

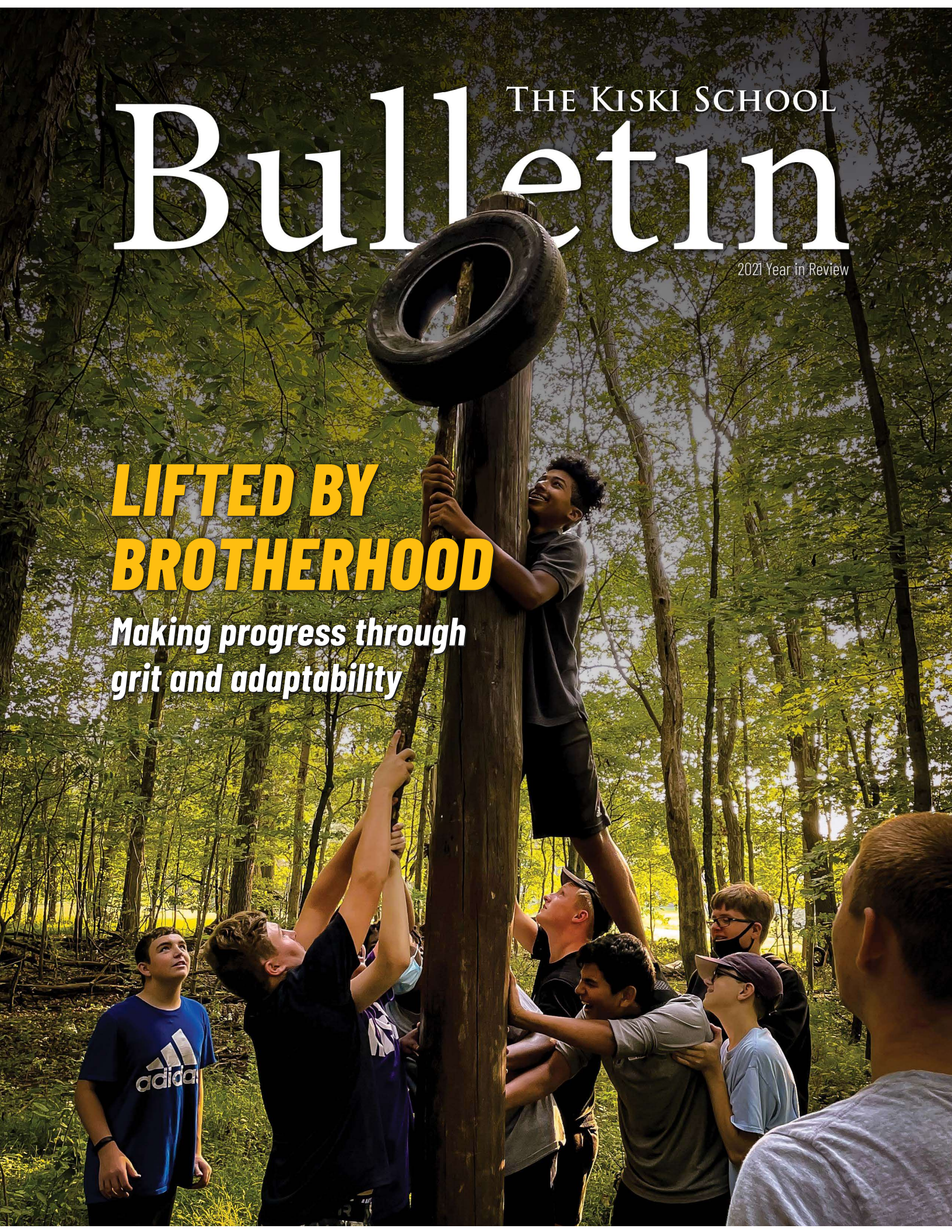
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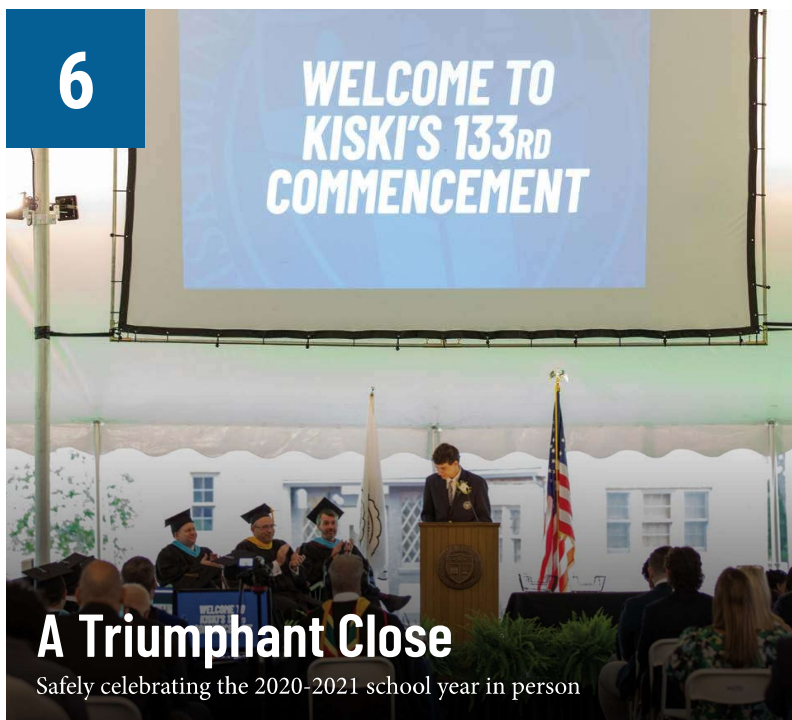


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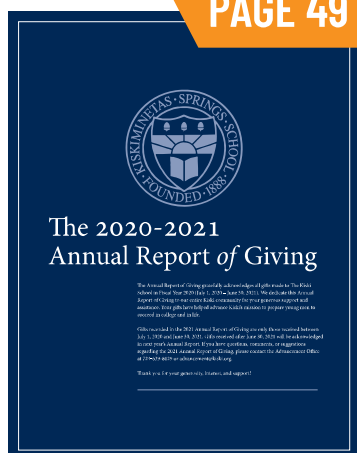
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Safely celebrating the 2020-2021 school year in person



## The 2020-2021 Annual Report of Giving

The Annual Report of Giving gratefully acknowledges all gifts made to The Kiski School in Fiscal Year 2021.



## Conquering Obstacles

How Kiski Successfully Offered In-Person Instruction for the Entire 2020-2021 Academic Year



## Reunion Weekend

The first alumni gathering on campus since Homecoming in October of 2019



# Thanks to You, a Return to Normal

## I'M VERY PLEASED TO REPORT

that the opening of Kiski's 134<sup>th</sup> school year has been an unbroken success, especially so when compared to the many challenges we faced during the 2020-2021 school year.

Last fall, with parents concerned about having their sons away from home during the pandemic, we opened school with a record-low enrollment of 172 students. This year, we opened with 190 students—our highest enrollment since 2016 and a 10% increase over last year. We also welcomed the largest group of new students since 2010.

With a community vaccination rate of 90% on campus, we've been able to safely return to "almost normal" operations this year. We still have work to do to fully recover from the financial impact of the pandemic, but our rebound has been significantly accelerated thanks to the remarkable help and support our Kiski friends have supplied over the past 20 months. On behalf of everyone here, thank you! I look forward to providing you with future updates as the school year unfolds.

As we emerge from the global health crisis and reflect on the tragic loss and ongoing challenges of these times, there

are some positive outcomes worth noting, like the way we supported each other and reached out to others in need. I know that many of you participated in relief initiatives to help those who were struggling, and your involvement has had an important impact. If there's one thing we've learned during the pandemic, it's that in a crisis, we need to be flexible and adaptable. At last year's graduation program, I shared a story about adaption and survival that in some ways resembles the allegory of the Class of 2021.

The story happened 50 years ago at a boys' boarding school on the island of Tonga in the South Pacific. Six boys ran away from the school and stole a boat with plans to sail to Fiji, some 500 miles away. Although the young men were brought up on the sea and had sailing experience, they set out on this adventure without a map or a compass. What could possibly go wrong?

On the first night, a tropical storm ripped the sails from the mast and tore off the boat's rudder. For over a week their crippled boat drifted aimlessly with no food, or water. After eight days they saw a tiny island. As the boat neared, a wave sent it crashing into the rocky shoreline, smashing it to pieces. The boys struggled

ashore, completely exhausted but very happy to be on land.

Now you might think that what followed would be a real-life version of *Lord of the Flies*, a fictional book that many of you have read about a group of boys who shipwrecked on a deserted island where they divided themselves into tribes, and their lives descended into violence, chaos, and murder.

On the contrary, the boys from Tonga, faced with incredible challenges, pulled together and thrived. They kept themselves healthy and fit and survived on birds and fish and bananas that had been cultivated on the island when it was inhabited by natives 100 years earlier. They captured rainwater using hollowed out logs and eventually figured out how to make fire. They constructed a hut out of palm branches, created a garden, and set up a roster to keep a lookout for passing ships. They even built a badminton court and a makeshift gym.

Fifteen months after they arrived, a lobster fisherman spotted smoke coming from the island. As he got closer, the boys jumped into the water and swam to his boat. There's much more to the story, including the reunion of the boys with their families, all of whom had held funerals

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for their sons. It's a story of cooperation and hope and, eventually, salvation.

When I heard this story, my reaction was, that put in a similar situation, this is how our Kiski Boys would react; they'd rely on the strong bonds they'd formed to cooperate and prosper. Then I proudly realized that during the pandemic they'd done just that.

True, the challenges our boys faced weren't as acutely existential as what the Tongan boys experienced. But they navigated through a very tough year, and they did so admirably. Through it all, they applied the lessons they learned and the habits of self-reliance they practiced on this campus and, most of all, they leaned on each other and the friendships they formed. Even though there were periods of loneliness and isolation, in the end, the pandemic brought them all closer, and the resulting message is an important and familiar one: in times of trouble, you can always turn to your Kiski Family for help and support.

If you're a Kiski alumnus, I'm sure you can relate to these sentiments and the enduring connections with your classmates that have been strengthened by shared experiences and many years of friendship. If you're a past or present Kiski parent, you've likely witnessed this brotherhood through the eyes of your son.

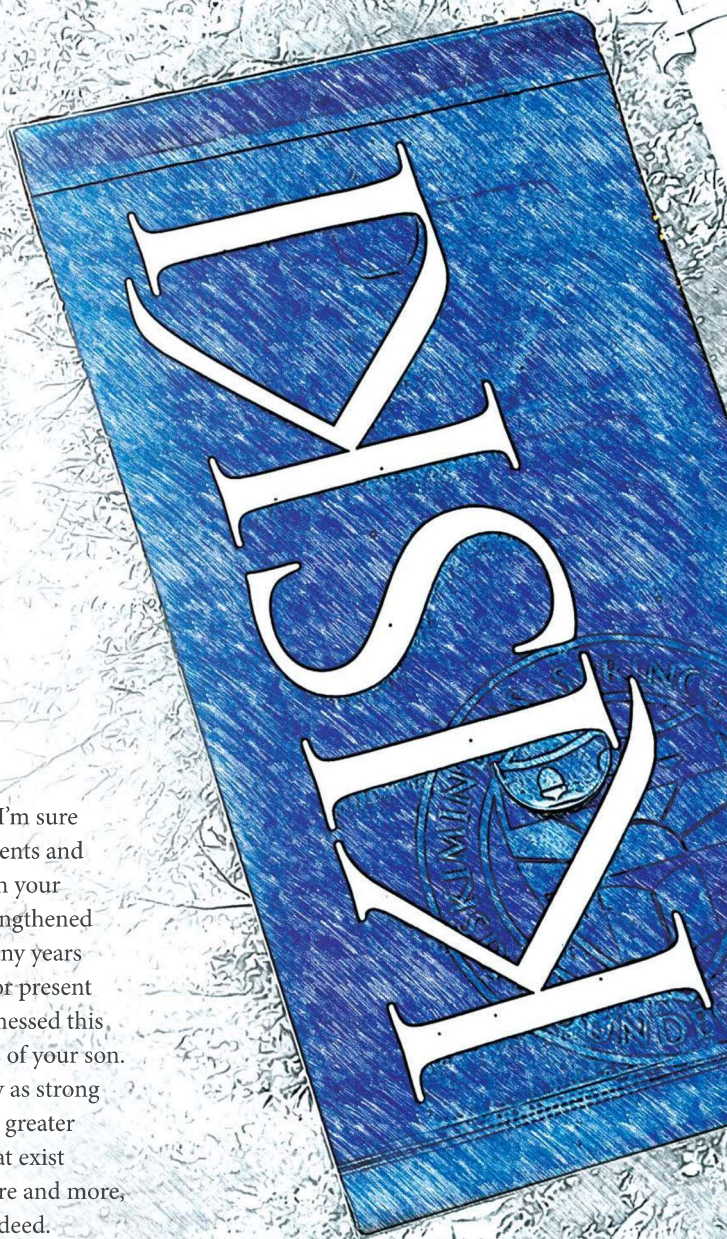
In the end, a school is only as strong as the people that make up its greater community and the bonds that exist between them. By that measure and more, Kiski's future is very bright indeed.

