

# Linden Hall Connect



## YOUR GIFTS AT WORK!

Spring/Summer 2026 Edition

## Gratitude to Linden Hall



Dear Linden Hall Community,

As we close this school year, I find myself reflecting on what has been a truly meaningful first year at Linden Hall.

While I arrived as your Head of School, it is this community, our trustees, families, alumnae, faculty, staff, and neighbors, that have shaped my experience and strengthened my belief in the promise of this extraordinary place. Most of all,

it is our students who have made this year unforgettable. They are, and always will be, the heart of Linden Hall.

Across our classrooms, in the theater, on the court and around the equestrian ring, I have witnessed young women being challenged and encouraged by educators who understand not only how girls learn, but how they grow. Our students have stretched themselves, taken risks, found their voices, and stepped confidently into who they are becoming. That work culminated in the promotion of our wonderful middle school students and the graduation of nineteen remarkable seniors.

This year, we also opened our doors wider so the broader community could experience what makes a Linden Hall education so distinct. Through Lyceum, the Arts Showcase, and in *Chicago: Teen Edition*, our affinity for research, creativity and collaboration came alive. International Night also reminded us of the richness of our global community.

Among the most meaningful moments this year was Alumnae Reunion Weekend. Welcoming alumnae, from the Class of 1956 to the Class of 2016, was a powerful reminder of the enduring strength of this sisterhood. Senior Tea offered our graduating students a glimpse into the lifelong connections that await them. We were

honored to celebrate Distinguished Alumna Yvonne Orji '01, whose achievements and advocacy inspire us all, and to recognize Nora Workman P'12 as an honorary alumna for her lasting contributions to young women and the arts.

That same weekend, we dedicated the Shaaron H. Lavery Faculty Lounge, honoring an educator and leader who shaped Linden Hall for more than three decades. It served as a reminder that the strength of our school has always been rooted in the people who dedicate themselves to its mission.

I am also very grateful to everyone who supported Linden Hall Giving Day: Blue and White Goes Green. Your generosity allowed us to invest meaningfully in our future and in the daily lives of our students. From repairs to the Mary Dixon Chapel and a new playground to the expansion of our Makerspace program, Upper School Global Studies program, and enhanced Physical Education programming, we continue to strengthen the student experience.

As we look ahead, I do so with optimism and shared purpose. Linden Hall's legacy is not something we simply preserve; it is something we actively shape together. Your continued support of the Annual Fund ensures that we can sustain the excellence of our programs, care for our historic campus, and expand opportunities for future generations of Linden Hall girls.

Thank you for your partnership, generosity, and trust. It is a privilege to lead this community, and I look forward to all we will accomplish together. The future is bright at Linden Hall.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shauna Carter".

Dr. Shauna Carter  
Head of School

# Alumnae Reunion Weekend: A Celebration of Connection and Tradition

Linden Hall came alive with laughter, memories, and meaningful connections as we welcomed alumnae back to campus for Reunion Weekend, honoring class years ending in 1 and 6.

The weekend began with one of our most cherished traditions—Senior Tea, during which alumna and Rhodes Scholar Tahri Phillips '19 offered inspiring remarks and reflected on her journey beyond Linden Hall.

Saturday included a service in Mary Dixon Chapel featuring student musicians and a message from Mr. Denny Foreman.

The Class of 2016 also reunited to open their time capsule, which had been buried on campus during their senior year. Filled with handwritten notes to their future selves and treasured photos, the moment offered laughter, reflection, and a heartfelt glimpse back at their time at Linden Hall.



The highlight of the weekend was brunch in Honeycutt Hall, where stories were shared and connections renewed. During brunch, Dr. Shauna Carter provided a State of the School update, and we proudly recognized Yvonne Orji '01 as the 2026 Distinguished Alumna. Retired faculty member Mrs. Nora Workman P'12 was also honored as an honorary alumna.

## Yvonne Orji '01 Named 2026 Distinguished Alumna



Linden Hall School for Girls is proud to recognize Yvonne Orji, Class of 2001, as its 2026 Distinguished Alumna—an honor celebrating graduates who exemplify professional excellence, leadership, and global impact.

Orji is an Emmy-nominated Nigerian-American actress, comedian, writer, producer, and author, best known for her breakout role as Molly on HBO's *Insecure*, which earned

her an Emmy nomination for Outstanding Supporting Actress. Her career spans multiple film, television, stand-up comedy, hosting, and brand partnerships.

A dynamic performer and storyteller, Orji has released two HBO comedy specials and hosted major productions on Netflix and HBO Max. She is also the author of the bestselling book *Bamboozled by Jesus*.

Beyond entertainment, Orji is deeply committed to supporting organizations such as (RED), the American Heart Association, and the Innocence Project, while also leading international public health and youth mentorship initiatives.

