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Summer 2023 Edition

A Message From the Head of School



Dear Linden Hall Community,

The end of the school year is always bittersweet. Our seniors have done a phenomenal job this year academically, athletically, and artistically — and throughout it all they have had so much fun. We ended the year with traditions that our graduates will remember forever: prom at Rock Lititz; the senior trip to Longwood Gardens; and our senior dinner, where students were able to reminisce about their time together at Linden Hall.

Awards night is an important annual event during which we celebrate the fine accomplishments of our graduating class. This year, special honors went to the following students:

The Linden Hall Medal
Kathryn Meyer

The Spirit of Linden Hall
Ava O'Brien

Head of School Award
Fatou Calliste

For this year's Baccalaureate, we gathered in Mary Dixon Chapel, where our seniors received their final blessing. Another tradition we upheld was the Lantern Walk, where the senior class passed their lanterns — signifying light, wisdom, and knowledge — to the junior class. And, of course, commencement set the stage for our graduates to begin the next chapter of their lives, where their journeys will take them far and wide.

We know that our graduates are poised to be leaders in their new communities while still holding on to the values they learned at Linden Hall. We wish them well and are so excited to hear about their continuing successes!

Warm regards,

Dr. Nan Wodarz

Congratulations, Class of 2023



Celebrating Our Top Academic Achievers

Valedictorian - Ruozhang Rosa Xu



Congratulations to Ruozhang Rosa Xu for being named Linden Hall's 2023 Valedictorian! Rosa will be attending University of California — Irvine next year. We know she will make her alma mater proud!

Salutatorian - Yaoyi Helen Lu

Congratulations to Yaoyi Helen Lu for being named Linden Hall's 2023 Salutatorian! Next year, Helen will attend the College of William & Mary. We can't wait to see the wonderful things she accomplishes in college and beyond!



LH Senior Earns QuestBridge National College Match

We are so proud to announce that Reyna Saavedra '23 received a full four-year scholarship to Columbia University through the prestigious QuestBridge National College Match. QuestBridge is a groundbreaking program that connects the nation's brightest young scholars with leading institutions of higher education.

Regarding Reyna's award, our college counselor, Ms. Paige Smith, remarked, "Acceptance into the QuestBridge program is highly competitive. Only 30% of students are chosen as finalists, which is similar to the acceptance rate at Ivy League schools. It is a testament to Reyna's academic performance, extracurricular activities, and character that she was able to match with Columbia, one of the most prestigious universities in the US.

"Reyna stood out in a highly competitive application pool by pushing herself academically and personally, even when she had the weight of the world on her shoulders. Not many high school students have to carry the responsibilities of their household, yet Reyna does so while taking the maximum load of AP courses, being a top member of the LH choir, and spending hours learning about space travel and famous astrophysicists. Submitting her QuestBridge application while completing her assignments and making sure everything was stable at home was a monumental task. We are so happy that her hard work was recognized in this way."



Congratulations, Reyna, from the entire Linden Hall family! We can't wait to see the where your journey at Columbia will take you.

Class of 2023 Matriculations

- American University of Paris
- Arizona State University
- Claremont McKenna College
- College of William & Mary
- Columbia University
- Messiah University
- Michigan State University
- Montclair State University
- Parsons School of Design
- Pennsylvania State University — Harrisburg (2)
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Rutgers University (2)
- Salve Regina University
- SUNY Buffalo
- Syracuse University
- University of Arizona
- University of California — Irvine (2)
- University College London
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Washington
- Ursinus College (2)
- Wellesley College
- West Point

Alumnae Weekend 2023

During Alumnae Weekend, we were excited to welcome many of our beloved alumnae back to campus. This year's Alumnae Reunion highlighted members of all graduating classes ending in 3 and 8, and what an amazing turnout we had! The weekend began on Friday afternoon with Senior Tea, during which our alums and members of the senior class enjoyed a beautiful, traditional tea service. In the evening, guests gathered outside for cocktail hour with Linden Hall staff — we could not have asked for better weather or more entertaining stories! We are so grateful to the Alumnae Association for hosting this special event. Following cocktail hour, alums enjoyed attending our student-led Spring Arts Showcase in Snavely Theatre and Lyet Gallery.