With all good wishes and my thanks as always for your ongoing support, I am

Sincerely yours,



Chris Brueningsen  
Head of School



# A TRIUMPHANT CLOSE

*A combination of increased vaccination rates, dropping COVID-19 cases, and the reduction of event restrictions in Pennsylvania made it possible to safely celebrate the close of the 2020-21 school year in person. A larger-than-usual 7,200 square-foot tent was erected to host socially distanced outdoor events that could be held rain or shine.*

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May 21, 2021

## HONORS CONVOCATION

With a week remaining in the academic year, the first of Kiski's traditional yearend events was held virtually to maintain a "bubble" environment to protect against COVID-related interruptions leading into final exams. The boys that were on campus gathered with their advisory groups at various locations to continue with our safety policy of limiting large indoor groups. They were joined by remote learners and parents that logged-in from around the world to celebrate Kiski Scholars.

**Weilin Zhang '21** started the ceremony with a speech that focused on overcoming failure and frustration while growing from those challenges. He shared a quote from Reinhold Niebuhr that encapsulated his strategy to obtain focus during those difficult times. "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference."

Weilin added, "Things that are within our control are our ideas, our goals, and our actions. Things we cannot control are things like the weather, the past, or when COVID will stop."

Faculty speaker, Director of Library Services and Ethics and Personal Development Department Chair, **Mrs. Leslie Poston**, encouraged the

Kiski Boys to maintain their status as life-long learners, to focus on metacognition or, more plainly, thinking about thinking. To evolve through self-reflection, Mrs. Poston guided the listeners to the five precepts found within *Insight: A Study of Human Understanding*, by philosopher Bernard Lonergan: be attentive, be intelligent, be reasonable, be responsible and be in love. In closing, she challenged both the adults and students listening to grow by continually assessing their mental approach to thinking, to make time to consider not just what you are learning, but how you are learning it.

Head of School, **Mr. Chris Brueningsen**, brought the last all-school assembly for the year to a close by thanking parents, students, faculty, and staff for their contributions toward overcoming the challenges brought on by the global health crisis. After all, overcoming the difficulties related to the pandemic was a full community effort. He summarized, "The experiences we've shared have undoubtedly brought us closer and there is good reason to be hopeful and optimistic that in the fall—whether you're going to college or returning to Kiski—life will much more closely resemble the normal that we were living before the pandemic."

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*—Head of School,  
Mr. Chris Brueningsen*

← 2021 Valedictorian, Giovanni Cicala, delivering his address under the massive tent covering the Yukevich Quad.

### DEPARTMENT AWARDS

English Department Achievement  
Award: *Gabriel Cakmur '24, Ben  
Feinstein '23, Alex Figueroa '22*

Underclassman Writing Award:  
*Jeffrey Akintolu '22*

Research Paper Award: *Bob Burr '22*

Fine Arts Department Achievement  
Award: *Jack Boyle '24, Daniil  
Nutsalov '23, Tim Allshouse '22*

History Department Achievement  
Award: *Julian Harris '24, Xavier  
Marceau '23, Jackson Smith '22*

Mathematics Department Achievement  
Award: *Zachary Silnutzer '24, Paul  
Singh '23, Tim Allshouse '22*

Science Department Achievement Award:  
*Zachary Silnutzer '24, Ian Bigler '23,  
Manuel Perez '22*

World Languages Department  
Achievement Award: *Eli Fontanez '24,  
Ian Bigler '23, Eric Ward '22*

### NAMESAKE AWARDS

**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: *Tim Allshouse '22*

**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: *Alex Figueroa '22*

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**Bortz Sophomore Improvement Award** – given to a sophomore who has shown marked improvement throughout the year in academics, athletics, and extra-curricular activities: *William Mitchell '23*

**Bortz Junior Improvement Award** – given to a junior who has shown marked improvement throughout the year in academics, athletics, and extra-curricular activities: *Enrique Lopez Barriga '22*

**Clifford Brett Award** – recognizes a junior who has been elected the next Head Prefect of The Kiski School: *Alex Figueroa '22*

**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: *Amani Clark-Bey '22*

**George Eastman Young Leaders Award** – given to a member of the junior class who has shown outstanding school leadership as well as academic achievement: *Sebastian Valdez Bautista '22*

**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: *Luke Waltrip '22*

**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: *Amani Clark-Bey '22*

**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: *Luke Waltrip '22*

**Xerox Award for Innovation and Information** – for outstanding achievement in the pursuit of innovative approaches, and appreciation of the possibilities of technology: *Luke Waltrip '22*

### ADDITIONAL HONORS

**Cum Laude Society** – is 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: *Tim Allshouse '22, Bob Burr '22, Alex Figueroa '22, Luke Waltrip '22, Zhengyang Zhou '22*

**Fund for Advancement of Minorities through Education (FAME) Scholars** – Students of exceptional promise that earned the financial scholarships and mentoring support of FAME to further their studies with all the advantages offered by the life-changing Kiski experience. *Eric Gary '21*.

**Colonel John J. Daub Society** – recognizing students who have demonstrated an exemplary commitment to community service in memory of Col. Daub, Class of 1907 and longtime Kiski faculty member, for his service to his country and his School: *Tim Allshouse '22, Steven Twist '22, Gabriel Cakmur '24*

**Leadership Awards:** *Eli Fontanez '24, Sulayman Bah '23, Jackson Smith '22*



↑ Darryl Wiley (left) and Terrell Jackson (right) standing beside graduate Eric Gary.

→ Parent speaker Robert Peirce (podium) bringing laughter to the crowd including (from left) Chris Brueningsen and Adam Schapiro on the dais.



May 27, 2021

## SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY

On the eve of Kiski's 133<sup>rd</sup> Commencement, seniors, their families, and the Kiski community were gathered safely under the expansive tent covering the Yukevich Quad for Kiski's first in-person event since March of 2020. The atmosphere was both exciting and extraordinary for many that were also attending their first large gathering in 15 months. Associate Head of School, **Mr. Adam Schapiro**, opened by flatly addressing the seniors with his endearing sarcasm, "Wow...some of you look good."

**Chris Peirce '21** introduced his father and parent speaker, **Mr. Robert Peirce III**, who insightfully contested two widely discussed topics likely addressed by most graduation speakers. First, he challenged the concept that we are more divided than ever before with references to more tumultuous times in history.

In referencing historic problems that persist even today Mr. Peirce reminded the seniors, "Your generation, gentlemen, has the ability of knowledge of our past mistakes, and with knowledge comes power, and if you use that power in the right direction, you will be able to bring us together to help us to make the world a better place."

Mr. Peirce reminded the boys that change will require leadership and action, refuting the common graduation pronouncement that 'tomorrow's leaders are sitting before me.' "You don't see

a leader sitting here," argued Mr. Peirce. "A leader rises up when there is a difficult situation. You have to see a leader in action. A leader is someone who can see how things can be improved and who rallies people to move towards a better vision."

Associate Head of School, **Mr. Mark Novom**, shared two quotes with the boys so that they could consider the harmony of their seemingly diverging lessons. First, from his hero Jackie Robinson who said, "A life is not important, except in the impact it has on other lives." Next, he echoed Steve Jobs' reminder that, "Your time is limited so don't waste it living someone else's life." Mr. Novom inspired the boys to live their own lives while not forgetting the selfless enriching impact they can have on the lives of others. "You have to fight the urge of only thinking about yourself," he implored.

Once the superlative members of the Class of 2021 collected their awards, **Mr. Darryl Wiley**, CEO for the Fund for Advancement of Minorities through Education, honored **Eric Gary '21** for his selfless enrichment of the Kiski community and beyond with his touching personal praise.

Head of School, **Mr. Chris Brueningsen**, announced the final senior awards before sharing his reflections with the Class of 2021 and the unexpected turn in our shared journey over the previous

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15 months. He commended the community for its ability to be flexible and adapt during the crisis.

He then told a remarkable true story about a group of Tongan boys that survived a shipwreck on a deserted island for over a year (retold in greater detail on pages four and five), likening that victory over adversity to the situation the Class of 2021 faced over their final five quarters of school.

As the ceremony came to a close, Mr. Schapiro playfully quizzed the boys to see if they could recall their instructions for the graduation ceremony the next morning, their final obligations as students. The Class of 2021 passed that last examination and the crowd was dismissed to take photos with friends and family, and enjoy desserts served from the Swank Student Center.

As the group slowly receded from the quad, the excitement lingered. The boys would spend one last night on campus together as a full class and officially join the alumni ranks the next day.

### CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2021 AWARD RECIPIENTS

**Carl L. Arnold Award** for Excellence in Mathematics: *Shantao Xu*

**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: *Chris Peirce*

**Eugene L. Biddle Award** for Excellence in Science: *Xiaoyu Zhao*

**Bortz Improvement Award** – given to a senior who has shown marked

improvement throughout the year in academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities: *Nicholas Mossaver-Rahmani*

**William V. Grier '14 Award** – recognizes a senior who has compiled the highest scholastic average: *Giovanni Cicala*

**Kiski Award** – presented to a graduating senior who in the opinion of the faculty and the Head of School through his scholastic achievement, leadership, breadth of interest and high personal standards has been of greatest value to the School: *Caleb Leechalk*

**Kiski International Award** – recognizes a senior international student who has made a significant contribution to The Kiski School community through his proven leadership and active participation in organizations and extra-curricular activities: *Xiaoyu Zhao*

**John A. Lombardo Award** for Excellence in World Languages: *Caleb Leechalk*

**William H. McKillop Award** – recognizes a graduating senior who in the opinion of the faculty has at all times displayed chivalrous conduct on the athletic field: *Devon Root*

**Joseph H. Millar Award** for Excellence in English: *Griffin Hill*

**John A. Pidgeon Headmaster Award** – presented to a graduating senior who, in the opinion of the faculty and the Head of School 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: *Dante Parisotto*

**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: *Gabriel Matos*

**Russell C. Swank Jr. Award** – given in memory of Russ Swank Jr., Class of 1942, to a member of the senior class whose optimistic outlook and positive school spirit has had a beneficial impact on his classmates and our school: *Jose Muñoz*

**E. William Turley, Jr. Memorial Award** – given in loving memory of E. William Turley '64, to a senior who most closely embodies the qualities of gentleness, propriety, and concern for others that so personified Bill Turley: *Eric Gary*

**United States Naval Academy Appointments:** *Cole Petrusha, Yasen Spanta, Gabriel Spencer*

**Zachary J. Vlahos Award** – for Excellence in History: *Muli Nguta*

**Andrew W. Wilson Award** – presented in memory of Kiski's first Head of School, to a senior who best exemplifies the principles on which Dr. Wilson's beloved School was founded: Faith, Humility, and Tolerance: *Giovanni Cicala*

**Jacob E. Zeigler Award** – recognizes a senior who in the opinion of the faculty has contributed the most cheer to the school year: *Zander Szilagyi*

**Excellence in Fine Arts Award:**  
*Luca Sklenar*

**Faculty Appreciation Award:**  
*Griffin Hill*

May 28, 2021

## KISKI'S 133<sup>RD</sup> COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

For the first time in two years, the sound of bagpipes followed the bell tolling from the Paradise Hall Bell Tower. Sounds that traditionally mark the start of a Kiski Commencement ceremony also marked the close of a miraculous year. Sacrifices were made and frustrations endured, but the Kiski community banded together to overcome the hurdles placed before them. In-person graduation was a fitting conclusion for meticulous safety planning, patient but strict adherence to sometimes stifling policies, and supportive words and funding from near and far. It was a triumph for the full Kiski family to share.

