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# Class Notes

( a D-E today publication for Alumni of the Dwight School,  
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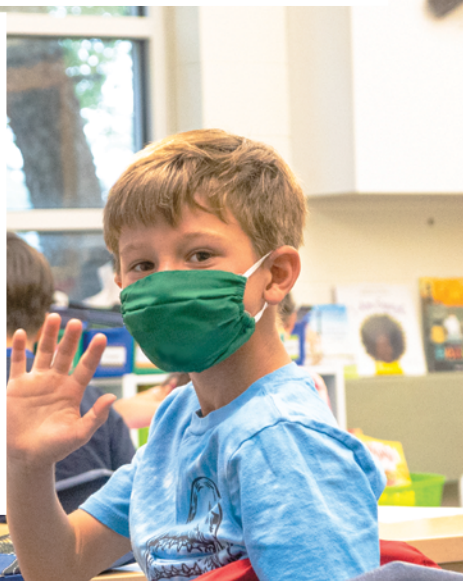


## ***Announcing our 2021-2022 D-E Annual Fund Results & Alumni Class Award Winners***

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- ✎ Highest Annual Fund Class Participation Award
  - Dwight - 1940 (67%)
  - ESB - 1941 (100%)
  - D-E - 2022 (31%)
- ✎ Most Improvement by a Class for the Annual Fund Award
  - ESB - 1955 (25% improved)
- ✎ Young Alumni Annual Fund Award
  - D-E - 2022 (31%)
- ✎ Highest Amount Raised by a Class Award
  - D-E - 1985 (\$65,657.95)
- ✎ Best Reunion Attendance Award
  - D-E - 1996 27 attendees (37% of the class) were in attendance at their 25th reunion milestone celebration



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# Class Notes

## DWIGHT '39



► We learned of the passing of Ann Coulter “Colti” Wiss from her son Frederick “Freddie” Wiss and he shared her obituary:

“Ann Coulter Wiss passed away December 29, 2021, nine days shy of 100. She grew up in Burlington, NC and Greensboro, NC. Attending Dwight for two years, she was one of two who were not from New Jersey or New York of the twenty girls in her class.

Her fond memories of Dwight included the proximity to New York City, attending the 1939 New York World's Fair, and skating at the Coffins house in the winter. She was voted “The Most Artistic” by her class. She went on to Smith College, but left after two years to return to NYC, attending Arts Students League and the New Art School. In 1943, she worked for Grumman Aircraft in the war effort and at the end of the year married Norman F Wiss Jr., who was then sent overseas for two years. After the war, they settled in Livingston, NJ and then Short Hills, NJ. Through the years she pursued many activities and was a leader of a variety of organizations.

In the 70s and 80s, she volunteered as a seamstress at the Costume Institute at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. In the 70s, she began forty years of volunteering at the gardens at Rutgers University and later became a certified Master Gardener. She is survived by her three children, Cathy (Chris), Don and Freddie (Cathleen) and three grandchildren, Sarah, Thomas and Margaret.”

## DWIGHT '50



Bob and Mary Montgomery attend a Palm Beach Opera gala in 2007. Mrs. Montgomery died Feb. 9, 2022. HANDOUT

► We received the sad news that Mary O'Connor Montgomery (pictured above with her husband Bob at the Palm Beach Opera gala in 2007) passed away on February 9, 2022. Her obituary was published by the *Palm Beach Daily News* on February 25, 2022:

“Mary Montgomery, a discerning but generous patroness of the arts during her 60-plus years as a Palm Beach resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022, after a long battle with dementia. She was 91 years old and the widow of late powerhouse attorney Robert Montgomery, who won an \$11 billion judgment against Big Tobacco in a groundbreaking lawsuit.

Born July 9, 1930 in Mobile, Alabama, Mary Le Merle McKenzie was the daughter of Roy William McKenzie and Mary Le Merle (nee Andrews) McKenzie. She was a co-ed at the University of Alabama when she met an upperclassman from Birmingham named Bob Montgomery, who would become her husband. After Mr. Montgomery's post-college military service was up, he decided to use his GI Bill to go to law school full time. His young wife worked as a secretary in a psychiatric hospital to keep them afloat.

“Those were some tough times,” Mr. Montgomery would say later in an interview. “But we managed.”

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The couple moved to Palm Beach in the early 1960s and became active in charity, particularly those relating to arts and culture. The Palm Beach Opera was a particular favorite, receiving both financial and administrative support from the pair, both of whom served on the board.

"All of us at Palm Beach Opera are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mary Montgomery," said David Walker, general and artistic director of the Palm Beach Opera. "Mary, and her late husband Robert, were very involved and supportive of the opera for many years, with Robert having been the company's board chairman for 25 years, and Mary then joining the board after his passing in 2008. Mary also joined the board of the Palm Beach Opera Guild in 1984, and both she and Robert were very involved in the Palm Beach Opera Vocal Competition. Mary was also one of the founders and underwriters of the company's annual Opera at the Waterfront concerts.

"The company couldn't be where it is today without the incredible, longtime support and leadership of both Robert and Mary, and we will forever miss Mary's incredible charm, grace, wonderful spirit, commitment and passion for opera." Another favorite was the Armory Art Center, which was seeded through a generous gift from the Montgomerys. "Mary Montgomery and her husband, Robert, were the foundation in establishing the Armory Arts Center as a visual, art education, and exhibit space for the community," said Tom Pearson, CEO of the Armory Art Center, "she was a true patron of the armory and of the arts." Mrs. Montgomery was the mother of a son, who died in 1992, and a daughter, who survives her."

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### ESB '54

► We received the sad news that Wilkin E. Thomas, Jr. passed away on August 2, 2021. His obituary was published in *The News Journal* from August 7 to 8:

"Wilkin Evans Thomas, Jr., age 85, of Wilmington, DE passed away on August 2, 2021. Wilk was born in Englewood, NJ to Wilkin and Margaret Thomas. He graduated from Dwight-Englewood School in Englewood, NJ. Following high school, Wilk graduated Cum Laude from Williams College with a degree in physics and was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity. He later attended Yale University

for graduate studies in physics. Wilk joined the US Bureau of Standards in Gaithersburg, MD and then joined the scientific staff of E.I. DuPont De Nemours and Company Experimental Station in Wilmington, DE. He earned his JD from University of Maryland School of Law in Baltimore, MD and joined DuPont's Legal Department, later heading up their Asia Pacific Law Division in Tokyo, Japan just prior to retiring.

Wilk was predeceased by his beloved wife of 50 years, Lavinia Burwell Hillsman, III of Teaneck, NJ. Some of his greatest joys were the years they lived in Tokyo, Japan and when they traveled extensively throughout the world. He was a member of the Wilmington Country Club where he enjoyed playing golf. He was an avid reader, lover of the NY Times crossword puzzles and an ardent follower of financial markets.

Most of all, his family meant the world to him. Wilk is survived by his three children, their spouses and seven grandchildren: Doug Thomas and Chris Conn, PhD (Cameron and Connor) from Ellicott City, MD; Rob and Ann Marie Thomas (Forrest, Ashley Ann, and Chandler) from Hockessin, DE; and Meg and Alan Quaintance (Morgan and Tyler) from Hockessin, DE. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Sally Turnbull Hillsman, PhD from Washington, D.C."

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### DWIGHT '57

► We received the sad news that Mary Lou Aragona Cornet, wife of Jacques Cornet ESB '54, passed away on December 29, 2019. Her obituary was published in the *Record* and *Herald News* on January 8, 2020:

"Mary Lou Aragona Cornet, 79, formerly of Closter, New Jersey, passed away on Sunday, December 29, 2019 at her home in Middlesex. Born in New York, she is the daughter of the late Marion and Stanley Aragona. Mary Lou graduated from Dwight School for Girls in 1957, and received an Associates Degree from Green Mountain College in 1959. Mary Lou was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother whose family always came first. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. She is survived by her loving husband of 55 years, Jacques Cornet, 3 children, Jacques Cornet Jr and wife Jill of New York City, Peter Cornet and wife



Sue of Bridgewater, and Anne Cornet and wife Rose Labriola of North Carolina, Grandchildren, Nicole, Olivia, Julie, Katie, Abby, Sarah and Sophie and her sister Joan Duncan and husband, Jock of Florida.”

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### DWIGHT '57

► We received the sad news that Lorna Gilchrist Buggein passed away on September 29, 2015. Her obituary was published in the *Record* and *Herald News* from October 1-2, 2015:

“Lorna Gilchrist Buggein, age 76, of Dumont, entered into eternal life on Tuesday, September 29, 2015. Devoted mother of William J. Buggein and Donna Dlouhy and her husband Harold. Cherished grandmother of Heather and Jason Dlouhy. Also survived by her dear nephews; Geoffrey and Malcolm Gilchrist, Jr. and nieces, Denice Mercadante, Lynda Ringlestein, and Karen Saitta. Lorna is predeceased by her beloved husband, William H. (1997) and her brother Malcolm Gilchrist. Lorna was born in the Bronx, NY and was employed for many years as a secretary at Gilchrist Re/Max Realtors of Teaneck. She was a Girl Scout leader and Boy Scout den mother in Dumont, and was active in Dumont Little League.”

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### DWIGHT '61



► We received the sad news that Linda Klein Babel passed away on April 25, 2022 from complications post-surgery. Her obituary was published by *The Island Packet* from April 29 to May 1, 2022:

“Linda Klein Babel, 78, of Hilton Head Island, SC passed away unexpectedly on Monday, April 25, 2022, at the Savannah Memorial Hospital. She was a refined, elegant and cultured woman who never stopped seeking new adventures, friendships and passions with youthful exuberance. She savored

relationships, fine details, and was a wonderful friend to all; that’s what makes her unexpected passing so difficult for all who knew her. Born in New York City in 1944, she was adopted by Stanley J. Klein, Sr., and Anne Koch Klein of Englewood, N.J. Stanley passed when Linda was just 9, and Anne later married Henry E. Stepp. The couple lovingly raised Linda, instilling the values and the thirst for life that she passed on to everyone she met.

She was educated at the Dwight School, maintaining lifelong friendships with many of her grade school classmates. She attended Tufts University and would later graduate from the Katherine Gibbs School in New York City.

