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# Class Notes

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Englewood School for Boys, & Dwight-Englewood School)





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## DWIGHT '40

► We received the following obituary for Elizabeth “Betsy” Chafee Conway from her family:

Elizabeth “Betsy” Conway, 99, died peacefully on October 10, 2021. Family and friends lost their family matriarch, filling all those around her with love, laughter, and music. Woe be to those who would challenge her at golf, tennis, badminton, or croquet! Uninformed with divergent political views had to be ready to defend themselves!

Born Sept. 5, 1922, in Barrington RI to parents Henry S. and Dorothy (Gladding) Chafee, she graduated from Mary C. Wheeler School, Dwight School, and Radcliffe College. She spent two of her primary school years in Switzerland where French became her primary language and skiing and hiking her passion. She would move from Providence and Barrington to the suburbs of Boston (Weston, Wellesley, and Needham) but her home was always her summer place in Sorrento, ME. Everyone would know she was in residence when the American flag flew.

Joys in Betsy’s life were her extended family and friends, music, sports, traveling, and her country. For much of her life, she had two pianos in her living room. She would entice anyone into duets, no matter what skill level. For family and friends, there would always be singing childhood songs. Betsy organized Forty Forte Fingers for two pianos and four ladies in Barrington, joined a group of pianists in her Boston area, and played at North Hill, Needham. She also played the organ at The Dover Church and for more than four decades at Church of the Redeemer, Sorrento. All along, she would contribute music to Bagaduce Music library to include her compositions

of two-piano, eight hand music.

Betsy was an avid golfer known for never getting in trouble on fairways and having a deadly eye around the greens. Playing until her 90’s, her record of wins at Blink Bonnie Golf Links, Sorrento, will probably never be matched.

She was the first female member of the Barrington Republican Town Committee, a member of League of Women Voters, and active in Wellesley Republican politics where she met her husband Frank Conway. Together they would attend many national Republican Presidential Conventions.

With Frank, friends, and later her children, she would travel the world enjoying the sights, cultures, and people, but her favorite places always remained Sorrento, American Southwest, and Switzerland.

Pre-deceased by husband Frank H. Conway, she is survived by four children Arthur C. Lee (Helen), Sherrill L. Rosoff, William Jed Lee (Ann), and Henry C. Lee (Maureen), nine grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren.

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## ESB '49

► Craig Gambee of Nantucket, Mass, and formerly of Weston, CT, and Englewood, NJ, died September 15, 2021 in his Nantucket home. He was 90 years old. In addition to his wife, Mary, he is survived by his daughter Susan of Nantucket, his son Peter and his wife Leslie of Wilton, CT and his grandchildren Tim, Ellie, Addie, Ingrid, Austin and his step-grandchild Mathew. He is also survived by his sister Fay of New York City and his brother Robert of Rye, NY. He was predeceased by his older brother Sumner and his grandchild Will.





► We received the sad news that **Stephen Flagg** passed away on Jan. 8, 2022. Here is a copy of his obituary notice that was published by *The New Haven Register* on Jan. 15, 2022:

Dr. Stephen Vreeland Flagg of Sanibel, FL, a plastic and hand surgeon, died at age 85 on January 8, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Hackensack, NJ, to the late Irene F. Richardson and John H. Flagg, he grew up in Oradell and Englewood, NJ. Dr. Flagg was a longtime resident of New Haven, CT, where he was in private practice for 35 years. He was an old-school doctor who devoted considerable time to caring for each patient, and his love of medicine and teachable moments continued throughout his 16 years of retirement. His humor and interest in people never diminished.

Dr. Flagg attended the Englewood School for Boys and Deerfield Academy ('53). He went to Yale University ('57), where he rowed for four years and was captain of the Lightweight Crew. He was a member of the Ring and Candle Society and treasured the friendships made there.

Dr. Flagg went to medical school at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, where he trained at The Roosevelt Hospital and did his residency in plastic surgery at New York University Medical Center under Dr. John Converse.

He served as an assistant Senior Registrar at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, England, and then did a hand fellowship with Dr. J. W. Littler and Richard Eaton at The Roosevelt Hospital. He was an Assistant Professor of Plastic Surgery at Yale from late 1971 to 1973, the Associate Section Chief of Plastic Surgery at the Yale University School of Medicine from 1993-2000, and a Clinical Assistant Professor at Yale School of Medicine from 1973 until his retirement in 2006.

Dr. Flagg was awarded the Robert M. Goldwyn, M.D. Lifetime Achievement Award by the New England Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons in 2010. He was one of the founding members of the New England Society of Hand Surgery and later its president. He also served as the president of the Connecticut Society of Plastic Surgeons and president of the New England Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons (2005).

Outside of medicine, rowing was Dr. Flagg's passion. He joined the New Haven Rowing Club in 1982 and assisted in building their boathouse on the Housatonic River in Oxford, CT. He was president of the NHRC 1999-2000. He competed in Masters rowing events around the world, winning numerous medals. However, it was the friendships he made through rowing that he cherished most.

Dr. Flagg spent his summers at Point O' Woods, Fire Island, NY, where he developed lifelong friendships. He was Commodore of the POW Yacht Squadron in the early 1970s and relished his time on the sea, racing his Thistle with family and friends.

Dr. Flagg is survived by his loving family: His wife of 35 years, Edith Postlewaite Flagg, daughter Danielle Flagg, Richmond, VA, sons Alex Flagg (Denise), Lafayette, CA and Michael Flagg (Erica), Wellesley, MA, stepson Jonathan Hanf (Liesel), Pataskala, OH, and seven beloved grandchildren: Zachary, Tanner and Elise Flagg of Lafayette, CA, Addison and Samuel Flagg of Wellesley Hills, MA, and Zyrhrille and Jayce Hanf of Pataskala, OH. He is also survived by Cynthia Hixon Flagg, his first wife and the mother of his children.



## DWIGHT '55

► Alexandre “Al” Cintra-Leite, son of **Nancy Robin Jaicks**, passed away on Monday, August 16, to a hit and run accident in Cartaxo, Portugal. He visited Shelter Island often, regaled friends and family with his guitar, poetry, sculpture, and painting. A tattooist who had studied his art in Japan, Al climbed Mt. Fujimora in Japan and the Cristo Corcovado in Rio de Janeiro. In addition to his mother, he leaves his brother Raul Cintra-Leite, Au nt Diana Robin, and cousins Anne Benning, Michael Benning, and Denise Correa.

## DWIGHT '57

► We learned of the passing of **Doris Muller Lange** from Natalie Beaumont, “I spoke to Russell Muller, Doris’s younger brother, as I knew Doris wasn’t doing well but couldn’t reach her. She died on December 19, 2021, after being on hospice, fighting an aggressive form of cancer. Doris referred to those of us who started at Dwight from Pre-K as Lifers, and she loved music and opera and was great at math among other things.” A memorial service will be planned in April 2022 after Easter.

## ESB '66

► **Peter Beucler** sent in this update, “My son Chuck is now the sole owner of Beucler Tree. I am a recreational pilot and enjoy many trips in my plane. I have six grandchildren who all live close by -

Ridgewood and Wyckoff. Life is good!”

## ESB '67

► The following obituary for **Bruce Morrissey** was published on the *NorthJersey.com* on October 15, 2021:

Morrissey - Bruce C., 72, of Tenaflly, NJ passed away on Thursday, October 14, 2021. He leaves behind his loving wife of 48 years, Denise (nee Chudy). Devoted father of Kelly Yocina and her husband Brian, Christopher Morrissey, and partner Ann Marie Grieco. Known as Papa Bruce to his loving grandchildren Mattingly and Bruce. Dear son of the late Lillian Morrissey. Bruce was an Attorney in Bergen County since 1976. He graduated from Englewood School for Boys, then graduated Cum Laude from American University and Cum Laude from Vermont Law School. He was a member of the NJ Bar Association, United States Tax Court, and US District Court. He was a longtime member of Knickerbocker Country Club and Church of the Atonement. He loved coaching soccer and baseball and was awarded for the establishment of club soccer in Tenaflly. Bruce was happiest on the water with his family and friends, boating, fishing and simply enjoying life. Bruce will forever be remembered for his wit and humor, his warmth and compassion, and his loyalty to his family and friends.