Head of School **Mr. Chris Brueningsen** turned the focus to the seniors in saying, "Today we are here to celebrate and congratulate all of our seniors not just for completing our graduation requirements but for the work they put in and all that they have given our school during their time here." He then introduced Chair of the Board

of Trustees, **Mr. John Jacob '89**, who presented retiring Business Manager, **Mr. J. Gregory Forsythe**, with an honorary diploma and the title of Business Manager Emeritus for his 17 years of diligent service to Kiski.

Class Speaker and Head Prefect, **Caleb Leechalk**, summarized the mood of the event best by saying, "I'm so glad that we could all be here together instead of staring at one another through our computer screens." Caleb thanked the staff and faculty for keeping the Kiski Boys safe throughout the year and especially mentioned Director of Health Services, **Ms. Taresa Cunnard**, her staff, and the COVID task force affectionately known as the "CO-PO" (short for Covid-Police). He reflected positively on his schoolmates' abilities to make the best of the cards that they were dealt. Limited interaction brought greater value to the times when boys were able to gather. "It's about the journey and who you have with

you on that journey," he said. "It's not a goodbye. It's a see you later."

The graduates received their diplomas, then Mr. Brueningsen introduced valedictorian **Giovanni Cicala**. "Even though all of us in the graduating class will move on from Kiski in the next few hours, I'm sure our minds will not," Gio reflected. "We spent way too much time with each other that we will not easily forget our Kiski experience." He pointed to the alumni community for evidence of his theory. "I've noticed that every time alumni come to campus to speak, their orations are filled with humorous or meaningful stories that occurred at Kiski. Whether they graduated in 1965 or 2005, they all still have fond memories of their high school years."

We wish nothing less for the Class of 2021, and look forward to their frequent returns. Mr. Brueningsen closed with, "For a short time goodbye, forever good luck and God bless all of you."



↑ Elad Asulin applauding his fellow classmates.

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1. The Class of 2021 processing past the Rogers Fine Arts Center.
2. Mr. Gregory Forsythe (center) receiving his honorary diploma and the title of Business Manager Emeritus from Chris Brueningsen, and John Jacob '89.
3. Maizen Price and his family proudly displaying his diploma following the graduation ceremony.
4. (Left to right): Carrie O'Donnell; Steve '88, Zander '21, Tara, and Carlin Szilagyi; and Lance Lapworth celebrating his completion of Kiski's 133<sup>rd</sup> academic year.
5. Eric Gary (tie) beaming as he is surrounded by friends and family.
6. Mary Grace Muster (center left) and Marcus Muster (center right) greeting seniors in the "faculty gauntlet" following graduation.
7. (Left to right): Jorge Murillo, Damjan Mosjin, Tobia Piatelli, Muli Ngata, Colm O'Reilly, and Elad Asulin enjoying their final moments as students.
8. Mitchell Eckersley receiving his diploma from Chris Brueningsen.



← The Class of 2020 returning to the steps of Old Main.

May 29, 2021

## KISKI'S 132<sup>ND</sup> COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

For the first time in Kiski's storied history, the school celebrated two commencement ceremonies in a single year. The day after the Class of 2021 left campus as graduates, the Class of 2020 was welcomed back to experience the in-person celebration they missed during the remote conclusion of their senior year. Of course, there were many in the class that were unable to attend due to travel restrictions. However, nearly half of the class united with family and friends for the joyous event.

Not knowing for certain who would attend, each arriving boy was greeted with cheers and hugs. As the start of the ceremony approached, the greetings seemed to crescendo. The class photo was taken and retaken as each late arrival joined his brothers on the steps of Old Main. Then, smiles went wide. Their graduation had finally arrived and their procession was prefaced by bagpipers and the tolling bell in the Paradise Hall Bell Tower. The light rain couldn't dampen their mood.

Their life-changing Kiski experience had already survived a pandemic.

"Our online graduation program last year concluded with me saying 'we look forward to welcoming you back to Kiski next May when we will celebrate your graduation in person.' And now we're making good on that promise," Head of School **Mr. Chris Brueningsen** declared in his opening remarks.

Chair of the Board of Trustees, **Mr. John Jacob '89**, praised the tenacious class in stating, "Class of 2020, now one year removed from your graduation, perhaps, my fellow alums, you have an even greater appreciation for the foundation you built from your time here at Kiski." He also noted that they have continued to rise above circumstances caused by the pandemic saying, "I know every one of you faced an incredibly difficult freshman year with perseverance. Well done, Class of 2020."

Head Prefect of the Class of 2020, **Mr. Patrick Jacob**, addressed his class

after a brief comedic pause to dry off the hand sanitizer from the dispenser located at the entrance to the dais. He began by recounting March 2020, when he learned that the boys would be dismissed for spring break, unlikely to return to campus. "It felt surreal," he remembered. "All of this was a blur to me. I was not able to comprehend what was actually happening." He continued, "This class will always be known as the 'COVID Class,' but I honestly believe it made our class bond more than any other Kiski class has before."

He also spoke from his unique perspective as a graduation student speaker who had completed his freshman year of college. Mr. Jacob recounted a writing class project in which his reflections on his school experience stood out favorably compared to those of his college classmates. "At Kiski, you learn how to interact with teachers in a similar manner to college students. You have to send them emails, go to office hours and make

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a name for yourself in the classroom. At Kiski, you have to learn how to live away from your family and be on your own for the first time. At Kiski, you learn social skills and how to behave like a gentleman. Looking back on my time at Kiski, this is a place that truly shaped the type of person I am and it is a place I am extremely proud to call home.”

**Mr. J.P. Suozzi**, the Class of 2020’s valedictorian, spoke about the strength of the connection between the members of his unique class. “What is it that brings us back here? It really is the same thing that brings alumni back year, after year, after year. And that is the Kiski brotherhood,” he said. “Each and every one of you guys is a brother to me. We will always be forever bound by our time and experiences at Kiski.” He closed, pleading, “to my Class of 2020, make sure that we stay in touch.”

The boys made their long awaited walks to the podium to receive their

diplomas and were then addressed via recorded remarks by alumni from different eras of the Kiski Brotherhood. **Mr. Logan Powell ’92**, congratulated the boys on their triumphant completion of both their Kiski education and their freshmen years at college. “I cannot even begin to imagine the stresses you have experienced over the past year and a half. And yet, here you are, new graduates of the best all-boys school in the world,” Mr. Powell empathized. “You stood tall in the face of challenge and you emerged stronger young men because of it.”

**Mr. Ben Crewe ’19**, commended the Class of 2020 for their ability to adapt. “I’ve only been out of Kiski for two years now, but perhaps the largest gratitude I owe to this school is that it forced me to adapt.”

The recorded alumni remarks were brought to a close by **Mr. Russell Swank ’67** who congratulated the Class of 2020 for completing their journey and encouraged

them to reflect on all of the positive lessons they learned through adversity up to and including the pandemic. Mr. Swank listed traits that were honed during their Kiski years and closed by asking the boys to return frequently saying, “Make it a short goodbye. Come back and see us.”

Mr. Brueningsen closed the ceremony by saying, “You’ve navigated through a very tough year and you’ve done it successfully and well. Through it all, you made use of the habits of self-reliance you practiced here, and most of all you have leaned on each other and the reliable friendships you have formed. Even though there have been periods of loneliness and isolation, in the end, the pandemic has brought us closer and the resulting message is an important one. In times of trouble, you can always turn to your Kiski family for help and support.” 🍀



← (Left) J.P. Suozzi '20 delivering his valedictory address.

(Center) Alex Stewart '20 reveling in his Kiski graduation with his father, Jason Stewart '89.

(Right) Archie Kimbrough '20 receiving his diploma from Mr. Brueningsen.



← (Left to right): Quinn Summers, Ryan Pettes, Christian Spahn, J.P. Suozzi, and Dylan Pettes representing the Class of 2020.



# KISKI CLASS OF 2021

## THE KISKI SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021 MATRICULATION LIST

*The Class of 2021 is composed of 59 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:*

The University of Alabama  
Allegheny College (PA)  
Arizona State University – Main  
Babson College (MA)  
Case Western Reserve University (OH)  
Clark University (MA)  
University College Dublin (Ireland)  
Duquesne University (PA)  
Erskine College (SC)  
Furman University (SC)  
George Washington University (DC)  
Goshen College (IN)  
IE University (Spain)  
Lafayette College (PA)

Lincoln University (PA)  
Luther College (IA)  
McMaster University (Canada)  
Millersville University (PA)  
Muhlenberg College (PA)  
New York University  
Pennsylvania State University – Harrisburg  
Pennsylvania State University – Main  
University of Pittsburgh – Main (PA)  
Queen's University (Canada)  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (NY)  
University of Rochester (NY)  
Roger Williams University (RI)

Buffalo State College (NY)  
Saint Vincent College (PA)  
Sewanee: The University of the South (TN)  
Southwestern Christian University (OK)  
The University of Tampa (FL)  
Temple University (PA)  
University of Toronto (Canada)  
Tuskegee University (AL)  
United States Naval Academy (MD)  
University of Utah  
Valencia College (FL)  
The College of Wooster (OH)

# ATHLETICS DURING A PANDEMIC

*"Our kids knew if they stayed healthy, we would be able to play games. Knowing the little annoyances were a must; the kids did it."*

—Mr. Chris Spahn, Director of Athletics

Athletic participation has always been a core element of the Kiski experience. Alumni fondly recall hard-fought victories, their teammates, legendary coaches, and even the grueling practices they survived. Preserving those opportunities for the grander life lessons learned and reinforced by athletics was one of the primary objectives for the 2020-21 school year.

Guidelines evolved as healthcare professionals learned more about preventing the transmission of COVID-19,

but the overall theme of "abundance of caution" prevailed in every planning discussion. With that directive in mind, Kiski competed against teams that shared stringent mitigation policies. Director of Athletics **Mr. Chris Spahn** noted the biggest challenge was, "Playing opponents that were following the same testing procedures as Kiski."

If all participants tested negative for COVID-19 before a contest, the game proceeded. Luckily, very few competitions were canceled due to positive tests.

"The lacrosse team only sustained one cancelation, and we were able to schedule another game to make up for it," said Spahn, who is also the Lacrosse Head Coach.

With fewer opponents, coaches created more competitive scenarios in training. "We were able to go out on Kiski's nine-hole course and create certain challenges. Whether it was playing from hole seven to the ninth green as a par-5, or having closest to the pin competitions, we were able to have a good time," reflected senior golfer **Zander Szilagyi**.

A yearning for competition led to the most unique game of the year. "Towards the end of the spring the [soccer] boys challenged the baseball team to a scrimmage and although we lost the game, I loved to see the boys competing again," recalled Soccer Head Coach **Mr. Jonty Loukes**.