It was at Tufts that she met her soulmate, Frank Babel in 1962. She was the yin to Frank’s yang – the steady and stabilizing force to balance Frank’s boisterous, life-of-the-party personality. Their 57-year marriage began in 1964, as they set off on a journey of love and laughter, family and friends, and adventures including 14 moves and world-travel to 70+ countries, before finally settling down full time in Hilton Head Island’s Sea Pines community in 2005.

She was petite and graceful, was strong-willed, whip-smart, and had a great sense of humor. She was a compassionate and caring listener and a meticulous giver. She had a great sense of style and kept an immaculate home. She always had a twinkle in her eye and an infectious smile. Linda was a magnet for knowledge. She had a miraculous recall which made her a must-have trivia teammate and a voracious consumer of crosswords, Sudoku and “Jeopardy!” In recent years she found the game of mahjong and loved her frequent outings with the ladies at the club. Linda had an insatiable appetite for reading and knowledge, and especially favored anything related to the royal family and Egyptology.

She lived to make others happy and feel loved, most of all Frank, her adored children, treasured grandkids, and all of her family and friends. She found the joy in your most mundane successes, found the positive in any predicament and was a quick wit who always had intoxicating stories and the perfect joke to make her friends laugh and smile. She made generosity and living life to the fullest seem so effortless, and she always did it with humility.

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She contributed to society through membership in a litany of clubs, arts and cultural organizations through the years – including the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra, of which she rarely missed a concert. She made an impact as a member of the 100 Women Who Care Club and a participant in countless fundraisers. She was benevolent with her time and charity to organizations and was an ardent supporter of the Boys & Girls Club of Hilton Head Island.

Linda is survived by Frank, her children Lisa McCarthy and Laurie Hartnett, son-in-law Joe Hartnett and her three grandchildren, Aidan McCarthy and Gavin and Abby Hartnett. She is also survived by loving family including sisters-in-law Kathy Babel and Mary McEnaney and brother-in-law Vic (Mary) Babel; nieces Caryn Knoll and husband Shaun; Stacey Klein, Liz McEnaney, and Julia Norris and husband Drew; nephews Ken Klein and wife Alejandra, Ken McEnaney and wife Jamie, and Darius Babel; and grand-nieces and grand-nephews Kenneth Jr. and Olivia Klein, and Kate and Olin McEnaney. She was predeceased by brother Stanley Klein and sisters-in-law Susie Klein and Jeanne Babel. Linda will be missed tremendously by her family, friends, and the Lowcountry community.”

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### ESB '61

► We received the sad news of the passing of Mike Pisani. Mike was one of four brothers, Tony Pisani ESB '65, John Pisani ESB '67, and Chris Pisani ESB '69, who attended the Englewood School for Boys. His obituary was published in *The Item of Millburn* on June 24, 2022:

“Bernard Michael Pisani died Sunday evening, March 20, 2022. He is survived by his wife, Shelden Ogilvy Pisani, three of his four children, Michael, David and Laura - his youngest child, Alice Pisani (Hurdle), having tragically predeceased him – his daughters-in-law, Nicole Falconer Pisani and Jennifer Corzine Pisani and son-in-law, Joseph Junkin, his seven grandchildren, Madelaine Pisani, Katherine Pisani, Oliver Hurdle, Dylan Pisani, Ryan Junkin-Pisani, Sabrina Junkin-Pisani and Graham Pisani, his three brothers, Anthony, John and Christopher, and their families, and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews,

all of whom now miss him terribly.

Dad cut a joyful, loving, mischievous and philosophical swath through life, making the most out of what life offered and sweating no part of what it didn't – save another title or two for the Rangers and Giants, or, as to the latter, even just a winning season. Of late, in his grandfatherly years, the spectacle of his unbridled happiness with his grandchildren, each in their own rite, was absolutely beautiful and confirming of the hopeful, positive life view he insisted upon.

Born in New York City and raised in Englewood, NJ, son and nephew to a paternal family of physicians and a maternal force of nature, Dad's intended path to medical school derailed auspiciously when he parlayed a modest graduation gift into a then tidy sum in the market. Thus encouraged, he opted for a position with a small Wall Street firm, Stevens, Rothschild & Co. In time, he led that firm to combine with the then OTC powerhouse Troster Singer & Company, becoming its managing partner and eventually selling it to and becoming a limited partner in Spear, Leeds & Kellogg. Still a young man, seeing things in his own unique way, he created the bespoke life of private investing, gentleman pentathlete (tennis, squash, golf, backgammon and chess), constant host, perpetually willing mixologist and aspiring chef by which he is most commonly known. His beloved coterie of partners would have us add Silver Life Master in contract bridge to the above list.

Through an exceptional cascade of happenstance, the kind face of fate placed in his way the love of his life, Shelden, to whom his devotion, while distinctly of his own design and sort, was boundless. Their caring for each other through forty-five years was unfailing and their enjoyment of each other never diminished. It is the most sacred undertaking of his surviving family to surround Shelden in this hardest of times with the love and care Dad would have asked. There is solace in the fact that Dad enjoyed a strong faith his entire life. Not a dogmatic or doctrinal one but a carefully examined, prolifically read, enthusiastically practiced, and grinningly shared one. His very curious, frequently proclaimed enthusiasm for the Prodigal Son story chafed his two sons by implication but, taken fairly, epitomized the vastly caring and forgiving nature with which Dad exercised his faith. In his final moment, if he had



an instant to assess, Dad would have been deeply comforted and at peace through his trust in God.

There is no reason not to suppose that the warm light that was Dad is dispersed now into the larger light of our universe and that any time you are warmed by that universal light, a little part of it is Dad warming you as he always hoped to do, while with us, whenever he smiled at you.”

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### ESB '62

► We learned from **Brice Eldridge** that in June he went on a big family vacation to Hawaii to celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary, which had been postponed due to COVID-19. We received the following update from Brice:

“Mimi and I have two children and 3 grandchildren who live very close to us in Virginia. I still work 40% supporting computer systems development and application mostly in the Department of Defense environment which leaves time for church support, tennis, fishing with the kids, and travel.”

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### DWIGHT '63



► **Anne Moloney Black** (left) and **Jean “JJ” Mueller Sinton** (right) met at The Breakers in Palm Beach in November 2021. They hadn’t seen each other for over 40 years and had the most wonderful time catching up. They’re eager to do it again!

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### DWIGHT '64

► In *The New York Times*, an article was published on July 6, 2022, entitled, *Lesley Gore’s Archive, Open to All, Arrives at the New York Public Library*. Here

is an excerpt from the article:

“As a teenage singer in the 1960s who fit the all-American girl mold, Lesley Gore may have seemed like an unlikely figure to carve out a lasting legacy of feminist resilience and independence. The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts has now made the musician’s archive available for anyone interested in her artistic evolution, giving fans a chance to browse through notated music sheets and an unfinished memoir.

Lois Sasson, Gore’s partner for more than 30 years, began working with the library in February 2016, sifting through storage boxes and cataloging each object with help from the singer’s family and friends. Sasson emphasized that the collection should remain free to the public and housed in New York, where Gore lived, said Jessica Wood, the assistant curator of music and recorded sound at the Library for the Performing Arts. Gore died of lung cancer in 2015. Sasson, a fierce defender of women’s and gay rights, died from COVID-19 in 2020.

The archive, which contains scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, fan club files, music theory books, a birthday invitation, family photographs and album covers, was first made available on May 31, and all printed and written works can be examined on request. The library is still working to digitize the audio and movie image recordings that document Gore’s rehearsals, performances and television appearances, as well as visual works like a 1968 Robert F. Kennedy ad campaign.”

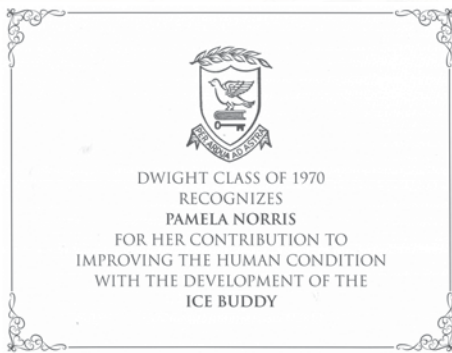
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### ESB '69

► **Peter Balakian** delivered the keynote address at the Capitol Hill Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide on April 28, 2022. As reported by the *Armenian National Committee of America*, this ceremony was the first such in-person gathering since the US Congress and President fully and formally recognized this crime. Peter is a Pulitzer Prize-winning writer and the Donald M. and Constance H. Rebar Professor in Humanities, Professor of English at Colgate University, where he has taught since 1980. Peter’s most recent book of Poetry, *No Sign*, is featured in this issue’s Bulldog Bookshelf.



## DWIGHT '70



*The certificate was read at the Dwight Class of 1970 50th reunion.*



*Pamela with a graphic of the ICE Buddy System*

► The Dwight Class of 1970 recently recognized Pamela Norris for her extraordinary, life-saving, and innovative creation and development of the ICEBUDDY™ Systems, Inc. Her patented product is a portable cooling system, comprising the QPACK and QOOLER that enables ice, water, medication, and emergency supplies to be stored and easily transported.

Pamela, a Maui resident and an entrepreneur, was the winner of the US Small Business Administration's 2016 InnovateHer Challenge locally hosted by the Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB). Thank you, Pamela, for your efforts to meet the challenges of a changing world and making it better.

To read more in a 2018 article published on the MEDB website, visit [www.focusmauiui.com/icebuddy-saves-lives/](http://www.focusmauiui.com/icebuddy-saves-lives/)

Visit [www.icebuddy.net](http://www.icebuddy.net) for more information about ICEBUDDY™ Systems, Inc.

## D-E '74

► We received the sad news of the passing of Gordon G. Glidden, brother of Deborah Glidden Saliba Dwight '63, John Glidden ESB '65 and Jim Glidden ESB '68, on October 6, 2021:

"Gordon G. Glidden of Huntington Woods, Michigan and Sugar Springs, Michigan died October 6, 2021 after a long illness. He was 65. Gordon was born in New York on August 10, 1956 to Rae Petigree Glidden and John C. Glidden. He grew up in Englewood, New Jersey, where he attended the Englewood Public Schools and the Englewood School for Boys before attending the Kent School in Kent, CT, where he graduated in 1974. He started playing hockey at the Englewood Field Club at a young age, and played throughout high school and college. Mr. Glidden graduated from Union College, Schenectady, NY in 1978 with a degree in Civil Engineering. During his senior year at Union, while captain of the Junior Varsity Hockey team, the entire Varsity team resigned in a dispute with the college. Glidden found himself now captain of the Varsity of a Division I hockey team with a ragtag squad. His team lost 19 out of 19 games, scored a total of one goal, and yet he determined that the team would show up for every minute of every game, which they did. After college, he began his engineering career at Turner Construction Corporation and was assigned to their Columbus, Ohio office.

