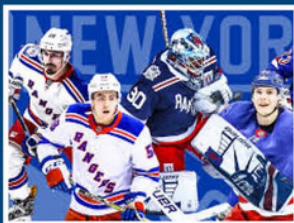


GOW AT A GLANCE

A Monthly News Snapshot from The Gow School

Gow's Auction Fun - Online bidding starts April 17!

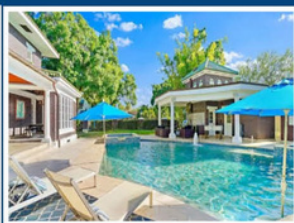
See page 4 to learn more about destinations, items, and adventures!



NY Rangers Game



Gulfport, FL



St. Petersburg, FL



Ellicottville, NY



UNC Tar Heels Game



Javea, Spain



Golf Tumble Brook CC



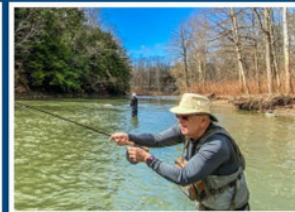
Cooking Class



Buffalo Bills Game



Custom Painting



Day of Guided Fishing



A week in Cabo

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THE GOW SPEAKERS SERIES

Informing and inspiring our community about learning differences



Meet our speaker

DR. AMY MARGOLIS

Columbia University Department of Psychiatry

- Suzanne Crosby Murphy Associate Professor Pediatric Neuropsychiatry
- Director, Environment Brain and Behavior Lab
- Director, Learning Disability Innovation Hub

What Are Executive Functions and Why Do They Matter?

Monday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. (ET)

- No charge to attend
- Register to receive the Zoom link
- Please share this invite with others!



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Contact 716.687.2075 or development@gow.org for more information



Gow Alumni Spotlight
LOREN MORRIS '23

His years at Gow gave Loren the confidence to believe in himself and embrace challenges. He recently traveled across the country to speak to today's students and share his appreciation for Gow.



Campus Focus
SHELLY ALBERS

Welcome Shelly to Gow's Development Office! As a former FBI analyst, Shelly brings a unique perspective, valuable project management skills, and enthusiasm for Gow's mission to her new role.

Upcoming Events

April 15	Gow Speakers Series - Dr. Amy Margolis
April 19	Local Parent Coffee - Taste, East Aurora
April 20	Gow School Open House On Campus
April 25-28	Crimson and Navy Spring Weekend (Please register by April 10)
May 16	Athletic Awards and Honors Convocation
May 17	Senior Dinner - The Roycroft Inn Commencement





Hoppin' Hooplah

Gow hosted its first annual Hoppin' Hooplah event for the local community on Sunday, March 17. As this was the inaugural event, organizers were thrilled that more than 150 children and their families came to campus to participate in arts and crafts activities, an Easter egg hunt, and a visit from Kieran, a Gow senior and volunteer Easter Bunny. Forty Gow students volunteered to welcome more than 300 visitors and to lead craft activities.

"We couldn't be happier with the event," said Head of School John Munro. "It was a great way to showcase Gow in our local community and for the students to do something fun for our neighbors. I'm looking forward to this becoming an annual tradition."

Craft Fun in Templeton!

Thanks to Templeton Dorm Parent, Mrs. Kuhnle, the students enjoyed a night of great food and fun working together to design and create unique wooden signs.



Campus Focus: Meet SHELLY ALBERS, Development Office Associate

Shelly Albers brings an accomplished and diverse personal and professional background to her role at The Gow School.

A child of an Air Force Officer, Mrs. Albers lived on military bases around the world. After earning a master's degree at George Mason University, she embarked on her career as a contractor for the U.S. government in the nation's capital. "I worked in supply logistics as a program manager for the U.S. Marine Corps. I also held positions at several Federal agencies including the FBI," Mrs. Albers said, "I enjoy program management, and thrive on juggling and prioritizing many tasks."

After four years as a contractor, she embarked on the next chapter of her storied career, working as an FBI intelligence analyst. "I loved what I did and had one of the highest security clearances. The job involved putting the pieces of cases together to benefit the Justice Department and the country."

More than five years with the Bureau was challenging and intriguing and came with the thrill of "being in the know." Yet, after the birth of her second child, Mrs. Albers' priorities shifted. "Working for the Bureau meant 10-hour days, trips out of town, and yes, I did have one of those jackets with the big yellow F-B-I letters," she said. "I wanted to focus on family and raising my children."

After stints in Michigan and Toronto for her husband's job, Mrs. Albers and her family relocated to her husband's hometown of Buffalo. He was raised in East Aurora and the Albers now live in nearby Marilla. "It's been a new adventure. We raise chickens and geese and tend a garden, and I have expanded my love of running to marathons. I recently got the itch to return to work and learned about the opportunity at Gow through my running group friend, Gayle Hutton, Gow's Director of Development."

For Mrs. Albers, working at The Gow School and contributing to its mission have turned out to be one of the most rewarding chapters of her story so far. "One of the most important parts is making sure that Gow can provide its life-changing education for students, and I am thrilled to play a part in this important work. It is amazing to see what our students and alumni can do, and with the tools Govians learn here, I am humbled at what they can and will achieve. They really can shoot for the stars."



