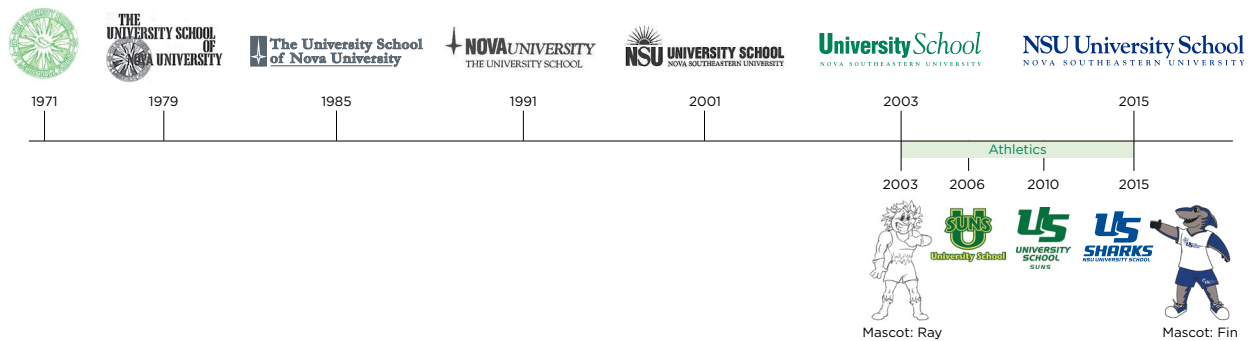




NSU UNIVERSITY SCHOOL
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REFLECTIONS

THE EVOLUTION OF NSU UNIVERSITY SCHOOL



Through the years, our Alumni Relations department has created a series of initiatives to bring our alumni community closer together. Through those efforts, we've emphasized the importance of the alumni constituency and enjoyed getting a glimpse of the successes of those who graduated from NSU University School.

It's been our pleasure to highlight our distinguished alumni through in-depth alumni spotlights in our Viewpoint publication, highlights in our quarterly Alumni e-Bulletins, social media postings, and the establishment of the NSU University School Alumni Hall of Fame.

This Alumni Reflections publication provides a retrospective of some of our outstanding alumni and their incredible accomplishments over the past several years.



VERNON LEWIS

CLASS OF 1982

As a guest speaker in USchool's Expert Speaker Series, Vernon Lewis, a shareholder at Greenberg Traurig, LLP Houston, shared his expertise with students in the Law Internship Program. Lewis previously served for 21 years in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas in Houston. In this office, he worked as an assistant U.S. attorney, senior litigation counsel, executive assistant U.S. attorney, and chief of the fraud division. In December, Lewis was inducted into USchool's Alumni Hall of Fame.



JOE MCDONNELL

CLASS OF 1983

Joe McDonnell served as the keynote speaker for USchool's annual student-led Trade Fair. He shared his life experiences as a serial entrepreneur, inventor, and spokesperson on TV shopping networks. Following his engaging presentation, McDonnell visited various booths at the fair to hear pitches from our young entrepreneurs and share his sage advice and insight.



ANDREW WEINSTEIN

CLASS OF 1987

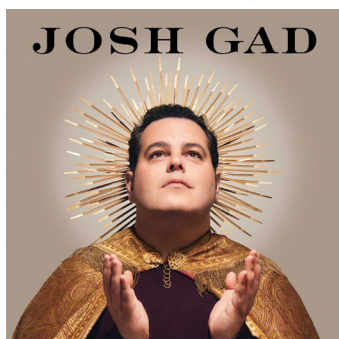
Andrew Weinstein is one of three private citizens nominated by President Joe Biden to serve as a public delegate for the U.S. for the current United Nations General Assembly session. Public delegates represent their countries in committee sessions and meetings at the U.N. and work with other countries, government officials, and organizations on various initiatives.



MARLA NEUFELD

CLASS OF 1999

Greenspoon Marder's Surrogacy & Assisted Reproductive Technology partner Marla Neufeld was a featured speaker on the CBS daytime talk show "The Doctors" where she discussed her insights on the legal rights for donors and surrogates. Marla has also spoken to our high school students as part of USchool's Experiential Learning Legal Education Internship Program.



JOSH GAD

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CLASS OF 1999

Josh Gad is proud to announce his new memoir, *In GAD We Trust*, a personal collection of essays that describe the highs and lows of his career as well as the moments that have shaped him as an artist. Additionally, we were thrilled to have Josh read his children's book *PictureFace Lizzy* to our entire Lower School student community in January!



RANDY ORNSTEIN

CLASS OF 1997

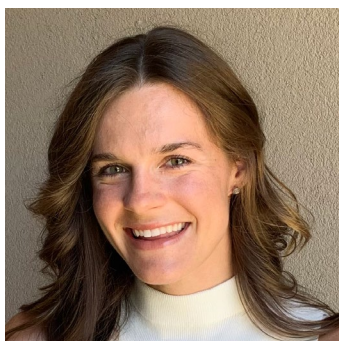
Randy Ornstein published his first book: *Grow: The Essential Guide to Getting Promoted*. The book is based on his experiences holding senior executive positions at Anheuser-Busch and Gopuff and is being met with rave reviews.



BEN AXELROD

CLASS OF 1999

After working for more than 12 years at iRobot, Ben Axelrod ('99) has become the software engineering lead at the newly created Boston Dynamics AI Institute. There, he will be working on solving the most fundamental challenges in AI and robotics.



