

THE ROAD TO 100



A monthly newsletter counting down to Gow's Centennial Weekend, October 2026.
Honoring our past. Celebrating our present. Inspiring our future.

PLANNING TO ATTEND THE CENTENNIAL?

Are you planning to attend some or all of the Centennial events next October? As we work to design a meaningful and memorable weekend of celebrations, please take a minute to indicate your intentions by completing the very short survey through the link below:

Centennial Survey >>



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Main Building, circa 1940s

Even in Gow's early decades, learning was deeply personal: small group instruction, direct practice, and close relationships between teacher and student were the norm. This early classroom photo reflects the same focus on skill-building and confidence that continues at Gow today.

IMPORTANT DATES

- * Centennial Celebrations Begin on Campus
Thursday, October 1, 2026
- * Centennial Celebrations Continue on Campus
Friday, October 2, 2026
- * Centennial Gala at The Powerhouse in Buffalo
Saturday, October 3, 2026



Dear Gow Alumni, Parents, & Friends,

Welcome to the first edition of *The Road to 100*. As we begin this monthly countdown to October 2026, we do so with gratitude for everything and everyone who helped shape this remarkable school across its first century.

Whether your own time on campus was in the 1950s, 1980s, early 2000s, or more recently, you remain part of the momentum, memories, and mission that define Gow.

Over the coming months, you'll see stories that connect the past to the present - archival moments that make us smile, updates on the plans coming to life for Centennial Weekend, and more. Our goal is simple: honor our shared legacy while inviting each of you back into the conversation and celebration.

Thank you for being with us as we begin this journey: one month, one issue, and one shared milestone at a time.

Warmly,

Andy Thompson '85
Centennial Committee Chair

Check out Full Centennial
Weekend Details on
Gow's Website



REMEMBERING DEPARTED GOVIANS



Part of the Centennial events will include paying our respects to the Govians, like Mr. Kelley, who are no longer with us - alumni, parents, former faculty & staff, and other friends of Gow. To ensure our list of departed community members is accurate, please share the names of alumni and others who are deceased so that we can double check our records.

You may send names to centennial@gow.org. Thank you for helping us with this memorial.

Click here to
submit names



SUBMIT YOUR GOW MEMORIES!



Tell us your favorite Gow memory or a story that is especially poignant to your time spent at the school. You can share how Gow has impacted your life, a special memory of a friend, Gow faculty member, or coach, a life-changing milestone, an athletic victory, or academic accomplishment that still means a lot to you today.

We will compile the stories and share them in a special Centennial-themed edition of the Gow magazine. Click the button below to make a submission.

[Submit Your Gow Stories](#)



ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CENTENNIAL WEEKEND

HOTEL

BOOKING INFO

Roycroft Inn
(East Aurora)

Call 716.652.5552
Reference
"Gow Centennial"

Marriott LECOM
Harbor Center
(downtown Buffalo)

Click [HERE](#) to reserve
under Gow's room
block

Hampton Inn
(East Aurora)

Booking opens
December 1, 2025

Click here for full list of
area accommodations



GET INVOLVED!

Want to rally your classmates, colleagues, or friends for the Centennial? Have ideas for making this the best party of the century? Email centennial@gow.org to get involved!