Teams also relied more on intersquad contests when opponent options were limited. "Coaches were great though and pivoted quickly to holding intersquad scrimmages with uniforms and refs and filming everything just like a game," said Assistant Director of Athletics **Mrs. Mary Grace Muster**.

"The biggest challenge last season was getting exposure. Having won the state championship, the year before, we



↑ Steven Twist '22 warming up on the putting green.



↑ **Top Row:** Nick DiLauro '22 thrashing the battle ropes. (left); Bob Burr '22 mowing down the competition. (right) **Bottom Row:** Phoenix Terry '21 attacking the Shady Side goal. (left); Dimitri Dumbadze '22 alertly preparing for a strike. (center); Phoenix Terry '21 showing his versatility, slashing through the Western Reserve defense. (right)

had put ourselves in the eyes of many college coaches. However, with the limited amount of games and NCAA visit restrictions it was really hard to stand out," added senior soccer player **Jose Muñoz**. Games were live streamed over the internet for families who could not attend, and recordings were relied upon so that the student-athletes could display their abilities for college recruiters who were unable to observe in-person.

Other sacrifices were made to ensure safety. Travel time and associated costs increased to reach opponents. "Sometimes we would spend eight-plus hours in a van just to play one match since we couldn't stay overnight. Perseverance and adaptability were definitely skills that were honed in this experience," said Golf Head Coach **Mr. Ryan John**.

Additional safety measures were adopted by the Athletic Department

staff to prevent season-interrupting out-breaks. "[Distancing protocols] made it challenging to find areas that entire teams could meet for film or weight training," mentioned Field House Manager **Mr. Lance Holupka**.

However, these hardships were all an improvement over the spring 2020 athletic seasons that were entirely lost to the pandemic. The boys reacted phenomenally. "My guys didn't blink an eye. They were just happy to practice every day. It was the most fun I have had as a tennis coach in many, many years. I had to force them to end practice and go to dinner," shared Tennis Head Coach **Mr. Adam Schapiro**.

"Our kids knew if they stayed healthy, we would be able to play games. Knowing the little annoyances were a must; the kids did it," summarized Spahn.

Thanks to that mindset, the Athletic Department support staff and all of the

coaches were able to create safe athletic seasons and allow all of the new memories that will be shared for years. "We should appreciate everything we have day-to-day and make the most of the time we have on the field with our teammates," reflected Head Prefect **Caleb Leechalk**.

"My favorite story from this season was our golf match against WRA in Ohio. Despite the heavy rain and almost unbearable golf conditions, the boys were able to finish the match and come away with the win," said Szilagyi.

"We were very lucky to continue to practice and play intersquad scrimmages, something that the grand majority of prep schools could not do," concluded Muñoz. "Life is full of obstacles, but you are the one who can choose to face them with a smile on your face."

**An average of 30% of our graduates continue their athletic careers on the college level. The following boys are representing Kiski proudly in intercollegiate competition.**

## GOLF

**Mark Goetz '17** – West Virginia University  
**Grant Lumley '20** – John Carroll University  
**Xavier Martinez '20** – St. Thomas University

## TENNIS

**Filippo Ercole '20** – Queens University of Charlotte

## WRESTLING

**David Diaz '19** – Virginia Military Institute

## LACROSSE

**Jordan Ackie '19** – Maryville University  
**Caleb Commandant '20** – Rochester Institute of Technology  
**Quinn Commandant '17** – Rochester Institute of Technology  
**Nicklas Darrington '20** – Wheeling University  
**Matthew DeGirolamo '18** – St. Bonaventure University  
**Ben Foster '19** – University of Indianapolis  
**Griffin Hill '21** – University of Toronto  
**Lucas Infanti '18** – Young Harris College  
**Reid Moore '20** – Queens University of Charlotte  
**Dante Parisotto '21** – Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
**Devon Root '21** – Sewanee The University of the South  
**Jacob Rosa '18** – St. Bonaventure University  
**Nathan Salaris '19** – Young Harris College  
**Rashad Saleh '21** – Clark University  
**Jackman Schooley '18** – Lake Erie College  
**Coby Schwartz '20** – United States Merchant Marine Academy  
**Christian Spahn '20** – Lycoming College  
**TJ Spahn '18** – Denison University  
**Wilson Smith '17** – Montclair State University  
**Sam Tackett '18** – Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

**Wes Wheat '20** – Queens University of Charlotte  
**Matthew Wiechers '17** – Rochester Institute of Technology

## FOOTBALL

**Reese Bole '20** – Franklin and Marshall College  
**Divine Buckrham '17** – Lamar University  
**Tim Burgartz '20** – University of Maine  
**Princeton Douglas '20** – Dickinson College  
**Jacob Fedell '18** – Allegheny College  
**Eric Gary '21** – Allegheny College  
**Liam Howe '20** – Saint Mary's University  
**Eric Humphries '19** – College of Wooster  
**Jason Kcehowski '18** – Colgate University  
**Josh Kriebble '17** – Baldwin Wallace College  
**John Leighty '19** – Albright College  
**Christopher Rubino '20** – Allegheny College  
**Phoenix Terry '21** – Buffalo State University  
**Micah Tillman '20** – Valparaiso University  
**Nikoloz Vasadze '18** – St. Olaf College  
**Seth Williams '18** – Slippery Rock University

## SOCCER

**Raul Alfonso '21** – Luther College  
**Tomás Gusmao '19** – St. Olaf College  
**Henrique Felix de Siqueira '19** – St. Olaf College  
**Simón Fernández '20** – Fisher College  
**Kevin Menendez '18** – University of Montevallo  
**Gabriel Matos '21** – Erskine College  
**Ramses Minaya '19** – Slippery Rock University  
**Damjan Mojsin '21** – Goshen College  
**Pedro Mountinho '20** – Missouri Valley College  
**Jorge Murillo '21** – Bloomsburg University  
**Muli Nguta '21** – Azusa Pacific University  
**Javier Pastor '21** – Malone University  
**Salvatore Plaza '18** – University of Montevallo  
**Nicolás Ramirez '20** – Mount Allison University

**Noe Reyes Matos '19** – University of Rochester  
**Mark Shoebridge '20** – University of Montevallo  
**Luca Venditti '20** – William Penn University  
**Raphael Zoccolaro '18** – St. Lawrence University

## BASKETBALL

**Oguzhan Ay '20** – North Central College  
**Julian Boykins '17** – Kutztown University  
**Jordan Bright '19** – Harford Community College  
**Latrell Bryant '21** – Roger Williams University  
**Micah Coates '21** – Muhlenberg College  
**Brennan Crawford '19** – Marietta College  
**Diego Echarrvaria '21** – Case Western University  
**Lane Haneef '21** – Erskine College  
**Jereme Johnson '17** – Drew University  
**Shawndale Jones '17** – Indiana University of PA  
**Asa Klimchuck '19** – Bethany College  
**William Little '21** – Millersville University  
**Xavier Lyons '20** – California University of PA  
**Jalen Nougues '18** – Catholic University  
**Ewaen Osunde '21** – McMaster University  
**Jaka Pandza '18** – Franklin and Marshall College  
**Chayce Smith '18** – University of Pittsburgh  
**Giangabriel Velez '19** – University of Puerto Rico Río Piedras  
**Cameron Villarouel '20** – Bloomsburg University  
**Jayson Villarouel '20** – Augustana College  
**Noah Watson '18** – Muhlenberg College  
**Stephen Watson '20** – Babson College  
**Noreon Williams '20** – St. Thomas University

## BASEBALL

**Anthony Fiallo '20** – United States Naval Academy  
**Maizen Price '21** – Tuskegee University  
**Cole Reibenspies '19** – United States Naval Academy  
**Ryne Wallace '20** – Old Dominion University  
**Omar Ward '17** – Seton Hill University



# PRO COUGARS

## BASKETBALL

**Jake Babic '14**  
 Canadian Elite Basketball League,  
 Niagara River Lions  
**Dante Lombardi '15**  
 Dutch Basketball League,  
 Almere Sailors  
**Kareem South '15**  
 Canadian Elite Basketball League,  
 Edmonton Stingers  
**Colm O'Reilly '21**  
 Ireland Super League, UCD Marion

## WRESTLING

**Evan Henderson '11**

## LACROSSE

**Trevor Smyth '14**  
 Professional Box National Lacrosse  
 League, Halifax Thunderbirds  
**Jordan Ackie '19**  
 National Lacrosse League,  
 Georgia Swarm

## SOCCER

**David Egbo '17**  
 Major League Soccer, Phoenix Rising,  
 and Vancouver Whitecaps

↑  
 The Rochester Institute of Technology won the 2021 National Championship (its first ever) in double overtime. The tournament's Most Outstanding Player, Quinn Commandant '17 tied the game in the closing seconds of regulation. Kiski Cougars Caleb Commandant '20 and Matt Wiechers '17 also made key contributions to the championship season.

# SUCCESS IN LIFE

## A day to focus on college, careers and preparing Kiski Boys for success in life

*This past April, Kiski expanded upon its annual Career Day with a nod to the second half of the School's mission to prepare young men to succeed in college and in life. The juniors were polled to discover their career interests, and then attended interactive presentations of their choosing throughout the day. They also attended seminars hosted by Director of College Counseling **Ms. Megan Neumeister**, and College Counseling Office Coordinator **Mrs. Jen Kwiatek**. The other classes were treated to speakers and activities focusing on the refinement of specific life skills.*

**SENIORS ATTENDED** small group sessions covering consent (hosted by **Ms. Samantha Bushman** of Talk: The New Sex Ed), responsible social media use (hosted by Director of Communications **Dr. Craig Olear**), and the use of Kiski's networking platform, Wavelength (hosted by Director of Alumni Relations and Special Gifts Officer **Mr. Mark Rhodehamel**). They also attended a panel discussion on the finer points of networking with, **Mr. Darren Silvis '96**, and **Mr. Tom Rubino '17**.

**THE SOPHOMORE CLASS** started their day with the team boat building competition led by **Mr. Andy Scott '85**, where they built and raced boats using wood frames and plastic wrap. They then joined a panel discussion covering the dos and don'ts of the interviewing process with **Ms. Annie Zachara '82**, and **Mr. Michael Bennett '89**. After lunch, they participated in a mock interview experience with **Mrs. Judy McAtee**, **Mr. John Lombardo**, **Mr. Chuck Shepard**, **Mr. Damien Williams**, and **Mrs. Leisa Henderson**.

**FRESHMEN** began the day in a panel discussion regarding leadership with **LCDR Russell P. Meier '97**, and **Dr. Jeremy Walker '97**. After that, Mr. Scott hosted their class' boat building competition to test the leadership skills they discussed with the panel earlier that day.

The day was stuffed with activities involving custom schedules for all of the Kiski Boys and the staff who made the day run smoothly. It was also made possible by gracious alumni that sacrificed time to mentor the boys following in their footsteps, and the tech support necessary to invite them remotely from across the nation. We trust the boys will apply these skills—learned or honed—to improve their paths in life.

**FEATURED SPEAKERS** included **Dr. Kevin Brooks '84** – Clinical Faculty, Physician Assistant Program at Pacific University; **Mr. Jeffrey Kozub '93** – Global EHS Expertise Center Leader, DuPont's Electronics and Industrial Business; **Mr. Matthew Kirkpatrick '89** – Vice President Sponsorships, Wells Fargo; **Mr. Kyle Webb '86** – Principal Architect, KH Webb Architects; **Mr. Christopher Meier '00** – Principal Engineer, Westinghouse Electric; **Dr. Leah Ross** – Geriatrician and Internist, Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center; **Mr. Edward Gaines '64** – Assistant U.S. Attorney; **Mr. Colynn Cook '11** – Manager in Sales, Technical Support, and Training for Blast Containment, Mistal; **Mr. Jefferey Dagbo '07** – Entrepreneur, Eate Digital; Advisor, Lead for Private Equity Practice, Gallup.



