Border People* at Ukiah's SPACE Theatre where Kita's students participated in a workshop with Dan on Journalistic Theatre. In June, Dan and Lucas will co-teach a Mendocino College class on community-based theatre. The material that Dan and Lucas develop with their students this summer will form the foundation of an original play that Lucas, Dan and Reid will co-create in Spring 2025. As a teacher, Reid shares that it is a delight to be collaborating with these inspiring professionals whose talents have inspired him for over 25 years!

1984

MARK WEBB shares that he recently purchased a new home. His daughter will also be

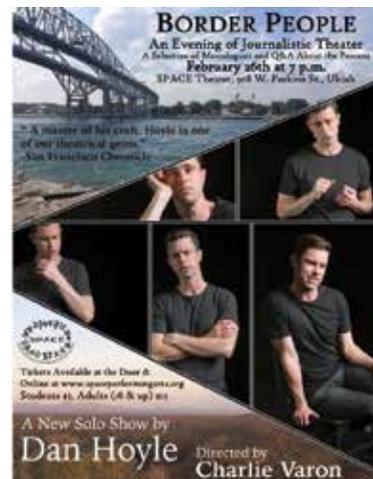


graduating from Connecticut College in May. Mark is currently the senior vice president/senior financial tech compliance director for a top 4 Banking as a Service (BaaS) in Washington. Luckily he is able to work remotely full-time.

1987

MARK FUJIWARA lives in Greenbrae, Marin County, with his wife, Amy, and their daughter, Stella (5 years old). His first movie, *Big Stages*, was released at the Chelsea Film Festival in 2023 and has won numerous awards. *Big Stages* features a handful of aspiring public speakers. Mark shares his story of overcoming debilitating panic attacks and severe anxiety of speaking in public, and going on to speak on big stages around the world in support of his mission to destigmatize mental illness. To read and learn more about Big Stages, visit www.bigstagesmovie.com.

Mark started his charity, Ikigai Court, which is a high-purpose mastermind/mentorship/support group serving the mental well-



Top, left: Lucas Verbrugge 1999 and Dan Hoyle 1998 are both teaching together at Mendocino College in Ukiah.

Top, middle: Reid Edelman 1982 (far left) and Kita Grinberg 1997 have connected again in Ukiah. They are pictured here with the artistic team of SPACE (School of Performing Arts & Cultural Education) in Ukiah.

Top, right: Dan Hoyle 1998 performed his solo show, *Border People*, at Ukiah's SPACE Theatre this past February.

Above: Mark Webb 1984 shares a family photo with his wife, Erin, his daughter, Mia, and Erin's son, Brayden.

