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ESB '41

William Taylor sent this update, "After ESB, I graduated from Yale University and then Columbia Medical School. I spent some time in the Navy. I retired as an OB/GYN physician based in Falmouth, Maine forty years ago. I had six children with my late first wife. I currently live in Topsham, Maine. Three of my children live nearby, and I have one son who lives in Los Almos and one in Florida. Since retiring, I met a woman named Maggie at a Windsurfing event. We were married for twenty years. We traveled all along the east coast of the US and also in Oregon. I was the Windsurf champion for the East Coast for my age group. Sadly, Maggie passed away in 2011. I have volunteered in the Dominican Republic as well as the Navajo Reservation, the Shoshone Reservation in Nevada, and at the Penobscot Nation in Maine."

DWIGHT'42

Antoinette Nolan Starr, known as "Tony" or "Burgo" to her family, died at the age of 95 on July 11, 2020. She was predeceased by her husband of 51 years, Edward "Ted" Starr III. Tony left smiles and warmth wherever she went. Her admirers were many, as were her friends. An accomplished horticulturist, she and Ted ran Weldon Nursery in Bryn Mawr for almost 30 years. Tony's generosity never wavered, from volunteering and supporting her favorite charities, sharing her house in Martha's Vineyard, to providing constant snacks for birds and dogs. She is survived by three daughters, Pooh Gephart, Terry Carstensen, and Towney Cunningham. All of her family, including three sons-in-law, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren will miss her tremendously. This notice is from the Main Line Media News.

DWIGHT'46

From the Mercadante Funeral Home & Chapel's website, we learned of the passing of devoted Dwight Alumna class leader, **Marjorie Sherrif Rohde**, "Dr. Marjorie S. Rhode Ph.D., 93 of Spencer, formerly of

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Franklin and New York City, passed away on April 14, 2021, after a period of declining health.

Marjorie was born in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of Lesliy M. and Lois (Wilde) Sherriff. Raised in New Jersey, Marjorie graduated from the Dwight School for Girls and earned her Bachelor's degree, Masters' degree, and Ph.D. from Boston University. Marjorie, sensing a need to serve her country, joined the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, serving proudly as an LTJG. Upon discharge, she met and married Dr. Max S. Rohde and lived in love in the New York City area until Max passed away in 1972. Marjorie then moved to Cape Cod, Attleboro, and the Wrentham areas. She has lived in Spencer for several years. Marjorie practiced psychology with a focus on children. She wrote and published several books and articles for medical magazines while in her practice. Marjorie also bred show dogs while living on Cape Cod with her husband.

She is survived by friends and former patients who loved her dearly: "Marjorie enjoyed reading, writing, gardening, nature, and the woods."

DWIGHT'48

Keats Van Alstyne Smith is doing fine these days surviving the pandemic so far. She is still playing tennis and taught Water Aerobics this past August. Her family has also been well. Since COVID-19, she has not heard from Bobbie, Ray, Robin, Gioia, Jeanne, or Cookie.

Keats was very sad to learn about the passing of Janice Hartman Bernhard. She would love to hear from any classmates via email, kvaspow48@gmail.com.

DWIGHT '49

▶ Jean Reeve Klinges sent in this news, "Since David's retirement in 1991, we have split our time between our Gulfside home in Florida and our senior residence in Bethlehem, PA. Not in the best shape, but doing fine."

ESB'54

Richard Klinger sent the following note entitled 'Reborn as Granpa Rappa':

I have had long and gratifying careers as a lawyer (Asst. Attorney-General of Montana, enforcing state environmental laws), producer (Jane Fonda Workouts, tv-series, one movie, music), musician (various lounges in NYC, Cafe Carlyle, etc), and equity (panelist on L.A. County Equity Oversight Panel, judges discrimination cases in the County workforce). I never thought I would be a rapper at 83... In fact, I don't like most rap music. But, shortly after my beloved wife of 48 years died, I began having strange experiences in a pattern. Sometimes (actually not often), after breakfast, I would get have words just coming into my head and a compulsion to write them down (that was strange enough), and when I finished, it was a poem...no second thoughts, no editing, all there. These were sad poems reflecting my sense of loss. As I said, not often, maybe three or four times a year. A couple of months ago, I got that "feeling" again and wrote down the words coming through me. It was poetry, but as I looked at it, I could see that it was a rap lyric. It needed a very little tweaking, and it became, "No Time to Fuss," my first rap, about climate change. Then, that was followed by, "Wear A Mask." That will be my next music video. I think I have a knack for this, and nobody could be more surprised than I am. Now I see rap as a good platform for social issues, and the aspect of an 84-year-old white guy doing rap adds a novelty appeal perhaps. I just launched VOTE (my third rap and first music video) on Wednesday and I'll see if anybody likes it. If it gets even one person who would not have voted to do so, I will have succeeded. I think my former English teacher at ESB, Fred Hutchins, one of the best people I've ever known and an extraordinary teacher, would be proud of me. https://www.youtube. com/watch?v=gep5DdkBaG0

DWIGHT '56

Park, Fl wrote, "My heart is broken, my grandson, age 28, died suddenly in June 2020. It was a really terrible shock. I am still active in the Red Hat lunch group, and my card-playing friends are meeting again. I enjoyed my annual phone visit with Bobbi Shannon Anderson. We always talk like it was just yesterday [that we last] saw each other."

DWIGHT'57

Natalie Beaumont was recently recorded at a showcase of numerous dances with instructors or couples in June for the publicity of Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Tenafly. Natalie danced the Viennese waltz with Instructor Jorge.

DWIGHT '61



"The Class of '61 came out, 29 strong, for our 60th reunion, courtesy of COVID and Zoom. It felt a bit like senior study with people popping in and out, chatting around the screen. Some struggled with technology. Some juggled other commitments and different time zones, but we happily kept talking, sharing, and listening with our matching yellow Dwight hats and drinks in hand proud. Susie Stellar worked with the alumnae office on a montage of vintage photos and yearbook clips. Then each of us shared our thoughts on the joys in our life, what's on our bucket list, and something the rest of us may not know. There were lots of mentions of children, grandchildren, and even great-grandchildren, travel, moving on, and just staying put. But, Gale's victory in Peoples' Court, Linda's art gallery, and Patty's ankle tattoo stood out! A recurring theme was resilience. Everyone agreed the best part was seeing each other and sometimes getting to know our classmates in a different way. The truth is: we all looked fabulous!

At the end of the reunion, we took a few minutes to remember those classmates who have died over the years: Edna O'Brien Bonsal, Jane Merkle Borden, Sandra Grant Brackett, Gail Lucarelli Castle, Judy Eastwood Collins, Roberta Hertzler Emptage, Lois Caporaso Fink, Elizabeth Lorentzen Kowalchyk, Nida Jayne Lupatin, Abby Howd MacDonald, Karel Polch, and Elizabeth Cohon West.