EMILY KOPAS

CLASS OF 2014

Emily Kopas recently accepted a position as Senior Director of Development at the University of Miami, where she will focus on fundraising for Olympic sports. Prior to this, she was a Major Gifts Officer at Nova Southeastern University and served as the Downtown Improvement Board's Chief Operating Officer in Pensacola, Florida. There, she worked with the City of Pensacola Community Redevelopment Agency to grow the Palafox Market, which was named the best farmers market in Florida by *Southern Living* magazine and was featured in the Best of the Coast 2021 Featured Winners for Community, Media, and Culture.



ADAM ROSENFELD

CLASS OF 2001

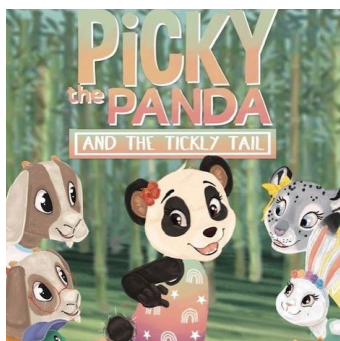
Adam Rosenfeld appears on Netflix's reality series *Buying Beverly Hills*, which follows a Los Angeles real estate agency specializing in high-end sales. Rosenfeld is founder and principal at The Agency at Grauman Rosenfeld Group. He was ranked as one of America's best real estate brokers by *Real Trends*, featured in *The Wall Street Journal*, and recognized as one of Hollywood's top real estate agents by *The Hollywood Reporter*.



SARAH TRISTER

CLASS OF 2002

Sarah Trister recently accepted a position as director on the International Affairs Team of global consulting firm FGS Global in Washington, D.C. Prior to this, she served as a senior foreign policy advisor for the United States Senate.



MELISSA (METZGER) FINKELSTEIN

CLASS OF 2004

Melissa (Metzger) Finkelstein has published two children's books, *Picky the Panda and the Ticky Tail* and *Bobby the Snake and the Broken TV*. *Picky the Panda* highlights the importance of leading with empathy and slowing down to recharge when life feels overwhelming. *Bobby the Snake* shares the story of a highly sensitive snake who learns to “unplug” through nature, movement, and taking a deep breath.



MYLES KARP

CLASS OF 2008

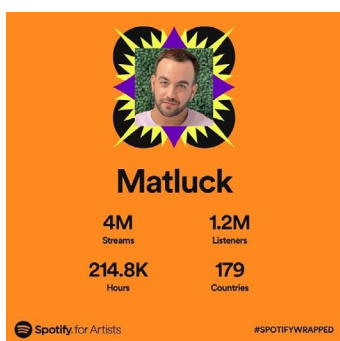
In February 2023, Myles Karp lived out his lifelong dream of appearing on TV's *Jeopardy!* When not phrasing responses in the form of a question on the hit game show, Karp works as a journalist and freelance research and strategy consultant.



SAMANTHA HANNAH

CLASS OF 2009

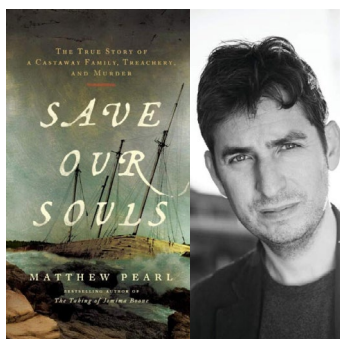
Samantha Hannah was promoted to director of admissions at the College of the Sciences at Virginia Tech University. At the university's graduate school, she is completing M.A. degrees in communications and reputation management.



MAX MATLUCK

CLASS OF 2010

The music streaming app Spotify recognized the 2022 streaming success of artist Max Matluck. He previously earned a Daytime Creative Arts Emmy for his original song “Who I Am” (for *General Hospital*). Matluck's latest album was nominated for a 2021 Grammy.



MATTHEW PEARL

CLASS OF 1993

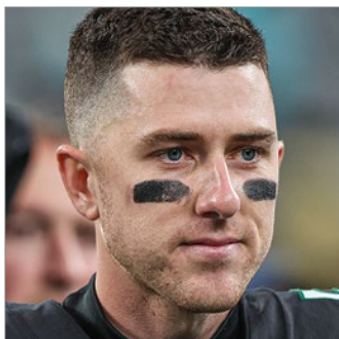
We are proud to announce that Matthew Pearl has released his latest book, *Save Our Souls*, a work of narrative nonfiction. This tale takes readers on a rollicking adventure through the 19th-century Pacific with a page-turning historical true-crime narrative. *Save Our Souls* follows the critically acclaimed nonfiction book, *The Taking of Jemima Boone*. Pearl, a bestselling author of both fiction and nonfiction, was named the Best Author in Boston in 2013 by Boston magazine.



AARON JOHNSON

CLASS OF 2012

Aaron Johnson is helping spearhead a new experiential learning opportunity for USchool students interested in podcasting. Johnson, who created a popular podcast, was granted a title sponsor to start a new podcast. USchool students will contribute to this new project, interviewing leaders in various fields about the importance of giving back.



MIKE WHITE

CLASS OF 2013

Mike white is an American football quarterback for the Buffalo Bills. Professionally, he has also played with the Dallas Cowboys, New York Jets, and Miami Dolphins. He played his first two years of college football at South Florida and his last two at Western Kentucky.



SOFIA ECHEVERRY

CLASS OF 2020

Sofia Echeverry moderated an engaging Author Talk with *New York Times* bestselling author, Roberta F. Kuang, whose novels were featured in last year's Mako Prize. Students and families enjoyed an impactful event that featured a special writing workshop for students, followed by a book signing reception, and concluded with the Author Talk.



