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2017 | A Year in Review

# FROM THE HEADMASTER



# Dear Friends,

Without question, 2017 was another prosperous year for Kiski. On the pages that follow you'll read about many projects we completed last year including extensive renovations to Vlahos Hall and Sheesley Hall – now renamed Hoag Hall – and even a handsome restoration of McDonald Pond. As we work hard to conclude a capital campaign expected to exceed \$30 million, a few projects remain, such as the creation of a new Zeigler Science Center, an overhaul of our existing science labs, and renovations to the Turley Dining Hall. We continue to create and deploy innovative new curricular and co-curricular programs in order to ensure that the experience we provide for the boys in our care is second-to-none.

Even as we move forward on a positive trajectory, there are good reasons to reflect on why a Kiski education is more important now than ever. I write this letter during a time of growing civil unrest across the nation and in the wake of countless sexual misconduct scandals, some involving individuals we may have regarded as icons. People are divided among political, racial, and religious lines, seemingly incapable of – or, worse, disinterested in – opening lines of communication to look for common ground.

Headmaster Jack Pidgeon, whose steady hand led our school for 45 years, wrote, "Kiski will not become a school which will condone either less than honorable behavior or bad manners and then rationalize this apathy by saying, 'Everybody is doing it.' To do this is to encourage students in behavior which cannot possibly instill in them any self-respect."

That passage is from a 1969 commencement address. And yet, nearly a half-century later, Mr. Pidgeon's words are more relevant than ever in today's world.

While it's impossible to inoculate young men against disappointing behavior, holding them to high standards for civility and respect for others prepares them to make good decisions in college and beyond. They witness these ideals in action as they observe and interact with the adults in our school community. They practice these principles in their daily encounters with peers in our classrooms and dorms and on our playing fields. Moreover, the Kiski of 2018 continues that purposeful approach: our boys learn how to interact respectfully and make good decisions as part of our Leadership Institute Program, in our Men in Society course, and in a series of workshops for seniors that address issues like sexual harassment, date rape, domestic violence, and many other related topics.

We live in complex times, but my message to all of you is simple: the foundation on which Kiski has been built is solid, and the fundamental principles that have produced great men for 130 years are alive and well on our campus. I invite you to visit sometime soon to see this good work in action. Until then, with my sincere thanks for faithful support, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chris Brueningsen Headmaster

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# Within Sight of Our Capital Campaign Goal: An Institutional Advancement Progress Report

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

Everyone at Kiski remains truly thankful for the generous support that has been dedicated to the School and our important educational mission!



Since the summer of 2003, we have been thoughtfully implementing an aggressive and focused capital raising campaign in coordination with a strategically designed master plan dedicated to comprehensive campus improvement for Kiski. I am happy to report that this important process continues to move forward in many positive ways and it has literally transformed the campus and the School. Our multi-phased capital campaign for Kiski has included new construction, the repurposing and remodeling of existing buildings as well as extensive renovations made to our older facilities on the campus. I am pleased and excited to report to you that as of today we have raised over \$29 million for our current



capital campaign from foundations, trustees, alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends of the School. In addition to the ongoing acquisition of fresh funding for our campus and building improvement projects, our capital raising initiatives have also focused on raising new money for innovative program enhancements for our academic and athletic programs, technological upgrades throughout the campus, financial aid and scholarships, and the continued growth of the School's endowment.

Most of the major foundations in the Pittsburgh region have supported Kiski's educational mission and our capital campaign with major grants. This group of foundations is listed to the right. Their grants, together with tremendous support from our Board of Trustees, Board of Visitors, alumni, parents, grandparents, local businesses, and friends of the School have allowed us to build a thriving capital campaign for Kiski and have made many good things possible for the School and our students. Please know that everyone at Kiski remains truly thankful for the generous support that has been dedicated to the School and our important educational mission!

# Vlahos Hall

Renovation and addition completed spring 2017



### Foundations that have supported Kiski's Capital Campaign

- Allegheny Foundation
- The Cahouet Family Foundation
- Colcom Foundation
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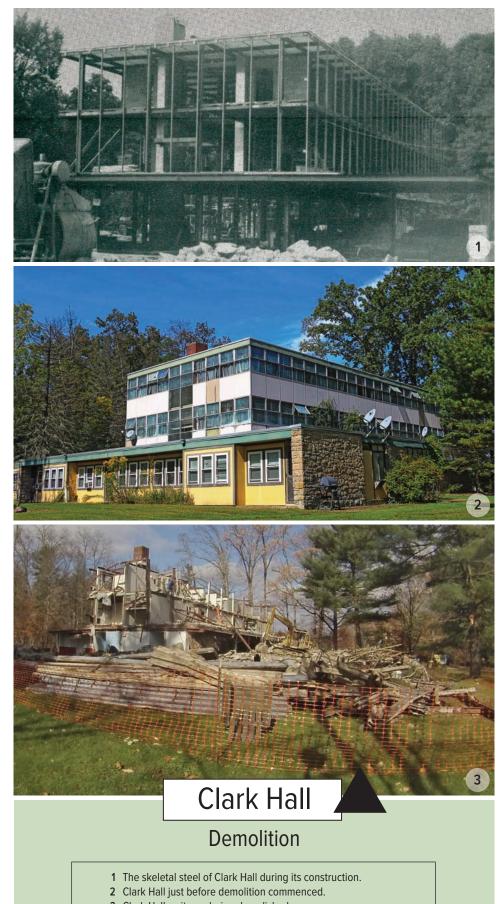
Looking back, the initial phases of our campus transformation plan primarily focused on the renovation and expansion of two major dormitories: McClintock and Daub Halls. After this step, we moved forward with substantial renovations for the Heath Hall classrooms and upgrades for the Stephen C. Rogers Fine Arts Center. These building improvement projects were quickly followed by the construction of the Swank Student Center in the center of campus. This new building was an exciting and positive "game changer" for Kiski as it has provided a positive addition to the quality and variety of campus life at the School.

By the end of 2013, we completed a significant renovation and expansion of MacColl Hall. In sum, we turned it into an attractive, modern, and energy-efficient dormitory that incorporated a "living laboratory" for the study of energy efficiency. During this active time period, we also fully upgraded our outdoor athletic center by completely resurfacing the athletic fields used for football, soccer, lacrosse, and our track and field events.

Many members of our Kiski family continue to believe that the crowning achievement of our capital campaign and our campus renewal program has been the construction of our indoor athletic facility. Our new 75,000 sq. ft. indoor athletic complex remains the focal point for all of our indoor competitive and intramural athletic activities as well as our daily fitness activities.

Our current students have been the direct beneficiaries of the wonderful renovations and expansions that we recently made to Vlahos Hall and Hoag Hall. We also were able to make some much needed improvements to McDonald Pond. To assist us in making these many exciting and rewarding improvements a reality for the School and our educational mission, it's important to note that our two recent capital campaigns have together allowed us to raise over \$41 million for campus and building improvements, our educational

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3 Clark Hall as it was being demolished.

We asked the former Clark residents to reflect on their stays. Kiski boys from all Clark eras sent their favorite Clark memories via Facebook. Here are a few of the many great homages (Note: We could have filled a page with just memories of Dr. Lane):

Chad Skena '95: Many memories of talks with Dr. Lane in his apartment. I'm sure he is in spirit walking around and observing the demolition! I miss that guy.

**Bill Coffman '87:** I was "privileged" to have lived there for two years (1984 & 86). I made some of my best friends there. I also remember vividly how in my corner room in the winter there was a layer of ice or frost on the inside of the windows as well as the outside.

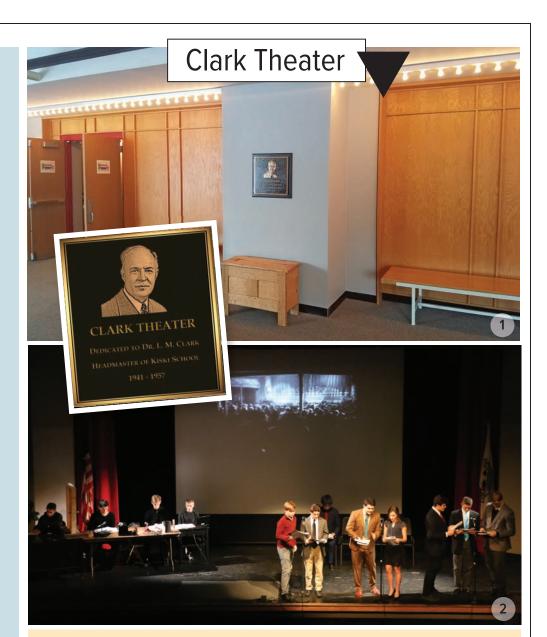
**Mr. Stephen J. Brotschul III, past faculty:** I remember when a deer walked into the day room through an open door. The boys were so scared that they stood up and grabbed pillows for protection from the deer. The deer freaked out, and exited the dormitory by running through a plate glass window.

**Arnold Cutrell '82:** I watched the Pirates win their last World Series there against Ken Shapiro's beloved Baltimore Orioles.

**Dave DeSimone '76:** Who could forget the Puttmobile parked outside Clark? Good zoup!

66 Clark Hall, for many years with 56 sophomores and 8 junior prefects, deservedly garnered the nicknames "The Zoo" and "The Glass Menagerie" among the student body, with Dr. David Lane and I the primary keepers of the castle. It was cold in the winter, sweltering in spring and fall, with few screens in the windows and a variety of bugs and wasps. However, when I was doing Residential Life, Clark Hall was always the dorm that was most requested! It had the best day room on campus! That said, I am not sorry to see it go! I have several stones from my old apartment wall in the fire pit in my back vard at Kiski. Clark Lives On!

– Mr. Mark Orsatti



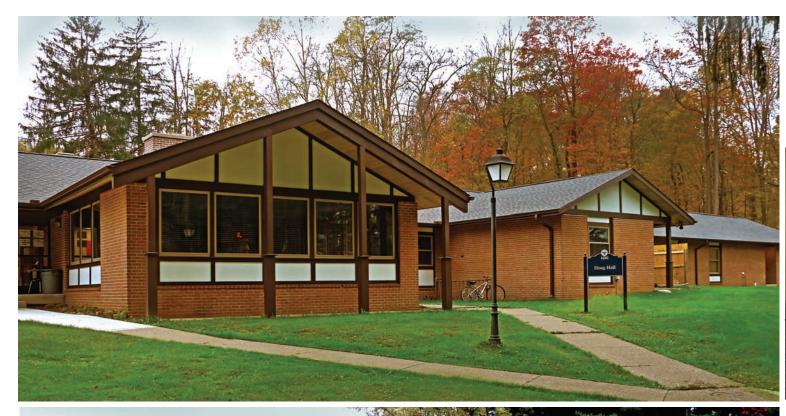
Our lighting controls and wiring were upgraded to a digital interface, providing us with a fully programmable light board to ease the running of shows. The new system works with digital lights which can project a wide variety of colors and shades. A few of these energy efficient LED lamps have been added and used for effect in our stage plays and concerts.

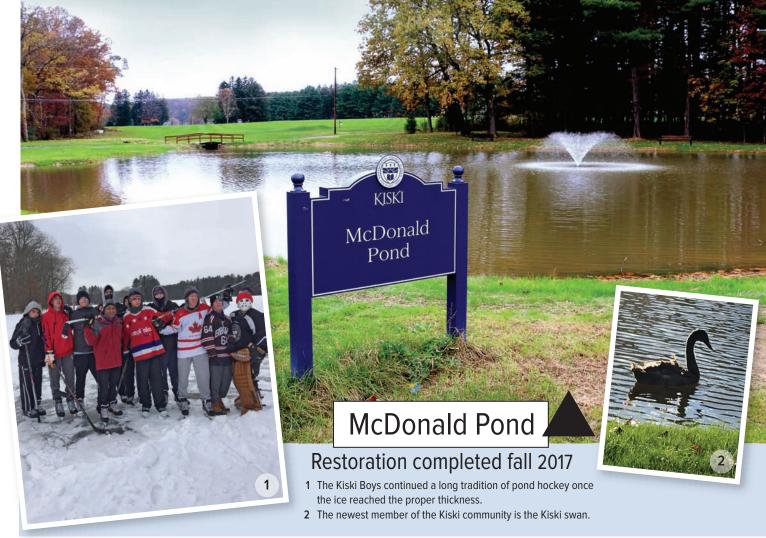
Updates to the rigging add to the efficiency and safety of the theater's infrastructure. New pulley systems and cables allow for smoother changes in lights, curtains, and scenery. The new stage curtains also allow a greater number of configurations for the stage.

These operational advancements create opportunities for students who are interested in the technical side of stage craft, while better preparing them for involvement in college and beyond.

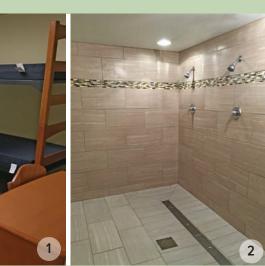
– Mr. Brian Kapustik

- 1 A plaque was placed to dedicate Clark Theater in memory of Dr. L. M. Clark, former Headmaster of Kiski, 1941-57.
- 2 Kiski's presentation of Hitchcock's "The 39 Steps," in Clark Theater within the modernized Rogers Fine Arts Center.











66 The inside changed dramatically. The bathrooms are great and all of the rooms look great and have AC which is a plus. 99 – Patrick Jacob '20



- 1 Dorm room in Hoag Hall.
- 2 Shower in Hoag Hall.
- **3** Three new cardio machines were added to the Kutz Fitness Center in memory of Dr. David Lane.

and athletic programs, as well as our scholarship funds and the School's endowment.

It's abundantly clear that the success of each phase of our institutional advancement plan for Kiski has positioned the School and our educational mission to blossom in many new and positive ways. It is, however, important for me to clarify that we are not finished yet! Now, looking forward, our capital campaign is strategically focused on raising new and necessary funding for the Zeigler Science and Engineering Center as well as renovations to our science classrooms in Heath Hall and upgrades in the Turley Dining Hall. In addition, other capital campaign projects in the works that we will be funding include: new faculty housing, technological upgrades, a new and comprehensive marketing and admission recruitment initiative, and newly endowed scholarship funds.

Finally, I must note that concurrent with our intense focus on campus improvement projects and dedication to the successful longterm health and stewardship of the School, we have quietly but in earnest begun to urge our thoughtful and generous donors to begin to seriously consider a variety of creative and rewarding planned giving options through which we will continue to grow the value of our endowment for the School. In sum, a growing endowment is vitally important to maintain a balanced and thriving Kiski well into the future. Thank you once again for your continued and thoughtful support of Kiski and our capital raising initiatives for the School and our faculty and students! With your help and financial support, working together, I am confident that we will continue to drive the School and all of our programs toward greatness. I will, as always, look forward to visiting with you and to talking with you about the next stage of our exciting plans for Kiski.



# Kiski Leadership Institute for Boys Inaugural Student-led Conference

Kiski welcomed boys from Church Farm, Malvern Prep, and Woodberry Forrest for their first Kiski Leadership Institute for Boys (KLIB) Student-led Conference on April 23-24, 2017. The Kiski boys involved with the planning and implementation of the activities drew inspiration from their own KLIB experiences. The Kiski faculty routinely plans entire weekends for their students that are focused on the development of the boys' leadership skills. The KLIB Leadership Conference was a way to test all that the Kiski boys had learned.

Participants traversed challenging obstacles on the low-ropes course located on Kiski's campus. However, the lessons did not conclude once the tasks were solved. An introspective discussion followed each challenge that centered on what was learned, and what could be improved. The groups also built kayaks to race, and used group conversations to delve into thought provoking leadership topics.

Keynote speaker, Kiski alumnus Wade Hoag '15, brought the conference to a conclusion with his inspirational and motivational words. Wade, an entrepreneur and student at Hope College, shared his personal journey of transformation from tragedy to daily triumph. Wade was left unable to use his legs following a work accident during the summer of 2015. His open question and answer session and infectious optimism provided a powerful capstone for the gathering.

# Kiski's second annual KLIB Student-led Conference will be held April 7-9, 2018. Contact leadership@Kiski.org with questions.



- 1 Kiski spotters aid boys across one of the low ropes obstacles.
- 2 Boys race the kayaks they built together from wood frames and cellophane.
- 3 Pictured left to right: Bobby Vanetta '18, Savion Jemison '19, Cronin Wilkes '18, Eric Humphries '19, Canaan Blackwell '19, Dr. Chris Howard, John Jacob '18, Niko Wiley '19, and Daniel Ritton '19.

# **SPEAKERS**

The Kiski community was fortunate to welcome several speakers to campus during the inaugural Kiski Leadership Institute for Boys Student-led Conference.

LTC Shawn Wray • US Army, PNC Financial Services Senior Risk and Control Manager: addressed the many types of leadership necessary for success.

Judge Timothy Lewis '72 • Attorney with Schnader, Harrison, Seagal & Lewis and former federal judge on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals: spoke of setting goals, self-awareness, resilience in the face of failure, seeking justice for the less fortunate, and the appreciation of differing views.

Mr. Avi Ben Hur • Classrooms Without Borders: offered insight to the senior class in advance of their trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum on Washington, D.C.

Ms. Adrianne Knapp • Actor, Pittsburgh Irish Classical Theater production of Romeo and Juliet: shared insight regarding her experience playing Juliet with the freshman fine arts class. She also spent time teaching breathing exercise, voice projection and exuding confidence to the sophomore public speaking class.

**Trp. Alex Figueroa • Pennsylvania State Police:** spoke about his drive to become a policeman and how he pursued his goal using motivations derived from his own life experiences.

**Dr. Chris Howard • President of Robert Morris University:** discussed character, leadership and his approach for attaining success.

Mr. Aron Bielski • one of the four famed Bielski brothers that formed a partisan group credited with saving 1,200 Jews from the Nazis during World War II: inspired the boys with stories from his wartime experience.



On June 3, 2017, during Reunion Weekend at Kiski, Mr. John Jacob '89, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presented the 2017 Distinguished Alumnus Award to Mr. Walter McPhail '51. Mr. McPhail recently reflected on his life and how it was augmented by his time as a Kiski student.

McPhail's Kiski experience started as many others have over Kiski's nearly 130 years of existence. His parents were searching for a school where their son could improve his grades for college consideration. They were impressed by Kiski's small class sizes and unique educational approach called "The Kiski Plan" in which boys focused on a single course for eight week periods. As his parents expected, Mr. McPhail flourished at Kiski.