Those at the reunion: Linda Klein Babel, Bitsy Becton Bacon, Tina Hesse Bepler, Connie Cardasis, Anne Cassebaum, Karin deVries, Sandy Simonson Deville, Karen Lane Fierstein, Gale Hamilton, Alex Williams Hawley, Jerry Fooshee Hesse, Mary Ursillo Holmlund, Connie Schuster Lavine, Susan Meisel Levine, Patty Buhler MacBain, Peggy Kissam Morris, Edie Myers, Jenifer Robinson-Cox Parkinson, Patty Thomson Russell, Toni Fitzhugh Smith, Leila Joyner Smith, Linda Davenport Spire, Susie Stellar, Arline Conan Sutherland, Sheppy von Roth Vann, Peggy Fehskens Walther, Donna Dederick Ward, and Adele Hall Zachrisson." Thank you to Leila for this summary of the virtual 60th Reunion!



Jeralea "Jerry" Fooshee Hesse recently spent a week down the Jersey shore. Her dear friend and former classmate Pat Thomson Russell spent three days with Jerry and Jerry's dog at the beach condo. They were able to enjoy a good old-fashioned reunion! Jerry lives in Hamden, CT and her husband of 33 years, Dr. Robert Levine sadly passed away on February 21, 2021.

DWIGHT '62



Perry Palmer had lunch this past June with Director of Alumni Relations Maria Sanchez Gardner '78 in Brunswick, ME. After lunch, they visited Perry's beautiful home. They discussed some ideas for the Dwight Class of 1962's sixtieth reunion next June. Stay tuned for more details.

DWIGHT '62 & ESB '61



Adrienne Milton Ferrell and her family visited with Lauriel Chenet Zimmermann and Karl Zimmerman '61 in June. They were able to tour the campus. Pictured here are Adrienne, Laurel, and the Director of Alumni Relations and Giving, Maria Sanchez Gardner '78. The group left with the respective Dwight and ESB baseball caps provided by the alumni office.

Laurel and Karl shared recently that they wore their caps all summer long out at their summer home in Martha's Vineyard, MA.

Reppin D-E in MA! Hats on!

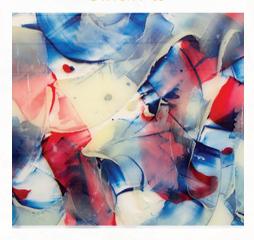


DWIGHT'64



Lesley Gore was posthumously inducted into the New Jersey Hall of Fame Class of 2021. Lesley was honored for her singer, songwriter, actress, and activist roles in the Performing Arts. The 13th annual induction ceremony will be held virtually and set to be broadcast on My9NJ on Oct. 16, with other airings later in the month via NJPBS, radio, and social media outlets. Lesley sadly passed away in February 2018 at the age of 68 years.

DWIGHT '65



Description: My view of red white and blue Type: Oil on Transparent Acrylite Artist: Danielle Frankenthal D'65

Danielle Frankenthal is having a solo show at Mizuma and Kips Gallery in NYC in 2022 and has a new representation at Waterhouse and Dodd gallery in NYC as well. Dwight Englewood alumni are always welcome to visit her studio in Jersey City. The photo exhibited here is for Danielle's piece, which she donated to the school in celebration of the 50th Reunion of the Dwight Class of 1965 in 2015. For further details about

Danielle, her work, and her upcoming shows, please go to daniellefrankenthal.com.

DWIGHT'69

Recently, **Dr. Roxanne Daleo** was honored to win for her video art submission: The Way of the Leaf by The Massachusetts Coalition for Suicide Prevention (MCSP). This coalition is on a mission to prevent suicide through statewide advocacy. Robin's submission was in response to the MCSP's call for artists, musicians, and writers to answer their question:

"What improves your mental health?", using creative avenues for protective factors (such as mindfulness, exercise, presence in nature) that build up resilience to stress, promoting one's hope, well-being, and social connectedness. The pandemic has challenged us for more than a year.

Here is the link to Roxanne's video: "The Way of the Leaf" https://youtu.be/6LZ9Z4W3XBE

Additional information about Roxanne and her practice is taken from her website:

www.drroxannedaleo.com.

"Renowned clinician, leader, and pioneer in Health Psychology, Dr. Roxie has an unwavering passion for helping children discover their inner resources and realize their own self-worth.

As a counselor in Pediatric Stress Management, she specializes in anxious children and parent coaching. Her training from Harvard University and the Jung Institute combine evidence-based mind/body techniques with expressive arts and anchors her work in one of the most powerful methods for awakening natural healing within.

"Her ground-breaking work as Founder of MindWorks for Children provides parents, caregivers, and children with alternative solutions to alleviate stress and anxieties. Her use of art, music, guided imagery, and meditation programs allow children to access their own internal source of strength, love, and innate gifts."

ESB'72

Sam "Phil" Goldman died from cancer on Thursday, August 19, 2021.

Sam Goldman (while at ESB he was known as Phil Goldman -- his nickname back then "Flip") was once part of a group of "rock star" chefs with **Anthony** "Tony" Bourdain'73 - their stories formed the basis of Tony's book *Kitchen Confidential* and subsequent stories on Tony's television program

D-E'73

Check out *Roadrunner*, a documentary film about the late Anthony Bourdain.





Peggy Sue Feldman Verhoof passed away on June 22, 2021. Peggy leaves her husband Hans, three daughters, Rebecca "Becki", Alyssa, and Jennifer as well as several grandchildren. Peggy was the sister of John Feldman ESB '67 and the late James "Jim" Feldman ESB '70. She was the daughter of the late Ned Feldman and the late Bunny Feldman. Peggy's father, Ned Feldman, was the former Englewood Mayor, past member of the Three School Foundation (1968-1977), ESB Board of Trustees (1962-1971) where he served as treasurer of the Board of Trustees (1965 to 1970, and the Dwight-Englewood School Board of Trustees (1974 to 1978). He was a proponent of the merger in 1973 of Dwight and ESB and was part of the leadership team in helping make the merger a reality. Please contact the alumni office if you would like to contact the family. Rest in Peace Peggy. You will be missed, but never forgotten.

D-E '75

- Steve Gellman writes, "Happily married for 39 years to my wife Kathy! We met in college (University Of Miami). We've been living in Stamford, Connecticut for the past 31 years with our Labrador Clancy & Parrot Princess. Both of us have had careers in advertising & video post-production. I currently work for CBS HQ (CBS sports streaming service). Previously I've worked at WWE (an interesting 12 years with them!), HBO, Showtime, J Walter Thompson Advertising, Hallmark Channel & Revolt (The Breakfast Show) among others. Some of the events I've worked on include The Super Bowl, Masters, NCAA Basketball tournament, various Wrestlemanias, and WWE PPV's. XFL Championship game, and the Stanley Cup playoffs."
- Peter Terenzio has retired and is living with his wife Amanda in Naples, Florida. He is staying very active walking, bike riding, and swimming as well as learning to play golf. He invites any of his fellow classmates to get in touch with him if they are visiting the area.