BROOKE STEINBERG

CLASS OF 2014

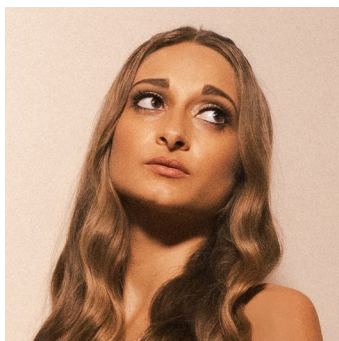
Brooke Steinberg was promoted to features and entertainment reporter at the *New York Post*, covering lifestyle and entertainment news. She first joined the paper in 2019 as a digital content producer. Steinberg earned a bachelor's degree in journalism at the University of Florida in 2018.



LARYSSA BEDLEY

CLASS OF 2016

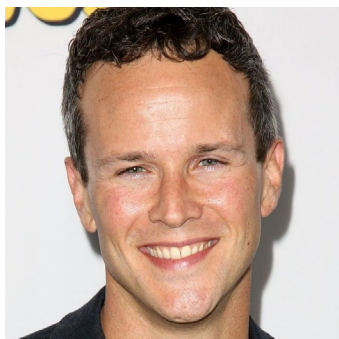
In June 2023, Laryssa Bedley graduated from the University of Chicago Law School. She is headed to New York City to work as an intellectual property litigation associate at Latham & Watkins, LLP. She is also slated to serve as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Tiffany P. Cunningham in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington, D.C., from 2024 to 2025.



MICHELLE LANGONE

CLASS OF 2016

In December 2024, Michelle released her latest single, “That Night,” which is also her first original Christmas song. She released her debut EP album, *Coming Home*, on all streaming platforms and is working on her next album.



SCOTT WEINGER

CLASS OF 2023

As guests on *Who Wants to be a Millionaire* hosted by Jimmy Kimmel, *Full House* alumni actors John Stamos and Dave Coulier “phoned their friend,” who happened to be fellow cast member, Scott Weinger. Scott lent his knowledge, helping Stamos and Coulier secure \$250,000 in support of charity. In further connection to USchool, alumnus Mandel Ilagan ('95) serves as VP, Game Shows for Sony Pictures Television, which produces the popular quiz show.



JEREMY WONG

CLASS OF 2017

Jeremy Wong joined USchool's internationally renowned Robotics team at the team's year-end family gathering. Wong, who was an instrumental member of the team, reconnected with former teammates and mentor Erik Weidenboerner. Having earned his degree in robotics engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Wong is a Lead Digital Manufacturing Engineer at Sintavia.



ANDREW DOLBERG

CLASS OF 2011

Andrew Dolberg donated 150 copies of his recently published book, *The Great Weather Diviner*, to our Middle School. After the students had a chance to read his book, Andrew made a visit back to USchool to speak with the students about the writing process and how to perfect their creative writing skills.



ZAY FLOWERS

CLASS OF 2019

On the NFL Draft Day, Zay Flowers was recruited in the first round to play for the Baltimore Ravens. Flowers became the first Ravens player to receive an invitation to the Pro Bowl as a wide receiver.



KENNY MCINTOSH

CLASS OF 2019

On the NFL Draft Day, Kenny McIntosh was selected by the Seattle Seahawks as a running back.



LIAM ASAYAG

CLASS OF 2020

Liam Asayag was featured on the cover of UC Santa Cruz's magazine for his relief work in Ukraine. After visiting the war-torn area, Asayag learned that many Ukrainians were unable to receive medical equipment and other supplies in part because drones (costing between \$50,000 and \$100,000) were frequently shot down. With the help of his professor, Asayag built a more cost-effective drone to assist in humanitarian efforts.



ELISABETH ANKER

CLASS OF 1993

Elisabeth Anker just published her second book, *Ugly Freedoms*. The nonfiction book reckons with the complex legacy of freedom offered by liberal American democracy, outlining how the emphasis of individual liberty has always been entangled with white supremacy, settler colonialism, climate destruction, economic exploitation, and patriarchy. Anker is an associate professor of American studies and political science at The George Washington University. Her research and teaching interests are at the intersection of political theory and cultural studies, with a focus on practices of freedom, violence, and power in U.S. politics and culture. She is also a media contributor on television and regularly discusses current events on Al Jazeera English, Al Jazeera Arabic, CNN, BBC, and other news outlets.



JESUS RAIMUNDI

CLASS OF 1998

Jesus Raimundi III, an Alumni Hall of Famer, assumed a new role as the assistant to the chief of staff, G6 communications director of the Multinational Division Southeast, in Bucharest, Romania. He and his staff are responsible for the management of all communications and information systems supporting the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Multinational Division, which is a Romanian Army Division charged with defending Southern Europe. This unique opportunity leverages the skills he gained throughout his entire career in communications and cyber security management.



RACHEL MASI

CLASS OF 2000

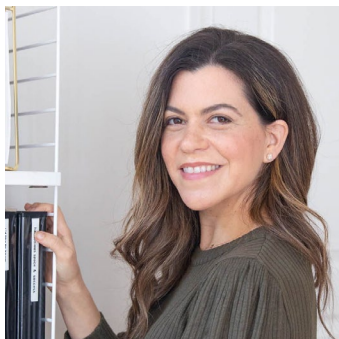
Rachel Masi, Ph.D., is the research director of Sandy Hook Promise and a licensed clinical psychologist. She shared some advice for parents who have students returning to school this fall with Good Morning America. We are grateful to Rachel for tackling this tough topic and sharing her expertise with so many.