One of his favorite subjects was chemistry. He fondly recalled having access to the lab on Saturdays where he experimented in chrome plating and explored other interests with one of his classmates. While his English classes were daunting, especially having to memorize ten vocabulary words a day, McPhail shared that they were one of the most beneficial courses to his career. Later in his life, as a business leader, he was even asked to scale back the use of his vast internal thesaurus so that peers could understand his business letters without repeatedly referencing a dictionary.

When asked what advice he would give himself if he had the ability to impart that wisdom upon young Walter, the Kiski student, he answered that it would be to "participate in everything." However, he reflected positively on having no free time remaining once his Kiski day was complete.

Once McPhail earned his Kiski diploma, he attended Denison University. Kiski helped McPhail to develop effective study habits that made him feel well-prepared for college. His chemistry prowess was so advanced that he was able to drop his initial chemistry class at Denison. Meanwhile, McPhail excelled socially, developing a strong connection to his cherished Sigma Chi fraternity.

Following his college graduation, he found abundant success in his business career. He created a business philosophy of staffing his companies so efficiently that in effect, he freed up his management time to move on to other projects.

He first established McPhail Corporation and later Lectron Products, a manufacturer of electromechanical automotive components. McPhail felt initially restrained by his limited resources, but still made heavy investments in engineering and product development, while his larger and more established competitors cut similar programs. McPhail bucked conservative trends again by expanding research and development initiatives during times of recession. He invested in brilliant minds in the engineering field and attributes much of the success he enjoyed to those individuals.

McPhail trusted his employees immensely. His primary leadership goal was to make himself expendable in day-to-day operations. He achieved this directive by systematizing processes, thereby empowering his staff and allowing himself to focus on his innovations. One interest in particular took him skyward. A neighbor's helicopter sparked his curiosity as a relatively new form of commercial and private transportation. After exiting the automotive innovation industry, he reentered the engineering world by starting Rotortech Services. That business eventually grew to become the largest helicopter turbine repair facility in the southeast. Naturally, McPhail and his wife, Mary Anne, both earned their pilot licenses. Mrs. McPhail was member 409 of female pilots, known as "Whirly Girls," a worldwide organization of female helicopter pilots.

That shared venture was not the first for Mr. and Mrs. McPhail, who recently celebrated 60 years of marriage. The couple joined with other executives from the Bloomfield Hills, Michigan area to establish Echo Park, a nursery school and summer camp.

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Family interests were also behind their most recent endeavor, the development of White Fences Equestrian Estates, a 420-acre subdivision for horse owners. Mrs. McPhail was an early proponent for dressage competitions in the United States and became an international judge for that equestrian sport. That interest was passed on as McPhail's daughter, Melinda, owned a horse that represented the United States in the dressage competition at the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games, and was awarded a bronze team medal.

Business triumphs enabled the McPhails to make considerable philanthropic gifts. Their generosity led to the creation of the McPhail Center for Environmental Sciences within the renovated Barney-Davis Hall at Mr. McPhail's alma mater, Denison University. Mr. McPhail has also been a major benefactor of his fraternity, the Sigma Chi, Mu Chapter at Denison. Additionally, a chair was established at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University, Mrs. McPhail's alma mater. The McPhails have also sponsored and promoted major equestrian events in Florida that have benefited greatly from their financial support.

Of course, McPhail's philanthropy has included generous support of Kiski. A few decades ago, Mr. McPhail provided a seismic boost to Kiski's computer technology capacity. He provided both financial support and helpful advice. With Mr. McPhail's principal funding, Kiski became one of the first schools in the nation to provide laptop availability for every student and a network that extended to the academic and dormitory buildings. Sparked by his financial involvement, ground was broken that same year on a project for the installation of piping and wiring that was to take 10 years and multiple phases to complete. It was instead finished in three months. Beyond funding, two specific planning suggestions proved even wiser over time.

First, Mr. McPhail insisted that when the trenches were dug to install the piping necessary for the new cables, Kiski should install a second empty pipe. His prediction was proven correct as both are currently filled to capacity, and Kiski was spared the cost of digging for a new line. Second, with the quick pace of personal computer innovation in mind, Mr. McPhail offered that Kiski should lease laptops that would be periodically updated. Not only did he fund the project, his planning direction helped Kiski save additional resources over time.

Mr. McPhail's charitable support of Kiski has continued without interruption. He also frequently and positively speaks about the benefits of a Kiski education with prospective Kiski Boys and their parents. He bolstered the credibility of that parental advice by sending his own son, James '79, to Kiski. He speaks glowingly of the Kiski campus, likening it favorably to a smaller version of Denison's beautiful grounds.

Mr. McPhail credits the entire Kiski environment for teaching him how to think. His ongoing support empowers Kiski Boys following in his footsteps to grow and gain from the Kiski experience. The Distinguished Alumnus Award provides Kiski with an opportunity to recognize alumni who shine as our brightest examples of success in our ongoing mission to prepare young men to succeed in college and in life. It was with deep gratitude and admiration that Mr. McPhail was honored as our 2017 Alumnus of Distinction.



# Walter McPhail

1122 Brookwood Lane, Burmingham, Michigan

Soccer III J.V. Football IV Hall League Basketball III, IV Varsity Track III Hall League Baseball III, IV Glee Club IV Leaders Club III, IV Fencing Club III Skiing III Kiski in France IV

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### Opposite page

1 Walter McPhail '51 delivers acceptance remarks during Kiski's Reunion Weekend.

### This page

- 1 McPhail's Kiski Yearbook senior portrait.
- 2 Walter and Mary Anne McPhail with their children and grandchildren poolside at their Florida home.
- **3** McPhail with one of his helicopters.

# May 21, 2017 Honors Convocation

The Kiski Honors Convocation, held in the Rogers Fine Arts Center, was attended by family and friends. The evening was held in honor of the distinguished academic prowess of underclassmen during Kiski's 129<sup>th</sup> school year. Boys who earned leadership positions for the 2017-18 school year were also recognized. The ceremony re-enacts an old academic tradition, the conferring of honor to scholars. Although students are asked to participate in many activities beyond the classroom, 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.

### 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): Hieu Khac Dinh '18, Xinyang Su '18, Samuel Tackett '18, Noah Giovannelli '17, Austin Jesko'17, James Tomson '17, Wells Watson '17, DeJuan Webb '17, Chi Zhang '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): Xinyang Su '18

The Xerox Award for Innovation and Information (for outstanding achievement in the pursuit of innovative approaches, and appreciation of the possibilities of technology): Joseph Chappie '18

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): Samuel Tackett '18

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): **Hieu Khac Dinh '18**  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 in science): Jixuan Dong '18

Fine Arts Department Achievement Awards: Melvin Bermudez '20, Jaylen Cooper '19, Mark Boyd '18

World Languages Department Achievement Awards: Ryan Pettes '20, Aidan Gillespie '19, Thomas Spahn '18

History Department Achievement Awards: Patrick Jacob '20, Ben Crewe '19, Xinyang Su '18

Mathematics Department Achievement Awards: Joseph Suozzi '20, Brayant Garcia '19, Samuel Tackett '18

Science Department Achievement Awards: Haotian Wu '20, Aidan Barefoot '19, Xinyang Su '18

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): Mark Boyd '18 Bortz Sophomore Improvement Award (given to a sophomore who has shown marked improvement throughout the year in academics, athletics, and extra-curricular activities): **Ryan Brett '19** 

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): **Jixuan Dong '18** 

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): Thomas Spahn '18

King Award (given in loving memory of Coltart King, Class of 1970, to the member of the Junior Class who has earned the highest scholastic average): **Hieu Khac Dinh '18** 

Leadership Awards: Christian Spahn '20, Jaylen Cooper '19, Zachary Hegedus '18

Creative Writing Award: Daniel Ritton '19

Photography Award: Charles Bitzer '20

Outstanding Big Brothers of the Year: William Gillis '19, Benjamin Gardner '17

English Department Achievement Awards: Corben Kohut '20, Brayant Garcia '19, Hieu Khac Dinh '18



2017-18 Prefects



Head Prefect

Headwaiters



# 2017-2018

The names of the students who earned positions of leadership for the 2017-2018 school year were announced at the ceremony. Appointments announced included Prefects, Headwaiters, Head Tour Guides, Colonel Daub Society members, Junior and Senior Big Brother Leaders, and Honor and Student Honor Committee members.

Prefects: Head Prefect: Thomas Spahn; Senior Prefects: Mark Boyd, Joseph Chappie, Matthew DeGirolamo, Jixuan Dong, Austin Gaston, Wyatt Gillespie, Zachary Hegedus, John Jacob, Jason Kcehowski, Nathan Manko, Ryota Mogi, Gannon Murphy, Samuel Tackett, Nikoloz Vasadze

Junior Prefects: Canaan Blackwell, Jaedyn Conway, Jaylen Cooper, Benjamin Crewe, Justin Diaz, Griffin Donohue, Grady Fagan, Brayant Garcia, William Gillis, Olayinka Jimba, Daniel Ritton, Jianbu Shi, Niko Wiley, Lichen Zhao

K-Club President and Head Tour Guides: President: Gannon Murphy; Head Tour Guides: Jixuan Dong, Zachary Hegedus, John Jacob, Jason Kcehowski, Jalen Nougues, Samuel Tackett

Headwaiters: Maître D': Mark Boyd; Headwaiters: Jalen Nougues, Robert Peirce, Jay Hyun Son, Robert Vanetta, Noah Watson, Maximillian Wolfson, Jiasheng Yu

The Colonel Daub Society: Mark Boyd, Divine Buckrham, John Colantino, Michael Foley, Benjamin Gardner, Zachary Hegedus, Jason Kcehowski, Joseph Lehman, Jiyan Li, Sterling Myers, Christopher Rubino, Thomas Rubino, Jianbu Shi, Thomas Spahn, Joseph Suozzi, Ayuwat Tamthai, James Tomson, Yin Zheng Tong, DeJuan Webb, Maximillian Wolfson, Chi Zhang, Lichen Zhao

Big Brother Senior Leaders: Joseph Chappie, Jason Kcehowski; Big Brother Junior Leaders: Jaylen Cooper, Grady Fagan

Student Honor Committee: Seniors: Mark Boyd, Jixuan Dong, Thomas Spahn; Juniors: Jaylen Cooper, Benjamin Crewe, Brayant Garcia, Aidan Gillespie, William Gillis, Haoran Mo, Kaisamba Wisniewski; Sophomores: Patrick Jacob, Christopher Rubino, Joseph Suozzi, Haotian Wu

Tour Guides

# May 27, 2017

# Senior Banquet AWARDS CEREMONY

Seniors, their families, and the faculty assembled to honor the Class of 2017 the evening before their graduation. The Senior Awards Ceremony is one of the highlights of each year as it is a rare opportunity when Kiski unites families and friends from all over the globe.

The event started with a reception in the Swank Student Center, which was packed to near capacity for a rather large Kiski class. Families and friends of the the senior class reveled in the joy of their shared journey. The excitement for the pending graduation was palpable. With the work complete and a finish line in sight, there were perhaps some experiencing feelings of relief as well.

After a delicious banquet served in the Turley Dining Hall, the group moved to the Rogers Fine Arts Center for the awards ceremony. George Davison IV '17 enjoyed the honor of introducing his father, Mr. George Davison III '82, to deliver the parent remarks. Mr. Davison shared some advice for the transitions ahead of the graduates.

Trustee Emeritus Mr. Russ Swank III '67 added his own advice while poking some playful fun at certain members of the faculty during his remarks. Headmaster Brueningsen added his own humor to the festivities with a lesson about perspective during tense times that included a tale of a wayward fire ant. Awards were then distributed to honor superlative achievements before the Boys were dismissed to enjoy their last night together on campus.

# **Congratulations 2017 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 a teacher, coach, and Headmaster for 45 years): **Omar Ward** 

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): **Benjamin Gardner** 

The Clifford Brett Award (a junior who has been elected the next Head Prefect of The Kiski School): **TJ Spahn** 

The Bortz Improvement Award (a senior who has shown marked improvement throughout the year in academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities): **Cully Colantino** 

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): **Divine Buckrham** 

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): **Hunter White** 

The William V. Grier Award given to a senior who has compiled the highest scholastic average): **Sterling Myers** 

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

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): **Noah Giovannelli** 

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 concerns for others that so personified Bill Turley): **Joseph Lehman** 

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 extracurricular activities): **Chengye Xiang**  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): **Thomas Rubino** 

The Joseph H. Millar Award in English: **Benjamin Gardner** 

The Zachary J. Vlahos Award in History: **Wells Watson** 

The Carl L. Arnold Award in Mathematics: **Sterling Myers** 

The Excellence in World Languages Award: **DeJuan Webb** 

The Eugene L. Biddle Award for Excellence in Science: **Austin Jesko** 

The Excellence in Psychology Award: Thomas Rubino

The Excellence in Fine Arts Award: Sterling Myers

The Creative Writing Award: Wells Watson

The Faculty Appreciation Award: **Quinn Commandant** and **Mark Goetz** 

The Drama Award: James Tomson

The Music Award: Joseph Lehman

The Photography Award: Elijah Brown

The Digital Media Award: CJ Kolonay

Research Paper Competition: **Benjamin Gardner** (first place), and **Joseph Lehman** (second place)

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 inventing the **Yeti Cool Seat** (a seat cover that keeps stadium bleacher seats comfortably chilled with a builtin phone charger and koozie): **George Davison, Hunter Dunlop** and **Sam Tackett.** 

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

# The Kiski School's Class of 2017

# **Class of 2017 College Choices**

The Class of 2017 is composed of 72 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:

Akron, University of (OH) Alabama State University Allegheny College (PA) Baldwin Wallace University (OH) Brandeis University (MA) University of California at Davis Canisius College (NY) Carleton College (MN) Carlow University (PA) Clarion University of Pennsylvania Cornell University (NY) Drew University (NJ) Elon University (NC) Emory University (GA) Franklin & Marshall College (PA) Hamilton College (NY) Harvard University (MA) High Point University (NC)

Hobart and William Smith Colleges (NY) IE University, Segovia (Spain) Indiana University of Pennsylvania James Madison University (VA) John Carroll University (OH) Juniata College (PA) Lake Forest College (IL) Lehigh University (PA) Lynn University (FL) Macalester College (MN) Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Science Mercyhurst University (PA) Miami University, Oxford (OH) Michigan State University Montclair State University (NJ) New Jersey Institute of Technology

New York University Northeastern University (MA) Northwestern University (IL) Pennsylvania State University Pennsylvania State University, York University of Pittsburgh (PA) University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg (PA) Pitzer College (CA) Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (NY) Rochester Institute of Technology (NY) Savannah College of Art and Design (GA) Seton Hill University (PA) St. Lawrence University (NY) Syracuse University (NY) United States Military Academy (NY) United States Naval Academy (MD) Westminster College (PA) West Virginia University





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After a soggy week and on a day threatening more rain, graduation festivities were moved inside the Ross Athletic Center. The celebration of the Class of 2017 was the first to be held within the Jacob Gymnasium. The multi-use gymnasium was a fitting location for a special class known for a diverse wealth of talents.

A unique kind of excitement echoed through the Hoag Gymnasium next door as the Boys posed for their class photo. Instead of leading a fast break or cheering from the stands, the Boys turned to each other to straighten ties and collars. In between photos they chanted and bounced boisterously. The full group sang "Happy Birthday" to Mr. Nurmi, Kiski's Foodservice Director, and then they fell into order to follow their teachers, coaches, and mentors into the ceremony behind the skirl of bagpipes.

The class was welcomed by a capacity crowd composed of friends and family. Headmaster Chris Brueningsen directed the Boys to reflect on the many forms of support they received from their loved ones in the crowd and beyond, and a heartfelt round of applause filled the room. He then handed each member of the class his diploma.

Head Prefect Omar Ward and Valedictorian Sterling Myers reflected on their journeys as Kiski Boys while their friends sat at attention before them. One final Kiski tradition awaited the class once the last address was delivered. The faculty exited to form a receiving line outside the gym and the Boys weaved from one end to the other offering both smiles and tears. Final words of wisdom, thanks, and well-wishes were exchanged. When words could not be formed through the emotion, long hugs and earnest nods took their place.

Slowly at first, each graduate receded to finish packing. Then all too suddenly, the last member of the Class of 2017 drove off campus to conclude their last day as Kiski students. Though, like the 128 classes before then, they will always be Kiski Boys.





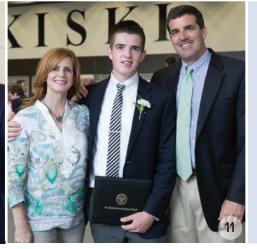












- 1 Seniors Hunter Dunlop, Matt Wiechers, and Peyton Manko hold their new diplomas.
- 2 Ed Rudick and Cully Colantino share an embrace.
   3 Borja Semelas Seyller, Tommy Rubino, Will Roeshot, Tim Price, Will Mosey and Omar Ward applaud their classmates as each receives his diploma.
- 4 Headmaster Brueningsen and Tim Price.
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  James Tomson receives a congratulatory handshake from Headmaster Brueningsen in "faculty row."
  Wilson Smith and his family.
- 7 Theo Parizzi Horta Araujo and his family.
- 8 Divine Buckrham and his family.
- 9 Dylan McDonough and his family.10 George Davison IV and his father George Davison III '82.
- 11 Alex MacKay with his parents Jennifer and Doug.



Good morning, Headmaster, Kiski board members, teachers, parents, friends, invited guests, and the Class of 2017. It is an honor and privilege for me to be your Valedictorian.

First and foremost, I would like to thank God for blessing me with parents and siblings that have instilled high morals, standards and expectations in me, and who love me unconditionally. I truly thank God for giving me extraordinary talents and gifts that were honed and cultivated by the FAME, POISE and Jack Kent Cooke Foundations, and refined by all of the teachers, coaches, mentors, and persons that have crossed my path, bridging their knowledge, wisdom, encouragement and optimism into my life. I would like everyone here to give a round of applause for all of the hard work, dedication, and perseverance that everyone here has put forth into making this day a reality.

Before we get down to business, let's have a little bit of fun. First, here's a riddle. What's something that the more you take, the more you leave behind... footsteps. Consider this. A little girl was standing in her kitchen holding an apple in each hand. Her mom came in and softly asked her daughter with a smile, "Sweetie, could you give me one of your apples?"

The girl looked up at her mom for a few seconds, then she suddenly took a quick bite of one apple, and then bit into the other. The Mom was quite shocked, but tried hard not to reveal her disappointment. Then, the little girl handed one of the bitten apples to her mom, and said, "Mommy, here you are. This is the sweeter one."