↑ Mr. Edward Gaines '64 live via Zoom.



↑ The boys building their boat frames.



↑ Racing the boats in the McCutcheon Natatorium.



←  
Head Prefect Alex Figueroa

2021-2022

# LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Leadership development is a cornerstone of the Kiski experience. The following Kiski Boys were appointed to lead their peers during the 2021–22 school year.

**PREFECTS ARE QUINTESSENTIAL LEADERS** that uphold Kiski standards by both example and direction that they adroitly provide to their peers. Juniors: **Sulayman Bah, Ian Bigler, Ben Feinstein, Luke Lenz, Lachlan McKlveen, and Wyatt Wiggins;** Seniors: **Preston Aldridge, Tim Allshouse, Noah Bole, Bob Burr, Jose Cifuentes, Amani Clark-Bey, Nicholas DiLauro, Dimitri Dumbadze, Nick Fausto, (Head Prefect) Alex Figueroa, Alvaro Garrido Lopez, Jordan Graham, Tyler Kuchar, Caleb Leechalk, Christopher Moncrief, Manuel Perez, David Peterkin, Charles Manuel Sanchez, Jackson Smith, Robbie Stroebel, Sebastian Valdez Bautista, Jonathan VanNostrand, Eric Ward, and Zhengyang Zhou.**

**K-CLUB PRESIDENT AND HEAD TOUR GUIDES** are conversant greeters from the senior class that warmly welcome guests to campus. Serving as Head Tour Guides: (President) **Bob Burr '22, Dimitri Dumbadze '22, Lachlan McKlveen '23, Zachary Silnutzer '24, Sebastian Valdez Bautista '22, and Jonathan VanNostrand '22.**

**HEADWAITERS** efficiently direct traffic, assist new boys in their duties. These seniors safeguard the finer points of formal meals in the Turley Dining Hall. (Maitre D') **Noah Bole, Spencer Hashiguchi, Kendall Held, Griffin Martin, Cole Slezak, and Luke Waltrip.**

**CULTURE POT LEADERS** help our community—peers as well as faculty and staff—have a better understanding of the diverse world in which we live. Co-Presidents: **Amani Clark-Bey '22, and Jordan Graham '22;** Co-Vice Presidents: **Alex Figueroa '22, and Christopher Moncrief '22.**

**HONOR AND DISCIPLINE COUNCIL** is a role that requires great maturity and integrity. Members provide a peer perspective during confidential disciplinary discussions regarding serious Honor Code and K-Book infractions. Seniors: **Amani Clark-Bey, Noah Bole, Alex Figueroa, Jordan Graham, Jan Klinger, Christopher Moncrief, and Jonathan VanNostrand;** Juniors: **Sulayman Bah, and Ben Feinstein;** and Sophomore: **Sebastian Porcella. ♠**

## Kiski Welcomes New Hires

**DOUG CAPUTO** will serve as an Assistant Director of Admission and Assistant Basketball Coach. He holds a B.A. in Fine Arts from John Carroll University and an M.Ed. from Westminster College, where he was also a Graduate Assistant Basketball Coach. Doug has obtained additional coaching experience as a member of the Akron Aviators and Cleveland Cavaliers Academy coaching staffs. He resides in Hoag Hall.

**BILL DUFF** joins our Fine Arts Department as a music instructor. Prior to his gig at Kiski, Bill was the Director of Vocal Music, Jazz/Rock Ensemble, and Guitar Club for the Apollo-Ridge School District. Bill has an extensive performing, recording, and teaching career. When he's not in the classroom, he is the guitarist for the world-famous *Vogues* and his band, *Colorblind Willie*. Bill and his family live off campus.

**NARHARI "HARRY" POKHREL** joins our World Languages Department as a Spanish teacher. He most recently was an adjunct teacher in the Department of Foreign Languages at Seton Hill University. In addition to his teaching assignment, Harry will be an Assistant Soccer Coach. He lives in Fosnaugh Hall.

**STEVEN REUBI, CPA** is our new Chief Finance Officer. Steven comes to Kiski from The Minerals, Metals, and Materials Society where he was the Director of Finance and Customer Service. Other employment experiences include The Carnegie Library and WQED Multimedia. He is community minded, serving as fire chief for his local department. He and his family live off campus.

**JON SHELTON** is our new Assistant Director of Admission and College

Counseling. He was most recently an Assistant Football Coach for the State University of New York at Cortland. Jon worked previously for Deerfield Academy in the Admissions and Dean of Students Offices while serving as a football coach. He holds a B.A. in Economics from the University of Maryland and a M.Ed. in Education and Counseling from Providence College. Jon resides in the Glick Wing of MacColl Hall and is a member of the football coaching staff.

**MIKE SOLOMINSKY** is the most recent addition to our Science Department and football program. He comes to Kiski from Cushing Academy, where he was an upper school biology teacher and Assistant Football Coach. Mike also accumulated many years of independent school experience during his time at Worcester Academy. He and his wife, Somer, and children, Mikie and Keegan, make their home in Vlahos Hall.

**BEN TACKETT '14**, is a recent graduate from Rochester Institute of Technology with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. He will embark on his first teaching assignment in the Math Department and be an Assistant Lacrosse Coach. Ben resides in Vlahos Hall.

### CHANGING ROLES AS OF JULY 1, 2021

**Mitchell Czerniak** has taken on new responsibilities as the Assistant Director of Residential Life and is overseeing the yearlong Cougar Cup competition between Loyalhanna and Conemaugh. **Megan Neumeister** has been promoted to the Director of College Counseling. **Joe Ross** will serve as the new Varsity Baseball Coach. **Ryan John** will assume the role of Head Coach for the Cougar's Ice Hockey program.

## Welcoming Faculty and Staff Babies!

### ASHLEY AND JONTY LOUKES

welcomed Shay Louise Loukes to their family on November 2, 2020.



### RICHELLE AND CRAIG NURMI

celebrated the birth of Daniel Albert Nurmi. Daniel joined the Nurmi household on November 5, 2020.



### ANGIE AND DAMIEN WILLIAMS

announced the addition of Tyus Edward Williams to their family. He was born on May 13, 2021.



## Faculty Plaudits

**CLYDE SLEASE TEACHING PRIZE** Created by **Mr. Clyde H. Slease III '62** in appreciation for the dedicated teachers who touched his life while he was a Kiski student, this is an award that is given to a faculty member, who in the opinion of his or her colleagues has made a significant impact on the boys he or she teaches through creative and innovative pedagogical practices, solid knowledge of subject matter and sincere interest in the students. This year's winner is **Mr. Brad Kwiatek**. Mr. Kwiatek has been with Kiski since 2000 and currently serves as the School's Dean of Faculty and English Department Chair. He also teaches in the English as a Second Language and Ethics and Personal Development Departments. Mr. Kwiatek is held in high esteem by his colleagues for his avid promotion of both professional development and faculty camaraderie. He is well liked by the boys because of his dedication to their scholarly pursuits, and the many board games he has introduced to the campus.

**YEARBOOK DEDICATION** The 2020-21 edition of the Kiski Yearbook was dedicated to Director of Health Services **Mrs. Taresa Cunnard**. "She kept everyone on campus safe and healthy. She worked with the COVID Task Force to organize the chaos," said Associate Head of School **Mr. Mark Novom**

when he presented her award during the Honors Convocation ceremony. Mrs. Cunnard worked tirelessly to keep Kiski in harmony with the best advice available from health professionals even when guidelines changed as scientists learned more about the pandemic. Her work to secure Kiski as an approved COVID-19 testing site proved pivotal for preventing outbreaks. Mrs. Cunnard's unwavering dedication to the health of our community paired with her indomitable spirit provided the beacon Kiski needed to traverse the storm.

**SHARING KISKI'S BEST PRACTICES** **Mr. Marcus Muster** was invited to submit an article to *Intrepid Ed News*: "What is the Best Model for Online Learning at Independent Schools?" He shared the advancements in Kiski's remote learning capabilities since 2007. Mr. Muster also discussed the challenges associated with the Hy-Flex model Kiski adopted during the global health crisis.

**HAIL TO THE CHIEF, SPAHN** Athletic Director **Mr. Chris Spahn** has been named President of the Executive Board of the Pennsylvania Independent Schools Athletic Association. Mr. Spahn served one year as Vice President and now will serve a three-year term as the leader of this important governing body. His appointment began July 1, 2021.



## Professional Development

While the pandemic continued, the Kiski faculty found options to sharpen skills and obtain new knowledge through their sustained commitment to self-improvement.

**Mr. Jonty Loukes** attended training sessions for the best practices in online learning offered by the International Society for Technology in Education.

For several days in June, **Mr. Mark Orsatti** remotely graded several hundred AP Spanish Language and Culture exams in order to deepen his understanding of the exam and how it is evaluated.

**Mrs. Mary Grace Muster** participated in the Invisible Playbook: How to Create a Culture of Inclusive Excellence workshop offered jointly by the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools and Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools. The interactive discussion concerning inclusion in athletics was hosted over Zoom.

Likewise, the annual Pennsylvania School Librarian Association Conference was hosted online. **Mrs. Leslie Poston** attended the online workshops, author presentations, and keynotes remarks provided for school librarians across the commonwealth.

Kiski was well-represented at the Diversity and Inclusion at Boarding Schools online conference. **Mrs. Poston, Mr. Brad Kwiatek, Mr. Vince Kwiatek, Mr. Orsatti, Mrs. Meredith Galo, and Mr. Andy Scott '85** joined **Mrs. Carla Ross** for the online conference that provided insight into understanding and recognizing bias, including your own, the damage it can do, and how to overcome it.

**Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Poston, Mr. Adam Schapiro, Mr. Damien Williams, Mr. Ben Casella and Mr. Esteban Vazquez** attended the People of Color Conference.

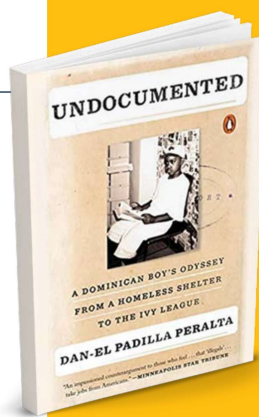
New faculty member, **Mr. Mike Solominsky**, continued his pursuit of his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and Management at Fitchburg State University.

**Mr. Scott** attended three classes at the Center for Metal Arts in Johnstown, PA that focused on various forms of blacksmithing, knife making, and the creation of pattern Damascus. He plans to pass that instruction along to the Kiski Boys during the second half of the current academic year.

**Mr. Scott** and his son also attended a sailing course offered by The Wooden Boat School this past summer. The pair learned about sailing and navigation. Those skills will come in handy as **Mr. Scott** plans to build another outrigger boat with the boys and then have them sail it at the Loyalhanna Dam.

**Mr. Vince Kwiatek** participated in the Connections to Today: Virtual Workshop for United States and World History, where he garnered practical tips and resources for connecting the past to students' lives today.

The Association of College Counselors at Independent Schools hosted a virtual workshop this summer for new Directors of College Counseling that was attended by **Ms. Megan Neumeister**.



## 2021-22 ALL-SCHOOL BOOK

Each year Kiski selects an all-school book to build discussions around throughout the year. *Undocumented*, by Dan-el Padilla Peralta, covers the author's journey from the Dominican Republic as a young boy to finishing at the top of his Princeton class. Dan-el overcomes tremendous obstacles while attracting assistance from mentors that recognize his superior intellect and drive.

**Mrs. Patricia Argyros** attended classes on monotype printing, drawing, and glass mosaics. She will pass these new skills along in her freshmen art class as well as her drawing and painting classes. She also entered two mosaic pieces in the three-dimensional show at the Greensburg Art Center in September.