ANDREW BALICK

CLASS OF 2000

Andrew Balick serves as executive chef and partner at Tapco Restaurant Group, which includes Tap 42. Andrew personally coordinates all faculty, staff, and alumni gatherings and reunions hosted at his restaurants.



CANDICE BODNER MARCUS

CLASS OF 2000

With a background in corporate design, planning, and custom storage solutions, Candice Bodner Marcus started a home/workplace organization and design company, a practical space, in 2019. The mission of this boutique business is to create ease, enjoyment, and efficiency in her clients' spaces. In 2022, her sister, Danielle Bodner Feldman ('03), joined the company. Danielle's healthcare background and love for product research has been an asset to their clients.



LILLI (STEVENS) SCHIPPER

CLASS OF 1998

Lilli (Stevens) Schipper was recently awarded the 2022 Business Women of the Year Award by the Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. With LoKation Real Estate, she has been recognized as Best Real Estate Agent in Hollywood for 2020, 2021, and 2022 by Our City Media.



GRANT SIEGEL

CLASS OF 2021

Grant Siegel is currently a Redshirt Junior at University of Central Florida and plays the position of pitcher for the Knights.



CLIFFORD PEARL

CLASS OF 1975

Clifford Pearl holds a law degree from the Boston University School of Law and an M.B.A. from the University of Colorado Denver. He retired in 2014 after a 30-year career as a corporate and securities lawyer. He has been married for 33 years and has two children.



JESSICA BENTLEY

CLASS OF 1995

Jessica Bentley joined Ascension Global Technology, a cybersecurity firm in Saint Petersburg, Florida. She was promoted to enterprise director and helps large Enterprise companies with their security posture.



DAVID LANG

CLASS OF 1999

David Lang won a Suncoast Emmy award for his production of *Dwyane Wade: Bigger Than Basketball* in the Sports category of One-Time Special. Lang is currently the executive producer of sports at WPLG-TV in Miami.



ZACHARY MORRISON

CLASS OF 2003

Zachary Morrison's company Tinuiti, one of the nation's largest integrated digital marketing agencies, ranked #1 on Ad Age's Best Places to Work in a 2020 survey. This is the second consecutive year the company placed first in the Large Company Category of 201+ Employees.



EDUARDO HARITON

CLASS OF 2006

Eduardo Hariton and his family relocated to San Francisco, where he started a new position as a clinical fellow in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at the University of California—San Francisco.



NEDA GHOMESHI

CLASS OF 2008

Neda Ghomeshi is Assistant General Counsel II at Ryder System, Inc. where she manages Ryder's commercial litigation and large disputes.



JORDAN GUMBERG

CLASS OF 2014

Jordan Gumberg won the SDC Championship on the European tour in East Cape, South Africa. He started the day three shots off the lead, holed a birdie putt from around 15 feet at the second playoff hole for victory, where he shot 68 in the final round.



RICHARD YEARGIN

CLASS OF 2014

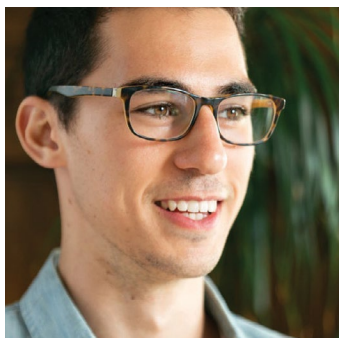
Richard Yeargin earned the 2019 Brian Piccolo Award. This award is given annually to the “most courageous” player in the Atlantic Coast Conference Football season. Yeargin played three seasons at Clemson University before a car accident interrupted his career. Overcoming tremendous obstacles, he returned to football at Boston College this fall as a starter.



ANDREW BOOTH

CLASS OF 2015

Soccer midfielder/defender Andrew Booth was selected by the Minnesota United FC in the fourth round of the Major League Soccer SuperDraft. Booth previously played soccer at Florida International University.



DANIEL BITTON

CLASS OF 2015

Daniel Bitton won the international illustrating contest The Illustrators of the Future. He was recognized at an awards event and will participate in a week long professional workshop. Bitton's artwork will be published in the bestselling science fiction and fantasy anthology series L. Ron Hubbard presents Writers of the Future (volume 36). Bitton's illustrations depict fantastic characters and stories inspired by dreams, myths, and history.



ASHA WEDEMIER-ALLAN

CLASS OF 2016

Asha is a Litigation Associate at Akerman LLP. She earned her law degree from the University of Miami and previously earned the University of Miami's 2020 Vice President's Award for Service.



NASTASSJA LAFONTANT

CLASS OF 2016

Nastassja Lafontant is in her fourth year of a five-year undergraduate architecture program at the University of Southern California. In fall 2019, she was accepted into the Asian Architecture and Landscape Urbanism study abroad program. She is currently working part-time at the landscape architecture firm Studio One Eleven in Long Beach, California, while preparing for her thesis.



MANDEL ILAGAN

CLASS OF 1995

Mandel was named Vice President, Current and Development, Game Shows for Sony Pictures Entertainment. Mandel has been a television executive and producer with years of experience in network and production environments. He has extensive knowledge in the reality and game show genres. Mandel's most recent projects include *Celebrity Jeopardy!* which premiered in September, along with the new *Celebrity Wheel of Fortune* on ABC.



GILLIAN MAYERSOHN

CLASS OF 1998

Gillian Mayersohn was appointed as a Pediatric Psychologist in Solid Organ Transplant at St. Louis Children's Hospital which offers nationally recognized programs for physician training and research. As the pediatric teaching hospital for Washington University School of Medicine, one of the top medical schools in the nation, Gillian also serves as Instructor of Clinical Pediatrics.