The screenshot shows the D-E Today website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: ARTS VIDEO SHOWCASE, ARTICLES, ALUMNI, D-E DIGEST, and D-E TODAY PODCAST. The main content area features a large image of a group of students and the text "Class Notes". Below this, it says "Welcome to Class Notes" and "To read the latest news from your fellow students". A prominent message reads: "To get the Password to access Class Notes online, check your latest printed edition of D-E Today magazine, or please email [webmaster@d-e.org](mailto:webmaster@d-e.org)". A sidebar on the right contains the heading "GOT NEWS?" followed by the instruction "Submit to Class Notes!", the email address "Email: [alumninews@d-e.org](mailto:alumninews@d-e.org) or", the website "visit Class Notes online: [alumni.d-etoday.com/classnotes](http://alumni.d-etoday.com/classnotes)", and the password "Password: connect".



## ESB '70

► The following obituary for **Stephen Thomas Cook** was published by *The Record/Herald News* from Jan. 18 to Jan. 24, 2021:

Bergenfield - Stephen Thomas Cook, 69, entered into the presence of his Lord and Savior on January 1, 2021. Stephen was born on Oct 12, 1951, in Weehawken NJ, to parents Clarence Cook and Marion McDonald, and raised in Demarest. Steve graduated from Englewood School for Boys in 1970, where he excelled in cross country and broke school records. He worked as a residential carpenter for many years and in 1986, proudly became a union carpenter for the Passaic Carpenters & Millwrights Local 124. His career as a Construction Superintendent in New York City began in 1994 and spanned 26 years. His love of New York City drew him to continue working in the city until his retirement in 2020.

For 33 years Steve lived in Bergenfield, devoting himself to his loving family, his career, volunteerism, and his music. Steve was a devoted Boy Scout leader for both Pack and Troop 139 and Pack and Troop 180. He was an assistant coach, for all his children's sports, including soccer, baseball, softball, and basketball. He was passionate about supporting his children in all of their interests, including ice skating, horseback riding, marching band, and BMX biking. An avid fisherman of both fresh and saltwater, he spent his time fishing with his children, grandchildren, friends, and scouts, at Lake Sebago, Camp Yaw Paw, the shore, and various lakes and streams throughout NY & NJ.

His music resonated at the core of his heart. He filled his home with his acoustical guitar playing of folk, gospel, blues, and ragtime music. One of his favorite songs was "I'm Going Home Someday" by Roy Book Binder. He had a long-standing love of the game of three cushion billiards. He was a loving, kind, patient, hard-working, funny man, whose faith and devotion to his family was unwavering. Steve is survived by his wife of 33 years, Jane (Norville), daughter Meredith (Dan Muzzio), son Shane, daughter Caitlyn, son Robert, sisters Kathleen (Mark Wilson), Patricia Cook, and Cathy Hunt,

grandson Alexander, and granddaughter Charlotte. He dearly loved his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law and his many nieces and nephews."

## ESB '73



► Pictured here is Director of Alumni Relations **Maria Sanchez Gardner '78** with Wladzia Herko, mother of Chris Herko and the widow of **Nick Herko ESB '73**, who we honor annually with the Nick Memorial Award. See Page 13 for the full story.

## D-E '76



► **Randi Woodrow and Linda Dabagian Silverstein** met last May at Patisserie Florentine in Englewood.

After 40 years (30 years at the VA), Randi just retired. She continues to reside in Boston and is staying very involved in adaptive sports, especially adaptive surfing. After thirteen years at Barnes and Noble as the Community Relations Manager, followed by 8 years at Columbia Bank, Linda retired in September 2020. She keeps busy with her 2 grandchildren, a lake



house in PA, and her furry rescues, Jack, a Portuguese Water Dog, and Rudy, a poodle. Linda lives with her husband, Charles, in Paramus.

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### D-E '78



► **Jim Pontone** bumped into **Laura Zeller Butler** this past September at a bar in Asbury Park, NJ. Jim was attending a mini-reunion for Skidmore, while Laura was checking out the band—a lovely alumni encounter and a cool shirt from Laura!



► **James “Jimmy” Frank** met up with **Victor “Harry” Frank** at Middlebury College where Jimmy’s daughter attends and plays on the tennis team. Harry lives 45 minutes away and came to watch her play against Bowdoin.

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### D-E '80

► A *New York Times* article in the Real Estate section featured **Marc Wolf** and his work as Executive

Director of the 178-acre Mountain Top Arboretum in Tannersview, NY. The article is entitled “Why the Best Trees Aren’t Always the Biggest” written by Margaret Roach and published on September 15, 2021.

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### D-E '83

► **Bergen New Bridge Medical Center**, New Jersey’s largest hospital and a clinical affiliate of Rutgers, is pleased to announce that **Julia D’Angelo Orlando** has been elected to serve as Chairperson for the Hospital’s Board of Trustees. She is the first woman to serve in that capacity. Orlando has decades of experience in the behavioral health, addiction, and human services industries and has served as Director of the Bergen County Housing, Health and Human Services Center since 2009. She is currently the only woman serving as a hospital board chair in Bergen County.

► **Brooke Shields** recently starred with Cary Elwes in a Netflix movie called *A Castle For Christmas*. Brooke also just launched her new brand on a lifestyle platform, *Beginning is Now*. It is dedicated to the unique possibilities of reinvention in middle age, for women in particular. Check it out at [www.beginningisnow.com](http://www.beginningisnow.com).

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### D-E '84



► **Jesse Greenberg** married **Sharon Ruttenberg** on December 5, 2021 at Oceanic Pompano Beach. Congratulations!



## D-E '84 CONTINUED

► **Patrick Jeffrey** died tragically on September 1, 2021, helping clear debris from Hurricane Ida's storm in Maplewood NJ. Here is a copy of Patrick's obituary that was published in the *Star-Ledger* newspaper on September 8, 2021:

Executive in the securities field, family man and coach who loved being part of the Maplewood community with profound sadness and heavy hearts, we announce the tragic passing of Patrick Andrew Jeffrey, 55, of Maplewood, NJ. A loving and devoted father, husband, son, brother, and friend to all whose lives he touched, Pat died on September 1 as a result of the epic flooding caused by Hurricane Ida. Pat grew up in Tenaflly, NJ, the oldest of four siblings, and graduated from Tenaflly High School in 1984. At Tenaflly, he played football and was a state-ranked tennis player. He received a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Rochester in Rochester, NY, where he was an active member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity. Following college, Pat earned a Master's Degree from The Thunderbird School of Global Management in Glendale, AZ, and subsequently received a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation.

Pat's professional career began as an Assistant Vice President at National Westminster Bank, followed by 13 years as a Director with Standard & Poor's. Since 2011, Pat worked as a Vice President/Portfolio Manager at U.S. Bank in New York covering investment grade oil and gas companies. Pat met his beloved wife, Beth (née Akersten), in Hoboken and the two were married in 2005. They moved to Maplewood in 2006 and welcomed their daughter, Quinn, in 2008 and son, Colin, in 2009. And, as Beth would often joke, Pat's third child is their cherished dog, Bailey. Pat loved being part of the tight-knit Maplewood community. He enjoyed golfing with friends, playing tennis, and having family dinners in the village center. But, most importantly, Pat loved coaching Colin's flag football team and cheering as loudly as possible at each of Quinn's softball and field hockey games. His family

was the center of his universe. Few things gave him more joy than teaching his kids to ski at Stratton, VT, their yearly visits to Captiva, FL, or spending time in Cape May, NJ. And, of course, sharing his fanatical love and appreciation of The Who and The Rolling Stones with his children. Pat is survived by the love of his life, Beth, and beloved children Quinn and Colin Jeffrey of Maplewood, NJ, parents David and Hope Jeffrey of South Dartmouth, MA, brother Joel (Mary) of Montclair, NJ, brother Silas (Lisa) of Brooklyn, NY, sister Zoe (Bradford) Stoesser of Brookline, MA, and many cherished nieces and nephews.