# Valedictorian Speech by Sterling Myers

So, I say thank you to all of the people in my life who have made tremendous sacrifices for me to taste the sweeter things in life.

I would like to share my favorite quote. It comes from the Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald and goes like this. "Gatsby believed in the green light, the orgastic future that year by year recedes before us. It eluded us then, but that's no matter — tomorrow we will run faster, stretch our arms farther..."

Now, I want to ask, what is the commonality amongst all of these things? Well, that's a trick question because there isn't one. You probably would have continued to try to find the connection because it is an innately human trait to search for connections and patterns.

Connections... connections... connections.

Growing up in Allegheny County, there are bridges everywhere. In fact there are more than 2000 bridges. In order to get anywhere in the county, you have to cross at least one bridge. When I was younger, bridges made me nervous because there was nothing supporting them (i.e. they are suspended in the air), and every time my parents would drive over one, I would cross my fingers and hold my breath until we reached the other side.

Fast forward about five years. During the summer of my 9<sup>th</sup> grade year, my relationship with bridges drastically changed. I was blessed with the opportunity to take an introductory civil engineering course at Clemson University in South Carolina. My first day at the camp, I was apprehensive about civil engineering because I knew that bridges were a part of it.

Coincidentally, one of my first assignments there was to research and sketch out three famous bridges of my choosing. While I was sitting in the studio drawing the Roberto Clemente Bridge, the Brooklyn Bridge, and the Golden Gate Bridge, and their surroundings, I had an epiphany. The beginning and end of each bridge really interested me. I liked that these monstrous structures were able to connect people who were miles apart from one another. At that point, I realized that whether or not I liked them, bridges have an enormous impact on our lives. They link different locations, people, and ideas together.

Let's think of bridges as more than roads with cables and supports underneath, think of bridges as all of the connections that we make with one another, and all of the vast potential that those connections have to improve the lives of the people on both ends. Take a second and think about the following questions. How many bridges do you have right now? How many bridges are you planning on building in the future? After the course ended, I had a much greater appreciation for bridges, and I decided to always try to be a bridge myself.

Every year since I was in third grade, I have volunteered with the US Blind Chess Federation as a game recorder and scorer thanks to one of the bridges that my mother has made with the Pittsburgh Chess Club. Thus, I began to view my work with the US Blind Chess Federation and volunteering differently. As volunteers, we build bridges between ourselves and those who are either different and/or less fortunate than ourselves.

Through my active participation, I learned about the trials and tribulations of the blind, thus, increasing my awareness. This consciousness inspired me to become an advocate for disability rights. I created the American Sign Language Club on campus with one of my closest friends, and I interned with the Department of City Planning in the Americans with Disabilities Act Office.

At this point in my life, I have built physical bridges (well models of them), spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and cultural bridges, but the bridge that leads to my dreams is yet to be completed. And every piece will require a ton of effort to put into place. The next step on my path towards creating that bridge, is to study abroad in China this summer and walk and work in excellence at Harvard, as I continue to build my bridge towards double majoring in Bio Medical Engineering and Mandarin Chinese.

While researching bridges, I discovered that bridge inspections are more artistic than a strict, algorithmic science. When inspectors go out to check them, they listen to the various sounds that the bridges make from hammer taps and chains dragged across girders. They also rely heavily on spotting the visual aspects of decay in bridges: such as corrosion, cracks, and stress fractures.

High tech equipment is only used as a safety precaution. You may be wondering, "How effective is that," and to your wonderings I would answer, "not very." In 2001, the Federal Highway Administration decided to test inspectors on a subtle but significant flaw in bridges. Only 4% of the inspectors found it.

In closing, I'd like to leave these final thoughts with the Class of 2017. Reputation is how other people see you and you have little control over it; however, your character and your integrity are how you portray and represent yourself to others; and you have complete control over them. If you safeguard your character and your integrity you will be fine.

Guys, throughout the years, we have been building bridges by connecting to each other, and to like-minded students outside of Kiski, and to others in our respective communities. We may not have liked making all of those bridges, nonetheless, they are here to stay.

We are the 4% that passed the test; we've pushed each other to strive for excellence, and we've helped each other to develop the eye to see and to acknowledge those subtle flaws in our executions. With that in mind, here is some more bridge advice. For optimal bridge maintenance, it is recommended to inspect them yearly. So remember guys, check all of your bridges, especially the ones to each other, every so often, and hopefully you will check those bridges more than once a year.

Thank you.

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# KISKI LUMINARY

# John Justus Daub (1889 – 1955)

By Selwyn "Mike" Smith III '56, Col. Daub's grandson

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, finetuning, 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.

In Old Main, there are paintings of Andrew W. Wilson, and his son-in-law John Justus (Jack) Daub. Jack Daub, my grandfather, was involved with Kiski as a student, teacher, and administrator from 1901 to 1955 leaving only for college and to serve in both world wars. I've enjoyed reading

about Jack and our family. I have a Kiski plate of Daub Hall, and on the back it describes Jack as an English teacher, principal, chaplain, registrar and Headmaster. I learned that while Jack loved teaching, he also had other wide-ranging interests.

Jack's grandparents, John and Emilie Daub, came to Pittsburgh from Germany in 1848 after an extensive wedding trip through Europe — to me, a sign of some wealth. John started a grocery business which became very successful, and allowed them to build a large house "Villa Meinheim" in the Homewood section of Pittsburgh. Their son, Theodore, later lived in the house with his family, and that's where his son, Jack, grew up. Jack's mother died of consumption when he was ten. During her final illness, she wrote him a last letter telling him how hard it was to



say goodbye and for him "to be a good Christian." I would say that he carried out his mother's last wish to the fullest. After his father remarried, Jack ended up with nine brothers and sisters, some younger than his own children. During the depression in the 1930's, he provided financial support to these relatives even though Kiski was struggling and

faculty salaries were low.

Jack entered Kiski in 1901 at age 11, at a time when the School was enrolling younger students. He graduated in 1907 and graduated from Princeton in 1911, as did many Kiski graduates in those days. I have his Princeton yearbook — not at all like yearbooks we see today — no writing, just photographs.

After getting a law degree at the University of Pittsburgh, Jack decided against the practice of law and joined the Kiski administration in 1913 as a member of the "Big Five" that also included Andrew W. Wilson, William MacColl, James L. Marks and Frank St. Clair. In August of 1913, he married Anna Graham Wilson, Andrew W. Wilson's daughter. The marriage took place at Kiski and we have a photograph of the wedding



party gathered on the lawn of what was the Headmaster's home and is now Wilson House.

Jack served Kiski mostly as the registrar and English teacher. His favorite subjects included English and American literature. I've read many compliments about his teaching and his conduct. A recent Kiski Bulletin included comments by Mr. Brueningsen on Jack's "Social Ethics" booklet published in 1950, which mentioned now out-of-date advice such as tipping one's hat to women. A former student remembered his lessons on the difference between affect and effect and lie vs lay. A student described him as the "best teacher;" another as "the most helpful." Early on, Jack proposed prohibiting golf and tennis on Sundays — in those days before World War I, people were encouraged to do nothing more athletic or fun on the Sabbath than walking. Jack even wrote a little poetry. When I was at Kiski in the mid-fifties. I remember a strong English Department faculty, including Jack Daub and my senior year English teacher, Francis Moginot.

In 1920, Jack and Anna built a house on the road to Reese Hall — he and his family lived there until the mid-fifties. I lived there during World War II with my mother and brother and visited many summers after that. After Andrew Wilson died in 1930, his widow, Bessie, lived there until her death in 1946. I remember sheep running around the fields next to the house. Across the road was a spiral staircase leading down to the "Spring Trail" which ran along the cliff to the main campus. My grandfather loved to read, and I often saw him clean his cigarette holder, light up, and read while sitting in his rocking chair. He was described as a stern teacher but was playful with me — I remember he was the camel and I would sit on his crossed legs trying to stay on. He could also be stern with me if I really provoked him.

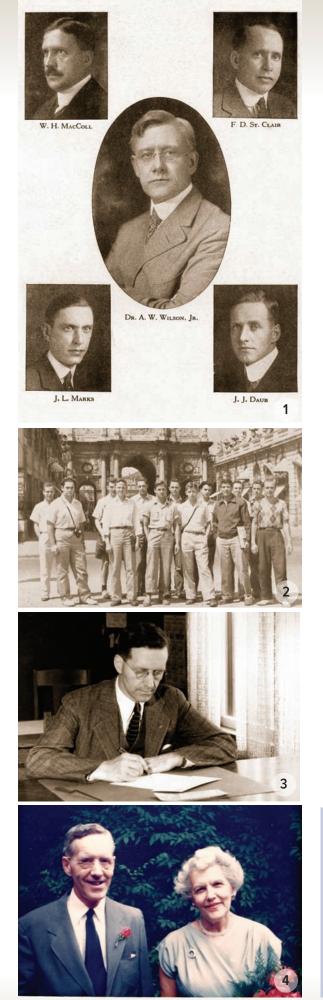
Since my father was in Europe during World War II, my mother and grandparents were in charge. I was a "free range" kid, walking down the hill from Kiski, across the bridge and up the hill to first grade by myself rain or shine — in the days of gas rationing, there was no car service to school. I explored from one end of the campus to the Miller farm out past Reese. This was years before the "play date" generation and I was strongly encouraged to go outside and play. If I came home covered in mud, there were few guestions asked even though I had once gotten muddy by tumbling most of the way down the cliff. There were many pistols and rifles that Jack had collected, and I was free to look at them any time I wanted.

Jack's only coaching I could find was the rifle team. I don't know if he was ever a dorm master. But he took Kiski boys hunting with him, and I remember rabbit being on the menu when we weren't eating at Old Main. He kept hunting dogs in a pen next to the house, and observed that sometimes they would be "borrowed" in the fall and returned after hunting season.

Prior to America's entering World War I, Jack joined the Pennsylvania National Guard. During the war, he served as a captain in the field artillery. A Princeton Alumni Weekly

1 Col. John J. Daub, US Army.

- 2 John Justus Daub in his gymnastics uniform.
- 3 Anna and Jack Daub on their wedding day, August 22, 1913, pictured in front of what was the Headmaster's home and is now Wilson House.
- 4 Andrew W Wilson with Family in 1917: (From left to right): First step: Tadie Marks, Jim Marks Jr.; Second step: Jack Daub Jr. (Iap), Jack Daub, Andrew W. Wison Jr., Third step: Bessie Wilson, Bill Marks (Iap), Jim Marks Sr.; Fourth step: Anna Daub.



# John Justus Daub (continued from page 19)

article says that he was discharged from service in late 1918 after seeing action with the 3rd Division at the Battle of Chateau-Thierry. After the war, he continued training in the reserves, rising to the rank of colonel by the start of World War II. Jack was the commander of a reserve field artillery brigade from 1930 to 1934 and of a regiment in the 99th Division before the United States entered World War II.

Jack became headmaster briefly in 1940 before the school became a non-profit.

Jack and Anna Daub had four children: John Jr., Betsy, Craig and Marcia. John Jr., known also as Jack, went to Kiski and then to the Naval Academy, graduating in 1936. After graduation, he served on a succession of warships including the Yorktown (later sunk at the Battle of Midway), the destroyer Bainbridge, and finally the destroyer Reuben James where he was the gunnery officer. In October, 1941, after serving on the Reuben James for only three weeks, it was sunk by a German submarine while part of a convoy near Iceland. One survivor mentioned attacking German submarines, so probably Jack Jr. had a part in that. This was before Pearl Harbor when American warships were escorting allied convoys and both sides were trying to see which side fired first. The sinking was national news, and the Daubs received over 100 letters from Kiski graduates and parents all over the country expressing hope for rescue as the convoy continued under radio silence and

1 Kiski's "Big Five"

- 2 A group of Kiski boys on a European Tour arranged by Col. Daub.
- 3 Schoolmaster, John J Daub working from his desk.
- 4 Jack and Anna celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

condolences when it was clear their son was lost. Many letters thanked the Daubs for helping them and their sons through Kiski. It was clear that many people showed the respect in which the Daubs were held.

The Daubs' second son, Craig, graduated from Kiski in 1937 and from Amherst in 1941. Craig entered the Army Air Corps to become a pilot, finishing flight training in February, 1942. He married shortly thereafter, and left for Panama three weeks later. On May 13 his plane disappeared on what was to have been his last flight before being reassigned to a staff position. Once again, the Daubs were thrown into uncertainty - one letter mentioned another plane crew that had survived 45 days in the jungle before being rescued. After months of uncertainty the Daubs had to give up hope. Craig's plane was missing until the next year when it was found by a search party of soldiers training to be jungle fighters in the Pacific. One of the search party mentioned the indigenous people whose oral history included the cruelty of the Spanish from centuries before and how non-native people were not safe in the jungle.

The many letters showed that during the war men of all ages were in the armed forces and some letters from the Kiski family told of other lives lost. Jack and Anna corresponded for years with young Jack's girlfriend, who had received his last letter two days before the sinking.

Throughout these two events, Jack and Anna Daub were brave and resolute, continuing with their teaching and administrative duties. They were widely admired for their courage in the face of these two tragedies, especially having to deal with the uncertainties of possible rescue.

Once the United States entered the war, Jack was disappointed not to be able to serve in a combat unit due to his age. But he was called to active duty, serving in administrative jobs until finally retiring late in the war. I remember him at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and saw that he also served at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Once Jack had left active duty late in the war, he directed Kiski's military program in which the students trained in uniform three times a week. I remember as a first grader hiding in the woods with one of the Kiski units, all of us armed with pretend rifles, setting an ambush for another Kiski unit.

In 1946, Jack was awarded an honorary doctorate from Grove City College.

Outside of his school activities, Jack was very active in the community. He was in the VFW, the American Legion, the Lions, the Boy Scouts, and was an elder in the Presbyterian Church of Saltsburg. The Boy Scouts gave him the Silver Beaver Award in recognition of his services. At his death in 1955, he was president of the First National Bank in Saltsburg.

In the early fifties, Jack and Anna accompanied a group of Kiski students to Europe. Since my family was living in Salzburg, Austria, we drove up to see them in Heidelberg. My father showed us where his artillery battalion was located ready to shell the city. Later I read in *Reader's Digest* that the Daubs' German host had been in Heidelberg working to prevent the shelling.

Not as obvious as Jack's collection of antique pistols was a sizable coin collection centered on United States silver coins.

In anticipation of retirement, the Daubs bought a century-old stone farmhouse they named Greystone, located on a hill across Route 286 with a beautiful view of the golf course and campus hills. It was built on land granted centuries before by the sons of William Penn. Shortly after retiring in 1955 and while still living in his house on campus, Jack died from the effects of hypertension. He was the last of the Big Five. My grandmother, Anna Daub, a remarkable person in her own right, moved to Greystone and lived until 1983.

# The Colonel Daub Society

Kiski's Burgeoning Community Service Program



The Colonel Daub Society recognizes those students who have demonstrated an exemplary commitment to community service during the past year. The Society is named in honor of John J. Daub, Kiski Class of 1907. His commitment to serving his country, his School, and the greater community form the ideals and principles of the Colonel Daub Society.

Kiski continues to prioritize the community by volunteering time to work with non-profit organizations in the area. The leader of our service program, Ms. Sandy Acquard, receives an increasing number of requests for help from our Kiski Boys each year as their reputation for serving grows. Last May, the Westmoreland County Food Bank selected the Kiski Boys as their Volunteer Group of the Year. The Boys often maintain connections with the non-profits they serve after they graduate from Kiski and it is important to note that Kiski Boys are not required to perform community service hours.

# Hours of Community Service Performed by Kiski Boys

2013-14	. 2,102
2014-15	. 2,422
2015-16	. 2,266
2016-17	. 3,655



- 1 Lichen Zhao '19, Brayant Garcia '19, Tom Rubino '17, Jianbu Shi '19, Mark Boyd '18, and Dan Ritton '19 receive the Volunteer Group of the Year Award from representatives of the Westmoreland County Food Bank.
- 2 Tom Rubino '17, Mark Boyd '18 and Joe Lehman '17 served as counselors at Camp Kon-O-Kwee Spencer this past summer aiding campers with muscular dystrophy and other special needs.

# ACADEMIC NEWS

# **Boy-based Learning in Action**

# **Epic Heroes?**

By Chantel Kapustik

Evil goat men, giant spiders, rat abominations, skeleton warriors — how can they be defeated? Just call on Kiski's epic heroes!

Those monsters are the foes that the heroes/sophomores of Mrs. Kapustik's Honors British Traditions class faced in their quest to defeat evil. This marks the ninth year of this project. Conceived by Brian and Chantel Kapustik and fueled by their love of gaming, this take on Beowulf and the epic hero combines creativity, collaboration, and communication with the entertainment of role-playing and cooperative storytelling to create a unique educational experience.

After reading excerpts of Beowulf, the boys create heroes based on Anglo-Saxon ideals and values. Then they are separated into adventuring parties to complete various quests, run by the Kapustiks and faculty game masters Mr. Patrick Link, Mr. Josh Sunday, and Mr. Vince Kwiatek. To give a hands-on experience, the game masters use miniatures, monsters, and terrain pieces, most of which are handpainted by Brian Kapustik. The last step in the process was to turn the adventures into epic poems. Each of the boys crafted a 200-line poem



(the equivalent of ten pages) making his hero the protagonist and utilizing techniques and conventions of Anglo-Saxon poetry and epics. Over the years, many boys have enjoyed this project and can still relate the details of their adventures. This kind of storytelling and role-playing helps to internalize the material, as if the students actually took part in the events. Chantel and Brian have presented this project at several educational conferences, including PCTELA PAIS, and EdCamp.



- 1 Elliott Zang '20, Patrick Jacob '20, Charlie Bitzer '20, and Quinn Summers '20 adventuring in the Swank Student Center.
- 2 Kai Wisniewski '19 testing his Kiski canoe paddle on McDonald Pond.3 Boys making rubber band car calculations in the Jacob Multi Use

# Seaworthy Industrial Design

By Sandy Acquard

Kai Wisniewski '19 made a canoe paddle to go along with the boat that was designed and assembled in Mr. Andrew Scott's Industrial Arts class. He started by cutting and planing the wood. Then he used glue to hold the pieces together before sanding it down to a smooth seamless finish. Once the construction was complete he used the laser cutter to add the Kiski seal. Kai's paddle allowed him to successfully navigate the new boat around McDonald Pond.