MISHA EZRATTI

CLASS OF 1998

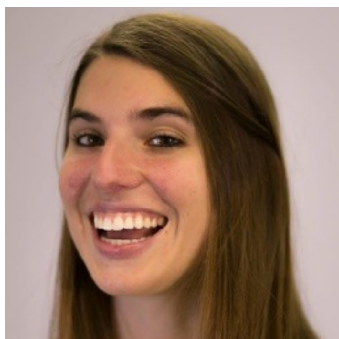
Misha Ezratti, President of GL Homes, one of the nation's largest community and residence builders, has been selected among the prestigious 2018 South Florida Power Leaders. The South Florida Business Journal's exclusive 2018 Power Leaders roster includes the region's top business leaders who are shaping our biggest industries.



SETH GABEL

CLASS OF 1999

Seth Gabel portrayed French poet, playwright, novelist, and art critic, Guillaume Apollinaire, in the second season of *National Geographic's Genius: Picasso*. The second season of this Emmy-award winning show chronicles two periods in the life of Pablo Picasso: the first as a young man first discovering his talent, the second as a celebrated artist struggling with the rise of fascism and the price of fame.



STACI HILL

CLASS OF 2011

After receiving her B.A. from Middlebury College, 2015 and M.A. from St. John's College, Annapolis, 2017, Staci Hill is now a Graduate Research Scientist at Yale University in the Mayer Lab. The Mayer Lab aims to develop a fundamental understanding of chemical reactions, especially those that involve the transfer of both protons and electrons in systems including transition metal complexes, organic molecules, electrocatalysts and colloidal nanocrystals.



ROMAYNE LEVEE

CLASS OF 1982

Romaine is a Partner and the Director of Education Strategy at Mission Minded where she guides schools, colleges, and educational organizations with strategies that increase the impact they have on their students and communities. She has served clients from coast to coast, including San Francisco University High School, Marlborough School in Los Angeles, the University of British Columbia, and Wesleyan University in Connecticut. As the founder of Vistamar School—an independent high school in LA—Romaine was inspired by her University School experience and embedded many of our foundational values into Vistamar's mission. Romaine serves on the Board of Lewis & Clark College where both of her daughters studied, and currently lives with her husband, Tom, in Hermosa Beach, California (less than a mile away from her brother, Cameron '80).



LOGAN PERETZ

CLASS OF 2014

Logan joined Constellation Brands as Global Strategy Manager, where he is responsible for developing, driving, and implementing worldwide growth strategy for the company's Wine & Spirits division. Some of Constellation's brands include favorites like The Prisoner, Robert Mondavi, Corona, Modelo, and High West, among others. After receiving his BA in Political Science, Economics, and Entrepreneurship from Northwestern University with honors, Logan started his career at Deloitte as a Strategy Consultant in their Mergers & Acquisitions practice. He then joined GoHealth, a health tech firm, where he was a key advisor to leadership as Executive Strategy Manager.



DARA SHULMAN

CLASS OF 2004

Dara has worked with children birth through five in various capacities for nearly 20 years. She recently made the career change to serve families as a Postpartum Doula in 2020. She is certified through DONA International and recently completed her certification as a Lactation Counselor via The Academy of Lactation Policy and Practice. She established her own business, New Beginnings With Dara, last year. Her business and practice's mission: to provide emotional and practical support for families with newborns with excellent care, attentive listening, and an open mind. Dara wishes to close the societal gap of how we provide support (or lack thereof) to birthing parents, partners, or any caregiver with a newborn.



ALAN FOREMAN

CLASS OF 1996

Emmy Award winner Alan Foreman has worked on numerous animated television series including Home Movies (Cartoon Network), Word Girl (PBS), Welcome to the Wayne (Nickelodeon), and The Casagrandes (Nickelodeon). Alan just got the green light to direct Baby Shark's Big Movie! for Nickelodeon Animation Studio which will start streaming during the 2023 holiday season. This full-length feature movie is based on the Nick Jr series which was developed off of the children's internet video sensation with the catchy melody of "Baby shark, doo doo doo doo doo doo." The movie will follow Baby Shark and his family as they move to Chomp City, the shark version of New York.



AMANDA KOPELMAN

CLASS OF 2021

In fall of 2022, NSU University School launched the Boston Alumni Chapter. Amanda Kopelman was named the Boston Chapter Chair and will serve as a representative to NSU University School's Office of Alumni Relations. As Chapter Chair, Amanda will be responsible for planning and executing events within the Boston region. Amanda is studying pre-med biomedical engineering at Boston University. For any Boston alumni interested, please follow our Instagram page @uschoolalumniboston.



RICHARD NALLY

CLASS OF 2011

Richard is a Klarman Fellow in physics in the College of Arts and Sciences (A&S) at Cornell University. Nally is a three-year Klarman Postdoctoral Fellow and where he and his peers seek to understand the mathematical structures at the root of gravity and quantum mechanics which blends physics and math to explore string theory.



STEVEN BLATTNER

CLASS OF 2011

Steven was recently appointed Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director at the U.S. House of Representatives. His position assists in the development of policy positions and legislative initiatives and assists in managing the office's legislative staff. After earning his undergraduate degree in Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from University of Miami, he went on to earn his Masters of Professional Studies in Political Management.



