

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

The raven became Gow's official mascot in 1988! For the school's first 62 years, there was never a school mascot. While athletic teams from other schools were always introduced by their mascot names, Gow was always just Gow. The raven was chosen first and foremost, because it appears on the Gow Family crest. But the meaning behind the bird is also very significant. A raven is historically known as a sign of knowledge and great power and often considered the most intelligent of all birds!



PLANNING TO ATTEND THE CENTENNIAL EVENTS

Excitement is quickly building for our October celebrations! We are thrilled to have heard from many Govians - alumni, former faculty, current and former parents and grandparents, current and former board members, neighbors, and friends - who are planning to attend some or all of the events. Here's who we have heard from so far (we know there are MANY more who will be attending!). If you aren't on the list and should be, please send a message to centennial@gow.org.

John Adams '85
Tracey Allen
Todd Avis
Tammy Baker
David Bohlin '84
Rita Buckley
Christopher Chapman '91
Monica Claringbould
John Cole '84
Cam Criddlebaugh '88
Todd Crouse '87
Cameron Cudhea
Gayle Denning
Liam Devine '84
Kengar Dongatron '15
Mike Elsner
Michael Fannon '01
Melissa and Justin Fincher
Tim Frawley
Kieran Foggon '21
Lea Givens '82
The Gow Family

Eric Halls '82
Ian Harris '80
John Hatcher '70
Tom Haydock '80
Dale Hazen
Graeme Hepburn '84
Steve Higgins
Sarah Hoiland
Trey Holmes '84
Wendy Howard Davenport
Gayle Hutton
Mary and Steve Ippolito
Kevin Jansen
Carson Jones '92
Jody Kelley
Erin Kelley
Bern Kelley '82
Adam Kendrick '04
Harry Knight '84
Karen Kopp
Colin Krafft '09
William Lashbrook '11

Jack Lewis '21
Stu Lipp '65
Weston Lorenz '90
Tim Madigan
Chris Massey '01
Gib McIlvain '66
Creighton Murch '64
and Janice Smith
James Murch '23
John Murch '23
Ralph Neate '83
Christopher Perry '87
Jennifer Puerner
Elizabeth Raiff '18
Dan Reininga
John Remar '86
Andy Rodgers '97
Brad and Anne Rogers
Adrienne and Willson Ropp
Jodi Rumble
Walter Sanieski
Shanaysha Sauls

Kyle Samuels '21
Chris Saylor '85
Michael Schmidt
Jonathan Siegel '79
Zack Siegel '89
Jeffrey Spoon
Christine Standish
Gabriel Suarez '09
Nandini Sujith Kumar
Jeffrey Sweet
Andy Thompson '85
Matt Thompson '83
Rick Thompson '72
Rick B. Thompson '71
Bruce Tylock '79
Bob Vail '68
William Wallace '74
Bob Warner '64
Tim Wells '08
Chip Wilkinson '87
Mason Winfield
Nancy Bass Wyden

DID YOU KNOW?

In its nearly 100 years of operations, Gow has never closed for a snow day! Even during the infamous Blizzard of '77, Gow was the only school to remain open and hold classes during the storm. "We couldn't close," said Associate Headmaster David Gow. "Most of the boys lived in distant places and we were snowed in. We couldn't even get them to the airport if it had been open."

The "tradition" continues today at Gow! Students and faculty alike embrace the South Wales snow that has been especially prevalent this winter as part of the Gow experience.

Not every school can boast that it has a tug-of-war on its ski slopes in January.



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

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"

Marriott LECOM
Harbor Center
(downtown Buffalo)

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

Hampton Inn
(East Aurora)

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[block](#)

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