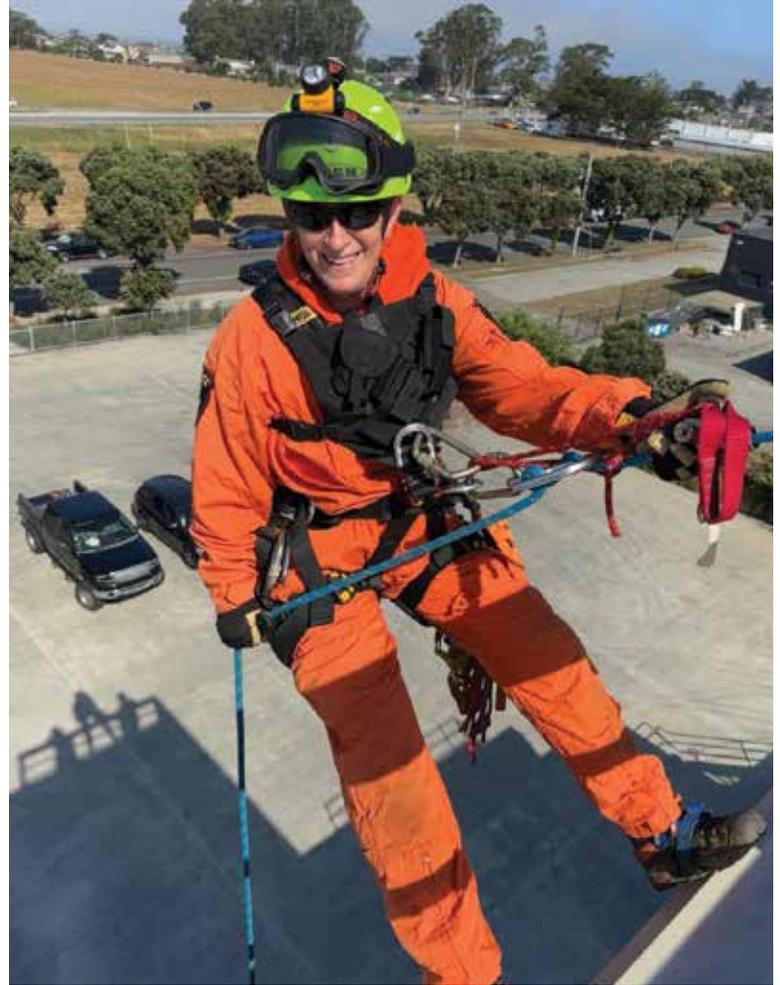
being of entrepreneurs and putting an end to teen suicide. He has also founded and runs an invite-only global mastermind for visionary entrepreneurs. Mark still loves his day job in private wealth as a director at Baird. Mark is also doing 29029 Everesting in July, which is a misugi of climbing 29029 feet—the equivalent height of Mt. Everest. His goal is to do this in under 24 hours!



Above: Mark Fujiwara 1987 with his wife, Amy, and daughter, Stella.

Left: Congratulations to Teresa Strasser 1988, whose book, *“Making It Home: Life Lessons From a Season of Little League,”* was named one of the Best Books of 2023 by *USA Today*.

Above, right: Jen Schwartz 1989, among many other activities, serves as a volunteer with the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office Cliff Rescue Unit. Here she is on training day.



1988

“Making It Home: Life Lessons From a Season of Little League,” the second memoir written by **TERESA STRASSER**, was named one of the Best Books of 2023 by *USA Today*. Teresa currently lives in Phoenix, AZ, with her husband and two sons.

1989

In 2021, **JENNIFER SCHWARTZ** retired from a 26-year career in law enforcement, completely content to no longer wear a uniform or tell people what to do. This has allowed her to play a lot more ice hockey, travel to tournaments all over the country, and embark on many road trips with her yellow lab, Reba. Jennifer does part-time contract work as a background investigator for law enforcement agencies, and has a small proofreading service, mostly court transcripts for

stenographers. Jennifer still finds time to sing with the San Francisco Choral Society, volunteer with the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office Cliff Rescue Unit, play pickleball, and read many of those books that piled up over the years. When she jokes that retirement is busy, she’s right. But it’s the kind of busy she chooses, and there’s always time for a nap.

1990

LINCOLN LIGHTHILL moved from the city to Mill Valley in 2020 with his then 2 year-old daughter



and wife, after spending a year of the pandemic in a 1 BR SF apartment with no outdoor space. They rented a house in a redwood canyon with a creek running down the street! For a lifelong city kid, it was a wild wilderness adventure, and they fell in love with this little town that is still so close to SF. In the fall of 2022, they bought a fixer-upper house in Mill Valley, their first. As an architect, Lincoln designed and acted as general contractor on a renovation of the house's interior. Lincoln and his family moved into their newly remodeled home in June 2023 with their now 5 year-old daughter, Lula, and have started working on

the long-neglected yard, which should be done in... about 10 years!

TOM PURCELL and his wife, Katie, live in Mountain View, CA, with their two children, Daisy (15 years), and Theo (11 years). Tom and Katie met in graduate school when they were both DJs at the Stanford University radio station KZSU and celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in 2023. Tom is currently the director of biochemistry at ATUM, a biotechnology company based in Newark, CA. It is fascinating work, although the highlight of his day is commuting by eBike over the Dumbarton Bridge and through the marshes surrounding the Bay.

