

# GOW AT A GLANCE

*A Monthly News Snapshot from The Gow School*



## RECOGNIZING GOW'S 20+ YEAR EMPLOYEES

*and their 391 years of combined Gow experience!*

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### **Gow Alumni Spotlight** Peter Rosenthal '79

Learn how Peter's five years at Gow prepared him for his real estate development career and life in the Bay Area.



### **Coming Home Again** Todd Avis, Interim Director of Admissions

Gow holds a special place in Todd's heart. He and Gow got back together - at just the right time!

*Happy New Year from  
The Gow School*

2024



### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

January 15	In-person Open House
March 23-April 8	Spring Break
April 26-28	Crimson and Navy Spring Alumni and Parents' Weekend (See page 3 for more info and registration info)
May 16	Senior Dinner at The Roycroft Inn
May 17	Commencement

*Save the Date!*



The Gow School  
Crimson & Navy Spring Weekend

*April 26-28*

Thank you DALE HAZEN!



When Dale Hazen announced his retirement in the Fall after 42 years, alumni and friends filled the Gow Connect Facebook page with meaningful memories and gratitude. With his dry sense of humor, dedication to teaching, years of coaching, and the Hazenator (pictured above), Mr. Hazen has had a profound impact on the Gow community.

We wish Dale and his wife, Rachel, all the best in this next chapter of fun, including a train trip to Florida to babysit for their new grandson. Thank you, Dale, for being such an integral part of Gow!

Our Gow Community Together

We understand how important it is to have opportunities to connect and are reaching out in new ways, including our monthly Gow at a Glance newsletter. We hope you are enjoying reading these!

In December, Head of School John Munro hosted a virtual Town Hall meeting for current families which provided an opportunity to ask questions and hear more about several new initiatives. This week, we hosted Zoom calls for all alumni by decade and had a great response. Thank you to all who joined us!

Finally, plans are already underway for Gow’s 100th anniversary in 2026. If you’d like to join the Planning Committee, please send a note to [development@gow.org](mailto:development@gow.org). Thank you!

Recognizing Gow’s 20+ Year Faculty and Staff for their 391 years at Gow!  
*IN THEIR OWN WORDS - WHY IS GOW SPECIAL TO YOU?*



*It’s rewarding to keep in touch with alumni and families and to realize the impact of Gow.*  
**LUKE SALERNO - Head of Middle School**  
23 YEARS

*Gow helps students and alumni realize their strengths. What a gift to truly change lives.*  
**GAYLE HUTTON - Director of Development**  
21 YEARS

*Nothing tops watching a student complete their Gow journey at Commencement.*  
**ROB MARSHMAN - Head of Upper School**  
25 YEARS

*Gow is a special place where students find hope in their educational journey.*  
**TAMMY KOSNIKOWSKI - Admissions**  
26 YEARS

*Once students buy into what Gow is offering them, the School delivers on its promise.*  
**BILL PARSONS - Art Department**  
50 YEARS

*Gow is special because students turn their lives around and grow.*  
**CHARLIE BROWN - Math and College Counseling**  
41 YEARS

*I love teaching and coaching outstanding students and giving them the confidence to succeed.*  
**MARK SZAFNICKI - Director of Athletics, RL**  
35 YEARS

*Gow has always been my “Second Family”. I don’t work at Gow. I live at Gow.*  
**TOM GIALLANZA - History and Business Seminar**  
35 YEARS

*It is inspiring to work with such creative students!*  
**HEIDI BAUST - Art Department, Videography**  
28 YEARS

*Gow has been an integral part of my life, first as a student, and now as a faculty member.*  
**NEIL HOWE ‘91 - History**  
23 YEARS

*Gow helped me overcome my difficulties, and now I can help students to overcome theirs.*  
**BRAD RAUSCH ‘95 - Science**  
21 YEARS

*Gow is a family.*  
**MARI JO RENICK - Testing, English**  
21 YEARS

Pictured: Row 1: Bill Parsons, Dale Hazen, Charlie Brown, Mark Szafnicki, Tom Giallanza, and Heidi Baust  
Row 2: Tammy Kosnikowski, Rob Marshman, Luke Salerno, Neil Howe ‘91, Mari Jo Renick, Brad Rausch ‘95, and Gayle Hutton



*Save the date!*



The Gow School  
Crimson & Navy Spring Weekend!

*April 26-28, 2024*

Spring Crimson and Navy Weekend is a perfect opportunity for all alumni and current families to come back to campus. We want to extend a special invitation to current families and alumni celebrating milestone reunions (classes ending in '04 and '09), but everyone is welcome!



Activities include an auction with great trips and experiences, dinners at The Columns and Chef's on Friday and Saturday nights, the Spring Awards and Cresting Ceremony, Career Conversations for alumni and current students, Focus Groups, an alumni/student/faculty basketball game, the Dyslexia Dash on Sunday and more. To see a schedule and register, please click the QR code or visit: <https://www.gow.org/spring-weekend>.

## *Gow Alumni Spotlight:*

### **Peter Rosenthal '79**



*Patti and Peter Rosenthal '79*

Lifelong friends, mastering the rope tow and Ski Hill, exploring hidden places, and living in Green Dorm are just a few of Peter Rosenthal's fondest memories of his five years at Gow. Now a real estate developer and custom home builder in the San Francisco Bay Area, Peter credits his success in career and family to his days in South Wales.