The celebrations continued Saturday morning with guided tours of campus, led by several student ambassadors. During the tours, alums reminisced about their time at Linden Hall and learned some interesting facts about our school's historical architecture. Campus tours were followed by a service in Mary Dixon Chapel, highlights of which included an extraordinary performance from the student bell choir as well as a compelling message from our chaplain, Mr. Denny Foreman. Following chapel was our much-anticipated buffet brunch, during which alums enjoyed a delicious meal with their Linden Hall sisters and rekindled decades-long friendships. After lunch, the Alumnae Association honored Josephine "Joey" Haubner Yocum '59 as the recipient of the Distinguished Alumnae Award for her many years of service preserving the history of Linden Hall through her work with the archives.

Alumnae Weekend concluded on Sunday morning with a service in the Moravian Church adjacent to campus. Regarding the weekend's activities, Ms. Taylor Sultzbach, our Alumnae Relations Coordinator, remarked, "It went so well! There were so many events for folks to attend, and I loved seeing the smiling faces of our alums as they came back together. Watching them reconnect, reminisce about Linden Hall, and share memories made me feel like I was a part of the sisterhood they all share. I'm already looking forward to next year!"



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Welcoming home our alumnae is one of our most sacred traditions at Linden Hall, and we are so glad that 2023's reunion was such an incredible success. Many thanks to all alums who attended as well as to those who made the weekend happen, including our Alumnae Association, led by Courtney Myers '93, and our Linden Hall team. Our school would not exist without your continued and fervent support!

Visit the full reunion image gallery at https://lindenhall.smugmug.com/Alumnae-Reunion-2023/.





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Arts Showcase

On Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22, our student artists and musicians displayed their talents during our 2023 Spring Arts Showcase! Festivities began Friday night with the opening of our 26th Annual Art Show, which offered the public an opportunity to view student masterpieces of painting, photography, and ceramics and more. Several of our young artists were present during the exhibit to chat with guests about both their artwork and their experiences at Linden Hall. During the show, attendees cast their vote for the "People's Choice Award." Congratulations to Abiageal '27 (3rd place), Mia '23 (2nd place), and Hayden '24 (1st place)!

Our annual Spring Concert was held concurrently with the Art Show and provided guests the opportunity to enjoy musical performances, Shakesperean monologues, and even a brief rendition of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by our Middle School Drama



Group. Musical numbers included the *Rosamunde Overture* and *Jupiter – Bringer of Jollity* by the Linden Hall Orchestra, *Phantom of the Opera* and *The Road to Jerusalem* by the Myrtle V. Eckert Bell Choir, and *Kuimba* by the Linden Hall Choir. Sara '24 performed a moving rendition of Iago's monologue from *Othello*, and Ava '23 recited Queen Margaret's monologue from *Henry VI*. There were so many incredible performances throughout the evening, and we are immensely proud of all our student musicians and thespians who helped make it a concert to remember.

Many thanks to all our performers, as well as to the faculty, staff, families, and community members who ensured our 2023 Spring Arts Showcase was such a marvelous success!

Little Shop of Horrors



Congratulations to our cast and crew for putting on three fantastic performances of Little Shop of Horrors! This was our first spring musical since COVID, and what an incredible time it was. The talent on display was truly remarkable, and we are so proud of each of our students, faculty, and staff who made it all possible.

From the amazing vocals and choreography to the stunning set design and costumes, everything came together to create an unforgettable show. We are also immensely grateful to the Linden Hall Parents' Association for hosting the cast party following the performance. Your support means everything to us!

