

# Bulletin

THE KISKI SCHOOL

2016 | A Year in Review



## The Zeigler Science and Engineering Center

The Kiski Renaissance continues with the transformation of Kalnow Hall into The Zeigler Science and Engineering Center. The Center is named after Jacob Edwin Zeigler “Papa Cougar” who inspired all Kiski boys to garner knowledge and sharpen their skills in scientific innovation.



## Plus ça Change...

Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago I was rummaging around in the archive room looking for a specific photo when I stumbled across a booklet titled "Social Ethics." It was published in 1950 and written by legendary schoolman, John J. Daub. After graduating from Princeton, Colonel Daub returned to Kiski, married the daughter of Kiski's founder Dr. Andrew Wilson, and served the School for decades as a beloved English teacher and, briefly before World War II, as Headmaster. Described by his close friend and colleague, Jake Zeigler, as "the finest Christian gentleman I have ever

known," it was altogether appropriate that Kiski's book on "Social Ethics" was written by Colonel Daub and used as the primary text for a course of the same name.

As I reviewed the contents, I was reminded of an adage I learned when I was studying French in college: plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose – the more things change, the more they stay the same. The saying is generally used pejoratively, as in "even though new initiatives have been implemented, the same old problems still exist." I was, however, regarding this aphorism in a very positive way in terms of Kiski's history and heritage.

While some of the notes in Colonel Daub's book are obsolete – for example, "When speaking to a woman a man tips his hat, but if both of his hands are full he merely nods" – the vast majority of the strictures outlined remain in place today. Nearly all of Colonel Daub's points of guidance in the section describing behavioral requirements for Kiski dances are still enforced including "Do not sit in a parked car, and do not take a long walk from the building." The section on Dining Hall comportment closely resembles our practices today with one obvious exception: we now consider fried chicken to be a finger-food rather than requiring boys to tackle this meal with a fork and knife, a practice we abandoned about a decade ago.

The section on sportsmanship very accurately describes how we expect our athletes to behave today. I particularly enjoyed the passage, "You want to play hard if you are a player, but be clean. To help your opponent to his feet is a nice gesture. The boy you play against this year may be your teammate in college next year, and your best friend." It would be difficult to more eloquently capture the ideals we aim to instill in our student-athletes as we diligently work to prepare them for college and for life.

To be sure, Kiski has grown and changed since 1950. There's much to celebrate when you consider all the recent upgrades to our physical plant including substantial renovations to old buildings and the construction of handsome new facilities. As well, our academic and co-curricular offerings continue to move forward in positive ways with innovative new practices in our classrooms and impressive gains for our athletic teams. But, fundamentally, it's the people – teachers and coaches and students and parents and alumni – who have made and continue to make Kiski a great school.

Accordingly, I take very seriously my obligation to steward and nurture the guiding principles on which our School was founded. I hope you will have a chance to visit campus sometime soon. And when you do, as you encounter the young men in our care I am confident that you will immediately recognize the standards of gentlemanly behavior that defined your own experience as a Kiski Boy.

With all good wishes,

Chris Brueningsen  
Headmaster

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# The Zeigler Science and Engineering



The teaching of science is evolving and Kiski is taking a leadership role with imaginative and innovative ways to weave real-world, 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills and technology into the study of science. Kiski is dedicated to providing a space that will stimulate creative thought and the blending of the science disciplines all in one area. The Zeigler Science and Engineering Center will create a comprehensive approach to learning through collaboration.



# Center

Kalnow Hall, built in the 1930s and originally housing the science department, will be repurposed as a building focused on the teaching of science and engineering. The multi-disciplinary approach to education will be utilized through the use of moveable walls promoting teamwork and collaboration. Experiments will not be contained to just one room: instead the new design provides the opportunity to expand all science spaces.



Design elements contained in the building will directly reinforce and support best practices for teaching science to boys. The new facility will encourage students to engage in hands-on inquiry, engineer creative solutions to real-world problems, and actively participate in meaningful collaborative work. Teaching methods will be enhanced by the use of operable walls, permitting classes to be joined together. The operable walls will be glass to connect the classrooms visually. Aesthetically clean lines and varying angles will demonstrate the fact this is not a standard classroom, but instead a series of spaces promoting critical and creative thinking. A breakout space at the entry will double as a gathering area as well as a place to display student projects.

The new Zeigler Science and Engineering Center will house a physics lab, a robotics room, and a Makerspace. The Makerspace is a workshop that allows the students to create models, work in teams and collaboratively solve problems, and design original inventions. The space will be equipped with state-of-the-art 3D printers, a poster printer, Sprout HP Computers, CAD technology, laser-cutters, CNC router, drill presses, band saw, and a full complement of hand-tools, consumable materials, and brainstorming stations. This space will generate ideas, make prototypes and models, and create original inventions. Currently, the Makerspace is in Heath Hall and is used for various classes.

The new Science and Engineering Center will be named after Jacob Edwin Zeigler (1910-1990), more affectionately known as “Papa Cougar.” Mr. Zeigler taught science and math for 42 years. He was a brilliant teacher, an extraordinary coach and mentor, who loved The Kiski School and its students. We honor him and his dedication to innovative teaching in the science and math fields. ■



## Greg Zeigler '64 Author in Residence

### Spends Six Weeks at his High School Alma Mater

The Zeigler family is a well-known name on Kiski's campus. For many years, the family resided at Kiski and Gregory and his siblings grew up on these grounds. And so, with open

arms, the School welcomed him back this past fall. We enjoyed hearing his stories and making new memories with him daily.

Greg Zeigler '64 completed a six-week writers' residency at The Kiski School from October through December. He is writing a new book and came to gather input from Kiski students. Associate Headmaster Mark Novom said, “My senior English students have benefited greatly having Greg Zeigler in class over the past six weeks. They've had a chance to see what it's like to go through the writing process. Mr. Zeigler has taught them what it's like to create a story from scratch; he has actually asked them questions and has used their suggestions. He has brought in sections of chapters that he is currently working on and asked the students to edit them and make suggestions; he would then bring in the section again with their edits and suggestions implemented. He has also taught them structure, story, character, conflict, the hero's journey and other aspects writers must consider when writing.” While spending his time here, *Six (Hundred) Feet Under* was researched and launched—7,000 words written as of December 15.

A life-long passion for communication, both written and spoken, has inspired Zeigler to pursue writing and acting. Zeigler has written two eco-thrillers in the emerging genre of climate fiction (*The Straw That Broke*, and the sequel, *Some Say Fire*), and a travel memoir (*Travels With Max: In Search of Steinbeck's America Fifty Years Later*). He has published numerous articles on historical and educational subjects. A popular public speaker, he has presented papers at national educational conferences throughout his career. He has acted professionally on stage and in film, including appearing alongside NFL legend Lynn Swann in an Instructional Television production, *Arts Alive*. Zeigler's award-winning short film, *Steinbeck Country*, is available for viewing at <https://vimeo.com/131129928>. Also of interest may be a presentation about Zeigler's unassisted backpacking trek along 200 miles of the scenic Oregon Coast completed in the summer of 2016. Greg dedicated his trek to his father, Jake Zeigler, who passed away in 1990. Jake was a much beloved teacher and coach at Kiski for 42 years.





## A letter from Greg after his six-week visit to Kiski – December 15, 2016

### *An Open Letter of Love and Gratitude to the Faculty and Staff of The Kiski School*

The sun glints through the tall conifers casting shadows on the track. A school bus stops traffic at the entrance and then moves on. The blue vans depart for distant ice. The scoreboard says it all. I've been a Guest here at Kiski, not a Visitor.

I thank you all for that.

I remember one day after junior high, coming up the hill in our station wagon with my mother driving and singing, "You are my sunshine." Me singing along in a cracking voice that had to mean I was growing up. And grow up I did, roaming all over this beautiful campus.

There is a ghost-memory behind every tree and around every corner. The mere sound of a lawn mower transports me back in time.

Years ago a faculty wife asked me what it was like being raised at Kiski by a "hard ass." All I could think was that no one could call you a knucklehead and make you feel more loved and supported in the same instance than our—some would say legendary, he would respond, "now you've gone too far"—Dad.

I see your kids on their pedal-less bikes and I see myself charging around the porch of Fair Hall on a similar device of an earlier vintage. I see you in class with your students and I see myself in Joe Millar's English reciting a chapter from Moby Dick.

So how is this about love?

I love the fact that the Headmaster still meets with every student to discuss his grades—although I didn't love it then. I love seeing a dean snatch an offending ball cap off a student and then pull him into a bear hug. I love hearing my co-teacher express to our class his love and admiration for his wife. I love watching a student walking across campus protecting his mother's back with each careful step. I love the students' laughter between classes. I love this lovely place above the three rivers. I always have. But just as there is a revitalized Kiskiminetas River (We had yellow rocks and orange water, you have fishing eagles.) there is a "new" more inclusive Kiski School and I love that most.

Were there challenges growing up here? Was there strife? Of course.

But as Jake neared the end of his days he told me he would gladly serve his 42 years at Kiski all over again. I can echo that by saying I would gladly grow up at Kiski all over again. Kiski has an idyllic quality I've not experienced anywhere else and I've traveled a lot and worked at nine schools. I've skied all over the U.S. yet nowhere has equaled the ambiance and good cheer of skiing Locust Knob. But then again, there was the Jake factor. He made everything fun.

What advice can I humbly offer from the perspective of 52 years since playing keeper for Tamas? Not much, really—you're already doing such a great job. Kiski boys are warm, civil, and respectful.

Perhaps you could teach your students the proper way to perform, think, and act like men, yes, but also assure them it's okay to fail and conversely to weep with wonder and joy at the births of their children. Show these knuckleheads how to be stand-up guys who love and give freely and openly.

Thank you all for welcoming me. I loved my time here at home.

Gregory Zeigler

# The Kiski Leadership Institute for Boys

The launch of the Kiski Leadership Institute coincides with our understanding of what encompasses leadership education. We believe that leadership is not a hard-wired characteristic, but something that can be taught and learned. When we talk about leadership with students, we discuss traits and values as much as we do the importance of service and overcoming challenges. Students learn more about leadership when given the opportunity to reflect on personal experiences and those of others. Individual perspectives resonate much more deeply than scanning the surface of the broad brushstrokes of leadership theory. In that sense, Kiski develops in its students the capacity to lead one day. Leadership is not a position, title, or status; rather, it's the ability to approach challenges, problems, and obstacles in a sensible manner.

warehouse in the fall. Freshmen learned about giving back to the community by helping when and where they are needed. The boys had to overcome shyness and their fear of rejection when meeting with strangers. It was a rewarding afternoon and the boys enjoyed the friendly competition with each other to see who could collect the most canned goods or monetary donations. This experience helped the boys understand that service is an integral component of leadership. Another group of freshmen assisted at Wildlife Works Inc., an animal rehabilitation center that relies heavily on volunteer work to remain open. The boys helped by working the grounds: moving old wood, stacking cinder blocks, driving the tractors, and raking and bagging leaves. After a few hours of hard work, the kids met some of the wild residents living at the facility. The

boys were not allowed to see the injured Bald Eagle that was recently rescued, but they did see hawks, possums, falcons, and owls.

The sophomore class went to Ohiopyle for the day to develop core resiliency traits. While plans for white water rafting were put on hold due to the high level of the river, the students still enjoyed the outdoors, biking, fishing, and hiking. The goal for the sophomore class is to place them in situations outside of their physical, mental, and emotional comfort zones. This builds resilience and develops each boy's capacity to overcome challenges. While the initial plan to raft was foiled, the ability of the group to adapt to unforeseen circumstances captured the element of resilience in real time, and a great experience was had.

The junior class, whose theme for the school year is Comprehensive Leadership, explored definitions of social justice in small workshops on campus. Kiski wants students to understand social justice and how it relates to their experience on a local, national, and even global scale. This focus on social justice builds awareness of differences in others, increases the boys' capacity to recognize injustice as it occurs today, and fosters a values-based concept of the challenges they will face in the future. Students left the conversation with a deeper understanding and appreciation of the complexities that they will inherit when they enter the real world, thus cultivating real leadership qualities in all students who participated.



This past fall, all students participated in the first Kiski Leadership Institute workshops of the school year.

Freshmen continued their year of service leadership by helping the Westmoreland County Food Bank and Wildlife Works, Inc. The students went to four different Giant Eagle locations and the boys encouraged shoppers to purchase extra items for the food bank. In the winter, the food bank is a very busy place and so they make every effort to stock the

## What students are saying about The Kiski Leadership Institute?

"During freshman year, we learn how important it is to reach out and serve our communities in need, to go beyond ourselves and perform acts of kindness."

"There is something to say about spending time outdoors with nature and being physically and mentally challenged at the same time. It opened new ways of thinking I never knew existed."

"Using the ropes course at Kiski really pulls students out of their comfort zones. Leaders emerge in each of the rope course stations."

"Leadership builds a sense of togetherness. I really enjoy the team-building experience."





The seniors participated in small group workshops meant to prepare them for their capstone experience when they visit the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in the spring. This process started when the community had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear from our incredible guest speakers Uwe and Gabi von Seltmann who shared the remarkable personal story of their experience with the Holocaust. Uwe's grandfather was an SS man in Krakow during World War II and Gabi's grandfather was murdered at Auschwitz during the war. In their youth, these facts were unspoken taboos within the family. It was not until years later that Uwe and Gabi would discover these unsettling truths about their pasts. Incredibly, the couple met randomly in Krakow, fell in love, and married. This was their first visit to the United States. After the assembly, seniors met for reflections and made deeper meaning of Uwe and Gabi's experience. In many ways, hearing such a personal story made our understanding of the Holocaust much more realistic. Putting faces and names to the masses of those involved in one of the largest tragedies of our time, also helps our understanding. However, students identified with the personal account and the experience of listening to Uwe and Gabi. Reflecting on that experience a few days later, also cultivated leadership qualities in our boys,



increasing their capacity to lead in the future. When our students can identify with the struggle or experience of others, it deepens their appreciation for the intrinsic set of values that they will need when they leave Kiski and college, and enter a complicated real world.

Overall, the first Leadership Institute experiences and workshops of the school year succeeded in that all students were exposed to important concepts dealing with leadership education. ■

The Leadership Institute for Boys has announced a Boys Leadership Conference on April 23-24, 2017. Conference participants will engage in hands-on, team-building activities, low-ropes course challenges, and leadership symposiums and workshops, all co-led by our student leaders. For more information about the conference, contact Rob Howard at [rob.howard@kiski.org](mailto:rob.howard@kiski.org).



## Leadership Speaker Series

Thank you to all the speakers who have taken the time from their busy schedules to share leadership guidance and life experiences with the Kiski community.

- Dr. Rachel Korazim • Israel and Holocaust education consultant and scholar
- Avi Ben Hur • Classroom Without Borders Scholar in Residence
- Rabbi Samuel Gordon • Kiski Class of 1968
- Michael Murphy • Kiski Class of 1984
- Christopher Mapes • President and Chief Financial Officer at Lincoln Electric
- Tom Sokolowski • former Director at The Andy Warhol Museum
- Robert Gleason '57 • Chairman of the Pennsylvania Republican Committee
- Ron Fairman and Mitch Kates • Democratic National Committee representatives from Indiana County, Pennsylvania
- Dr. Marshall Goldberg • Kiski Class of 1964, Attorney, Writer
- Jim Rohr • former Chairman of PNC Financial Services Group and former Chief Executive Officer
- Uwe and Gabi Von Seltmann • German journalist and Polish artist
- David Papak • Retired Marine, Travis Manion Foundation



Kiski students who attended the Valley School of Ligonier

# The Kiski Renaissance Capital Campaign Update

By Steven T. Szilagyi '88  
Associate Headmaster for Institutional Advancement

During the last decade, The Kiski School has thoughtfully focused on comprehensively updating and improving the campus as well as redesigning the curriculum and programmatic offerings at the School. The many recent upgrades implemented at Kiski have constituted a veritable Renaissance for the institution. This phase of the School's life which is now often referred to as the "Kiski Renaissance" has strengthened the School and our educational community in many potent and rewarding ways. The Kiski resurgence has inspired us to continuously improve the overall educational experience for all at the School. The renaissance has simultaneously motivated us to focus on attracting and retaining the best students and faculty and to bolster the School's financial position.

Kiski is now entering the final phase of our five-year, \$27 million capital campaign known as *Leadership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. The final campaign fundraising phase is supporting the renovation and expansion of Vlahos Hall dormitory and eventually will transition Kalnow Hall into a new Zeigler Science and Engineering Center. Funding will also allow for several other high-impact campus improvement projects including the construction of new faculty housing units, the renovation of the Turley Dining Hall, and substantial upgrades to Sheesley Hall dormitory.

Now, looking back, it's beneficial to note the early phases of our campus improvement plan were funded through the \$12 million raised during the initial capital raising endeavor which was quietly launched in 2003. These crucial

campus upgrades featured the renovation and expansion of two major dormitories: McClintock Hall and Daub Hall. Additional capital improvements benefitting the residential and learning experiences at Kiski included an internal renovation of Heath Hall (the main classroom building) and upgrades to Rogers Fine Arts Center. And, as part of the campaign for Kiski, the construction of the Swank Student Center provided a major positive addition to the quality of life on campus.

In 2010, with insightful input and ideas from students, faculty, alumni, the Kiski Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees, a comprehensive Campus Master Plan was developed providing a detailed ten-year strategic outlook focused on additional improvements that would become beneficial to the "living and learning environment" at Kiski. This strategic improvement plan included new construction and the repurposing and remodeling of many existing and heavily used buildings. The plan also included strategic guidance related to extensive renovations that were needed in older facilities as well as designs for new traffic and pedestrian flows that have improved access, convenience, and security on campus.



Goals were implemented for new funding and endowment growth, faculty salaries and enrichment, technological innovation, and student financial aid and scholarships. The strategic plan for Kiski became the centerpiece for the current \$27 million capital campaign which has been overseen by our Capital Campaign Co-Chairs: Sandy Mellon and Russ Swank '67; and the Chairman of our Development Committee: Marc Robertshaw '72.

In 2011, with many thanks to the loyal and thoughtful leadership of Roger Kishman '62 and generous financial support from the Class of 1962, the School's vision for a new and creative place to teach and learn came to fruition by way of the "Class of 1962 Outdoor Classroom." The Outdoor Classroom is an intimate stone amphitheater with views of the local rivers and bucolic farmland surrounding Kiski's campus. Both students and teachers have enjoyed holding classes outside in this special classroom. It has been a wonderful addition to the educational experience at Kiski. In addition, recent funding has assisted in developing an outdoor leadership studies area and ropes course. This will continue to have a positive impact on the Kiski Leadership Institute for Boys.

By the end of 2013, several key components of the Campus Master Plan were completed, including the renovation and expansion of MacColl Hall dormitory. This dormitory is a modern, energy-efficient living space that incorporated a "living laboratory" for the study of energy efficiency. Since the capital raising continued to move forward in a robust and rewarding fashion, the Beano Cook Outdoor Athletic Facility was designed and built. In addition, during this time, Kiski purchased and installed an ultra-modern electronic key and security system in all campus buildings. Also, the design and implementation of the gorgeous new entry way to the campus was completed.

Without question, the crowning achievement of Kiski's campus renewal program and current \$27 million capital campaign is the renovation and expansion of the indoor athletic facility. The Ross Athletic Center is the focal point for all athletic and fitness activities. The athletic center, which was opened in August of 2015, features several new and upgraded sections including



Mark Goetz '17, Steven T. Szilagyi '88 and Ben Gardner '17 at Legacy Luncheon

the field house, a multi-use gym, a fitness center, and a newly renovated natatorium and indoor basketball gymnasium. The building also holds updated locker rooms, meeting rooms, a snack bar, and new wing dedicated to our Athletic Hall of Fame. Everyone at the School has been enjoying the benefits of this new indoor athletic center and it will serve students, alumni, faculty, and friends of Kiski well for many years to come.

As we renew the physical condition of the campus and strengthened finances, dramatic changes to the content and methodology of the academic curriculum have been taking place as well. At Kiski, we know how boys learn best and have continued to successfully integrate state-of-the-art and practical skills and theory, particularly in the teaching of science, technology, the arts, and entrepreneurialism. Some funding that has been raised as part of our capital campaign has been directed toward academic classes and programs focused on the teaching of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics). For example, the Innovation Lab and Makerspace areas opened in September of 2015.

Looking forward, it's important to note that the Innovation Lab is also home to our new entrepreneurial course known as the *Inventionland Institute*. Through this creative

institute all students are introduced to current technologies and innovations that will be used in the future to impact all lives on a local, national, and global level. Improvements such as these have created great momentum for Kiski; consequently, the next stage of the capital campaign focuses on transforming Kalnow Hall into the new Zeigler Science and Engineering Center to support the growing focus on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education and academic offerings dedicated to scientific innovation, robotics, and the study of STEAM.