Originally from Providence, Rhode Island, Peter had struggled at school before he arrived at Gow in the eighth grade. "Gow gave me confidence and showed me I could succeed. School was not easy for me, but by putting in hard work and energy, I learned how to get worthwhile results," he said. "Gow taught structure and good study habits. I enjoyed being around other students who were just like me, and discovered a thirst for learning new things that continues to this day."

Today, Peter is most grateful for his Gow friends and how they still support each other. "I run into Gow friends after years of not seeing them, and it is like no time has passed. I know I could call any friend from the '70s and we could pick right up where we left off," he said.

After leaving Gow, Peter received a degree in finance from Northeastern University and embarked on what he called a "portfolio career, I learned how to do a bit of everything." His career took him from Boston to New York before he settled in San Francisco. Peter held executive-level positions at a feature film company, a computer gaming company, and an internet startup before transitioning to real estate and eventually starting a construction and real estate development company. Peter and his wife, Patti, live in San Francisco with their son, Marty, who is in high school.

"I feel like being a developer uses both the business and artistic sides of my brain and I enjoy seeing the potential in my projects," he said. As the co-founder of Buzzer 9 Development, Peter now spends his days developing custom residential projects all across the San Francisco Bay Area.

"As I look back on Gow, I have nothing but fond memories for the school which helped transform me into who I am today. It was a terrific experience and my hope for the future is that all the kids playing in the woods of South Wales today realize what an opportunity and privilege it is to attend Gow. I am forever grateful to my friends, teachers, and the school."



## Todd Avis, Interim Director of Enrollment Management

*“What inspires me every day is seeing the positive impact Gow has on our students.”*

With more than four decades of experience in teaching and academic administration, Todd has returned to Gow where he started his career. “For me, this is my happiest place. Gow means so much to me – as an educator, administrator, father, and husband. I love the Gow community and its commitment to 100 years of helping students who learn differently,” he said.

From 1984 until 1992, Todd and his wife, Sandy, raised two of their three sons on campus while he served as a teacher, dorm parent, coach, Director of Student Affairs, and Director of Admissions. Todd then worked as Head of School at Hillsdale Academy in Hillsdale, MI, as Vice President for Curriculum and Teacher Development for an education management organization in Grand Rapids, MI, and since 2013, as CEO of the Leelanau Education Group, which runs the Tampa Day School.

After his wife passed away in 2022, Todd was offered an opportunity to come back to Gow to help promote and grow the school. “It’s exciting to see how the campus facilities and programming have expanded, and all the opportunities for students outside of the classroom,” he said. He prioritizes what he calls Gow’s differentiators – Reconstructive Language, which he once taught, the balanced program, the structure of the education, and the focus on the whole student.

Todd said “When we help a family understand that Gow offers hope for their child and will give them the education they need, that is rewarding. Every day, I have a chance to promote Gow’s superior faculty, beautiful campus, and opportunities that will give students the skills and confidence to realize their dreams. I can’t imagine anything more meaningful.”

## Alumni News



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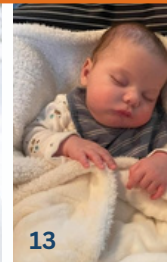
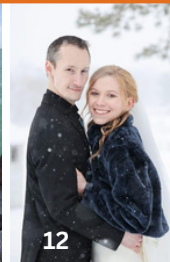
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[1] **Charlie Krogness '46** is enjoying living in a retirement home in Excelsior, MN. (Pictured with his daughter Kathy). [2] **Bill Eisenlohr '55** and his wife, Mary, live in Lakeside, MT. [3] **Mac Binger '57** and his wife, Pat live in Big Arm, MT; [4] **Geoffrey Grant '60** has been building homes for Habitat for Humanity for 17 years in Brookings, SD; **Fritz Seifert '65** and his wife, Anne, have two sons and four grandchildren and winter in Stuart, FL. [5] **George Ehrhorn '67** retired in June after 40 years as a Mental Health Psychiatric Aide, RN, and Nurse Practitioner. [6] **Randy Davidson '69** lives in Fayetteville, Arkansas where he has been building homes for 40 years and enjoys traveling. So far, he has been to four continents and fifty states. [7] **Rick Thompson '72** and his wife, Elle, enjoy spending time with their grandchildren at their beach house in Rehoboth Beach, DE.



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[8] **Tom Haydock '80** and his wife live in Traverse City, MI, and Manchester, NH; [9] **Peter Moorhead '92** and **Carson Jones '92** and their wives did a winery tour in Napa this summer; [10] **Jason Merk '06** and his wife, Madeline, had Eva on June 30; [11] **Zach Lyon '11** is working as a Logistics and Material Planner for Klockner Pentaplast. He got an undergraduate degree from High Point University, a master’s certificate in project management from UVA, and a Master’s in Supply Chain Management from VCU in 2022. [12] **Janna Milks '14** married Jim Milliken on March 11 at Knox Farm in East Aurora. [13] **Emma Radford '18** and **Carlton Altzheimer '19** had a baby, Matthew, on August 28. [14] **Luke Loeffel '19** graduated from Clarkson University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and started a new job as a Transmission Line Engineer with SGC Engineering in Bangor, ME. [15] **Loren David Morris '23** is enjoying a post-graduate year at the Marine Military Academy in Texas where he has gotten six promotions to sergeant, enjoys color guard, and plays bass in the marching band. He will be attending college next Fall.