# **STEAM Powered Learning**

By Gino Colella

In freshmen Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) courses, boys explored how to calculate velocity and acceleration using data they collected from rubber band-powered cars they constructed. With the aid of the art department, students assembled laser-cut wooden pieces in innovative ways to produce a small car powered by a wound rubber band. Depending on wheel size, car weight, and types or number of rubber bands used, each group's car accelerated at unique rates, and achieved different top speeds. Bonus points were rewarded for cars with the highest top velocity and for cars which accelerated the quickest.

Gymnasium.



# **Health and Wellness**

### By Mary Grace Muster

The primary goal of this one-semester course is to guide students as they make well-informed decisions related to their personal health. The boys are also challenged to develop lifelong positive attitudes and behaviors that will contribute to a thriving community. Areas of study include mental, emotional, and social health; injury and disease prevention and safety; nutrition and fitness; the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other psychoactive drugs; and growth, development, and sexual health.

In Health class, we studied Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs theory. We watched the film "Cast Away" and compared the main character's actions to the hierarchy. We discussed several themes including time, hope and survival. Making fire was an important element of survival. To illustrate this and provide the students with a "real world" experience, we collaborated with Mr. Andrew Scott '85 to make brick rocket stoves. Twigs, sticks and pine needles were the only fuel used. The boys had to use flint to start their fires. Once the flames were hot, we boiled water and made noodles, oatmeal and coffee. To top off the experience, the boys made s'mores. It was interesting to watch the boys work in groups to solve problems related to survival and Maslow's theory.



- 1 Reese Bole '20 creates a shooting flame from his brick rocket stove.
- 2 Mr. McGuire's using the new mini Epilog Laser Cutter with Olayinka Jimba '20, and Ryan Brett '19.

# Kiski's 2017 All-School Book The Laramie Project



# A thought provoking artist-led discussion By Leslie Poston

On Monday, September 25, 2017, Kiski hosted Kelli Simpkins of Tectonic Theater Project for a special presentation on the All-School Book, "The Laramie Project," a play about the events following the brutal murder of Matthew Shepard, a gay college student, in Laramie, Wyoming.

During her talk to the boys in the Clark Theater, Ms. Simpkins described her experiences of being in Laramie, Wyoming following the 1998 murder and about being part of the collaborative process creating a work that galvanized gay-rights activists and ultimately the entire nation. "Our job is to listen, and to reflect the time we're living in," Simpkins stated, in relation to the role artists have to play in social justice. Simpkins talked about the setting of the play as being essential to the point that it became more about the community than about Matthew Shepard. "I was moved by the natural world and the sky of Wyoming," she said.

Part of the power of this tragic event was not only its brutality, but that this hate crime happened in the American West, a place that remains iconic in its mythology and the "live and let live" philosophy. "These stereotypes play into expectations. Everyone has a perspective and our judgement is rarely right. Only sitting down with people changes our judgements," Simpkins shared. When Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson murdered Matthew Shepard because he was gay, the whole town of Laramie suffered a trauma and as Kelli Simpkins eloquently put it, "Trauma allows the human heart to start pulsing and beating in front of other people."

After a question and answer session, Ms. Simpkins joined the Kiski community for lunch. Later, the senior English classes met with Ms. Simpkins to further discuss the details of the book.

1 Ms. Simpkins discusses "The Laramie Project" with the Kiski Boys.

# Kiski Career Day

Kiski held its 13<sup>th</sup> annual Career Day on April 21, 2017. Each visiting speaker addressed three sessions. Groups were kept small to mirror the boys' typical Kiski classroom student-teacher ratio, which allows for more personal interaction. The speakers then joined formal lunch to continue conversations started earlier in the day, or start new ones with students they had not met yet.

It was wonderful having visitors representing such a diverse set of career fields. The school always buzzes with talk of goals and dreams after graduation on Career Day. Then the boys settle in for the homestretch with five weeks left until the end of the school year. Their horizons may have been stretched wider, but the journey is still accomplished one step at a time.

If you are interested in visiting Kiski for our 14<sup>th</sup> Career Day on April 20, 2018, please contact the Advancement Office at advancement@kiski.org or 724-639-8029.



Dr. Bobby Reitz '03 taught boys in his sessions how to suture.

### **Career Day 2017 Presenters:**

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Mr. Jon Baker '84	Founder and President; Time-Line Enterprises
Mr. Jeff Bondy '73	Lead Management Psychologist; Predictive Synergistic Systems
Mr. John Boyle '95	Director/Vice President; Gulfstream West Investments, Inc.
Capt. Rich Brophy	Naval Aviator; United States Navy
Mr. Taylor Classen	Partner/Vice President; Delbert Adams Construction Group
Mr. James D'Itri '71	Independent Healthcare Information Technology Consultant
Mrs. Shannon Fagan	Director of the Bureau of Children's Behavioral Health Services; Department of Human Services of Pennsylvania
Mr. Brian Fox '96	Land Surveyor/Owner; Fox & Fox, Inc.
Mr. Hugh Gallagher '97	Senior Sales Consultant; Becton, Dickinson and Company
Mr. Dave Golding	Area Sales Director; NTT Security
Mr. Walt Gray '04	Actor/Key Set Production Assistant; Sony
Dr. Arthur Hayes '67	Medical Review Officer; University Services Toxicology Group
Mr. Robert Hepler	Chief Operating Officer/Chief Financial Officer; Renewable Natural Gas Company
Mr. Britt Kelly '90	Vice President; JP Morgan Chase
Dr. Tammy Manko	Director; Career and Professional Development Center, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Judge Scott Mears	Judge; Westmoreland County Court of Common Pleas
Dr. Brent McCauley '99	Owner/Chiropractor; Greensburg Chiropractic, LLC.
Mr. Nathan McCutcheon '03 .	Executive Manager; McCutcheon Enterprises, Inc.
Mr. Luke McDonough	Wellness Instructor; Pressley Ridge
Dr. Patrick McGuire	Dentist/Restorative Dentistry; Private Practice
Mr. J.D. Null '84	Director of Human Resources; SMBH, Inc.
Mr. Ray Prushnok '97	Associate Vice President, Community Health Choices - UPMC Health Plan
Dr. Bobby Reitz '03	Doctor of Medicine/Residency in General Surgery; Case Western Reserve University
Mrs. Dana Rizzo	Professional Voice Artist/Owner; Dana Rizzo Voiceovers
Tpr. Frank Ross '02	Trooper; Pennsylvania State Police
Dr. Peter Schneller '68	Professor; University of Mount Union
Mr. Robert Seibel '02	Attorney/Senior Compliance Counsel; Abercrombie & Fitch
Mr. Andy Watson '67	Owner; LNA Marketing
	Co-Founder; Profusa, Inc.
Dr. Sam Yousem	Vice Chairman of Anatomic Pathology Services; UPMC

# Kiski Football Represented in China



### By Divine Buckrham '17, April 21, 2017

Getting to go to such a prestigious school here in Saltsburg is such a great opportunity. And me being here now for my fourth year, I've had countless wonderful opportunities that I can honestly say I wouldn't have if I was back home in New York City. But earlier this month, I had the opportunity of a lifetime.



I've studied Chinese language

and culture for over five years so getting a chance to go to China, and to play football there, was just one thing I couldn't pass up. Starting with the 14-hour flight, leaving the country for the first time ever was the first of many different things I experienced during my trip. From meeting new people on the trip, to utilizing and testing my Chinese speaking, China has to be one of my favorite places.

I was able to experience in person The Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, The Forbidden City, and the Beijing Olympic Stadium. These were great experiences too for me since I have only seen these places online or in pictures. Researching these places and learning the history of them since elementary school days, to seeing them in person was a true oncein-a-lifetime opportunity.

Of everything I did in the eight days I was in China, the best part by far was being able to share this beautiful game we call football. We were all different in so many ways from age, nationality, color, size, language, etc. But there was one thing that brought all of us together, and that was football. Going through the drills with little kids, having them play catch with us, and just having smiles all around, was one thing I always wished to experience.

> Overall, I think I represented my school, my country, and my family pretty well. I was voted the team captain for our USA team. I was also named offensive MVP after scoring three touchdowns and two-point conversions on offense. I added two interceptions on defense that helped us get a 56-0 win over Shanghai's local football team.

All in all, I would definitely go back to China in a heartbeat. The teammates I had for a week will be friends for a very long time. I am more than grateful for this opportunity and I'm so happy I didn't pass it up. I encourage anyone who gets the opportunity to travel and study abroad to do it. I'm so thankful for my mom and my family for making this trip possible.

1 Divine on the Great Wall of China.

- 2 Angela Turner, Divine's mother, and Divine sightseeing in China.
- 3 Team USA in front of Beijing National Stadium.

# **CAMPUS NEWS**



# INTERSESSION

Intersession is a new tradition that entered its fourth year in 2017. During the week leading up to Spring Break, the boys are encouraged to select from a bevy of weeklong classes that engage their creativity and energy leading up to their final long school break before the end of the year. The students explore new hobbies or develop existing interests. There are often community building elements incorporated that create lifelong memories and strengthen existing bonds.

The faculty pitches its Intersession class offerings to the boys during an evening assembly. During Kiski's most recent Intersession, 28 different classes were offered. They typically follow a casual dress code required for active learning. The boys then share what they learned or built throughout Intersession week during a presentation held in the Rogers Fine Arts Center before break begins. The display is open to the full Kiski community and has become a highlight of the year.

1 Mr. Orsatti's Intersession class developed basic astronomy skills including spotting constellations, finding north, identifying deep sky objects, and discussing basic astronomy history and the new wave of "Citizen Science."

Becoming a Gentlemen – Ms. Acquard The Monsters of Universal, 1931-1941 – Mr. Beebe "All About Fish!" – Mr. Colella and Mr. John Baseball Hitting Clinic – Mr. Chappie Doomsday Prep! – Mr. Ford '07 Constitutional Conservatism - Mr. Iorio Make Your Own Tiny Zombie Apocalypse - Mr. & Mrs. Kapustik Media Production: Documenting Intersession - Mrs. Klavon and Mr. Olear PITTSBURGH, Its Landmarks of Architecture and Engineering – Mr. Knapp Escape Room 101 – Mr. Brad Kwiatek and Mr. Forsythe Beyond the Computer: Learn and Play Tabletop RPGs – Mr. Vince Kwiatek Science Fiction and Media: Imagining the Future, study the Present – Mr. Link Cooking with The Lombardos - Mr. & Mrs. Lombardo La cultura Dominicana – Mrs. Kokoszka Traditional Chinese Medicine & Practice – Ms. Ma Free-Throw Shooting Clinic – Mr. Muffley Photoshop Essentials – Mr. Novom Observational Astronomy - Mr. Orsatti Hollywood's Portrayal of The African-American Experience from 1839 to 1965 – Mr. Perry Creating a Geodesic Dome: Channeling Buckminster Fuller – Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Spahn Yoga Fitness – Mrs. Poston, Ms. Neumeister and Mrs. Volpe Self Defense 101 – Mr. Ross Boatbuilding – Mr. Scott '85 An Introduction to Bead Making and Glassblowing – Ms. Sherrier and Mr. McGuire Leadership Manuals for Team Captains – Mr. Spahn and Mr. Howard NERF Gun Modding – Mr. Stock '04 and Mr. Williams Giant Rube Goldberg Construction – Mr. Sunday Trail Building, Maintenance, Hiking, and Running – Mr. Yoder

# Clubs

Kiski currently offers 29 unique clubs for the Boys to explore interests beyond the classroom and athletics.

- Art Club
- Astronomy Club
- Big Brothers
- Chess Club

# CLAY BREAKERS

- Creative Reuse Club
- Creative Writing Club
- Culture Pot
- Film Club
- Green Team
- Helping Hands
- Jewelry and Metalsmithing Club
- K-Club
- Kiski Gamers Club
- Kiski Players
- Kiski Service Organization
- Math Team
- Model United Nations
- National Forensic League
- Outdoor Adventure Club
- Photography Club
- Radio Club
- Reading Team
- Red Cross
- Robotics Club
- Spanish Club
- Springs
- Woodworking Club
- Yearbook
  - 1 Jack Jorgeson '18, Joey Chappie '18, John Jacob '18, Coby Schwartz '20, Zack Hegedus '18, Aidan Gillespie '19, Gabriel Ribeiro '19, Neill Peirce '18, Zander Szilagyi '21, Chris Peirce '21
  - 2 Gabriel Ribeiro '19 receives instruction from club sponsor and parent of Kiski alumni John '09 and Matthew Zang '11, Mr. John Zang.
  - **3** Aidan Gillespie '19 steadies himself for his shot.







**66** There are experienced shooters like myself seeking practice, and new shooters who never shot a gun in their lives. The Clay Breakers allows up to 18 kids to get together on Thursdays and shoot. The school has a set of 6 nice shotguns that are for student use. I enjoy the club because it allows me to take a break from school and do something I have loved since I was a young boy. **9** 

– Aidan Gillespie '19

**66** We are very thankful that Mr. Price and the School's administration so strongly supported our drive to revive the Kiski Clay Breakers Club. This is an important club for Kiski and we're thrilled to bring it back! Shooting clay birds with a 12-Guage shotgun is a lot of fun, but definitely an acquired skill requiring mental focus, balance, and determination. We've already seen nice progress made by all students in our club. It's great to be able to make the short drive over to the Western Pennsylvania Sportsman's Club on Thursday nights for our shooting outings. I'd encourage everyone to give our club a try along the way. I'd also like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Zang for the time, coaching and guidance they've dedicated to our shooting club this year.

– Zander Szilagyi '21









## NEW HIRES

Olushola Bello was most recently employed as a graduate assistant at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP). Mr. Bello earned his B.A. in Biochemistry at the University of Lagos, Nigeria and his M.A. at IUP. He teaches biology and chemistry, and coaches soccer and basketball. He and his wife reside in Hoag Hall.

Jason Jennings





Brendan Moriarty



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Jason Jennings is a graduate of Durham University, with an M.S. in Global Politics. He joined Kiski from the Ranney School and is teaching Foundations of World History. Mr. Jennings coaches swimming and lives in Daub Hall.

Jonathan Loukes joined the history department and completed his first season as the head coach for varsity soccer last fall. Mr. Loukes earned his M.S. from St. Vincent College, and B.A. from Point Park University.

Brendan Moriarty '86 returned to Kiski to teach philosophy and Modern World History. He previously taught at the National Cathedral School in Washington, D.C. Mr. Moriarty is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, with a B.S. in Physics and Philosophy. He obtained a B.A. and M.A. in German Literature from Yale University. He and his son live in Fosnaugh Hall.

Charles Ramsden began his first teaching assignment as a member of the World Languages department. He is a recent graduate of the College of the Holy Cross, with a B.A. in English and Spanish. Mr. Ramsden lives in Daub Hall, and coaches soccer and lacrosse.

Frank Bowers is an Assistant Director of Admission. He received his B.A. from Hampden-Sidney College. Mr. Bowers serves on the basketball and tennis coaching staffs, and resides in MacColl Hall.

## FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Gino Colella was named the Director of Sustainability.

Carla Ross was appointed as the Director of Diversity.

Effective: July 1, 2018 Brendan Moriarty '86 has been selected as our new Director of Studies.

Brad Kwiatek will assume new responsibilities as the Dean of Faculty.

Sandy Acquard will manage the bookstore.

T.J. Stock '04 will take on additional duties as the Director of Residential Life.

Patrick Link will take over supervision of the Turley Dining Hall.

Mark Orsatti will become the new Chairman of Language Department.

### FACULTY NEWS

Libby Sherrier, Leslie Poston, and Andy Scott '85 attended a makerspace technology conference in Pittsburgh, PA.

Mark Novom and Carla Ross attended the National Association of Independent Schools' People of Color Conference with students in Atlanta, GA.

The Language Department attended the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Methodology Conference.

The Life Skills Department attended the International Boys School Coalition Pillars of Boys' School Conference at Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville, TN.

The History Department took part in several small group workshops highlighted by their participation in the Pennsylvania Independent School Biennial Conference at Episcopal Academy in Newton Square, PA. Nine faculty members attended the one-day workshop.

Director of Athletics, Christopher Spahn, presented at the TABS annual conference in Boston. The topic of the presentation was, The New Reality of High School Sports and Working with Clubs, Not Against. This is the second time that Chris presented at the annual conference.









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# **WELCOME New Board of Trustee Members**

Kiski is grateful to have Richard Kneedler '62, Timothy Lewis '72 and Arthur Hayes '67 join the Board of Trustees. They have each been active leaders in the alumni community for decades. Their unique perspectives, insights, and passion for Kiski will further enhance our momentum.

### Richard Kneedler '62

Dick is President Emeritus of Franklin & Marshall College. During his tenure from 1988-2002, F&M completed two capital campaigns, raising \$200 million, the school's endowment quadrupled to over \$300 million, and more than half of the physical plant was built new or fully renovated. Dick earned his B.A. from F&M and holds an M.A. and Ph. D. from the University of Pennsylvania. He served as a Kiski trustee in the 1990s and has been a member of Kiski's Board of Visitors in recent years.

### Arthur Hayes '67

Art is an internist in the Philadelphia area. After graduating from Kiski in 1967, he earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Juniata College and received his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College. Art has been on Kiski's Board of Visitors since 2009 and served on the 2017 Reunion Committee by encouraging his classmates to return and celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion last June. He tapped into his amateur detective skills to find some of his classmates that had not been heard from in some time and reconnected them to Kiski.

### Timothy Lewis '72

Tim is an attorney with the law firm Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis in Pittsburgh. Before entering private practice, he served as a federal judge on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. At the time of his appointment by President Bush in 1992, Tim was the youngest federal judge in the country. Previously, he served as an Assistant U.S. District Attorney for Western PA. At Kiski, Tim was an outstanding runner. He graduated from Tufts University and earned his law degree from Duquesne. Tim has been an active member of Kiski's Board of Visitors in recent years.

# KISKI'S INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL Taste from around the world



Each winter, the Kiski community celebrates its strength in diversity by sharing culinary treats from around the globe. The boys combine cooking efforts with faculty members and parents to develop a menu that is rich in variety and flavor. Mrs. Carla Ross, Kiski's Director of Diversity, started the preparation for the March 5, 2017 feast earlier in the year. A great deal of thought goes into submitting recipes, compiling grocery lists, and reserving the kitchens that are opened across the campus for our young chefs.