Above, left and left: Images from the recently renovated home of Lincoln Lighthill 1994, who designed and renovated the interior of his home in Mill Valley.

Above: Tom Purcell 1990 with his wife, Katie, and their two children, Daisy and Theo.

1991

DAVID MITCHELL and classmate, **DERALD SEID**, met up during the holidays to watch the Michigan vs. Washington championship game at Underdogs in SF, a restaurant/bar owned by a University of Michigan alumnus. Michigan clinched the national football championship for the 12th time, with a 34-13 win against Washington. David and Derald both graduated from Michigan Law School (David in 2000 and Derald in 2008). Derald currently works for the Federal government in Washington, DC, and David works as an Assistant District Attorney at the San Francisco District Attorney's Office.



1992

MICHAEL ROBERTS was super fired up to cheer on Lick's varsity boys basketball team at a recent game versus San Domenico out in San Anselmo where he lives. The best part was grabbing a few minutes with **COACH ELIOT SMITH** after the game to thank him for the lessons about commitment and resilience Coach taught him when Michael played basketball at Lick back in the day. Coach Smith was still vibrating with excitement over his team's game at the Chase Center the night before. Michael says Coach Smith hasn't changed a bit in 30 years. What a legend!

Above, left: Members of the Class of 1991 and big Michigan football fans Derald Seid (left) and David Mitchell (right) celebrate Michigan's national football championship together in San Francisco.

Above: The Chase games are a great time to get together with classmates, current parents, and other members of the LWHS community to cheer on the basketball teams! Shown here, from front to back, are parents Stephanie Chan 1995, her husband Vince Bautista, David Coffman 1994, and Brad Pollock.

Top, right: Classmates from 1994 (left to right) David Coffman, Agustin Rodriguez, and Bear Korngold meet up after attending a Frosh Class meeting at LWHS.

Above, right: Francesca Gessner 1994 with her husband, Steve, and children Augustine and Paloma.

1994

DAVID COFFMAN is excited to share that the LWHS frosh class has strong legacy representation from the mid-90's alumni. He, his classmates **AGUSTIN RODRIGUEZ** and



BEAR KORNGOLD, along with **STEPHANIE CHAN 1995**, all have children who are a part of the 141 students who make up the Class of 2027. The kids are reportedly loving their experiences, although not always loving their enthusiastic and school-spirited parents hanging around so much. Bear and David's daughters even played together on the volleyball and lacrosse teams. All four of them have enjoyed reconnecting and being active parts of the LWHS community again. David says it's also very special to watch their kids enjoy learning from (and cheering L-I-C-K-Hyphen... with) **GORANKA POLJAK-HOY, OLEG**

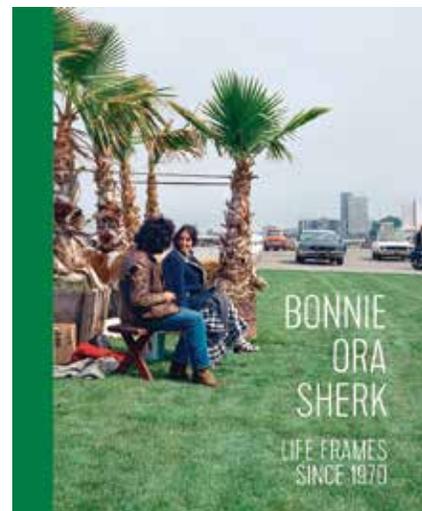
OSIPOFF, and **ELIOT SMITH**, who are still going strong. Augie, Bear, and David look forward to seeing many of the fellow 1994ers at their reunion this fall.

FRANCESCA GESSNER still lives in San Francisco with her two kids, Augustine and Paloma, and her husband, Steve. She continues to enjoy her work as chief of policy to California Attorney General Rob Bonta. She's looking forward to helping organize the Class of 1994's 30th reunion this fall. Feel free to email her at fgessner@gmail.com for more details!