D-E '76 & D-E '77



Back row: Evan Sachs, Rachel Sussman, and Robin Rosenberg

Rachel Sussman wrote on her Facebook page that she met up for an incredibly joyful reunion of D-E friends in southern Florida this past May. She caught up with Robin Rosenberg Regensburg '76 and Evan Sachs '76 with their significant others. They had a fantastic time sharing food, beverages, and dysfunctional childhood stories. Amazing memories. Love to all!

D-E '78



- Joanne Graf, Linda Reiter, and Maria Sanchez Gardner got together in July for dinner at Linda's beautiful home in Englewood Cliffs, NJ. Fun evening catching up and sharing old stories of D-E! Linda's new puppy, Maggie May, joined in the festivities.
- Andrew "Andy" Wedeck and James "Jim" Frank got together recently for the first time in many decades. They caught up on their families and lives.

D-E'79

Prediction of Skolnik sent in this update, "Life is full! Bradley Skolnik' 18 is home for the summer with his new puppy, Ghost. Michael's daughter brought a beautiful new soul, Matteo, into this world and we are now grandparents?! Work is exciting as I presented at two national conferences this year on the Athlete Triad, a syndrome of underfueling, hormonal dysregulation, and poor bone health. Juilliard, The School of American Ballet, and the Women's Sports Medicine Center at HSS have all done amazing jobs of continuing care through the pandemic, and this has kept me busy. I had fun appearing on a Good Morning America segment talking about what's

new on the menu at Subway! My pandemic endeavor, aside from various attempts at banana bread, was two virtual art classes. Rewarding to tap into old passions and explore."



Dan Davis met up with former classmates Dan Veru and Rob Linder recently for dinner in Tenafly, NJ.

D-F '80



Rose Byron McSween sent in a photo with this note: "Nancy Jaicks and I checked on each other almost every week throughout the pandemic and were finally able to be reunited at Nancy's home on Shelter Island. Nancy was my 7th-grade teacher, my teaching mentor when I taught at D-E, my inspiration as I completed my doctoral degree, and she is my dearest lifelong friend. We had a fabulous time together."

D-E '82



- We spotted a recent post on Facebook of Patricia "Pat" Arlin Bradley, Steven Freesman, and Matthew Kaplan in front of D-E as they stopped on one of their frequent walks "together." Looks like they are planning their 40th reunion next in June 2022!
- From a recent press release about **Todd Ehrlich**, "The 64th New York Emmy Nominations included two nominations for WCBS TV's Broadcast of the 18th Annual Tunnel to Towers Special:

Who: Todd Ehrlich – Executive Producer WCBS TV. What: Two 2021 New York Emmy Nominations. What: "The 18th Annual Tunnel to Towers Special" was nominated in the preeminent category of Best News Special.

About: The Best News Special category honors excellence in coverage of a one-time-only, significant, newsworthy event. The Tunnel to Towers special covered the live race on September 29, 2019. New Yorkers and people from around the world come together to support the foundation and participate in the run. There were in excess of 25,000 people retracting the footsteps of Stephen Siller's historic run on 9/11 where he sacrificed his life-saving thousands during the September 11th rescue efforts. The race is the biggest fund-raising event of the year and funds the building of smart homes for catastrophically wounded soldiers. They also pay off the mortgages for families of fallen first responders who die in the line

of duty. The stories of the Siller family and all those they help are a testament to the best of the inside of all of us.

Vimeo Link: https://vimeo.com/505716596

What: The feature "Operation Smart Home Surprise"

About: The feature was nominated in the Military category for excellence in news or journalistic coverage of military-related topics. Reporter Alex Denis went along with the Critical Injured Service Members as they set out to retrace Sillers path from the tunnel to where the Twin Towers once stood on 9/11. Scott Nokes, a smart home recipient, was surprised at the starting line by his commander, Major Vincent Thompson, who joined him on the run. Their bond was evident from their first surprise interaction on the start line and the race was an emotional voyage down memory lane for the pair. Nokes is the first visually impaired service member to receive a smart home from the Tunnel to Towers foundation. Vimeo Link to Feature: https://vimeo. com/364078132

Executive Producer: Todd Ehrlich has now received 22 Emmy Nominations including the one for the show and feature. He has won 4 Emmys in his career. The Emmy Awards are slated for late September.

D-E'85

Dr. Chwen Yuen "Angie" Chen from the American College of Physicians (ACP),

Philadelphia (2021) – Chwen Yuen A. Chen, MD, FACP, FASAM, has been named Governor of the California Northern Chapter of the American College of Physicians (ACP), the national organization of internists. The Board of Governors is an advisory board to the Board of Regents and implements national projects in addition to representing members at the national level.

Dr. Chen, of Stanford, CA, is an internist with board certification in Addiction Medicine at Stanford University where she is Clinical Associate Professor. (Continued next page.) She attended medical school at the University of California Davis. Dr. Chen received post-doctoral training at the University of California Davis, California Pacific Medical Center, and Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. She became a Fellow of ACP (FACP) in 2013. Fellowship is an honorary designation that recognizes ongoing individual service and contributions to the practice of medicine.

Governors are elected by local ACP members and serve four-year terms. Working with a local council, they supervise ACP chapter activities, appoint members to local committees, and preside at regional meetings. They also represent members by serving on the ACP Board of Governors.

Dr. Chen previously held positions as past president and treasurer of the California Northern ACP chapter. In 2019, Dr. Chen was honored with ACP's Well-being Champion award. Along with her participation in ACP, she is also a Board Member of the CA Society of Addiction Medicine, serving as Chair of Communications and Editor of CSAM News. In addition to her work with Stanford University, Dr. Chen is passionate about her advocacy work pertaining to physician wellbeing and education around substance use disorders, such as the current opioid epidemic and alcohol use disorders.

D-E '87

- have joined a great group at AstraZeneca, taking the position of Vice President, Head of Infectious Diseases, Clinical Development. We have a recent publication in the Lancet describing the safety of our COVID Vaccine. We are approaching a half-billion doses distributed across more than 100 countries, and we're not going to stop until everyone has the chance to be protected."
- Michael Leiter as Former Director at National Counterterrorism Center discussed at length the topic of Ransomware on CNN's The Lead with Jake Tapper in May 2021. Michael currently serves on D-E's Board of Trustees.

D-E '88



In late July, Faculty and MS Dean Liz Traub surprised Jennifer Grodberg when she knocked on her door in North Boulder, CO. That day they went on a hike in Left Hand Canyon. It was so much fun catching up with her, seeing the beautiful scenery, and hiking with her dogs.

D-E '93



Paola Lefcovich Comer has "retired" from her position at Santander US as the Senior Director, Head of Commercial Banking & Enterprise Payments PMO as she is to be mindful as a full-time mother. She and her husband Stephen Comer attended a Santander US reunion and are pictured here rocking out with Guns N' Roses. The Comers currently reside in North Reading, MA with their daughter Mila.