**Mr. Brad Kwiatek** attended an online course focused on the effects and methods of online teaching. The five-week program included synchronous and asynchronous learning experiences. He also attended the TABS Conference and the National Council of Teachers of English Conference. In addition, he worked closely with our speech and debate district committee and the national office to create opportunities for students to participate in online practices and events.

The school year ended with a voluntary three-day professional development experience led by **Mr. Brendan Moriarty '86** meant to help teachers explore the important ideas in their own classes and how they mesh with the larger ideas important to Kiski culture. Attendance was excellent with an average of 15 teachers at each session. 🍎



# CONQUERING OBSTACLES

## *How Kiski Successfully Offered In-Person Instruction for the Entire 2020-2021 Academic Year*

**WHEN THE PARADISE BELL TOWER RANG OUT ONCE FOR EACH 2021 GRADUATE TO SIGNAL THE START OF KISKI'S 133<sup>RD</sup> COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY,** it was also indicating that Kiski had jubilantly reached another finish line. "Having an in-person commencement for [the Classes of] 2020 and 2021 was the perfect reward for a job well done," shared **Ms. Taresa Cunnard**, Kiski's Director of Health Services and a member of Kiski's COVID-19 Task Force. Under the steady leadership of Head of School **Mr. Chris Brueningsen**, the School had safely offered in-person instruction for the entire academic year!

The Task Force started sixteen months earlier in March of 2020, just before the Kiski Boys would leave campus for spring break. "At first, we announced that we would delay the boys return by a week or two, and it became clear later that we would have to finish the fourth quarter of our year remotely instead," recounted Task Force member and Associate Head of School **Mr. Mark Novom**.

As the faculty and staff nimbly prepared for a full-remote finish to the 2020 school year, the Task Force looked ahead to plan for the 2020-21 academic year. Although intense uncertainty concerning the trajectory of the global health crisis remained, they planned optimistically for a return to in-person instruction.

By April, key segments for a plan to open the 133<sup>rd</sup> academic year under circumstances that would resemble as close to normal as possible began to form. The hybrid instruction platform, ONE Kiski, was developed to welcome students that were able to return to campus along with students that would either have to stay remote because of travel limitations or safety concerns.

Meanwhile, the Task Force pursued a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) waiver to allow Kiski to become an approved COVID-19 rapid testing site. With the

waiver secured, Kiski was able to perform rapid tests to limit the exposure to and spread of COVID-19. Community members were tested periodically and before reentrance into what was termed "the Kiski Bubble," the campus community that was nearly entirely isolated from outside exposure.

By the end of the year, over 3,200 rapid COVID-19 tests were performed by Ms. Cunnard and her stalwart Health Center colleagues **Mrs. Anita Bafik, RN** and **Ms. Jamie Kurek, RN**. Individuals who tested positive, and their close contacts, were isolated to halt potential outbreaks. Polymerase chain reaction (more commonly known as PCR) tests were used to identify false-positive rapid tests or confirm them, reducing unnecessary isolation periods and related interruptions. Fortunately, Kiski obtained its CLIA waiver before a flood of waiver requests prevented peer schools from obtaining the same ability.

However, the plan to reopen was nearly derailed. Just before the school year started the scarce rapid tests Kiski purchased were confiscated by the Department of Homeland Security and diverted to areas of higher need determined by the agency. With students inbound, the Task Force pivoted to develop a strategy using PCR tests. The slower results produced by PCR tests required a one to three-day period of isolation and staggered arrivals, but the Kiski Boys and their parents cooperated graciously.

"Parents were very appreciative and supportive. Everyone wanted to get back to some kind of normal life again after being quarantined at home for so long," reflected Ms. Cunnard. Regarding the students, she added, "They knew that the testing protocols were what got them back in the classroom and back on the athletic field."

A survey of parents showed that respondents were 97% "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with Kiski's COVID-19 Health

and Safety Protocols. Task Force member and Associate Head of School **Mr. Adam Schapiro**, credited Kiski's adherence to a guiding principle for the approval. "We made good practical decisions with an abundance of caution and communicated them clearly and often," he said.

Ms. Cunnard added to that with a question that aided her with every decision: "If this was my child, what would I want and expect?"

Campus policies were informed by leading health professionals like the Centers for Disease Control, Pennsylvania's Department of Health, the National Association of School Nurses, and the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Kiski's COVID-19 protocols included temporary, but necessary adjustments to typical operations in order to prevent an outbreak that would trigger a regression to full-remote instruction. The boys lived in dorms separated by athletic team, instead of by graduating class, to limit most interactions between sub-communities. An extensive meal distribution plan made it possible to safely feed the typically ravenous boys with only minimal handling of food and sharply reduced close interactions in the dining hall.

Along with the food service staff, the maintenance and cleaning professionals adopted new procedures to enhance their meticulous care for our campus and the community it supports. Director of Communications **Dr. Craig Olear** created Plexiglas barriers and signage throughout campus to direct the flow of foot traffic in a way that would minimize interaction. Alumni, parents, and friends of Kiski increased their support of The Kiski Fund and specific scholarship initiatives to aid with unforeseen expenses brought on by the pandemic. Traversing the school year without major pandemic-related incident was truly a full community effort that required discipline, patience, innovation, flexibility and resilience.

The careful planning of the Task Force continues to pay off for the current school year. Residents of the Kiski campus are now over 90% fully vaccinated, which allowed for an opening of the 2021-22 academic year that much more closely resembled normal.

Best of all, the boys are all back on campus. And after opening the last school year with 172 students, we reached our opening enrollment goal of 190 boys for the current year. Many parents of new enrollees credited our success with the 2020-21 school year as the motivation

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*Assoc. Head of School & COVID-19 Task Force Member*

behind their applications. "It's remarkable that our Admissions Office was able to reach our enrollment goal during the pandemic," said Mr. Schapiro. "They found innovative ways to speak with prospective families establishing virtual tours and online *Asked and Answered* sessions that gathered prospective families with faculty and boys that could address their thoughtful questions."

Our optimism continues to grow as we reintroduce Kiski traditions like all-school assemblies, full athletic schedules, and the unrestricted resumption of outdoor activities like leadership training on the Cas Devey '11 Memorial Ropes Course. Kiski will continue to persevere with a heightened appreciation for all that was threatened but sustained during the pandemic. We are grateful for your help with making the historic 2020-21 year a success despite the obstacles we faced as a community. Thank you! ♣



(Left) Mr. Esteban Vazquez's class smashing COVID-19 piñatas. (Center, left to right) Ms. Taresa Cunnard, Ms. Jamie Kurek and Mrs. Anita Bafik standing ready for the 2021-22 academic year; (Right) Mr. Mark Orsatti's class socially distancing.



# ROCKWELL GRAY (1938 - 2021)

By Madelyn Gray

Rockwell Gray's Wife and  
Former Kiski Teacher



*When we consider our favorite subject in high school, or our best academic experience, no one remembers their favorite textbook. It is the teacher we remember. It is the teacher that makes the difference. The knowledge the teacher brings of his or her subject along with the driving desire to share this information can shape the life of a student forever. Excellent teaching is an art. It takes years of dedicated practice, fine-tuning, and growth through error by the practitioner to achieve excellence. Hours of preparation mixed with some boldness, 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 Boys.*

**ROCKWELL GRAY SPENT TEN YEARS** at The Kiski School as Chair of the English Department. He arrived in 1980 after completing a yearlong grant given to him by the Center for Twentieth Century Studies at the University of Wisconsin. He left Kiski in 1990, wanting to return to teaching at the college level. He was highly-regarded as a professor of philosophy, social thought, and literature in both the United States and abroad.

He wrote the seminal intellectual biography of Ortega Y Gasset "The Imperative of Modernity," "A Century of Enterprise: St. Louis, 1894–1994," "Opening to the World: John Burroughs School at Seventy-five (1923–1998)," and he translated a collection of Chilean folk tales by Yolando Pino-Saavedra. He also published articles and essays in journals

all over the world. His passions for personal history, family, nature, and literature were key to his character.

At Kiski, Dr. Gray taught only in the mornings, having arranged with Headmaster **Jack Pidgeon** to keep afternoons free to do his own writing. With that agreement in place, he was able to publish essays in many intellectual journals. Feeling that Kiski Boys needed more of a cultural side to their education, he instituted off-campus trips for the first time to Pittsburgh Symphony concerts, theater events, and museum visits. He accompanied the students on all of these trips.

He also felt that the boys needed a place to share their written work, completed on their own, outside of the classroom. To that end, he established the Literary Forum that met bi-weekly. Students would share their writings with their peers in Dr. Gray's living room, sitting on the sofa, chairs, and floor. Comments were offered and Dr. Gray modeled how criticism could be given with respect, civility, and thoughtfulness. The boys loved to attend, and **Madelyn Gray**, his wife and fellow member of the English Department, often provided little snacks to accompany their creative endeavors.

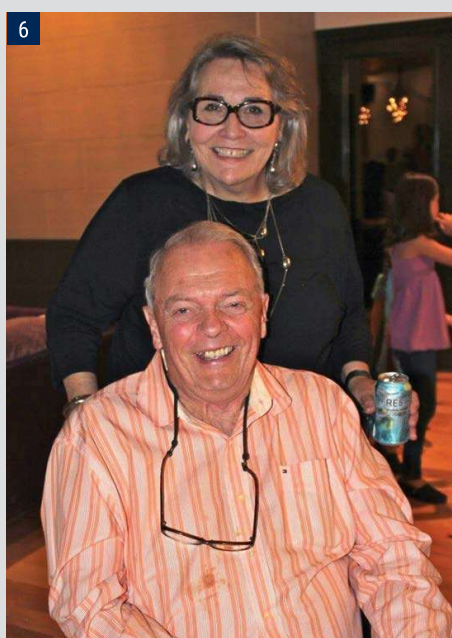
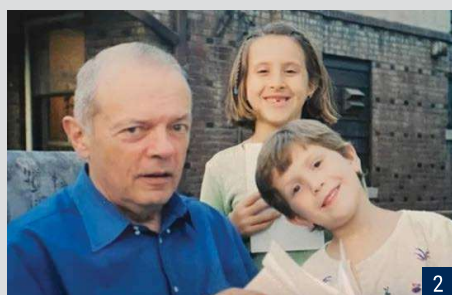
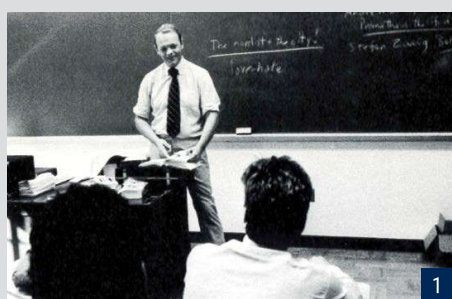
One of his favorite assignments was library duty in the evenings each week. On the shelves he looked for books that neither students or faculty had checked out in many years, or at all. He perused those books with care, attempting to give them a chance to "live." For Rockwell Gray, books contained the voices of others, reaching out to educate, entertain and share experiences. It is interesting to note, that by the time of his passing, he had a collection of approximately 6,000 books in his home, filling thirty feet of his finished basement with shelves from ceiling to floor.

Dr. Gray's students will remember him for his remarkable capacity to listen deeply to comments from even the youngest and most inexperienced students. They most commonly noted his erudition and civility. He also encouraged, and often demanded, engagement in the classroom. An intellectual adventurer, he would regale the boys with stories of his

life in Chile and Mexico, as well as New England, where he was born and raised.