The Kiski Renaissance has been made possible by the ongoing loyalty and financial generosity of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Visitors, alumni, current and past parents, grandparents, students, teachers, and friends of the School, including several local foundations who have embraced the School's educational mission. To help to make these many exciting and rewarding improvements a reality for the School, we are pleased to confirm that our past two capital campaigns have so far raised an impressive \$40.7 million for campus improvement projects, educational programs, and the endowment. We remain deeply thankful to all who continue to be actively engaged with and generously invest in the School's future. We look forward to spending time with you on campus soon. ■



# Vlahos Hall

## Expansion and Renovation Project

The Vlahos Hall expansion and renovation project is about to transform the existing 12 room dorm into a modern dormitory similar to the MacColl Hall project. The Vlahos dormitory currently has three small additions being constructed. One addition will create a dynamic and centrally located common area for the students. This new room compliments the existing architecture by use of a vaulted ceiling, exposed wood trusses, and dormers in the Tudor style. A side addition will provide a second faculty living quarters. The rear addition provides the large, open ADA compliant shower area and an additional four dorm room wing. The building ultimately will provide 38 beds for the School, two faculty apartments, air conditioning, sprinklers, electrical updates, energy efficient appliances, and cosmetic upgrades throughout.

The project is set to be completed in early 2017 and will be utilized immediately. The students are looking forward to moving into Vlahos Hall. Residential life is a big part of the “Kiski Experience” and the School is committed to funding the upgrades and expansions to our dormitories.

“New Dorm,” as it was known prior to 1993, was rededicated as Vlahos Hall in honor of Zach Vlahos’s 32 years of service to Kiski as a history teacher, coach, dormitory master, Director of Studies, and Director of Development and Alumni Affairs. ■







Kiski's Honors Convocation was held in Rogers Fine Arts Center where family and friends gathered for this special awards ceremony recognizing outstanding accomplishments of underclassmen. The ceremony also honors those who garnered leadership positions. The ceremony re-enacts an old academic tradition, the conferring of honor to scholars. Although students are asked to participate in many activities, extracurricular and social, they must never lose sight of the primary objective of the School, and that is scholarship. Honors Convocation is one of Kiski's grandest traditions. It recognizes the academic achievements of those who have excelled in their studies.

May 22, 2016

## Honors Convocation

The names of students who have earned awards are:

Cum Laude Society (based on academic excellence, scholarship and love of learning, consistency in performance with special attention to achievement in grades 11 and 12, degree of difficulty of course load, and character, honor, and integrity in all aspects of school life): **Jalon Cooper '16, Ben Gardner '17, Sterling Myers '17, Tom Rubino '17**

The Fredrick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award in Humanities and Social Sciences (attained by a member of the junior class in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and superior intellectual promise in the Humanities and Social Sciences): **Wells Watson '17**

The Xerox Award for Innovation and Information (for their outstanding achievement in the pursuit of innovative approaches, and their appreciation of the possibilities of technology): **Sterling Myers '17**

The Bausch and Lomb Award (given to a member of the junior class in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and superior intellectual promise in the field of science): **Yaokun Zhi '17**

The George Eastman Young Leaders Award (given to a member of the junior class who has shown outstanding school leadership as well as academic achievement): **Connor Goodwin '17**

The Rensselaer Medal (to recognize the superlative academic achievement of young men, to motivate students toward careers in science, engineering, and technology, and awarded to promising secondary school juniors who have distinguished themselves in mathematics and science): **Yaokun Zhi '17**

Fine Arts Department Achievement Awards: **Jalen Cooper '19, Mark Boyd '18, Nate Caron '17**

World Languages Department Achievement Awards: **Abbas Merchant '19, T.J. Spahn '18, Sterling Myers '17**

History Department Achievement Awards: **Ben Crewe '19, Michael Garcia '18, Ben Gardner '17**

Mathematics Achievement Awards: **Abbas Merchant '19, JP Park '18, Sterling Myers '17**

Science Department Achievement Awards: **Aiden Gillespie '19, Michael Garcia '18, Yaokun Zhi '17**

Blake-Hamill Award (given in memory of Joseph Blake and John Hamill, members of the Class of 1971, who perished in an automobile accident on the eve of graduation in 1970, established the following year to recognize a junior of special promise who best exemplifies the spirit of Joseph Blake and John Hamill): **Thomas Rubino '17**

Bortz Sophomore Improvement Award (given to a sophomore who has shown marked improvement throughout the year in academics, athletics, and extra-curricular activities): **Ryota Mogi '18**

Bortz Junior Improvement Award (given to a junior who has shown marked improvement throughout the year in academics, athletics, and extra-curricular activities): **Jereme Johnson '17**

W. Logan Dickerson Award (given to a member of the Junior Class who has shown a genuine interest in journalism and creative writing and has made a lasting contribution to Kiski publications): **Sterling Myers '17**

Mathias Award (given to a member of the Junior Class who adheres to the highest personal standards and at all times displays chivalrous conduct on the athletic field as personified by Robert Mathias, Class of 1949): **Ben Gardner '17**





King Award (given in loving memory of Coltart King, Class of 1970, to that member of the Junior Class who has earned the highest scholastic average): **Sterling Myers '17**

Leadership awards: **Brayant Garcia '19, Mark Boyd '18, Cully Colantino '17**

Creative Writing Award: **John Jacob '18**

Photography Award: **Finn McSorley**

Outstanding Big Brothers of the Year: **John Jacob '18 and Zachary Muster '16**

English Department Achievement Awards: **Brayant Garcia '19, John Jacob '18, Ben Gardner '17**

National Forensics League Award: **Nate Caron '17**



2016-17 Prefects



Head Prefect



Headwaiters



K-Club Members

## 2016-2017

The names of students who earned positions of leadership for the 2016-2017 school year were announced at the ceremony. These included Prefects, Headwaiters, Head Tour Guides, Colonel Daub Society members, Junior and Senior Big Brother Leaders, and Student Disciplinary Council members.

Prefects: Head Prefect: **Omar Ward**; Senior Prefects: **Elijah Brown, Divine Buckrham, Quinn Commandant, George Davison, Ben Gardner, Dylan Gates, Noah Giovannelli, Mark Goetz, Xavier Jemison, Jerome Johnson, Joe Lehman, Dylan McDonough, Sterling Myers, Tim Price, Tom Rubino, Jim Tomson, Johnson Wang, Hunter White, James Williams, Bob Xiang, George Zimmerman**

Junior Prefects: **Mark Boyd, Joey Chappie, Luc Farcot, John Jacob, Jason Kcehowski, Nate Manko, Ryota Mogi, Gannon Murphy, T.J. Spahn, Nick Vasadze**

K-Club President and Head Tour Guides: President: **Ben Gardner**; Head Tour Guides: **Quinn Commandant, George Davison, Sterling Myers, Thomas Rubino, Chengye Xiang, George Zimmerman**

Headwaiters: Lead Head Waiter: **Mark Goetz**, Headwaiters: **Hunter Dunlop, David Egbo, Austin Jesko, Joe Lehman, Hyung Seok Sung, Matt Wiechers, Chi Zhang**

The Colonel Daub Society: **Joey Chappie, Michael Garcia, Ben Gardner, Joe Lehman, Zachary Muster, Sterling Myers, Tom Rubino, Jianbu Shi, T.J. Spahn, Jim Tomson, Minxuan Wang, DeJuan Webb, Niko Wiley**

Big Brother Senior Leaders: **Tom Rubino, Elijah Brown**; Big Brother Junior Leaders: **Joey Chappie, Jason Kcehowski**

Student Disciplinary Council: **Joe Lehman, Sterling Myers, Tom Rubino, Max Silberg, Bob Xiang**; Junior: **T.J. Spahn**

May 26, 2016

## Senior Banquet Awards Ceremony

Each year the seniors, faculty, and families gather for a night to recognize Kiski seniors for a final time before graduation. This year the evening commenced at The Swank Student Center with a reception. The families were beaming with pride and the smiles lit up the room. After a wonderful meal, faculty, students, and loved ones gathered for the ceremony. Students were recognized for their

many accomplishments. Academic awards were presented to seniors, as well as various named awards.

Headmaster Brueningsen's closing remarks were heartfelt. He told the boys how he learned a valuable lesson around their age when he and his friends pulled a harmless prank. Mr. B. had a long talk with his father and he enlightened him to various situations

that may have occurred but fortunately hadn't as a result of the prank. Mr. Brueningsen's advice is to truly think a situation through before making a regretful decision and do not succumb to peer pressure. Do the right thing. The Headmaster expressed his belief in the success the Class of 2016 will have in college and in life. ■

## Congratulations 2016 Kiski Award Recipients

The John A. Pidgeon Headmaster's Award (presented to a graduating Senior who, in the opinion of the faculty and the Headmaster and through exemplary accomplishments, dedicated leadership and uncompromising habits of mind and heart, embodies the admirable qualities and high standards of Mr. John A. Pidgeon, who served The Kiski School as teacher, coach, and Headmaster for 45 years): **Jalon Cooper**

The Kiski Award (presented to a graduating Senior who in the opinion of the faculty and the Headmaster through his scholastic achievement, leadership, breadth of interest and high personal standards has been of greatest value to the School): **Zachary Muster**

The Clifford Brett Award (a Junior who has been elected the next Head Prefect of The Kiski School): **Omar Ward**

The Bortz Improvement Award (a Senior who has shown marked improvement throughout the year in academics, athletics, and extra-curricular activities): **Justin Pearce**

The Harry A. Stuhldreher Award (given in memory of Harry Stuhldreher '21 to a Senior who has made an outstanding contribution to the School's athletic program): **Harry Range**

The Bates Award (given in memory of William Palmer Bates '29, killed in service to his country in 1945 to a Senior who most exemplifies the qualities of honor, sacrifice and concern for others through dedication to his school and country): **Charles Winston**

The William V. Grier Award (presented in memory of William V. Grier '14, to a Senior who has compiled the highest scholastic average): **Jalon Cooper**

The Jacob E. Zeigler Award (a Senior who in the opinion of the faculty has contributed the most cheer to the school year): **Damon Flenniken**

The William H. McKillop Award (a graduating Senior who in the opinion of the faculty has at all times displayed chivalrous conduct on the athletic field): **Benjamin Slack-Foust**

The E. William Turley, Jr. Memorial Award (given in loving memory of E. William Turley '64, to a Senior who most closely embodies the qualities of gentleness, propriety, and concern for others that so personified Bill Turley): **Tanner Perry**

The Kiski International Award (an international student, who is a Senior, and who has made a significant contribution to The Kiski School community through his proven leadership and active participation in organizations and extra-curricular activities): **Jiahao Gu**

The Andrew W. Wilson Award (presented in memory of Kiski's first Headmaster, to a Senior who best exemplifies the principles on which Dr. Wilson's beloved School was founded: Faith, Humility, and Tolerance): **Bartolomeo Ferrara**

The "Good Citizenship Award," presented by the 41<sup>st</sup> Senatorial District of Pennsylvania to recipients that exemplify the qualities we value most: dedication to serving their community, respect for the beliefs of others, and a commitment to leading a principled life. **Benjamin Slack-Foust and Dominic Ugoletti**

The Joseph H. Millar Award in English: **Harry Range**

The Zachary J. Vlahos Award in History: **Jalon Cooper**

The Carl L. Arnold Award in Mathematics: **Yunze Li**

The Excellence in World Languages Award: **Jalon Cooper**

The Eugene L. Biddle Award for Excellence in Science: **Yunze Li**

The Anthony F. Stokes Forensic Award: **Zhengze Xu**

The Excellence in Psychology Award: **Jiazheng Lu**

The Excellence in Fine Arts Award: **Wei Zhang**

The Drama Award: **Damon Flenniken**

The Music Award: **Xingjian Peng**

The Photography Award: **Noah Sabo**

The Digital Media Award: **Justin Pearce**

The Inventionland Institute's Certificate of Excellence (given to those students that exemplify the highest levels of innovation and engineering in the creation, design, and marketing of an original problem solving Invention): Recognized for their innovative ball pump, called the SquEase are: **Harry Range, Brenden Akut, and Max Silberg**

The Clyde Sleese Teaching Prize (created by Clyde H. Sleese III '62 in appreciation for the dedicated teachers who touched his life and given to a faculty member who, in the opinion of her colleagues, has made a significant impact on the boys she teaches through creative and innovative pedagogical practices, solid knowledge of subject matter and sincere interest in her students): **Kim Conover-Loar**





Mary Grace Vlahos Muster was the parent speaker for the evening. Mary Grace is the mother of Kiski's Head Prefect, Zachary, and the daughter of long-time faculty members, Zach and Mary Vlahos. She is the sister of two Kiski graduates, Annie and Stephanie. Mary Grace attended St. Timothy's School, a boarding school in Maryland and her daughter, Danielle, graduated from Linsly School in West Virginia. Mary Grace and her family are deeply rooted in the firm belief of the importance of a boarding school education. Marcus and Mary Grace are Kiski faculty members and are deeply loyal to the Kiski community.

"I will try very hard to separate myself from all my other Kiski roles and speak to you as just a mother. I am a product of boarding school. Now our son Zachary will be a Kiski graduate. It has been a circular path, but I am where I was meant to be. Marcus and I are happy we chose Kiski. Our family has been blessed to experience the independent boarding school life.

When you have children, you have chosen to take responsibility for all their basic needs and their education. As parents, we chose a neighborhood where our kids could go to school, play little league, be a scout, join the YMCA and live happily and safely. Around middle school years, we started to notice our sons becoming more independent. What a scary time that was. We started to think, how can we give our son more opportunities and ensure he is challenged in order to succeed. Then the search began in finding an academically challenging school that was a good fit for our sons. Allowing them to become their own person by trying new things and

## Remarks by Mary Grace Vlahos Muster

possibly even living away from home. A daunting task for all of us, but we all found Kiski. Zach needed new challenges, to learn independence and solve problems.

I am sure some of you think that Zach was always destined to come to Kiski. Well, I guess you are right, but the decision was his. We knew it would be tough for Zach to be in the School where his parents worked. He managed to figure out how to make it work to his benefit. Zach always wanted to be a Kiski boy and always thought of himself as one. I remember when he was four years old and

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was finally allowed at a formal meal in the dining room. Children were not always invited to the meals. You had to wait until you were four. Zach dressed up in his coat and tie and was so proud. Through the years, he attended as many games, plays, and musical performances as he could, absorbing his surroundings. He carried water bottles, stood on the sidelines when he was old enough and waited until it was his turn to be a freshman.

One of my favorite parts about watching our sons is seeing the way Kiski magic works on each boy. The growth potential is there and it is so awesome to see the magic happen. I watched Nick, Christian, Tanner, Sam, Jalon, Ben, and Zach grow in inches and gain muscle. I watched Abe, Harry, and Rowan become responsible Prefects. Charlie, Jacob, and Nico took on coaching responsibilities and became mentors. Damon found his way onto the stage while Edward found his niche behind the scenes. I could go on and on, but each senior has found new interests, greater confidence,

and can be humbled by their many successes. They have grown and matured into fine young men who have "the tools in their toolbox" as Mr. Schapiro fondly phrased it. They depart for college and find their passions in life and soar. Make your School proud, but most importantly make your parents proud!

Tonight and tomorrow, please thank your parents for the gift they have given you ... a Kiski experience. Seniors, I want you to remember that your parents have thought about you every day and will continue all through college and beyond. Moms and dads think of you and worry about you, celebrate your accomplishments, and feel your disappointments all the time. We, all the parents in this room, have sacrificed for you to be here. It was a difficult choice to send you to a boarding school and not keep you at home where we could see you every day. We trusted you to eat right, get enough sleep, wear clean clothes, complete homework, spend money wisely, develop solid friendships, and especially make good decisions. We have tried and will continue to let you grow into yourselves and become men that make us proud. It is hard to 'back off' and let you make your own choices, sometimes fail, and not tell you what to do. It hurts sometimes, but no one said being a parent is easy. There are good times and sad times and today is all about the good. Let's celebrate you and your fine accomplishment of becoming a Kiski School graduate.

When your mom wants to take the 435<sup>th</sup> picture of you this weekend, just smile and do as she wants. When it is time to say goodbye to your Kiski brothers ... remember you have shared a significant part of your life with these guys, so it is okay to shed tears. But you will never be very far away from each other since social media has taken care of that for you. Keep in touch with each other and with Kiski faculty. Your parents and your Kiski family are always here for you." ■







**May 27, 2016**

# 128<sup>th</sup> COMMENCEMENT

## A Day Filled with Nostalgia, Gratitude, and Love

On a crisp, clear morning, family and friends gathered in the Michael Yukevich Quad to celebrate the gratifying achievement and successful futures of the Kiski Class of 2016.

It's hard to fathom, but it was that time of year again when joy mixes with other emotions at the thought of our boys leaving for college in the fall. This class will be remembered for its leadership, brotherhood, and grit. It was a bittersweet day for Kiski's Head Prefect, Zachary Muster, and all of us who watched him grow from a little boy to an amicable, intelligent, and loved young man. As many of you know, Zach spent all 18 years of his life growing up on Kiski's campus. From carrying water bottles on and off the football field as a young boy, to giving a moving speech at his graduation. Zachary Muster exudes the true essence of a Kiski boy. Many watching Zach can only ask themselves, "Where did the time go?"

Graduation Day began with a breakfast for the seniors where they received their special graduation ties from the Headmaster along with a few words of wisdom. The graduation ceremony was full of nostalgia with the bagpipers playing. Chairman of Kiski's Board of Trustees, John Jacob '89 and Headmaster Chris Brueningsen led faculty and students in the procession.

Headmaster Brueningsen opened the ceremonies with reflections on the Class of 2016. He recognized the parents, grandparents, and faculty who helped make the celebration of Commencement possible. The Class of 2016 is a special class with outstanding young men. He wished them well and began the tradition of handing the diplomas to each student and pausing for a photo.

Head Prefect Zach Muster and Valedictorian Jalon Cooper both gave impassioned speeches. As the boys received their diplomas, the look of pride on their faces was truly inspiring. It was a special day and we celebrated as a community of families, friends, alumni, current students, administration, and faculty.

The Faculty receiving line is a long-standing tradition. As the boys process down the walk after graduation, they are greeted by administration, faculty, and the board of trustee members. Each year, the faculty receiving line is a poignant moment for both students and faculty alike. The students fight back tears as do the faculty members. Some just let the tears roll. One thing is for sure, no one gets through that line without a firm handshake or a big hug. This is a milestone in a Kiski boy's life and we are happy to be celebrating the joy.





## Valedictory Address by Jalon Cooper

Living and learning at Kiski is a remarkable experience full of highs and lows. At Kiski you learn that when you're at your highest low, when things don't flow, and you just don't know if you should continue to go, just take it slow and before you know, you'll be stronger and you will grow. Now that sounded really cheesy, but it's the truth, and I have plenty of stories to back it up. Here is one story. A few weeks ago in the Headmaster's AP Calculus class we watched a movie called *Stand and Deliver*. As we watched the movie, I completely zoned out because all I could think of was the content of this speech. I really didn't want to watch some old movie from the 80s. As I sat there entirely blanked out, I heard something being repeated in the distance by the math teacher in the movie. It was, "A negative times a negative equals a positive," "A negative times a negative equals a positive," it got progressively clearer to me, "A negative times a negative equals a positive," and on the last repetition of the rule, it clicked.

I then thought to myself.... A negative times a negative equals a positive, and immediately I thought of all the hardships that I faced at Kiski, and how those things that pulled me down, lifted me up to an even greater benefit. At that moment I realized that a negative times a negative equals a positive is not just a lesson for math, but also a lesson for life. Ironically, that's how I came up with this theme; I had no idea of what to speak about and quite frankly, I did not want to watch that movie — sorry, Mr. Brueningsen. But as a result, I learned a valuable lesson that I can share with you, that a negative times a negative equals a positive.

Since I was six years old, I wondered what life at a boarding school would be like. I tried to get advice from someone who went to jail, because that's what it seemed like to me at the time. The thought of living in a closed environment with an assigned roommate, where I don't know anyone, I hardly see family and friends, repetition every day, and eating bad food scared me - maybe I was wrong about the food, it's mostly good. But even worse, not only was I uneasy about attending, but Kiski wasn't so sure

about me either. Now you're probably wondering how in the world I ended up here.