Finished dishes are displayed in the Turley Dining Hall and the entire campus unites to devour hometown favorites and try new delicacies. Plenty of ice water is on hand to combat the cooks who push the limits of the Scoville Scale (a spiciness index that seems to entice competition in boys). Over 20 different tables were filled with delectable options. A big thank you goes out to all of the students, parents, alumni and faculty that made the day a success.

- 1 Carla Goetz, Terry Miller, Carl Masciantonio, Mark Goetz '17, Louise Masciantonio, Antoinette Petrella, and Katy Miller display their bounty of Italian desserts.
- 2 Gabriel Gontijo Ribeiro '19, Guilherme Rahal '19, Henrique Felix De Siqueira '19, Theo Parizzi Horta Araujo '17, and Raphael Zoccolaro '18 share their Brazilian beef dish.
- **3** Melvin Bermudez '20 prepares a traditional Uruguayan dish, asado.

# ATHLETIC NEWS



# WINTER SPORTS 2016-17

### VARSITY HOCKEY

The Varsity Hockey team finished the season with an outstanding record of 17-3. The Cougars won the Academy of the New Church Invitational. They captured the Midwest Prep Classic in dramatic fashion, scoring two goals in the last five minutes to defeat Loyola Academy. They won the regular season and end of the year Championship for the Independent Hockey School League, and participated in the St. Andrew's College hockey tournament in Canada. The Cougars finished second in the tournament over several Canadian teams. During the last two seasons, Kiski hockey has tallied a remarkable 35-5-1 record. The coaching staff appreciates all of the hard work and dedication put forth by the talented group of young men.

### VARSITY WRESTLING

Kiski was once again represented at the Prep National meet. Kiski Wrestling made it onto the podium. Four Kiski wrestlers finished in the top ten at the

> Pennsylvania Independent School Athletic Association (PAISAA) state meet during the postseason. Regular season highlights

included a one-point dual meet triumph over Western Reserve Academy and many personal improvements that the wrestlers will look to build on next season.

### VARSITY BASKETBALL

The Varsity Basketball team finished the season 8-10. The team traveled to Canada, Ohio and New Jersey to play the toughest competition available. The Cougars captured key victories against Mercersburg for the Centennial Cup, a come-from-behind effort against Western Reserve, and went 2-0 in the Kiski Classic against NTSI (PA) and The Heights (MD). The team also tallied a five-game winning streak. Shawndale Jones '17 finished his career with 1,172 points.

### VARSITY SWIMMING

Kiski Swimming battled through several close meets that were decided by the outcome of the final event, finishing with a 1-4 record. There were numerous personal triumphs for the young and inexperienced group. The team's highlight was a thrilling 88-80 defeat of Shady Side Academy. Five swimmers advanced to Eastern Championships, with two returning for the 2017-18 season. Those leaders will look to lower their personal bests alongside newcomers and the other returning aquatic Cougars.

# **SPRING SPORTS 2017**

### VARSITY LACROSSE

A full feature recap for Varsity Lacrosse is available on page 35.

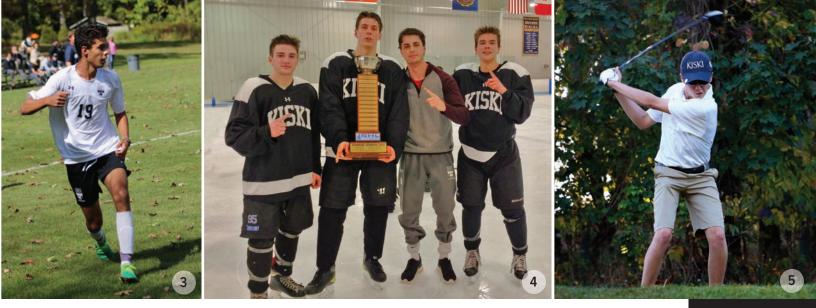
### VARSITY BASEBALL

Kiski Baseball compiled a 7-9 record. Weather cancellations removed 13 games from the slate, including rivalry games against Linsly and Western Reserve. The team felt the sting of two close losses to Mercersburg, but finished the season winning seven of their last ten games. The future looks promising. Kiski Baseball will assemble this spring with nine returning letter winners, including six starters from the 2017 squad. The annual Florida trip during spring break continues to grow with more Kiski Boys able to attend each season and additional competitors added to the schedule.

### VARSITY TRACK AND FIELD

With only a half dozen returning letter winners the coaches knew the spring track season would be challenging. Thankfully, the arrival of a few new athletes and the improvements made by some younger boys propelled the Cougars to another successful campaign. The team was able to post wins in five of seven dual meets and had strong individual performances in four large

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invitational meets. The Cougars were able to qualify twelve athletes for the State Championship Meet but, due to some late season injuries, only six were able to compete. Of those six, three earned All-State honors.

### VARSITY TENNIS

The Cougars started the season with only four veteran players and eight new recruits. The high points of the schedule were two Kiski wins over Franklin Regional. Those victories were the first over the Panthers in several years. The top seven Cougars represented Kiski well at the Hawken Tournament, defeating several skilled players. The team finished the tournament fifth overall. Kiski Tennis finished with a 5-4 record and a core of more experienced underclassmen that benefited from senior leadership and a season of stiff competition.

### FALL SPORTS 2017

### VARSITY GOLF

The golf team recently lost one of its most talented senior classes to graduation, leaving a much less experienced team to represent Kiski during the 2017 season. With that background considered, the Cougars enjoyed a fairly successful run that exceeded all reasonable expectations. Kiski tallied a 4-4 dual match record, and won the Westmoreland County Coaches Association Small School Division for the sixth time in the last seven years (and even beat three teams from the Large School Division). Kiski finished second in the Interstate Preparatory School League Championship ahead of rivals Western Reserve and Linsly, but behind Shady Side Academy. The team also finished ninth at the PAISAA Championship, and third in the Keystone Cup.

### VARSITY SOCCER

Kiski Soccer finished with a 9-6-2 record with a highly competitive schedule. The Cougars needed wins against Western Reserve and powerhouse Lake Forest Academy to clinch the Mid-West Classic title. After suffering close defeats early, the team seemed to find cohesion late, winning nine of its last eleven games. The strong close to the regular season lifted the Cougars to the eight-seed for the state tournament. After a convincing home win against Germantown to start the tournament, the top-seeded Hill School pulled away from the Cougars in the second half of the guarterfinals, ending Kiski's season.

### VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

The 2017 Kiski harrier roster consisted of an unusual collection of only freshmen and sophomores with virtually no previous experience in distance running. There was however a small group of tenth graders that did have one season under their belts, and they proved to be solid, productive leaders and competitors. The Cougars raced in seven invitational meets in seven different counties throughout the state and earned respectable finishes in all. The season ended with three runners finishing in the top fifty percent at the State Championships. The experience gained by the young men this fall will surely reap benefits in the future.

### VARSITY FOOTBALL

A full feature recap for Varsity Football is available on page 34.

- 1 Kiski Baseball celebrates a win.
- 2 Gabriel Velloso '18 outmaneuvers his Malvern defender.
- **3** Ramses Minaya '19 gets open.
- 4 Zac Lewis '17, Matt Wiechers '17, Hunter Dunlop '17 and Quinn Commandant '17.
- 5 JP Suozzi '20 tees off.



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# **UNDEFEATED COUGARS**

It had been just over 50 years since Kiski Football completed an undefeated season and over 60 since its last perfect season. On November 3, 2017, Kiski beat Linsly (9-2) 58-20, to finish their season with a flawless 9-0 record. The 1956 campaign was the last to conclude without the blemish of a single loss, finishing with an 8-0 record. In 1966, the Kiski Football quest for perfection was derailed by dusk. That team finished 6-0-1, with a tie against Western Reserve Academy. It simply became too dark to finish the game.

EJ Ferris '57 and Russ Swank '67 were in attendance to cheer on the current cougars with many of their teammates – relocated well beyond southwestern Pennsylvania – tuning in to watch the live stream. All were eager to witness history.

Linsly, riding a nine game winning streak, did not make the conquest as effortless as the final score may indicate. The Cadets took an early lead with a deceptive flea flicker touchdown. After falling behind, Linsly fought back within three points while maintaining possession for most of the third quarter. From that point, the Kiski defense held Linsly scoreless while converting on turnovers to widen the final margin of victory. When the last second elapsed, the capacity crowd roared and the students rushed their triumphant classmates at midfield while steam drifted up from the pack on the brisk night. That memory will surely be revisited during the many Kiski reunions ahead.

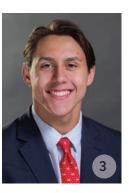
### 2017 Kiski Football

W 40-28 vs. Reigning Sports Academy W 33-26 at The Hill School W 47-42 at Mercersburg Academy W 20-6 vs. Western Reserve Academy W 54-14 vs. Perkiomen School W 22-6 vs. Wyoming Seminary W 49-21 at Academy of the New Church W 37-7 at Columbus Crusaders W 58-20 vs. The Linsly School





**66** It was a great pleasure to watch them go all the way with the big "W" against Linsly. We saw a beautiful win at a great school and were surrounded by a wonderful student body. Best of luck to these fine students and student athletes. **9** – EJ Ferris '57



**Co-captain, Jacob Fedell '17 on the defining moment of the season:** "For me the defining moment was against Mercersburg, it was an emotional come from behind win for the Centennial Cup."

On the final moments of the Linsly win: "To have all these people counting on you and to live up to the hype, it honestly felt like a dream."

On having members from the last undefeated Kiski teams at the game: "It means a lot that they were cheering us on. It's great to know that these guys still care about the School after what they had already done, and I hope they are proud."

- 1 The team celebrates after defeating The Linsly School.
- 2 EJ Ferris '57 and Russ Swank '67 members of Kiski's last undefeated Kiski football teams, watch as the 2017 Cougars join their exclusive ranks.
- 3 Co-captain, Jacob Fedell '17.



## Growth and Success Continue for the Kiski Lacrosse Program

The Varsity Lacrosse team entered the season looking to continue the success the program has enjoyed over the past three seasons. The Cougars, 55-21 during this time, have been highly ranked in the final Pennsylvania poll following two of the last three campaigns. Kiski once again played a schedule that provided maximum exposure and competition for our student-athletes. The Cougars played games in Canada, Indiana, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, West Virginia, and Virginia.

#### Six seniors advanced to compete for a NCAA Lacrosse Program:

Quinn Commandant - Rochester Institute of Technology (Div.III) Hunter Dunlop – Rochester Institute of Technology (Div.III) Ben Gardner – Hamilton College (Div.III) Peyton Manko – Mercyhurst College (Div.II) Wilson Smith – Montclair State University (Div.III) Matt Wiechers – Rochester Institute of Technology (Div.III)

The students joining the RIT Program will join three Kiski Alumni (Ben Tackett '14, Trevor Smyth '14, Zach Ursu '13). RIT has an 80-7 record over the last four seasons and competed at Gillette Stadium for the 2017 DIII NCAA Championship.

Christian Spahn '20 became the first athlete in Kiski history to be named to the Midwest team for the Under Armour All-American games. He started at long stick midfielder in the five games and also played close defense. This is an incredible feat, especially taking into account that Christian did this as a freshman.

At the capstone event of the season, the Midwest Scholastic Lacrosse Coaches Association (MSLCA) Tournament, the Cougars placed fourth out of sixteen extremely competitive teams. An even more impressive feat is that ten players from the team earned all-tournament accolades.

First Team All-Midwest: Quinn Commandant '17 Matthew DeGirolamo '18 Hunter Dunlop '17 TJ Spahn '18 Matthew Wiechers '17

Second Team All-Midwest: Honorable Mention: Ben Gardner '17 Wilson Smith '17

Caleb Commandant '20 Peyton Manko '17 Christian Spahn '20

Lacrosse continues to be one of the most successful and dominant sports at Kiski. In turn, the program continues to send athletes on to compete at the college level. Coach Spahn, now entering his 14th season as the Cougars head coach, will continue to prepare the young men of Kiski for the academic and athletic rigors that await them in college, while also providing them with one of the most challenging schedules on the east coast.

1 The lacrosse team celebrates their 15-4 Centennial Cup victory over Mercersburg.

#### Centennial Cup to Mercersburg

Kiski and Mercersburg added another volume to their 100-plus years of athletic rivalry. Each year, the school that accumulates the most team victories over its opponent wins the Centennial Cup. There were unforgettable highlights etched into the 2016-17 history of the yearlong competition, but Mercersburg finished with the Cup.

# The Kiski Athletic Hall

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. Nominations can be made online at Kiski.org/HoFnomination at any time during the year. Nominations must be received by the end of March in order to be considered for selection during the next Homecoming Weekend.



Scan the QR code above to make your 2018 nomination.

#### 2017 Hall of Fame Class

#### **Tom Maentz**



The notes accompanying Tom Maentz's senior portrait in the 1953 Kiski yearbook described him as "Kiski's All-American Boy... rated as one of the grid greats, whose competitive spirit is nonpareil... outstanding basketball player... destined for success both athletically and in his life's ambition." Mr. Maentz was indeed an athletic juggernaut for Kiski as a standout contributor in all aspects of football

play and on the basketball court. In basketball, he was the top offensive threat – scoring a Kiski record 39 points in one game – and also possessed remarkable rebounding prowess. He was perhaps known more for his football acumen. Mr. Maentz was a talented punter, receiver, and defender. His diverse talent helped him find fame with the University of Michigan before he was drafted 22<sup>nd</sup> overall by the Chicago Cardinals of the National Football League.



#### **Robert Fuellhart**

Before Mr. Fuellhart was a four-sport stud for Army's Black Knights in football, basketball, baseball, and lacrosse, he accomplished similar notoriety as a Kiski Boy, albeit with track replacing lacrosse. The Bob Mathias Award winner amassed 14 Kiski athletic letters. He was considered part of the basketball team's nucleus and is still ranked third all-time in the broad jump at the time of his Hall of Fame

induction. Kiski's 1958 Head Prefect extended his capacity of leadership to the athletic field as the captain of the Kiski and Army football teams. Lieutenant Fuellhart was killed in action in 1965 serving our country bravely in Vietnam.



#### **Brad Henry**

Brad "Killer" Henry, Class of 1974, was a dominant runner who may not have had the opportunity to excel were it not for concussions that ended his promising football career and the sage advice of a mentor. Headmaster Jack Pidgeon knew of Mr. Henry's running ability and recruited him for track and cross country after it was certain his time as a deft running back had abruptly concluded. He was an instant

success in cross country, tallying five wins his junior year and finishing first in all races but one his final year. As a senior track athlete, he tied the one-mile record and set the twomile record that remains at the time of his Hall of Fame induction. Mr. Henry won Kiski's William H. McKillop Award, the Bob Mathias Award, the Headmaster's Award, and the St. Andrew Society Award.



#### Jeff Urbany

Jeff Urbany, Class of 1980, was an athletically gifted Kiski Boy who left his mark as a football, wrestling, track and field, and baseball letter winner. Although Mr. Urbany played key roles on a pair of football Interstate Prep School League championship teams, he was best known for his skills on the wrestling mat. He won the National Prep Wrestling Championship at 189 pounds in 1979 and 1980, with the

latter title crowned a 27-0 season. Mr. Urbany was a senior captain for both football and wrestling at Kiski. He continued his high level of athletic achievement at Princeton University where he was the captain of the football team, and tallied three letters in football and four as a wrestler.



#### 1981 Golf Team

The 1981 Golf Team collected 19 wins before their only loss – by one point (using match play scoring) – during the last match of the season. Although their average margin of team victory was nearly two-dozen strokes per nine-hole contest, their phenomenal overall record included several matches that came down to the final hole. A recipe of team consistency mixed with individual heroics kept Kiski ahead of the competition through almost the entire season. Captain Arnold Cutrell paced the squad with a nine-hole average of 37 followed closely by Christopher Campisi (38), Michael Dowell (40), and Jon Taylor (41).



#### 1994 Track and Field Team

The undefeated Interstate Prep School League (IPSL) championship 1994 track and field team won each dual meet by an average score of 85 points. This was arguably the most complete and deepest team during a dominant decade for Kiski track and field. The 1994 squad won the IPSL championship by capturing titles in every field event and 11 of the 16 events overall. In doing so, Kiski scored more points than the other four teams combined. 1981 Varsity Golf Team Gene Arnold Christopher Campisi Arnold Cutrell Michael Dowell Philip Erickson Randall Faust Mark Miller Jon Taylor Michael Yurick Coach: Lee Crawford

Kiski	Opponent	Opp. Score
7	Hempfield	4
11	Greensburg Salem	0
7 1/2	Ford City	3 1/2
10 1⁄2	Taylor Allderdice	1/2
9	Taylor Allderdice	2
9	Swissvale	2
9	Kiski Area	2
11	Kiski Area	0
11	Valley	0
10	Franklin Regional	1
9	Riverview	2
9	Sewickley Academy	2
6	Shady Side Academy	5
11	Penn Hills	0
9	Taylor Allderdice	2
8	Taylor Allderdice	3
7 1/2	Sewickley Academy	3 1/2
7	Shady Side Academy	4
16	Sewickley Academy (18	holes) 0
5	Shady Side Academy	6

# Stephen Ames<br/>Brett Andree<br/>Michael Argyros<br/>John Boyle<br/>Leland Brewer<br/>Gabriel Cole<br/>Chad Corridoni<br/>Rich Donaldson<br/>Michael Fabricant<br/>Rob Frye<br/>Scott Funt<br/>James Greece<br/>Steve Heard<br/>Adam JohnIPSL) championshipImage: Color of the second se

#### Kiski Opponent **Opp. Score** 103 Homer Center 47 Greensburg Central Catholic 129 21 Ligonier Valley 115 35 105 Homer Center 45 135 **Bishop McCort** 15 35 115 Jeannette 15 135 WPSD 39 111 Johnstown 109 Mercersburg Academy 41

1994 Varsity Track and Field Team

Scott Kozub

Alex Kuzneski

Luke Latimer

Joe McCabe Micah McQuigg

Kevin Miller

Brian Murphy

Jason Musone

Mark O'Hara

Shintaro Ono

**B.J.** Pendleton

Masayoshi Nakai

Michael Mahle

James McWilliams

#### Harold Plance Zachary Podolinsky Angus Power Jack Quinn Ryan Ravenscroft Talbot Reiber Erik Rettger Jesse Richards Jason Rossi Reid Rotzler Randolph Scott Patrick Shannon Darren Silvis

**Bradley Perdriau** 

#### David Stitt Neal Sorek Andrew Strickland Yoshinori Wada Richard Worth Markos Xenakis Scott Young **Coaches:** Doug Yoder Dan Brown Wes Krawiec Dave Lane Cornelius Raiford

1<sup>st</sup> Place Fort Pitt Invitational 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Westmoreland County Championships 1<sup>st</sup> Place West Central Coaches Meet 1<sup>st</sup> Place I.P.S.L. Championships

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#### 1994 Football Team

The 1994 Football Team compiled a record of 7-1 while capturing the Interstate Prep School League Championship. Curtis Enis fueled the offense, averaging ten yards per carry, but Kiski needed a complete effort to convert that dominance into wins. It was the defense that stopped Linsly from scoring from within ten yards of the goal line three times to preserve that close victory against a powerful rival. Their sole loss to a physically superior Valley Forge Military Academy may have been their most impressive performance. The Cougars battled back from an early 0-14 deficit while holding the Trojans to 61 yards of offense the rest of the day. Eleven Cougars from this championship roster went on to play college football.