D-E '94



The Jeser family requested we share the obituary notice for the late Michael Jeser: "The Jeser family has lost its king, its hero. On Shabbat, Va'etchanan Michael lost his four-year battle with Esophageal Cancer. He leaves his much loved and adored wife, his Malka, Laura, and the four-year-old light of his life, Eleanore. He will be greatly missed by his brothers, his partners-in-crime, Marc and Dave '91, his sisters-in-law, Elizabeth and Lisa, and his fourteen nephews and nieces. His parents, Faye and Paul, will never fully recover from losing their baby, their hero, and their most special mensch. From a very young age, Michael had a special relationship with Judaism and Israel. His very first trip (of many) to Israel was when he was minus two months old (when Faye was seven months pregnant). He was a graduate of the JCC pre-school in Orlando and elementary school at the Moriah School in Englewood, NJ. During High School (Dwight Englewood) he participated in the March of the Living traveling to Poland and then to Israel. After graduating from the University of Arizona, he spent a year in Israel on Project Otzma, where he taught English and led after-school programs in immigrant neighborhood schools in Shar Hanegev. In 2004, he received Double-Masters

degrees from USC (Social Work) and HUC (Jewish Communal Service). As a member of the Jewish Communal Service, Michael's professional experience included being part of the staff at the Metrowest Jewish Community Center & Camp Deeny Riback, NJ, Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston, and the Jewish Community Center at Milken, Los Angeles. He was the highly successful and greatly respected Director of the Real Estate & Construction Division and Director of the Geller Leadership Project for the LA Jewish Federation. Michael was the Executive Director of USC Hillel and the Jewish World Watch. In 2015, Michael was appointed Director of Annual Campaign and the Life and Legacy program for the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, OR. For the past three years, Michael has been the CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater San Diego. The love for Michael has shown itself in many ways. The support given to him by the SD Federation's leadership and staff has been beyond any expectations. When Michael decided to run a GoFundMe campaign to provide support for Laura and Eleanore, over 1,400 people responded! There have been over one thousand personal emails and comments on the many Facebook streams which announced his passing. As one close family friend wrote, "there are more tears than words." As his cousin from Israel wrote, "Michael, who gave you permission to leave?" One of Michael's 'happy places' was Camp Tevya, NH, where he attended from an early age through college when he was appointed Boy's Head Counselor. His other 'happy places' included rooting for the Jets and Celtics, going to Disneyland, whale and eagle watching, going to the movie theater and eating popcorn, drinking with his brothers and close friends, and, most of all, sitting on the couch with Laura and Eleanore watching his favorite TV shows and movies. May Michael's memory forever be a blessing." Please contact the alumni office if you would like to contact the Jeser family.

D-E '96

Marisa Pizarro was named this past December as one of Billboard's Women In Music '20 for her work with Justin Bieber and Jhené Aiko and for launching DefJam Philippines in 2021. Congratulations Marisa!



Joy Tolliver recently started a new job at Monroe College as the Vice President of Government Relations and General Counsel. In her previous position, she served as General Counsel for Essex County Community College and has spent much of her career fighting for equal access to education for poorly served urban districts. Joy was the 2021 D-E Cum Laude Keynote Speaker this past April.

This photo is taken from the 2021 Cum Laude Ceremony, which Joy was the Keynote Speaker.



This June, Rebecca "Becca" Bonagura married Jack Lape in their backyard in Bozeman, Montana along with her dog Hooch, who decided to dress up for the occasion. They were also joined by Becca's twin, Elizabeth "Lizzy' Bonagura DeWees, and her family, as well as lifelong best friend and D-E classmate, Nicole Drapkin Schaffer. Becca is a Managing Director and leader in EY's Legal Managed Services practice. Becca and Jack reside in Chicago IL

and they look forward to celebrating again with more of their friends and family in a post-pandemic world.



Richard Taveras and his family were visiting Mitch Toda and his wife Christina at their home in Minneapolis. They typically visit each other once/ twice per year. Richard is in the process of founding a cold storage third-party logistics company, and his wife Shana is the founder of Blackout Baking Co. They are shown in these photos at a hiking trail near the Toda's home.

From right to left: James (Richard's son, 4) then Yuki and Jackson (Mitch's sons - 7 and 4, respectively). Second-generation best buds!





Blake Grannell and his wife Nicole are incredibly excited to announce the birth of Romy Mackenzie Grannell who was born on June 18, 2021. She has already brought so much joy into their lives. Blake is an Account Director for Aquent based in the Greater New York City area.



Hannah Jaicks is the NSF Grant Manager for Idaho State University since April 2021. In this role, she supervises professors, graduate students, and postdocs under a National Science Foundation seed grant to build a new multi-university research program and consortium evaluating the impacts of social and environmental change on rural communities.

She has also been the Program Director Future West in Bozeman, Montana since March 2017. Future West explores how communities can lead the way in demonstrating that growth and change if done thoughtfully, can enhance these Western communities, sustain robust economies, and conserve the natural environment.



- Masha Lavie and Slavik Shkolnik were married on June 13, 2021. The ceremony followed by a reception was held at Masha's parents' home in Englewood Cliffs. Masha works at KPMG Marketing Consulting. Slavik is an accountant, specializing in nonprofit organizations. The newlyweds honeymooned in Hawaii for three weeks. D-E classmates Anton Zabludovsky and Greg Elek were in attendance.
- Leslie Merinoff was featured as a "Front Burner" in an article by Florence Fabricant for the NYTimes on August 4, 2021. The article reports on the distillery, Matchbook Distilling Company, that she helped found three years ago in Greenport, NY. The experimental distillery is a small, but a diversified operation that obtains ingredients from nearby farms and food companies. Go to mdcdropshop.com for more details.



Rebecca Shlien Sheehan, her husband, and their children recently had a summer luncheon with Carole DeVito and Pasquale DeVito and their grandchildren.



Timo Stavrou-Wilson and his wife Ashley welcomed a son Leonidas on November 16, 2020.



Alan Glick and his wife Danielle are proud to announce the birth of their first child. Hudson Irving Glick was born on March 31st, 2021 in New York City.

D-E '07

From a Linkedin post we learned that:

Marc Hajjar is excited to announce that he will be joining the team at Hodinkee, Inc. as part of their new insurance offering. It's innovative for the industry, offering a tech-forward customer experience to insure vintage & high-value watches. It's a departure from the art world, auction houses, and trust & estates, "I'm ready for a new challenge in my career (though I will always love collecting and learning about art, and museum visits)." He appreciated the experience and relationships built both internally & externally

at his last position at Phillips Auctioneers. He looks forward to the next chapter.





▶ Erica Sellers and her design partner, Jeremy, conducted a Zoom visit with Young Visionaries in D-E 360° Summer Connections program in July.