In 1985 he relocated to Turner's Detroit office establishing his construction expertise as a Cost Engineer. In 2003 Gordon left the Construction Industry and used his knowledge of construction and real estate to establish himself in the home inspection business with the firm of US Inspect, Inc. In 2014, he established his own Firm, Inland Lakes Home Inspection Services Inc., concentrating in both the Detroit area and Gladwin County in northern Michigan. After establishing his firm, Gordon became a licensed Drone Pilot and was able to utilize his skills in enhancing his home inspection business. He was a longtime member of the American Society of Home Inspectors and received several awards from the Real Estate Industry. In



Huntington Woods, Gordon readily volunteered his time and expertise with the Huntington Woods Planning Commission and was its Chairman for several years.

He was also a long-time member of the Detroit Chapter of the Optimists Club which is dedicated to helping disadvantaged youth. Gordon Glidden is survived by his siblings, Deborah Saliba of Orleans, Mass., John C. Glidden, Jr. of Closter, New Jersey and James LP Glidden of Holliston, Mass. He is also survived by nine nieces and nephews and twelve Grand nieces and nephews. The obituary notice is posted on the AJ Desmond Funeral home website.”

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### D-E '75

► **Perry Kalajian** appeared on a segment of “National Report” from *Newsmax TV* on July 8, 2022 commenting on inflation and the economy through the lens of the intersection of law, business and politics. Perry is the Senior Managing Director of Focus Management Group in New York.

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### D-E '77

► We learned from **Chris Giancarlo** that he was awarded the rank of *Chevalier* in the French National Order of Merit by French President Emmanuel Macron in March 2022. An article entitled, “Why did France include ‘Crypto Dad’ Chris Giancarlo in French Knighthood?” was published by *The Coin Republic* on July 1, 2022, which delves more deeply into why Chris received this well-deserved honor. The article references a letter from Philippe Étienne, Ambassador of France to the United States, where he “noted that the honor of knighthood shows the great respect of French Authorities for Giancarlo’s understanding of financial markets and crypto finance potential.” Chris is senior counsel at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP and serves as Co-Chair of the Willkie Digital Works practice. He formerly served as the thirteenth Chairman of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) from which he authored a book entitled *CryptoDad: the Fight for the Future of Money*, which “details his experiences as CFTC chairman and discusses the rise of Bitcoin, crypto and central bank digital currency.”

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### D-E '78

► **Maria Sanchez Gardner** and sisters, **Gigi Sanchez** '83 and **Isa Sanchez Sachs** '80, are pictured above showing off their D-E swag while vacationing at the Jersey Shore. Also on this trip were her sister, **Edie Sanchez Oswald** '77, and her brothers, **Luis Sanchez** '75 and **Pete Sanchez** '79.



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### D-E '80

► **Kim Benzel** was mentioned in a *New York Times* article published in the Art & Design section on February 9, 2022, announcing a new project at The Met to renovate its Ancient Near East and Cypriot galleries. Kim is an Associate Curator in the Department of Ancient Near Eastern Art at The Met and will help to oversee this large-scale project beginning next year. The article was entitled, “Met Museum to Renovate Its Ancient Near East and Cypriot Galleries.”

► We received the following update from **Sabrina Peck**, “I’m running my nonprofit, CityStep, about to celebrate my milestone birthday this weekend with friends and family— and sending my only child Josh off to college in a few weeks (Harvard! Woo-hoo single parenthood!)”



## D-E '83



► We received the following update from **John Peters**: “My family and I have finally moved back East, to Ridgefield, CT, (One town over from **Andy Lenskold '82!**) after 13 years in Indiana, just outside Chicago. I’m so happy to be home. (The pizza in the Midwest was horrific and there were no real bagels anywhere.) I’m so glad I now get to see my best friends, almost all from D-E. On July 4th, I visited **David Hekemian '84** near Mt. Snow VT, and we bumped into **Michael Schein** at a July 4th event. Of course, we had to snap a picture! I hope everyone is well. I connect with DES friends all the time on social media and it’s so nice to have kept up with these friendships. For some time, I have been consulting through my company “Mind Mashery” - I’ve put together a group of business professionals and we consult for various businesses and organizations; large and small, public and private. We specialize in creating and implementing strategic partnerships to generate revenue and increase exposure.”

## D-E '84

► **Debbie Schnee Rosenthal** went to Israel in July with Momentum, which some call. “Birthright for Moms”. She went with a group of 72 mothers from Philadelphia and traveled with them from the US to Israel and other countries. Momentum empowers women to connect to Jewish values, engage with Israel and make connections. Debbie had an incredible experience and spent a few extra days in Israel with her brother **Stu Schnee '82** and his family who live in Ramat Beit Shemesh. Debbie lives in Yardley, PA with her husband and two sons. She volunteers at her synagogue and is on the board of Jewish Learning Venture.



## D-E '85

► We received the sad news that **Keith Strauss** passed away on April 11, 2022. Keith is predeceased by his brother **Steven Strauss '83**. The following is excerpted from his obituary:

“Keith Strauss was born on October 10, 1967 in Englewood, NJ to Dr. Raymond Strauss and Lois Strauss. He grew up in Englewood, and graduated from Tenafly High School in 1985. At the age of 3, Keith was given a toy piano which he played constantly, eventually starting lessons in classical piano at the age of 8. A childhood hobby became a lifelong journey in pursuit of a passion for music. Keith played keyboards in several bands over the years and wrote over 1,000 songs. Along with music, Keith’s greatest passion and favorite accomplishment was being a father to his daughter Juliana. He was an amazing dad, always encouraging Juliana to live life to the fullest, as he did. Keith spent most of his adult life living on eastern Long Island, where he started a metal recycling business. Known as the “Metal Man” many referred to him as “a real-life superhero” for recycling over 4 million pounds of metal. Keith was often described as “one of a kind” and his big smile will be remembered by all. He is survived by his daughter, Juliana and his mother Lois, along with great friends, all of whom will miss him always.”



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## D-E '87

► We received the sad news that **Lisa Joy Harris** passed away. Her obituary was published by *The Daily Camera* on January 30, 2022:

“Lisa Joy Harris passed away in a very sad and tragic accident on January 16, 2022. Lisa was born in Los Angeles, California on September 5, 1969, Lisa grew up in Englewood, New Jersey, and graduated from the Dwight-Englewood School. She received her Bachelor’s Degree from Emerson College in Boston followed by an MSW from Denver University. Lisa is a long-time resident of Boulder, Colorado and an active member of the dance community that she treasured. Lisa leaves behind her precious children, Max and Lila that she often called “the heartbeats outside of her heart,” as well as her loving brother, Trevor, and her devoted parents, Bill and Susan. Lisa was adored by her family and will be so sorely missed by them as well as her many friends and neighbors. She left us way too early. Lisa, we hope you are dancing and that you know how much we will always miss you.”

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## D-E '88



► **Tama Beth Kudman** has joined Pietragello as the Managing Partner of their new Florida office in Palm Beach Gardens according to a press release the law firm issued in May 2022: “Tama will continue to represent individuals and corporations under civil and criminal investigation and prosecution. Tama was selected by Best Lawyers as ‘Lawyer of the Year’

for the West Palm Beach Criminal Defense sector in 2022 and the White-Collar Defense sector in 2020. She is also on the Top Lawyers list for Jupiter Magazine and Palm Beach Illustrated, 2022. Tama is a graduate of Barnard College, Columbia University; The Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law; and Dwight-Englewood High School. She is barred in New York, New Jersey, and Florida.”

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## D-E '91



► Pictured are **Hayley Charatz Baraker**, **Loren Merson Breslow**, **Alexis Demetrakis Pizzurro**, **Jena Raia Marino**, and **Ligia Mendez Goodwillie**, having a lovely dinner together on their trip to Florida this year.

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## D-E '93



► **Monica Ferrell** lives in Vermont with her family and recently took a trip to Venice. In June, Monica’s poem “Infancy” was published in *The New Yorker*.



### D-E '94

► Catherine Miller was featured in a *New York Times* article published on May 3, 2022 entitled, “The Stories Behind Some of the Weird Stuff on ‘Severance.’” The article highlights her work as Prop Master on the *Apple+* series “Severance” and offers a behind-the-scenes look at, “how her team sourced and made the eerie objects that define Lumon.” Catherine was a professional dancer until 2006 when she began working in the Motion Picture Industry. She has held several roles prior to becoming a Prop Master including Assistant Prop Master, Prop Buyer, Picture Car Coordinator, Set Dresser, Set Dressing Foreman, Additional Prop and Actor. She is credited for her work on several major film and television productions, most recently *Severance*, *Uncut Gems*, and *Russian Doll*.

► These Class of 2003 alumni had an opportunity to prepare for their 20th Reunion next year. Subir Grewal was in NY from his home in Austin. He had a gathering at his parents’ home in New City, NY. They have been friends for more than twenty years, and their children are all friends.



► Alison Mariella Désir was featured in *Running Insight* magazine’s “25 Women to Watch in Run Specialty.” The article, published in their January/February 2022 issue, highlights Alison’s work as the co-chair of the Running Industry Diversity Coalition and promotes her upcoming book, “Running While Black,” as well as her second apparel collection with Oiselle in the Fall of 2022. She is quoted in the article encouraging companies in the running industry to “embed a racial justice framework” into their business practices. Alison was also the Keynote Commencement Speaker for the D-E Class of 2022! For details, please see D-E Today Spring-Summer 2022!

### D-E '99



► Baraka Stubbs and son Leo visited Billy Schaller at his new home in Dyker Heights, Brooklyn, where he noted that the old song lyrics “No Sleep Till Brooklyn” carry a new meaning these days now that he has two toddlers (Diana and Claudia) of his own to keep him busy.

### D-E '05

► Steven Jamal Hanton was elected to partnership at Nixon Peabody LLP on the eve of his ten year anniversary with the firm. Steve is a structured finance and capital markets attorney and often represents banks and other financial institutions in asset-backed securitizations, collateralized loan obligations (CLOs), corporate and public finance transactions, and other alternative structures. He also counsels lenders, emerging companies, and other institutions in negotiating transactions in both debt and equity finance, representing lenders in complex lending arrangements and emerging companies in different stages of equity financing.