SHAWN SNYDER

CLASS OF 1999

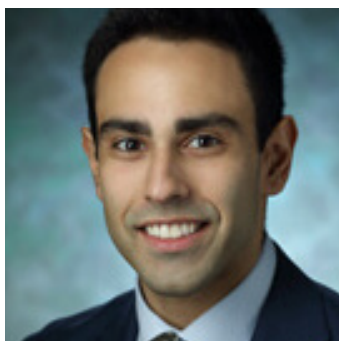
Shawn Snyder's first feature film, *To Dust*, co-written with fellow alumnus, Jason Begue ('05), and starring Matthew Broderick and Geza Röhrig, was released in theaters in early 2019. The film won the Audience Award for Best Narrative at the 2018 Tribeca Film Festival, where Shawn also won the award for Best New Narrative Director.



DAN HERNANDEZ

CLASS OF 2012

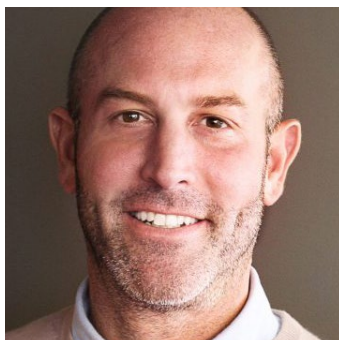
Dan Hernandez will be co-writing *Spaceballs 2* with Josh Gad ('99) and Benji Amit. *Spaceballs 2* is a follow-up to the original comedy that was released in 1987. Dan Hernandez also co-wrote *Pokémon Detective Pikachu* with Benji Samit, bringing the beloved video game franchise to the big screen in live-action for the first time.



NIMA KHAVANIN

CLASS OF 2008

Nima Khavanin is a plastic and reconstructive surgeon who specializes in complex microvascular reconstruction including breast reconstructive surgery and lower extremity reconstruction, as well as gender affirming surgery. After receiving his medical degree from the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Dr. Khavanin completed his residency at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine for plastic and reconstructive surgery, and his fellowship in plastic and reconstructive microsurgery at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.



SETH YANKLEWITZ

CLASS OF 1994

Seth Yanklewitz is an Emmy Nominated Casting Director whose award-winning body of work spans across film and television. After most recently serving as Executive Vice President of Casting and Talent for MGM Film, Television and EPIX Network, Yanklewitz returned to his independent casting roots and formed Yanklewitz/Pollack Casting and his most projects include the first and second season of the Hulu Original Series, *How I Met Your Father*.



ALISSA GINSBERG

CLASS OF 2001

Alissa is the Senior Director of Special Projects at Uncommon Schools. Uncommon Schools is a nonprofit organization that starts and manages outstanding urban public charter schools that close the achievement gap and prepare students in high-poverty, high-need areas to graduate from college. Uncommon currently manages 53 schools serving more than 19,000 K-12 students in six cities: Boston, Camden, New York City, Newark, Rochester, and Troy. Alissa's responsibilities include Strategic Partnerships, Educational Leadership, Teacher Training, Curriculum Design, Program Evaluation, Curriculum Development, and Instructional Design to name a few!



RAQUELLE NEWMAN

CLASS OF 2010

Raquelle Newman will begin her residency at the Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada in Family Medicine in April. Raquelle recently graduated with her M.D. from The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Prior to that, Raquelle earned her Bachelor's Degree in Health Education at the University of Florida.



MAX WOLF

CLASS OF 2016

Max Wolf, with his classmate and co-founder, launched Double Knockout, a tag-team card game built to teach players the fighting game fundamentals and have fun learning. This venture began as the final project for Max and his design partner in his Intro to Game Design class at the University of Southern California. The two saw potential in the project and spent the following year refining and expanding the game, both polishing mechanics and adding new characters.



ERIC JACKOWTIZ

CLASS OF 2008

Eric Jackowitz's band, The Cooties, made their late night television debut on the CONAN late night talk show. The Cooties are a comedy/music group who play to sell-out crowds at Los Angeles clubs and work closely with comic-music star Reggie Watts (the musical director on "*The Late Late Show With James Corden*.") In their performances, this trio features both songs and comedic sketches.



LAUREN FRANCE

CLASS OF 2004

Lauren France is a Senior Vice President at Katz Watson Group which provides expert fundraising and consulting services to political candidates at all levels of the ballot, political action committees, party committees and issue advocacy organizations to meet the growing need for support. The Katz Watson Group, while based in Washington, has extensive national fundraising experience across the United States. Lauren joined Katz Watson in 2007 after graduating from The George Washington University.



ROSS AUERBACH

CLASS OF 1993

Ross Auerbach is a Registrar for The Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, where he manages their art collections and exhibits. The Academy Museum is the world's premier institution dedicated to the art and science of movies located in Los Angeles. It is simultaneously immersive, experimental, educational, and entertaining. More than a museum, this dynamic film center offers unparalleled experiences and insights into movies and movie making.



DANIEL MATZKIN

CLASS OF 2002

Daniel Matzkin currently serves as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Appellate Division, representing the United States in criminal and civil federal cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.



LAURA WEINBERG

CLASS OF 1991

Laura (Shafron) Weinberg was re-elected as Mayor of the City of Golden, Colorado. In 2018 she was named the “Elected Official of the Year” during her second term as City Councilor by Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation.



JULIE RODMAN

CLASS OF 1991

Dr. Julie (Friedman) Rodman currently serves as the Chief of the Broward Eye Care Institute in downtown Fort Lauderdale and is a full-time Associate Professor of Optometry at Nova Southeastern University.



ELLIOT NEWMAN

CLASS OF 1992

Elliot Newman is the CEO and President of Kids Station Toys, Inc. which designs, manufactures, and sells children’s toys, musical instruments, and learning aids both in the United States and internationally.



