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Summer 2025 Edition

A Fond Farewell from the Head of School



Dear Linden Hall Community,

As I prepare to conclude my time at Linden Hall this July, I find myself reflecting with deep gratitude on these past five years, years that were never part of the original plan, but have become some of the most meaningful in my professional life.

When I arrived as Interim Head of School, I expected a short-term chapter. But something remarkable happened; I fell in love with this community. The curiosity and resilience of the students, the dedication of the faculty and staff, the commitment of our families, and the history and promise woven into every corner of this campus drew me in and held me fast.

Together, we have navigated change and challenge, growth and celebration. We have strengthened academic programs, invested in facilities, stabilized the school's financial position, deepened our commitment to student well-being, and clarified the school's mission and strategic direction. Linden Hall has always been a place of exceptional promise, and I am honored and humbled to have played a part in preparing it for its next chapter.

Transitions like this are never easy, especially when they involve people and a place that have meant so much. But I leave with full confidence in the strength of Linden Hall and the people who make it what it is. This is a school that knows who it is and where it's going. With new leadership and a clear vision, I am excited to watch Linden Hall continue to thrive.

To the faculty and staff: thank you for your unwavering professionalism and heart. To the students: thank you for reminding me every day why this work matters. To the parents, alumnae, and board: thank you for your partnership and belief in what this school can be.

Linden Hall will always have a place in my heart.

With deep appreciation,

Nan

Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

Class of 2025 Matriculations

- Albright College
- Allegheny College
- Case Western Reserve University
- Drew University
- Emerson College
- Emory & Henry University
- Emory University
- Knox College
- Marquette University
- McGill University
- Northeastern University
- Sarah Lawrence College
- Stony Brook University
- Trinity Laban (UK)
- University at Buffalo
- University of Connecticut
- University of Delaware (2)
- University of Florida
- University of Michigan
- University of Washington



Celebrating Our Top Academic Achievers



Valedictorian — Cassie Wang

Congratulations to Cassie Wang for being named Linden Hall's 2025 Valedictorian! Cassie will attend McGill University next year, majoring in Immunology. We know she will make Linden Hall proud!

Salutatorian — Karen Inkesha

Congratulations to Karen Inkesha for being named Linden Hall's 2025 Salutatorian! In the fall, Karen will attend Marquette University, majoring in Computer Science. We can't wait to see what she achieves next year and beyond!



Spring Snapshot

Prom

Prom 2025 transformed Lititz's Brick Gables into a breathtaking Fairytale Forest, where our students danced the night away beneath twinkling lights and whimsical woodland décor. From enchanted trees to dreamy photo backdrops, every detail brought the theme to life. Many thanks to the class of 2026 for their creativity, hard work, and dedication in planning and hosting such a magical and memorable evening!



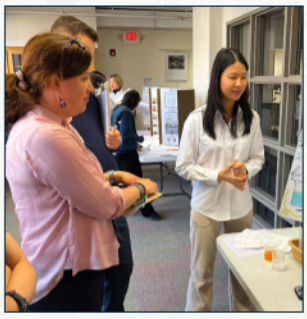
Art Show

Our student musicians and artists exhibited their talents at this year's Arts Showcase! Festivities included the annual Spring Concert in Snavely Family Theater, featuring orchestra and choir performances, award-winning Shakespearean monologues, and much more. The 28th Annual Art Show was held concurrently in Lyet Gallery, offering community members the opportunity to view student masterpieces of painting, photography, and sculpture. Congratulations to Avalyn '26 for being awarded Best in Show for her beautiful dress!



Lyceum

This year's Lyceum celebration was a fantastic display of our students' many talents, from informative presentations to musical performances! Attendees enjoyed lectures on varied topics, including dreams and the subconscious, Absurdism, free will and choice, business operations research, investing, and more. The day ended with several impressive musical performances that included an original piece, "Frolicking," written by Erin '28, Clover '28, and Tamaki '28. Congratulations to all our presenters and performers!



Odyssey of the Mind

This year marked the successful debut of our Odyssey of the Mind team! Thanks to a PA Odyssey Jumpstart Grant, Linden Hall was able to establish our team and participate in this year's regional and PA state competitions. For their long-term Odyssey project, students developed a creative and comedic performance featuring three original characters: Dragona the constellation, Bart the fledgling astronomer, and Richard, a misguided astronomer. Imaginative storytelling and clever costuming brought the myth to life and showcased our students' ingenuity.