### D-E '03



Front row: Subir Grewal, Edgar Velez, Brian Samuels, Sam Bruce, Amanda Spray Bradford,  
Back row: Aristides Inchaustegui, Alexander Au

Outside of the firm, he mentors law students and junior attorneys and co-founded an LGBTQIA organization focusing on underserved communities in the Boston metro area, Men of Melanin Magic. Additionally, in 2021, Steve served as the inaugural Rhodium Fellow in International Trade and Economics with the American Mandarin Society, and in 2022, he ran the 126th Boston Marathon



on behalf of the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center.

### D-E '06



► **William Nazarian**, son of Seta Nazarian '75, married Caroline Kahyaoglu on Saturday, June 18 at St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral in NYC with the Reception at The Plaza Hotel. Helping him to celebrate were David Primak, Raffi Aynilian, Victor Rodriguez, Michael Richman, Erman Agirnasli, Griffin Newman, Alan Glick, Dennis Perales, Justin Samuels, Jake Baer, Paul Marvin, Kofi Boakye, and Jean-Marc Saleh. The newlyweds are residing in the West Village in Manhattan.

### D-E '08



► **Alex Immerman** married Talia Goldberg on August 23, 2021 in Portland, Oregon. Congratulations!

### D-E '09

► **Karolina Jewett Canning** (daughter of History teacher Edward Jewett) was married to William Canning in June of 2021 in a small ceremony in Vermont. In September of 2021, Karolina and William welcomed a baby girl named Violet Elizabeth. Following her father's footsteps in education, Karolina currently works as the Director

of Communication and Marketing at St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School in Washington, DC. Karolina, her husband, daughter, and Dachshund puppy, Pretzel, reside in Chevy Chase, MD.



### D-E '10

► **Allison Greenwald** was featured in an article published by *CNBC* on March 18, 2022, entitled, "Flexible hours allow employees at this company to fit work around their lives." The story is part of a series reporting on the "shift in workplace culture." Allison is quoted several times describing her flexible work schedule as a senior product manager at the information technology and services company, Alley. When she isn't traveling, Allison is based in Brooklyn, NY.

### D-E '10 & '11



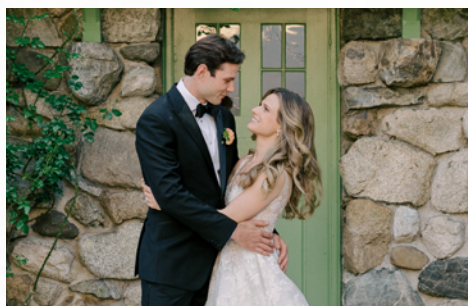
► **Marti Satnick Schwartz '11** and **Adam Schwartz '10** sent an update announcing the birth of their first child, "Summer Jade Schwartz was born on January 27, 2022, at 9:46 pm. Summer lives in New York City where she loves to attend music class, play with her toys and eat her favorite foods (bananas, apples, and pears). She is very sweet and always smiling."



## D-E '11



► **Maxwell Sacks** married **Julia Tambone** on July 10, 2021 in Santa Ynez, CA. **Ryan Parangi** was his best man, and his brothers, **Mason Sacks '14** and **Mickey Sacks '17**, his sister, **Mia Sacks '19**, and **Kenny Dolgin** were part of the wedding party. Also celebrating with Max and family were **Aria Parangi '09**, **Jay Kapur**, **Monika Tehrani '12**, **Phil Ryneveld**, **Will Schwartz '17**, **Eller Bart '19**, and **Jayna Waldman '19**. (Photo Credit: Brett Hickman Photographers)



► **Libby Ward** married **Dillon Schafer** on May 29, 2022 in Topsfield, MA. The newly married couple recently moved to New Haven, CT where they both started jobs at Yale New Haven Hospital. Libby began her residency in Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery and Dillon is serving as an attending physician in anesthesiology.

## D-E '12

► **Michelle Aboodi** was featured in the *Greenbiz* article "The 2022 GreenBiz 30 Under 30" on June 13, 2022 celebrating young leaders in sustainability. The article outlines her career starting as a business coordinator for "Anderson Cooper 360" at CNN to becoming a Procurement Manager at Unilever to her current role as Global Sustainable Product Manager at Converse, owned by Nike where she is lauded for, "bringing a savvy for sustainability storytelling through data." In the article, Michelle is quoted saying, "It's become far too easy to just throw things away. What I'd like to see for anything that involves production and making of things is how we can be less wasteful and more cognizant of

all that we're producing."

## D-E '17



► **Mariam Abdelhaq** was diagnosed with stage III breast cancer during the fall of 2021. Mariam became the beneficiary of this past spring's March Madness Fundraiser, hosted by DEFAC (D-E Fighting Against Cancer). Upper School students who wished to participate created basketball teams to face off in a March Madness-style tournament. Mariam also zoomed in with the club members, speaking candidly about her experience. The club was able to raise over \$4,800 dollars for Mariam as she finished chemotherapy in May.

## D-E '19

► **Tyson Etienne** was featured in a segment on *ESPN* during a broadcast of a Wichita State vs. Houston basketball game in February. Tyson not only spoke about his drawings and photography but also mentioned his high school art teacher, D-E faculty member, Caitlyn Young! According to an article published in the *Wichita Eagle*, Tyson recently signed an Exhibit 10 contract with the Atlanta Hawks as an undrafted free agent shortly following the NBA Draft. Congratulations Tyson!

## D-E '21

► We learned that **Rose Silletto** received the second prize of the Stanley McKenzie Endowed Writing Prize at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) for her essay, "(Re) Birth of a Nation: Memetic Illiteracy and the Lure of the Alt-Right." The prize is awarded to first-year students whose work in the intensive course First-Year Writing Seminar exemplifies the ideal of writing as an intellectual inquiry. Rose was selected out of 3,400 Freshmen at RIT who are required to participate in this course. Rose's major is New Media Interactive Development.



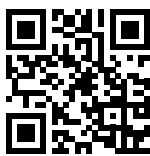
Dwight-Englewood School seeks nominations for the

# 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award and the Athletic Hall of Fame Award

To nominate a Dwight School, Englewood School for Boys, or Dwight-Englewood School alumna or alumnus for the D-E Distinguished Alumni Award and either a team, a student-athlete, a coach or a supporter to the Athletic Hall of Fame, please complete the online form(s) [www.d-e.org/alumni/alumni-recognition](http://www.d-e.org/alumni/alumni-recognition) or scan the QR codes.

All nominations for 2023 award consideration must be received by **Saturday, October 15, 2022**. Special consideration will be given by the DDA and AHF selection committees for alumni from class years ending with 3 and 8.

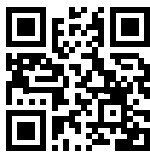
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SCAN TO NOMINATE

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

The Distinguished Alumni Award was established in 1997 to pay special tribute to alumni of the Dwight School, the Englewood School for Boys, and the Dwight-Englewood School. The award is given for exemplary professional and/or volunteer work. This award honors alumni whose achievements deserve special recognition by the school and by fellow graduates.



SCAN TO NOMINATE

## ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The Dwight-Englewood Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 1996 to honor those individuals who have achieved a high level of success during their careers as student-athletes, coaches, or through other significant contributions to the school's athletic program. Its purpose is to perpetuate the memory of those who have brought distinction, honor, and excellence to DwightEnglewood School, Dwight School, and Englewood School for Boys through their actions both on and off the playing



# 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

### DWIGHT 1934

**Ruth Burdett Herrick**

12/11/21

Mother of John Herrick ESB '63

### DWIGHT 1939

**Ann "Colti" Coulter Wiss**

12/29/21

### DWIGHT 1940

**Elizabeth Chafee Conway**

10/10/21

### DWIGHT 1942

**Elfrida von Nardroff**

11/11/21

### DWIGHT 1946

**Patricia Browning Knowlton**

4/29/22

Daughter of the late Carol Coe Browning D '09; Sister of the late George Browning ESB '41 and Betty Browning Clay D '27

### ESB 1948

**Robert L. Gude**

12/9/21

### DWIGHT 1949

**Jean Reeve Klinges**

7/9/22

### DWIGHT 1950

**Mary O'Connor Montgomery**

2/9/22

Sister of the late Joseph O'Connor ESB '45 and Robert

O'Connor ESB '48

### ESB 1954

**Wilkin E. Thomas, Jr.**

8/2/21

**John De Meritt II**

10/21/21

### DWIGHT 1957

**Mary Lou Cornet**

12/29/19

Wife of Jacques Cornet ESB '54; sister of Joan Aragona Duncan D '53; sister-in-law of John Cornet ESB '54, the late Marie Cornet Van Doren D '51, and Helene Cornet Clarke D '50

**Lorna Gilchrist Buggein**

9/29/15

Sister of the late Malcolm Gilchrist ESB '55

### DWIGHT 1961

**Linda Klein Babel**

4/25/22

### ESB 1961

**Bernard Michael "Mike" Pisani**

3/20/22

Brother of Anthony Pisani ESB '65, John Pisani ESB '67, and Christopher Pisani ESB '69

### DWIGHT 1965

**Susan Draesel Davis**

2/21/20

Sister of the Rev. Herbert G. Draesel, Jr. ESB '57 and the late June Draesel Bickert-Talbot D '57, and the Late Dr. Wayne Draesel ESB '69

### D-E 1974

**Gordon Glidden**

10/6/21

Son of the late Rae Petigrue Volk D '38; nephew of the late Shirley Petigrue Clough D '40; brother of Deborah Glidden Saliba D '63, John Glidden, Jr. ESB '65, and James L. Glidden ESB '68; brother-in-law of Joseph Saliba ESB '52; cousin of Karen Clough Brussard D '71; uncle of Alexander Saliba '87, Peter Saliba '85, Emily Glidden Cohen '96, and Elizabeth Glidden '97

### D-E 1979

**Mark Liebowitz**

4/6/22

### D-E 1980

**Melissa Merendino**

7/28/2022

### D-E 1985

**Keith Strauss**

4/11/22

Brother of the late Steven Strauss '83

### D-E 1987

**Lisa Harris**

1/16/22

Sister of Trevor Harris '91

## FORMER FACULTY

**Janet Glass**

4/29/22

Mother of Jessie Glass '91 and Lara Glass '96



**Paul A. Hulleberg**

2/21/22

**Lawrence Kaplan**

5/20/21

Father of Nina Kaplan '84

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**Carole Cardinale**

6/9/22

Mother of Nicole Cardinale '90 and Gary Cardinale '86; wife of the late State Senator Gerald Cardinale