My parents became interested in Kiski after talking to a Kiski boy's parent at a basketball tournament at Kiski. I had never heard of the School at the time, so I asked my parents about Kiski. They told me it was a prestigious all boys' boarding school in Saltsburg and so on. I would tell you more of what they said, but honestly, I tuned them out after I heard "all boys" and "boarding school." Nevertheless, even though I had no serious intention of actually attending, I applied. I took the standardized test that was required for admission, (I did terrible by the way), and Kiski was on the verge of not accepting me.

On top of that, I was denied by all the other private schools I applied to. However, the scholarship program that I'm in, Fund for Advancement of Minorities through Education (FAME), recommended I retake the test if I wanted any chance of getting into its program or Kiski. I really wanted to be in the FAME program. This was my last chance to get into a private school before I ended up at a school where everyone's main concern was sports. I studied immensely hard, to the point where I spent at least three hours a day studying. Who knows how many practice tests I took, just to get into a school that I really didn't want to go to. As a result I did significantly better, and eventually Kiski accepted me. The reason I tell this story is because I really didn't want to go to Kiski, and they almost did not accept me, but I ended up having an exceptional experience at School.

I honestly believe that the reason I am speaking right now is because of those two negatives. The fact that I was "lucky" enough just to be at the school lit a burning fire within me to prove that I deserved to be here. I wish I could illustrate to you through words how hard I worked to be at the stage I'm at now, literally and figuratively.

For all of you who know me, you know that I am probably one of the slowest people you've ever met. I refuse to admit it, but according to a number of people, I lack common sense, but that's fine. I would stay up until 2 to 3 a.m. every

Welcome fellow graduates, faculty, family, and friends and parents. A special thank you goes to all the parents who sacrificed in order for us to have this extraordinary day at such an amazing place. It's truly an honor to be given this opportunity.

As I begin to think about my four year tenure at Kiski, I think I speak on behalf of all of us by saying that we have shared an experience as rare as seeing a cute girl on campus. And trust me I'm not exaggerating when I say rare. I mean who else can say he has lived at an all boys boarding school in the middle of nowhere, away from our past lives, home, girls, family, friends, girls? Well maybe that happens at other places too. But something is wrong if you can tell me there are other people whose only form of parties in high school were when they entered a bathroom full of guys jamming out to music in the shower, sometimes with disco lights.

Now I didn't say that just because it's a rare experience, it's full of sunshine and joy. No, Kiski is tough, and we all have our moments when we feel like giving up. Let's look on the other side. Tell me another high school student who was fortunate enough to have 200 brothers from all around the world. Who else has had such a close relationship with his teachers that he calls his 60 something- year old, male Spanish teacher casually by the nickname of J-Lo? Or call his history teacher who has no affiliation with music, DJ Robbie H? Or even informally hooting "Schapiiirooo" or "Shap" to the associate headmaster? Well, I still have no defense for the shower parties, but you get what I'm saying.



night doing work and then wake at 5:30 a.m. for basketball workouts, just to be the best I could possibly be. It was not easy by any means. There were countless nights when I sat at my desk resisting tears from the difficulty just so I could still see my work and mornings when my body told me to stay in bed because it wasn't ready to function off of three hours of rest, but my passion woke me anyway.

I will not lie to you, those were the most physically, mentally, and emotionally difficult times of my life, but I reminded myself that if I did this, maybe I could make my parents proud, maybe one day they wouldn't have to pay for college, that maybe this will all be worth it as long as I didn't quit.

To keep me going, there's a quote from Eric Thomas hanging on my wall that I read every day. He said "Listen to me, pain is temporary! It may last for a minute, or an hour, or a day, or maybe even a year. But eventually it will subside, and something else will take its place, if I quit however, it will last forever."

In my case the pain lasted for four years, but I can attest to that quote because I truly believe the reason I'm on this stage and the reason I am attending The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, on a full merit scholarship (even though Mr. Ellis played a huge role by nagging me every day to go there) is because of the struggles from the two negatives that I initially faced with Kiski: not wanting to go here and almost not getting in.

I also believe this lesson a negative times a negative equals a positive, holds true for us as a class. Think of all the times you initially didn't like the situation you were in, but ended up getting an incredible benefit from it.

We've all had to deal with the initial anxiety of getting a roommate who's a complete stranger, whom we thought would be a nightmare but resulted in a lifelong companionship. Many of us didn't have to deal with the difficult task of sharing a room with someone else before Kiski. None of us wanted one of those roommates who won't let you sleep, doesn't shower, or sometimes talks to himself. And if we're being honest, we all know these types of people at Kiski. But it's that same person who seems like a complete weirdo that turns out to be one of your closest friends.

I initially thought my first roommate, Eric Jiang, also known as the Shark, was the weirdest guy I'd ever met. Before high school, every one of my classmates was of the same ethnic background as me. One year later, I was sharing a room with a strange kid from Shanghai, China, who often spoke to himself in a language that sounded like jibber jabber to me at the time, called Chinese. That's not what ticked me off the most. I really lost it when I was forced to take the top bunk bed because he said he had a fear of heights.

After meeting Shark two weeks before school started, I decided I would take Chinese to better communicate with him. I remember my first day in Chinese. I repeat, my first day. When I walked in the classroom, the teacher, Mrs. Ma, said "Shang ke, shang ke, Da jia hao! Wo jiao Ma laoshi, Ni jiao shen me ming zi?" which means, "Let's start class, Hi Everyone! My name is Mrs. Ma, what's your name?" To say the least, I thought that Chinese and my roommate would be a disaster. As it turns out two things I thought were negatives became a positive. Shark is one of my closest friends and the best part after four years of learning the language is that I can finally understand all the swear words, and use them when appropriate. On top of that, I developed a passion for Chinese and I plan to go to China in the near future while continuing to study Chinese in college.

I am sure we all have unique stories of times when we thought the odds were against us, but it turned out to benefit us. How about those Senior versus Faculty basketball and softball games. Not only were we losing to a bunch of old men who read for fun, but we also had a lot of arguing going on amongst ourselves. As a result, we came back to win the games and witnessed Mr. Griffin get dunked on by Fabio. More importantly, being down in the game taught us that through perseverance, things can turn around.

Look at how many of us developed a passion for something that we previously didn't like because we were pushed to expand our comfort zones. For example, when the basketball season ended and they took away the basketballs. No more practices or games. I didn't know what to do with myself. But from those two negatives, I developed a passion for playing the piano and now I play at least an hour every day.

Some of us developed an enthusiasm for fitness, after we initially hated working out because we were required to do sports. What about the strict daily regimen we followed. Let's be honest, it was tough, and it limited our free time, but now college will be a breeze in terms of time management and discipline. The list goes on and on of things we encountered at Kiski that we thought would be negative, but turned out to be beneficial.

As we wrap up our last moments of ever being together as a class, you may realize a couple negatives. The sad truth is we will never be in the same environment together again. Saying the final goodbye to your closest companions, knowing there's a good chance this might be the last encounter with some people for the rest of our lives, will be one of the hardest things we've ever had to do. If there is one thing you learned from me today, it is that something excellent will come of this.

I want to leave you with a quote from my favorite poet and street philosopher, Drake. In one of his greatest pieces of work titled, HYFR, with another interesting street philosopher, Lil Wayne, he said "I learned that working with the negatives could make for better pictures." Sure, we all went through some of our roughest times at Kiski. We lost some friends back home, went through some bad breakups, went to class in minus 30 degree weather, failed a few tests, and experienced unexpected changes. As itty-bitty freshman, we even huddled up in the dayroom while we survived the scare in 2012 that the world would end.

From working through the tough times, Kiski taught us there is a method to the madness. It taught us that if we can make it through the hard times, it only gets easier on the other side. We have had great times together, but we will go on to experience even better times. Our lives will completely change. We will go on to the "best years of our lives" in college, and we will be prepared for whatever life entails because Kiski showed us that things will get tough, as will life.

The key is to use the same things that pull you down, to eventually lift you up. So when the odds are stacked up against us and we don't know if we can handle it, we will be prepared to persevere through it and always remember: a negative times a negative equals a positive. ■



## Class Speech by Head Prefect Zachary Muster

couldn't help but remember all the special times I had at Kiski. And, if I'm going to be honest with you, I simply could not share them all in the time I have been given. What I would like to do is relate today, and the past four years, to a baseball team.

In the winter we have our first team meeting. You walk through the doors, you take a look at all the new faces and all the returning faces, much like opening day at Kiski. You take a seat next to someone you feel comfortable with, even though you might not know him. It might be someone you have been on the team with before, someone you have heard about, or maybe just someone who looks like they might become a friend. Coaches are standing in the front of the room much like Mr. Ellis on day one. Everyone is nervous. As the season progresses and winter workouts turn into our first days on the field, the motley crew of adolescents starts to look a little more like a ball club. Because after all the grueling tasks we have gone through, we look to our right ... and we look to our left... and standing next to us are our brothers. Once the season starts there isn't much slowing down. Game after game, you win and you lose. Week after week you pass the test, and you fail the test, you get your homework done, and you don't get your homework done, but still you look to your right and you look to your left, and standing next to you, tall, strong, and proud are your brothers. The plays get flashier, the grades get higher, the home runs become more common, the leaders establish themselves, and the arguments become just a bit more intense.

I have one memory that truly sums up what Kiski means to me. It comes from this past baseball season. We were playing Mercersburg, so naturally tensions were already high. It was early in the game and I

was standing on first base as usual. I dug my feet in and waited for the pitch. As a soft ground ball was hit, I went to cover the bag. Nothing out of the ordinary. I turned my head and as the throw was coming to me the runner was getting closer and closer to the base. I reached my glove out and took a stretch and still nothing out of the ordinary. As I caught the ball the bang, bang play became even more intense when I felt the runner's metal cleat come down near my ankle. For those of you who know or play baseball, understand the seriousness of such an action. Whether it was accidental or not, the world may never know, but when I lifted my head up trying to fight back the pain, I saw my teammates running in from their positions. If it was the pitcher, third baseman, shortstop, right fielder, left fielder, center fielder or second baseman, whether they were from Japan, Maryland, Virginia, Canada, or Blairsville, they all had my back. And as I saw Franco sprinting in from the outfield yelling in anger, I knew that on that field with me I had eight other brothers, all willing to go to hell and back. Because no matter what the offense, accidental or not accidental, I lifted my head and stood back up with eight guys right behind me ready to take on the entire Mercersburg community. It didn't matter if I had known them for ten years or five months; they were there ready to fight with me and for me because that's what you do. That's what makes us different at Kiski. We are fighters. When times get tough, when you are in the trenches, when you are in that mid-winter lull, when you simply have given all you can, and you lay exhausted on the field of battle, you have 199 guys at your back, ready to take on whatever is in front of you, with you, for you, because they love you. That is what Kiski is. And that lesson is one that doesn't come easily.

Good morning parents, faculty, and fellow students. It is my pleasure to welcome all of you to Kiski on such a special and unique day. I want to extend a special welcome to all the parents who have come to celebrate with us today. From all of us, we truly say thank you. You are who made this experience possible, and your sacrifice has not gone unnoticed.

Well guys, I really didn't think this day would come so quickly. It honestly feels like just last week I was moving into the freshman dorm. I remember seeing Justin Pearce and thinking, "Are they all going to look like this?"

This was difficult to write. It's unlike anything I have ever done. Because this time I'm not here to welcome Kiski's new students, or tell stories to the parents who are visiting, or even talk about a great athletic season. Today, I am here to say thank you and goodbye. This will without a doubt be one of the hardest things I have ever done in my life. Many of us are what we call "four year freaks." I like to consider myself an 18-year freak. Yes, you heard me, it's 18 years. And yes, that is longer than most of my teachers have been here. I've seen a couple of these things. It usually goes the same; the head prefect speaks his thoughts, the valedictorian talks about the great year we had, and Mr. Schapiro tries to pronounce everyone's last name. When I thought about what I wanted to say today, I



There are fights and there are hugs, there are agreements and disagreements, there is friendly and unfriendly banter. I am telling you when you go through days and months and even years of a Kiski education and experience with the guys who are around you, you can't tell me that you don't come out of it as brothers. You can't tell me

Fabio, the other good time uncles, Ugoletti and Rowan, and I will say the joke for you here guys, I know we are all thinking it: I'm the nagging, always right, no fun, mom.

But let's get real for a minute. There have been lots of assumptions made about me, my habits, and my future endeavors. I would like to put them all to rest now by

are we there when a rival team calls you out on the field. No longer there when you have five finals to study for and no longer there when you simply need a brother. But this guys, this is not what it's about. It's about how we have gone through all of these things together over the past four years, that prepares us for doing it without each other tonight, tomorrow, and in ten years.

There simply are too many good memories for me to share with you today, but I will highlight a few. I would like to mention that yes, senior boys still watch *Drake and Josh* when they have study hall during the day. Senior boys still play board games when the power goes out. Senior boys absolutely love to watch *The Office* even if it exceeds someone's bedtime. Ian Hatter will get very upset when slapped in the face with a pizza box during the national championship game. And Matt and I will quote the same Will Ferrell movies for hours and laugh just as hard every time, and because of this, there is no debate that COPS doesn't start until 4 p.m.

These are memories that I will remember for the rest of my life and you guys made them possible. You guys, not me, not our family's, not the teachers. I am not saying they didn't help, but you made this experience what it has been and I thank you. I love each of you and I don't want to say goodbye, but the reality is that the sand is slipping out of the hour glass.

If I can leave you with one thing, it is that I want you to know I'm truly thankful for all that you have done for this School, for me, and for each other. I know it might sound cliché, but this place really is a Brotherhood, and that's because of you. I don't want to say goodbye now. I don't know if I want to say goodbye ever, so let's not. Let's just say farewell, boys. See you all soon. ■

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**“When times get tough, when you are in the trenches, when you are in that mid-winter lull, when you simply have given all you can, and you lay exhausted on the field of battle, you have 199 guys at your back, ready to take on whatever is in front of you, with you, for you, because they love you. That is what Kiski is.”**

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that there isn't a single guy sitting in this audience today that wouldn't do anything for the guy sitting next to him. That is what Kiski is about. That is what we have learned. And that is what we will teach. Kiski provides an opportunity for us to see multiple sides of the same person, and that is one of the reasons it's so unique. I see the guy who lives two doors down from me in the dorm as my friend, on the athletic field as a teammate, and in the classroom as a fellow student, and when you experience all of that with someone, there truly is a bond there with that person, and that bond can never be broken.

I would like to thank you guys for a few things. First off, thanks for making sure I knew that I was the Head Prefect. Thanks for letting me know, multiple times, that I like to go to bed before you do. Thanks for making me take-the-heat for all your pranks. Thanks for telling me I said things when I didn't. Thanks for using me as a method for fun when you guys were in a funk. But most of all, thanks for being part of my family. There is the good time uncle, Cam Spencer, twin brothers Ben and Quintin, funny cousins Grant and Charlie, grandpa Harry, the adopted foreigner,

saying that you are all wrong. You may think that because of my history at this School, and my home being here, that when I step off this campus, I'll be lost. I'll be scared, and I will crack under the pressures of the real world. But as I said earlier, you are wrong. But, you are wrong for the same reason that you think you are right. Because of this history, because of this place being my home, I will be prepared for what lies ahead. And I will be ready, willing, and able, because of what I have learned here.

I stand before you today, not as a Head Prefect, not as a varsity athlete, nor as a high honor roll member. I stand before you today, as a fellow brother. One who stood beside you in the trenches when it was tough, and one who walked out of the same class room after we were both handed A's on our tests. One who did waiter duty next to you. One who cut in front of youngsters at meals with you. One who fought his heart out on the field with you. And one who stood in embrace with you after a high-school heartbreak. But now that is over. And that is a scary thought to process. After we drive through the gates this last time on our way back to wherever we call home, we no longer have each other's backs. No longer

## Distinguished Service Award Kim Conover-Loar



On May 22, Mrs. Kim Conover-Loar was awarded Kiski's highest honor at the Convocation Award Ceremony – The Kiski Distinguished Service Award. Headmaster Chris Brueningsen introduced Mrs. Conover-Loar by saying, "Kim Conover-Loar, you arrived at Kiski ten years ago and brought with you tremendous talents as an artist and an art teacher. During your time here, you have demonstrated a genuine love for Kiski. And now it is a grateful School's turn to share our appreciation and affection for you."

As Chairman of the Fine Arts Department, you practiced your craft with great professionalism and set high standards for the programs you directed. As a teacher, you were completely invested in your students as you challenged them to grow, guided them in their artistic development, and helped them gain a better understanding of themselves and the world around them.

The positive impact you have had on this School will most certainly be felt by many generations of future Kiski boys. It is with great pride that we honor you today with The Kiski Distinguished Service Award."

## Distinguished Alumnus Award Roger Kishman '62



Mr. Steven T. Szilagyi '88, Associate Headmaster for Institutional Advancement, presented the 2016 Distinguished Alumnus Award to Mr. Roger Kishman, Class of 1962. The citation for Mr. Kishman read, "Roger Kishman, your unrelenting drive and propensity for leadership have led you to prodigious accomplishments in the world of business and management. You have applied those same talents towards your exemplary and transformational work as a Kiski ambassador. This citation makes official our deep admiration for the example you have set as a Kiski alumnus."

After your graduation from Oberlin School of Commerce, you embarked on a successful accounting and financial operations career. You were drawn to leadership roles and quickly ascended to become a Chapter President, Regional Chapter Liaison Representative, and a member of the Board of Directors for the Hospital Financial Management Association. As a Rotarian, you served as a Treasurer and President, and were recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow.

You have volunteered those same talents to Kiski in ways that have strengthened and sustained our important Class Captain Program, our Institutional Advancement operation, and our School. As a Class Captain, you have established and cultivated connections between Kiski and The Class of 1962 – a class that can be counted among the most engaged with Kiski by multiple measures. As our first 'General' of the Kiski Class Captains, you have been a steadfast motivator and mentor for scores of Class Captains from all eras.

Your enthusiasm and love for Kiski have made you an ideal member of our Board of Visitors. Your opinion is sought routinely and trusted unequivocally. What is best for Kiski is always at the forefront of your mind, and our best has been propelled by your influence. During a remarkable era of growth and revival for Kiski, you have been a powerful catalyst.

Roger Kishman, for your many achievements in life, and for the thoughtfulness and generosity you have supplied to Kiski through the lending of your talents of leadership and mentoring to advance the School's mission, we are proud to honor you today with our Distinguished Alumnus Award."





# The Kiski School's Class of 2016

## Class of 2016 College Choices

The Class of 2016 was comprised of 50 young men who through their experiences at Kiski, are prepared to succeed in college and in life. They have chosen to further their learning and continue their education at the following institutions:

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (GA)  
 Allegheny College (PA)  
 American University (DC)  
 Baldwin Wallace College (OH)  
 Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (FL)  
 Emerson College (MA)  
 Franklin and Marshall College (PA)  
 Hillsborough Community College (FL)  
 Hobart and William Smith College (NY)  
 James Madison University (VA)

Juniata College (PA)  
 Macalester College (MN)  
 Michigan State University  
 Pennsylvania State University  
 Purdue University (IN)  
 Queen's University, Ontario, Canada  
 Rhode Island School of Design  
 Robert Morris University (PA)  
 Salisbury University (MD)  
 Seton Hill University (PA)  
 St. Lawrence University (NY)

Thiel College (PA)  
 United States Naval Academy (MD)  
 University of California, Davis  
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
 University of Pittsburgh (PA)  
 University of Rochester (NY)  
 Wake Forest University (NC)  
 Washington and Jefferson College (PA)  
 West Virginia University

## David Lane

A 55+ year veteran of independent school education, 42 years dedicated to Kiski

By John Lombardo

*When we consider our favorite subject in high school or our best academic experience, no one remembers their favorite textbook. It is the teacher we remember. It is the teacher that makes the difference. The knowledge the teacher brings of his or her subject along with the driving desire to share this information can shape the life of a student forever. Excellent teaching is an art.*

*It takes years of dedicated practice, fine-tuning, and more than a few mistakes by the practitioner to achieve excellence. Hours of planning and preparation mixed with some boldness, craziness, pedagogical talent, knowledge, and dedication come together to produce an outstanding teacher. At Kiski we have enjoyed the blessings of many superb teachers over the years. This section of the Bulletin is dedicated to honoring excellent Kiski teachers, our Luminaries. In this space, we remember teachers who shared their brilliance and enlightened generations of Kiski students.*



David Lane with his dog Tam O'Shanter



Kiski lost one of her favorite sons this past summer. Dr. David Lane was a 55+ year veteran of independent school education, 42 of those years having been spent at The Kiski School. During those 42 years, David taught German and psychology, served as the consummate house master, worked as Kiski's college counselor, was the department chair of the world language department, coached soccer, diving and track and perhaps his most enjoyable and favorite role, was the surrogate "Uncle Dave" to countless faculty children.