#### 1994 Varsity Football Team

Arash Arabasadi Clay Bain Ben Blystone Gabriel Cole Nathan Cole Matthew Confer Chad Corridoni Todd Donovan Curtis Enis James Greece Chris Hazlett Kevin Herrman

Hong Jhon Byron Kohut James Kunkle Matt Kurth Nick Liartis Greg Lignelli R.J. McGinnis James McWilliams Brian Murphy Seth Osikowicz B.J. Pendleton Scott Petiya

#### Thomas Pirosko Justin Powell Angus Power Jack Quinn Jeremy Rapp Aaron Ravenscroft Ryan Ravenscroft Leon Robinson Chad Skena Dan Stitt Craig Sutyak Gerald Sutyak

Andrew Swank Christopher Tosh Greg Tucciarone Jeremy Walker **Coaches:** Marcus Muster Bo Buran David DiOrio Tom Jessup Andy Muffley Rolly Young

Kiski	Opponent Opp. Sc	ore
20	William Penn Charter	6
42	Wyoming Seminary	13
36	Riverdale Baptist	15
44	Allegheny Academy	0
28	Western Reserve Academy	8
13	Linsly School	7
27	University School	7
12	Valley Forge Military Academy	14

National Letter of Intent Signing Day

On February 1, 2017, Kiski seniors gathered to sign their National Letters of Intent to continue their athletic careers on the college level. Over 30% of the Class of 2017 made commitments to compete for specific colleges. Kiski has a rich athletic tradition dating back to the very early days of the Kiskiminetas Spring School, when our football program would routinely defeat college freshman squads. This new group of Kiski Boys will represent our School proudly on the college level.

- 1 Coach Mark Orsatti (left) and Headmaster Brueningsen (right) flank Mark Goetz '17 as he signs his NLI to play golf at West Virginia University.
- 2 Coach Muster (left) and Headmaster Brueningsen (right) look on as Omar Ward '17 makes his commitment to play baseball at Canisius College.
- 3 Debbie and Bill Gardner '82 accompany Ben Gardner '17 while he makes his official commitment to play lacrosse at Hamilton College.



## Kiski Alumni Golf Tour

Kiski alumni graciously sponsored the Kiski golfers for a trio of unforgettable rounds this past fall. The "Kiski Alumni Golf Tour" started with an August stop at the scenic Somerset Country Club, made possible by John Jacob '89. After a challenging morning of golf, Mr. Jacob treated the boys to lunch when they had an opportunity to compare their best shots and learn from others that did not find their target.

Russ Swank '67 also hosted the team at the prestigious Oakmont Country Club in late August. The young golfers were treated to a session with the Head Oakmont Golf Instruction Professional, Mr. Devin Gee. They also benefited from the opportunity to use the TrackMan Golf Simulator, which provided video analysis of their swings. Mr. Spencer Mellon, a friend of Mr. Swank's who just happens to be making a bid to become a PGA professional, also visited with the team to impart some of his wisdom.

Later that season, the Kiski golfers enjoyed golfing at the pristine Sunnehanna Country Club on a gorgeous autumn day. That outing was made possible by John Ratini '76. Mr. Ratini hosted the golfers for dinner and shared his favorite Kiski memories, like using the Kiski Ski Slope created by longtime Kiski faculty member Jake Zeigler. The boys were also treated to a tour of the facility and memorabilia on display.

The team also found friendly faces in the crowd at the Keystone Cup held at the Sam Snead Course at The Greenbrier in West Virginia. Dan Ream '91, Jason Ream '90, and Mark Goetz '17 (a freshman on the West Virginia University golf travel team) joined the Kiski golfers. The Kiski athletic teams are thankful for the robust support provided near and far by the widespread community of Kiski parents and alumni.

- 1 Mark Orsatti and Dan Ream '91.
- 2 Steve Szilagyi '88, John Ratini '76, and Mark Orsatti at the Sunnehanna Country Club.
- 3 Mark Orsatti, Patrick Jacob '20, Russ Swank '67, and J.P. Suozzi '20.
- 4 Kiski Golfers Kiski golfers: Nick Darrington '20, Patrick Jacob '20, Caleb Leechalk '21, J.P. Suozzi '20, Mark Boyd '18, Zander Szilagyi '21, John Jacob '18, and Coach Mark Orsatti.









### ADVANCEMENT AND FUNDRAISING NEWS



Kiski hosted its annual Legacy Luncheon for current students in the Swank Student Center on October 19, 2017. The annual event is designed to acknowledge and celebrate all alumni legacy students and brothers at Kiski. Delicious cheeseburgers and fries were available for the boys to enjoy for lunch. In addition, the boys were able to take in homemade cheesecake for dessert – one of their favorite desserts at Kiski. Even after the graduation of a large group of legacy boys in the Class of 2017, Kiski managed to eclipse a record set just last year with 58 legacy boys currently enrolled.

Class photos were taken of the boys in attendance. Associate Headmaster for Institutional Advancement, Steve Szilagyi '88, welcomed the legacy boys and brothers and talked to them about the ongoing importance of the legacy program at Kiski. He also thanked the students and their parents for choosing Kiski for their education and explained how Kiski alumni and the legacy program continue to have such a positive and powerful impact on Kiski, the campus, and the School's educational mission. Mr. Szilagyi also congratulated the legacy boys on getting off to such a good start this academic year.



A record 58 legacy boys are enrolled at Kiski for the 2017-18 school year.
 Patrick Jacob '20 and Ronan McGouran '21 make their way through the buffet line.

## **Class of 2017 Inducted as Kiski Alumni**

The Kiski Office of Alumni and Advancement formally welcomed the members of the Class of 2017 as Kiski alumni during their annual Alumni Induction Dinner on May 17. The gathering marked the fourth occurrence of a new tradition when imminent graduates are encouraged to stay connected with Kiski for their own benefit and for the good of their School.

The senior class met in the Swank Student Center for an exclusive meal and a glimpse of the treatment they should expect as alumni. Coats and ties were replaced with Kiski Casual attire. The class was let in on the strategic vision for their School by Headmaster Chris Brueningsen. Mr. Brueningsen reminded them that they should always consider Kiski their home, even if decades from now a student has to inform them that their dorm they are looking for has been razed and replaced. The campus will evolve, but their place with Kiski is held and secure in perpetuity.

Associate Headmaster for Institutional Advancement, Steven Szilagyi '88, spoke of the strength of the alumni network that consists of Kiski Boys that will gladly help their alumni brothers with job searches, moves to a new area, and other advice. The seniors only need to stay connected and ask. Mr. Szilagyi also introduced a tribute video filled with photos from their time at Kiski and well-wishes extended by the faculty and staff.

The keynote speaker was August Luptak '13, a Kiski Head Prefect who shared what they should expect during their transition from Kiski to college. Mr. Luptak touted the advantages in preparation that they will recognize but that they will also encounter new hurdles that they should embrace. He then discussed his next transition, graduating from Carnegie Mellon to start a job with Leerink Partners, a healthcare-focused investment bank, in New York City this July. An alumnus from that area passed along housing and dining advice for his new home, and Mr. Luptak provided that as an example of the strength of the Kiski alumni community.

The long "goodbye for now" was well underway for the Class of 2017, but they left the dinner knowing for certain that frequent returns are encouraged and anticipated optimistically. We will celebrate their triumphs, and they – as with all alumni – should feel included when reveling in the achievements of the Kiski Boys following in their footsteps. Some things about their home away from home will change, but its status as such never will.









- Cully Colantino, Edward Rudick, Tim Price, James Williams, TJ Usher and Ben Gardner enjoy the sliders and sundaes.
- 2 John Lomardo with featured alumnus speaker Augie Luptak '13.
- **3** Headmaster Brueningsen presents the group's first alumni update.
- 4 The Class of 2017 takes in the presentation.



- 1 Headmaster Brueningsen, Joe Suozzi, and Joe Ross.
- 2 Tom Reiling '85, John Wiegand '85, and Joe Garcia '85.
- 3 Steve Szilagyi '88, Tara Szilagyi, and Carl Kalnow '68.
- 4 Susan Wilkes, Ted Wilkes, and Frank Bowers.
- 5 Lysle Brinker '81, Susan Kelly, Dean Mosites '72, and Claudia Pessagno.
- 6 Steve Szilagyi '88, and Rob Boulware '82.
- 7 Patrick Sells '00, Layne Baggett, Clayton Zelazowski '99, Sebastian Correa '98, Alejandrina Correa, Ben Schweikert '98, and Kathleen Schweikert.

## **ALUMNI EVENT**

#### Kiski Event at Carnegie Museum of Art in Pittsburgh, PA

Each year, The Kiski School invites members of the Kiski family to a regional event in Pittsburgh. This year, the gathering was held at the Carnegie Museum of Art. The setting was unique, exciting, and inspirational, complete with access to the Heinz and Forum Galleries.

Associate Headmaster for Institutional Advancement, Steve Szilagyi '88, welcomed the large group of alumni, parents of current boys, past parents, alumni, faculty, and friends of the School to share in the excitement of recent Kiski triumphs. He thanked everyone for their loyal and generous financial support of The Kiski Fund and the special campus improvement projects made possible by the ongoing Capital Campaign. Steve also thanked everyone for their continued support of the School's Alumni Legacy Admission Program and external outreach on behalf of the School and the Institutional Advancement Program.

Headmaster Chris Brueningsen shared an engaging and spirited presentation about Kiski. It included noteworthy highlights from the first quarter of the school year including positive remarks about the first "undefeated season" in Varsity Football since 1956. Chris also shared an update outlining the final segment of the School's "Leadership for the 21st Century" Capital Campaign that is focused on raising funds for the new Science and Engineering Center. The current Capital Campaign has so far enabled close to \$30 million in new money raised to be fully dedicated to campus improvements, new educational programs, and the endowment.

Photos of the recently updated and expanded Vlahos Hall, Hoag Hall, and the new McDonald Pond projects elicited enthusiastic cheers from the crowd. News that over \$1 million has already been raised for the Zeigler Science and Engineering Center, new faculty housing, and the Turley Dining Hall projects was also met by ovation. Guests were also treated to a wonderful musical performance by the Kiski choir and the Kiski band.

Memories were shared between classmates, and common connections were made across the many Kiski generations represented by the attendees. Long-standing Kiski friendships were renewed and celebrated, and new Kiski friendships were created. Kiski has enjoyed 130 years filled with reasons to celebrate and it is always an honor to do so with the people and supporters who continue to steward and sustain Kiski and the School's important educational mission.





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- 3 Joe Suozzi, Mark Marsula, Deena Marsula, and Barbara Marsula.
- 4 Chad McCutcheon '00, Aubrey McCutcheon, and Nathan McCutcheon '03.
- 5 Bob Sands '76, Jim Moore '71, and Steve Szilagyi '88.
- 6 Ann Regan, David DeSimone '93, and Greg Lignelli '95.
  7 Mark Bezilla, Roslyn Smith, and Charlene Hester.
  8 Art Hayes '67 and Jill Hayes.

- 9 Scott Mears and Steve Schwartz.
- **10** Dick Kneedler '61 and Mike Hoag '80.
- Dave DeSimone '76, Ann Regan, Dan Regan '94, and Dave Harouse '82.
   Geri Lombardo, Joe Garcia '85, Kyle Webb '86, and John Lombardo.
   Tim Lewis '72, Jim Scott '02, Jamie Scott, and Duff McCrady '61.

## ALUMNI EVENT Denver and Vail, CO

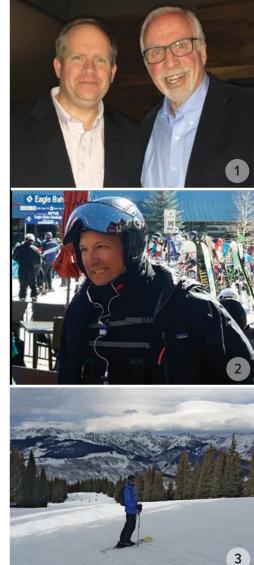
On Thursday, March 1, 2017, The Kiski School held a special gathering at Coohills Restaurant in Denver, Colorado for alumni, current and past parents, and supporters of the School. This wonderful event was generously hosted by alumnus, Class Captain, Trustee, and Kiski parent, Kyle H. Webb '86.

Headmaster Chris Brueningsen and Associate Headmaster for Institutional Advancement Steve Szilagyi '88 were in attendance to give the group personal updates about Kiski, the ongoing success of the alumni legacy admission program, and the continued successful implementation of the School's current \$31 million Capital Campaign which has been raising capital investments directly supporting dorm renovations and expansions, campus improvement projects, curricular advances and innovations, student scholarships, the newly added indoor and outdoor athletic facilities, and the School's endowment.

Mr. Brueningsen and Mr. Szilagyi supplied the group with current information about the new Leadership Institute for Boys at Kiski as well as the recently launched fundraising project specifically focused on creating the new Zeigler Science and Engineering Center at Kiski. In addition, during the event in Denver, Kyle Webb shared a personal, positive, and engaging update with the group from his unique perspective as an alumnus, Class Captain, Trustee, and parent of Cameron Webb '17. Kyle reported to the group that he was pleased with his son's experience at Kiski, proud to be positively connected with the School at this exciting time, happy to be playing a part in Kiski's current renaissance, and upbeat about the School's prospects for the future.

On Saturday, March 3, 2017 the group gathered together to enjoy a warm, sun-filled, and "blue sky" day of skiing on the beautiful slopes of Vail, Colorado. Rick Case '86 and Kyle Webb '86 continue to be exceptional skiers and as such they stepped up to be the official "ski leaders" for the Kiski outing. Rick and Kyle expertly led the Kiski ski group on many gorgeous, leg-burning, and exciting runs.

At the end of the day of skiing, when everyone in the group was ready for some rest and relaxation, Rick and Christine Case graciously hosted an enjoyable gathering for all at their place in Vail. Steve Szilagyi '88, and his son, Zander '21, were in attendance and supplied the group with updates about the continued success of Kiski's admission and advancement programs as well as the new and exciting Leadership Institute for Boys, and the School's campus renovations and continued progress. A great time was had by all in Denver and in Vail, Colorado.







Kiski Boys from Valley School (I. to r.): Skylar Shallenberger '20, T.J. Spahn '18, Wyatt Gillespie '18, Christian Spahn '20, Joseph Chappie '18, Aidan Gillespie '19, Alex Gardner '21, Caleb Leechalk '21, and Zack Hegedus '18.

## The Kiski Fund

**Thank you** for your support of The Kiski Fund. Parents of alumni, current parents, alumni, faculty, Trustees, Class Captains, members of the Board of Visitors, staff, friends of Kiski and even students participated in last year's Kiski Fund (between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017). A flurry of donations on the last day helped us to surpass our goal by 5% for a final total of \$543,707. That is a remarkable total that we could not have attained without combining support from all giving levels.

The Andrew Wilson Leader	rship 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 Ambassador Club	\$500 – \$999
Patron Club	
Loyalty Club	
Donor Club	
1888 Young Alumni Club	\$18.88

#### Kiski Fund Participation Matters on ALL Levels

Our donors give at whatever amount matches their desire to support Kiski with their individual financial capacities. Gifts of all sizes are seen as votes of confidence in Kiski's ability to achieve its mission. Therefore, participation in the annual fund (on any level) will encourage others to support whether they are fellow parents, classmates, or foundations.

#### **Kiski's Annual 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. 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, many 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 the proficiencies they will need to survive and thrive in college and beyond.

## Why Give?

As an independent non-profit school, we rely on charitable contributions to pay for budgeted expenses that are not covered by tuition revenue. Alumni may give to support the Kiski Boys following in their footsteps like the alumni that contributed generously while they were students. We are fortunate that our tradition of philanthropy also includes parents that give beyond tuition to support their sons' experiences, and others that give even after their Boys' graduations to sustain Kiski for new generations.

#### How Can You Make a Gift?

■ Online: at Kiski.org/GiveOnline

■ Recurring Payments: The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Society consists of donors that set up monthly recurring credit card gifts online. This allows them to spread out their donation over an entire fiscal year. This budget friendly approach may increase their capacity to give compared to a onetime gift. Recurring payments can be established for up to 36 months. Sign up online at 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 or 724-639-8029.

■ Gifts of Securities or IRA Charitable Rollovers: Consult your financial advisors to take full advantage of the tax savings available.



## **Kiski's Class Captains**

Class Captains are the leaders of Kiski's alumni outreach network. Their most important objective is to extend the School's welcoming invitation for alumni involvement. Occasional letters, calls, emails, and texts allow them to pass along updates from campus and collect new contact information that will allow Kiski to reach even the most distant members of the Kiski alumni community.

Once the Class Captains are able to inform their classmates on the triumphs of the current Kiski Boys and faculty building on their own successes, the School can earn their support in many forms. Class Captains solicit constructive feedback that often influences strategic planning as well as investments in The Kiski Fund and more specific fundraising initiatives like the ongoing *Leadership for the 21*<sup>st</sup> *Century Capital Campaign*. They make thoughtful suggestions for Career Day presenters and other mentors for our current Boys. Class Captains also identify exceptional young men for enrollment at Kiski.

The positive influence of our alumni leaders is most evident during milestone reunions. Class Captains take on a more active role in drawing classmates back to Saltsburg for Reunion Weekend every fifth year. Additional class volunteers typically step forward to join reunion outreach committees, and their recent results have been phenomenal. Alumni from all eras have returned to recall fond Kiski memories and share updates concerning their journeys since they moved on to college and life.