**Claire Cole**

5/10/22

Mother of Philip Cole '78

**Dr. Joseph Dello Russo**

2/2/22

Father of Dr. Jeffrey Dello Russo '88, Dr. James "Jaime" Dello Russo '92, and the late Dr. Jeremy Dello Russo '93

**Elizabeth Frentzel**

5/3/2022

Mother of Nancy Frentzel Gerrese '81 and Mark Frentzel '83

**Rene Gayol**

1/27/22

Father of Stephanie Gayol Phillipou '97 and Steven Gayol '99

**Dr. Saul Luchs**

6/27/22

Father of Dr. Scott Luchs '84 and Jodie Luchs '83; father-in-law of D-E school psychologist Julie Luchs; grandfather of Hannah Luchs '16 and Ali Luchs '19

**James "Jim" Neely**

4/19/22

Husband of former longtime D-E faculty and administrator Rebecca "Becky" Blackwell; longtime stage crew volunteer for D-E Theater

**Ronald Nelson**

6/19/19

Father of Lisa Nelson '87 and Michael Nelson; grandfather of Elizabeth Nelson '24

**Paul Sorvino**

7/25/2022

Father of Mira Sorvino '85 and Amanda Sorvino '88

**Dr. Prabhakar Ram**

7/17/22

Father of Aaryan Ram '23 and Elilee Ram '25; husband of Harpreet Ram

**George Reisman**

1/5/22

Father of the late Frank Reisman '78

**Dr. Jerome Silverstein**

4/3/22

Father of Dr. Mark Silverstein '78

**Howard Waltman**

6/28/22

Grandfather of Matthew Waltman '16; father of D-E faculty member Peter Waltman

**Karlene Webster**

6/15/19

Mother of James Webster '76 and Stephen Webster '81; wife of James Webster ESB '51; sister-in-law of the late Ann Webster Foote D '53; daughter-in-law of the late Jean Dash Webster D '25

## Calling for Alumni News

We are already gathering stories and photos for the next issue of D-E Alumni Class Notes. If you would like to submit your news and possibly a digital photo for the Class Notes section, we ask that you e-mail [alumninews@d-e.org](mailto:alumninews@d-e.org) no later than Saturday, October 15, 2022. Take a moment and tell us what's new with you... education, career, travel, marriage, family, etc.

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Peter Balakian ESB '69

## NO SIGN

University of Chicago Press, March 2022



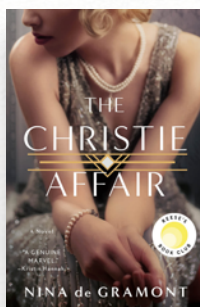
In this new poetry collection, Pulitzer Prize-winner Peter Balakian wrestles with national and global cultural and political realities, including challenges for the human species amid planetary transmutation and the impact of mass violence on the self and culture. At the collection's heart is "No

Sign," another in Balakian's series of longform poems, following "A-Train/Ziggurat/Elegy" and "Ozone Journal," which appeared in his previous two collections. In this multi-sectioned poem, an estranged couple encounters each other, after years, on the cliffs of the New Jersey Palisades. Their dialogue reveals the evolution of a kaleidoscopic memory spanning decades, reflecting on the geological history of Earth and the climate crisis, the film *Hiroshima Mon Amour*, the Vietnam War, a visionary encounter with the George Washington Bridge, and the enduring power of love. Whether meditating on the sensuality of fruits and vegetables, the Covid-19 pandemic, the trauma and memory of the Armenian genocide, James Baldwin in France, or Arshile Gorky in New York City, Balakian's layered, elliptical language, wired phrases, and shifting tempos engage both life's harshness and beauty and define his inventive and distinctive style.

Nina de Gramont '84

## THE CHRISTIE AFFAIR

St. Martin's Press, February 2022



This *New York Times* bestseller renders a brilliant reimagining of the real-life 11-day disappearance of mystery writer Agatha Christie in 1926. Narrated by Nan O'Dea, the mistress of Christie's husband, the book blends fact and

fiction to create an ingeniously plotted psychological suspense novel involving murder, lies, and betrayal.

Alison Mariella Désir '03

## RUNNING WHILE BLACK: FINDING FREEDOM IN A SPORT THAT WASN'T BUILT FOR US

Portfolio, October 2022



Running saved Alison Désir's life. At rock bottom and searching for meaning and structure, Désir started marathon training, finding that it vastly improved both her physical and mental health. Yet as she became involved in the community and learned its history, she realized that

the sport was largely built with white people in mind.

*Running While Black* draws on Désir's experience as an endurance athlete, activist, and mental health advocate to explore why the seemingly simple, human act of long-distance running for exercise and health has never been truly open to Black people. Weaving historical context—from the first recreational running boom to the horrific murder of Ahmaud Arbery—together with her own story of growth in the sport, Désir unpacks how we got here and advocates for a world where everyone is free to safely experience the life-changing power of movement.



As America reckons with its history of white supremacy across major institutions, Désir argues that, as a litmus test for an inclusive society, the fitness industry has the opportunity to lead the charge—fulfilling its promise of empowerment.

Paulina Erni '09

## A RAT'S TALE

Paulipop Press, December 2021



In indie author Paulina Erni's first book, *Lonely Lionel* is a rat who lives in a pet store and dreams of going home with a new best friend. The only problem is that nobody wants to

buy a pet with a tail that looks like...that. Lionel's journey leads him to discover that to be perfect simply means to be yourself.

Michael Kazin ESB '66

## WHAT IT TOOK TO WIN: A HISTORY OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Farrar, Straus and Giroux, March 2022



The Democratic Party is the world's oldest mass political organization. Since its inception in the early nineteenth century, it has played a central role in defining American society, whether it was exercising power or contesting it. But what has the party stood for through the centuries, and

how has it managed to succeed in elections and govern?

In *What It Took to Win*, the eminent historian Michael Kazin identifies and assesses the party's long-running commitment to creating "moral capitalism"—a system that mixed entrepreneurial freedom with the welfare of workers and consumers. And yet the same party that championed the rights of the white working man also vigorously protected or advanced the causes of slavery, segregation, and

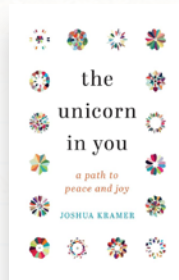
Indian removal. As the party evolved toward a more inclusive egalitarian vision, it won durable victories for Americans of all backgrounds. But it also struggled to hold together a majority coalition and advance a persuasive agenda for the use of government.

Kazin traces the party's fortunes through vivid character sketches of its key thinkers and doers, from Martin Van Buren and William Jennings Bryan to the financier August Belmont and reformers such as Eleanor Roosevelt, Sidney Hillman, and Jesse Jackson. He also explores the records of presidents from Andrew Jackson and Woodrow Wilson to Bill Clinton and Barack Obama. Throughout, Kazin reveals the rich interplay of personality, belief, strategy, and policy that define the life of the party—and outlines the core components of a political endeavor that may allow President Biden and his co-partisans to renew the American experiment.

Joshua Kramer '93

## THE UNICORN IN YOU: A PATH TO PEACE AND JOY

Special Areas, February 2022



Our pursuit of meaningful personal growth can be elusive and difficult to sustain. We search for an approach that feels natural and organic, but our success is often short lived. What if we had a foundation of values that removed this weight of expectation and

emphasized a strong basis for living?

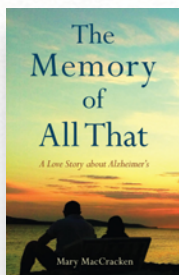
In *The Unicorn in You*, Joshua Kramer identifies a sensible path to peace and joy based on the fundamental principles of kindness, gratitude, integrity, humility, and acceptance. He outlines practical, actionable steps for reconnecting with these universal qualities and demonstrates how our potential extends beyond what most of us envision in our daily lives. *The Unicorn in You* is an inspirational guide and powerful reminder to step out of your head, build a foundation for being, and take the path less traveled to unlock a more peaceful, joyful life.



Mary MacCracken P '66 & '68

## THE MEMORY OF ALL THAT: A LOVE STORY ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S

She Writes Press, July 2022



This posthumously published memoir captures the enduring love of Mary MacCracken, an award-winning bestselling author of books about autistic and learning-disabled children, and her husband, Cal, a successful inventor. When Alzheimer's strikes, Cal vows to beat his disease, while

Mary finds ways to sustain their loving life together, devising ways to help Cal as he falters. She herself is helped by good doctors, social workers, and many friends—a whole community of care.

Still, all the support in the world can't stop Cal's decline. He goes missing at night, flees his daycare program repeatedly, and must finally go to a memory unit. But even then, he and Mary share bits of happiness. In the end, they fail to beat Alzheimer's. Yet their story is also one of triumph, as their love persists all through and beyond their battle.

Poignant and inspiring, *The Memory of All That* is a beautifully written love story that offers guidance and comfort to those dealing with dementia, or any of life's challenges.

Daphne Oz '04

## EAT YOUR HEART OUT: ALL-FUN, NO-FUSS FOOD TO CELEBRATE EATING CLEAN

William Morrow Cookbooks, April 2022



Daphne Oz, bestselling author and Emmy Award-winning cohost of *The Good Dish*, loves food. In fact, she's built her career around this love of exploring and enjoying the world, bite after wonderful bite. But she knows firsthand how endless indulging robs you of the truly memorable moments—and makes it hard to stay

healthy. On the other hand, restricting ourselves with too many rules means we stop enjoying mealtime and start missing out.

With four young children and a busy career, Daphne is intimately familiar with how hard it can be to find the right balance in our health and fitness goals, especially when living a full life. In this engaging cookbook—filled with useful tips, 150 delicious recipes, and gorgeous photography to inspire health and happiness every day—Daphne shares the techniques she's used to get her mind, energy, and body back on track after each pregnancy—without ever losing the joy of cooking, the fun of mealtime, and the stress-free pleasure of doing it intuitively.

Barbara "Bobbi" Rebell '88

## LAUNCHING FINANCIAL GROWNUPS: LIVE YOUR RICHEST LIFE BY HELPING YOUR (ALMOST) ADULT KIDS BECOME EVERYDAY MONEY SMART

Wiley, March 2022



In *Launching Financial Grownups*, popular personal finance expert and Certified Financial Planner Bobbi Rebell gets candid about the very real challenges of getting young adults to choose to be financial grownups and develop their own financial foundation and security.