Left: Kate Bedford 1996 can be found teaching sex education at various Bay Area independent schools.

Top: Photo of the catalog “Bonnie Ora Sherk: Life Frames Since 1970,” which was co-edited by Tanya Zimbardo 1997. Tanya also guest curated the exhibit which recently was on display at Fort Mason Center for Arts & Culture.



architect. Sherk’s environmental education project, A Living Library, and its bicoastal team continues to engage youth and communities in San Francisco including through a high school internship program. To learn more, visit alivinglibrary.org. Tanya is also guest curating “*Jen Liu: Ghost__World*” (April - August 2024) for Slash, a nonprofit art space in San Francisco. Her SFMOMA exhibition “*Ragnar Kjartansson: The Visitors*” is on view through October 14, 2024.

1995

DAVID EDELI has moved back to San Francisco after two years of remote-work-facilitated living on a mountaintop in Alabama near his wife’s childhood home. David and his wife, Mandy, are now living in the Castro and enjoying the rebirth of the city through their kids’ eyes. David is looking forward to reconnecting with old friends and helping to plan a class reunion for sometime next year!

ANDREA HOWARD will be graduating on May 10, 2024, with a Masters of Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

1996

KATE BEDFORD is still teaching sex education and puberty education all over the Bay Area. She teaches 4-12 grades, and if your child goes to an independent school in the Bay Area, they may have had Kate as a teacher. She says it is really fun when

she gets to see Lick alumni at parent workshops and then meet their kids! Kate presented at a workshop at LWHS last year, which she reports was a joy, especially noting the Lick’s current students are lovely! Kate still lives in San Francisco with her husband, two kids, and a goofy doodle. She lives across the street from **DAN PAN**—the city is small!!

1997

CHRISTIAN DUCOMB recently began a three-year term as Associate Dean of Faculty for Recruitment and Development at Colgate University, where he is also Associate Professor of Theater. He lives with his wife and two sons in Syracuse, NY.

TANYA ZIMBARDO guest curated the survey “*Bonnie Ora Sherk: Life Frames since 1970*” for Fort Mason Center for Arts & Culture and co-edited the accompanying exhibition catalog (D.A.P.) devoted to the work of the late San Francisco and New York City-based artist, nonprofit founder, and landscape

1998

MORGAN VENABLE continues to reside in Pacifica and shares a duplex with his sister **NOE VENABLE 1994**, and their respective families. Morgan recently launched an ergonomic keyboard product, Svalboard, which he fabricates entirely in the garage, and is scheming on various consumer product ideas with classmate **PATRICK WARD** and **JEFF BLAIR 1999**, whom



Above: The official podium photo after Instacart's IPO in September 2023 with their c-suite, founders, and Laura Jones 2000 (far left), CMO of Instacart.

Above, right: Left: William Leonard 2003 and Heather Keane Leonard 2002 with their children Boden, Hayes, and Fiona.

Left: Whit K. Lee 2022



he sees often. His standing offer for tandem paragliding flights at Mussel Rock, where he first flew with former LWHS faculty member **SCOTT "GASPO" GASPARIAN** in 1997, remains active. Get in touch! For more information on Svalboard, visit <https://svalboard.com>.



2000

ED HARRISON continues to serve in the U.S. Army at the current rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He served the last four years at U.S. Southern Command in Miami, FL, in positions such as the Deputy Branch Chief for the Joint Fires Element, Special Assistant to the Combatant Commander, and the Deputy Executive Officer to the Combatant Commander. He has had the privilege of traveling all over the Caribbean, Central America, and South America. Ed has been selected for Battalion Command and will move to Fort Bliss, TX, this summer.