## D-E '85

► Check out **Mira Sorvino** as she stars with Courteney Cox in a new horror-comedy called *Shining Vale*. It premieres on March 6 on Starz.

## D-E '86



► The Borg family was inducted into the NJ Hall of Fame in October 2020. *The Record* won a Pulitzer for editorial commentary. A *Record* staff photographer took the iconic shot of three firefighters raising the American flag at Ground Zero. *The Record* also was one of the first papers to expose the opioid pandemic through extensive investigative journalism of the supply source in Paterson and the demand throughout the northern NJ suburbs. Pictured (left to right): **Stephen Borg**, **Mac Borg** ESB '56, and **Jennifer Borg** '83 at *The Record* building on River Street in Hackensack, NJ.





► **Carlene Campos Kuske** and **Christine Campos Semsel** connected with former classmate **Ellen Ginsberg Nusman** at the 2021 D-E Commencement this past June. Ellen was attending the commencement ceremony for her niece **Maddy Weiss '21** who is a classmate of **Samantha Semsel '21**. Congratulations to the graduates!

► We were informed of the passing of **Melissa Clott Shafner** by her family. Her obituary can be found on [Legacy.com](https://www.legacy.com), Melissa Anne Shafner:

New London - Melissa Anne Shafner, 53, passed away on June 29, 2021. Melissa was born in Belleville, N.J., on March 20, 1968, the daughter of Jay Clott, Boca Raton, Fla., and the late Nancy (Falk) Clott. Melissa leaves a loving son Noah Zane; a brother Jonathan Clott (Rachel); stepmother Emily Danson; ex-husband Daniel Shafner; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Melissa graduated from Connecticut College, Phi Beta Kapa, Summa Cum Laude. She also graduated with a top scholastic award from Hofstra University School of Law and then was admitted to the New Jersey State Bar. She received a master's degree in special education from the University of New Haven. She was a ten-year board member of the Solomon Schechter Academy in New London. Melissa was the Director of Student Accessibility Services at Connecticut College.

Melissa was a Warrior Princess enduring the complexities of Pancreatic Cancer. She had a wonderful sense of humor and quick wit. She was always a loyal friend to family and friends.

## D-E '87



► **Ken Goldstone** is the lead vocalist and plays acoustic guitar for the band, The Grouper Cheeks. Here is Kenny's bio obtained from the band's website:

Kenny is a Floridian via the great state of New Jersey, and spent his youth tinkering with 4-track recording gear. In his early teens, Kenny played keyboards with The Checkers, who successfully played one and only one gig in New York City. After a brief stint years ago as frontman with The Elastic Wasteband, Kenny would spend quality time hanging with great friend Craig in their respective backyards and just play guitar and sing together.

In 2019, Kenny helped his musical brothers Nick Williams, John Chewning, and Mike Lewis form *Karate In The Garage (KITG)* and served as their rhythm guitarist, keyboardist, fill-in drummer, and background vocalist. *KITG* quickly became Nokomis, Florida's 2nd best cover band and at the same time, Kenny pursued a couple of solo cover-song gigs as I'm Just Kenny.

A band of other musical brothers (too many to name but check all the other Grouper bios) started badgering Kenny to play out live with him and The Grouper Cheeks were formed.

When COVID hit, Kenny asked the guys if they wanted to write and record originals as they all had to reluctantly hit pause on the band's live performance plans. After two single releases, and two remixes with the assistance of Jeff Retro of Las Vegas, the pursuit of a "larger vision" of originals began.

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In recent years, Kenny had the honor of co-producing a live concert video and album with one of his musical heroes entitled *Marc Broussard - Live From Full Sail University*. Other of Kenny's highly influential musical masters include *Genesis* (and the various solo careers of many of its members), James Taylor, Luther Vandross, Foreigner, Journey, Van Halen, Extreme, Michael McDonald, Paul Carrack, Dave Barnes, Vince Gill, and the list goes on and on.

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### D-E '89

► We are sad to report the obituary for **Roland Stoever** was published in *The Record*, *Herald News*, and *NorthJersey.com* on December 2, 2021:

Sea Bright - STOEVER, Roland of Sea Bright, passed away, unexpectedly, on November 30, 2021. The family is heartbroken to announce his passing at 50 years old. He was preceded in death by his father and business partner Fredrick Stoever. He is survived by his cherished wife Jennifer Stoever. He adored his children Helena Stoever, Avery Stoever, Preston Stoever, and Piper Stoever. The devoted only child to Renate Stoever. He will be missed by his Aunt Doris Lukchis, his Uncle and business partner Russell Stoever (Barbera Stoever), and many dear cousins. Roland was born on August 19, 1971, at New York Hospital. Roland grew up spending much of his time at Knickerbocker Country Club where he was an avid swimmer. He and his father, Fred, were also fixtures at the Downtown Athletic Club (later New York Athletic Club). He attended the Elizabeth Morrow School for elementary school and, later the Dwight Englewood for high school. Roland attended college at Franklin & Marshall University and proceeded to graduate from New York University's Stern School of Business. Upon graduation, he entered the family business and began working at Stoever Glass & Co.

Throughout the years, he has been instrumental in its growth and restructuring into wealth management as well as expansion of its operations to Boca Raton, Florida. Roland was a brilliant man with a young heart and a drive to make others smile, no matter how bad the joke. Roland never met a stranger and

taught his children to stay positive, live life to its fullest, and have fun! His many hobbies included golfing at Trump National or Knickerbocker Country Club, skiing at Windham, and tending to his Powderhound Vineyard. Roland was an avid swimmer who found peace in the morning sunrises at his favorite beach where he spent countless hours with his children surfing & swimming.”

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### D-E '94

► Siddhartha “Sid” Khosla was recently featured in articles by *Variety* magazine and Firstpost.com:

Sid is a three-time Emmy nominee as a musical composer for film and television. He received Emmy nominations in 2021 and 2019 for “Outstanding Music Composition For a Series” and in 2020 for “Outstanding Original Music and Lyrics” for his original song “Memorized” (shared with Dawes’ Taylor Goldsmith) for his work on NBC’s Golden Globe and Emmy-winning drama series, *This Is Us*, now in its sixth season. Khosla has the distinction of being the first South Asian person to be nominated in the Primetime Emmy score and song categories. While he continues on *This Is Us*, as well as the CW’s *Nancy Drew* and Hulu’s *Love, Victor*, he is especially excited about (and has already begun work on) Hulu’s Steve Martin-Martin Short comedy *Only Murders in the Building*. Sid has participated in several D-E Senior class “Power Breakfasts”.

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### D-E '98 AND '99



► Hudson Sachs, son of Bevan Sachs '99, and Milan Gopwani, son of Navin Gopwani '98, are



teammates on the CMEK Hornets AAU Grade 2 Basketball team. This past Fall their team won the Fall League Championship. Hudson was the team's leading scorer while Milan was a key contributor on both offense and defense. The team is run by **Chad Mekles '99**. — below picture is from the team post-season party at TPR in Tenafly.

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### D-E '99



► **Baraka Stubbs and Billy Schaller** met up this past summer in Rhode Island. Baraka posted, “We’ve been friends a really long time, but this is our first time ‘meeting each other as dads.’”

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### D-E '02

► Congratulations to Head Coach **Tom Curry IV** and the Park Ridge High School Varsity Football team for their 10-2 season. The team was the 2021 North Jersey, Section 1, Group 1 finalist. Tom is also the Head coach for the Secaucus HS Basketball team as well as the Head Coach of the Park Ridge-Emerson HS Golf Team.

► In August of 2021, **Devin Delliquanti** and his wife Jennifer Skog welcomed their daughter, Freya Claire Skog-Delliquanti. She enjoys giggling, dozing off, making funny faces, and smiling at her older brother Frankie.