LOREN DAVID MORRIS '23

From no faith in education to "I want to pursue higher education, all thanks to Gow."

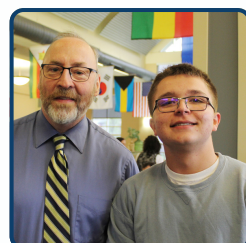


When Loren Morris left his school in Oregon in the middle of his sophomore year, he wasn't sure he would complete high school, much less college. After discovering and attending Gow for two-and-a-half years, he graduated with the Class of 2023 and is now completing a post-graduate year program at the Marine Military Academy in Harlington, Texas. This fall, Loren will attend the University of Denver where he received a national ROTC scholarship.

Loren returned to Gow in mid-March to address the current students and faculty at the Gow assembly. Well-spoken and passionate about his time at the school, he reminded students that they are lucky to be at Gow. Loren wanted his fellow Govians to know that "There is no other place like Gow. The teachers are world-class educators who understand learning differences and know how to teach students like us." Loren recognized many of his teachers by asking them to stand and take a bow. He reminded fellow students to take advantage of Gow's many opportunities, including robotics, extraordinary teachers, and advanced college credit classes.

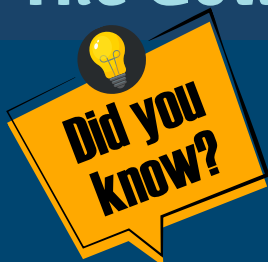
After his presentation, Loren reminisced about his time at Gow. "My first year at Gow was difficult. It took me a while to adjust to the school," he said. "But by the time I started my junior year, I hit the ground running. I made great friends, got sound guidance from faculty including Mr. Brown, Mr. Dibble, and others, learned about myself, and had inspiring academic and social experiences."

Loren continues to expand his horizons while studying at the Marine Military Academy. In addition to excelling in Advanced Placement Physics and Statistics, playing in the band, and being a member of the Color Guard, he is just a few hours and a night flight away from achieving his pilot's license. He hopes to get his flight certification by fall. This summer, he will live with a family in Singapore for six weeks and study Mandarin. He plans to major in Chinese and Asian Studies at The University of Denver in the fall.



Loren with his friend Peter '24; accepting the Upper School Science Award from Department Chairman Brad Rausch '95; visiting with English Teacher Michael Dibble on campus in March.

The Gow School Summer Program



Who are GSSP Campers?

We welcome children ages 8-16 with language-based learning differences who will benefit from an academic boost in a fun and active camp setting.

When was the Gow School Summer Program founded?

GSSP was created in 1990 - 34 years ago!

How far do students travel to attend the program?

Students come to Gow from all around the world. In the last couple of years, GSSP campers have come from Bermuda, Hong Kong, England, and places in between!

What are the favorite activities for students at the Gow School Summer Program?

Students appreciate morning classes and working with students who learn just like them. Afternoon and evening activities create lasting memories and friendships. Students love weekend trips to the beach, fun cities like Pittsburgh and Cleveland, Cedar Point, camping, rafting, and more.



More Information



Learn more about Gow's Summer Program at gow.org or call 716.687.2001 for info!

GOW'S AUCTION UPDATE

Bid on beautiful homes and destinations, once-in-a-lifetime adventures, and amazing items

BIDDING IS EASY!

- Scan the QR code or [Click Here](#)
- The Online auction runs from April 17 at noon to April 26 at 8:30 p.m.
- Thank you to our auction donors and bidders!



St. Petersburg, FL
Historic Home for 8
One week - 2025
Value: \$14,000



Hockey & Gift Card
New York Rangers
Three excellent seats
Value: \$1,200



Bourbon Trail Tour,
Liquor, \$750 Gift
Certificate
Value: \$1,060



Cabo San Lucas
Home for 8
One week stay
Value: \$6,000



Javea, Spain
One week stay
Villa sleep 8
Value: \$10,000



Guided Fly fishing
with Vince Tobia
Half-day package
Value: \$500



Buffalo Bills Tickets
Two excellent loge
tickets, parking
Value: \$700



Ski Passes - Okemo, VT
Okemo Resort VT
Four Day Passes
Value: \$700



Gulfport, FL
Historic Home for 4
One week in May-October
Value: \$3,000



Cooking Class for 10
Auburn Watson
Culinary Center
Value: \$1,100



3-night home stay
Chautauqua, NY
\$250 Gift Card
Value: \$1,750



Football Game
UNC Tarheels
Dinner Certificate
Value: \$1,050

Auction Fun Begins Wednesday, April 17 at Noon

With thanks from Gow to you

In my travels, it is inspiring to bring Gow alumni and families together to share stories and discuss the many good things happening at Gow today. With the arrival of Gow's new Head of School, John Munro, we are introducing a postgraduate program, starting construction of the long-awaited Howard Hall to replace the Main Building, and beginning a strategic plan that will shape Gow for the future. Gow's Centennial Celebration is coming up in 2026, and planning has begun. Let us know if you'd like to help!

We are grateful for your enthusiasm and continued support of the Annual Fund, the Howard Hall Capital Campaign, and the Auction. Please contact the Development Office to learn more about ways to support Gow. Thank you and best wishes!

Gayle E. Hutton
Director of Development



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