LAURA JONES lives in San Francisco with her husband and two kids, ages 6 and 8. She is currently the CMO of Instacart and was proud to help take the company public in September 2023. Laura still loves to paint and

run, and got into Bay swimming about 10 years ago. If anyone wants to brave the chilly waters, she'd love to go together—shout out to **LAUREN WONG** for taking her up on this last fall!

2002

Recently, **WHIT K. LEE** could be found acting in "The Far Country" at Berkeley Rep, which ran March 8th-April 14th. For more information on the show, visit <https://www.berkeleyrep.org/shows/the-far-country>.

HEATHER KEANE LEONARD and **WILLY LEONARD 2003** got married in 2015. They now have three children, Boden (age 7), Hayes (age 5), and Fiona (age 1). They still live in San Francisco and enjoy pretending that they had a high school romance (they did not).



GALEN MURPHY-HOFFMAN

will be appearing as Caesar in Shakespeare’s “*Julius Caesar*” at Catskill Mountain Shakespeare in Hunter, NY. The show runs July 13-28. All NY based alumni and all alumni in NY this summer are encouraged to attend!



2007

SAM WERBOFF writes in to share a few updates: He just started working at an AI company called Anthropic, leading part of the Go-To-Market organization. Sam also just got married to his lovely wife, Alina, in Mexico City in early February.



2004

Composer **SAMUEL ADAMS** has a couple of musical highlights to share, including a performance of his piece “*No Such Spring*,” with the SF Symphony and conductor Esa-Pekka Salonen. The *SF Chronicle* called this one of the best musical events of 2023. In November last year his piece “*Eden Interstates*” was premiered by the LA Philharmonic and organist James McVinnie. Later this season, Samuel will complete his residency at the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, culminating in a European premiere of a new orchestral work.

2009

MIA DIVECHA welcomed her second baby just days after **LIESL SPITZ 2007** also gave birth to little baby Junia. Mia and Liesl are hoping the two little ones will grow up to be best friends.

JUSTINE HONG and her husband, John, got married in Mexico City in November 2023. They were so lucky to have many family and friends in attendance, including many lifelong friends from LWHS.



Top, left: Galen Murphy-Hoffman 2002

Top, middle: Several members of the Class of 2009 traveled to Mexico City from around the world to celebrate the wedding of classmate and good friend Justine Hong (middle). From left to right (including from where they traveled): Evelyn Ng (New York City), Mia Marshall (Spain), Claire Ascraft (Tunis), Justine Hong, Maria Kong (Los Angeles), and Mia Divecha (Minneapolis).

Top, right: Liesl Spitz 2007 (left) and Mia Divecha 2009 (right) welcomed their babies into this world, Junia and Kiana, just three days apart from each other!

Above: Conductor Vimbayi Kaziboni leads the Los Angeles Philharmonic and organist James McVinnie in the world premiere of *Eden Interstates*, new work from Samuel Adams 2004. Photo credit: Nick Rutter



JESSICA LEE and her husband, Ethan, have loved this past year getting to know their daughter, Artemis, who was born March 1, 2023. Artemis absolutely loves adventuring outside, going for hikes, swimming, trying new foods, and playing with any animal she meets—just like her parents!

Above: Sarah Roach 2010 attends the official British citizenship ceremony after securing her citizenship.

Above, right: Stand-up paddleboarding in Monterey Bay is just one of the activities you can do with Monterey Expeditions, started by Ariella Simke 2011 and her fiancé.

Right: Daniel Baldocchi 2011 shares a sweet kiss with Geneva Morley to celebrate their engagement.

Far right: Jessica Lee with her husband, Ethan, and daughter, Artemis, during a family trip to Oahu, Hawaii, last October.



2010

SARAH ROACH moved to London from San Francisco six and a half years ago, successfully securing her British citizenship this past January. She received the news that she was granted her new British citizenship while visiting her family in San Francisco over the holidays in December. While she was home, Sarah reconnected with classmates **HILARY ANDERSON**, **ALEJANDRA GARCIA**, **SARAH HAZLIP**, **JESSICA SYKES**, **OLIVIA EVANS**, and **OLIVIA LEVINE**. Now, Sarah and Hilary are both back in London working in Tech and planning weddings for this summer!