David arrived on campus in the summer of 1975 after having completed a lengthy tenure at the Portsmouth Abbey Priory in Rhode Island. His impact was immediately felt as a leading member of the foreign language department, experienced dormitory master, and coach. For the next 42 years, he faithfully served his School in the aforementioned roles, excelling in all of them.

David will forever be known as a gruff task master, but at the same time a teacher

who always held the best interests of his students first and foremost in his heart. Alumni most often asked for Dave Lane when they returned to campus. He worked tirelessly on his classes and coaching his teams. He will be best remembered by his former students for his trips abroad to Germany and trips out west in his camper van.

In 2004, David retired from fulltime teaching duties and moved to Plum, PA, a 15 mile drive from Kiski. For the next 12 years, David remained a daily presence on campus as he continued to teach AP psychology, a favorite and well subscribed elective among the senior class. As a matter of fact, there were 20 students who signed up to take his class this past fall.







L. to r.: John and Geri Lombardo, David Lane, John and Melissa Gates



L. to r.: John and Geri Lombardo, David Lane, Chuck and Sharon Shepard

During these 12 years, David had a variety of illnesses but always managed to bounce back like the Energizer bunny. However, at the end of the last school year, he had a recurrence of bladder cancer that he had successfully defeated four years earlier.

David was a staunch liberal and enthusiastically worked on many democratic political initiatives. He was a devout Catholic and a member of Our Lady of Joy Parish in Plum. Many of his fellow parishioners and his priest visited him this summer as he tried to bounce back once again from his illness. He was extremely proud of his Irish heritage and was involved in the Gaelic Society of Pittsburgh. An avid reader and life-long learner, David earned his Doctorate of Languages from Middlebury College late in life. Academically, this was probably David's proudest achievement.

In early summer of 2016, David received a letter from Kiski stating that he was nominated and going to be inducted into The Kiski Athletic Hall of Fame for his dedication and countless hours devoted to

Kiski's Swimming and Diving program. He was very excited when he read the news. In his memory, his gracious cousin Mary Frances Doiron accepted the award on his behalf. Mary Frances told the audience that he loved his time at Kiski and that she would miss the many stories of his students and their achievements. He was so proud of many alumni.

David did not come from a very large family. He was an only child and by 1976 he had lost his parents. As a result, Kiski became an extension of his family and he was known as Uncle Dave to his countless godchildren and many children of faculty members over the years. His cousin Mary Frances, her husband Bob and their children Sarah and Matthew, were the loves of his life and remained his connection with his beloved New England throughout his time in Western Pennsylvania.

Those of us who knew David best miss his presence in our lives. He was a great friend and confidant of mine who mentored me during the early days of my career. Many

of my accomplishments in my career can be attributed to the advice and counseling I received from David Lane. My family will miss Dave's role in our lives as will many of his friends and travel buddies, like The Tadlers, The Nagles, and The Meehls. David had a huge circle of friends and it is a testament to him how many came to pay their respects to Dave at his wake and funeral mass. A fighter to the end, his last days were spent at Presbyterian Senior Care in Oakmont, close enough for his "Kiski family" to spend a lot of time with him. His cousins and I were with David when he peacefully passed on July 25, 2016. David is inurned on the Kiski campus alongside Mr. Pidgeon and Mr. Turley. When you return to campus make a point of visiting the gravesite. It is a fitting tribute to three men who gave their lives to Kiski and fittingly chose Kiski as their final resting place. ■



## Kiski Academic Update

The academic school year of 2015-2016 brought a new Innovation Lab housing the Makerspace and International Space Station software. The Kiski STEAM students used their 3D printing and laser cutting skills throughout the year. A required course for all 9th-graders is Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM). Kiski STEAM is centered on unit projects in Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Environmental Science. In this problem-based course, students are introduced to Newton's Laws of Motion, atomic structure, the periodic table, types of chemical reactions, ecosystems, food chains, and the interdependent web of life. Each unit provided a template for students to learn and develop their skills in various areas and ends with a cumulative project in which students present their work in front of teachers, students, and a formal panel of judges. The students' Chemistry project culminated in making a wall-sized Periodic Table. Each student studied a family on the periodic table and made his tiles using Adobe Illustrator and then printed them on pine wood squares using the laser cutter. The class of 2019's Periodic Table is hanging in Heath Hall.

The freshman history students completed the first year of Kiski's new *Foundations of World Civilizations* course. Through a series of projects, presentations, and traditional instruction, students studied the history of ancient civilizations in the first semester. The second semester delved into governing

systems, democracy, and current events. The current events section challenges students to analyze what is happening in the world and to look for possible solutions.

The Innovation and Technology Department continues to grow and produce curricula that provides hands-on, "real world" experiences for students using graphic design, Computer-Aided Design (CAD), laser cutting, and 3D printing, along with an array of wood working tools.

Within this department, Inventionland Institute: Entrepreneurship kicked off its second year with students traveling to Inventionland in Pittsburgh, with guidance from George M. Davison III '82, Chief Executive Officer of Inventionland and his colleagues.

There they learn the "Idea to Market" concept and then design, market, package, and advertise their original inventions. The Spring semester winners: Harry Range, Max Silberg, and Brenden Akut designed the SquEase, a hand held ball pump which uses a simple bellows pump to inflate any kind of ball with ease.

The Production Studio course, also part of the Innovation and Technology Department, was unveiled in the spring. In this semester-long elective students met with "clients" (members of various disciplines within the Kiski community and beyond) to lead production meetings. Each group created an original product to meet their client's specifications. Students learn all phases of the media production process.





## Core sequences for each department:

Kiski offers many in-depth electives which include History of Leadership, The Jewish Holocaust, The Civil War, Constitutional Law, and Anatomy and Physiology. Our Fine and Performing Arts courses have expanded and include a freshman survey course for one-quarter for each of the foundational disciplines; Studio Art, 2-D and 3-D Design, Music, and Theater. Students can choose to develop their skills or pursue specific interests in Fine Arts offerings of Architecture, Drawing and Painting, Metalsmithing, Ceramics, Theater, and Vocal and Instrumental Music.

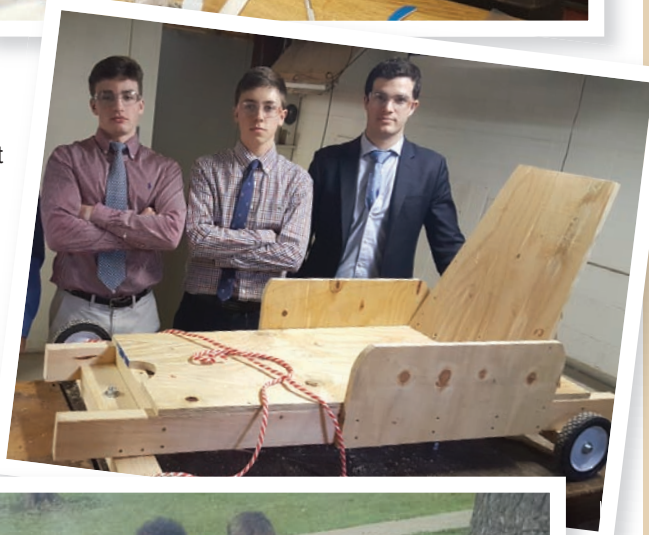
Kiski's new Innovation and Technology Department is in its first full year. This department houses STEAM, Computer Applications, Digital Media, Media Production, and Inventionland Institute: Entrepreneurship. These departmental offerings represent the core of our commitment to offer experiential, project-based, and 21<sup>st</sup> Century skill-rich courses for students, allowing them to create, innovate, and pursue their passions. We also added several new courses this year, some of which bridge the gap between extra-curricular clubs and in-class course work. Two of these courses are Robotics and International Relations: United Nations. In Robotics students collaborate to build a team robot to challenge in competitions. These competitions require teams to engineer and program their robots to perform specific tasks, as well as work with and compete against other teams on a 12' by 12' field. Kiski's International Relations class explores politics and policies on a global scale. This class will participate in at least three Model United Nations competitions, culminating in a competition at Cornell University in the spring.

Teachers continue to examine the way they teach and where they teach, and to that end, we are at an exciting juncture as we look to add a new Science and Engineering Center at Kiski to house our Innovation Lab/Makerspace along with our STEAM, Robotics, and Physics courses.

In the fall, course offerings included a redesigned senior English course that is an exploration of American Literature and gives the students a chance to perfect their writing skills as they craft their college essays, and develop the art of literary analysis.

In the History Department, four new electives emerged allowing students to focus on specific topics and time periods including The Civil War Era: 1848-1877, The Jewish Holocaust: 1933-1945, The History of the American Movie Industry, and International Relations: United Nations. The International Relations course uses the model of the United Nations to study the political positions of member nations on specific topics. Students travel to Model United Nations Conferences at Colleges and Universities as part of the Kiski delegation.

The fall of 2016 also brought an increased emphasis on the unique balance of traditional and experiential instruction within the academic program. This year 171 students are taking an Advanced (College level) course at Kiski in one of several subject areas: Psychology, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Spanish, Chinese, English, World History, Modern European History, and United States History. For graduation, each student must complete four credits in math and English, three credits in Science, the same World Language, and History (including U.S. History), two years of Fine Arts, and one year of Ethics and Personal Development (Health and Men in Society). ■





# Community Service

## Part of a Kiski Boy's Experience

Community Service Day was the perfect day to spend outside getting dirty and giving back to the community. There were 28 advisory groups working on various projects in the community and on campus. Highlights from the day included Mr. Novom and his group helping sort prom dresses collected for young ladies who can't afford a new dress, Mr. Howard holding a recovering red-tailed hawk, and Aidan Barefoot and Jake Sharp falling in love with a puppy. These are just a few of the many adventures the boys had while helping others in the community.



## Student Dedication to Supporting The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society



For the past 14 years, the Kiski boys have made a commitment to support The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Light The Night Walk.

Every year, Kiski students, faculty, and friends walk in honor of Jason Tsaggaris '90, who lost his brave battle with Leukemia. Jason was a Prefect, a great student, and a member of Kiski's soccer and tennis teams. He is missed by his family and his School; and we honor his memory through our participation in the Light The Night walk.

Light The Night Walk is LLS's annual walk and fundraising event and the nation's night to pay tribute and bring hope to people battling cancer. Teams of friends, family and co-workers raise funds for cancer research and services for patients and their families. Fundraising walkers carry illuminated lanterns—white for survivors, red for supporters, and gold for those who have lost a loved one to blood cancer. LLS is the world's largest voluntary health agency dedicated to finding cures for blood cancers. We are saving lives not someday, but today.

Thank you to everyone who supports this effort and for bringing us all closer to living in a world without blood cancers!





# Choosing the All-School Book

## The right mix of captivating reading and meaningful discussion

By Leslie Poston

Choosing Kiski's All-School Book each year is undoubtedly a daunting task but also one of the most

rewarding. Of the

thousands of wonderful books in publication, what one book could possibly engage every reader in Kiski's diverse school community, and at the same time meet our program goals of expanding readership and providing edifying discussion? Thank goodness we have such a well-read faculty and staff to help. For the All-School Book selection, we look for a book that reflects our School values, can be used across the curriculum, and provides a common ground for thoughtful conversation that can permeate throughout the many contexts of interaction with our boys — living with them, teaching them, coaching them, and mentoring them. Above all, the book we choose must resonate with our boys. The author should be engaging and dynamic as well. In many ways, Marshall Goldberg's, *The New Colossus* provided the perfect All-School Book selection this year.

Published in 2014, *The New Colossus* is historical fiction which follows the life of Nellie Bly as she investigates the death of Emma

Lazarus for Joseph Pulitzer's newspaper, *The World*, in New York City during the late 1800s. It was during the summer of 2014 that Kiski's faculty book club first read the book. Many of the faculty members remember the discussion the book generated about the courage these two young women must have had, pursuing their art and social justice in a world of powerful men and rampant political corruption. They enjoyed the story and the history and agreed that *The New Colossus* would be a great selection for an All-School Book. This year was the year to make that happen.

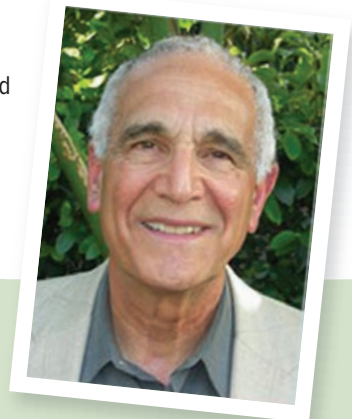
Bringing Marshall Goldberg back to Kiski for the author visit brought a memorable and engaging discussion on the writing process and tapping into the truth and universality of social issues with fictionalized narrative.

While a Kiski boy, Marshall Goldberg was what we might call a triple threat — he was a leader, a scholar, and an athlete. Among his many activities listed in the 1964 yearbook — he was a prefect both junior and senior year, he was elected to the Cum Laude society as a junior and senior, and was also a varsity athlete in both football and track. In addition, he worked on the yearbook staff, was a member of the German club, served as Headwaiter, and sang in the glee club. He was a busy guy — a Renaissance man. This well-rounded Kiski experience led him to a very

successful and varied career as both a law professor and screen writer.

Along with its suspenseful plot and rich historical setting, *The New Colossus* had many Kiski connections, aside from its alumnus author. The main character, Nelly Bly, was born in nearby Apollo, Pennsylvania, and the main events take place during the same year as the founding of The Kiski School. Some of the major themes in *The New Colossus* were politics, power, and social justice, dovetailing easily into the daily conversations during an election year when we are also in the process of implementing a Leadership curriculum at Kiski.

Cross curriculum opportunities for the book were many. Whether in the English classroom on the poetry of Emma Lazarus or the journalism of Nelly Bly, or in Psychology on the plight of the mentally ill that Bly's reporting uncovered, Spanish class on immigration issues, History discussing the outcome of the Election of 1888, or when students casually raised questions about sexuality and feminism in advisory groups, this year's All-School Book provided a solid jumping-off point for some meaningful learning. ■



### ***Excerpt from an interview with Marshall Goldberg '64 for a Kiski blog this past year:***

... While Marshall has adopted and excelled at many different roles over the years including working for the Senate, the Justice Department, writing for various TV shows, and teaching law students at the University of Michigan, he still remembers his time at Kiski fondly. As president of Kiski's Glee Club, he was in charge of arranging dates with girls from other schools for different events.

"That was more power than I've ever had in my life," Marshall said.

Aside from his presidential obligations, Marshall also remembers the camaraderie he felt with the other boys and the amazing teachers who worked at the boarding school.

"I didn't realize how austere the place was until I left. I got a terrific education at Kiski," he said.

Kiski helped him cultivate a strong sense of character and the instinct to always do the right thing. He also learned the value of hard work and discipline. Kiski taught him to appreciate people different from himself and to value them not for their talent, skills, or power, but for their character.

As the current Kiski boys read his novel, Marshall hoped they would see their own potential in his accomplishments. He wants them to say "I could do that too," when they see another Kiski boy's name on the cover.

"Kiski had a tremendously positive impact on me," he said. "Would I have been the same had I not gone to Kiski? Would things have worked out for me? I don't think so."

# Kiski Career Day

We made a major change for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Career Day held on April 15. In the past, juniors and seniors were given the opportunity to attend presentations by visiting alumni and friends representing various career fields. The most recent Career Day was open to all grades. The Kiski community welcomed back many speakers, allowing for small groups for maximum interaction. Once again, the visitors led three sessions with time for thoughtful questions from the boys. The all-inclusive format was a huge success. The boys certainly benefited from the insight imparted by business professionals. Thank you!

If you are interested in visiting Kiski for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Career Day, please contact us at [advancement@kiski.org](mailto:advancement@kiski.org) or 724-639-8029.

## Career Day 2016 Speakers:

Joe Allegra '81..... National Practice Lead/ Survey and Mapping, Enercon Survey and Mapping  
 Jon Baker '84 ..... Founder and President, Time-Line Enterprises  
 John Bender '86..... Vice President Public Sector Analytics Sales for SAP America  
 Jeff Bondy '73..... Lead Management Psychologist at Predictive Synergistic Systems  
 Tom Costa..... Combat Sport Instructor  
 Bill DeSignore..... Operations Engineer, Swank Construction Company  
 James D'Itri '71 ..... Independent Healthcare Information Technology Consultant  
 Major Brian Ellis '94 ..... Defense Analyst Contractor at Department of the Army  
 Adam John '94 ..... Senior Security Engineer, FEI Systems  
 Marty Malone '83 ..... Director of Client Services at P. Joseph Lehman, Inc., Consulting Engineers  
 Bill McAtee ..... Robotics and Electronics Faculty, The Kiski School  
 Chad McCutcheon '00..... Communications Professional, McCutcheon Enterprises, Inc.  
 Nathan McCutcheon '03... Executive Manager at McCutcheon Enterprises, Inc.  
 Gordon Meehl '85 ..... Construction Manager, Dunkin' Brands  
 Tysen Miller '99 ..... Manager of Engineering, KU Resources  
 Dr. Muneto Mogi '91 ..... Director at Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research  
 J.D. Null '84..... Human Resources Leader | Business Partner | Talent Acquisition & Development  
 Bob Pallone '82 ..... National Retail Operations, Unilever North America  
 Ray Prushnok '97..... Senior Director, Medicare Special Needs Plans at UPMC Health Plan  
 Dana Rizzo ..... Professional Voice Artist  
 Harry Seibel '00 ..... General Manager in Charge of Operations and R&D, REFCOTEC  
 Bob Spraker '72..... Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Shaner Hotels  
 Ben Taylor '03 ..... Technical Product Designer, Hasbro



## David A. Murdoch Global Scholarship

By DeJuan Webb '17

The David A. Murdoch Global Scholarship, instituted in 2016, is a fund for the Fund for Advancement of Minorities through Education (FAME) Scholars who plan to study overseas. The scholarship is named after the late David Murdoch, a FAME board member who had a lifelong passion for

international affairs. An honorary German consul and bankruptcy attorney in Pittsburgh, Mr. Murdoch took his first trip to Germany in 1961 where he witnessed the Berlin Wall being raised as a cross-cultural understanding. Mr. Murdoch's global influences spread into the FAME program, where he encouraged many FAME students to study abroad.

I was ecstatic upon discovering that I would be the first recipient of the David Murdoch Global Scholarship. I recall receiving a call from Ms. Nelson, the Chief Programming Officer of FAME, and realizing at that moment that my dreams of studying abroad in China would finally be coming to fruition. During FAME's annual luncheon, I was honored with the award and got the opportunity to meet two of Mr. Murdoch's children, Deborah and Timothy Murdoch, along with his wife Joan. They were a very welcoming and warm family and I felt very comfortable around them. They told me stories about Mr. Murdoch and his experiences abroad and gave me advice for when I go. I am grateful to the Murdochs for giving me the opportunity to experience something that for most students my age, is out of reach. I am excited to see who receives the David Murdoch Scholarship next, so we as FAME Scholars can continue Mr. Murdoch's global legacy.



# My Trip to South Dakota

By John "Cully" Colantino '17

This past summer, I traveled to South Dakota with my grandmother to help her with the organization she founded and has run for 23 years. The Friends of the Oglala Lakota Foundation is an organization dedicated to providing the impoverished South Dakota schools with books for their libraries. When my grandmother ventured there 23 years ago, she visited one of the school's libraries where her friend worked. She said, "Upon entering the library, my mouth dropped open. Barren shelves where books should have been were occupied by dust and spider webs. In disbelief, I was determined to help these schools."

She traveled around the reservation, visiting school after school, taking pictures and speaking with the librarians about what was needed. She came home and with the help from friends, founded the Oglala Lakota Foundation. She went to every house, school, and library in her local county requesting used or new book donations. Soon, her house was stacked to the ceiling with boxes full of children's reading books, waiting to be shipped to the reservation. Once shipped, she loaded them into a van and brought them to the reservation herself, making sure that every single book made its way onto a library shelf.

Year after year she did this and eventually received larger donations. I can remember sitting in her kitchen as a child and the inside of my mouth was as dry as a desert and tasted like glue from all of the envelopes I had licked to send to her donors. I remember hearing all of these fantastic stories about her trips to the reservation and seeing all of the beautiful, handcrafted art and jewelry she would bring back.

Finally the year arrived when I could make the trip myself. I flew from Pittsburgh with a stop in Minneapolis, and touched down in Rapid City in a tiny twin propeller puddle jumper. My grandmother was waiting for me in her rental car. As we drove towards the reservation, I stared out the window seeing a dreary sight. There was an absence of color. No vibrant yellows, reds, oranges, or blues, just green. But not the green you would expect. These shades of green were on the gloomier side of the spectrum, colorless, even grey at

times. I knew that it was just the way the grass grew in the hills, but still, the sight wasn't very uplifting.