Devin is a New York-based writer, producer, and comedian. He currently works as a staff writer on *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*. Previous credits

include four years as a writer/producer on VH1’s *Big Morning Buzz Live*, and two years as an associate producer/post-production manager for the Peabody Award-Winning Onion News Network. As a comedian, Devin has performed at Caroline’s, and Gotham Comedy Club. He graduated with honors from NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts in 2005.



► **Peter Marino** came to D-E this past October and had a tour of the campus with Director of Alumni **Maria Sanchez Gardner '78**. He is pictured here with Director of D-E 360° **Sherronda Oliver Brown**, Peter is the Senior Manager, Strategy & Special Projects at ASME (The American Society of Mechanical Engineers). He is excited for his upcoming 20th reunion to be held the weekend of June 10-11, 2022. Peter will be assisting **Anne Cole Goodman** with outreach to their classmates. Stay tuned for more details.

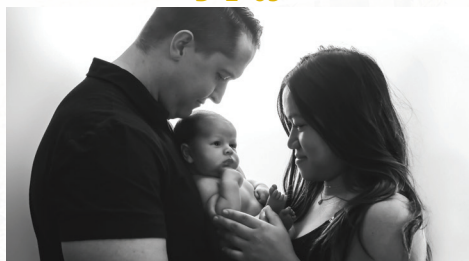
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### D-E '03

► **Alison Désir** was quoted in the *NY Times* newspaper in an article on November 6, 2021, concerning the New York Road Runners organization in its search for a mission and a leader during the pandemic. Alison is the co-chair of the Running Industry Diversity Coalition and a founder of Harlem Run, a Manhattan running club. Alison has also been confirmed as the Keynote Commencement Speaker for the Class of 2022 later this year!



## D-E '05



► **Jocelyn Mak Cash** and **Joe Cash** welcomed Thornton “Thor” Bedford Cash on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at 8:54 AM at Patewood Hospital in Greenville, SC. Jocelyn is the Vice President of Fashion at Purple PR, and Joe is a chef. They reside in Greenville, SC.

► From the PR website, Cision, we learned this update posted on October 22, 2021, about **Chelsea Milkman** and her company **The Dough Project**,

“All-natural, plant-based playdough company, The Dough Project announced today that it has inked a deal to sell its products directly in 23 Pop-In@ Nordstrom shops for a limited time. This marks the first time The Dough Project’s playdough -- which only contains five ingredients but has infinite possibilities, will be available nationwide.

The Dough Project, which previously was only available in a few local boutique stores in the New York Metro area and online through its website, was founded by preschool teacher-turned-momprenuer, Chelsea Milkman whose mission has been to get both adults and little ones to think outside the jar. Using only all-natural ingredients and color from plant-based sources, The Dough Project is obsessed with creating products that are safe and high-quality, so kids can explore and play freely.”



► **Anne (Molly) McNally** married **Brian Hammer** on August 21, 2021, at their home in Medfield,

MA with her stepdaughter **Jaden (8)** and two dogs, **Madaket** and **Marley**. The **Hammers** are also welcoming a daughter this upcoming April.



► Proud parents **Samantha Soto Schwarm** and **Alex Schwarm** are happy to announce the birth of their son, **Sebastian Ramon Schwarm**, born on August 5, 2021, in Westwood, NJ. Samantha is the Director of Special Markets Marketing and Hotel Partnerships at Showtime Networks. She lives in Glen Ridge with her husband Alex, son **Augie** (age 3), **Seb**, and their dog, **Remy**.

► **NOW and THEN**



2021 Left to right: **Ariel Davis**, **Nellie Haberfeld Israel**, **Melanie Parnes Punia**, and **Alexa Tront Mazin**.



2005: Celebrating Graduation from D-E.



## D-E '07



► **Brittany Bell Fine** and **David Fine** are thrilled to welcome their new son, **Harrison Myles Fine**, born on September 26, 2021, in Philadelphia. Proud grandparents are **Allan Bell '77** and **Dale Bell**. Harrison has brought so much joy to the whole family.



► **James "Jamie" Paterson** married **Chelsea Maron** on June 19, 2021, at Crossed Keys Estate in Andover, NJ.

Jamie and Chelsea met when they were both working in the media industry. He was a salesman and she was a client, meeting at a client lunch he hosted at Nobu on June 16th, 2016. When Chelsea walked in, Jamie recounts saying right then and there that he was going 'to date that woman'. She now works for T-Mobile running their advertising business, and he is selling for a company called Tremor Video. They live on the Lower East Side in Manhattan and both their families are from New Jersey. **David Drapkin**, **Jorge Vidal**, **Justin Grannell**, and Jamie's brother

and best man **Alex Paterson '09** were in attendance at the wedding.

## D-E '08



► **Michael Bello** is a Cuban-American director with Broadway, off-Broadway, and regional experience. His work has been recognized by numerous awards bodies including the Ovation Awards, IRNE Awards, and NY Innovative Theater Awards. He mostly recently directed the off-Broadway production of *We Are The Tigers* at Theatre 80 Saint Marks, cast album now available on Broadway Records. He is the resident Associate Director for *SUMMER: The Donna Summer Musical* (directed by Tony Award winner Des McAnuff), a position he held on Broadway at the Lunt-Fontanne, in its premiere at the La Jolla Playhouse, and on its current national tour. Other recent projects include *Letters to the President*, a historical song-cycle he conceived with Jessica Kahkoska, that received a developmental presentation in The Great Hall at Cooper Union and the world premiere *Shooting Star: A Revealing New Musical* at The Hudson Theatre in Los Angeles.

Michael's work on new musicals has led him to directing world premieres around the country including *We Are The Tigers* at The Hudson Backstage Theatre, which received 3 LA STAGE Alliance Ovation Award nominations including Outstanding Production of a Musical and winning for Best Music/Lyrics.

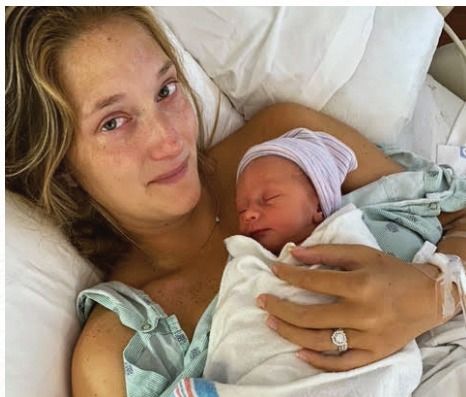


### D-E '08



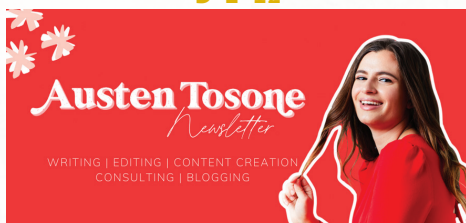
► **Rachel Ferman** married Kosta Halkias on January 21, 2021, in an intimate ceremony at Blue Hill at Stone House in Tarrytown, NY. Friends and family from around the world safely celebrated with the couple via livestream.

The newlyweds reside in Astoria, NY. Rachel is currently the Partner Manager at YouTube.



► **Karolina Jewett Canning** and William Canning first child, Violet Elizabeth Canning, was born on September 17, 2021. Karolina is Director of Communications and Marketing at St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School in Washington, DC.

### D-E '12



► We received an update from **Austen Tosone**, "I'm featured in Business of Fashion! I was so excited when BoF reached out to ask me about a topic that I think about daily: can influence be taught? Over the past few years, I've been creating YouTube videos, hosting workshops, spilling the tea on TikTok, and moderating daily Clubhouse rooms all about the influencer industry. Everyone has a different creator journey and I'm so happy to share and to create these resources for my community because let me tell you... there was NO ONE doing this when I first started my blog almost 10 years ago. Check out the full story on Business of Fashion. Even my e-book *Right on Pitch* got a shout out." Congratulations to Austen for their continued success.