Unlike most others on campus, Dr. Gray was not particularly interested in competitive sports. The only athletic events that he truly enjoyed were those in which his sons, **Zachary Boyers '90** and **Lowell Boyers '84** participated. However, he did enjoy taking long bike

rides along the mountainous roads of Western Pennsylvania, surrounding Kiski and Saltsburg specifically. Very much a lover of nature, he was appreciative of the beauty of the campus and grateful to know his own boys and his daughter, **Elizabeth Gray**, could feel free and safe as they wandered across its 350 acres. 🍂



#### PICTURED ABOVE:

(1) Dr. Gray in his element, shaping young minds. (2) Rockwell warmly welcoming the company of two of his four grandchildren: Ceilia and Ivan Boyers. (3) Madelyn and Rockwell sharing a moment. (4) Zack '90 and daughter-in-law Rachel Boyers huddling with Madelyn and Rockwell. (5) (Left to right) Front row: Son-in-law William Wilmot, Rockwell, and Ceilia; Second row: Grandson August Wilmot, Madelyn, and Rachel. Third row: Grandson Calder Wilmot, Ivan and Rachel. Back row: Ceilia's partner Ricardo. (6) Madelyn and Rockwell attending one of countless joyful family functions. (7) Rockwell holding court. (8) Lowell '84, Madelyn and Rockwell enjoying a blustery day.



The massive tent creating space for safe, socially-distanced reunion activities.

# Reunion Weekend

JUNE 4 – JUNE 6, 2021

*The 2021 Reunion Weekend marked the first time that Kiski was able to host an alumni event on campus since Homecoming in October of 2019. The Kiski campus was closed to visitors in order to maintain our safe “bubble” atmosphere for our students. The decision to forge ahead with the reunion event was only made official once restrictions placed on gatherings were lifted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in late April.*



Recipient of multiple "Most Experienced Alumnus in Attendance Awards," Frank Urbany '51 (center) standing with Steve Szilagyi '88 (left) and Chris Brueningsen (right)

**WE HAD LITTLE TIME TO PROMOTE THE EVENT,** but Class Captains sprang into action to invite their classmates back to campus for the celebration. The turnout may have been half of what we have enjoyed before the global health crisis, but it brought a welcome feeling of normal back to campus. The rare opportunity to see classmates and other Kiski friends was magnified by the year-plus of social isolation that preceded the extraordinary weekend.

Classes ending in 0 and 5—that missed milestone anniversaries in 2020—were joined by classes ending in 1 and 6 celebrating their landmark reunions. The result was an eclectic group of alumni that shared common stories across eras during meals under the 7,200 square-foot tent in the Yukevich Quad and around the bonfire each night on the Zeigler Patio behind the Swank Student Center.

Guests were welcomed to the Saturday banquet by Head of School **Chris Brueningsen** and Associate Head of School **Steve Szilagyi '88**, both beaming with excitement as they addressed returning members of the Kiski family. Cheers filled the tent as they shared updates from the triumph of Kiski grit that was the 2020-21 school year with the alumni community that encouraged them through the challenges.

Board Chair **John Jacob '89** stepped to the podium to introduce the recipient of the 2021 Distinguished Alumnus Award, only to learn that he was the recipient. Steve Szilagyi then presented the 2021 Reunion Weekend awards, starting with faculty-daughter **Erin (Johns) Gless '01**, who was recognized for traveling the farthest (from Anacortes, WA), and **Frank Urbany '51**, for being the "Most Experienced" alumnus in attendance. Mr. Urbany's presentation was followed by a touching impromptu standing ovation from the full crowd. Class Captains and alumni that returned to celebrate COVID-delayed traditional 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> reunions were recognized. Then, in a unique moment unlikely to be repeated, both the Class of 1970 (2020) and the Class of 1971 (2021) were recognized for winning the Reunion Giving Cup—awarded to the milestone reunion class with the highest participation in The Kiski Fund.

Our next Reunion Weekend will be June 3-5, 2022. We are optimistic that it will be free of any pandemic restrictions and allow ample time for promotion.

Save the date! Although we will focus on milestone anniversaries for classes ending in 2 and 7, all alumni are welcome to join the party. 🍷

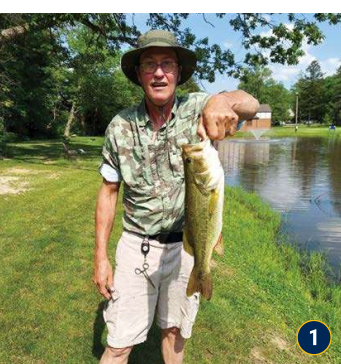


**SAVE THE DATE!**

**JUNE 3-5, 2022**  
**REUNION WEEKEND**



John Jacob '89 (left) receiving the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Chris Brueningsen



## WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

To see more from reunion weekend, visit [bit.ly/kiskigallery](http://bit.ly/kiskigallery)

**1** Jason Sczerba '91 showing off his catch from the McDonald Pond.

**2** Alumni and their families enjoying the new Paint and Sip activity on the Old Main porch.

**3** Matt Zang '11 completing one of the "maker" projects offered during the weekend.

**4** Left to right: Matt Zang, Alex Testa, Dylan Mack, and Chris Jackson representing the Class of 2011.

**5** Chris Buell '00 (left) and Harry Seibel '00 (right) readying for the green.

**6** Left to right: John Zang '09, Clare Zang, Matt Zang '11, Rege Rogel '08, Jessica Rosidivito and Matt Rosidivito '08 gathering for lunch under the tent.

**7** In memory of their classmate Jim D'Itri, the Class of 1971 presenting Jim's wife Celeste (sixth from left) and son Vincent (seventh from left) a collage of Jim's photos and a newly planted crimson red maple (background to the right of Jim Moore). Flanking Jim D'Itri's wife and son are (left to right) Andy Gustafson, Len Eisenbeis, Bob Ondocsin, Jim Moore, Dave Amrhein, Pete Martorelli and Kim Hurst.

**8** Left to right: Dave Mateer, John Bender, Brendan Moriarty, Lee Daubenspeck, Brian Kosanovich, Tom Coste, Dave Riley, Roy Geiselhart, Dave Pallone, Frank Kowalczyk, and Dave Farley posing with the Kiski Cougar.

**9** Left to right: Kim McCoy, Rob Bygrave, John Whitehead, Scott Phillips, Greg Tobias, and Jeff Wieser celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> (plus one) under unique circumstances alongside Steve Szilagyi '88.

**10** Left to right: Ethan Russman '91, Don Cunanan '91, Mark Orsatti, and Jason Sczerba '91 sharing stories from 30 years earlier.



# KISKI'S ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2021

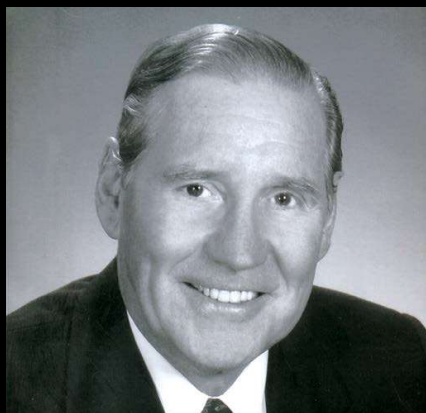
*After the pandemic delayed our 2020 event, we are thrilled to finally induct the eighth class of Kiski's young Athletic Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was established in 2013 to commemorate 125 years of athletic competition. Selecting classes from dozens of worthy nominees remains difficult. The individuals and teams listed below were selected from a wealth of deserving candidates.*

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→ To view the full gallery for the October 29 and 30, 2021 Hall of Fame and Homecoming Weekend events, please visit [bit.ly/kiskigallery](https://bit.ly/kiskigallery).

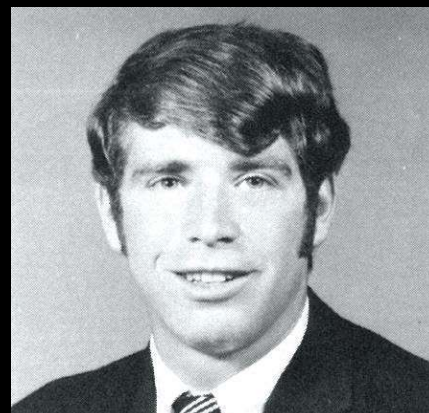
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→ A video of the induction ceremony is available at Kiski's YouTube channel at [youtube.com/kiskischool](https://youtube.com/kiskischool).



**GLENN BALLARD '51**

Before Glenn Ballard, Class of 1951, became a legendary head of school at Brownwell-Talbot, Hockaday, Kinkaid, and Holland Hall, he was a versatile athlete and astute student at Kiski. He excelled on Kiski's football, swimming and diving, and baseball teams. Mr. Ballard attended Brown University on a football scholarship before an injury brought him home, where he finished his undergraduate degree at the University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Ballard earned his master's degree in math and philosophy at the University of Denver. He returned to serve on the Kiski faculty in an effort to give back some of what the school had given to him in both athletics and academics. He was a great coach and was known as a demanding but fair math teacher who put learning first.



**PETER MARTORELLI '71**

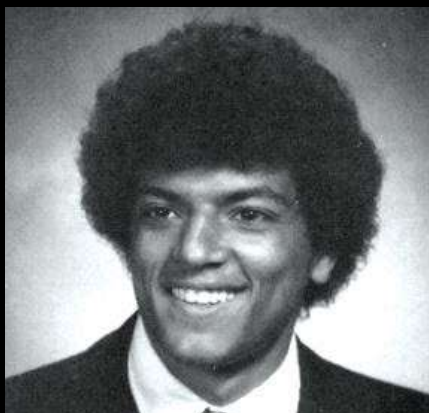
Peter Martorelli, Class of 1971, was one of the most dominant athletes of his era. He earned 11 varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball. He captained each team his senior year. Mr. Martorelli played center and linebacker on the football team and led the basketball team to Kiski's first Interstate Prep School League Championship. Rated as one of the best high school catchers in Pennsylvania, he accepted a scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh where he started all four years, captaining the Panthers his junior and senior years. He won Pitt's prestigious Blue-Gold Award in 1974-75, given annually to the best student-athlete.

The Hall of Fame honors those alumni, teams and coaches who have made outstanding contributions to Kiski athletics. The nominees exemplify the core values they learned at Kiski: principles of integrity, humility, sportsmanship and service.

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

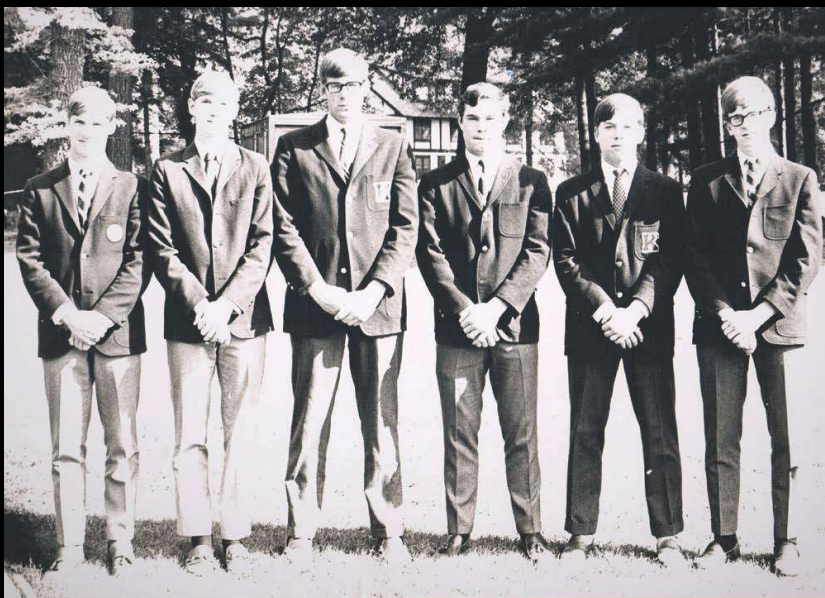
The nominated team or individual must be ten years removed from Kiski. Coaches, posthumous nominees, and benefactors will be inducted at the discretion of the Hall of Fame Induction Committee.