We reached the reservation in two hours and upon crossing the border I began to notice little subtleties that differentiated the reservation from the rest of South Dakota. I noticed that it was extremely impoverished. As if someone had built up a small civilization in their backyard but soon forgot about it. Damage was everywhere: broken windows, boarded-up doorways, burnt down barns, unfinished businesses, and abandoned towns. It appeared as though nothing new had come to their society in years. We reached the motel on the reservation, and at first appearance you would have thought it could have been part of a chain. It was beautiful, a log-cabin style motel with more than 30 rooms that the owner built entirely himself. Attached to it was a fantastic restaurant. We settled into our room after a large, delicious dinner and began to unpack our things.

The next few days were somewhat of a blur. Each day we would travel to one or two schools. Each drive was about an hour or two on rough, dirt or gravel roads. Each school we visited seemed to have it harder than the last. The amount of poverty that I observed was more than I ever thought possible. Little kids wearing clothing worn for generations and eating nothing more than an apple and a stick of beef jerky. I felt terrible for these poor children and I wanted to do anything I could to help. I felt like they deserved more, that something had to be done to provide for these kids. I thought that they must be miserable with what they were given. And yet, each child I saw greeted me with a hug and a smile.

After visiting with the kids for a while, Mimi and I went to deliver our books to the library, and as soon as I walked through the threshold my mouth dropped open. The shelves were bare; in a library that should have tens of thousands of books for middle and high schoolers to read, there were merely hundreds. I walked around looking at the shelves, not knowing how any of this was possible. Tears started coming to my eyes as I paced up and down the rows of empty shelves, making me think about how much I

have taken for granted in my life.

I go to a School that has upwards of 50,000 books in its library, and I'm in it every day, not actually

considering how lucky I am to be able to walk in and choose any book I'd like to read, check it out, read it, then return it. In these schools, books are a rarity. After witnessing this saddening sight I began to realize just why my grandmother started this foundation. After every school we visited, my need to help these kids grew. I began to spend those two hour car rides running over plans and ideas with my grandmother to help get books to these kids. We talked and talked for hours, and finally we came up with ways to gather books at Kiski and at home that would efficiently send boxes and boxes of much appreciated books to the reservation.

On the plane back to Pittsburgh, I recounted my time spent in schools with the kids. Everyone was so kind, caring, and most of all, giving. People were giving us gifts and offering their belongings to show appreciation for what we had done. The people had little but were perfectly content with what they had and were more than willing to give a gift of appreciation. Looking out the window of the plane as the rolling plains of the Dakotas passed by, I wanted to help these people find a better life, to lead them out of poverty, trying one book at a time to reduce dropout rates and addictions. I wanted to show them there is a life past high school and it is possible to make it in the world outside the reservation, and everyone can make a name for themselves in this world, beginning with the children. Teaching them to strive to be the best, seek higher education, and ultimately become successful if they try. I realized that it all starts with books, reading and educating themselves, helping them to become successful and lead their families out of poverty. Upon coming to that realization, I told myself that I would never take a book for granted again. ■



## International Space Station Observed from Kiski's Innovation Lab

Kiski purchased the ISS-Above which is an electronic device that brings the International Space Station to a television in the Innovation Lab in Heath Hall. It gives the students a view from the International Space Station and what they are seeing on Earth.

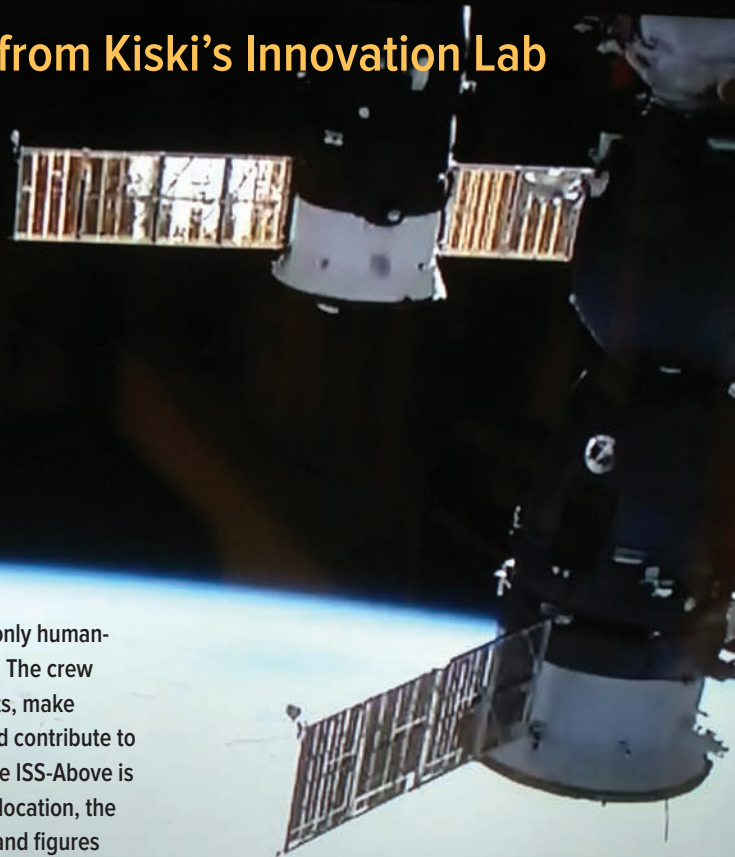
With informational screens and live views of Earth from external cameras, the students discover:

- The Space Station passes overhead five to eight times every single day
- When and where to look to see the Space Station pass by
- Who is up there right now
- What the orbit of the Space Station looks like and where it is right now
- Many statistics and data about the Space Station
- What the astronauts see when they look out the windows



Today, the International Space Station (ISS) is the only human-habitable environment off the surface of the Earth. The crew missions began in 2000. They conduct experiments, make observations, show us how to survive in space, and contribute to various scientific breakthroughs in many areas. The ISS-Above is an ever-present reminder of the Space Station, its location, the humans on board, the view of the Earth and facts and figures about this most significant of human achievements.

Fact: One day the astronauts tweeted to Kiski asking some questions and of course we tweeted back. It was cool to be recognized from outer space!



## 7<sup>th</sup> Title for Math Team

The Kiski School Math Team captured its seventh consecutive championship of the Westmoreland Economic and Development Initiative for Growth (WEDIG) Math League competition at Penn State University, New Kensington campus.

The two-day competition, spread over the fall and spring semesters, featured more than 120 students from nine area high schools answering mathematical questions. This competition is sponsored by WEDIG and is the annual competition bringing together students from Burrell, Ford City, Freeport, Kiski Area, The Kiski School, Kittanning, Leechburg and Valley High Schools. This competition provides the students the opportunity to go head-to-head with each other in an academic competition.





## The Green Team Takes on Several New Sustainability Projects

By Gino Colella

The Sustainability Team is a faculty-based coalition responsible for monitoring and implementing environmentally-friendly practices into everyday life at Kiski. A satellite organization stemming from the Sustainability Team is the Green Team. The Green Team is a student-faculty team led by our newest science teacher, Gino Colella. Along with fellow faculty members and a strong student group, the Green Team's mission is to brainstorm, produce, and execute projects to raise visibility of the environmental aspects of campus life. Specifically, the Green Team strives to create large-scale campus environmental health improvements by targeting themes such as the utilization of local food sources, recycling, electricity, water, and biodiversity.

Biodiversity and local foods are currently the top priorities of the Green Team. With the help of The Kiski Fund and The Kiski Science Trust Fund's generous donors, the science department implemented a new, refurbished greenhouse space housing a diverse taxon of plants from around the world. Among these plants are succulents, cacti, ferns, annual-blooming flowers, and fresh produce species. The goal is to have students cultivate a greenhouse environment representing a wide

diversity of plant species while encapsulating a unique theme of biodiversity that represents Kiski's diverse student body based on the origin of the plants.

When completed, Kiski's Botanical Garden will be utilized as a classroom laboratory, a gathering space, and even a campus showpiece for visitors. Adjacent to the greenhouse space, a former storage closet is being converted into a wet lab space, where students can extend their research using various scientific tools. All the work will be conducted on hard granite countertops. The greenhouse goals are to use the space for raising decorative species of foreign plants and to grow seedlings for the campus garden, which already boasts an impressive crop yield without the aid of these new, formal facilities.

The Green Team has plenty of work ahead to reach these anticipated goals, but the enthusiasm that faculty and students have shown for the greenhouse renovations give the project incredible promise. Currently, some faculty members use the greenhouse to house their private collections of herbs, flowers, and decorative plants. They generously have volunteered time to help care for the plants and spend time in the

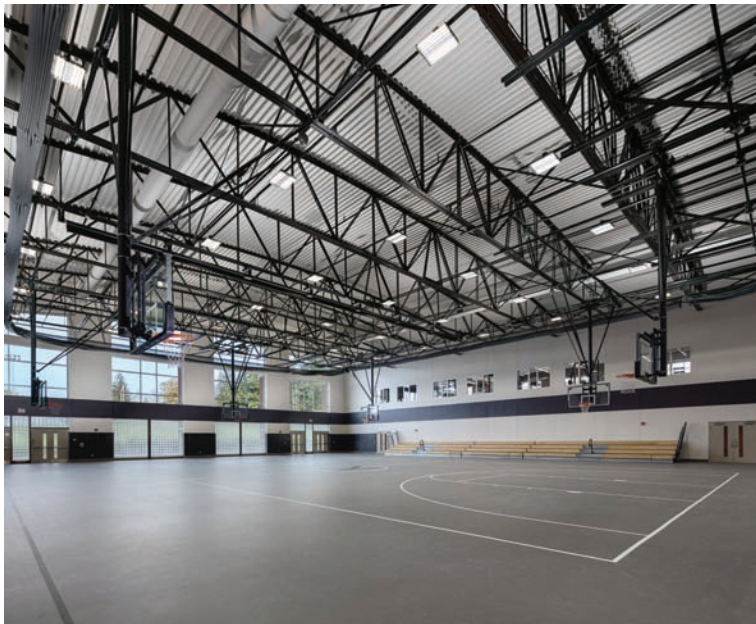


newly-renovated area. Green Team student participation is anywhere from eight to 15 students depending on the time of year. A strong showing of students helps not only contribute to the upkeep of the greenhouse and garden, but translates into a growing interest and an increasing awareness of the environment encountered in daily life. ■





# The Ross Athletic Center at Kiski











Ryan John



Tripp Price



Damien Williams



Gino Colella



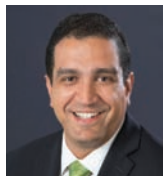
Colin McGuire



Libby Sherrier



Tyler Stillings



Mark Novom



Mark Kokoszka

## ■ NEW HIRES

**Ryan John** assumed the Dean of Students position. He received his B.S. from Lees-McRae College and his M.S.A. from Western Carolina University in School Administration. He was a previous director at Greenfield School in Wilson, North Carolina, where he also taught Mythology, Philosophy, and College Awareness. He lives in Daub Hall with his family. In addition, he is an assistant lacrosse coach.

**Tripp Price** is the Assistant Director of Admission. He received his B.A. from the University of North Carolina. He resides in McClintock Dormitory and helps coach soccer and varsity swimming. Tripp travels for the admission team to many events around the country.

**Damien Williams** is the Director of the Kiski Annual Fund and the Varsity Head Basketball coach. He graduated from Thiel College with a BA in Management Information Systems and received a Master of Science in Instructional Leadership. Damien previously worked at St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School in Washington D.C. as the assistant Athletic Director, Physical Education teacher, Middle School Adviser, and Basketball Director. In addition, Damien was the assistant men's basketball coach at the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C.

**Gino Colella** teaches biology and is an assistant football and baseball coach. He graduated from Westminster College with a B.S. in Biology. Gino leads Kiski's sustainability program and his student sustainability group is called the Green Team. He is making tremendous strides in Kiski's greenhouse and with other sustainability efforts around campus.

**Colin McGuire** teaches physics and resides in Sheesley Dormitory. He is also the Head Varsity Tennis coach. He graduated from High Point University. He was previously employed at Lowcountry Prep School in Pawleys Island, South Carolina, where he taught physics, and physical science and held various coaching positions. Colin also enjoys playing guitar and performing with the student orchestra.

**Libby Sherrier** teaches several art education classes. She has a B.S.Ed. Art Education degree from Indiana University

of Pennsylvania. She has teaching experience in the Punxsutawney School District and Purchase Line School District.

**Tyler Stillings** teaches History and English and resides in Clark Hall. He is an assistant coach for hockey and lacrosse. He graduated with a B.A. in History and English Literature from Assumption College.

## ■ FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

**Mark Novom** assumed the Associate Headmaster position.

**Matthew Kokoszka** was appointed as the Associate Director of Admissions.

**Mark Rhodehamel** was promoted to Director of Alumni Relations and Special Gifts Officer.

Congratulations to Kiski's former Associate Headmaster, **Adam Schapiro**, who was appointed Headmaster at The Woodlawn School in Mooresville, North Carolina.

## ■ FACULTY NEWS

**Taresa Cunnard** attended the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Indianapolis. At the conference, the theme of which was "Learning, Linking, Leading," they discussed the role of school nurses as lifelong learners and agents of change. "The relationships and new skills that were developed at the conference largely reflected the passionate atmosphere of the event as a whole," Taresa said. "This conference was an incredibly positive experience and I certainly believe that it will help continue my efforts to ensure that we provide the best care possible to our school community."

**Robinson Howard** and **Thomas Iorio** attended the AP workshops at William and Mary College and Taft School, respectively.

**Andrew Muffley**, **TJ Stock '04**, **Darcie Spahn**, **Tracy Haswell**, **Sandy Acquard** and **John Lombardo** attended the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Boarding School Conference at The Hill School.

**Carla Ross** attended the annual NAIS People of Color Conference in Tampa, Florida. Kiski held two professional development workshops on campus for administration with the Jane Group presenting on a variety of crises in the school community.

**Marcus Muster** presented at Online Education Strategies for Independent Schools (OESIS) in Boston. The presentation was titled, *OESIS-X Potential Partnerships with Bridge Courses in China*. He also presented at Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools (PAIS). The presentation was *Web-based tools to enhance any discipline*. Marcus was on Sabbatical this past semester. He spent November on Kelleys Island volunteering to establish an alert notification system for the village. In December, he was in Spain visiting his daughter, Danielle, who is studying for the semester at the University of Salamanca. He taught his computer class in an abbreviated, online- style through the end of the semester from abroad including one week from the University in Salamanca and transmitted it back to Kiski.

**Darcie Spahn**, Kiski's Learning Specialist, attended a Learning and the Brain Conference in Santa Barbara, California, this summer. This conference focused on the applications of neuroscience research to teaching, learning and examining ways to maximize and maintain student attention, focus and cognition. Judy Willis, MD., MEd., was the facilitator during the program along with her daughter, Malana Willis, MEd. This training provided Darcie with information regarding specific neurological approaches for understanding and meeting the diverse academic, social and emotional needs of our boys. During a recent faculty meeting, Darcie was able to share some of the techniques that she learned at the conference that Kiski teachers would be able to implement in the classroom.

**Chris Spahn** was named MSCLA Lacrosse Coach of the Year by his peers.

**Doug Yoder** attended the Biennial Conference for Chemistry Education (BCCE) at the University of Northern Colorado during the first week of August. Over 1,500 chemistry educators from all 50 states and 25 countries attended. It didn't hurt that it was right next to Rocky Mountain National Park where Doug spent an additional few days hiking and exploring.



## A Lasting Impression on Kiski's Fine Arts Department



Mark Rhodehamel



Taresa Cunnard



Robinson Howard



Thomas Iorio



Andrew Muffley



TJ Stock '04



Tracy Haswell



Sandy Acquard



John Lombardo

**Kim Conover-Loar** was appointed to Kiski in 2005. She was Chairman of the Fine Arts Department for eight years and excelled in teaching many different aspects of art.

She started by transforming Kiski's defunct yearbook and news room into her art studio. There she was in her own element teaching drawing/painting and sculpture/ceramics.

Metalsmithing and jewelry making premiered at Kiski under Kim's direction. She initiated a search for grant monies to establish a studio. She received \$12,000 in funding and the rest is history. The new studio was established in the old dark room space inside the Rogers Fine Arts Center. She reworked the space, applied many coats of paint, purchased equipment, and it became a reality. The inaugural class started in 2009 with students working with a variety of metals, learning the joys of sawing, piercing, filing, sanding, buffing, riveting, forming, and engaging in soldering techniques. In addition to the skilled manipulation of materials and processes, jewelry

making involves mathematics, chemistry, a precise vocabulary and of course, creativity.

Kim oversaw the revamping of many spaces and programs in the Rogers Fine Arts Center, including the addition of a graphic design computer lab linked to a large format laser cutter and 3D printers. The music program grew under her direction, expanding the curriculum and time allotted for musical activities. As interest and enrollment increased, so too did the difficulty of the music being performed. The theatre program flourished and new stage and sound equipment was acquired.

Most of all, she loved working with the boys. She baked cookies for the students in her classes and gave graduates a voucher to order a batch of her famous cookies. Current Fine Arts teacher Andy Scott said, "I was talking to her since her retirement and I discovered that students are still calling them in."



Kim Conover-Loar

She took boys on numerous trips over the years to various places including Frank Lloyd Wright's Falling Water and Kentuck Knob, the Carnegie Museum of Art, and the Andy Warhol Museum.

She was quick to lend a hand, always helping other departments. The Communications Department needed a 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo and Kim drew a stunning illustration of the Bell Tower. The logo was used for the entire year on promotional items, letterhead, slate tiles from MacColl's old roof, and even cakes. She volunteered to help on Reunion Weekend. Alumni and their guests enjoyed taking a jewelry-making class that was offered during the weekend.

Kim was the cultural heartbeat of the campus as well as a good friend. Her husband, Steve, taught furniture design at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and is also retired. They have two children, Molly and Reed, and they will soon gain a daughter-in-law. Kim and Steve now reside in Grand Rapids, Michigan.



Carla Ross



Marcus Muster



Darcie Spahn



Chris Spahn



Doug Yoder

## WELCOME New Board of Trustee Members

Joining the Board of Trustees are John Boyle '95, Nate McCutcheon '03, Robert Sands '76, and Kyle Webb '86. All four of the new members are Kiski graduates bringing talent, expertise, and vitality to the current board.

**John Boyle '95** is the President and CEO of Preston Contractors located in Kingwood, West Virginia. He holds a degree in Civil Engineering from West Virginia University. Prior to becoming President in 2010, he served as Vice President of Operations and Project Engineer. He has been an active member of Kiski's Board of Visitors and a financial supporter of the School.

**Nathan McCutcheon '03** was an all-American swimmer at Kiski and went on to an impressive college career at the University of Pittsburgh. He joined the family business, McCutcheon Enterprises, Inc. The company focuses on waste management and hydraulic sales and rentals. Nate and his family were leadership donors for the Ross Athletic Center project, supporting the renovations to Kiski's swimming facilities.

**Robert Sands '76** retired after a long career as a mathematician with the U.S. Census Bureau. He has been an active member of Kiski's Board of Visitors and was a member of the Class of 1976 Committee working to raise money for its 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion last June. He currently resides in Annapolis, Maryland.

**Kyle Webb '86** has been a very successful architect for the past 20 years in Colorado. Kyle and his group of architects have completed more than 100 projects in and around the town of Vail, Colorado. Projects include homes, renovations, and entire redevelopments. Clients hail from New York, Florida, Massachusetts, Ohio, California, Honduras, Guatemala, and Nicaragua. He is a current and active Kiski parent and Board of Visitors member. In addition, he is an engaging, friendly, and a successful Kiski Class Captain. He has generously hosted alumni gatherings in Colorado and has been a solid donor to The Kiski Fund and the Capital Campaign. In 2011 and 2016, he did a tremendous job leading the Alumni in the "Reunion Giving Challenge" for his Class of 1986.

**The Kiski School is proud to have these business and community leaders join the board.**



## Winter Sports 2015-16

### ■ VARSITY HOCKEY

The Varsity Hockey team finished the season with an outstanding record of 16-2-1. This was a very talented team that was strong in goal, on defense and offense. The Cougars won the Academy of the New Church Tournament, the regular season Independent School Hockey League championship and the end of the year Independent School Hockey League Tournament. The coaching staff was always confident that the team would compete at a high level every game and come ready to play. It was a fantastic season and the coaching staff is looking forward to the 2016-2017 season.