Orji was honored during Linden Hall's Alumnae Reunion Weekend in April and shared a heartfelt video message reflecting on her experience at Linden Hall as a place that "uplifted and empowered young women" and helped her "find her wings."

Linden Hall congratulates Yvonne Orji on this well-deserved recognition!

## There's Still Time to Support Our Students

The countdown is on! The last day to make a gift for this fiscal year is June 30, and we're just \$50,000 away from reaching our \$330,000 Annual Fund goal.

The Linden Hall Annual Fund is the heart of our philanthropic community, providing essential support for the experiences that shape our students every day.

Annual Fund contributions also support scholarships, extracurricular learning, and innovative initiatives that

fall outside of tuition funding — making a meaningful difference in the classroom and beyond.

There's still time to help us cross the finish line. **Join us in supporting our girls before June 30**—every gift counts!

**Scan the QR code to make your gift today!** 



# Celebrating Our Top Academic Achievers



## Valedictorian

We are proud to recognize **Farah Amanullah** as Linden Hall's 2026 Valedictorian! This fall, she will continue her academic journey at the University of Pittsburgh, where she plans to study molecular biology with a pre-dental track. Her dedication and achievements have left a lasting mark on our community, and we look forward to all she will accomplish in the years ahead.



## Salutatorian

We are pleased to honor **Zoe Engroff** as Linden Hall's 2026 Salutatorian! She will be attending McGill University this fall, pursuing a degree in applied chemistry and history. Her commitment to excellence and leadership has been inspiring, and we are excited to see where her path leads next.



## Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

### Class of 2026 Matriculations

- Bryn Mawr College
- Claremont McKenna College
- Duke University
- Elizabethtown College
- Howard University (2)
- McGill University
- Millersville University
- New York University (2)
- Ringling College of Art & Design
- Rutgers University (2)
- Tufts University
- University of California, Irvine
- University of Pittsburgh
- Washington & Lee University
- Wellesley College
- West Chester University

## 2026 Spring Arts Showcase: A Night of Creativity and Performance

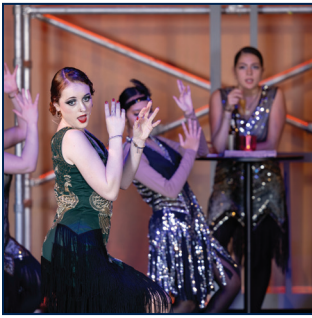
The Spring Arts Showcase was a vibrant celebration of creativity, talent, and expression across our Linden Hall community. The evening began with our 29th annual Art Show, where guests explored an impressive collection of student work.

The celebration continued with our dynamic Spring Concert filled with impressive musical renditions, during which students showcased instrumental range and confidence on stage. The evening also featured theatrical and spoken word performances, including lively and creative presentations from the sixth and seventh grades.

Congratulations to all our artists and performers for an inspiring evening that truly captured the spirit of the arts at Linden Hall!



## Bringing *Chicago: Teen Edition* to Life on Stage



During this year's Spring Musical, *Chicago: Teen Edition*, our students brought this classic story to life in a bold and unforgettable way!

Originally debuting on Broadway in 1997, *Chicago* went on to win six Tony Awards, including Best Revival of a Musical. The film

adaptation earned even more awards, cementing the story's status as a legendary, timeless classic.

*Chicago: Teen Edition*, created by John Kander, Fred Ebb, and Bob Fosse is set in the roaring 1920s, an era when crime and celebrity often collided. The musical follows Roxie Hart and Velma Kelly, two women whose headline-making crimes land them in jail and ignite a fierce rivalry for fame, freedom, and public attention. Packed with jazz, satire, and dynamic choreography, the production brought energy and sophistication to the stage.

The Teen Edition makes this classic more accessible for high school performers while preserving its signature style. According to Theater Director Denny Foreman, "The arrival of teen editions has made it easier for high school directors to mount shows that may be 'edgier.' *Chicago*, one of Broadway's longest-running musicals, is one of those. The dialogue has been softened, songs shortened, and keys adjusted for younger voices. Some roles have been abbreviated, and the show itself has been shortened to a 90-minute runtime. Linden Hall's theater program began exploring new and challenging titles with 2023's *Little Shop of Horrors* and last year's *SIX: Teen Edition*."

We were thrilled to share this energetic and memorable production with our community and celebrate the talent and dedication of our student performers.

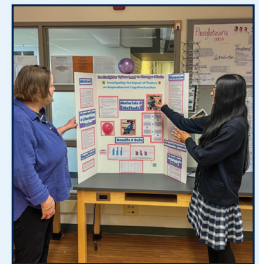


## We Went Green Thanks to You

Thank you to the entire Linden Hall community for an incredible *Blue & White Goes Green Day of Giving* on March 10! In just 24 hours, 155 donors came together to raise more than \$40,000 in support of Linden Hall students.

