

GOW AT A GLANCE

A Monthly News Snapshot from The Gow School

GOW SUMMER PROGRAM SNAPS



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Gow Alumni and Faculty Spotlight



Gow Alumni Spotlight **CHRIS CEREN '08**

As a longtime believer in the future of autonomous vehicles, learn more about Chris, his career with Zoox, their fully automated taxis, and why he appreciates Gow.



Faculty Focus **JASON AND ALEX ROTHFUSS**

As key members of Gow's faculty and residential life program, the Rothfuss' share more about why Gow is a meaningful place to work and raise their growing family.

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June 30-August 3 Gow School Summer Program

September 2 Gow School Year Begins

September 20 Grandparents' Day

October 11-12 Fall Parents' Weekend

October 12-20 Fall Break

April 25-26 Spring Crimson & Navy Weekend

GOW SUMMER PROGRAM UPDATE
My favorite things about GSSP...



Afternoon Activities! I love going down to the creek to find all the creepy crawlies!

Oscar, 11 yrs old
2nd year at GSSP
Tampa, FL



Meeting new people from all over the world and playing Gaga Ball.

Penny, 12 yrs old
6th year at GSSP
Buffalo, NY



Trips! I love the weekend trips, especially last year's Niagara Falls trip.

Lachlan, 11 yrs old
3rd year at GSSP
Aspen, CO

Teachers are nice and this is somewhere that people understand you.

Timmy, 10 years old
2nd year at GSSP
Buffalo, NY



This is my third day here and my classes have taught me so much already!

Zoey, 12 yrs old
1st year at GSSP
Mooreville, NC



Making new friends and enjoying evening activities with them.

Emma, 13 yrs old
1st year at GSSP
Tampa, FL



Faculty Spotlight:
Meet Jason and Alex Rothfuss



For Jason and Alex Rothfuss, the essence of campus life is Gow's tight-knit community. "Campus life is very family-oriented, which is one of the great things about Gow. For students living away from home, being around faculty families and pets helps provide a stronger sense of community for all," said Jason.

Jason and Alex Rothfuss moved to Gow ten years ago when Jason began his career as a middle school science teacher. He now teaches lower school math and 6th and 7th grade science and serves as a dormitory parent and fitness coach. Alex, who stayed home to raise their three children, recently started working as an Admissions Counselor for the Gow School Summer Program (GSSP). "Working in Admissions, I can tell families firsthand about life on campus and in the dorms. It's rewarding to introduce Gow to potential students and to help them understand how they learn," said Alex.

Over the past decade, the Rothfuss family has grown to include Levi, 9, Caledon, 6, and Piper, 5, with a fourth child due in late July. Jason values the unique experience of raising his children on campus. "We often find students wanting to join us for a meal or knocking on our door to request a homemade peanut butter and jelly sandwich. We always give them that PB&J to help them feel at home," Jason shared.

Jason and Alex also appreciate Gow's setting and all it offers. As a family, they are often seen walking on campus and exploring the creek. Both Alex and Jason love rock climbing and Jason also enjoys cycling the hills around Gow.

"We are truly grateful to be part of Gow," said Alex. "With small classes and individualized attention, Gow gives students the tools to succeed and helps them understand that there are many others who learn just as they do."



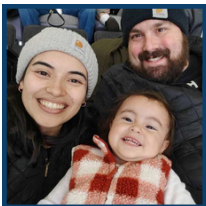
Pictured: Jason with Max '28; the Rothfuss children; Jason and Alex

Using Gow skills to help make autonomous vehicles a reality



ZOOX Turbotaxi

For alumnus Chris Ceren '08, Gow provided the foundation and skills he uses every day. "From learning how to research and write papers to the advanced technology in Robotics class, Gow uniquely prepared me for life and a career in autonomous vehicles. I learned to manage people as a Gow School Summer Program (GSSP) counselor and as a Resident Assistant for two years," he said. A graduate of Roanoke College, Chris attended Gow for four years, worked as a faculty member for one year, and at GSSP. He and his wife, Marycruz, live in the Bay Area with their two daughters, Miranda and Mariana.