### D-E '13



► **Alana Davis Feinstein** and husband Jacob Feinstein are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, Daniella "Ella" Max, born on September 6, 2021, in New York City.

► We received this note from **Rhea Kothari**, "For those of you who don't know, in the past 18 months, I've co-founded and grown a sustainable packaging company called The Mend Packaging. I'm proud



of how hard we've worked to create innovative, sustainable packaging solutions for brands in every field, of every size. This week I'm super excited to introduce Hemp packaging into our catalog!"

► Barrons Magazine published a story on October 29, 2021, about **Thomas Marcus** and what he did as a social influencer to help rescue Afghans when Kabul fell to the Taliban. This past August, in three days, Marcus raised \$7.2 million for "Operation Flyaway" and rallied to his cause retired soldiers and former diplomats, as well as experts in asylum law, humanitarian aid, and airlifts from war zones.

D-E '15

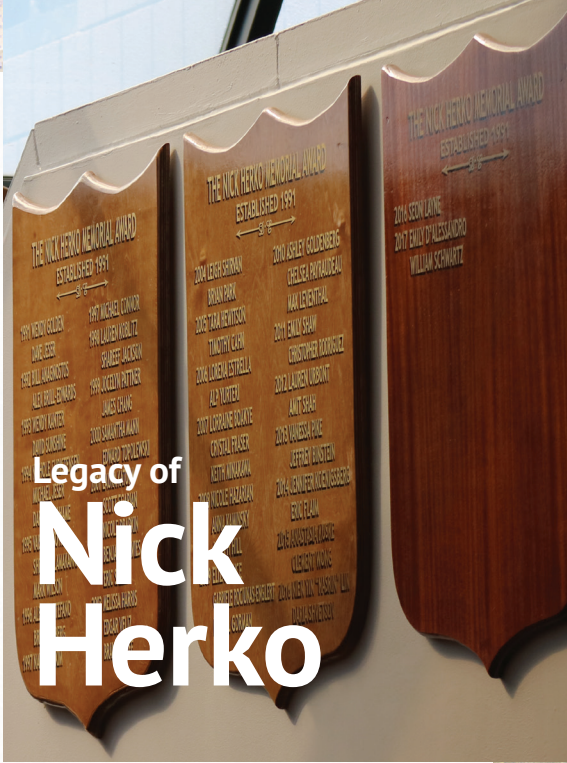


► A small young alumni gathering in December 2021. Pictured here (left to right): **Ryan Semsel**, **Stasia Kuske**, **Samantha Semsel '21**, **Olivia D'Alessandro**, **Isabel Guerriero**, **Michael Guerriero '17** and **Michael Kuske '19**.

D-E '19 AND '20



► Several students and alumni were on hand for the October 16, 2021, volleyball match held in Philadelphia between Yale University and the University of Pennsylvania featuring student-athletes **Audrey Leak '20** and **Autumn Leak '19** respectively. Yale won the match 3-1. Way to go, Leak sisters!



► In 1991, **Chris Herko '73** funded the Nick Herko Award in memory of his father, Nick Herko. The award is annually given to that senior boy and girl who have improved the most over their athletic careers and exhibit good sportsmanship and fine character. Chris asked D-E's Alumni Director **Maria Sanchez Gardner '78** if the school could create a certificate listing all the Nick Herko Award recipients that could be presented to his mother, **Wladzia Herko**, on the occasion of her 100th birthday. 2021 was the 30th Anniversary of the award. We continue to honor Nick Herko's legacy to Dwight-Englewood's community and school spirit. Reflecting on the character and strength of Nick Herko, we commemorate the student-athletes who carry his legacy.

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# 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](mailto:alumninews@d-e.org) or to your Class Representative.

## ALUMNI/ALUMNAE

### ESB 1949

#### **Craig Gambee**

9/15/2021

Brother of Bob Gambee ESB '60, Faye Gambee D '58 and the late Sumner Gambee ESB '47

### ESB 1952

#### **Douglas Rhodes**

8/19/2021

### DWIGHT 1953

#### **Ann Webster Foote**

11/11/2021

Daughter of the late Jean Webster D '25; Sister of James "Jim" Webster ESB '51; Aunt of Steve Webster '81 and James Webster '76; Cousin of Cynnie Doggett D '53

### DWIGHT 1957

#### **Doris Muller Lange**

12/19/2021

### ESB 1966

#### **Jeffrey West**

9/24/2021

Brother of Nicholas West ESB '68, Eric West ESB '69, and Andrew West ESB '71.

### ESB 1967

#### **Bruce Morrissey**

10/14/21

### ESB 1970

#### **Stephen Cook**

1/1/2021

Brother of Patricia Cook D '71 and Kathleen Cook D '64

### ESB 1973

#### **Brant Carleton**

11/28/2021

### D-E 1983

#### **David 'Dave' Bard**

9/14/2021

### D-E 1984

#### **Patrick Jeffrey**

9/1/2021

Brother of Zoe Jeffrey '95 and Silas Jeffrey '92; Son of Hope Jeffrey and former D-E Trustee David Jeffrey

### D-E 1986

#### **Melissa "Missy" Clott Shafner**

6/29/2021

### D-E 1987

#### **Lisa Joy Harris**

1/16/22

Sister of Trevor Harris '91; Daughter of Susan Harris and former D-E Trustee William Harris

### D-E 1989

#### **Roland Stoever**

11/30/2021

Cousin of Ali Stoever '98 and Cheryl Stoever '01

## FORMER FACULTY AND STAFF

Editor's Note: We received a correction from former faculty member Barbara Lanckton Connors for the remembrance of Jo Garfield written by Carole DeVito.

Jo and I sang "Put Your Arms Around Me Honey" for the Faculty Talent Show, but it was Malcolm Duffy who directed a production of "The Pajama Game," and I was his assistant director.

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS

#### **Priscilla Alexander**

12/9/2020

Mother of Tom Alexander ESB '69 and Patricia Alexander D '63

#### **Sidney Barzman**

10/21/2021

Father of Diane Barzman Heiman '76 and the late Dara Barzman '77

#### **Frances DeBellis**

1/12/2022

Mother of Faculty member Robert DeBellis; Mother-in-Law of Amanda Lauricella DeBellis '76; Grandmother of Vincent DeBellis '15 and Tony DeBellis '18.

#### **Olympia Jebejian**

10/19/2021

Grandmother of Katia Jebejian '23

#### **Ella Jane Keegan**

10/3/2021

Mother of Charles Henry Giancarlo '75 and his wife Dianne, J. Christopher Giancarlo '77 and his wife Regina, Michael Damian Giancarlo DES '80 and his wife Melissa Bertsch Giancarlo '80, Timothy Paul Giancarlo '83 and his wife Sandra; Grandmother of Isabella Giancarlo '10, Christian Giancarlo '13 and many more; Aunt of Alicia Schwarz De Torres '84 and her husband Armand De Torres '78, Henry John Schwarz Jr. '79 and Michael Brian Schwarz '80

#### **Dr. Peter Koutros**

3/14/2021

Father of Joann Koutros Weiss '74 and Helen Koutros '77

#### **Ronald Kurtz**

11/20/2021

Father of David Kurtz '79, Jillian Kurtz Temkin '80, and Daniel Kurtz '84; Grandfather of Alisa Kurtz '08; Uncle of Jennifer Kurtz Ungar '77, John Kurtz '80 and Sandy Kurtz Goto '95

#### **Patricia Ladd**

12/2/2021

Mother of Alexis '95 and Diana Ladd '98

#### **Miriam Levine**

11/8/2021

Mother of former employee Janet L. Glass; Grandmother of Jessie Glass '91 and Lara Glass '96

#### **Sue Proietti**

9/27/2021

Mother of Donna Proietti Bacro '88, Dan Proietti '91 and John Proietti '92

#### **Theodore Veru**

12/24/2021

Father of Dan Veru '79 and Peter Veru '81



## Meet the new Assistant Director of Alumni

# Liz Iannaconi '04

We are pleased to announce that **Liz Iannaconi '04** has joined the Development Office as the Assistant Director of Alumni and Development Services. Liz's primary role will be focused on continuing the expansion of the alumni fundraising program. As Assistant Director of Alumni and Development Services, she will work with Pat Boig, Director of Advancement, and **Maria Sanchez Gardner '78**, Director of Alumni Relations and Giving, to develop strategies and implement tactics to successfully increase philanthropic support from alumni constituencies. Through personal solicitations and work with volunteers, she will focus on identifying, cultivating and building an alumni network to increase the overall participation rate of alumni who give to the School. Liz will also help to grow and maintain the alumni mentor/networking program.