Thanks to your generosity, we met the \$6,500 Board of Trustees match and unlocked an additional 100-donor challenge, securing another \$10,000 for our school.

We are so grateful to everyone who participated and helped make this day such a success. You truly demonstrated the strength and spirit of the Linden Hall community!



## A Celebration of Excellence: Lyceum 2026

Linden Hall's 2026 Lyceum was a dynamic showcase of student curiosity, creativity, and talent, featuring everything from thought-provoking research to engaging performances.

Guests explored lectures and poster sessions presented by students in grades 8 through 12, covering a wide range of topics including "The Fibonacci Sequence and the Golden Mean," "Dream Theories and Applied Analysis," "On the Psychology of Observation," and "How Gluten Affects Bacteria," among many others.

The day concluded with an exciting lineup of performances, including "Cell Block Tango" from our Spring Musical, *Chicago: Teen Edition*, and a traditional Filipino Tinikling dance.

We are incredibly proud of our presenters and performers, whose hard work and passion were on full display for peers, families, and the broader Linden Hall community.

## Spring Snapshot: Academics & Athletics



### Exploring Pathways for the Future at Career Day

This year's Career Day brought an inspiring lineup of professionals to campus to share their career journeys and advice with our

students. The morning began with keynote speaker Diana Smedley '10, owner of Lancaster Gift Box, and continued with presentations from an impressive lineup of professionals.

### Student Achievement in Science Research

Congratulations to Claire Duan '27 for earning first place in the Senior Division for Biochemistry & Biomedical Science at the North Museum Science & Engineering Fair! Claire also received the Jack O. Daneker Memorial Prize for her outstanding project, "Drug Discovery in Glioblastoma of Cancer Immunology." Claire's research focuses on the development of

therapeutics that could one day become valuable tools in improving outcomes for patients.

### Spring Athlete Recognition Celebrates Season of Achievement

At the end of April, Linden Hall celebrated our winter and spring student-athletes who competed in archery, varsity and middle school basketball, equestrian, and club tennis. Many thanks to our coaches and Mrs. Martelle for their continued support in helping our students grow, compete, and excel at every level.



### Highlighting Linden Hall Equestrian Excellence

We were thrilled to welcome Piper Klemm, PhD – publisher of *The Plaid Horse* – to campus for a live recording of the *Plaidcast* podcast! *Plaidcast* connects the equestrian community through engaging conversations with leading voices across the industry. Hear the full recording at [LHGirls.org/lhplaidcast](https://LHGirls.org/lhplaidcast).

## Dedication of the Shaaron H. Lavery Faculty Lounge



Linden Hall recently gathered to celebrate the dedication of the Shaaron H. Lavery Faculty Lounge, a space created in loving memory of Shaaron H. Lavery through a generous gift from her family. This meaningful tribute ensures that her legacy will continue to be felt by faculty and staff who gather, collaborate, and recharge in the space each day.

The dedication ceremony brought together members of the Linden Hall community, including Shaaron's husband, Michael Lavery, her daughter, Diana Lavery-Regan '09, and other members of her family, as well as former trustees and faculty members. Michael and Diana shared heartfelt reflections on Shaaron's life, her deep

appreciation for education, and her enduring connection to Linden Hall. Their remarks honored a woman whose care for others and commitment to community continue to inspire all who knew her.

The lounge now named in Shaaron's honor stands as a lasting reminder of her impact and the importance of spaces that nurture connection and support within the school community. Linden Hall is deeply grateful to the Lavery family for this thoughtful gift and for helping preserve Shaaron's legacy in such a meaningful way.

## 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](https://LHGirls.org/tuition).

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## A Gift to Preserve Mary Dixon Chapel

Linden Hall is deeply grateful for the generosity of an anonymous alumna who recently made a transformative \$100,000 gift to support critical repairs to the roof of our beloved Mary Dixon Chapel.

This important project will address the final section of the chapel's roof in need of repair, helping to prevent further water infiltration and protect the interior of this historic and meaningful campus space. For generations of students, alumnae, faculty, and families, Mary Dixon Chapel has been a place of reflection, celebration, and community. This gift ensures that it will continue to serve that role for years to come.

While this milestone moves us significantly forward, additional work remains. Future phases will focus on restoring and refreshing the chapel's interior, including plaster repair, new carpeting, and fresh paint – updates that address both areas impacted by water and long-overdue improvements to this cherished space.

This extraordinary act of generosity is a powerful reminder of the lasting connection our alumnae have to Linden Hall and the spaces that shape our shared experience. We are profoundly thankful for this meaningful investment in the preservation of Mary Dixon Chapel and look forward to continuing this important work together.