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Fall/Winter 2025 Edition

Gratitude to Linden Hall



Dear Linden Hall Community,

During this season of gratitude, I find myself reflecting on my first five months as Head of School. From the moment I arrived on campus, the warmth, spirit, and mission of Linden Hall inspired me. I am deeply appreciative of a community that honors and builds upon a 279-year legacy of excellence in academics, athletics, the arts, and most importantly, our care for one another.

Whether we are celebrating our Bit and Spur inductees at the Centennial Equestrian Celebration or surprising our girls with the beloved Gretna Day tradition of hiking and roller-skating, I am grateful for the ways we pause to honor both our history and the joy of the present. As our student musicians prepare for Vespers following their remarkable Fall Concert, our *Tinker Bell* cast and crew continue to fly on cloud nine from their fall performances, and our student athletes are recognized for their commitment during the fall sports season, I am reminded of how Linden Hall empowers every girl to explore her talents, discover her passions, and grow with confidence.

As I visit our classrooms, I am grateful to see our students engage with various perspectives across content and ask thoughtful questions with curiosity. Teaching and learning are grounded in empathy, respect, compassion, and honesty. Guided by our faculty and staff, our girls have elected to challenge themselves with honors projects and Advanced Placement courses. They know asking for help and making mistakes are part of their learning process, and they are never alone on this journey.

We also continue to balance our academic rigor with meaningful class bonding experiences. The middle school outing to Decades, the ninth-grade camping trip to Black Rock, the tenth-grade hosting Homecoming, the junior class visiting their prom venue, and the senior sunrise are just a few events that will forge lifelong friendships. Time and again, alumnae tell me that the connections they made here remain among the most important relationships in their lives. At every wedding, baby shower, birthday, or Reunion Weekend, Linden Hall women reconnect, uplift one another, and live out the values nurtured within our halls.

I am profoundly grateful for our students, families, alumnae, faculty, staff, and friends as your love and commitment to Linden Hall is boundless. Your belief in our mission allows us to preserve our legacy while preparing for a bright future.

As we look ahead, I invite you to join me in supporting our Annual Fund. Your generosity directly impacts every student's experience, from academic innovation and faculty excellence to cherished traditions and enhanced learning opportunities. When you give, you ensure that our girls continue to learn, lead, grow, and thrive in our community that celebrates who they are and who they will become.

Thank you for welcoming me so wholeheartedly into the Linden Hall family and for all that you do to help this extraordinary school flourish. Together, let us honor our past, celebrate our present, and invest in our future.

All the best,

Dr. Shauna Carter
Head of School

Alumnae Reunion Weekend: Save the Date!



This year, we're celebrating milestone reunions for all classes ending in 1 and 6. We would love to see you there!

Stay in the Loop

Do we have your current email address? We want to be sure our class agents can reach you with updates as Reunion Weekend approaches.

Get Involved

Additionally, we're seeking class agents to help bring their classmates together and build excitement. If this sounds like you, let us know!

Update your information or volunteer to be a class agent by contacting the Alumnae Relations Office at 717-626-8512 ext. 103 or jbartlett@lindenhall.org.

Let's make this year unforgettable!

Investing in the Future: Discounts for Families of Alumnae

We will now offer a 15% gross tuition discount to applicants having an immediate family member (parent or grandparent) who graduated from Linden Hall. This discount also applies to summer camp applicants.

The discount reflects our deep appreciation for our alumnae and is our way of saying "thank you" for their continued support of Linden Hall.

To review the full policy, please visit LHGirls.org/alumnaediscount. Our Admissions team is also available at admissions@lindenhall.org or 717-626-8512 ext. 114 to answer questions and guide you through eligibility requirements.

By offering this discount to our alumnae families, we are not only celebrating Linden Hall's past but also securing a bright future for generations of girls to come.



Celebrating Our 2025 AP Scholars

Each fall, the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) Program recognizes high school students who demonstrate exceptional college-level achievement through their performance on multiple AP Exams.

We are proud to celebrate our 2025 AP Scholars for their hard work and academic excellence.



AP Scholars – awarded to students who scored 3 or higher on three or more AP exams:

- **Zoya Engroff '26**
- **Mandy Jin '26**
- **Maliha Naeem '26**
- **Dezi Nirvelli '26**
- **Amina Syed '27**

Amina also achieved a perfect AP average of 5 on all three of her exams.

AP Scholar with Honor – awarded to a student who earned an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more exams:

- **Rory Hughes '26**

AP Scholars with Distinction – awarded to students who earned an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more exams:

- **Farah Amanullah '26**
- **Giselle Zhou '27**
- **Annie Chen '26**

Congratulations to all our AP Scholars!

Honoring 100 Years of Equestrian Excellence

On Sunday, September 21, our Equestrian Centennial brought together the entire Linden Hall community to celebrate 100 years of riding at our school.

The day featured a horse show with student and alumnae riders, as well as a raffle, food trucks, t-shirt sale, unicorn races, face painting, Pet-a-Pony, Adopt-a-Horse, and unique history exhibit with items dating back to 1930.