After graduating from D-E, Liz attended Franklin & Marshall College (F&M) where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in English with a Creative Writing concentration in 2008. During her time at F&M, she was a dedicated student-athlete playing for the softball team. Over the last ten years, Liz has worked as a non-profit professional specializing in fundraising development, grant writing, database administration and marketing. Most recently, she worked as Development Associate at the Kaplen JCC on the Palisades (JCC) in Tenaft, NJ where she administered the fundraising database and supported development efforts to increase annual and corporate giving. Prior to the JCC, Liz served in a similar role at the Bergen Performing Arts Center (bergenPAC) in Englewood, NJ. At bergenPAC, Liz was responsible for generating grant applications and proposals to individuals, foundations, corporations and government agencies, and also performed numerous

marketing duties as it related to bergenPAC's fundraising success including website content management, corporate sponsorship fulfillment, and donor stewardship.



Liz is thrilled to return to the D-E campus where she had the opportunity to receive a high-quality education while also pursuing her passion for music and sports. Liz's experiences at Dwight made a significant and lasting impact on her both personally and professionally. She is looking forward to reaffirming her connection to the D-E community and contributing meaningfully to the mission and vision of the School.

Liz lives in Palisades Park and enjoys attending sporting events and concerts, making music and spending time with family and friends. Liz can be reached by email at [iannac@d-e.org](mailto:iannac@d-e.org) or by phone at (201) 227-3114.



# The Heritage Club:

## DONOR FEATURE

# Marion Lebson Prigoff '43

## Makes Estate-Plan Gift to Help Advance Dwight-Englewood's Mission

Voted "Most Friendly" in her class, Marion (Lebson) Prigoff '43 epitomized the core values of a Dwight School student. Her positive school experience is due to the camaraderie of fellow classmates as well as its committed faculty. She also became one of the first alumnae to serve on the Board of Trustees at Dwight. The educational foundation she received motivated her to include D-E in her estate and make a bequest to support the School's efforts. Her planned gift and generous legacy provide critical funds to advance our mission to "meet the challenges of a changing world and make it better."



The Heritage Club is the planned giving society of Dwight-Englewood School. To learn more, visit: [d-e.giftplans.org](http://d-e.giftplans.org) or contact Dawn Lozada at [lozadd@d-e.org](mailto:lozadd@d-e.org) or (201) 227-3112.

To sign up for A Planned Giving Newsletter or  
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## A Look Back! D-E's 2021-2022 Fall Play, *Ghost Light*

Returning to the stage was a true treat for our thespian and greater D-E community. We were fortunate enough to have Greg Cummings, former Middle School drama teacher from 1984-1994, donate his collection of plays to D-E. *Ghost Light* consists of nine short vignette scenes about high school drama students navigating the challenges of youth and drama--several plays within a play! They are funny, sensitive, and fantastical situations, all infused with the magic of high school theatre. What better way to get back into the art of live performance?

To learn more about the arts, scan the QR code or visit [d-e.org/arts](https://d-e.org/arts).





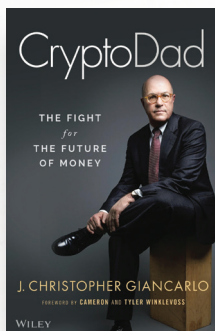
# Bulldog Bookshelf

► If you are a D-E alumna, alumnus, student, parent, or current or former member of the faculty or staff, we welcome your submissions to Bulldog Bookshelf. Please forward press releases, electronic files or cover art, and related materials about your book, music release, or film to: [alumninews@d-e.org](mailto:alumninews@d-e.org). Bulldog Bookshelf descriptions are adapted from promotional materials and do not reflect the views or opinions of the School or its staff.

J. Christopher Giancarlo '77

## CRYPTODAD: THE FIGHT FOR THE FUTURE OF MONEY

John Wiley and Sons, October 2021



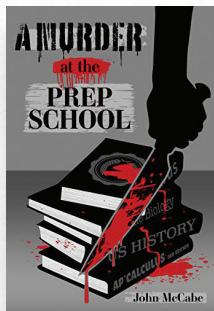
Written by the former commissioner of the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission, *CryptoDad* tells the inside story of the creation of the world's first regulated market for Bitcoin derivatives that provided the regulatory certainty

essential for today's burgeoning crypto industry. Dubbed "CryptoDad" for his celebrated call on Congress to respect a new generation's interest in cryptocurrency, Chris Giancarlo provides a dramatic, eyewitness view of his efforts during the Obama and Trump administrations to modernize oversight of America's antiquated financial markets. *CryptoDad* also explains in simple and understandable language the workings of Bitcoin, cryptocurrency, and a future digital Dollar.

John McCabe P'02, Current Faculty Member

## A MURDER AT THE PREP SCHOOL

Independently published, March 2021



A beautiful young teacher in a prestigious private school is brutally stabbed to death. Seasoned Detectives Burchill and Murphy are stymied until they dig deeper and discover what they already knew—that evil can lurk anywhere. Young officer

Vanessa Lopez joins them and struggles to balance personal and professional crises as she faces the harsh realities of criminal investigations.

Hilary Morgan '74

## THE TOWER (FILM)

2019



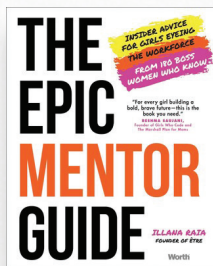
In *The Tower*, filmmaker Hilary Morgan explores the art and mind of her grandmother, Christiana Morgan, who was a Harvard psychoanalyst

and artist and who played a significant role in the development of Jungian and feminine psychology. In the 1930s, Christiana Morgan purchased land in Massachusetts along the Parker River, where she began designing and building what would become the Tower on the Marsh. Inspired by Jung's Bollingen Tower in Switzerland, it became a retreat and artistic testament to her visions and philosophy. The Tower incorporates architecture, sculpture, carving, landscape design, and literature into a unified, symbolic representation of how a psychologically aware individual could navigate through the world. This 25-minute documentary can be viewed on the website dedicated to a longer film that Hilary Morgan is currently developing on the same topic: [towerofdreamsdoc.com](http://towerofdreamsdoc.com).



## THE EPIC MENTOR GUIDE

Forefront Books, March 2022



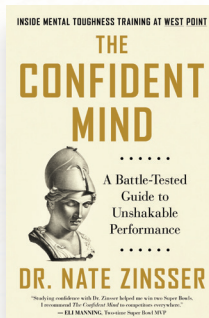
Authored by the founder of the mentorship platform Être, *The Epic Mentor Guide* matches questions from girls eyeing and entering the workforce with answers from 180 powerful

women who have already made their mark there. Exploring topics relating to diversity and inclusion, raising hands, speaking up, and standing out, the book provides insight from driven, successful women from a variety of career fields, including the first women to coach professional men's sports teams, the founders of TheSkimm, NASA astronauts, Olympic athletes, entrepreneurs, supermodels, and executives at companies such as Billboard, Spotify, ESPN, NIKE, LEGO, TikTok, Google, and the NYSE.