### ■ VARSITY WRESTLING

The Varsity Wrestling team was very young, but competed hard throughout the season. The grapplers competed in tournaments throughout Pennsylvania and gained valuable experience as they prepared for State and National. The team had one State Champion and two third place finishers. The coaching staff looks forward to the 2016-2017 season and building upon the team's strong foundation that has been laid.

### ■ VARSITY BASKETBALL

The Varsity Basketball team played the toughest schedule in the program's history. The team fought through adversity as they suffered many injuries throughout the long season, but never used those as a crutch or excuse. The team won the Peddie School Invitational tournament for the first time in program history and advanced to the second round of the State tournament after defeating Phelps at home. The coaching staff was proud of the team's resilient nature and the effort they gave on a daily basis.

### ■ VARSITY SWIMMING

The Varsity Swim team competed against some of the best teams in the region and once again the Cougars continued to demonstrate improvement from the first day in the water until the last. The highlight of the season was their 3<sup>rd</sup> place medal at the Hill School Invitational. This demonstrated the excellent work ethic and fortitude this team continues to epitomize. The coaching staff and returning swimmers are excited for the 2016-2017 season and cannot wait to get back into the pool.



## Spring Sports 2016

### ■ VARSITY BASEBALL

The Varsity Baseball team traveled to Florida to start the season and the boys and coaches enjoyed the warm weather as they prepared for the season. The Cougars finished the season 14-11 and had some great wins as they defeated University School and Nichols in both games of the doubleheader and split with Mercersburg. The win against Mercersburg was in extra innings and the first time the Cougars had defeated them in five years. The coaching staff is looking forward to another good season in 2017.

### ■ VARSITY TRACK

The Varsity Track team was young, but performed well on the big stage. At the State Championship the team finished ninth and produced gold medals in the 200 meters and shotput, while medaling in the pole vault and 4x100 relay. The coaching staff was pleased with the competitive attitude of the team and the progress made by the athletes. The 2017 track season looks to be a very exciting one for the Cougars.

Visit [www.kiski.org](http://www.kiski.org) to view schedules.





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## ■ VARSITY TENNIS

The Varsity Tennis team was young and inexperienced, but found ways to stay competitive in matches and pull out hard fought victories. The coaching staff was very pleased with the coachability of the young men on the team, and their willingness to overcome obstacles to be competitive on the court. The team worked hard every day in practice, and their knowledge of the game grew tremendously. The 2017 season should be a fun time for all.

## ■ VARSITY LACROSSE

The Varsity Lacrosse team had an outstanding year. The team finished 16-6 and played some of the toughest competition in Canada and the Mid-West. The Cougars defeated Mercersburg, Western Reserve Academy, Sewickley and Shady Side, while also defeating Dublin Jerome in overtime in the Midwest Scholastic Coaches Lacrosse Association tournament. In only Kiski's second year in the MSCLA, the Cougars made it to the Championship game, but fell in the finals. The Varsity Lacrosse team competed hard in all games and believed they could win every game. The coaching staff enjoyed working with this very talented and hard working team.

## Fall Sports 2016

### ■ VARSITY SOCCER

The Kiski Varsity Soccer team finished 10-6-2 this fall. The team played a very competitive schedule traveling to tournaments in Philadelphia, Ohio and St. Louis. The team won the Mid-West Classic, had a very exciting home victory over Mercersburg and was seeded number two in the State Tournament; the highest seeding in the program's history. The boys won two very exciting games at home, before being beaten in the semifinals. This was the team's third straight year of making it to the semifinals. We wish all the seniors good luck as they continue their playing careers in college.

### ■ VARSITY GOLF

The Varsity Golf team won the County Championship for the fourth year in a row; an unprecedented feat in the history of Kiski golf. The team had a very exciting win over Mercersburg and had a strong showing at the I.P.S.L. Championship and the State Tournament. The program also had its first-ever individual golf State Champion. Senior captain, Mark Goetz, defeated a strong field of golfers to capture the title.

### ■ VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

The future of Varsity Cross Country is bright at Kiski. Freshman held five of the top eight spots on this year's team and competed at a high level for the Cougars. Coach Yoder does not recall having so many talented freshman on his team or in the program at one time. The team traveled to Washington, D.C. to compete, while also participating in the State and County meets. The coaching staff is looking forward to next fall and working with this young group of talented runners.

### ■ VARSITY FOOTBALL

The Varsity Football team had another excellent season finishing the year 6-2. The team had exciting wins over Mercersburg, Wyoming Seminary, Linsly and the Columbus Crusaders. The coaching staff was pleased with the character of the team, as twice they came back from halftime deficits. The coaching staff is appreciative of the dedication and leadership the seniors have provided during the past four years and are excited to work with the returning and new players in the fall of 2017.

Follow Kiski Athletics on Twitter @kiskiathletics.

# Sports News and Notes...

**Mark Goetz** is the first-ever Kiski golfer to win a state title after carding a 75, at the 2016 PAISAA Golf Championship. Goetz has been a four-year member of Kiski's varsity golf team, lettered all four years and was captain for the past two seasons. Over the past two years, Goetz has garnered other golfing championships and awards including: third place finish in the 2016 Northern Junior Open Championship in New Haven, CT, first place at the 2015 PGA Junior Series Championship in Westfield, OH, first place at the 2015 Westmoreland County Coaches' Association Championship, first place finish at the 2015 Westmoreland County Junior Amateur Championship, and a second place finish in the 2015 Western PA Golf Association Amateur Championship. Goetz's 2015 win in Westfield, OH, qualified him to play in the 2015 PGA Junior National Championship in Bryant, TX. He tied for fifth at the Junior World Florida Challenge.



**Terence Kimbel** breaks the longest-standing school record in 90 years. We can give TJ credit for running the fastest 200 meter time in Kiski history. All records are now only legitimate with the Fully Automatic Timing. Kimbel's 22.26 seconds surpasses the hand-held time of 22.2 (this converts to 22.46) that was run in 1926. In addition he was state champ in that event and anchored the bronze medal winning 4 X 100 relay.

Seniors **David Egbo** and **Max Silberg** represented Kiski in the High School All-American Game held in Raleigh, NC. Both boys played tremendously in the 4-4 tie, Max had two shots in the game and David tallied one assist. Coach Kokoszka said, "It was a great experience for them to participate in the game. Only 20 players from the entire USA were selected to participate in the game on the East team and two Kiski boys were selected. That includes both public and private schools, so it really is a great honor."

Early National Letter of Intent Day was a good one for Kiski boys. **Mark Goetz**, **Peyton Manko**, and **Omar Ward** all signed. Mark will attend West Virginia University to play golf, Peyton will play lacrosse at Mercyhurst University, and Omar signed to play baseball for Canisius College. We are very proud of all of our student-athletes and know several more boys will sign during National Signing Day in February.

## Varsity Lacrosse All MSCLA Team 2016

The 2016 Varsity Lacrosse team had five members receive all league honors. Kiski plays in the Midwest Scholastic Coaches Lacrosse Association, which is considered by many to be one of the most difficult leagues in the country. Midfielder **Matthew Wiechers** was selected to the first team, attackman **Quinn Commandant** and defenseman **Hunter Dunlop** were selected to the second team, while midfielder **Grant Thompson** and goaltender **TJ Spahn** made honorable mention. Head Coach Christopher Spahn was voted MSCLA Coach of the Year by his peers.

## Kiski Prevails, Wins Centennial Cup

The hundred plus years of longstanding athletic rivalry between Mercersburg Academy and The Kiski School was as strong and competitive as ever in 2015-2016. The two schools split the fall contests, as Kiski was victorious in football and soccer, but lost in cross country and golf. In the winter, basketball and wrestling were victorious over Mercersburg, but Kiski lost in swimming to lead by two points heading into the spring season. Mercersburg won the track and field and tennis contests to take a two point lead with the baseball and lacrosse games yet to be played. Baseball won a thrilling game in extra innings to set-up the winner-take-all lacrosse game. The lacrosse team was down 1-0 early in the game, but went on to defeat Mercersburg 17-4 and bring the Cup back to Kiski.





# The Kiski Athletic Hall of Fame

Kiski established its Athletic Hall of Fame in 2013 commemorating 125 years of athletic competition. The Hall of Fame honors those alumni, teams, and coaches who have made significant and outstanding contributions to the Kiski athletic programs. The nominees exemplify the core values they learned at Kiski: principles of integrity, humility, sportsmanship, and service. In order to be eligible, the nominated athlete, team, or coach must be ten years removed from Kiski. Coaches, posthumous nominees, and benefactors will be inducted at the discretion of the Hall of Fame Induction Committee. **The 2016 Inductees:**



## Ira "Lefty" Hill

Ira Hill, class of 1920, was well-known for his athletic prowess and earned the nickname "Lefty" as a sandlot baseball star. His outstanding play as a pitcher and first baseman helped him to earn a scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Hill was named as a captain for both his high school and college teams. His playing days reached a crossroads when he was signed by the New York Yankees to play first base, but chose instead to attend law school. Mr. Hill enjoyed a highly decorated 46-year legal career.



## Jacob E. Zeigler

Jacob "Papa Cougar" Zeigler holds a special place in Kiski history. He was involved in numerous aspects of Kiski life during his tenure between 1936 and 1978. Mr. Zeigler taught chemistry and physics coached football and started the Kiski wrestling program in 1939. "He has the ability to get the maximum amount of work and courage out of anybody so that the impossible may be accomplished," senior John Nordstrom '78 remarked at Mr. Zeigler's retirement.



## David J. Lane

David Lane was a Kiski faculty member for 42 years. During that time, he taught German and psychology. Dr. Lane was also a college counselor, a dorm master, and coached diving, soccer, and track. As the diving coach, Dr. Lane played an integral role during a golden era for the powerhouse Kiski Swimming and Diving program. "Herr Doctor Lane" was a catalyst of self-improvement for many Kiski boys in and beyond the realm of athletics.



## Harry E. Buell III

Before graduating in 1984, Harry Buell earned three varsity letters for football and two each for basketball and baseball. Mr. Buell was a member of the 1983 Independent Prep School League Champion Baseball Team. He led the basketball team in scoring in both his junior and senior years. His athleticism was most evident on the football field where he played offensive guard, defensive tackle, linebacker, punter, and place kicker. Mr. Buell was the leading tackler as a junior and senior. During his final year at Kiski, he was named co-captain of both the football and basketball teams, and also received Kiski's Harry Stuhldreher Award. Mr. Buell finished his football career at Bucknell University with three varsity letters and 275 career tackles.



## Gustavo A. Barrios Cedeño

Gustavo Barrios Cedeño graduated from Kiski in 1997. During his time at the School, the Swimming and Diving program amassed a 23-2 dual meet record and won the Interstate Prep School League Relay and Championship meets. Between 1995 and 1997, the team finished fourth, fourth and sixth at Eastern Championships, respectively. Individually, Mr. Barrios Cedeño set Kiski records and earned All-American status in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle events. As a swimmer at Cleveland State, he won multiple Midwestern Collegiate Conference Championship events. He also represented Panama in several international competitions.



## 1998-99 Varsity Swimming and Diving Team

The 1998-99 Swimming and Diving team was arguably the best during an era of Kiski aquatic dominance. They were undefeated during a dual meet competition – capping that portion of the slate with the School's first-ever victory over Mercersburg. They won both the Independent Prep School League (IPSL) Relay and Championship meets. The Cougars nearly swept the IPSL Championship, with Kiski taking eleven of twelve events. New records were established in several races throughout the year, with relay times that were also among the best in the country. The defining moment of a historic season was their best-ever second place finish at the Eastern Interscholastic Swimming and Diving Championships.

Kiski	Opponent	
104	Erie Cathedral Preparatory School	72
54	Hawken School	46
101	Mt. Lebanon High School	70
98	University School	42
63	Upper St. Clair High School	38
104	Western Reserve Academy	52
105	Linsly School	50
105	Hill School	72
100	Mercersburg Academy	86

**Coaches:** William Bower, Jack Pidgeon, Kelly Pidgeon, David Lane  
**Athletes and Managers:** Chris Arnoldt, Mauricio Barrios Cedeño, Billy Bower, Chris Carnahan, Pat Dinan, Michael Eckert, Ian Ellis, Rick Fox, Ben Gan, Jason Gan, Cory Gray, Jimmy Gross, Kenny Horrell, Erin Johns Gless, Young-Joon Kang, Dave Kovalchik, Jordan Lombardo, Jim Mann, Steve Manofsky, Chad McCutcheon, Chris Meier, Craig Mills, Brian Moorhead, Michael Peccon, Jon Ross, Jim Scott, Harry Seibel, Steven Suhey, and Adam Taylor



## Class of 2016 Inducted as Kiski Alumni



**The Class of 2016** was invited to a special dinner on Wednesday, May 18. Our seniors took part in an annual rite of passage that marked the beginning of their transition from students to alumni – the 2016 Alumni Induction Dinner. The evening was hosted by the Office of Advancement in the cozy confines of the Swank Student Center.

Our boys spend years together as teammates, dorm mates, classmates, and friends. They were reminded of an abrupt reality that was awaiting them. After Kiski's 128th Commencement, they would likely never reunite as a full class again. Despite best intentions for reunions and other Kiski gatherings, some of life's greatest journeys are ahead and those new adventures may keep them from returning to their forever home at Kiski. The boys were challenged to make the most of their last days together and to take time to reflect on the final moments as students.

For a preview of alumni treatment, the boys received a presentation from Headmaster Christopher Brueningsen that provided an overall strategy for advancing our School in the years ahead. Mr. Alex Ford '07 imparted life lessons regarding the importance of cultivating and growing personal networks that would soon include the entire Kiski alumni brotherhood. Mr. Steven T. Szilagyi '88 echoed those themes and added an invitation to utilize the assistance offered by the Office of Advancement to alumni from all eras.

There is great value to be found in staying connected with friends from different eras of your life. The boys were encouraged to maintain bonds with their classmates, and their School. We hope to welcome them back often and look forward to their first milestone reunion in June of 2021. For many, that date will arrive sooner than they expect.



# ALUMNI EVENTS

## Sandy and Prosser Mellon Host at Huntland Downs

Key contributors to Kiski's final phase of our five-year, \$27 million capital campaign, *Leadership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, include Sandy and Prosser Mellon who hosted a lovely event at their Huntland Downs residence on May 12. The group at the forefront of Kiski's Renaissance celebrated the all-encompassing Kiski transformation surrounded by the majestic views overlooking several hundred acres of rolling Western Pennsylvania landscape.

Associate Headmaster for Institutional Advancement, Steve Szilagyi '88, called the group together to introduce campaign Co-chair, Sandy Mellon, for her remarks. Our host shared how meaningful it has been to see the campaign near completion from her perspective as a former Saltsburg resident with extensive family ties to the School including four grandsons: alumni Gunnar Gillespie '14 and Ben Phillips '16, and current students Wyatt '18 and Aiden Gillespie '19.

Headmaster Chris Brueningsen followed by showing a chronological display of renovations and additions – both completed and planned – for the Kiski grounds. Once the virtual tour concluded, the campus map was nearly entirely highlighted. The final planned renovation, the Zeigler Science and Engineering Center, was shown in greater detail by a newly released 3D simulated fly-through of the updated facility. Applause and cheers followed the announcement that the innovation hub for Kiski's campus would be named after Jacob E. Zeigler. Mr. Zeigler, known as "Papa Cougar," was a member of the Kiski faculty from 1936 until 1979 and was the founder and first coach of Kiski's wrestling program. He championed hands-on methods of instruction that are now included among the best practices for instructing boys by engaging them in experiments and the practical application of classroom lessons.

Our Headmaster also shared the exciting news of sharp increases in the number of applications to Kiski, which have been heavily influenced by the *Leadership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* campaign. Chris and Steve closed the presentation by thanking the attendees for their leadership support of the Kiski renaissance. Thoughtful contributions of all sizes have sustained Kiski since its beginning, and continue to enable our mission of preparing young men to succeed in college and in life.







# ALUMNI EVENTS

## Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

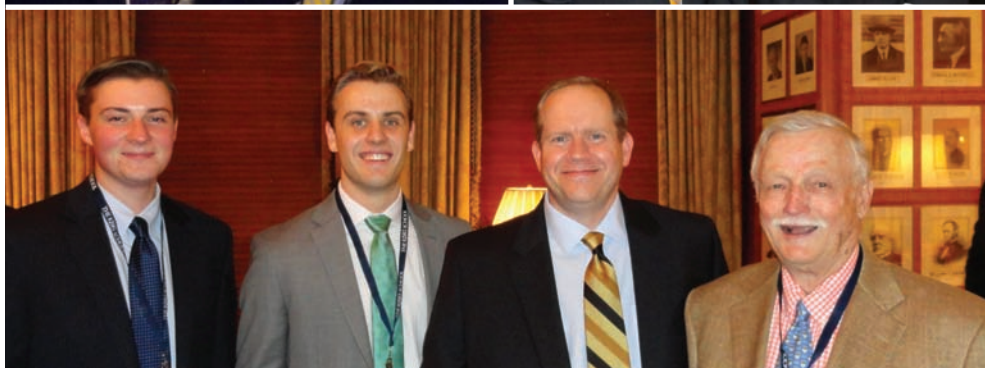
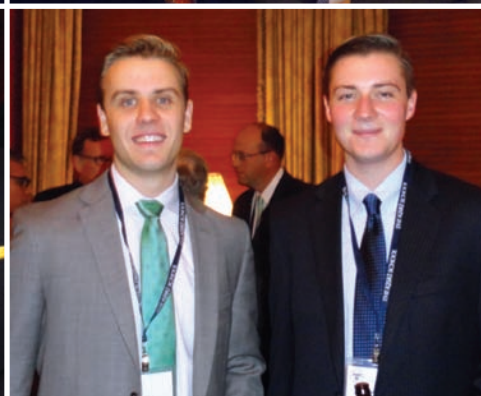
In November more than 150 friends and supporters of The Kiski School gathered for an exciting and enjoyable event at The Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh to celebrate the School and the success of its current \$27 million capital campaign which has supported comprehensive campus and dorm renovations, the new indoor and outdoor athletic centers, and is currently focused on a new science and engineering center. Those in attendance were able to listen to positive updates and reviews presented by: Headmaster Chris Brueningsen, Co-Chair of the Capital Campaign Russ Swank '67, Chairman of the Board John Jacob '89, and Associate Headmaster for Advancement Steve Szilagyi '88.





## Washington, DC

On the evening of Thursday, December 1, 2016 at The Metropolitan Club in Washington, DC, The Kiski School hosted a special “on the road” gathering for alumni, parents, and supporters. Headmaster Chris Brueningsen, Associate Headmaster for Advancement Steve Szilagyi '88, and Director of Alumni Relations and Special Gifts Officer Mark Rhodehamel were in attendance to give personal updates about Kiski and the ongoing success of the School's current \$27 million capital campaign which has been supporting dorm renovations and expansions, campus improvements, scholarships, and the newly added indoor and outdoor athletic centers. In addition, Mr. Brueningsen and Mr. Szilagyi supplied information and updates about the recently launched fundraising project focused on the Zeigler Science and Engineering Center to be built at Kiski. In sum, the School's new Science and Engineering building project will include renovations to the existing biology and chemistry labs in Heath Hall (the main classroom building) as well as the reconfiguration of the classrooms that will be vacated when the physics, Makerspace, robotics, and STEAM facilities are relocated into the new science and engineering center. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the many positive updates about the School's ongoing progress as well as the enjoyable comradery that is always plentiful at Kiski alumni and donor gatherings. If you would like to learn more about Kiski's capital campaign for The Zeigler Science and Engineering Center, please contact: Steve Szilagyi, Associate Headmaster for Institutional Advancement, at: 724-639-8029 or [steven.szilagyi@kiski.org](mailto:steven.szilagyi@kiski.org).



# CELEBRATION OF GIVING

We are fortunate to have hundreds of supporters contributing what they can to propel our School forward each year. The following donors have surpassed \$100,000 in lifetime total gifts to Kiski.

## Lifetime Gifts Totaling \$1,000,000+

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Mr. Robert B. Brown Sr. '46  
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## Kiski Fund Parent Committee

The Kiski Fund Parent Committee continued their positive fundraising momentum by encouraging current parents to join The Kiski Fund. Thanks to their efforts, current parent giving totaled a record \$99,137, or 18% of the total Kiski Fund dollars raised during the 2016 fiscal year. The committee members have been advocates of the most important reasons for current parents to support The Kiski Fund. Participation – in any amount – encourages others to do the same as current parent giving is interpreted by many as show of confidence in Kiski. That validation is a big factor behind nearly \$10 million in foundation support over the last decade. They are inspired by parents that send their boys to Kiski and provide additional gifts to our non-profit School beyond tuition.