Erica is a co-founder of Studio S II, a product and interior design studio based in Brooklyn, NY that expresses distinctive style through provocative, cinematic furniture, objects, and environments. She holds a BFA in Industrial Design from RISD and has a decade of experience in the international fine art world. Her expertise includes 3D modeling, tech pack, fabrication development, and prototype creation.

Erica was recently a contestant on Ellen DeGeneris' design show. Check out the trailer on HBO MAX. So proud of all your accomplishments, Erica. We look forward to seeing you and your work on campus soon.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CdSkQigBg-s

D-E '11



Sehun "Justin" Kim just graduated this May from Harvard Business School (Class of 2021), and he has moved to San Francisco! Justin is an HBS 2021-2022 Leadership Fellow and will be working on the Impact Investing at Social Finance. He was previously an emerging markets private equity investor at IFC Asset Management Company of the World Bank Group.

He was in NJ in early June and was able to catch up with a few classmates including **Tina Chang** and **Justin Chang** '14 as well as D-E's Director of Summer Programs 360° Sherronda Brown and former faculty Jane Park (pictured here).

Tina is an RFP Associate at Capital Group and lives in New York City and Jason is a software engineer at Circle.

D-E '12



(From left to right) Minkyu Kim '11, Debbie Rivera Murphy '11, Kristi Lee '12, Seung Chang '02, and Hojun Lee '17

Nisti Lee married Tae Won You in Closter, NJ on Saturday, June 19, 2021. The newlyweds live in Fort Lee, NJ. Kristi is a teacher at the Chapin School in NYC, and Tae is a recruiter at a pharmaceutical company in Piscataway called Legend Biotech. They met at a Buddhist temple in Tappan, NY back in 2014, and they had been friends for a while before they started to date. Due to COVID, they filed their marriage in November 2020 and finally got to celebrate with everyone in Closter in June.

They had a lovely ceremony and had a mini D-E reunion which included Kristi's younger brother **Hojun Lee** '17, her cousin **Seung Chang** '02, and

two of her good friends Minkyu Kim '11 and Debbie Rivera Murphy '11. Debbie's baby son was the ring-bearer, and Debbie also made a speech at their wedding.



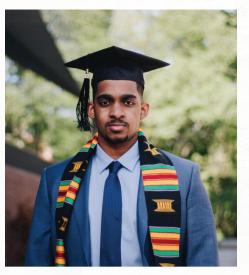
Elizabeth "Lizzy" Weinstein married Michael Lax on Saturday, May 15, 2021, at the Inn at Fernbrook in Chesterfield, New Jersey. This D-E alumni couple resides in Long Island City, NY. Michael's father, Fred Lax '79, his brother Harry Lax '14 and his cousin Danny Lax '24 were in attendance along with several other alumni. Professionally, Michael works as a Software Engineer at Brigade Capital Management, and Lizzy is in training to become a psychologist at Hofstra University's Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program. Congratulations!

D-E '16

Aaron Gates has been accepted into West Virginia University School of Medicine Class of '25. Congratulations Aaron!



May 2021 for the AP Environmental Science Class at D-E. Thank you so much for sharing your advice and story with D-E students, Katie!



Congratulations to Adrian Evans IV who graduated this past spring Magna Cum Laude from the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Arts in Africana Studies!



Elliot Roman's orchestral composition entitled Tzirklshpitz has recently won a 2021 BMI Student Composer Award. The piece was one of six winning works out of several hundred applications. You can read more about it here: https://www.bmi.com/award-shows/sca-2021/ Kudos Elliot!

Editor's Note: Here is Elliot's bio from the BMI.com website, "Elliot Roman (b. 1999) is a multifaceted composer, pianist, flutist, and conductor. His compositions have won prizes around the world, and he has received commissions from ensembles such as the American String Quartet. Elliot played in the New York Youth Symphony on both flute and piano, performing at Carnegie Hall and

touring in Spain. He has premiered works by other composers in programs such as the Carnegie Hall 2019 "Migrations" Festival. Elliot co-founded the Claremont Chamber Orchestra and serves as its artistic director and conductor. Elliot is a graduate student at the Manhattan School of Music, where he also received his undergraduate degree and was a recipient of the Jay Rubinton Scholarship."

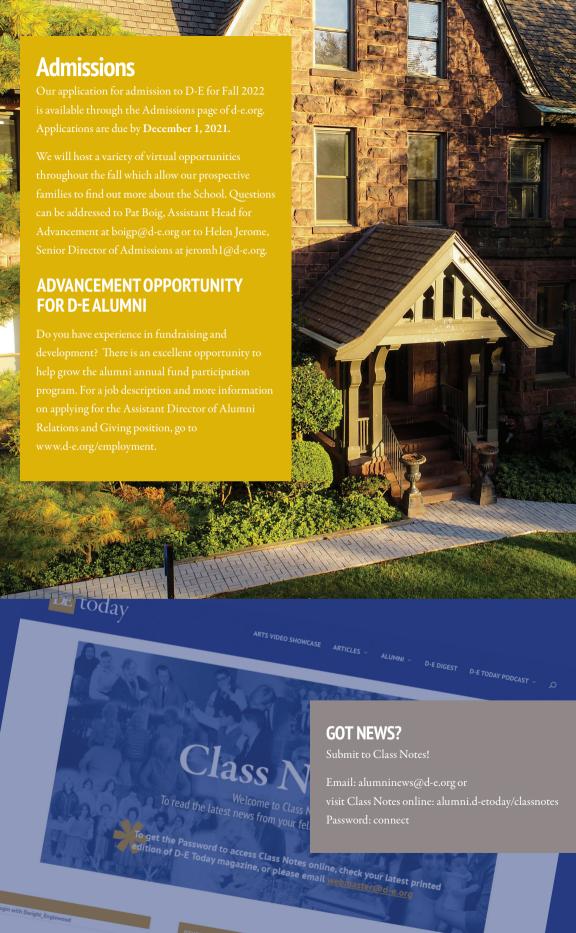
D-E '21

▶ **Jay Sobers** was honored with the Princeton Prize in Race Relations this past May. Wow, what an impressive accomplishment for one of our newest alumni. All the best at Cornell University.



Annual Alumni-Faculty Party

Stay tuned for details on the Annual Alumni-Faculty Party to be held in January 2022 at the home of an alumna in Englewood.



In Memoriam

Dwight-Englewood School notes with regret the passing of the following members of the extended Dwight School, Englewood School for Boys, and Dwight-Englewood School family. Every effort is made to include members of our community who have passed away as we are made aware of their death. Please forward information to the Alumni Office at alumninews@d-e.org or to your Class Representative.