Dr. Nate Zinsser, Former Faculty Member

## THE CONFIDENT MIND: A BATTLE-TESTED GUIDE TO UNSHAKABLE PERFORMANCE

Custom House, January 2022



Dr. Nate Zinsser, the Director of West Point's influential Performance Psychology Program, shares the secrets of mental toughness and self-belief in this definitive guide to mastering confidence, the key to performance in any field. In addition to

training the minds of the US Military Academy's cadets, the author has coached world-class athletes, including a Super Bowl MVP, numerous Olympic medalists, professional ballerinas, NHL All-Stars, and college All-Americans, teaching them to overcome pressure and succeed on the biggest stages. Now, for the first time, the author distills his research and years of experience, offering a complete guide to confidence:



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how to understand it, how to build it, how to protect it, and how to rely upon it when your performance matters most.



# Alumni Profiles



## Jerry Shafir ESB '70, Mark Shafir '74, and Robert Shafir '76

► The Shafir brothers, who will be honored as co-recipients of the 2022 Distinguished Alumni Award, can be said to have reached the highest heights in their respective industries. For **Robert Shafir '76**, that distinction involves serving as the chief executive officer at Sculptor Capital, having previously served in a number of executive positions, including CEO and chairman of Credit Suisse Americas. Meanwhile, **Mark Shafir '74** serves as the global co-head of mergers and acquisitions at Citibank, having previously worked at Lehman Brothers under the same title and at Goldman Sachs as vice president, among other high-level positions. Their financial industry stature notwithstanding, it was actually the eldest brother, **Jerry Shafir ESB**

**'70**, a food industry entrepreneur, whose relentless pursuit of profitability was once featured on the front-page of the *Wall Street Journal*.

“One of the jokes in the family is that while I was stirring soups and kettles and cleaning pots and pans, they [Robert and Mark] were making big bucks in Wall Street,” Jerry said. The co-founder of Kettle Cuisine, Jerry nurtured his company from soup making for restaurants and other bulk customers in the mid-1980s to more recent marketing and distribution success, selling individual servings to grocery store customers seeking high-quality heat-and-serve soup.

*Editor's Note: Mark left D-E in his second year.*



Jerry's 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion was postponed due to Covid-19, but he has good memories of his time at the Englewood School for Boys, marked by academic rigor and the lifelong relationships he cultivated at the school. He credits his success at Yale University and beyond to his foundational education at ESB. "Mr. Malcolm Duffy was my 7th and 11th grade English teacher. I remember the first paper I got back had more red ink and words of his than I had written for the paper!" Jerry recalled. "He was very intimidating but really great. I had him again in 11th grade where we did a lot of theater. I ended up doing a little theater at Yale, and I felt like I had gotten a foundation in literature and plays, which was incredible."

After Yale, Jerry decided to enroll in law school at Boston University, but it did not suit him well. "I hated law school so much that I took classic piano lessons just to give me an outlet," Jerry said. In the meantime, he began working within the seafood industry at Legal Sea Foods in Boston and got married to Lorna, his wife of 28 years and counting. With more entrepreneurial experience under his belt and a growing family on the way, Jerry pivoted to enroll at Harvard Business School, subsequently using his professional connections and legal and business knowledge to launch Kettle Cuisine.

Meanwhile, Robert and Mark were pursuing business and finance. Robert received a bachelor's degree in economics from Lafayette and an MBA from Columbia Business School. Mark received an MBA from University of Pennsylvania and became a Marshall Scholar at Kings College, Cambridge. The Shafir brothers' shared passion for business can be attributed to their family roots. Their father, Jere, was a Polish immigrant and businessman who owned a scissors and shears company, and their mother, Mary, was a born-and-raised New Yorker from Irish immigrants. Both strongly believed in a well-rounded education.

For Jerry, running Kettle Cuisine for 25 years became an education unto itself. From staying late in an industrial kitchen making chicken broth to building relationships with prospective investors, Jerry got a taste of everything in the industry. In the 1980s and 1990s, when rapid globalization and mass production were burgeoning, Jerry focused on fresh ingredients and homestyle cooking methods. Gradually, painstakingly, he brought his company to profitability, and by 2011 Kettle Cuisine had grown to over 250 employees. In 2013 Jerry sold the company and retired, although he has recently taken a venture in the sports complex industry. He spends his time now between Fort Myers, Florida, and Newport, Rhode Island. Not to mention that he and his brothers—always competitive with each other—still get together to play golf.

Reflecting on the hard choices he has had to make and what wisdom he'd pass on to younger alums, he said with a laugh, "I would say go work after college before going straight to law school and committing three years of your life." He added, "I'm a big believer in continuous learning. Life is continuing education, and I'm never going to stop learning."

Editor's Note: All alumni are welcome and encouraged to attend the "Epic 3X" Alumni Reunion 2022 events in June (pandemic restrictions permitting), when the Shafirs will be recognized as Distinguished Alumni Honorees. Please refer to the inside back cover for details.

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# Legacy Families

D-E Alumni Relations wishes to officially recognize the following "legacy" families! Legacy families represent alumni with children enrolled in the School this current 2021- '22 academic year.  
We sincerely thank you for being a longtime part of our "community of learners!"

## CLASS OF 2022

Joseph Agresta ..... Joseph Agresta '84  
Owen Brown ..... Andrew Brown '92  
Natalie Carnoy ..... Lisa Landau Carnoy '85  
Ryan Jafri ..... Rafi Jafri '94  
Lucy Jerome ..... Marc Jerome '85  
Chloe Liu ..... James Liu '87  
Ava Maletta ..... Rhoda Peritz Maletta '85  
Paige McCullough ..... Michelle Jung '87  
Hannah Model ..... Eric Model '72

## CLASS OF 2023

Maya Asulin ..... Samantha Rolat Asulin '92  
Aidan Hunter ..... Theodora "Teddi" Langbaum Hunter '87  
Javier Ibarguen ..... Laura Rigolosi Ibarguen '93  
Avery Kahn ..... Katharine Dieterich Kahn '83  
Jacoby Kroll ..... Nicole Siegel Kroll '90  
Davis Lee ..... Stephanie Spencer Lee '85  
Riya Mahtani ..... Varsha Chugani Mahtani '92  
Bodhi Mathur ..... Urmi Vaidya-Mathur '95  
Ally Miglietta ..... Courtney Myers '87 and  
Maurizo Miglietta '87  
Bryan Mitchell ..... Monica Alvarez-Mitchell '93  
Sujan Munver ..... Ravi Munver '88  
Ava and Benjamin Oppen ..... David Oppen '92  
Aryana Petti ..... Maryam Yamani '84

## CLASS OF 2024

Rhys Bowie ..... Michele Grodberg '79  
Emma Brown ..... Andrew Brown '92  
Jackson Jafri ..... Rafi Jafri '94  
Emet Kroll ..... Nicole Siegel Kroll '90  
Tessa Li ..... Thomas Li '84  
Ava Liu ..... James Liu '87  
Dante Ma ..... Richard Ma '88  
Abigail Mitchell ..... Monica Alvarez-Mitchell '93  
Alice Pichel ..... Jesse Pichel '87  
Uma Rajan ..... Ami Vaidya '91

## CLASS OF 2025

Soham Bafana ..... Kavita Shah Bafana '96  
Lilly Baumgarten ..... Dana Drapkin Baumgarten '94  
Lucas Brown ..... Christopher Brown '86  
Hannah Carroll ..... Wendy Kanter Carroll '93  
Caroline and Philip Choi ..... Philip Choi '94  
Devon Gellert ..... Thomas Gellert '90  
Benjamin Gmyrek ..... Robyn Squeo Gmyrek '88  
Sofia Jatskevich ..... David Kalajian '92  
Rebecca Kreynin ..... Louise Radin '71  
Lily Kurtz ..... John Kurtz '80  
Maddy Miglietta ..... Courtney Myers '87 and  
Maurizo Miglietta '87  
Radha Munver ..... Ravi Munver '88  
Wyatt Obergfoll ..... Cyma Zarghami '80  
Jack Park ..... Margaret Chu Park '87  
Alia Saphier ..... Carl Saphier '85  
Ayden Shapiro ..... Ronald Shapiro '82;  
Karen Lane Fierstein '61 GP

