# Linden Hall Connect

## *YOUR GIFTS AT WORK!*

Winter/Spring 2026 Edition

## Gratitude to Linden Hall



Dear Linden Hall Community,

As our campus comes alive with birdsong and blooming flowers, there is a renewed sense of energy at Linden Hall. While we are well into the spring semester, our students continue to shine as we celebrate the many accomplishments they achieved in the fall and winter, both in and beyond the classroom.

As our seniors make thoughtful decisions about which top universities to attend next fall, our ninth through eleventh graders are guided through a dedicated college counseling program which provides individualized attention to support their educational journeys. In addition, we are proud to once again be recognized as an AP® Platinum School on the Advanced Placement® Honor Roll. This recognition is just one example of the hard work of our faculty and staff, who advise, mentor, and challenge our students to pursue rigorous learning opportunities and reach their highest potential.

As you know, Linden Hall students' talents also extend far beyond academics. From performing at Vespers at the Lititz Moravian Congregation to earning places in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Orchestra and the Lancaster-Lebanon Music Educators Association Regional Orchestra and Band, Linden Hall musicians continue to excel and share their gifts with the wider community. On stage, our thespians have delighted audiences and are transforming from the adventurous Lost Boys in *Tinker Bell* to the complex and misunderstood flappers in our spring musical, *Chicago: Teen Edition.*

Athletics also remain a vibrant part of our campus life, with our student-athletes demonstrating exceptional sportsmanship, skill, and team spirit on and off our courts, fields, and riding rings. This year marked several athletic milestones, as we successfully hosted our first archery tournament on campus, brought back sports camp to our summer offerings, and had several students place in IEA competitions throughout the year.

Equally important is our growing presence beyond our campus. We continue to strengthen community partnerships in Lititz and throughout Lancaster County, participating in beloved traditions such as the Pretzel Fest and hosting Lititz's Fire & Ice Festival Makers Market in our gymnasium. I am also pleased to share that Linden Hall is now a member of the Northern Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce. We look forward to deepening these connections, including serving as a sponsor of the NLCC Women's Conference in September 2026.

During our Fall Gala, *A Night in the Spotlight*, I spoke about the Linden Hall brilliance I have the privilege of witnessing every day as Head of School. Whether we are pinning over 40 honor roll students, seeing our Quiz Bowl team dominate rounds of trivia, attending *Suffs: The Musical* at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia, or sledding down the hill in front of the Evita M. Allen Academic Building, these experiences reflect the joy, excellence, and sisterhood that define a Linden Hall education.

Throughout the year, I have been continuously inspired by your support of our girls' dedication, confidence, and growth. During our trip to Florida and Linden Hall's Day of Giving, I saw how engaged our alumnae remain and how steadfast our community's belief is in our mission. I cannot thank each of you enough for keeping Linden Hall at the forefront of educating and empowering young women. This is our purpose. This is for our future.

All the best,

Dr. Shauna A. Carter
Head of School

# Honoring Our Lady Lions: Fall 2025 Athlete Recognition




In late fall, we celebrated the dedication, talent, and achievements of our Lady Lions during the 2025 Fall Athlete Recognition. This special event highlighted the outstanding performances of our tennis, volleyball, and cross-country teams throughout the season.

We extend heartfelt thanks to our coaches for their guidance and to Athletic Director Mrs. Kathi Martelle for her unwavering leadership. We are so proud of our athletes, who continue to showcase strength, spirit, and pride while representing Linden Hall on and off the field!

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Kendall Darley '27






# Referral Discount for New Families

Did you know? Currently enrolled students and new families may be eligible for a one-time tuition credit in the amounts listed below if they refer, or are referred as, a new family to Linden Hall. The applying student must list the current student/family in the space provided on their application.