LUKE KATLER

CLASS OF 2011

Luke Katler is an Independent Theater Producer. His credits include the Broadway hit *Merrily We Roll Along*. Starring Daniel Radcliffe and Jonathan Groff, *Merrily We Roll Along* won 4 Tony awards. Additionally, his Broadway hit *Slave Play* was nominated for 12 Tony awards.



STEFANI ALTMAN ASHBY

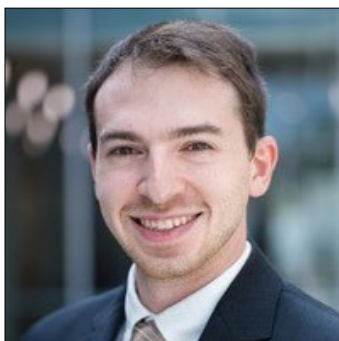
CLASS OF 2002

Dr. Stefani Ashby, MD is a pediatric emergency medicine specialist at Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida.



ALAN FOREMAN CLASS OF 1996 MANDEL ILAGAN CLASS OF 1995

Alan Foreman serves as Supervising Producer on the animated series *The Casagrandes* on Nickelodeon which was nominated for a 2020 Daytime Emmy Award in the category of Outstanding Main Title for an Animated Program. Mandel Ilagan is VP, Unscripted Development at Nickelodeon and his work was nominated for two 2020 Daytime Emmy awards in the category of Outstanding Game Show for his work on *Double Dare* and *Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader*.



NOAH LUBIN

CLASS OF 2011

Noah Lubin graduated from Brown Medical School and later became a General Surgery Resident and Physician at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Noah is now an Emergency Medicine Resident Physician at Broward Health.



SIMONE GARCIA JOHNSON

CLASS OF 2019

Simone Garcia Johnson is an American professional wrestler. She is signed to WWE under the ring name Ava and appears as the on-screen general manager of the NXT brand, making her the youngest on-screen general manager in the company's history.



JEFFREY SCHERMER

CLASS OF 2011

Jeffrey is a Senior Creator at GUT Marketing & Advertising and had previously been a part of the creative team at Walt Disney World constructing innovative solutions and forming new ways to promote and stimulate Disney Parks and Resorts. Working alongside his art direction partner, Schermer is given an objective or problem, is responsible for brainstorming new ways to solve them, and must then present these ideas to leaders of huge partner companies such as Marvel, Pixar, and LucasFilm.



MICHAEL VEERKAMP

CLASS OF 1975

Michael is the founder of Team Imagination, Inc. a full-service entertainment lighting design company for television, film, live theatrical events and themed projects. He and his team utilize the latest in design technology and cutting-edge lighting equipment, to deliver innovative, high-quality and cost-effective designs. A few of his television productions include: ABC's *100,000 Pyramid*, *Minute to Win It* and *Family Game Night*.



GRANT BESNER

CLASS OF 2015

Having completed a degree in computer science from Duke University in 2019, Grant returned to NSU University School as an eighth grade English teacher for one year. He reveled at the challenge of experimenting with new technologies that could instill healthy reading habits and a love of writing in his students.



KELSEY SARDINAS CURTIS, BSN, RN

CLASS OF 2010

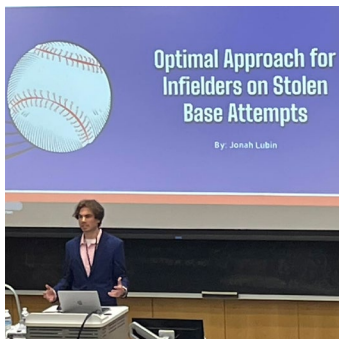
Registered pediatric trauma nurse at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital who has worked on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic up until giving birth to her first son in August.



JENNIFER YARBROUGH DICKENSON

CLASS OF 2000

Currently teaches at J.C. Mitchell Elementary School in Boca Raton and has been teaching elementary school for five years. Like all teachers, Jennifer has found innovative ways to teach during the pandemic and will stop at nothing to keep the spirit of her third graders up. When her school first transitioned to virtual learning in the spring, she called upon her old friend and fellow alumnus, Josh Gad ('99), to brighten the day of her students by Zooming with "Olaf."



JONAH LUBIN

CLASS OF 2011

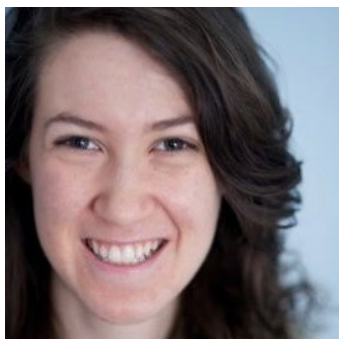
Jonah was one of the three finalists selected to participate in The Carnegie Mellon Sports Analytics Conference. This annual event is dedicated to highlighting the latest sports research from the statistics and data science community.



HILLARY SCHULMAN GUTTIN

CLASS OF 2009

Hillary Guttin was appointed Director of Education at Temple Torat Yisrael in Rhode Island. Hillary has always been involved in Jewish life, starting with junior congregation and Hebrew School. She has a degree from Brandeis University, where she was heavily involved in Hillel and Jewish a capella. In Rhode Island, Guttin has worked at the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island as a Development Associate, and taught Jewish ethics and Hebrew at Torat Yisrael.



JENNA IDEN

CLASS OF 2009

Jenna teaches seventh grade in Westwood, MA. She completed her Masters in Teaching degree in Secondary English Education from Brown University. She graduated from Amherst College in 2013 with a degree in English and music, and immediately moved into the classroom as a teaching associate at Ross School. Previously, she spent time in the classroom as a choral assistant and peer tutor, and spent many summers collaborating with young artists ages 9-13 to imagine, create, and perform original musicals.