Each Kiski class is unique but common traditions, beliefs, and instilled traits have spanned the 129-plus years of the School's existence. Kiski is strengthened greatly by alumni involvement, and Class Captains are the catalysts of that symbiotic relationship. Promoting the sustainment of Kiski helps the School to attract the finest young men for admission. Those students are well supported as they are challenged to live up to the standards set by our alumni, thereby advancing the fine reputation established by the 129 classes of Kiski Boys who make up our alumni ranks.

Our newest Class Captains were formally welcomed to the leadership 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.

Kiski's Office of Advancement is proud to announce the Class Captains for the Class of 2017. Pictured above (from left to right) are: Divine Buckrham, Quinn Commandant, George Davison, Arturo Cardona, Benjamin Gardner, Thomas Rubino Jr., Joseph Lehman, Chengye Xiang, Omar Ward, and Chi Zhang. Please join us in congratulating these fine young men!

#### THANK YOU to all of our Class Captains for your help and guidance during the 2016-17 year!

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#### The Kiski School Bestows the 9th Annual Will's Gift Award to Michael Walsh, Sculptor



*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.

Michael Walsh was born in Pittsburgh, PA and has lived and worked throughout North America including Toronto, ON; Miami, FL; and Oakland, CA. He presently lives and works in Pittsburgh, PA where he has founded an artist-run sculpture studio. He is a catalyst, having ignited an ongoing discourse concerning the history of metal sculpture and modern industrial and digital processes. As a pioneer of the Graffiti Sculpture movement, Michael has worked tirelessly over the past two decades to develop both his work and the Movements Forward Trajectory. He has exhibited these works throughout North America and Europe, including The Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, PA; The National Archaeological Museum in Florence, Italy; Burning Man in Black Rock City, NV; and The Art Gallery of Ontario Toronto, ON. In 2014, he attended the Digital Stone Residency in Tuscany, Italy. His work is both part of private collections and on permanent exhibition publicly. It has been featured in Architectural Digest, MakeZine, and in The History of American Graffiti by Roger Gastman and Caleb Neelon.

#### 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 nearly \$3 million in financial aid for our School during that time. Each year Kiski supporters who own a PA business, or possess influence over the charitable giving of that company, compete with scholarship organizations throughout PA for the \$135 million in tax credits made available through the Commonwealth's EITC program. The funds are typically exhausted on the same day applications go live (July 2, 2018 this year) on the EITC web site www.newpa.com/eitc. Due to the immense popularity of the EITC program, applications that have been submitted after the first day they are accepted have been denied for the last several years.

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

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To learn more about the EITC program, please contact Steven T. Szilagyi '88 at 724-639-8028 or Steven.Szilagyi@kiski.org

## **Kiski's Board of Visitor's Meeting**

The Kiski Board of Visitors was created eight years ago to involve engaged and supportive alumni in the strategic advancement of Kiski's mission. Members discuss important issues directly related to Kiski's growth - alumni engagement, academic curriculum, admissions, school finances, fundraising, and our athletic offerings. Their thoughtful feedback sharpens our approach. Meanwhile, their immersion in our planning process empowers advocates who are eager to share Kiski updates with fellow alumni and prospective Kiski Boys seeking an unmatched education.

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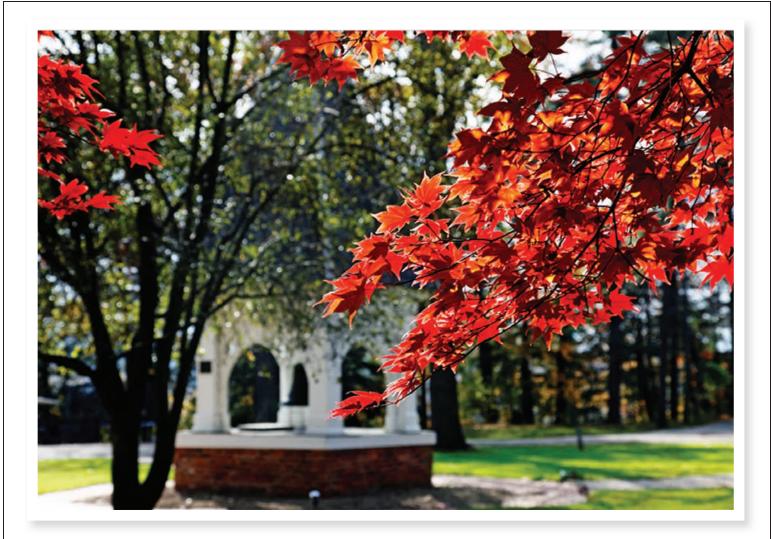
## Board of Tustees Golf Event 18 Recap

The second annual Kiski Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Kiski Board of Trustees, was held on October 9, 2017. The skies cleared long enough for the alumni, parents and corporate sponsors to enjoy a rainfree round of golf at the Pittsburgh Field Club. While awards were distributed for the lowest scores and skills prizes, the true winners were the Kiski Boys. The Trustees covered all event expenses so that 100% of the \$38,937 raised that day was applied to financial aid for Kiski Boys.

The golfers enjoyed a challenging course surrounded by majestic fall southwestern Pennsylvania scenery. From the higher elevations of the grounds, you could see miles of rolling hills stretching to the horizon. The breathtaking visuals were matched by the delicious meals the club served before and after play.

During dinner, Headmaster Christopher Brueningsen provided updates covering the first quarter of the school year. Mr. Steven T. Szilagyi '88, Associate Headmaster for Institutional Advancement, concluded the day by echoing the Headmaster in thanking the attendees for their support of Kiski Boys through their participation in the outing.

Please mark your calendars for **Monday, October 15, 2018** for the next Kiski Golf Outing. For inquiries or to reserve a foursome email advancement@kiski.org.



## THE TOWER SOCIETY

An increasing number of alumni, parents and friends of our School have inquired about designating Kiski as a beneficiary in their estate plans or wills. The Tower Society consists of individuals that have made those commitments known to Kiski. Members demonstrate remarkable foresight in ensuring their legacy through a planned gift.

Gifts through the Tower Society generally include trusts, life and other insurance policies, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Charitable Lead Trusts, IRA Charitable Rollovers, and additional funds which enable you to structure a gift to maximum tax and financial benefit.

To learn about planned giving and becoming a member of The Tower Society, please contact Steven T. Szilagyi '88, Associate Headmaster for Institutional Advancement at 724-639-8029 or steven.szilagyi@kiski.org.

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## **Kiski Fund Parent Committee**

The Kiski Fund Parent Committee promotes the benefits of parent participation in The Kiski Fund. The Kiski Fund supports the annual operating budget that includes all aspects of their sons' Kiski experiences. The Kiski Fund is already factored into this year's budget and is relied upon to fulfill current operating expenses. Tuition covers the majority of those expenses, but as a non-profit independent school Kiski relies on charitable gifts from the entire community to close the gap between tuition revenue and the actual cost to educate each Kiski Boy.

Additionally, parent giving sends an encouraging message of confidence in the Kiski mission to foundations, and other donors who are considering their own support of the School. The recent percentages of parents that participated in The Kiski Fund (on any level), has been referenced positively by many of the foundations that have contributed over \$10 million total to Kiski over the last decade.

#### Thank You to Our Parent Committee Members for 2016 – 2017:

- Class of 2017 Representatives: Mrs. Carla and Mr. Brian Goetz, parents of Andrew '14 and Mark Goetz '17; Mrs. Jeanne Rudick, mother of Edward Rudick '17; Mrs. Aimee Usher, mother of TJ Usher '17
- Class of 2018 Representatives: Mrs. Lisa Hegedus, mother of Zack Hegedus '18; Mrs. Danielle Kcehowski, mother of Kevin '15 and Jason Kcehowski '18
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- Class of 2020 Representatives: Mrs. Cheryl and Mr. Neil Pettes '88, parents of Dylan '20 and Ryan Pettes '20; Mrs. Deena Marsula, mother of Mark '14 and Max Marsula '20

We are thankful that all of our returning committee members have agreed to continue volunteering for the 2017 – 18 academic year. We would also like to welcome:

 Class of 2021 Representatives: Mrs. Amber Leechalk, mother of Caleb Leechalk '21; Mrs. Abby and Prof. Michael Legaspi, parents of Cato Legaspi '21

## **Celebration of Giving**

We are fortunate to have hundreds of supporters contributing what they can to propel our School forward each year. The following individuals and couples have supported Kiski for 20 consecutive years or more (listed alphabetically):

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## *John Wiegand '85* Still Drawing on Kiski Inspiration

During an art class in 1982, teacher Mr. Jim Nagle challenged John, a sophomore at the time, to draw something familiar to him. That assignment was the start of a lifelong passion for drawing. Wiegand created a colored pencil piece named "The Bunk," of a scene he encountered daily in the Kiski dorms. Mr. Nagle surprised him by entering the piece in the 1982 Kiski Valley Art Guild spring competition and "The Bunk" took second place.

Aided by Mr. Nagle's tutelage, Wiegand explored different art mediums including marker and linoleum prints. He continued developing his craft at Edinboro University and entered the graphic design field after finishing his studies.

Eventually, Wiegand left his graphic design position and rediscovered his enjoyment of drawing while taking on projects beyond his day job. His supervisor noticed his artistic abilities and asked him to create scenes of dogs in different seasons for his daughter's dog boutique. Later he fashioned landscapes surrounding Mt. Kilimanjaro, and iconic sights in Pittsburgh. Each drawing takes about 50 hours to finish, working a couple hours at a time since the technique requires focus that can be stressful to the artist's eyes. Additional examples of Wiegand's freehand works can be found at FineArtAmerica.com.

1 The Bunk

- 2 Kauffman Clock
- 3 His Backward Glance

## **Reunion 2017**

Kiski hosted Reunion Weekend on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> for one of the largest groups of alumni to return for the celebration. Knowing it would be nearly impossible for each class to return in great numbers every year, the drive for attendance is focused on classes that have reached a five-year increment of their graduation. This year, although the focus was on graduates from classes ending in 2 and 7, there were guests representing many years in between. All eras were represented and many stories were shared regarding what has changed and what remains the same with their beloved Kiski.

As in the past, the great response can be directly attributed to volunteers from all classes that made phone calls, sent texts and emails, and even built social media platforms dedicated solely to drawing their classmates back for the party. That effort for most started last summer. The investment of time was proven well worth while once everyone was reunited for a short but memorable gathering.

Our guests enjoyed a number of activities during a busy Saturday morning. Some used a laser cutter to etch custom Kiski mason jars. Others constructed phone speaker amplifiers, or created custom jewelry. A golf clinic was offered before a large group of alumni took to the Kiski course on a picturesque day. Neill Andritz '86 led another group of kayakers courageously down a fast flowing Kiskiminetas River. Ed Denny '77 shared his passion for biking by leading a late-morning tour through the Saltsburg trails. Impromptu and scheduled tours of our continually evolving campus were offered throughout the day and night. As always, some simply enjoyed the company of friends, rehashing old memories, and catching up at the Swank Student Center during the day.

The highlight of the day was once again the cocktail hour and Kiski banquet. Kiski brothers and their families packed the student center to hear Headmaster Chris Brueningsen's brief update covering recent Kiski triumphs and plans for the near future. Associate Headmaster, Steven T. Szilagyi '88, followed those remarks by presenting awards to the farthest traveling alumni. Father-son combination, Jeff '80 and Cooper '12 Urbany, made the longest trek from Santa Cruz, Ca.





#### Opposite page

- 1 Jonathan Draper '07, Brittany Draper, Zach Barbieri '07, Paul Schwartz '07 and guest, Tom Caruso '07, Becca Shine, Alex Ford '07, and Ben Gloser '07.
- 2 Marty Wolfson, Dave Wolfson '61, Bryant Mason '62, Roger Kishman '62, Steve Williams '62, John Ratcliff '62, and Jim Coleman '62.
- 3 Jim Greece '97, Russ Meier '97, Carl Adams '76, and Andy Scott '85.
- 4 Ed Denny '77 and Chris Chalko '77.
- 5 Kerry O'Malley '82, Mark Orsatti, Kristine O'Malley, Arnie Cutrell '82, and Keith Gmiter '82.

#### This page

- 1 Scott Kerschbaumer '87, Frank Bowers, Steve Szilagyi '88, Zander Szilagyi '21.
- **2** Letitia Goodman and John Goodman '57.
- 3 Russ Meier '97, Sean Edington '97, Jim Greece '97, Ray Prushnock '97, Austin Mann '97, Uthan Pillai '97 and Hugh Gallagher '97.
- 4 Roger Kishman '62.
- 5 Walt McPhail '51, Headmaster Brueningsen, and Frank Urbany '51.

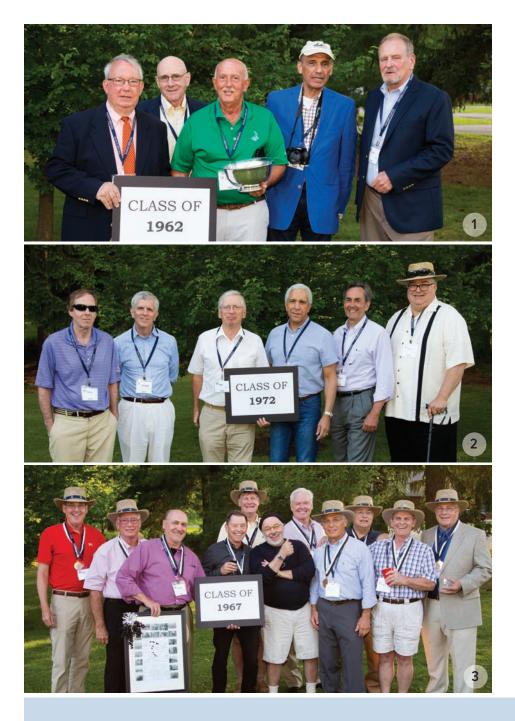
Oscar Galo '82 was also recognized for a notable second-longest journey made from Nicaragua. The eldest alumni visiting – or "most experienced" as we like to say – were Frank Urbany '51 and Walter McPhail '51.

The Class of 1967 was recognized for their commendable turnout in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Class of 1962 raised the Headmaster's Cup triumphantly as they were recognized for the highest participation in The Kiski Fund – an annual competition between classes celebrating milestone reunions. All reunion alumni were thanked for over \$135,000 that they raised for the current Kiski Fund drive that ended on June 30, 2017. Praise of all was extended for the astounding \$1.7mil total that has been raised through The Kiski Fund, Capital Campaigns, and other restricted gifts since the current fiscal year started on July 1, 2016.

The highest honor Kiski can bestow upon an alumnus – the School's Distinguished Alumnus Award – was given to Walter McPhail '51. Chairman of the Kiski Board of Trustees, John Jacob '89, read a citation noting Mr. McPhail's accomplishments before Headmaster Brueningsen and Steven Szilagyi presented him with a crystal award with the crowd supplying a raucous cheer.

The classes proceeded to take group photos before reuniting under the tent for a delicious meal and live music. Many transitioned slowly from their tables to gather near the bonfire for additional stories, or back to the student center to see game three of the Stanley Cup Finals. Time elapses too quickly during these special assemblies and it felt all too soon when the Saltsburg's Canal Day fireworks launched as guests watched from the Class of 1962 Outdoor Classroom.

The campus was quiet and peaceful by mid-Sunday, and we instantly renewed our hopes for another successful Reunion Weekend in June of 2018. The Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations will build reunion outreach committees for the 2018 reunion. Years ending in 3 and 8 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 sincerely welcomed. Please contact the Advancement Office at advancement@kiski.org or by calling 724-639-8029.



## Kiski's Reunion Giving

Kiski's Reunion Giving tradition provided another strong boost to The Kiski Fund in its eighth year of existence. Reunion Giving refers to our encouragement of alumni to renew, increase or begin their support of The Kiski Fund during their milestone reunions celebrated in five-year increments from graduation. During the 2016-17 Kiski Fund drive, classes ending in 2 and 7 increased their total gift by a remarkable 27% compared to their last milestone reunion in 2012. The number of participants in The Kiski Fund from those same classes also grew by 10% over that span.

The individual milestone class with the highest percentage of participation in The Kiski Fund before the Kiski Reunion Weekend banquet is awarded the Reunion Giving Cup. The Class of 1962 hoisted the Cup during the 2017 Reunion Weekend awards ceremony, with a class participation rate of 55%. Additionally, the Class of 1972 notably raised more for the 2016-17 Kiski Fund than any other class (\$35,250). Many from that class celebrated their 45<sup>th</sup> reunion by making their biggest-ever gifts to The Kiski Fund.

This year classes ending in 3 and 8 are vying for the Reunion Giving Cup that will be awarded during Reunion Weekend on June 2, 2018. Bragging rights are on the line as the Class of 1988 seeks a repeat Cup winning performance of 2013, and the other reunion classes look to start their own streak. As always, our current Kiski Boys directly benefit from this philanthropic competition since every Kiski Fund dollar raised is applied to the greatest operating budget need. Therefore, The Kiski Fund Reunion Giving competition supports every aspect of the Kiski experience and each Boy following in the footsteps of the thoughtful alumni who support them.

#### **REUNION GIVING CUP WINNERS:**

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

Reunion Weekend	Reunion Cup Winning Class	
2017	1962	
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>	1962	23	
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>	1972	\$32,250
40 <sup>th</sup>	1970	\$19,335
35 <sup>th</sup>	1972	\$14,200
30 <sup>th</sup>	1986	\$17,025
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** 







#### Opposite page

- 1 Celebrating their 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion: John Ratcliff, Steve Williams, Roger Kishman, Bryant Mason and Jim Coleman.
- 2 Celebrating their 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion: Marc Robertshaw, George Davis, Jan McCoy, Tim Lewis, Peter Smith and Bob Spraker.
- 3 Celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion: (Front) Ted Barrett, Art Hayes, Victor Balest, Doug Niel, Scott Frank, John Weightman, Gary Andy, Herbert Denny, (Back) Bill Lauppe, Russ Swank, David Gregg.