Alumnae Reunion 2025





Alumnae Reunion Weekend was a wonderful celebration of our class years ending in 0 and 5!

On Friday, the graduating class gathered with visiting alumnae for our annual Senior Tea. Afterwards, alums enjoyed a cocktail party and the second performance of our Spring Musical, *SIX: Teen Edition*. Many thanks to the Alumnae Association for gifting gorgeous Linden Hall photo albums to our senior class, as well as for sponsoring cocktail hour!

Saturday began with guided campus tours led by our Student Ambassadors. Afterwards, everyone gathered in Mary Dixon Chapel for a beautiful service that included student musical performances, a State of the School update from Dr. Nan, and more.

The day's highlight was our buffet brunch in Honeycutt Hall, during which alumnae reconnected with old friends, reminisced about the "good old days" at Linden Hall, and created many new memories together.

Many thanks to all who helped make this year's Reunion a success!

Meet Our Distinguished Alumna: Jean Cougnenc Bepko '60

During brunch, we were thrilled to highlight Jean Cougnenc Bepko '60 as our 2025 Distinguished Alumna, honoring a lifetime of service, leadership, and impact across education, the arts, and community engagement.



Jean arrived at Linden Hall in 1956 as a freshman, traveling from Argentina where her father worked for RCA Victor. Immersing herself in campus life, she was especially drawn to drama and thrived under the mentorship of Miss Sullivan, starring in the senior play *The Barretts of Wimpole Street*.

After graduating, Jean attended Endicott College, majoring in marketing and communications. She went on to intern at NBC and built a successful career in New York City's media world. It was there she met her husband, Gerald "Jerry" Bepko.

Jean's life took her from New York to Chicago and ultimately Indianapolis, where Jerry served as Dean and later Chancellor at IUPUI. Jean became an influential leader and fundraiser, particularly for women's studies and the arts, establishing multiple scholarships and endowment funds. She also played key roles with the Indiana Literacy Foundation, Indianapolis Arts Council, and St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

Among her many honors, Jean has received the IU School of Nursing honorary alumni award, the Maynard K. Hine Medallion, and was named one of Indianapolis' Most Influential Women. She has represented Indiana on global trips to Israel, France, Russia, and multiple African countries, and was awarded the prestigious "Sagamore of the Wabash" three times.

Jean now splits her time between Florida and Indiana, cherishing moments with her children and grandchildren, and remembering her late husband of 54 years, Jerry.

Linden Hall celebrates Jean Bepko's extraordinary contributions and is honored to recognize her legacy with the 2025 Distinguished Alumnae Award.

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Thank You, Dr. Nan!

Written by Heather Wilson '85
Chair, Board of Trustees



On behalf of the Linden Hall Board of Trustees, I want to extend our deepest gratitude to Dr. Nan for her extraordinary leadership over the past five years. When she joined us as Interim Head of School, we could not have anticipated the lasting impact she would make on our school community. Her tenure has been marked by a steady hand, clear vision, and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

As the first female Head of School in Linden Hall's long history, Dr. Nan has been a trailblazer and an inspiration. Among her many contributions, her ability to identify and address significant financial challenges stands out. She brought clarity to our budgeting processes, implemented stronger fiscal controls, and worked in close collaboration with our Business Office to restore Linden Hall to a place of financial stability. Thanks to her leadership, we are on solid footing and well-positioned for the future.

Dr. Nan has also helped shape a culture of trust, professionalism, and high expectations. She has been a thoughtful steward of Linden Hall's mission and a passionate advocate for our students, faculty, and staff. Under her guidance, we have seen academic and extracurricular programs strengthened, strategic planning revived, and community relationships deepened.

While we are sad to see her go, we are immensely grateful for the legacy she leaves behind. She stepped into a temporary role and stayed far longer than we asked — because she believed in Linden Hall and its potential.

Thank you, Dr. Nan, for your wisdom, your integrity, and your care. You will always be part of the Linden Hall family, and we wish you every success and happiness in your next chapter.

Celebrating Mrs. Workman's 32 years at Linden Hall... Enjoy your retirement; we will miss you!



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