The committee's purpose is to strategize and organize efforts on behalf of The Kiski Fund. These key current parent volunteers educate their peers about the importance of annual giving. The committee ensures that current parents understand that The Kiski Fund is already factored into this year's budget and is relied upon to fulfill current operating expenses. The Kiski Fund contribution fills the gap between what tuition covers and the actual cost of educating each and every boy at Kiski, which is approximately \$11,700 per student above the cost of tuition and fees. Each parent is responsible for signing and sending letters to respective classes, e-mail campaigns, and following-up through other means of contact.

### Thank You to Our Parent Committee Members for 2015 – 2016:

- Chair and Senior Class Representative: Ms. Kym Stout, mother of Ben Phillips '16
- Junior Class Representatives: Mr. and Mrs. Brian Goetz, parents of Andrew '14 and Mark '17 Goetz; Mrs. Jeanne Rudick, mother of Edward Rudick '17; and Mrs. Aimee Usher, mother of TJ Usher '17
- Sophomore Class Representatives: Mrs. Lisa Hegedus, mother of Zack Hegedus '18 and Mr. Mark McSorley '89, father of Finn McSorley
- Freshman Class Representatives: Dr. Stacy Gillespie Skoloda, mother of Gunnar '14, Wyatt '18, and Aidan '19 Gillespie; Mrs. Amanda McNulty, mother of Dylan McNulty '19

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- Junior Class Representatives: Mrs. Lisa Hegedus, mother of Zack Hegedus '18 and Mrs. Danielle Kcehowski, mother of Kevin '15 and Jason '18 Kcehowski
- Sophomore Class Representatives: Dr. Stacy Gillespie Skoloda, mother of Gunnar '14, Wyatt '18, and Aidan '19 Gillespie; Mr. and Mrs. Eric and Christine Stewart, parents of Jason Stewart '19
- Freshman Class Representatives: Mr. and Mrs. Neil and Cheryl Pettes '88, parents of Dylan '20 and Ryan '20 Pettes; Mrs. Deena Marsula, mother of Mark '14 and Max Marsula '20



# The Kiski Fund

Thank you to the Kiski Board of Trustees, Board of Visitors, Class Captains, Alumni, Parents, Faculty, staff, friends and other donors who helped meet and exceed our Fiscal Year 2015-2016 goal. Through the generosity of all donors, Kiski raised \$541,451 for The Kiski Fund.

We would like to extend a special thank you to our Class Captains and our Parent Committee members who volunteered their time to encourage participation in last year's fundraising efforts. As advocates for our School and our boys, they are directly responsible for expanding our list of contributors. We are very appreciative for your willingness to give your time and your talents.

Kiski is truly a special place because of all of our supporters and we are grateful that all of you continue to assist us and be an important part of our vibrant community.

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**\$541,451 raised in Fiscal Year 2016!**  
**THANK YOU!**

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## Kiski's Annual Fund: "The Kiski Fund"

The Kiski Fund is the School's annual fundraising priority and a vital source of revenue. Every dollar raised is used to support the operating budget for the current year and assures the highest quality educational experience for our boys. The Kiski School relies on the fund to fulfill current budgeted operating expenses. Your support enables Kiski to fulfill its mission of preparing young men to succeed in college and in life.

This Year's Goal  
for The Kiski Fund:  
**\$520,000**

For Kiski boys, all of this translates into a traditional college preparatory curriculum enhanced by diverse offerings in the arts and a robust technology program. Small classes allow our teachers, almost all of whom live on campus, to model the habits we expect our students to learn and practice: honesty, civility, tenacity and open-mindedness. Our teachers are experts in the education of boys. They understand their unique learning needs and they know how to reach and teach young men. Most importantly, they love what they do. Moreover, our faculty is committed to helping our students develop what many have termed "21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills" – the proficiencies they will need to survive and thrive in college and beyond.

## Andrew Wilson Leadership Association and 1888 Young Alumni Club

Last year, we revised The Kiski Fund giving levels to create a more streamlined approach with names, the addition of new levels, and creation of the distinguished Andrew Wilson Leadership Association, recognizing our valued leadership donors who work to further Kiski's mission. Kiski also recognizes that it has young alumni in college and in the beginning of their careers who would like to give back to Kiski in a manner that fits their budget. Therefore, Kiski created the 1888 Young Alumni Club, where a donation of \$18.88 can make you an esteemed member.

When making a donation to The Kiski Fund, please consider these giving levels and joining the prestigious Andrew Wilson Leadership Association with a donation of \$1,888 or more.

### The Andrew Wilson Leadership Association

Leadership Association .....	\$10,000 +
Benefactor Association .....	\$7,500 – \$9,999
Sustainer Association .....	\$5,000 – \$7,499
Kiskiminetas Association .....	\$2,500 – \$4,999
1888 Founder's Association .....	\$1,888 – \$2,499

Headmaster's Club .....	\$1,000 – \$1,887
Ambassador Club .....	\$500 – \$999
Patron Club .....	\$250 – \$499
Loyalty Club .....	\$100 – \$249
Donor Club .....	Up to \$99
1888 Young Alumni Club .....	\$18.88

## Why Give?

Perhaps you are an alumnus and would like to contribute to the education of our current class of Kiski boys, just as Alumni donated to The Kiski Fund when you were a current student. Or, maybe you are a current parent whose gift will support the faculty and programs that make Kiski so special to your family. Maybe you are a "Friend of Kiski" and simply believe in the good work we are doing with boys. Regardless of your motivation to give, your gift will be greatly appreciated by the boys that receive your support.

Small class sizes are a cornerstone of a Kiski education. They also lead to smaller alumni and parent groups to reach out to for support. Because our need is large but the number who will give is small, your gift matters.

By giving and getting involved this year, and every year, you make a difference in the lives of Kiski boys. Your annual gift goes directly to the programs and activities that define the Kiski experience.

## How Can You Make a Gift?

- **Online:** [www.kiski.org/giveonline](http://www.kiski.org/giveonline)
- **Monthly Payments:** *The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Society* provides the opportunity to make your gift in monthly, automatic installments from your debit account or credit card. With this convenient method, you may make a "stretch" gift to The Kiski Fund as it allows you to spread your gift payments. Sign up online: [www.kiski.org/giveonline](http://www.kiski.org/giveonline).
- **Mail:** You may mail a check payable to The Kiski School using the enclosed envelope.
- **Matching Gifts:** Your employer may effectively double – even triple – the amount of your gift to Kiski. Visit our web site's "Matching Gift" page under the "Support Kiski" tab to search for your company or consult your human resources office to discover whether or not your employer will match gifts to Kiski – a 501(c)3. Please contact us if you need assistance at [advancement@kiski.org](mailto:advancement@kiski.org) or 724-639-8029.



## Kiski's Class Captains

Much of our current momentum can be traced back to the thoughtful leadership of Kiski's Class Captains. Class Captains act as liaisons between Kiski and their classmates. Their support can be measured in numerous ways. Most importantly, they help our School to keep alumni connected and engaged. Efforts are made throughout the year to update contact information through various methods of outreach, with a specific emphasis placed on classes celebrating milestone reunions – five-year increments from graduation.

Once our alumni are connected, we are able to welcome them to remain as an active part of the Kiski community. We enjoy sharing success stories authored by our current boys and faculty. Through those achievements, they proudly build on the foundation created by students and teachers from all past eras.

Class Captains can then advocate that their classmates join them by supporting The Kiski Fund. In doing so, they continue the tradition they enjoyed during their time at Kiski as hundreds of alumni gave in order to maintain the unique and life-changing Kiski experience.

We are also finding that more and more alumni are considering Kiski for their own relatives. Our legacy program has expanded at an incredible rate in the previous five years and reached a new record of 57 legacy boys during the current 2016-17 academic year. Once again, that positive sign of continued alumni faith in Kiski can be credited to the volunteers promoting our School as an ideal choice for exceptional boys.

Our newest Class Captains were formally welcomed to this prestigious and irreplaceable group during a special lunch with the Office of Advancement. They were formally announced to their classmates and the Kiski community during the Senior Awards Ceremony.

Photo above: Kiski's Office of Advancement is proud to announce the Class Captains for the Class of 2016! Pictured l. to r.: Abraham Duncan, Wei Zhang, Jalon E. Cooper, Zachary L. Muster, and Cameron Spencer with Associate Headmaster for Institutional Advancement, Steven T. Szilagyi '88. Please join us in congratulating these fine young men!

## THANK YOU to all of our Class Captains for your help and guidance during the 2015-16 year!

Mr. Robert J. Carson '49	Mr. Gregory L. Lignelli '95
Mr. Francis S. Urbany '51	Mr. and Mrs. Chad G. Skena '95
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## Educational Improvement Tax Credit Financial Aid for Kiski and Tax Relief for You

Kiski has been an eligible scholarship organization with the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program since its inception in 2001 – resulting in over \$2.5 million in financial aid for our School during that time. Each year Kiski supporters that own a PA business, or possess influence over the charitable giving of that company, compete with scholarship organizations throughout PA for the \$125 million in tax credits made available through the Commonwealth's EITC program. The funds are typically exhausted on the same day applications go live on the EITC web site July 1 ([www.newpa.com/eitc](http://www.newpa.com/eitc)). Those that have applied after July 1 have been denied for the past several years.

### Which taxes make you eligible to receive credit on your scholarship donation to Kiski?

- Personal Income Tax of S-corporation shareholders or partners
- Corporate Net Income Tax
- Bank Shares Tax
- Title Insurance & Trust Companies Shares Tax
- Insurance Premiums Tax
- Mutual Thrift Tax
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# EITC

To learn more about the EITC program, please contact  
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[steven.szilagyi@kiski.org](mailto:steven.szilagyi@kiski.org)



## Will's Gift An Artist Award from The Kiski School

### The Kiski School Bestows the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Will's Gift Award to Haylee Ebersole, Multi-disciplinary Artist



*Will's Gift* is named in honor of E. William Turley, one of the finest educators in Kiski's history. Although he was not an artist himself in any traditional sense of the word, his 35 years on the campus could be called nothing but a masterpiece. His devotion to his students knew no bounds and he inspired many of them to be, if not artists, then whole and true

versions of themselves. His gift was his passion for inquiry, for truth, and for the guts to accept the price of such a pursuit – attributes without which no fine artist can succeed. His gift was this kind of bravery and he gave of it every day.

On behalf of The Kiski School, *Will's Gift* is given annually to an artist working in Western Pennsylvania. It is our goal to assist in a small way the continued health of Pittsburgh's creative community and to increase and develop Kiski's strong collection in the visual arts. We hope the campus itself will become an archive and teaching center, a living and virtual gallery of the region's finest work: "If enough small fires can light an entire community, let *Will's Gift* be the fuel for one of them," said David Conrad '85, co-underwriter of *Will's Gift* along with Kristofer Rockwell '90.

**Haylee Ebersol's** current work utilizes unorthodox materials, such as crystallized gelatin, to create abstract sculptures. Drawing inspiration from the many objects, motifs, and images that infiltrate our daily lives, her sculptures resemble a collection of archeological finds which call to mind various organic matter, geological formations, and man-made objects. She incorporates everything from mass-produced storage containers and trash to architecture and Pinterest trends to derive form, material, and texture. Her work emerges as a field of cryptic yet familiar objects that envisage her own kind of anthropocentric landscape, one in which she contemplates the traces our human existence may leave behind.

She received a Bachelor of Fine Art in Printmaking from Metropolitan State College of Denver and a Master of Fine Art in Printmaking from Ohio University. She has exhibited her work nationally and internationally at spaces such as Blue Star Contemporary Art Museum, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Center for Visual Art in Denver, and Menningar Tjarnarborg in Iceland. This summer she attended a residency at the Vermont Studio Center as well as exhibited new work at Kitchen Table Gallery in Philadelphia. She resides in Wilksburg, PA.



## Kiski Board of Visitors' Meeting

In 2009, the Kiski Board of Visitors (BoV) was formed to broaden the connection between the Board of Trustees and our alumni community. Detailed strategic plans covering all aspects of The Kiski School are discussed with this group for thoughtful consideration and feedback. Each alumnus on the BoV brings a unique perspective set in the foundation of their own time at Kiski and strengthened by the experiences that they have collected since their graduation.

The BoV meets annually on the morning of Homecoming. Topics from the most recent gathering included Kiski's financial aid, fundraising, and admission trends. Attendees also received a brief update on each athletic team, and highlights from the evolving academic curriculum. The final phase of the capital campaign was reviewed along with potential small projects that are being considered for inclusion.

BoV members are asked to share the positive news concerning Kiski's trajectory with their fellow alumni, parents looking for a transformational education for their sons, and others. They can be credited directly with promoting support of Kiski's growth.

### Current members of Kiski's Board of Visitors

Mr. L. Colvin McCrady Jr. '64 Chairman	Mr. W. Duff McCrady '61
Mr. Alan J. Andreini '64	Mr. Chad A. McCutcheon '00
Mr. Glenn A. Ballard '51	Mr. Mark E. McSorley '89
Mr. Cory-Josh M. Bingham '03*	Mr. Gordon G. Meehl '85
Mr. Samuel H. Breene '01	Dr. Terence E. Moore '72
Dr. Joseph J. CioCCA '80	Mr. Brendan J. Moriarty '86
Mr. Esteban J. Correa '88	Mr. Hal G. Ostrow '92
Mr. Sebastian Correa '98	Mr. G. Michael Peccoon '99
Mr. George M. Davison III '82*	Mr. Neil H. Pettes '88
Mr. David R. DeSimone '76	LCDR John A. Pidgeon Jr. '78
Mr. Michael C. Eisen, Esq. '84	Mr. Kelly C. Pidgeon '85
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Mr. Stephen M. Friedberg '74	Mr. Daniel D. Regan, Esq. '94
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Mr. Sean C. Fuellhart '89	Mr. Thomas B. Reiling '85
Mr. Joseph A. Garcia '85	Mr. Michael A. Rock '79
Mr. Marshall M. Goldberg '64	Mr. Zachary A. Schwartz '09
Rabbi Samuel N. Gordon '68	Mr. James M. Scott III '02
Mr. David K. Harouse, Esq. '82	Dr. Harry A. Seibel II '00*
Mr. Neil J. Hart Jr. '91	Mr. Anthony E. Sheesley '86
Dr. Arthur C. Hayes '67	Mr. Laurence E. Shiff '66
Mr. J. Craig Hill '85*	Mr. Roger B. Sippey '60
Mr. David W. Hitchcock '79	Mr. Clyde H. Slease III '62
Mr. Leif E. Honda '90	Mr. Peter F. Smith '72
Mrs. Regan P. Houser '81	Mr. Andrew R. Swank '97*
Mr. Roger H. Kishman '62	Mr. Francis S. Urbany '51
Dr. A. Richard Kneedler '61	Mr. Richard J. Whitlock III '02
Mr. Terence L. Kothe '63	Mr. Jeffrey N. Wieser '70
Judge Timothy K. Lewis '72	

\*New BOV Member



## Board of Trustees Golf Event 2016

The Kiski School Board of Trustees welcomed the Kiski community to the Pittsburgh Field Club for the first annual Kiski Golf Outing in October 2016. The foursomes of alumni, parents, and corporate sponsors were treated to a day of golf and fellowship. The event was underwritten by the Board of Trustees and it raised \$33,050 for financial aid for Kiski boys.

The program began with a buffet lunch before a shotgun start for the individual stroke play format. The golfers found the course to be pristine and challenging. Several golf balls were interned in the roughs after fruitless search efforts. Despite some close calls, the \$50,000 hole-in one prize was not claimed. Following play, the guests went to the clubhouse for dinner and drinks.

Headmaster Christopher Brueningsen addressed the crowd with an update before Steven T. Szilagyi '88, Associate Headmaster for Institutional Advancement, distributed awards for the lowest scores and skill prizes. The second Kiski Golf Outing has been announced for Monday, October 9, 2017. We are looking forward to building on a successful inaugural event.

Please mark your calendars for Monday, October 9, 2017





## A Record 57 Legacy Boys Enrolled at Kiski

We are proud to have multiple generations of Kiski families represented throughout the history of our School. Currently, a record 57 legacy boys are enrolled for the 2016–17 academic year – 28 percent of the student body. It is very meaningful that alumni reflect so positively on their experience that they encourage their relatives' own paths to Kiski.

Legacy fathers were asked to reflect on Kiski consistencies spanning different eras:

**Bill Gardner '82 (sons – Billy Gardner '15, Ben Gardner '17, Alex Gardner '21):** The Kiski School had a significant and positive influence on my life, as it has for many Alumni. I think the Kiski experience may be more important than attending College. Kiski teaches values. These values transcend academics and lead to a fulfilling career and a good family life. My three sons share these values. Billy is a recent Kiski graduate, Ben will graduate in May, and Alex will be entering as a Freshman in the fall. We share an experience that impacts our future; a bright one, where we can rely on each other. We thank the Kiski faculty and all those who made Kiski the place it is.

**John Jacob '89 (sons – John '18 and Patrick Jacob '20):** I am thankful and I could not be happier with our decision to have our boys attend Kiski. The School prepares them to succeed in college and in life. Although the campus and the School's activities have far more to offer today, our sons are experiencing the same dedication by the teachers and are benefiting from being pushed academically and athletically all while being in an environment that allows boys to be Kiski boys.

**Muneto Mogi '91 (son – Ryota '18):** The fact that there are 57 legacy boys currently enrolled at Kiski assures me of the School's enduring philosophy shared by many alumni. Watching Ryota progress academically, physically, and mentally at Kiski reminds me of some of my significant developments with vivid memories. One wouldn't experience this reflection unless you see your son being educated in the same (unchanged) environment.

**Michael Murphy '84 (son – Gannon Murphy '18):** Kiski's insistence on personal accountability and integrity comes to mind. Timeless values that guide any generation.

Only after graduating was I able to see the wisdom in the omnipresence on campus with regard to fashion and self-expression. It's a merit based institution, designed to renounce the noise and focus on what made us unique, not just esthetically.

Having the honor to work with the student body as of late, I have witnessed that despite great technological advances much remains identical to my experience.

Kiski is proud to welcome the sons, grandsons, great-grandsons, nephews, cousins, and brothers of alumni. The large group of legacies is a positive indication of the well-being of the School. For those that are considering making such a deeply meaningful recommendation to one of their own family members, the Kiski Admission Department would be honored to aid that conversation. Kiski Admission hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday by appointment. The staff can be reached via email: [admissions@kiski.org](mailto:admissions@kiski.org) or by phone: 1-877-547-5448.



# Reunion 2016

On June 4, Kiski hosted its annual Reunion Weekend. While alumni are welcomed and encouraged to attend every year, an emphasis is placed on returning for milestone reunions – increments of five years from graduation – with the recent focus placed on classes ending in '1 and '6. Over 260 guests were welcomed back for our most recent summer celebration.

The outstanding attendance can be credited to several volunteer alumni from all eras. Class Captains and other key alumni employed their outreach prowess to draw Kiski boys back to campus for the weekend. Some enlisted their amateur detective talents to locate classmates with expired contact information. Others took to social media to create inspired Facebook pages that provided open forums for their class-specific planning.

Andy Cook '91 created a web page and custom email outreach for his class. He and his co-Class Captain, Ed Einhorn '91 authored one of the best success stories of the 2015-16 year. The Class of 1991 returned in record numbers to celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> reunion. Each member of the class that attended reunion made a contribution to The Kiski Fund, and others that couldn't join the group made gifts in advance of the weekend. That overwhelming support catapulted the group to the Reunion Giving title. The class raised the Reunion Giving Cup triumphantly, enjoying the spoils of their team effort.

Class Captain General, Roger Kishman '62 was honored for his own long and exceptional record of alumni engagement. Mr. Kishman was named the School's 2016 Distinguished Alumnus and accepted his award during the cocktail hour. The Class of 1962 is routinely one of the most supportive and involved and Roger's passion for Kiski's continued success can be rivaled by very few others. The full text of Mr. Kishman's citation can be found on page 22 of this *Bulletin* issue.

Tom Wehe '76 was recognized as the furthest attending alumnus present at the cocktail reception – traveling across the nation from Woodinville, WA. It is also important to note that Ned Entwisle '63







stopped through campus earlier that day, and joined us from Wasilla, AK! Bob Carson '49 received an award to honor him as the "most experienced" alumnus to attend Reunion Weekend. Mr. Carson is our eldest Class Captain and remains steadfastly dedicated as a liaison for his class.