#### This page

- 1 Roger Kishman accepts the Reunion Giving Cup for the Class of 1962.
- 2 Celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion: (Standing): Oscar Galo, Arnie Cutrell, Kerry O'Malley, Bill Gardner, Keith Gmiter, David Harouse, George Davison, (Kneeling): Marc Weaver, and Bob Sheesley.
- 3 (Seated): Doug Niel '67, Tamas Szilagyi, Scott Frank '67, Alec Mellon '66, Herbert Denny '67, (Standing): Gary Andy '67, Lisa Niel, and John Weightman '67.
- 4 Jennifer Astolos, Mike Astolos '02, Robert Seibel '02, and Mameaw Seibel.
- 5 Alex Hart and Ken Hart.
- ${\rm 6} \quad {\rm Celebrating \ their \ 30^{th} \ Reunion: \ Scott \ Kerschbaumer, \ Bill \ Kendall, \ and \ Andrew \ Roth.}$
- 7 Celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion: Jesse Richards, Jeremy Walker, Dan Slavek, Mike Bradley, Russ Meier, Jim Greece, Uthan Pillai, Hugh Gallagher, Austin Mann, Sean Edington, Ray Prushnock, and Chad Corridoni.
- 8 Celebrating their 15<sup>th</sup> Reunion: Joe Rogel, Jim Scott, Steve Schwinghammer, Mike Astolos, Robert Seibel, and Adam Taylor.
- 9 Celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion: Rawd McDanel, David Currie, Joe Topel, Ed Denny, Chris Chalko, with Carl Adams '76.
- 10 Celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> Reunion: Patrick Macaluso, Alex Ford, Paul Schwartz, Ben Tower, Jonathan Draper, Rodney Nelson, Zach Barbieri, Tom Caruso, Ben Gloser, and Andrew Bowers.

## **CLASS NOTES**



## **1940**s



Members of one of the *original* Kiski legacy families, **Jeff Moore '77** celebrated his father, **Don Moore's '45** 90<sup>th</sup> birthday recently. They are descendants of **Barclay Moore '01**...as in *1901*!

## **1960**s

Retiree **Phil Wescott '61** completed another graduate degree in Liberal Studies simply for the joy of learning. Phil teaches art and health policy courses at the University of Delaware Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and is active with several other local organizations as a board member and donor. Besides occasional visits to Pittsburgh, Phil and his wife, Judy, travel frequently to visit their three children and several grandchildren.



Steve Szilagyi '88 (left) and Frank Bowers (right) from Kiski enjoyed a great day of golf in Ligonier, PA with alumni and long-term supporters of the School: Carl Kalnow '68 and Terry Slease '64 (second and third from left).



First, a mystery... a friend of Greg Lignelli '95 sent him this picture from the Diego Riveras Studio in Mexico City. Does anyone know the Kiski Boy in this photo? Let us know at alumni.office@kiski.org

Steve Szilagyi '88 and Zander Szilagyi '21 enjoyed visiting and golfing with alumnus, trustee, and long-term Kiski supporter Carl Kalnow '68 at Cincinnati Country Club. Steve and Carl were able to talk through next steps for Phase III of the School's Capital Campaign and important planning ideas for the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> year reunion (June, 2018) for Carl's Kiski Class of 1968.

**Andy Brody '68** is retired and presently serving as a volunteer performing administrative functions at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, KY, where he is a member. He also is a proud grandfather of five amazing grandchildren.



On January 19, 2017, President Barack Obama reappointed **Sam Gordon '68** (third from left) to a five-year term to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Council.

Neil Sapienza '68 and his cousin Joe Paladino, who taught at Kiski in the late 70's and early 80's met up with Mark Orsatti in Ligonier. Neil and Joe visited former Kiski faculty members Tamas and Brigitta Szilagyi earlier that day.

## **1970**s



Jeff Wieser '70 celebrated his birthday with family in style, wearing his Kiski t-shirt.



Frank Bowers (third from left) hosted a group of Kiski faithful during a summer Admission Office trip to Houston. He was joined by (left to right): Lisa Early, Bill Bower '73, Adam Reeves '89, Mark Schmidt '74, Lee Dudinsky '71, Holland Gilmore '76, and Maryann Taghadosi.

AJ Kreimer '71 was awarded the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. The honor is granted to Eagle Scouts who, after 25 years, have distinguished themselves in their life's



work and who have shared their talents with their communities on a voluntary basis.

#### Dr. C. Augustus "Gus" Martin '73 is

entrenched in Los Angeles, CA with hounds Max and Frankie while his wife Jane commutes to Plano, TX as a Vice President with Toyota. Gus resumed his career as a member of the Criminal Justice Administration faculty at



California State University after 10 years in administration. The Martins' daughter, Sarah, is finishing her residency at Temple University hospital. Their son, Jonathan, started a career in finance after retiring from the National Football League. Gus is looking forward to his 45<sup>th</sup> Kiski reunion in June.

**Dr. Mendel E. Brookner '76**, has been a practicing Chiropractor in South Florida for the past 21 years. His wife Pamela is his office manager. His son Jesse graduated from Florida State University last May 2017 and was accepted into the Doctor of Osteopathy program at Lincoln Memorial University in northern Tennessee. Mendel welcomes messages from his classmates at BrooknerChiropractic.com.



David Currie '77 was welcomed by Jim DiMarzio '77 while he was visiting the west coast.



Tad Imbrie '77 and Charlie Diez '77 met up for the first time in over 40 years in December.



Dean Marra '77 competed in the Super Senior vintage moto in Mid-Ohio. Classmate Tad Imbrie '77 was there to support his friend.

John Hannibal '77 created a startup, building a simple radio for people living with Alzheimer's and dementia which will evolve into a health care device in an expanded market. The vision was inspired by losing both of his parents to forms of dementia. You can learn more at DinkerBop.com. John's innovation was also featured on the front page of the Sunday Cleveland Plain Dealer. The article can be found at cleveland.com/ tipoff/index.ssf/2017/07/local\_team\_developing \_dinkerbo.html.

## **1980**s

Martin Renkis '80 is living in Nashville, TN with his wife, Laura, and two sons. He is the CEO of Smartvue Corporation.





Drs. Morris Wasylenki '80 and Ben Maldonado '85 randomly found each other at a dental convention in Boston.



George Davison IV '17 and his father George Davison III '82 pictured with Mike Eisen '84. The Davison family ran into Mike at the Baltimore airport on their way home. Mike just happened to be seated in front of his old prefect, who was able to remind him of what fun torture is all about.



**Steve Landau '84**, **John Meredith '82**, and **Mike Delligatti '84** went kiteboarding in the Bahamas together in December.



Jon Baker '84, owner of Time-Line Enterprises, returned to Kiski twice to enrich the Kiski curriculum. During his first visit he ran a Civil War re-enactment program for the junior class as they prepared for their Gettysburg trip. He returned to speak about running a nonprofit business on Career Day.



Kiski Alumni Brendan Moriarty '86, David Conrad '85, and Joe Garcia '85 enjoyed a highly engaging Thanksgiving holiday visit with beloved, former, and long-serving Kiski faculty members Brigitta and Tamas Szilagyi in Ligonier, PA. The group enjoyed toasting to the ongoing success of "Mother Kiski," deeply cherished memories of the School, and their wonderful friendships that now go back over 35 years.

Martin Van Fossan '80 received his Masters of Engineering (Global Automotive and Manufacturing Engineering) from the University of Michigan Ann Arbor, College of Engineering.

## **CLASS NOTES**



Joe Garcia '85, Gordon Meehl '85 and Kelly Pidgeon '85 were back to celebrate Homecoming. We're not sure how late they stayed up on the porch of Fair Hall.



Scott Fogarty '85 recently traveled to Mongolia. Scott's foreign travels started in the spring of 1985 during a legendary Kiski trip taken to the former Soviet Union led by faculty members Rockwell Gray and Tamas Szilagyi.

## **1990**s



Steve Szilagyi '88 had a chance to visit with alumnus Silvio Santinelli Barrera '95 at Kiski in August. Silvio is now a "current Kiski parent" as his son Ricardo is a new student at Kiski. Following is his father's footsteps, Ricardo is playing soccer for Kiski!



Hugh Gallagher '97 and his wife, Ashley, welcomed Winifred Murphy to the world this past May. Milly is thoroughly enjoying being a big sister to Winnie. Hugh specializes in medical technology sales for Becton, Dickinson, and Company. Ashley is a veterinarian. The Gallaghers continue to reside in Northwest Washington, DC.



Marty Liebman '97 and his wife Amanda welcomed their first baby, Laura Courtney,

on a cold Texas night, December 28, 2017.



Frank Bowers (far right) visited with (left to right) Josh Prieur '98, Susan Scharff, Erik Scharff '10, and Lee Scharff during a summer Admission Office trip to New Orleans.

## **2000**s



While traveling in Washington DC, **Chad McCutcheon '00** (right) visited with fellow Kiski Boy **Sam Breene '01**, who works in Congressman Mike Kelly's Office.



After working in Venezuela for six years as the Bloomberg News Caracas Bureau Chief, Nathan Crooks '01 moved to Miami. He continues to work for Bloomberg as a member of the Social Velocity team. Nathan is pictured (right) moderating a panel discussion of Venezuela in Miami.

**Vito Gerasole '02** donated water from his Natrona Bottling Company to help victims of Hurricane Harvey in Houston.



Ned McCague '04 found Pablo Alcala '04 during a recent trip to Spain.



Mark and Isabel Busch '04 took time from their honeymoon to visit Kiski and Mark Orsatti. The couple currently resides in Mexico. Mark has been excelling at online poker and daily fantasy sports.



John Karian '05 sent his best to Kiski from Budapest, Hungary. After spending several years working for the State Department and national security community, John followed his passion for legal studies. He is in his second year as a law student at the University of Notre Dame.



**Brock LiVorio** '08 took a break from managing the northeast division (West Virginia to Maine) of his medical sales territory to visit Kiski and Coach Joe Ross.

## **2010**s



**Ryan O'Dell '10** visited **Chantel and Brian Kapustik** at Kiski for dinner and games. Ryan is currently pursuing a doctorate in music theory at the University of Minnesota.



**Ryan Rebel '10** directed a play, Wild: A Clown Western, as part of the 2017 Philadelphia Fringe Festival.



Dan Traficanti '10, Anthony Macchiaroli '10 and Andrew Bell '10 gathered to celebrate the Fourth of July.



Luke Gaffney '11 was featured in the November 2017 issue of Fine Homebuilding Magazine for their "Metalwork for Builders" article. Luke is currently living in Austin, TX where he is a

welding foreman for Risinger & Co. He works on a variety of projects from handrails to decorative pieces for million dollar homes.

**Luke Pajer '11** accepted a new job as a digital marketing analyst at Beacon Technologies.

John Henigin '14 is currently majoring in Plastic and Polymer Engineering at The Pennsylvania College of Technology. He has been interning at West Pharmaceuticals as a Process Excellence Engineering Intern, which combines experiences between the business and engineering aspects. John accepted a fulltime position there once his internship is over.



Clayton Hepler '15 has been interning at the Instituto del Desarrollo Económico y Social and researching US-Argentine Bilateral Economic

and Political relations during the Kirchner Era. He is also taking political science classes at the University Torcuato di Tella.



Keith Kamons '15 (left) completed his first full Ironman Triathlon in October of 2017 in 11 hours and 12 minutes. Keith put his time management skills to the test balancing daunting triathlon and varsity swimming training schedules with his studies at Franklin and Marshall.

Samantha Ponzetti '15 was inducted into the Psychology National Honors Society, Psi Chi.

Jalon Cooper '16 started his own clothing line, VZN Clothing, while studying at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Mark Goetz '16** was invited to play in the PGA Junior again this year. He was also invited to play in the Williamson Cup, a selective competition of foursomes that play a 36-hole team competition. This year's Williamson Cup event was played at the Pittsburgh Field Club. Mark started his collegiate golfing career at West Virginia University last fall.

**Omar Ward '17** pitched well in a recent summer baseball game. The all-Kiski battery was completed by **Danny Wukich '14**, who caught for Ward. Their Johnstown team topped Maryland State to advance to the semifinals of the 73<sup>rd</sup> annual All American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament where they fell to New Orleans.

#### **Faculty and Staff**





Brooke and Mark Novom celebrated the birth of Solomon James in June..

Kristin and Josh Sunday welcomed Leo James in August.



Congratulations to Richelle and Craig Nurmion the birth of Craig Bertram in November.

All class notes received after December 31, 2018, will be in next year's Bulletin.

## UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION,

especially emails, to receive information from Kiski. Send all updates to advancement@kiski.org or call Kim Matvey at 724-639-8029.

## **Memorials**

Kiski was informed of the passing of the following community members last year. The School extends heartfelt condolences to those who have lost friends and family.

- Len Abrams '48 passed away October 9, 2017.
- Henry N. Aurandt '54 passed away August 1, 2017.
- Frank V. Cahouet, father of David R. Cahouet '91, passed away June 20, 2017.
- Samuel S. Carnabuci '54 passed away May 22, 2017.
- **Stephen Chappie**, grandfather of Joey Chappie '18, passed away December 2, 2017.
- Herbert P. Crozton Jr. '56 passed away June 13, 2017.
- **Donald Devorris**, grandfather of Scott Cohen '12, passed away September 14, 2017.
- Frederick Dreher III '96 passed away June 22, 2017.
- Ilene Eaton, mother of Donald '77 and Fred Eaton '80, and grandmother of Aaron Eaton '01, passed away August 30, 2017.
- Hubert B. Finch '47 passed away April 24, 2017.
- Thomas R. Ford '49 passed away October 10, 2017.
- Peter B. Friesell '70 passed away December 24, 2016.
- William E. Gephardt Jr. '46 passed away September 9, 2017.
- Kenneth H. Guiden Jr. '91 passed away July 7, 2017.
- Eleanor M. Haney, Kiski housekeeper, passed away December 16, 2017.
- Thomas P. Jessup, past faculty member and father of Jack Jessup '90, passed away December 7, 2017.
- Marshall P. Katz '57 passed away July 18, 2017.
- John C. Kaufman '73 passed away September 24, 2017.
- William Ketterer '59 passed away November 9, 2017.
- J. Roger Knight '55 passed away April 29, 2017.
- Carl E. Lincke '54 passed away March 15, 2017.
- Frederick M. Magee '58 passed away February 11, 2017.
- Carl Masciantonio, grandparent of Andrew '14 and Mark Goetz '17, passed away September 1, 2017.
- Jeff D. Mathias '69 passed away September 23, 2017.
- C. Richard McCauley '52 passed away November 15, 2017.
- Norwood A. McDaniel '47 passed away September 29, 2017.
- John Edward McNeal, father of Gregg '73 and Steven McNeal '76, passed away March 1, 2017.
- Basil Merseraeu '52 passed away May 4, 2017.
- George R. Montgomery '68 passed away July 31, 2017.
- Ethel May Post Moore, grandmother of Ian Ellis '02, passed away January 22, 2017.
- Gregory D. Myers '80 passed away June 24, 2017.
- **Hazusettz Myers,** father of Sterling Myers '17, passed away July 10, 2017.
- Martin W. Pommerenke II '65 passed away December 25, 2017.
- Peter J. Ressler '50 passed away June 11, 2017.
- Robert R. Richards Sr. '48 passed away May 14, 2017.
- Paul Ridilla, past woodworking staff, passed away December 5, 2017.
- Mark F. Rosidivito, father of Michael '00 and Matthew Rosidivito '08, passed away September 23, 2017.
- Robert G. Stevens '54 passed away November 2, 2016.
- Robert W. Wasser '51 passed away June 17, 2017.
- Victor E. Wise '51 passed away May 16, 2017.
- Erica Eunhi Weiss, mother of Justin Weiss '10, passed away June 4, 2016.



Mr. Thomas P. Jessup By Jack Jessup '90, December 10, 2017

Earlier this month, my dad, Tom Jessup, passed away peacefully as a result of complications from a stroke that he suffered six months ago. The stroke left Dad unable to walk and he spent two months at a rehab facility over the summer learning to coordinate his movement again. Dad's vision, memory, and his ability to process new information were also severely impacted and also required therapy. Ever the fighter, Dad was able to rally enough to return home to Middlebury and start hospice care. Over the course of the fall, Mom, Dad and I had the opportunity to spend many meaningful moments together looking at old family photographs and singing songs and, yes, watching lots of football. Dad's health continued to deteriorate, however, to the point where he was unable to leave his bed. Throughout this, hospice services were invaluable in helping us understand what was happening to Dad and how best to support him and make him comfortable. Mom and I were in the room when Dad took his last breath. He died on December 7<sup>th</sup>, Pearl Harbor Day, a day that was especially significant to him as a US history teacher and a strong supporter of our veterans. In his life as a Kiski teacher and coach and loving husband and father, Dad lived out his values of caring for and helping others. His courage over the last few months was an inspiration to Mom and me. He is our hero.



Many tributes to Mr. Jessup were shared on Facebook.

My condolences to the Jessup family and to the Kiski community. Mr. Jessup was a fine man, dedicated schoolmaster, and a patient (though firm) coach. He shall be missed and fondly remembered. – *David DeSimone '93* 











# HOMECOMING

On Saturday, October 7, 2017, Kiski celebrated Homecoming on a gorgeous fall day. The campus was framed by the autumnal hues of the deciduous trees surrounding the grounds. Fans and athletes were treated to a mild day with light cloud cover and a gentle breeze.

The day started with a delicious lunch on the Rockwell Plaza before the Cougars hosted Perkiomen School for soccer and football contests. Kiski soccer defeated the visitors 6-1, and football was just as dominant in a 54-14 performance. Crowds of parents and Kiski Boys past and present roared in support of their teams. A unique excitement is felt on Homecoming as we are joined by alumni from all eras, some returning for the first time since their graduations.

Following an official induction ceremony the night before, Kiski's 2017 Athletic Hall of Fame Class was recognized during halftime of the football game. Each team and individual was presented a duplicate of the plaque hung in the Hall of Fame in the Ross Athletic Center. In a particularly touching moment, many members of Robert Fuellhart's '58 family took the field to accept his posthumous award.

The 2017 Class was the fifth inducted since the tradition started in 2013 to commemorate Kiski's 125 years of athletic competition. You can read more about the 2017 Class on page 36. Please submit your nominations for the 2018 Class online at Kiski.org/HoFnomination.







- 1 Amy Seibel, Harry Seibel '00, and Silviana Marie Seibel.
- 2 Anthony Cherrone, Nick Cherrone '95, Santino Cherrone, and Jamie Cherrone.
- 3 Kiski Soccer fans watch their team tally a 6-1 win.
- 4 Our Kiski Cougar and his entourage.
- 5 Bob Jamison '64 and Colvin McCrady '64.
- 6 Steve Szilagyi '88, Paul Siker '79, and David Hitchcock '79.
- 7 Kiski Football takes the field.
- 8 Raphael Zoccolaro '18 sends in a corner kick.
- 9 The Fuellhart family accepts Robert Fuellhart's '58 Hall of Fame plaque from Headmaster Brueningsen.

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