ALUMNI/ALUMNAE

DWIGHT 1939

Virginia McFalls Barker 6/14/2020

DWIGHT 1940

Anne Lyon Klopman 5/10/2020

DWIGHT 1942

Antoinette Nolan Starr 7/11/2020

Sister of the late Thomas Nolan ESB '41; Aunt of Thomas Nolan ESB '66, Katherine Nolan D'68, and the late John Nolan ESB '71 (See Class Notes on P. 1)

DWIGHT 1943

Marion Lebson Prigoff 6/3/2021 Sister of the late

Sister of the late Joan Lebson Bildner D '49

DWIGHT 1946

Dr. Marjorie Sherriff Rohde 4/14/2021 (See Class Notes on P. 1)

DWIGHT 1952

Eve Lloyd Thompson 10/13/2020

ESB 1955

Alex Nebolsine 5/25/2020

ESB 1972

Phillip 'Sam' Goldman 8/19/2021 (See Class Notes on P. 5)

D-E 1974

Peggy Feldman Verhoof 6/22/2021

Sister of John Feldman ESB '67 and the late Jim Feldman ESB '70 (See Class Notes on P. 5)

D-E 1977

Steven Minskoff 5/27/2021

D-E 1979

Isabelle De Cordier

7/20/2021 Sister of Viviane De Cordier Giangola '81

D-E 1994

Michael Jeser 7/24/2021

Brother of Dave Jeser '91 (See Class Notes on P. 9)

D-E 2009

Mark Richman

5/22/2021 Brother of Michael Richman '06

FORMER FACULTY AND STAFF

Johanna Garfield 8/5/2021

English teacher at Dwight and Dwight-Englewood School from 1972 to 1978(See sidebar)

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Joan Brooks 5/25/2021

Mother of Mary Brooks Puckett D '71, Ann Brooks Martin D '73, and Joan Brooks Emerson '77; wife of the late former Dwight and D-E trustee Beniamin Brooks

Dr. Joseph Buda 6/3/2021

Father of Adrienne Buda Anderson '85 and Joseph Buda '79; father-in-law of Christopher Anderson '81; grandfather of Katherine Anderson '17 and Amelia Anderson '20

Bette Lou Katzman 8/25/21

Mother of Dana Katzman-Spett '84

Nancy Serpico 6/10/2021 Mother of Lana Serpico '24

Frederick Stoever 5/29/2021

Father of Roland Stoever '79; uncle of Ali Stoever '98 and the late Cheryl Stoever '01

FORMER FACULTY REMEMBRANCES

Johanna Garfield

"Jo Garfield taught English at Dwight-Englewood. She also directed a great musical with her colleague Barbara Langton. I knew her through my husband, Pasquale DeVito, who taught with her in the Middle School. She was an avid reader, a discerning collector of art, a benefactor of The Youth Symphony, a gracious hostess, and a loving mother and grandmother. We spent many a time at her house in the Berkshires, attending concerts at Tanglewood, where she hosted preconcert picnics. She also hosted New Year's Eve parties at her townhouse in New York that were legendary. Jo and her husband, Les, collected prints, at first focusing on German Expressionism, and then expanding, lately to Provincetown Prints. You never knew when Jo would sit down at the piano and entertain with witty selections of music from the American Songbook. She was an adventurous traveler to the end, recently visiting Argentina with student musicians. We are diminished by her loss."

-Carole DeVito, Former Chair, History Department

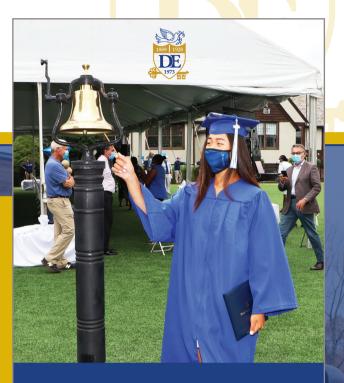
"The pandemic shut-down during a good part of 2020 afforded me the luxury of renewing an epistolary friendship with Johanna Garfield. She and I were English teaching colleagues at D-E from 1973 to 1978. One of my fondest memories of Johanna was the workshop production at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI, of my musical based upon Truman Capote's short novella The Thanksgiving Visitor. Johanna and Les drove up from Manhattan to Newport to see the show, an incredibly meaningful, supportive, and affirming gesture for which I have remained eternally grateful. I'm hoping I may have saved in a folder some of her email correspondence to me, reflecting her sharp intellect, her keen wit, and her theatrical spirit. Johanna and I are of a generation that wrote more than sound-bytes. We wrote letters. Remembering Johanna fondly and with love."

 Submitted by Albert H. Black, former English teacher

D-E Heritage Club:

SMART ESTATE PLANNING AND STRATEGIC GIFT OPTIONS

challenging times for us all. However, one thing that has held true - and is being demonstrated again - is the generosity and philanthropic spirit of the D-E community. As we help one another with our charitable giving, it makes sense to consider the tax-saving gift strategies that are timely for the current economic climate and to look to the future in terms of financial and charitable opportunities - including through our estate plan. We know it can be difficult to plan during times of uncertainty, and we are here to help.



Smart Charitable Planning for Uncertain Times

Making a planned gift is a wonderful way to show your support and appreciation for D-E and its mission while accommodating your own personal, financial, estate-planning, and philanthropic goals. With smart planning, you may actually increase the size of your estate and/or reduce the tax burden on your heirs. Just as important, you will know that you have made a meaningful contribution to D-E.

To learn more about our planned giving program, visit: d-e.giftplans.org

In addition, you may request a copy of our planned giving brochure, "Smart Charitable Planning for Uncertain Times" by contacting Dawn Lozada at lozadd@d-e.org or (201) 227-3112.

We hope we will be able to welcome you as a new member of the D-E Heritage Club, our planned giving society. Thank you for your consideration.

Save the Date

KRAUT'S 6TH RUNNING OF THE BULLDOGS

Sunday, October 24, 2021

Join Betsey Carson and D-E for our 6th Annual 5k and Fun Run in memory of our beloved teacher and coach, Jerry Krauthamer.

Stay tuned for time of event and details.

Ouestions? Contact Dawn Lozada at lozadd@d-e.org or (201) 227-3112



Save the Date

The Annual Bulldog Bash is Saturday April 30, 2022! Want to get involved? Contact Linda Binder, D-E Special Events Director, at bindel@d-e.org or call 201-227-3110

Calliope 2020 News:

A Historic Gold Medalist Accolade & Gold Circle Awards Recognition

We are pleased to announce that the *Calliope* 2020 issue, the Upper School's English-language literary art magazine, garnered the highest of praises from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) in two distinct categories.

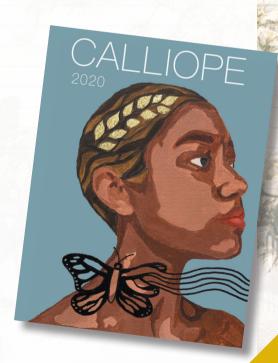
First, Calliope 2020 earned "Gold Medalist" status in the Critique phase of judging, scoring 970 out of 1,000 points. Typically, Calliope reaches Gold status (800 points or above) in the Critique. However, this mark of 970 is the highest Critique score Calliope has received in several decades, if not its entire history as a D-E publication. The Critique is a long list of scored standards in three categories—Magazine Essentials, Verbal, and Visual. This issue earned the highest status possible, called "All-Columbian Honors," in all three categories for the first time ever!