An array of optional activities surrounded the cocktail hour and Kiski banquet. Visiting alums and their families renewed friendships and filled in fading memories during breakfast; kayaking with accomplished guide, Neill Andritz '86; golfing with Kiski's Varsity Golf Coach, Mark Orsatti; glider construction with Fine Arts faculty member, Andy Scott '85; laser cutting with Assistant Headmaster for Academics, Tracy Haswell; tennis with Associate Headmaster for Institutional Advancement, Steven T. Szilagyi '88; or tours led by Associate Headmaster for Admission, Bill Ellis and some of our recent Kiski graduates. Some simply held court under the tent throughout the day, wandered campus, or relaxed in one of the pools.

Once the banquet concluded, alums scattered to take in the Stanley Cup Finals, play table tennis in the Swank Student Center, relax around the bonfire or watch Saltsburg's Canal Day fireworks from the Class of '62 Outdoor Classroom overlooking the Kiskiminetas River. As the gathering neared its close, our visitors were overheard expressing their genuine appreciation for their time at Kiski as students, and the reception they receive upon each return. A favorite expression was shared frequently, that "I wish I came back sooner."

The Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations is building reunion outreach committees for the 2017 reunion on June 3 and 4. Years ending in '2 and '7 will be celebrated but we sincerely welcome all to join in the fun. If you are interested in contributing to the outreach efforts, any and all assistance will be greatly appreciated. **Please contact the Advancement Office at [advancement@kiski.org](mailto:advancement@kiski.org) or by calling 724-639-8029.**







# Reunion Giving

Once again, Kiski's annual giving fund, The Kiski Fund, received phenomenal support from alumni celebrating milestone (five-year increment) reunions. Reunion Giving – a tradition entering its eighth year this June – refers to our encouragement of alumni to renew, increase or begin their support of The Kiski Fund during their milestone reunions. This year, classes ending in '1 and '6 answered that request in a big way, by increasing their total donation by 24% over their last milestone reunions. Further, participation increased by a remarkable 34% for the classes ending in '1 and '6 over that same span. Over 12% of The Kiski Fund 2015-16 total was contributed by milestone classes.

The 2016-17 Reunion Giving competition is underway for classes ending in '2 and '7. As in the past, participation in The Kiski Fund is the focus of the competition and the class with the best participation will be announced during the cocktail hour of Reunion Weekend 2017, Saturday, June 4. The winning class will receive the Reunion Giving Cup and the bragging rights that accompany that distinction.

The true winners are our current Kiski Boys who benefit from the longtime tradition involving support from hundreds of alumni that give to The Kiski Fund each year. We know they will one day preserve that example set by the alumni sustaining our School through their own thoughtful philanthropy.



## REUNION GIVING CUP WINNERS:

Highest participation percentage with The Kiski Fund for a Class returning during a milestone reunion (increments of five years since graduation).

Reunion Weekend	Reunion Cup Winning Class
2016	1991
2015	1965
2014	1989
2013	1988
2012	1962
2011	1986
2010	1985

## MILESTONE YEAR: (5-year increments) Giving Records Since 1990 — The class(es) with the most participants for each milestone reunion since 1990.

Milestone Anniversary	Record Holding Class(es)	Number of Participants
65 <sup>th</sup>	1949	12
60 <sup>th</sup>	1951, 1953	12
55 <sup>th</sup>	1949	16
50 <sup>th</sup>	1962	28
45 <sup>th</sup>	1962	29
40 <sup>th</sup>	1951	25
35 <sup>th</sup>	1964	27
30 <sup>th</sup>	1964	32
25 <sup>th</sup>	1989	31
20 <sup>th</sup>	1970	23
15 <sup>th</sup>	1984	24
10 <sup>th</sup>	1984	26
5 <sup>th</sup>	1986	14

## DOLLARS RAISED: The class that raised the most for The Kiski Fund for each milestone reunion since 1990.

Milestone Anniversary	Record Holding Class	Dollars Raised
65 <sup>th</sup>	1939	\$11,550
60 <sup>th</sup>	1951	\$13,675
55 <sup>th</sup>	1960	\$14,600
50 <sup>th</sup>	1965	\$56,384
45 <sup>th</sup>	1965	\$26,500
40 <sup>th</sup>	1970	\$19,335
35 <sup>th</sup>	1972	\$14,200
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>\$17,025</b>
25 <sup>th</sup>	1989	\$19,580
20 <sup>th</sup>	1995	\$15,304
15 <sup>th</sup>	1995	\$11,950
10 <sup>th</sup>	1987	\$3,105
5 <sup>th</sup>	2003	\$2,520

**New Record in BOLD**





## 1960s

In 2016 Oakmont Country Club hosted the U.S. Golf Association (USGA) Open and the Kiski Varsity Golf Team was invited to play the historic and prestigious course, courtesy of **Russell C. Swank III '67**. Coach **Mark Orsatti** and team members, **Mark Goetz**, **Ben Gardner**, **Edward Rudick**, **Will Mosey**, **John Jacob** and **Neill Peirce** had lessons and worked on either short game chipping or long irons and woods for forty-five minutes. Every Kiski golfer came away with better insight into his own game along with specific changes to improve his shots.



**Russell C. Swank III '67** hosted Coach **James Perry**, **Omar Ward**, **Divine Buckrham**, and **Terence Kimble** at a Steelers game. The boys had plenty to eat and lots of fun.

## 1970s

**A.J. Kreimer '71** joined the Global Board of Directors of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA). In addition, he was re-elected at the Boy Scouts of America's

annual meeting as a member of the Executive Committee of the Northeast Region and as Vice President, Membership. He can be contacted at [aj@kreimers.com](mailto:aj@kreimers.com).



**Peter F. Smith '72** was elected Chairman of the Board of the CNB Financial Corporation board of directors. He has been a member for 27

years. Peter obtained his Bachelor of Arts from Williams College in 1976 and later graduated from the Dickinson School of Law in 1981. He joined his late father, William U. Smith, in the general practice of law in Clearfield after graduation and continues that practice.



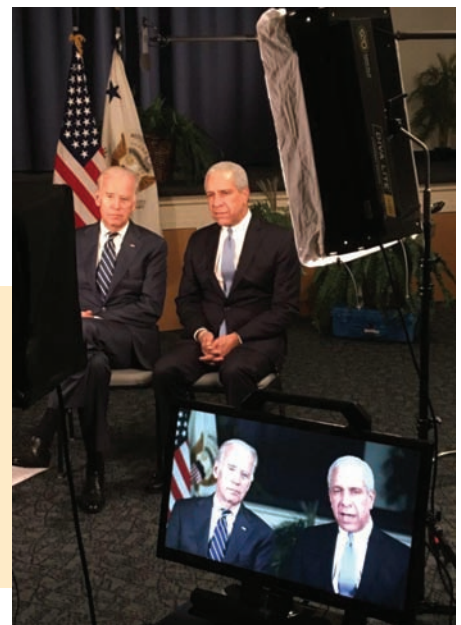
Retired Federal Judge, **Timothy K. Lewis '72** joined Vice President Biden to deliver President Obama's Weekly Address to the Nation. Tim's testimony and other public statements about the Senate's obligation to act on the President's nomination of Chief Judge Merrick Garland to the United States Supreme Court caught President Obama's

attention. The President asked Lewis to share his thoughts.

**Brad Henry '74** had an amazing Appalachian Trail adventure which led to his book, *Miracle on the Appalachian Trail*. Go to <https://wwwcreatespace.com/5924900> for more information about the book.



**Ed Denny '77** and **Don Mosites '77** graduated from Kiski 40 years ago and last saw each other then. They participated in the "321 Ride" raising money to fight pancreatic and melanoma cancers. The ride started in Connellsville, PA and followed the Yough River Trail/Great Allegheny Passage back to Heinz Field, approximately 62 miles. They met outside of McKeesport when they were about to cross over the Monongahela River. Don's company, Trek Bikes of Pittsburgh, is a major sponsor of the event. Left to right: Don and Ed.





## 1980s



**Richmond Curtiss III (Rick) '81** was a contestant on Jeopardy in late February of 2015. Each year for ten years, Rick was among 100,000 that take the online Jeopardy test and he was selected for the show after his tenth attempt.

**Arnie Cutrell '82** was the only Western PA representative at the U.S. Senior Open Golf Championship at Scioto Golf Club in Columbus, Ohio, in August, 2016. He was one of 56 first-time U.S. Senior Open competitors in the event. This was Cutrell's 12<sup>th</sup> USGA Championship event. 1982 alumni **Christopher Campisi** and **T. Robert Boulware** joined Arnie for a photo at the U.S. Senior Open.



**Ken Hart '84** is a manufacturer's representative for an electronics production and manufacturing supply company based in Quakertown, PA. His territory includes Central and Western PA. The target market is

primarily PCB manufacturers and wire processing companies in the industrial, commercial, and military markets. Ken has also been the DJ at Kiski dances over the last several years. It has been a great way to visit campus, keep in touch with some of the faculty, and see the Kiski boys having fun.

**Alex Hart '13**, Ken's son completed an internship with Enterprise Car Rental Company in Alexandria, VA. Ken's daughter Amanda is a branch manager for Enterprise. Ken resides in State College, PA with his wife Darla of 27 years. Darla is a teacher at State College High School. Email: [kdhrt@comcast.net](mailto:kdhrt@comcast.net).



Kiski alumni and former soccer players: **Adam Gardner '85**, **George Davison III '82**, **Bill Gardner '82**, **Marc Weaver '82**, and **Oscar Galo '82** enjoyed a fun and spirited visit with former and beloved Kiski faculty members Tamas and Brigitta Szilagyi in Ligonier, Pennsylvania on New Year's Eve of 2016. Their first toast of the evening was joyously made to The Kiski School as "Mother Kiski" was and remains a steadfast mother to all Kiski boys and alumni.



Class of 1982 alumni, **Oscar Galo**, **Bill Gardner** and **George Davison III** celebrated the holidays.



**Steve Szilagyi '88**, Associate Headmaster for Institutional Advancement, had the pleasure of spending quality time golfing with long-term Kiski leaders and supporters: **John Jacob '89**, **Carl Kalnow '68**, and **Colvin McCrady '64**.



**Steve Szilagyi '88**, Associate Headmaster for Institutional Advancement had the pleasure of golfing with Kiski School supporters: **Carl Kalnow '68**, past parent, **Mike Supinka** and **Rob Walbeck**, friend of the School.

## 1990s

**Bradley Gordon '90** retired from a successful 20-year career in the U.S. Marine Corps. Residing in Tampa, Florida, he is looking for his next career in Public Relations or Sports Management. He can be contacted at [brad.gordon22@gmail.com](mailto:brad.gordon22@gmail.com)

**Hal Ostrow '92** joined leading Grand Rapids, MI, law firm, Rhoades McKee as a shareholder. Hal provides general business counsel to numerous small and medium sized businesses throughout Michigan, with an emphasis on software and design professionals. He was named to the National Association of Distinguished Counsel's list of

the “Nation’s Top One Percent” of attorneys. He can be contacted at [hostrow@rhoadesmckee.com](mailto:hostrow@rhoadesmckee.com)

**Logan Powell '92** was appointed Dean of Admission at Brown University. He was the Director of Admission at Princeton University and worked previously at Harvard University and Bowdoin College.

## 2000s

**Chad McCutcheon '00** was elected Chairman of the Board of the Alle-Kiski Strong Chamber of Commerce.



**Marc Welch '01** graduated from Mercyhurst College and is a Solutions Manager at the Verizon Store in Greensburg for the past seven years. He is pictured with faculty member, **Mark Orsatti**. Marc resides in Greensburg and can be reached at [Marc.Welch@vzw.com](mailto:Marc.Welch@vzw.com).

**Tres Whitlock '02** married Darla Shay on September 10, 2016 in Fox Chapel, PA. Reach him at [twhitlock@alliedinsbrokers.com](mailto:twhitlock@alliedinsbrokers.com)

**Ben Parrish '05** had lunch with Kiski’s Advanced Spanish class at Picante Mexican Grill in Delmont. Ben resides in Los Angeles, California, and is the Head of Unscripted Programming for Campanario Entertainment. Ben has been in the Entertainment Industry for seven years.



**Christian Taylor '08** has been accepted into the prestigious Marine Corps Officer Candidate School in Quantico, VA.

## 2010s

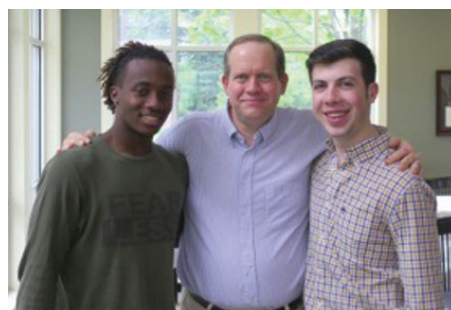


**Ryan Rebel '10** directed *Macbeth*. Ryan pictured with Kiski faculty members, **Brian** and **Chantel Kapustik** at the opening night of *Macbeth* at the Venice Island Performance Center in Philadelphia, PA. Ryan wore his Kiski Prefect pin! We hope it brought him good luck. Read the *Roxborough Review* article about the modern-day American corporate culture adaptation.



**Garrett Parsons '11, Nathan Sachs '13, Thomas Rubino '17 and Joseph Lehman '17** are pictured at Camp KON-O-KWEE Spencer. The boys have been working there for several summers and the two current

students had their first opportunity to be counselors. The camp is run through the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Each boy was assigned a camper in order to give them one-on-one care and attention during the campers stay.



**Amir Davis '14 and Aaron Magazine '14** met with Headmaster Chris Brueningsen this past summer.



The past NCAA Lacrosse Tournament had several Kiski boys competing including: **Clayton Hepler '15**, Middlebury College; **Hannibal George '14**, Denison University; **Joe Holleran '15**, Western New England; **Zach Ursu '13; Ben Tackett '14; and Trevor Smyth '14**, Rochester Institute of Technology.

**Wade Hoag '15** won the Hope College Courage Award. A video about the award is on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cil1xTN7-3Q&sns=em>

The 2016 Kiski Varsity Golf Team met in August for the annual “Pre-preseason” team meeting, featuring invited golf alumni.





Alumni, **Bill Gardner '15**, Kenyon College and **Bobby Gaston '15**, Franklin & Marshall returned to play 18 holes with some of the 2016 team at Totteridge Golf Club.

**Tapshak Augustine '16** who plays for St. Lawrence University made All-Liberty League Honors, First-team, in Soccer.



**Brendan Ferrer-Green '15** and **Nicolas Frankfort '15** completed their first year at the United States Naval Academy. Next up is the Sea Trials!

**Cameron Spencer '16** and his teammates won the Canadian National Championship for Jr. "B" Lacrosse in Orangeville Ontario, Canada.



**Joe Lehman '17** attended the Democratic National Convention. He had media credentials and was on the floor for Barack Obama's speech. He also met John Lewis and Corey Booker.

All class notes received after December 31, 2016, will be in next year's Bulletin.



## Faculty and Staff

**Marcus Muster** visited with former Kiski Coach **Chuck Klausung** who celebrated his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on April 19.

Congratulations to **Craig and Richelle Nurmi** on the birth of their daughter, Abigail Maxine in November.

**Ryan and Blythe John** welcomed Mary Ainsley in September. She joins her three brothers.



## UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION,

especially emails, to receive information from Kiski.

Send all updates to  
[advancement@kiski.org](mailto:advancement@kiski.org)  
 or call Kim Matvey at  
 724-639-8029.



## Regis Bobonis Sr.

Regis Bobonis Sr. is a familiar name to the Kiski community. Mr. Bobonis was a Sewickley resident. He is the father of Kiski graduate, Regis Bobonis Jr. '79. Mr. Bobonis passed away on November 25, 2016 at 91 years of age. He was the first African-American reporter hired by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. Mr. Bobonis, a Duquesne University graduate, distinguished himself first as a reporter for the *Pittsburgh Courier*. Because of the skills he acquired in print journalism beginning at age 13, Mr. Bobonis, was able to carve out a career in local television news and became the first African-American television news reporter in Pittsburgh at WIIC now WPXI. He left news reporting and ventured into Public Relations by spending the next 25 years as the Director of Public Relations at Mercy Hospital and then ending his professional career by retiring as the Director of Community

Relations for the Duquesne Light Company.

During World War II, Mr. Bobonis served his country as a Navy petty officer 3<sup>rd</sup> class. Decades later, he would serve his fellow WWII vets by highlighting the courageous service of the Western Pennsylvania contingent of the Tuskegee Airmen. While working for the Daniel B. Matthews Historical Society, Mr. Bobonis learned that five of the heroic African-American Airmen were Sewickley natives. He was amazed to learn through further research that this region of Pennsylvania had produced more Tuskegee Air veterans than any other region of the country.

Several years ago, Kiski was fortunate to have Mr. Bobonis as a guest speaker. At that time, Mr. Bobonis was the Senior Project Manager of the Tuskegee Memorial Project. He enlightened us on the dedicated group in Sewickley spearheading the campaign to

build a memorial tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen of Western Pennsylvania. More than 80 Tuskegee airmen were from Pennsylvania. Largely because of Mr. Bobonis' tireless advocacy, a \$300,000 memorial to the Tuskegee Airmen was finally erected at Sewickley Cemetery in 2013. After the death of Hurley Williams, his wife of 53 years, Mr. Bobonis dedicated himself to the cause of the Tuskegee Airmen. He will be forever linked to them because of his work educating the public about their sacrifices on behalf of this country.

He is survived by his daughters, Nickie McCalla, Yvette Flaxman and Leslie Myers; and his son, Regis Bobonis Jr., of Sewickley. He also leaves behind five grandchildren.

Some information for this tribute was obtained from the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* Editorial Board and *The Sewickley Herald*.

## Memorials

### Kiski extends heartfelt condolences to the families of our community:

- **Jay Tony Ratcliff '64** passed away August 27, 2015.
- **Mae Appleby** former Kiski employee passed away June 24, 2016.
- **John Neville Farmer '48** passed away July 10, 2016.
- **Derek Helmick** friend of Kiski, passed away July 18, 2016 and his mother, **Linda Lee Helmick** passed away July 14, 2016.
- **Reverend Eugene Blackwell** father of Caanan Blackwell '19 passed away August 20, 2016.
- **Robert McSorley** father of Mark McSorley '89 passed away September 17, 2016.
- **Roger Neil Alms '55** passed away November 8, 2016.
- **Esther Currie Gardner** mother of William '82 and Adam '85 and grandmother of Billy '15 and Ben '17 passed away November 2016.
- **Dr. David Lane** Kiski faculty member for 42 years passed away July 25, 2016.
- **Remo Rudolph** great friend and former Kiski employee who worked in the Dining Room basement snack bar passed away July 25, 2016.
- **Felix Hans Adam Peters '01** passed away September 20, 2016.
- **James F. Petraglia '79** passed away November 21, 2016.
- **Regis Bobonis** father of Regis Bobonis Jr. '79 passed away November 25, 2016.
- **Michael "Jim" Delligatti** father of Michael Delligatti '84 passed away November 28, 2016.
- **George A. Girty '49** passed away December 18, 2016.
- **John "Jay" E. Rutzler IV '91** passed away December 27, 2016.





# HOMECOMING

It was an amazing Homecoming Weekend as we held the annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony on September 23. On Saturday, September 24, we held a Board of Visitors meeting and kicked off the Centennial Cup rivalry with Mercersburg Academy.

We inducted the 1998-99 Swimming and Diving Team, Gustavo A. Barrios Cedeño '97, Harry E. Buell III '84, Ira "Lefty" Hill '20, Dr. David Lane, and Jacob E. Zeigler into the 2016 Kiski Athletic Hall of Fame. The following afternoon, the inductees were presented a plaque at halftime of the Kiski/Mercersburg football game.

The Centennial Cup Trophy was on display during Homecoming weekend as the Cougars won three out of four athletic competitions with the football, soccer, and golf team notching victories over Mercersburg.

After an exciting first half of football with the score tied at 35, the Cougars offense grew stronger and defense came alive to hold off Mercersburg, 56-42.

Behind a stellar defensive performance, the soccer team picked up a goal in each half to win 2-0. Golf rounded out the afternoon with a 333-373 win at The Links at Spring Church. Finally, cross country was edged out by the Blue Storm 37-22. Even the freshmen soccer team brought home a championship trophy that weekend, winning the Valley School Tournament.





# Save the Date

**CAREER DAY**

**April 21, 2017**

**ADMISSION OPEN HOUSE**

**April 29, 2017**

**129<sup>TH</sup> COMMENCEMENT**

**May 26, 2017**

**REUNION WEEKEND**

**June 3-4, 2017**

**THE KISKI SCHOOL BOARD  
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**October 9, 2017**

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