## CLASS OF 2026

Emma Baumgarten ..... Dana Drapkin Baumgarten '94  
Hudson Clune ..... Karen Pavur Clune '86  
Anna Ibarguen ..... Laura Rigolosi Ibarguen '93  
Sarah Jafri ..... Rafi Jafri '94  
Jared Liu ..... James Liu '87  
Rig Mathur ..... Urmi Vaidya-Mathur '95  
Nisha Rajan ..... Ami Vaidya '91  
Noah Saphier ..... Carl Saphier '85  
Anyah Shah ..... Salil Shah '94  
Harris Zelnick ..... Amy Bookstaver Zelnick '87

## CLASS OF 2027

Julia Levin-Markowitz ..... Dori Levin '93  
Samantha Malhame ..... Michael Malhame '88  
Damon Penna ..... Mark Penna '93  
Jacob Oppen ..... David Oppen '92  
Andre Valencia ..... Randi Scheiner Valencia '87

## CLASS OF 2028

Rajan Dhillon ..... Kalpana Bains '99  
Grant Rubach ..... Jason Rubach '86

## CLASS OF 2029

Dean Baker ..... Zeyad Baker '97  
Georgia Baumgarten ..... Dana Drapkin Baumgarten '94  
Gabriel Saphier ..... Carl Saphier '85  
Aria Shah ..... Salil Shah '94

## CLASS OF 2030

Mason Malhame ..... Michael Malhame '88

## CLASS OF 2031

Jad Baker ..... Zeyad Baker '97  
Kaveer Dhillon ..... Kalpana Bains '99  
Samar Hirawat ..... Sanjay Hirawat '96

## CLASS OF 2032

Gracy Steinberg ..... Lenis Gonzalez '97

## CLASS OF 2033

Reece Nunez ..... Justin Nunez '02  
Teddy Singer ..... Julian Singer '02

## CLASS OF 2034

Luca Steinberg ..... Lenis Gonzalez '97

## CLASS OF 2035

Tokki Friedman ..... Sasha Friedman '11  
Eva Nunez ..... Justin Nunez '02  
Sophie Singer ..... Julian Singer '02



Editor's note: Earlier this year our legacy families celebrated with a special breakfast in the Wharton Lessin Dining Hall. For photos from that gathering please scan the QR code!  
Remember to use the password: connect



From Top Left:  
Laura Rigolosi-Ibarguen '93,  
Luke Rigolosi '91,  
Rebecca Rigolosi '89, and  
Robert Rigolosi '87



Anna Ibarguen '26



Javier Ibarguen '23

## A Legacy Family Spotlight: The Rigolosi and Ibarguen Family

► At D-E, we value building lifelong relationships—relationships that are even passed down to the next generation. In a rapidly changing world, D-E's Mission stands the test of time, and our Legacy Families reflect our ongoing commitment to seek excellence and foster belonging.

At this year's "EPIC 3X" Alumni Reunion, **Luke Rigolosi '91** will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. During his D-E career, Luke excelled in football, soccer, lacrosse, and wrestling. His sister, **Laura Rigolosi-Ibarguen '93**, is an active member of the community as her children **Javier Ibarguen '23** and **Anna Ibarguen '26** are now making their own D-E memories. Similarly to his uncle, Javier plays soccer and is a S.A.G.E. leader,

"I feel ecstatic for Uncle Luke," Javier said, "I consider my legacy at D-E to be very athletic. I value the teamwork and sense of community the most at D-E, especially being on a sports team. After this year, I know that I have 22 teammates, on and off the field."

Luke's niece, Anna, was the 2021-2022 recipient of the Nicholas Trask Memorial Award and is currently one of the editor-in-chiefs of the Middle School newspaper, MS Papercut. She hopes to make her mark at D-E,

"I think that it's so cool that he's receiving this award now, because even though he graduated a while ago, he's still remembered as an alum," Anna said, "I think it would be great if my brother and I could continue our family legacy at D-E. I think any kid would be lucky to go here. There are still several teachers that taught my mom and her siblings, which is pretty cool because I can learn things about my mom as a student."

Pictured here is a throwback family photo submitted by Laura of her siblings, **Rebecca '89** and **Robert '87**, Luke (center), and herself (right). Needless to say that the Legacy family experience is a unique one. The faces may change, but the tradition of excellence remains the same. We look forward to honoring the full list of award recipients this June 2022.

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDEES TO BE HONORED JUNE 11, 2022

Daniel Fish '85  
Alicia Menendez '01  
Karen Orzolek '96  
Jeremiah "Jerry" Shafir ESB '70\*  
Mark Shafir '74\*  
Robert "Rob" Shafir '76\*

*\*Editor's Note: See Page 20 for Profile.*

### ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES TO BE HONORED JUNE 11, 2022

D-E 1984 and D-E 1985 Boys Lacrosse Teams  
Rose E. Byron McSween '80  
Luke Rigolosi '91\*  
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# 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.

### 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](http://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.

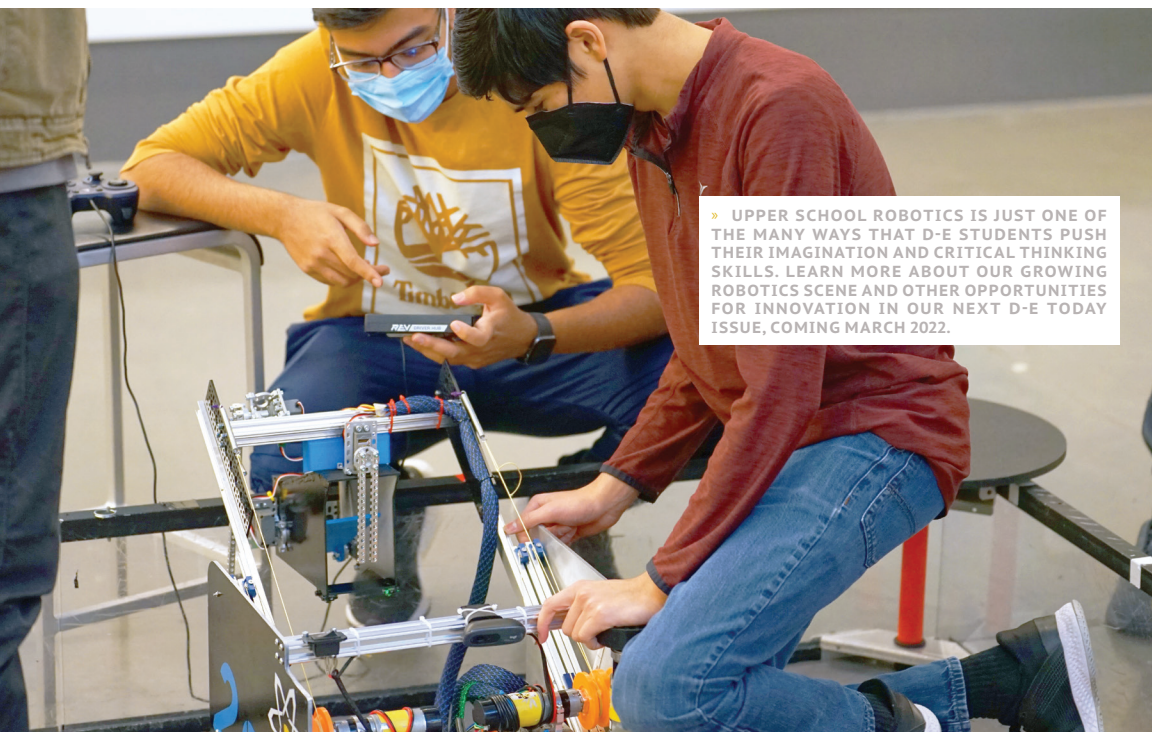
Contact Maria Sanchez Gardner '78, Director of Alumni Relations by phone 201-227-3111 or by email [sanchm@d-e.org](mailto:sanchm@d-e.org) if you have any additional questions about Dwight-Englewood School's Reunion programming.



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