She shares personal setbacks and solutions—both from her own past and from her experiences as a parent—and walks readers through the ups and downs of financial adulting milestones. Rebell has put together a practical and specific adulting launch plan for parents of young adults along with tips on how to open money discussions, the questions to ask your children, the most effective listening strategies, when to step in, and when to let them learn from their mistakes.

*Launching Financial Grownups* provides the tools to help your teen or young adults navigate the challenges of adulthood, including debt, credit cards, peer pressure that leads to bad money decisions,

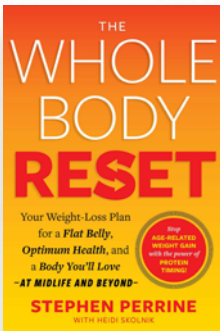


negotiations, how to manage their own household, different investing opportunities, insurance needs, charitable giving, the legal documents needed in case of an emergency, what they need to know about your finances, and even starting to think about their retirement planning. The guide also addresses recent demographic trends driven by the pandemic, including young adults moving back into their childhood homes and becoming financially dependent after having been independent.

Heidi Skolnik '79 and Stephen Perrine

## THE WHOLE BODY RESET: YOUR WEIGHT-LOSS PLAN FOR A FLAT BELLY, OPTIMUM HEALTH & A BODY YOU'LL LOVE AT MIDLIFE AND BEYOND

Simon & Schuster, March 2022



You don't have to gain weight as you age. That's the simple yet revolutionary promise of *The Whole Body Reset*, which uncovers why standard diet and exercise advice stops working for us as we approach midlife—and reveals how simple changes to the way we eat can halt, and even

reverse, age-related weight gain and muscle loss.

*The Whole Body Reset* presents stunning new evidence about the power of “protein timing” for people at midlife—research that blows away current government guidelines, refutes the myth of slowing metabolisms and “inevitable” weight gain, and changes the way people in their mid-forties and older should think about food. *The Whole Body Reset* explains in simple, inspiring terms exactly how our bodies change with age, and how eating to accommodate those changes can make us respond to exercise as if we were twenty to thirty years younger.

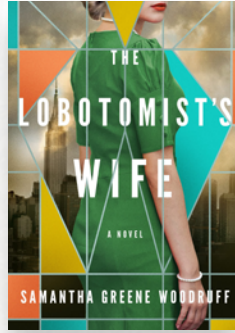
Developed by AARP, tested by a panel of more than 100 AARP employees, and approved by an international board of doctors, nutritionists, and fitness experts, *The Whole Body Reset* doesn't use diet phases, eating windows, calorie restriction, or other trendy gimmicks. Its six simple secrets and

scores of recipes are easy to follow, designed for real people living in the real world. A dining guide even shows how to follow this program in popular restaurants from McDonald's to Starbucks to Olive Garden. And best of all: It works!

Samantha Greene Woodruff '92

## THE LOBOTOMIST'S WIFE: A NOVEL

Lake Union Publishing, February 2022



Since her brother took his life after WWI, Ruth Emeraldine has had one goal: to help those suffering from mental illness. Then she falls in love with charismatic Robert Apter—a brilliant doctor championing a radical new treatment, the lobotomy. Ruth

believes in it as a miracle treatment and in Robert as its genius pioneer. But as her husband spirals into deluded megalomania, Ruth can't ignore her growing suspicions. Robert is operating on patients recklessly, often with horrific results. And a vulnerable young mother, Margaret Baxter, is poised to be his next victim.

Margaret can barely get out of bed, let alone care for her infant. When Dr. Apter diagnoses her with the baby blues and proposes a lobotomy, she believes the procedure is her only hope. Only Ruth can save her—and scores of others—from the harrowing consequences of Robert's ambitions.

Inspired by a shocking chapter in medical history, *The Lobotomist's Wife* is a galvanizing novel of a woman fighting against the most grievous odds, of ego, and of the best intentions gone horribly awry.

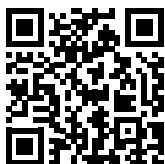
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# EPIC 3X Reunion 2022 Makes D-E History!

A record-breaking crowd of nearly 350 alumni from the Dwight School, Englewood School for Boys (ESB) and Dwight-Englewood, joyfully came together earlier this summer to celebrate their milestone graduation years and friendships both old and new. Celebrate they did, in an 'epic' fashion!

Alumni whose class years ended with 0,1,2,5,6, and 7, enjoyed a series of special occasions and parties that took place from June 10-12. Gatherings were held not only on the D-E campus under the 'big tent' on Leggett Field, but also in private homes and favorite haunts.



The images here are just a few of the memorable moments captured during the weekend's myriad celebrations; for more photos and a EPIC 3X Reunion 2022 video highlights reel, visit [www.d-e.org/alumni](http://www.d-e.org/alumni), or scan the QR code.







## SAVE THE DATE FOR REUNION 2023!

Mark your calendar now: in Fall 2023 we plan to celebrate milestone reunions for all Dwight, ESB and D-E alumni with class years ending in '3' and '8'! The D-E Alumni Relations Department looks forward to sharing more information about future Reunion events for 2023, in the future!



# EPIC 3X Reunion 2022: Distinguished Alumni Award & D-E Athletic Hall of Fame

This year's EPIC 3X Reunion 2022 festivities more than made up for a few 'skipped' years due to COVID pandemic restrictions, and included an Awards Program for the official presentation of the D-E Distinguished Alumni Award to three years worth of alumni honorees and also the induction of several individuals and teams into the Athletic Hall of Fame. An afternoon ceremony in Hajjar Auditorium, kicked-off by Interim Head of School Pat Boig and **James Liu '87**, Chair of the Alumni Relations Committee, included special pre-recorded videotaped introductions.\* *See Editor's Note at the end.*

The terrific trio of brothers **Rob Shafir '76**, **Mark Shafir '74** and **Jerry Shafir ESB '70** kicked-off the Distinguished Alumni Award (DAA) presentations. Introductions for all three Shafir brothers were graciously provided by fellow alumnus **Steven ("Steve") Abrams ESB '70**.



**Robert "Rob" Scott Shafir '76**

Prior to his retirement Rob Shafir was most recently the Chief Executive Officer of Sculptor Capital Management, formerly known as Och-Ziff Capital Management Group. Before joining Sculptor Capital in 2018, he served in various capacities at Credit Suisse Group from 2007 to 2016. Before his departure in 2016, he held the position of Chairman and CEO of Credit Suisse Americas and Co-Head of Private Banking & Wealth Management, which included oversight of Asset Management. He was a member of the Executive Board of Credit Suisse Group and Credit Suisse.

Rob also worked at Lehman Brothers for 17 years, serving in various senior roles. He was a member of their Executive Board and also Head

of Global Equities where he played a key role in building Lehman's equities business into a global, institutionally-focused franchise. He spent the first 6 years of his career at Morgan Stanley in the fixed income division. Rob has a B.A. in Economics from Lafayette College and an M.B.A. from Columbia Business School.



**Mark Gregory Shafir '74**

Mark Shafir is the co-head of global mergers & acquisitions at Citi. He has thirty-four years of experience advising clients and leading top M&A teams. Prior to joining Citi in 2008, he was head of global M&A at Lehman Brothers. Mark is on the Board of Governors of Multiplying Good, the largest and most prestigious platform for public service in America, and frequently appears on CNBC and Bloomberg television on M&A matters.

Mark holds a bachelor's degree from Yale University and an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania, and was a Marshall Scholar at Kings College, Cambridge. He is a trustee of The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.





### Jeremiah (“Jerry”) Andrew Shafir ESB ’70

A lifelong entrepreneur and humanist, Jeremiah “Jerry” Andrew Shafir has done it all. After graduating from the Englewood School for Boys in 1970, Jerry would attend Yale University, Boston University School of Law, and finally Harvard School of Business. Finding that law school was not where he belonged, Jerry refined his knack for business and the food industry, eventually becoming the founder of Kettle Cuisine, a fresh soup provider serving local restaurants and eventually stocking grocery store shelves. Kettle Cuisine would find great success in his 25-year tenure as CEO, leading the way for affordable and quality food for families across the country. Having retired in 2013, Jerry spends his time between Fort Myers, Florida and Newport, Connecticut.

Unable to attend the ceremony in person, the next set of DAA awardees, **Karen Orzolek ’96** and **Daniel Fish ’85**, were recognized virtually via pre-recorded video. Both were introduced with thoughtful candor thanks to remarks provided (also by pre-recorded video) from Greg Cummings, former D-E Performing Arts Director.

### Karen Orzolek ’96



Karen O is a vocalist, songwriter, artist and the iconic frontwoman of the *Yeah Yeah Yeahs*. In addition to four albums with the *Yeah Yeah Yeahs* and a solo album, Crush Songs, O has contributed to soundtracks for *Where The Wild Things*

*Are* and *Her*—for which she was nominated for an Oscar; staged an experimental opera, “Stop the Virgins,” at New York’s legendary St. Ann’s Warehouse; collaborated with fashion house KENZO and such iconic artists as David Lynch and Nine Inch Nails’ Trent

Reznor and Atticus Ross; and headlined festivals worldwide. Last year O released her latest project, a full length album with Danger Mouse entitled *Lux Prima*, which was released to widespread critical acclaim and earned a Grammy nomination for the single “Woman”. The pair also worked to bring their album to life with an immersive multimedia experience “An Encounter with *Lux Prima*” that premiered at Los Angeles’ Marciano Art Foundation.