TARA LEVINE POLINSKY

CLASS OF 1991

Dr. Tara Levine, MD is an internal medicine specialist in Deerfield Beach, FL and has over 25 years of experience in the medical field. She graduated from the Boston University School of Medicine in 1995. She is affiliated with medical facilities in Boca Raton Regional Hospital and Broward Health North.



ERIC REYES

CLASS OF 2010

Eric is a deputy sheriff at the Broward Sheriff's Office. He was featured on the news for coming to the aid of a homeless woman and her 6-year-old son. He and a fellow officer generously paid for them to stay at a hotel and purchase groceries.



AVI STEIN

CLASS OF 1995

Avi is a commander in the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. He earned his Ph.D. in epidemiology. Prior to his current role as senior program management officer/assistant secretary for preparedness and response, Avi served as an emergency management specialist for six years at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



SAM WEITZNER

CLASS OF 2002

Sam has been teaching for 15 years and is currently teaching seventh grade civics, both in person and virtually, at Lake Highland Preparatory School in Orlando, FL. He also creates extracurricular activities for kids remotely. When the pandemic hit, he was at a special needs school and created a virtual learning platform during spring break to ensure the students completed the year consistently to meet each of their individual needs.



ALEX WEISMAN

CLASS OF 2006

In celebration of Pride month earlier this year, *Sesame Street* shared an episode called “Family Day” that featured a married gay couple of two dads with their daughter. One of the dads is played by NSU University School alumnus, Alex Weisman! This is the first time in its 51-year history, the iconic children’s educational TV show featured a family with two dads and we are so proud Alex could be a part of this milestone episode. We applaud *Sesame Street* creators for launching this important episode and continuing to showcase diversity and inclusion in such a welcoming environment.



AUBREY DUTY-TYSON

CLASS OF 2013

Aubrey Duty-Tyson has been commissioned as a Cyberspace Operations Officer into the United States Space Force. The U.S. Space Force is the 6th independent U.S. military service branch, tasked with missions and operations in the rapidly evolving space domain. He is the Deputy Flight Commander of Operations for the 45th Space Communications Squadron supporting space flight missions and has been stationed at Patrick Space Force Base/Cape Canaveral Space Force Station since 2019. Congratulations to our very own “Guardian” of the Galaxy!



MOLLY GORDON

CLASS OF 2009

As a graduate student in Cell Biology at Johns Hopkins University, Molly successfully defended her PhD thesis entitled “Prevention of Chromosome Instability by Tinkering with a DNA Helicase.” Molly is now a senior scientist at Regel Therapeutics in Oakland, California.



A.J. STEIGMAN

CLASS OF 2004

A.J. Steigman was featured in The Wall Street Journal for winning the 2021 Top Individual Producer Real Estate Agent Award in Atlanta, Georgia for total properties sold. Powered by his Wharton founded VIPX startup, Steignet, he was able to rank #1 out of 12,500+ Atlanta Real Estate agents.



ERIK WAINGARTEN

CLASS OF 2011

Currently, Erik holds an Assistant Professor position at the University of Pennsylvania, where he works to advance the field of computer and information science through his research and teaching. Erik's academic journey includes earning a Ph.D. in Computer Science from Columbia University, studying as a Postdoctoral Researcher at Stanford University, and participating in a fellowship at the Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing. Throughout his career, Erik has received numerous accolades for his work that recognize his prowess and passion for the field of computer science.



PETER JEAN-FRANCOIS

CLASS OF 2008

Peter is an accomplished professional in the field of investment banking and financial advisory. He currently serves as the Vice President of Global Investment Banking at Bardi Co., where he specializes in M&A advisory services, corporate finance, and capital raises for middle market companies. Education and distinction amongst his peers are of high value to Peter; he earned an MBA in Finance from Loyola Marymount University in 2017 and further pursued a Juris Master degree in Corporate & Business Law from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles in 2019.



NSU University School's Alumni Relations program established the NSU University School Alumni Hall of Fame to celebrate alumni who have made exceptional achievements in their field, significant contributions to NSU University School, and/or unique contributions to their communities on a local, state, national or global level.

Andrew Balick

CLASS OF 2000

Lauren Book

CLASS OF 2003

Maya Ezratti

CLASS OF 1994

Seth Gabel

CLASS OF 1999

Josh Gad

CLASS OF 1999

David Goldberg

CLASS OF 1997

Alexander Heckler

CLASS OF 1994

Mandel Ilagan

CLASS OF 1995

Cassandra Josephson

CLASS OF 1986

Ashley Keller

CLASS OF 1997

Tobi Kesanke

CLASS OF 1982

David Lang

CLASS OF 1995

Vernon Lewis

CLASS OF 1982

Tara Levine-Polinsky

CLASS OF 1991

Jennifer Masi

CLASS OF 1994

Awarded Posthumously

Marla Neufeld

CLASS OF 1999

Matthew Pearl

CLASS OF 1993

Keith Poliakoff

CLASS OF 1993

Nicole Prouty

CLASS OF 1994

Captain Jesus Raimundi III

CLASS OF 1998

Eric Reyes

CLASS OF 2010

Kelsey Sardinas Curtis

CLASS OF 2010

Yisroel Schulman

CLASS OF 1981

Avi Jay Stein

CLASS OF 1995

Andrew Tabatchnick

CLASS OF 1979

Tina Tahmassebi

van der Ven

CLASS OF 1997

Scott Weinger

CLASS OF 1993

Shari Lynn Wellen

CLASS OF 1994

Alex Weisman

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Seth Yanklewitz

CLASS OF 1994

Michael Zager

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