2011

DANIEL BALDOCCHI shares the exciting news that he recently got engaged to Geneva Morley. Congratulations!

For the past three years, **ARIELLA SIMKE** has been travel writing and editing for *Scuba Diving Magazine*, where she is currently a senior editor. She has also been teaching on the side. When Ariella got engaged to her fiancé, a fellow scuba diver instructor, they

decided to bring the ocean to more people—not just divers—and open up Monterey Expeditions, an outdoor guiding company in Monterey that creates tailored tours for anyone who wants to experience the ocean. They take people out snorkeling in the kelp canopy, scuba diving, tidepooling, surfing, and stand-up paddleboarding, and they strive to create a truly local experience filled with hidden gems that visitors may not find on their own. Ariella and her fiancé recently started creating custom half and full day



expeditions with beach cookouts and specific encounters, such as snorkeling with a sea lion colony and searching for pelagic creatures in Monterey's submarine canyon. They are hoping to launch into corporate and private events this year as they grow. To learn more about Monterey Expeditions, visit www.montereyexpeditions.com.

In May 2023 **WESLEY SPARAGON** received his PhD in Marine Biology from the University of Hawaii at Mānoa. His dissertation focused on how marine bacteria regulate carbon flow and ecosystem health in coral reefs. Currently he is working as a postdoctoral researcher at UH Mānoa studying fungal-bacterial interactions in soil and how they mediate fundamental biogeochemical processes. Wesley continues to be an avid surfer.



got married in San Francisco surrounded by two-hundred thirty of their loved ones. The ceremony took place in Golden Gate Park's Shakespeare Garden and the celebration continued at The Pearl with rooftop cocktails, a candle-lit dinner reception, and dancing. The wedding party included several fellow Lick alumni—**DIMITRI BARTON, DREW FORREST, ALEX FRAKNOI, LUCAS HOWARD, and RACHEL PRENSKY-POMERANZ**—who exercised their #HeadHeartHands in taking on a variety of responsibilities for the wedding, including: planning a joint bachelor(ette) trip, building



Top, left: Congratulations to the happy couple, and members of the Class of 2012, Kaila Pereze Boone and Isaiah Boone!

Top, right: So much LWHS love at the wedding of Class of 2012 alumni Kaila Pereze Boone and Isaiah Boone. Pictured here, from left to right: Katie Waters, Anthony Shaw, Isaiah Boone, Dimitri Barton, Eddie Hadel, Kaila Perez Boone, Lucas Howard, Drew Forrest, Sarah Peletz, Billy Malmel (husband of Rachel Prensky-Pomeranz), and Rachel Prensky-Pomeranz.

Above, left: Wesley Sparagon 2011 received his PhD in Marine Biology from the University of Hawaii at Mānoa last May.

Above, right: Drew Forrest 2012 (far left) celebrates his birthday with Class of 2013 alumni Sam Ozer-Staton and Ben Schneider at Puglia Restaurant in New York City.

a custom wood stand for the welcome sign, giving a heartfelt (and hilarious) speech, and performing a freestyle rap about Kaila and Isaiah using random words from the crowd (they will let the readers guess who did what). Other alumni, **TIANRAE CHU, EDDIE HADELER, SARA PELETZ, ANTHONY SHAW,** and **KATIE WATERS**, traveled from all over the world to join the celebration. Kaila and Isaiah will never forget how loved and supported they felt on their big day! By way of New York and Los Angeles, the couple have returned full circle to their hometown of San Francisco, coincidentally living just a few miles away from Lick. Kaila is working at Pinterest as Chief of Staff of Product and Isaiah at Sequoia Capital as Partner. Go Tigers!