Chris works as a shop foreman for Zoox, an autonomous vehicle (AV) company owned by Amazon and based in Foster City, CA. Chris oversees a team of six vehicle technicians who deploy test vehicles across the San Francisco Bay area, including the Zoox Robotaxi which seats up to four people and can drive in multiple directions. Chris believes autonomous vehicles have a promising future. "As cars get more expensive and traffic increases, it means more hours behind the wheel and AV may offer a solution. In addition to San Francisco, we just launched testing in Miami and Austin. My hope is that one day we can make it to Buffalo, once we figure out how to operate in the snow," Chris said.



Chris moved to San Francisco ten years ago to work for Tesla. Previously, he worked in Michigan for Toyota in crash testing and for East Aurora-based Moog. "While working as a teacher at Gow and overseeing the Robotics program, I was proud to partner with Moog and learn from their engineers who helped our students design and build their robots."

Currently working on the frontlines of AI, Chris is excited about autonomous vehicles and what it can mean for Govians. His advice is "Get comfortable with AI. It will be a big part of everyone's life, and learning how to utilize it will be crucial to your future success. I thank Gow for giving me the confidence and skills to work in this dynamic field."

Pictured: Chris and his wife, Marycruz, and their daughter; and Chris and Darren Preston '07 at a San Francisco Alumni Event



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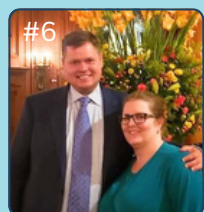
Gow Alumni News



#1 - Mike Cunningham '63 lives in Evergreen, CO where he and his wife enjoy retirement and travel; **#2 - Tom Haydock '80** and his wife live in Traverse City, MI and Hookset, NH. Tom recently had breakfast with **Gayle Hutton**, Director of Development, and **Todd Avis**, Gow's Interim Director of Enrollement Management; **#3 - Jason Brown '91** lives in Denver installing home audio visual systems. **#4 - Mike Bergin '03** and his girlfriend recently visited Gow. Mike is a welder who lives in the Chicago suburbs and travels the country as a wireline operator in the oil industry. **#5 - Dan Smalheiser '05** and his wife live in Seattle.



#6 - Steven Greve '08 is engaged to Alexandra. He lives in Princeton, NJ and is an Engineer. **#7 - Tyler Bishoff '11** and his girlfriend recently moved to Buffalo where she is getting her PhD. Tyler graduated with his Masters in art from RIT. (Pictured with **Mark Szafnicki**, Gow Faculty and Director of Athletics); **#8 - Alumni** are back to work as counselors at The Gow Summer Program (GSSP) **Jaheim Johnson '21**, **Mychal Liriano '20** (teaching videography), **Daric Frech '22**, **Kyle Suriner '15**, and **Marc Burris '23**; **#9 - Jake Podyma '12** is getting his MBA at Canisius University. (Pictured with his girlfriend). **#10 - Megan Young '21** and **Lindsay Denning '20** attended the Luke Combs Concert at Ralph Wilson Stadium in April. Megan is working at a school and Lindsay is an aide at a retirement home. **#11 - Jack Buckley '20** graduated from Goucher College in May with a degree in Political Science. He participated in Student Government and was captain of the swim team. Congratulations Jack! **#12 - Seth Fisch '23** and his family attended a BattleBots show in Las Vegas. **Trey Roski '84** and **John Remar '86**, the show's creator and VP, arranged for Seth to meet the show's host (pictured); **#13 - Dave Mendlewski** (Former Faculty/Staff) is Head of the Briarwood School in Houston. His two children are counselors in The Gow Summer Program; and **#14 - Joe Siebert** (former faculty) and his wife, Amy, live in East Aurora.



FONDLY REMEMBERED: Dorothy "Dot" Wilkes (Librarian) passed away April 23 in East Aurora. Dot worked at Gow as a librarian for twenty years.