- Referring a new day student: $750 one-time tuition credit to both parties
- Referring a new boarding student: $1,500 one-time tuition credit to both parties

Full eligibility requirements are listed in our New Student Referral Program policy, available for review at **LHGirls.org/tuition.**



# Linden Hall Earns AP Platinum Distinction

Linden Hall is proud to be named a Platinum designee on the 2025 AP® School Honor Roll, a distinction that recognizes schools whose Advanced Placement® (AP) programs deliver strong academic results while expanding access and opportunity for students.

Our students continue to demonstrate exceptional commitment to academic rigor. One hundred percent of Linden Hall seniors took a minimum of one AP® exam, with 82% scoring a 3 or higher on at least one exam. Additionally, 23% of seniors completed five or more AP® exams, reflecting both ambition and sustained achievement at the highest level.

AP® Honor Roll recognition is awarded annually to schools that foster a strong college-going culture, provide meaningful opportunities to earn college credit, and prioritize college readiness. This Platinum distinction highlights Linden Hall's dedication to preparing students for success beyond high school.

At Linden Hall, college preparation begins early and is woven throughout the high school experience. We are proud to empower our students with the confidence, skills, and academic foundation they need to thrive in college and beyond. Visit our website to learn more about our program.



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# World-Class Cuisine



Behind every great meal at Linden Hall is an incredible team led by Executive Chef Maggie Nemeth, Director of Dining Services, and Assistant Director Becky Frankowski. Each day, they lead our dining staff with one goal in mind: providing our girls with food that is nutritious, satisfying, and delicious!

To kick off 2026, Maggie and Becky spotlighted high-protein menu options twice a week, thinking beyond traditional meat-based dishes by also incorporating creative plant-based ingredients.

As Maggie and Becky share, "Our focus since day one has been on the students. We want to build lasting relationships, so they feel comfortable giving us honest feedback. The best part of our job is the girls. It's so rewarding to see them excited about having a voice in deciding what goes on the menu."

We are so grateful for our entire dining team — Linden Hall would not be the same without you!

# What's Happening in the Classroom?



### History in Action: Investigating the "Glorious" Revolution

In Miss Duncsak's 9th-grade World History class, students stepped into the role of historians while studying the English Revolution of 1688. Their task: determine whether the event truly deserves to be called "glorious." Using Stanford's Model of Historical Thinking, the girls analyzed each primary document to uncover the author's claim and assess the reliability of the source.



### Designing the Odds: Probability Comes to Life in AP Statistics

In Mr. Theilacker's AP Statistics class, students wrapped up their probability unit with a hands-on challenge: design an original game built around chance. Each student created a probability-based game, calculated the mathematical outcomes behind it, and explained the likelihood of different results. The project concluded with peer playtesting, giving students the chance to experience probability in action. Pictured left, classmates test Mandy Jin '26's game, *Lucky Turtles*.



### Students Shine at the Image & Word Festival

Just before Winter Break, Mr. Hondares and his students brought their creativity to the big screen at the annual Image & Word Festival at Penn Cinema. This event gives students the opportunity to present their original films in a theater setting. Seniors Rory Hughes, Aniyah Thomas, and Kisha Kakiiza, along with junior Liv Jenkins, premiered their films to an audience of peers. The festival celebrated our students' artistic vision and the confidence to share original work.




### Student Musicians Earn Regional Honors

Linden Hall musicians continue to shine beyond campus. Tamaki Imamura '28 successfully auditioned for the PMEA Central Region Orchestra Festival, earning a spot in the ensemble. We are proud of her achievement and look forward to cheering her on. Additionally, Liv Jenkins '27, Amina Syed '27, and Sue Bae '28 represented Linden Hall at the LLMEA High School Band North Festival, where they performed under the direction of guest conductor Dr. Joe Cernuto of Millersville University. Their dedication highlights the strength of our music program.

# A Night in the Spotlight:
## Celebrating Community and Impact

Linden Hall's 2025 Fall Gala, A Night in the Spotlight, brought together our community for an evening of celebration and connection.