### Daniel Robert Fish ’85



Daniel Fish is a New York-based director who makes work across the boundaries of theater, film, and opera. He draws on a broad range of forms and subject matter including plays, film scripts, contemporary fiction, essays and found audio. His 2019 production of *OKLAHOMA!* transferred to Broadway from St. Ann’s Warehouse and won the Tony Award for Best Musical Revival. Other recent work includes *WHITE NOISE*, inspired by the novel by Don DeLillo (Ruhrfestspiele Recklingshausen, Theater Freiburg, and Skirball NYU), Michael Gordon’s opera, *ACQUANETTA* (Prototype Festival/Bard Summerscape), *Don’t Look Back* (The Chocolate Factory), *Who Left This Fork Here* (Baryshnikov Arts Center, Onassis Center), Ted Hearn’s *The Source* (BAM NEXT WAVE, L.A. Opera, San Francisco Opera), and *ETERNAL*, a video installation. His work has been seen at theaters and festivals throughout the U.S. and Europe including, The Walker Arts Center, PuSH, Teatro Nacional D. Maria, Lisbon/Estoril Film Festival, Vooruit, Festival TransAmériques, Noorderzon Festival, The Chocolate Factory, The Public Theater’s Under The Radar, Opera Philadelphia/Curtis Opera Theater, American Repertory Theater, Richard B. Fisher Center at Bard College, Yale Repertory Theater, McCarter Theater, Signature Theater, The Shakespeare Theater Company, Düsseldorfer Schauspielhaus, Staatstheater Braunschweig, and The Royal Shakespeare Company. Residencies and commissions include The MacDowell Colony, Baryshnikov Arts Center, Mass MOCA, The Chocolate Factory, LMCC/ Governor’s Island.



Daniel is a graduate of Northwestern University's Department of Performance Studies and has taught at The Juilliard School, Bard College, Princeton University, and The Department of Design for Stage and Film at NYU Tisch School of the Arts. He is the recipient of the 2017 Herb Alpert Award in the Arts for the Theater.

Alumna **Alicia Jacobsen Menendez '01** was the final awardee to be recognized in the DAA portion of the Awards Program. Alicia was introduced by **Debbie Rivera Murphy '11**, D-E Director of Student Activities.



### **Alicia Jacobsen Menendez '01**

Alicia Jacobsen Menendez is an American television commentator, host, and writer. Born in Union City, New Jersey, Alicia has been a vocal social advocate, American television commentator, and writer for the past 15 years. Author of *The Likeability Trap: How to Break Free and Succeed as You Are*, Alicia has championed women's rights and immigration reform. Her senior thesis on women's social capital from Harvard College received national recognition from The New York Times. Alicia would continue to embrace the spotlight, becoming host and producer for The Huffington Post and later, PBS and MSNBC.

Alicia also served as Senior Advisor at NDN, a center-left think tank and advocacy organization in Washington, DC and is a veteran of Rock the Vote and Democracia USA. Alicia continues her advocacy as a host for both American Voices on weekends on MSNBC and Bustle's Latina to Latina podcast.

After a brief intermission, the Awards Program continued with the official induction ceremony for the D-E Athletic Hall of Fame (AHF). The AHF ceremony was officiated by Greibin Agramonte, Associate Director of Athletics, after Interim Head of School Pat Boigspoke about C. Christian Schmid ("Schmiddy"), who is retiring after four decades of

service to the D-E Athletic program (see article on page 30).

AHF honoree **Paul Peter Vessa M.D. '76** was introduced via an enthusiastic, endearing pre-recorded video provided by Vincent DeLalla, former D-E Coach and Faculty Member.



### **Dr. Paul Vessa '76**

Paul Vessa lettered in Football, Wrestling, Track, and Baseball while a student-athlete at D-E. He was the recipient of the D-E Luke Ward Trophy in 1975 and 1976. He was a captain of the football, wrestling and track teams his senior year.

After D-E, Paul continued his education and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Lafayette College. He attended Rutgers Medical School and he spent his residency at University Hospital in Newark, NJ. He was chosen for a combined fellowship at St. Mary's Spine Institute at Stanford University and at the Kaiser Permanente Oakland Medical Center. Paul is an American Board-certified orthopedic spine surgeon at the New Jersey Spine Institute.

The next AHF honoree, **Luke V. Rigolosi M.D. '91** was then proudly introduced by his sister **Laura Rigolosi Ibarguen '93, P '23; '26**.



### **Luke V. Rigolosi M.D. '91**

Luke Rigolosi lettered in soccer, lacrosse and wrestling while a student at D-E. He was awarded The Foote Memorial Trophy in 1991, The Eastwood Memorial Scholarship in 1990 and The Masters Trophy in 1987. In 1989, while playing for Boys' Varsity Soccer, he was 2nd team all prep state and 2nd team all-conference,



and the Bulldogs finished as state co-champions. In 1990, while Luke played soccer for D-E he was 1st team All Prep State, 1st Team All-Conference, and served as Team Captain. In 1991, Luke was on the D-E's boys lacrosse team and he was 2nd team all-state, 1st team all prep state, 1st team All-Conference. Luke was captain of the lacrosse team for both his junior and senior seasons. Last, but not least as a member of D-E's wrestling team, Luke placed third in the prep school State tournament.

Luke holds a BS in Biology from Brown University, and is a graduate of New Jersey Medical School, part of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He trained in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Kessler Institute of Rehabilitation, also at UMDNJ. Luke is an interventional Pain Physician. He is also a founder, a director, and currently a member of the Executive Committee of OrthoNY in Albany, NY.

Athletic Hall of Fame honoree, **Dr. Rose Byron McSween '80** was introduced by Jo Ann "Josie" Harper, former Dartmouth Lacrosse Coach and Athletic Director.



**Dr. Rose Byron McSween '80**

Rose played and was captain her senior year of the D-E field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse teams. In her senior year at D-E, Rose dominated the girls lacrosse team's offense scoring 37 goals and leading the team in assists. Out of 9 games played, Rose scored 5 games in which she scored 5 goals each. Rose went on to play D1 women's lacrosse for Dartmouth College. In 1984, she was named Women's Lacrosse All-Time All-Ivy League. Rose continued her education after Dartmouth College, and earned a Master of Business Administration in 1997 from NYU Stern School of Business. She earned another master's in educational administration, Leadership and Technology in 2008 from NYU Steinhardt School. Rose received her doctoral degree in educational leadership and administration from

Fordham University in 2018. She served as the Executive Director of Development and Campaign Manager at Fordham Gabelli School of Business and as an adjunct professor of finance at Fordham. This past year, she was appointed Chief Advancement Officer at Newark Academy in Livingston, NJ.

The recognition of D-E's 1985 and 1984 Boys Lacrosse Teams concluded the AHF and final portion of the Reunion Awards Program when they were honored with introductory remarks from Nathaniel Zinsser, Former D-E Coach and Faculty member.

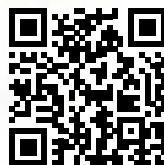


### **The D-E 1984 and 1985 Boys' Lacrosse Teams**

The 1984 Boys' Lacrosse Team was coached by the late Coach Robert Sutherland and Coach Nathaniel "Nate" Zinsser and achieved an overall record of 12-4. This team won the Garden State Prep Tournament Championship in 1984.

The D-E 1985 Boys' Lacrosse Team may have the best record in the school's Boys Lacrosse Team history. The team won the Garden State Prep championship for a second year in a row and their overall record was 18-1. The team was coached by the late Robert Sutherland and Nate Zinsser, and C. Christian Schmid. Three players of this team, **Anton Schermer '85**, **Mike Malhame '88**, and **Chris Garbaccio '84** are already inducted into D-E's Athletic Hall of Fame.

*\*Editor's Note: For the video recording of the entire Awards Program, a Reunion Awards Program PDF to download/view, and many more photos, please visit [www.d-e.org/alumni](http://www.d-e.org/alumni) or scan the QR Code on the side.*





# EPIC 3X Reunion 2022:

## Mary Heveran's Final Bow

» MARY HEVERAN (CENTER, WITH PLAQUE) WAS SURROUNDED BY FRIENDS IN HONOR OF HER RETIREMENT RECOGNITION CEREMONY IN HAJJAR AUDITORIUM, INCLUDING (FROM LEFT), PAT BOIG, KIM LEWIS, JOAN SOMMER, MAX STURM '05, AND JOHN LITTLEFIELD.



An especially memorable event during the EPIC 3X Reunion 2022 was the screening of the alumni-directed/produced documentary *Opera Kids* (see Editor's Note on the side) and the dedication of the Lower School Music Room, to honor the retirement of Mary Heveran, beloved Lower School Music Teacher.





"Mary" (as she is better known) announced earlier this year her June 2022 retirement from D-E after serving with both the Bede School and D-E's Music Department faculty for an incredible 42 years.

The Reunion program held on Saturday, June 11 in Mary's honor was designed to celebrate her incredible legacy, and was a meaningful experience for everyone in attendance. On display were plenty of 5th Grade Opera scripts, music scores, programs and memorabilia curated by Mary, her former and current students, families and friends. Together the archival items vividly displayed Mary's dedicated commitment to presenting this Metropolitan Opera Guild program to decades of Lower School 5th graders.

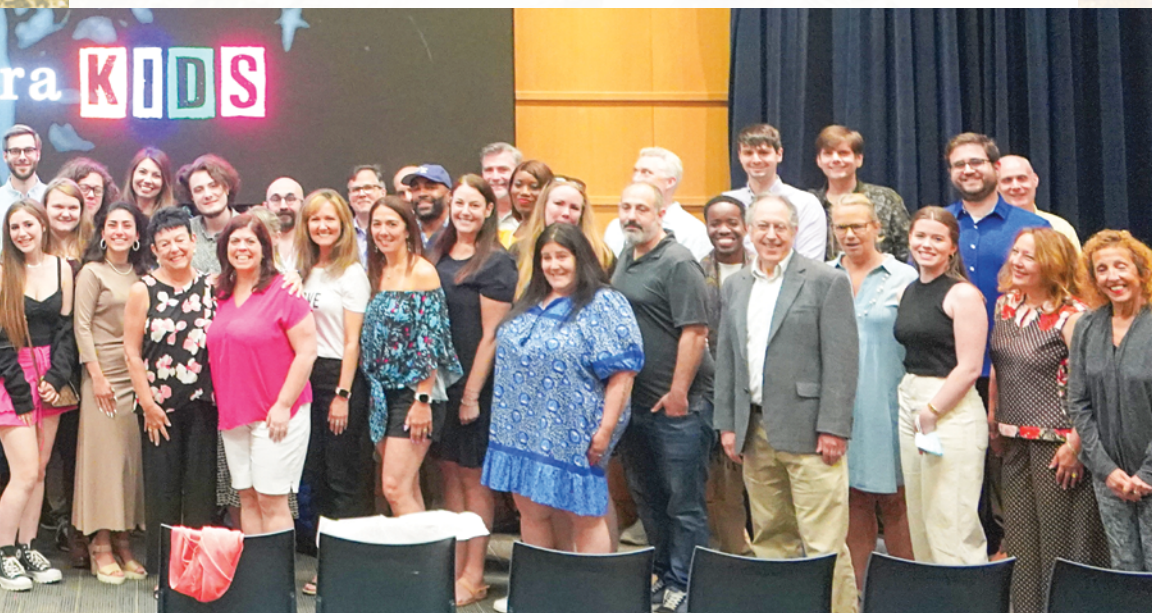
Candid, personal stories about Mary were shared in a Hajjar Auditorium presentation by special visiting speakers, including alumnus and *Opera Kids* Co-Director **Max Sturm '05** and former Lower School Principal **Kim Lewis P '18, '20**. Then Mary had her own turn at the podium for her "final bow"; both laughter and tears ensued when she was presented with flowers and a commemorative photo book.