2012

In 2008, **KAILA PEREZ** and **ISAIAH BOONE** met as freshmen at Lick-Wilmerding High School. Fast forward fifteen years to May 6th, 2023, Kaila and Isaiah



DREW FORREST left the SF advertising agency Goodby-Silverstein & Partners (known for “Got Milk?”) to join two former co-workers to start up Brooklyn-based indie creative agency, nice&frank. In the last year, they’ve worked with a range of clients such as the San Francisco Giants, Stanford Medical School, autonomous vehicle company Zoox, Blackstone, Lay’s, and various other companies. Drew is excited to continue building nice&frank while hanging out with the contingent of Tigers who moved east and now reside in New York.

ETHAN GOLDSTEIN moved to Beersheba, Israel in 2019. Since his arrival, he has been working with a social movement called Dror Israel, which works in the field of social education across all social sectors, and works to strengthen Israel as a Democratic society. For the past year, Ethan has been working with the Welfare Department of the City of Beersheba as the director of a unique project that develops neighborhood-based leadership across a multiplicity of ethnic groups that call their neighborhood their home (Russians, Ethiopians,

Above: Ethan Goldstein 2012 helps out on ground at one of the local bomb shelters in Beersheba, Israel.

Above, right: Good friend and fellow 2012 classmate Alex Fraknoi officiated the wedding of Eddie Haderler and his bride, Sarah Davidson.

Right: Class of 2013 friends Christina Gee, Grace Yee, and Caylyn Creager get together to celebrate their friend and bride, Jennifer Yang-Wong.



North African Jews, Palestinians, Bedouins, and more). Following October 7 (the day that Hamas terrorists attacked Israeli civilians and took over 200 innocent people hostage), Beersheba was among the cities that have been bombarded by rocket fire from Gaza. Ethan has been working with the local leadership of the neighborhood where he works and lives to organize emergency response systems, protect community frameworks, and develop relief programs for residents as the war continues to carry on.

EDDIE HADELER married Sarah Davidson in Bolinas, CA, with close

family and friends in attendance. Fellow classmate **ALEX FRAKNOI**, served as their awesome officiant! Sarah and Eddie met in San Francisco and currently reside in Dallas, TX, where Eddie is completing his residency training in Dermatology at UT Southwestern.

2013

JENNIFER YANG-WONG recently got married. Her classmates **CHRISTINA GEE, GRACE YEE,** and **CAYLYN CREAGER** joined her in celebrating this big milestone.

2014

GRAHAM ANDERSON is graduating in May from his dual-degree graduate program with an MBA from Wharton and MA from Penn. He'll move back to San Francisco in the fall, where he'll start working at Adobe as a Product Manager.



The past two years coming out of the global pandemic have been very fruitful for **JADE SPARKS GARCIA** and her family. Jade and her husband, Luis, recently celebrated their 2nd wedding anniversary this past February and they will be welcoming their first baby, a boy, in June 2024. They are truly blessed and look forward to the expansion of the Sparks Garcia family. Jade has also secured a preceptorship with Home Birth/ Birth Center midwives in Miami, FL, as she studies to become a midwife herself. She has been attending births diligently over the past two years and has gained a plethora of knowledge regarding the unmedicated natural birth process. This experience has granted Jade the courage to attempt her own home birth to welcome their son in June!

DALTON VARNEY wanted to share that **CONNOR GUTTMANN** successfully graduated from Columbia Dental School and is a practicing dentist in Texas. Dalton wanted to cheer on his friend who is awesome and crushing it!

2015

EVA KRUKOWSKI graduated from the University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Science in Planning, Public Policy, and Management in December 2023. She also just started working for the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development as a coastal state planner this past February. Her title is the Rocky Habitats Project Coordinator in the Oregon Coastal Management Program. Eva works with coastal communities to conserve intertidal habitats like tide pools. In her free time, she is still singing; she's currently singing with the UO Gospel Choir.