Apart from the success in the Critique, three individual pieces from *Calliope 2020* received national recognition from the CSPA in the form of the **Gold Circle Awards**. Our *Calliope 2020* editors were ecstatic to announce the winners to the community. The Gold Circle winners, all members of the Class of 2020, were:

- 2nd place, Single Artistic Photograph: "Vertebrae," by Luca Fontaine '20
- 3rd place, Alternative Story Form: "Words in the Face of Death," by Wiley June '20
- Certificate of Merit, Single Illustration, Hand-Drawn: "Grand Aspiration," by Jiho Chun '20

Congratulations to all the contributors, *Calliope* club members, and editors for this historic feat with *Calliope 2020*. We celebrate our 2019-2020 editors: Emily Char '20, Sloan Charles '20, Serin Koh '21, and Riley Levine '20 for their incredible efforts producing this groundbreaking issue of *Calliope*. It's an achievement all the more remarkable as much of the work on the issue was done over Zoom and Google Drive due to the beginning of the pandemic.

Copies of the print magazine are available by request; an online version is available to the D-E community as well via the student activities page.



Alumni Profiles



Lucy Fisher D'67

Motion picture industry veteran Lucy Fisher D '67 is a prolific producer, executive producer, and studio executive who has had a hand in the success of such classics as *The Color Purple* (1985), *Jerry McGuire* (1996), and *Men in Black* (1997), as well as Academy Award winners *Memoirs of a Geisha* (2005) and *The Great Gatsby* (2013). Now in her second term as President of the Producers Guild of America, Lucy is co-head of Red Wagon Entertainment, a production company she runs with her husband, Doug Wick. The company, which brought *The Divergent Series* to the big screen, is slated to begin shooting the upcoming TV series *Joe Pickett*, based on the bestselling book series, while three other film projects are underway.

Lucy has seen a lot of change over her decades in the industry. Most recent upheavals have centered on the impact of streaming, Hollywood's reckoning with diversity, and the challenges brought by COVID-19. "It's a different time and a different business and we're all kind of in flux, but we know that you'll always want to be entertained," Lucy says. "People always want entertainment, and they'll always want stories.

It's just a matter of how they get parceled out and the fact that it's now called content instead of a movie."

Lucy's own career story has a few dramatic surprises. A self-described "kind of hippie" back at the Dwight School for Girls, she graduated from Harvard with a degree in English and moved to Los Angeles with the intent of going into publishing. Instead, a chance encounter set her on a path to become a script editor and reader at United Artists. She never looked back, ascending the executive ladder at a number of big studios, including MGM, Twentieth Century Fox, Warner Bros., and Sony. One memorable, Hollywood-esque scene from her career was when Francis Ford Coppola "got down on his knees in the middle of the street" and begged her to be Head of Production for his Zoetrope Studios. Since her experience thus far had been on the administrative side of production, Lucy's first reaction was: "I don't know if I'm qualified to do that." But then she thought of her mom, Naomi Bartoff D'41, "a do-ityourself kind of girl" who always said: "Any job you can get, you can do." Mom was proved right yet again.

While she takes pride in the films she's been a part of, Lucy is also proud of the work she's done for other working mothers and families. During her tenure at Warner Bros., where she served as Executive Vice President of Worldwide Production, she asked her boss if she could reduce her hours and salary in order to spend more time with her husband and three daughters. Not only did she succeed in negotiating and extending her contract, she also founded the Warner Bros. Daycare Center, which has to date served over 2,500 families.

In Lucy's mind, being a mother has helped her to become better at her craft. "Being a mother actually trains you to be a producer...because you have a lot of things go wrong," she said. "You have to have enough faith in what you're doing—and sometimes with very little to support that faith. Usually, it's the producer's care that is carrying this little baby across until it becomes a full human—something that somebody else can actually see and recognize. It's a very good feeling."

Danny Forster '95

Danny Forster '95 thinks it is time to reimagine everything. The Harvard-educated architect heads up Danny Forster & Architecture, which describes itself as "a consortium of architects, designers, urbanists, filmmakers, storytellers, technologists, curators, professors, and authors who value the challenge of innovation over the security of repetition."

The latest trail-blazing move for the group, whose acclaimed projects include a hotel adjacent to the World Trade Center Complex, is a partnership with the Berkshire Hathaway company MiTek Inc. The joint initiative focuses on modular construction, striving to revolutionize how buildings are made. (Think assembling IKEA furniture or LEGO building, but at a colossal scale.) Since 2018 Danny has been working to bring to fruition the world's tallest modular-constructed hotel, the 26-story Marriott AC NoMad Hotel in mid-town Manhattan, expected to be complete by the end of the year. The promise of this kind of construction is that the majority of the building is done offsite, saving time, money, and physical space.

If your impression of modular building construction is that it is simplistic or unchallenging from the architectural perspective, you'd be dead wrong, according to Danny. "I actually feel like the work we're doing with MiTek now is really making me be the architect I've always wanted to be," he said. "I'm really being forced to think holistically and technologically. You don't get that a lot of that in the profession; you're pretty deadline driven. What's changed in my life is that the way I'm thinking about the work that I do is not necessarily solving a given problem for a given client, but we're trying to solve systemic problems." This past June, Danny flew to Georgia Tech's Physical Internet Center to speak with systems engineers to investigate supply chains' effects on manufacturing facilities for modular construction.

While the architecture world has been quick to construe modular construction as a "disruptor" in the industry, Danny sees it differently. "I hope we don't disrupt the industry. Actually, I hope we enable the industry," Danny said. "Our thesis is to take the existing participants: the local general contractors, the architects, the engineers, the manufacturers, and not to disintermediate anybody. Rather try to elevate all of them and enable them with tools, services, solutions, and software."



Danny credits his success not only to his education but his constant curiosity. This curiosity was on display for five seasons of the Discovery channel's *Build it Bigger*, a show Danny hosted and starred in, which gave viewers insight into awe-inspiring construction projects. Danny also produced with Steven Spielberg the Emmy-winning documentary about 9/11 called *Rising: Rebuilding Ground Zero*.

"I think honoring that curiosity and never getting comfortable in the quotidian has allowed these other opportunities to manifest," Danny declared. "We've had to produce them."