Many in attendance then proceeded to join Mary for a walk down the hill to Drapkin Hall, in order to officially dedicate the Lower School Music Room space to Mary and admire a new commemorative plaque featuring reflections about Mary from colleagues and artwork by **Emma Lagana '22**. Room dedication comments were provided by John Littlefield, D-E Music Department Chair, and Dawn Lozada, D-E Director of Philanthropy, whose own daughter **Justine Baker '29** just recently performed in the 5th Grade Opera and has been now inspired to take voice lessons.

To paraphrase the words of Mary's former Bede School colleague Joan Sommers: "Every 5th Grade Opera production and Valentine's Day Concert for the past 40 years has been graced by Mary's signature and loving touch. When former students reminisce on their memories in Lower School, many rightfully think of Mary first. Mary not only built a home for herself at Dwight-Englewood, but she also built a home for others to enter—one that embraces joy and the music it brings. We humbly honor her dedication to D-E in the place where students will continue to learn to love music for generations to come."

*Editor's Note: About Opera Kids*

*A celebration of "Creating Original Opera" — the Metropolitan Opera Guild program founded in 1979 — Opera Kids follows the journey of a fifth grade class creating an opera from scratch. Behind the scenes, the stakes could not feel higher, as students take their first collaborative steps — writing, composing, designing, staging, and acting out their own dramatic musical creation. Their hard work leads to a culminating performance and lessons for a lifetime. Simultaneously, the founding members of "Creating Original Opera" recall the program's groundbreaking past and its legacy that continues to this day. To learn more about Opera Kids visit [www.operakidsmovie.com](http://www.operakidsmovie.com)*





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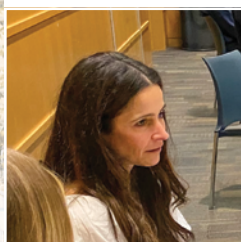
We are grateful to see alumni on-campus, paying it forward to the next generation. The past few months have been filled with moments of connection from panels, workshops, and more. It's all about D-E & You!



## Senior Power Breakfast

This year's Senior Power Breakfast was insightful and informative for the Class of 2022. We had a diverse cohort of alumni come into have conversations about what careers could look like from those who have experienced it all! This year's alumni mentors included: **Steven Abrams ESB '70**, **Lizzy de Vries '03**, **Chloe Epstein '92**, **Joanne Graf '78**, **Shareef Jackson '98**, **Monil Kothari '07**, **Joy B. Tolliver '00**, **Kavita Bafana '96**, **Heather Quinlan '92**, and **John Glidden ESB '65**.

Interested in building relationships with students as an alumni mentor? Check out the inside back cover for D-E Alumni Horizons career networking program information and opportunities.





## “Life Beyond D-E” Senior Class Panel

To complement the Senior Power Breakfast, the Senior Class Panel, serves to bridge the immediate gap between high school and the college/post-college experience. We were lucky to have **Samantha Lovett ’18**, **Ben Levin ’19**, and **Julia Hollander Weksler ’85 P’16, ’18**. offer their candiddness and experience to the Class of 2022. Samantha recently graduated from Colorado College ’22 in Psychology and Political Science and continued her studies in political science at Columbia University this past year. Ben is finishing his senior year at Wesleyan University in Government and Education Studies. Thank you, Samantha, Ben, and Julia!



## Alumni with D-E 360° Summer 2022: Young Visionaries & Protecting our Western Shore Immersives

**Adrian Evans ’17** visited the Young Visionaries, the two-week summer visual arts immersive program for Grades 5-9 this past summer. Having begun his artistic journey at D-E through sculpture, Evans is a multimedia artist and painter. He was a featured Swartley Gallery artist this past fall. He began his position as Program Associate, Public Programs at the Metropolitan Museum of Art this July.

Hosted by Rachel Brusky, Young Visionaries director and full-time faculty member, Evans gave a workshop on his artistic process and journey. Fellow alumni, **Ellie Chung ’21** and **Nat Aburustum ’21** supported students during the length of program, bringing in their own artistic knowledge. Students then explored paint as a medium to contribute to their visual showcase portfolio by the end of the program. Cheers to artmaking!

Additionally, **Christine M. Fehre ’03** made an appearance for D-E 360°’s “Protecting Our Western Shore” summer immersive! The course offers students the opportunity to understand our local ecosystems’ relationship to the Hudson River—something so pivotal to our Bergen county community! Christine is the Director of Trails and Outdoor Programs for the Palisades Park Commission NJ, and she gave a workshop on skeining and conservation. D-E’s local alumni community is strong and doing the work!





# Schmid Athletic Complex Ground-Breaking

Despite rainy forecasts (and back-up plans to move the event indoors), the weather cooperated and brilliant blue skies greeted alumni, current students, current and former D-E faculty/staff, and friends when they met on Solomon Field the morning of Saturday, June 11 during the EPIC 3X Reunion 2022 weekend.

The occasion? The official Ground-Breaking Ceremony for the Schmid Athletic Complex, recognizing more than four decades of service to D-E by beloved administrator, coach and teacher C. Christian Schmid, aka "Schmiddy".

The event fittingly followed a good-spirited set of early morning field hockey, lacrosse and soccer games for alumni, and marked the official naming of the space where the new Schmid Athletic

Complex will be built in honor of Schmiddy's retirement in June 2022. Schmiddy is retiring from Dwight-Englewood after 43 years, and the naming, in the brief welcome remarks of Interim Head of School Pat Boig, "is being made in recognition of Schmiddy's dedicated service as the Director of Athletics, Head Boys Soccer Coach, Lacrosse, and more."

The idea for the Schmid Athletic Complex originally surfaced 12 years ago, when a group of alumni and former players wanted to find a way to honor Schmiddy for all that he has done for generations of young people at D-E. The new complex will include a pavilion as well as landscaping and beautification of the area surrounding Solomon Field.

This special ceremony on June 11 was made that





much more meaningful thanks to the presentation of a State of NJ Declaration honoring Schmidty's many contributions not only to D-E's Athletic program, but to sports programs throughout New Jersey and the TriState area. To paraphrase **Jay Agresta '84**, "Schmidty truly revolutionized how soccer was coached for generations of players."

This presentation of the special State of New Jersey recognition was sponsored by the NJ General Assemblyman Gordon M. Johnson, District 37 Legislative Office. Thanks to **Realf Schermer '87** who helped to secure this special resolution which honored Chris Schmid's many contributions, not only to D-E's Athletic program but to all the many athletic programs throughout New Jersey and the Tri-State area. A shoutout is also owed to the following alumni in the Schmid Athletic Complex Volunteer Committee, who were present for the festivities: **Paul Marber '78; Chris Anderson '81; Adrienne Buda Anderson '85; Stephen Borg '86; Dr. Luke Rigolosi '91; Anne Cole Goodman '02; Michael Malhame '88; Ryan Goodman '01; and Greibin Agramonte.**

Schmidty teared up when recalling the unwavering

support of his wife Lisa, and son, alumnus **Erich Schmid '02**, despite all the around-the-clock responsibilities associated with his coaching and other positions with the School.

The event was then capstoned by the donning of white hard hats and circling around Schmidty, Lisa and Erich for a photo as he held a symbolic blue shovel.

*Stay Tuned for a Date for Dedication!*





# D-E Heritage Club: 1928

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## Marion Lebson Prigoff D'43 Makes Estate-Plan Gift to Help Advance Dwight-Englewood's Mission

Voted "Most Friendly" in her class, Marion (Lebson) Prigoff D'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.

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# *Explore these Alumni Opportunities to Get Involved with D-E!*

## **D-E HORIZONS: Career Networking and Mentoring**

D-E graduates succeed in a wide range of endeavors, from science and business to writing and the arts. Many alumni maintain bonds with D-E, coming back to campus to share their experiences with students and other alumni. In an effort to expand the access our current students and young graduates have to the broad community of D-E alumni, we have created new and exciting events and programs that we hope will help lead them on their individual career paths.

## **MENTOR PROGRAM**

Recognizing the importance of a strong network in today's professional world, the Alumni Relations Office along with the Alumni Relations Committee Career Networking Subcommittee oversees a mentoring program that creates opportunities for young alumni to gain valuable career direction. The Career Mentor Program offers informational sessions with an alumnus/a. These sessions can provide consultation, networking, career trajectory information and encouragement to college-age alumni mentees, who have identified specific areas of career interest and have been matched to the Mentor's expertise. If interested, please fill out our Mentor Application or Mentee Application online at [www.d-e.org/alumni-horizons](http://www.d-e.org/alumni-horizons) or email [D-EHorizons@d-e.org](mailto:D-EHorizons@d-e.org).

## **ANNUAL ON-CAMPUS MENTORING EVENTS**

### **POWER BREAKFAST**

The Power Breakfast is an annual event where alumni of all ages return to campus to participate in round table conversations with the current senior class. Visiting alumni provide students with a more in-depth look at possible career paths, successes and insights.

### **SENIOR CLASS PANEL**

The Senior Class Panel is an annual event featuring a moderated discussion with college age alumni. Discussion topics include how to find on and off campus jobs, join clubs, research and get internships, make course selections and more. These topics all lead to building a resume and determining a career path, searching for a job, interviewing and networking.

## **LINKEDIN & D-E**

D-E encourages alumni to join the Alumni Group on LinkedIn (Dwight-Englewood School Group), to strengthen and extend their network of trusted contacts. Alumni can connect with over 600 other alumni who can help them advance their career. Alumni can also post opportunities for internships and jobs on the site as well. Pro tip! Make sure to add Dwight-Englewood School to your LinkedIn profile under Education.

*See how you can get involved! Scan the QR code or visit [d-e.org/alumni-horizons](http://d-e.org/alumni-horizons)*





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