2016

TATIANNA CAPKO writes in with her Class Note from Barcelona. She returned to Washington University in St. Louis for her Master's in Architecture last fall, and she's been extremely privileged to study abroad this semester in Barcelona. Tatianna has been enjoying



Above: **Tatianna Capko 2016** visits the city of Girona while studying abroad this semester in Barcelona.

Above, left: Congratulations to **Eva Krukowski 2015**, who recently graduated from the University of Oregon in December 2023.

learning from this city that has such a deep legacy of excellent architecture and urban design.

2017

LOIC MARCON moved to London in August 2023 to pursue his master's degree. He is currently studying Health Policy, Planning, and Financing in a joint program at The London School of Economics and Political Science and The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Before this, Loic was working on the COVID vaccine rollout amongst vulnerable populations in Seattle and consulting for Community Based Organizations looking to build their capacity to serve their clients. It's been an amazing last few years and this would not have been possible without the immense support of the LWHS community!



Left: Loic Marcon 2017 and his roommate enjoy an afternoon Arsenal match.

Above: Ryan Yee 2018 enjoying his time in Tahoe, hiking the Tahoe Meadows.



2018

After graduating from LWHS in 2018, **RYAN YEE** made his way to New York to attend Cornell University. He earned his Bachelor in Communications and spent the majority of his time as a leader for various clubs and organizations, spanning business, technology, and dance. After graduating in 2022, Ryan traded the countryside of upstate New York for the mountains of North Lake Tahoe to work as a product designer at Ridgeline. Ridgeline is a software company building a next-gen platform for the investment management industry. Currently, Ryan is lead design for the Data & Connectivity organization. Outside of work, he has been embracing the Tahoe lifestyle, enjoying its abundance of time and space. Ryan fills his days with skiing, hiking, cooking, photography, and dance. He is

also still extremely passionate about music. Ryan recently started DJing house music and organizing events with his friends on both the West and East coasts, often inviting old LWHS classmates as guests. Additionally, his photography journey began at Lick when **ELEANOR SANANMAN** lent him the Communications Department camera. Since then, he has continued to seize opportunities to shoot, focusing mainly on concert and landscape photography. Last year in August, he captured photos for an artist at Outside Lands Music Festival. Despite being four hours away from the Bay Area, Ryan makes it a point to visit every few months to see family and friends. He's also had the pleasure of attending the last two Alumni Holiday Parties at Del Mar, which provide wonderful opportunities to reconnect with old classmates. While his future in Tahoe remains uncertain, Ryan knows it won't be forever. Nevertheless,

he eagerly anticipates the next chapter, whatever it may hold! Ryan sends good vibes to all.

2023

ODIN MARIN is a student at Wesleyan University. Outside of school, Odin has an on campus job as a research assistant for the Wesleyan Media Project. He is also a member of Men's Rugby and the Wesleyan Investment Group.

The first semester of college has been fun for **ROWAN MORRIS**. Sports and school are going well and he's been getting into calisthenics. Rowan is studying psychology, neurology, and philosophy and so far, he probably likes philosophy best. Rowan has a message for **ODIN MARIN**—Odin, if you are reading this, please pay Rowan his five dollars for gas to Pacifica.

In Memoriam



1944
Jack R. Albrecht



1957
Stephen
Fowler



1936
Frances Kawalkowski
Bertetta



1959
David
Grambort



1939
Florence Christ
LeRoy



1960
John
Fenstermacher



1942
Kathleen
Bannister Brachna



1960
Edward
Hill



1942
Bernice Ratto
Krahlung



1961
Peter
Jacobi



1951
Robert
Gledhill



1961
William
O'Neill



1952
Roderic
Ward



1963
Craig
Brown



1955
Robert "Bob"
Bent



1965
Harold
Amsbaugh



1956
John Kelly



1981
David
Wu



1956
Donald
McCrea

Epitaph
I am not dead but
merely invisible.
Someday you might
see an oddly shaped
cloud, solitary and
ephemeral and
recognize my shape
condensing, as
did my life, out of
invisibility.

— STEPHEN FOWLER 1957



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