

# 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.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

*Orton Hall opened in 1986. The first study hall held in the building was on the evening of April 15.* Named after Dr. Samuel T. Orton, a neurologist and a pioneer in the field of dyslexia diagnosis and remediation, Orton Hall was built to be a modern teaching facility with a minimum of distractions. Upon the building's opening, then Headmaster David W. Gow remarked that "while most graduates would say that study hall was the worst part of their time at the school, they would, after reflection, also admit that it had been extremely useful."

Orton Hall is still in use today, with the second-floor study hall receiving a major facelift during Summer 2025 to best accommodate our students today!



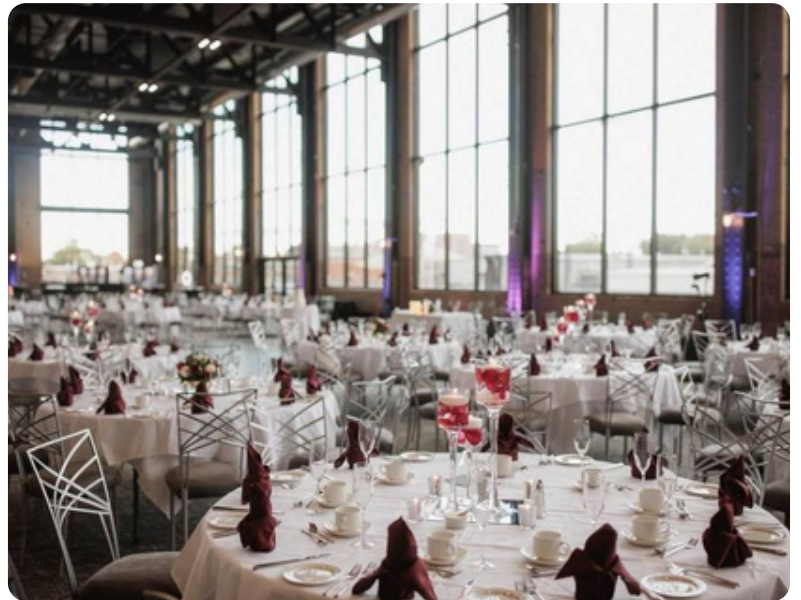
Orton study hall in 1999.



Orton study hall today.

## EVENT SPOTLIGHT

### THE CENTENNIAL GALA SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 AT 5PM THE POWERHOUSE IN BUFFALO



Buffalo's best event venue will be decked out in lots of crimson and navy for Gow's Centennial Gala on Saturday, October 3 from 5-10pm. This is going to be the biggest party in Gow's 100-year history, and you won't want to miss it!

Your ticket includes appetizers, drinks, dinner, dessert, music, and more. There will be special awards given, remarks from Govians past and present, and moving tributes to all those who have shaped the school and given so much to ensure its success.

Tickets will go on sale in March, including options to purchase a table or sponsorship for the event. While the Gala is for ages 18+, our on-campus Centennial events are open to all ages!

## DID YOU KNOW?

In 1956, tuition to attend The Gow School was \$2,400 per year. This included all fees, room & board, lodging, and supervision. Pictured below: All-school photo from the mid-1950s.



## 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

## READY FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THE CENTENNIAL?

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## ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CENTENNIAL WEEKEND

We strongly encourage you to book your accommodations for Centennial Weekend, if you haven't already done so!

### HOTEL

### BOOKING INFO

Roycroft Inn  
(East Aurora)

Call 716.652.5552  
Reference  
"Gow Centennial"

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