GOW AT A GLANCE

A Monthly News Snapshot from The Gow School















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Gow Alumni Spotlight **ADITYA NIJASURE '17**

Learn more about Aditya, his passion for learning, belief in Gow, and the difference he is making for a Boston nonprofit that provides mental health and human services.

Gow Presents:

RACHEL SIMMONS

Raising Resilient Kids

How to Teach Your Child to Resist Perfectionism and Manage Self-Criticism





The Gow School **Reid Art Center** 2491 Emery Road

Uncoming Events

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March 7	Rachel Simmons: Raising Resilient Kids
	Reid Arts Center at 2:30 pm. Registration Required
March 10	Local Parent coffee - Ropp Family Home
March 13	Gow Speakers Series - Michael Mastrangelo
	and Gregory Cangiano, NY Attorneys
March 15	Gow Summer School Program Open House
	9:30 am. Registration Required
March 18	Local Parent Meet-Up - 42 North, East Aurora
May 2-3	Alumni Weekend. (Please register by April 10th)
May 15	Athletic Awards and Honors Convocation
	Senior Dinner - The Columns
May 16	Commencement

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GOWALUMNI SPOTLIGHTADITYA NIJASURE '17



A proud member of the Class of 2017, Aditya works as a Data and Application Analyst in Springfield, MA. He credits The Gow School with giving him the confidence to pursue his education and career in data science. "When I came to Gow, I immediately felt at home," he said. "I learned to focus and loved the individualized approach to learning. My teachers cared, and I felt like I got the one-on-one learning I needed," he added.

Originally from India, Aditya joined Gow after attending The Gow School Summer Program (GSSP). He embraced being independent and developing new skills and quickly connected with classmates. Used to living in urban areas, he quickly learned to appreciate the rural beauty of South Wales and developed a passion for hiking. "I love Western New York and was just back on campus for the Bills-Broncos game and to see my old teachers. I have a lot of great memories, including being the only student in Mr. Brown's Calculus II class where I learned to love math and data," he added.

After graduating from Gow, Aditya pursued a bachelor's degree in information technology at Western New England University in Springfield, Massachusetts, and then completed two master's degrees at HULT International Business School in Boston: one in International Business with a specialization in Data Analytics, and another in International Marketing. Aditya recently completed a third master's in data science at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Today, Aditya works for ServiceNet, a nonprofit organization that provides mental health and human services. "Working in mental health really makes me feel like I'm contributing to something important. It gives me a sense of pride," he said. In his role, he generates reports, cleans and analyzes data, and creates dashboards to help the HR team manage open positions. With just three people on his team, it reminds him of the small classes he experienced at Gow, which he says really encourages collaboration with colleagues.

In addition to crediting Gow for his success, he is grateful for his parents' support of his decision to attend Gow. He recalls their visit to GSSP and how impressed they were by his Gow transformation. "My dad always says I've 'recreated myself' in a great way," says Aditya with a smile.



GSSP is developed for students who have been experiencing academic difficulties or who have language-based learning differences. Our program provides personal remediation, multisensory instruction, along with fun camp activities.

SUMMER SCHOOL

For more information or to register



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PJ '25, Eric Bray and Ella '25

STUDENT FUN IN

Gianna '25 and her mom, Gwen



Gow students who attended the Italian cultural immersion organized by Travel For Teens and The Gow School experienced the very best of Italy—indulging in mouthwatering cuisine, exploring art, strolling through charming villas and the country-side, diving into history and ancient ruins, and enjoying renowned shopping.

Their journey began in Venice. From there, they traveled to Florence, the heart of the Renaissance, where they marveled at Michelangelo's David, browsed the famous leather markets, and explored the world-renowned Uffizi Art Gallery. Students climbed to the top of the Duomo for views of the city and took on TFT's legendary gelato challenge.

The adventure continued in Ancient Rome, where students visited the Colosseum and Roman Forum. They also wandered the medieval streets of Trastevere after an unforgettable morning in Vatican City.

This incredible journey offered an wonderful opportunity for Gow School students and faculty to immerse themselves in Italian culture.





Top left: Eliana '25 and Calium'25; P.J. '25; Italy Trip participants



THE GOW SPEAKERS SERIES

Informing and inspiring our community about learning differences





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Understand how to navigate the legal process of securing district funding for private education, provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), student and parent rights, and what constitutes a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).

Thursday, March 13, 7:00 p.m. (ET)

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

For more information, please contact 716.687.2075 or development@gow.org



Girls at Gow

Growth, Innovation, Respect, Leadership, Success

Misty Copeland, Ballet Dancer

University at Buffalo Distinguished Speaker Series
On February 12, twelve female students and three
faculty and staff members, attended the University of
Buffalo's Distinguished Speakers event featuring
Misty Copeland as part of the Girls at Gow initiative.



The evening began with dinner at the Student Union, where the girls bonded over shared excitement and anticipation. They then attended Misty Copeland's inspiring presentation, where she candidly shared her journey as a groundbreaking African American ballerina, her struggles and triumphs, and her passion for giving back through her foundation. Misty also spoke about her newest endeavor—writing her latest book. What an inspiring evening for all!

Elle '26, Gianna '26, Isha '29 and Makenna '26







Sira '26 and Lena '27

Winter Carnival

In February, Gow students celebrated the season with excitement and teamwork during the annual Winter Carnival. Organized with fun and friendly competition in mind, students formed teams and rotated through 23 different games, each testing their skills and creativity. From relay races to strategic challenges, every event added to the excitement as teams tallied points in the race for victory.

In addition to games, students enjoyed bounce houses and indulged in delicious treats, adding to the festive atmosphere. The Winter Carnival was more than just a day of fun; it was a celebration of school spirit, camaraderie, and the chance to make unforgettable memories.





















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Scholarship Fund

Mark Szafnicki, Athletic Director, and his family have established a scholarship fund in memory of his daughter, Kendall Szafnicki, to help students attend The Gow School's Summer Program. The summer program held a special place in Kendall's heart and played a significant role in her life. To honor her legacy, the Szafnicki family wishes to provide this transformative opportunity to others.

To Donate:

- · Scan the QR Code
- · Select Kendall Szafnicki Memorial Scholarship Fund
- · Or write a check to The Gow School and specify Kendall Szafnicki Memorial Scholarship Fund