Commencement 2021



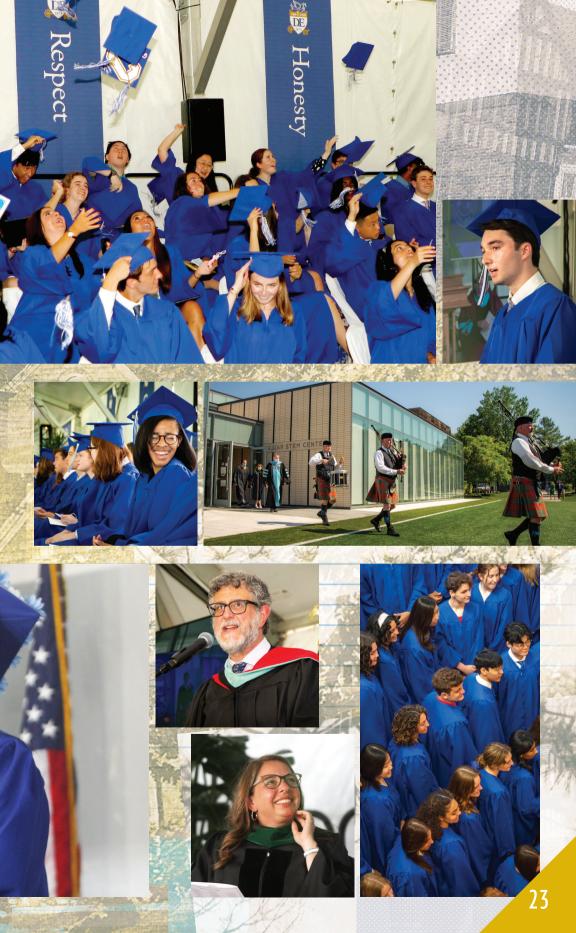
This past Commencement for the Class of 2021 was unlike any other. Despite the unprecedented circumstances, we were delighted to safely host the graduating class, families, and faculty under the tent. Headmaster Dr. Rodney De Jarnett, with his love for metaphors, attributed this past year's success to the community's collective efforts—similar to a peloton of cyclists riding together. Robert Miller, President of the Board of Trustees and parent of David Miller '21, acknowledged the class on their resilience and urged them to celebrate their achievements amidst a challenging year. Head of School Dr. DeJarnett proceeded to present The Bailey Award, the Trustees Award, and Senior Citizenship Prize to those students who have shown excellence in their academics and to the larger D-E community.

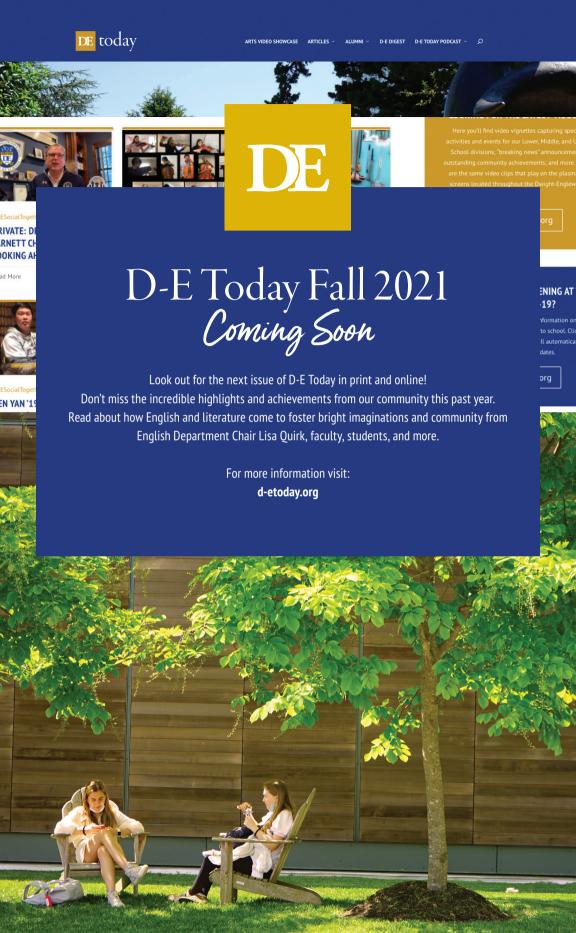
Senior Class Reader Ryan Levine '21 and Senior Class Speaker Adia Guthrie '21 gave moving remarks. Adia Guthrie reflected on the unpredictable journey that the class has gone through, quoting Disney's "Moana" that they've reached, "where the sky meets the sea" now arriving at the commencement stage.

As Commencement Speaker, epidemiologist and alum **Dr. Shira Doron** '91 empathized with the class for the unique hardships they've endured. Dr. Doron reflected on her personal experience on the frontlines of the pandemic, preaching that leadership doesn't equate to perfection rather perseverance.

Finally, Upper School Principal Joseph Algrant was delighted to keep tradition, having the Dwight-Englewood Chorus, Stage Band, and Jazz Rock brighten the festivities with live music. Joe applauded the astounding leadership by the students to exemplify courage and resilience when the school needed them the most. He reminded the graduating class to give thanks to those who supported them to get to where they are now and to a brighter future ahead.







Reunion 2020 and 2021 Postponed

EPIC Reunion 3X 2022 Planned

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we made the difficult decision to postpone our in-person Reunion 2020 and 2021 events. As we continue to follow public health protocols that prevent large gatherings from taking place and await the widespread distribution of the vaccine, the health and safety of our alumni must remain paramount. We are very hopeful that we will be able to celebrate Reunion 3X in June.

We anticipate Reunion 2022 will be the largest in D-E's history as we prepare to honor an unprecedented number of milestones.

All class years including those recognizing special milestones in 2020, 2021 or 2022, are invited to participate in Reunion 2022 on June 10 and 11 next year.

PLEASE NOTE:

- The date of the reunion has been changed from the earlier reported date of June 3-4 to June 10-11.
- Some reunion classes may be celebrating their milestone reunion at a different date, off-campus or
 virtually. Alumni of those classes will be informed of these events. Stay tuned for further updates

Please stay safe and healthy. Please look for ways to connect to the D-E campus and community in the coming months.

Reunion 2022 | June 10-11, 2022

Registration will open in April 2022.

Reunion 2022 will celebrate all 2020, 2021, and 2022 class milestone reunions, we will honor an unprecedented number of milestones in 2022!

Class year reunions include:

- 50-Year Club: all class years from 1969 and back
- 50th: 1970, 1971, 1972
- 45th: 1975, 1976, 1977
- 40th: 1980, 1981, 1982
- 35th: 1985, 1986, 1987
- 30th: 1990, 1991, 1992

- 25th: 1995, 1996, 1997
- 20th: 2000, 2001, 2002
- 15th: 2005, 2006, 2007
- 10th: 2010, 2011, 2012
- 5th: 2015, 2016, 2017

BECOME A REUNION VOLUNTEER

Make your class reunion the best one yet: become a Reunion volunteer! It's fun, rewarding, vital to the Reunion program, and can be done from home (regardless of where you live).

If you are part of a class listed above that plans to gather in 2022 (listed or not) and you want to volunteer, please complete the Reunion form located on the D-E alumni website www.d-e.org/alumni. The link explains how volunteers can help drive attendance and provides space for you to sign-up. You will be contacted by someone in the Alumni Office to start planning in the fall of 2021.

Contact Maria Sanchez Gardner '78, Director of Alumni Relations by phone 201-227-3111 or by email sanchm@d-e.org if you have any additional questions about Dwight-Englewood School's Reunion programming.

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