The day's highlight was our first-ever Bit & Spur Association induction, when Dr. Carter honored all who have contributed to the success of our equestrian program over the past century.

We extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make the day a success. A special thank you to Susan Schwartz Harrity '63 and Sally Schwartz Rosenfeld '67 for being our Presenting Sponsors.



Gretna Day: A Beloved Linden Hall Tradition

At the end of October, Linden Hall students, faculty, and staff enjoyed the much-anticipated Gretna Day! This century-old tradition gives students a break from classes to explore the scenic town of Mt. Gretna.

The day began with a special announcement from alumna and actress Yvonne Orji '01, after which the entire Linden Hall family headed to Mt. Gretna to enjoy hiking and skating. Back on campus, the day concluded with an all-school relay race on the soccer field — congratulations to the junior class for winning the race!

From its early beginnings as a simple birthday celebration to today's surprise-filled festivities, Gretna Day remains a cherished Linden Hall tradition that brings joy, friendship, and fun to students year after year.



Classroom Highlights: Learning in Action

Roaring into Literature

It's party time, Old Sport! Students in Mr. Hondares' AP Lit class explored the "Roaring 20s," as part of their unit on *The Great Gatsby* – but with a twist. Instead of a traditional lesson, the class threw a 1920s-themed party. Each student assumed a character and studied aspects of the era, from flappers and Prohibition-era antics to immigrant experiences and the clash of "Old Money" versus "Nouveau Riche." The experience was the bee's knees!





Brains at Work

Mr. Lear's Anatomy students dove into one of this year's most memorable labs: sheep brain dissection. This hands-on experience helped students connect classroom learning to real-world anatomy by examining lobes, folds, and structures such as the cerebellum, optic nerves, and corpus callosum. The lab emphasized observation, precision, and scientific inquiry while deepening appreciation for the complexity of the nervous system.

Finding Their Voice

Mr. Beates's American Voices students began the year crafting their student speeches, an important tradition at Linden Hall. Every Grade 10-12 student develops a speech to present at Assembly or Chapel, choosing a topic and purpose that is informative, narrative, and persuasive. This process helps students strengthen their writing, research, and public speaking skills.





Art in Motion

In Mrs. Angstadt's 2D Art, students designed their own sketchbook covers using watercolor, pen and ink, and colored pencil. Working on diptychs (designs spanning two panels), they created the front and back covers of their sketchbooks. After painting and refining their pieces, the girls used Coptic stitch binding to assemble their books. These personalized sketchbooks will serve as a space to explore ideas, document observations, practice materials, and plan future assignments throughout the course.





A Night of Music and Talent

In early October, Linden Hall students in grades 6-12 filled the stage with musical talent at our Fall Concert. The evening featured a variety of performances, from inspiring solos to dynamic ensembles, including choir, orchestra, strings, and wind.

Highlights included the LH Orchestra's performance of "Aragonaise" from Carmen, the String Ensemble's rendition of "Loch Lomond," and a lively rendition of "Thriller" — arranged by our very own Ms. Amanda Dumm — performed by the Wind Band.

Middle School Adventures

Our middle school girls have had a tremendous start to the school year, staying busy in and out of the classroom. Their adventures have included taking a trip to Penn Cinema to catch the 10-year anniversary of *Hamilton*.

During Homecoming week, students created posters to cheer on the Middle School Volleyball team and hosted their own Homecoming event, enjoying ice cream on campus before heading to Decades for an evening of food, games, and friendship.

As fall arrived, the girls created Linden Hall scarecrows to decorate campus and participated in their first community service outing at Helping Harvest Food Bank.



Convocation & Investiture 2025: Welcoming a New Chapter

On Friday, August 22, Linden Hall officially opened the 2025–2026 school year with Convocation & Lotus Walk — a historic celebration that included the Investiture of Dr. Shauna Carter as our 47th Head of School.

The ceremony featured inspiring speeches from students and faculty, along with our flag ceremony honoring the rich diversity of our student body. Tija Hilton-Phillips P'19, Chair of the Board of Trustees, formally invested Dr. Carter, who delivered her first address as Head of School.

Afterwards, everyone gathered at the courtyard fountain for Lotus Walk — a symbolic tradition in which students pass lotus flowers to the senior class, who place them in the fountain to represent the exchange of wisdom across generations.



Make Your Impact Before the Year Ends

As 2025 comes to a close, your gift to the Linden Hall Annual Fund ensures that our girls continue to receive the exceptional education that comes from being part of our community.

Every contribution helps provide innovative programs, classroom resources, tuition assistance, and opportunities for our girls.

December 31 is the deadline to make your calendar year-end gift. It's easy and secure — simply scan the QR code to access our giving portal or return the enclosed envelope. Thank you so much for your support!

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Show Your Linden Hall Pride

The Linden Locker spiritwear store is now open! We are thrilled to offer both on-campus and online options for purchasing gear and showing off LH pride.

The Linden Locker is run entirely by current students, who handle everything from product design to budget. This hands-on experience helps them develop leadership and entrepreneurial skills while supporting Linden Hall.

Shop the latest gear by scanning the QR code!