We are thrilled to share that, thanks to our generous donors and sponsors, the gala raised $60,000 to support tuition assistance and Fund-A-Need initiatives. A special thank-you to our Premier Sponsors, Patty Parker Molnar '65 and Dr. Attila Molnar, whose ongoing commitment helps make these opportunities possible.

To everyone who attended, contributed, and championed this event — thank you for helping us shine a light on the bright future of Linden Hall!






# Blue & White Week 2026:

## A Celebration of School Spirit and Team Pride

Blue & White Week 2026 brought an energizing mix of school spirit, creativity, and friendly competition to campus, as students rallied behind their teams through a full slate of games, performances, and challenges. From themed dress-up days to spirited showdowns in the gym and theater, the week showcased the camaraderie and enthusiasm that define Linden Hall!

The week kicked off on Monday with students embracing the Couch Potato vs. Workout dress-up theme. Activities in the gym included a Balloon Pop Relay, Hungry Hippos, and a series of fast-paced Minute-to-Win-It games that kept energy levels high. Students also rotated through badminton and basketball challenges, while others participated in a campus-wide picture scavenger hunt.

On Tuesday, campus was filled with humor and pop culture references as students arrived dressed for Meme Day. The action moved to the theater, where students competed in a spirited game of Jeopardy, testing their knowledge across a range of topics. The highlight of the day was the always-anticipated Teacher Torture, where faculty bravely took the stage for the amusement and applause of our students. Many thanks to Mr. Fultz, Mr. Lear, Ms. Solomon, and Mr. Hondares for braving this year's tortures!

Wednesday's Hero vs. Villain Day brought bold costumes and dramatic flair, perfectly matched to a packed schedule of activities. Students took part in the Sully Scavenger Hunt, following clues across campus in search of Blue & White Week's beloved mascot. Additional challenges included a rubber duck hunt, a competitive round of Pictionary, and paper airplane contests.

On Thursday, students leaned into the humor of Senior Citizen Day, arriving in classic throwback attire. The gym hosted a full afternoon of athletic competitions, including a blindfold obstacle course, the Unicorn Relay, and a middle school free-throw challenge.



The week culminated on Friday, Blue & White Day, as students proudly wore their team colors for the final showdown. The theater filled with anticipation for the Talent Show, where performances highlighted the creativity, confidence, and teamwork of both teams. The celebration concluded with a closing ceremony during which the champion was announced – congratulations to the Blue Team for winning Blue & White Week this year!

Blue & White Week 2026 was a vibrant celebration of Linden Hall spirit, filled with laughter, collaboration, and traditions that continue to bring the community together year after year!




# Support Our Girls — There's Still Time!

With just three months left in the fiscal year, there's still time to make a meaningful impact through the Linden Hall Annual Fund — the heart of our philanthropic community. Your support helps provide the resources our students need to excel in academics, arts, athletics, service, and leadership programs.

Gifts to the Annual Fund directly support programs not covered by tuition, from scholarships and extracurricular learning to innovative academic initiatives. Every contribution has an immediate impact, enhancing daily student experiences and ensuring our programs continue to thrive.

Join us in supporting our girls — scan the QR code to make your gift today!

# Continuing a Beloved Tradition

In early December, we held our annual Vespers services at the Lititz Moravian Congregation. A cherished tradition since Linden Hall's founding in 1746, Vespers remains deeply rooted in the Moravian heritage. Vespers has evolved from purely sacred services to a rich blend of sacred and secular music, scripture readings, and student poetry, highlighting both artistic expression and reflection.

This year, our students brought the program to life with live musical and dramatic performances, including original student poetry. Highlights included the Linden Hall Choir and Myrtle V. Eckert Bell Choir performing the Christmas classic "Carol of the Bells," sixth-grade soloists singing the traditional Moravian hymn "Morning Star," and a spirited rendition of "Sleigh Ride" by the Linden Hall Orchestra.

Vespers continues to be a meaningful celebration of faith, artistry, and community. This is a Linden Hall tradition cherished by students, faculty, and families alike.







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