**NOMINATIONS  
DUE BY MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>  
at [kiski.org/hof](http://kiski.org/hof)**



#### **JIM GARLAND '83**

Jim Garland, Class of 1983, still held four top-ten all-time track and field performances for Kiski at the time of his induction. He was listed among the greats in the 800, 1,600, and 3,200 events, and his 4 by 800 relay team held the top time. He earned all-league honors for cross country, and turned in the sixth fastest time ever recorded on the Kiski course. The senior track and field captain won the 1,600 and 800 at the league championship meet. He continued his athletic career at Wittenberg University where he was a four-year letterman in cross country and track, and was captain of both teams. Following college, Mr. Garland embarked on a successful triathlon career.



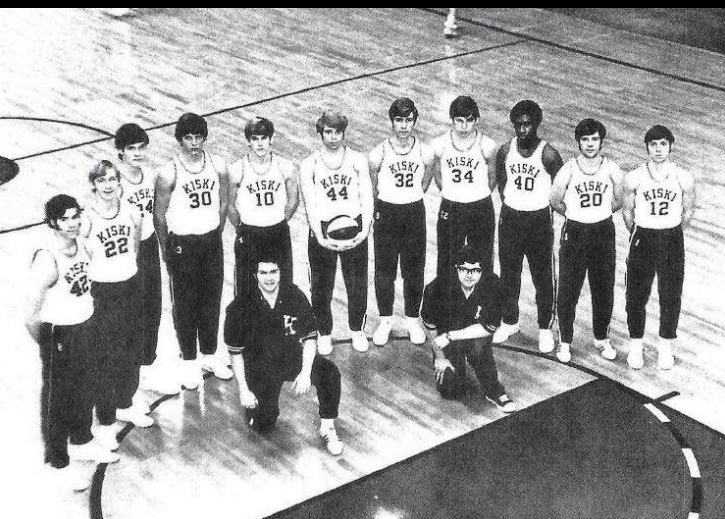
#### **1969 GOLF TEAM**

The preview for the 1969 golf season predicted that Kiski had the “determination, talent and experience necessary for a winning season.” However, all the Cougars did was win as they completed a 12-0 slate. Along with the aforementioned traits, the team benefited from incredible depth. The steady play necessary to win can be elusive during any given round, but the Kiski golfers managed to maintain consistency for a full season. Multiple teammates garnered top medalist honors. Players from this storybook team went on to compete in college, and later on the state and national levels.

**BOYS:** Paul Byrne, William Engelbret, Peter Friesell, Stevens Magdsick, Mac McIlrath, Robert Ondocsin, Stephen Suhey, Michael Willis

**COACHES:** J. Michael Sapienza, C. Jackson Blair

# KISKI'S ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2021



## 1970-71 BASKETBALL TEAM ↑

In their third season of full membership in the Interstate Prep School League (IPSL), the Kiski Basketball program captured its first league championship. In fact, the team's only two losses during a 14-2 campaign came early in the season when they played without a few of their starters. Kiski avenged their loss to Sewickley in a rematch and pummeled league opponents during a late 60's and early 70's period known as one of the most competitive eras for IPSL play. Balanced scoring and a tenacious defensive style, that converted numerous steals into extra possessions, were keys to the championship run.

**BOYS:** Tim Askew, David Cline, Randall Coleman, James D'Itri, Joseph Franz, David Martha, Peter Martorelli, Jeffrey Massey, Arthur Masotes, Richard Miller, Mark Sieber, Andrew Tonic, Mitchell Weinstein

**COACH:** Robert Kribbs

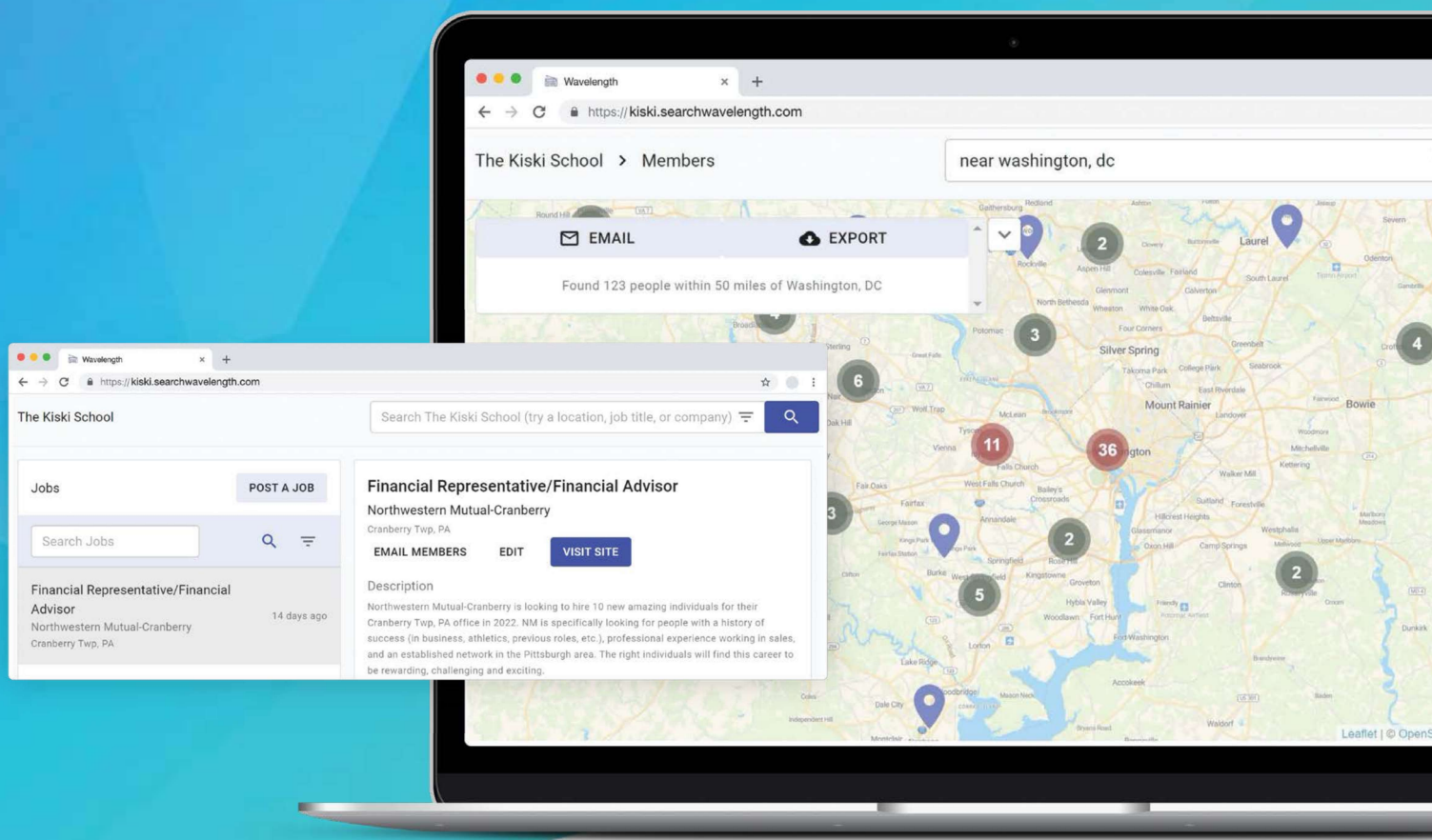


## 1973-74 SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM ↑

Kiski clinched its first-ever Independent School Swimming League title after winning the last event of the championship meet held at Kiski. In doing so, that 400-yard freestyle relay team set school, pool and league records of 3:20.48. That title-clinching climax was earned one grueling training yard at a time. The team swam over 200,000 yards in practice with ten practices each week that included 6 a.m. sessions. Their determination drew them back from winter break five days early for a pre-season grind that included 14 practices. It was the commitment necessary to accomplish greatness and a legendary season. ♣

**BOYS:** Paul Adams, Brett Auer, Kurt Buttkevitz, Edward Denny, Gregory Floro, Kurt Franck, Jeffrey Green, Scott Grimes, Timothy Kilbride, H. Braddock King, Thomas Kovalchuk, Richard Leydig, Andrew McGregor, Terrance Owens, Mark Parke, Todd Peters, Sandy Pidgeon, Kevin Reynolds, Stephen Rudolph, Mark Schremmer, N. Clark Shipley, Kurt Sieber, Peter Spangenberg, Paul Stafford, Dan Stilz, John Suprock, Edward Tarney, Joseph Topel, Scott Welham

**COACHES:** John Pidgeon, Richmond Curtiss, Merrill Dawson, Ian McLaren



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- Update your job history and customize the contact information that you want other searchers to find.
- Visit the Job Board to post an open position for Kiski alumni to consider, or find a new opportunity for yourself.
- 93% of users who logged in updated their information.
- 73% of accessed profiles were enriched with career, education, and contact information.
- 68% of lost alumni with missing emails were matched with social profiles, sourced emails, and physical addresses.

# Kiski's Alumni Leadership

## *Co-Authoring Kiski's Success Stories*

All of our accomplishments can be traced back to the support Kiski receives from its community. That was true before the COVID-19 pandemic, and only emphasized during the previous year. Many alumni, parents and friends reached out with encouraging words and the financial support necessary to balance unforeseen expenses. Often times, they are kept aware of the latest Kiski news and areas of need by alumni who volunteer as Class Captains and Board of Visitors members. We are a force as a community united behind Kiski's ongoing mission to prepare young men to succeed in college and in life.

We are in the midst of another exciting year as we look positively to a future beyond the pandemic. Our class leaders have already started to organize large turnouts for the 2022 Reunion Weekend—beyond milestone celebration we typically highlight—optimistic that we will be able to gather safely. We are also grateful for the efforts to tactfully amplify our appeals that you financially support our worthy cause with gifts of any size to The Kiski Fund. Thank you, alumni leaders, for your selfless commitment to building upon your Kiski legacy for future generations while maintaining and strengthening connections between your classmates.

### **Additional volunteers are always welcome!**

If you are interested in joining your class leadership group, please contact us at 724-639-8029 or [advancement@kiski.org](mailto:advancement@kiski.org).

#### **Kiski's Class Captains (©) Board of Visitors (B) New Leaders (\*)**

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The newly welcomed 2021 Class Captains gathering at the Class of '59 Overlook after a luncheon with the Office of Advancement staff when they were formally welcomed to the alumni leadership ranks (left to right): Jose Muñoz, Alex Gardner, Zander Szilagyi, Dante Parisotto, Devon Root, Eric Gary and Chris Peirce.

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# Kiski Welcomes New Trustees

*Rob Boulware '82, Wendy Feinstein P'23, Christopher McCrady, & Peter Smith '72 Join Board*

Kiski would like to acknowledge Paul Siker '79, Kris Rockwell '90, and Amy Helper P'13, P'15 for their successful tenure on the Kiski Board. Each served on multiple committees dedicated to maintaining progress in pivotal areas for strategic growth, and did so during a challenging time. They have also each given generously to advance special projects and our overall operating budget via annual gifts to The Kiski Fund. Thank you!

Rob Boulware '82, Wendy Feinstein P'23, Christopher R. McCrady and Peter Smith '72 started their first term on July 1, 2021.

**Rob Boulware '82** is the Director of Stakeholder Relations for Seneca Resources Company. Rob graduated from Kiski in 1982 and completed his studies in Journalism at Penn State in 1986. He has since been inducted into Penn State and Kiski's Athletic Halls of Fame. Over the years, Rob has been a board member for several other organizations, including Westmoreland County 4H, Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh and was a past member of Kiski's Board from 2010-2016.

**Wendy Feinstein P'23** currently serves as the managing partner at the law firm of Morgan Lewis in Pittsburgh. She holds a

B.A. from the University of Michigan and a J.D. from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. She is a seasoned litigator who works with companies in different regulated industries representing her clients in various complex disputes. Her son, Ben, is in his junior year at Kiski.

**Christopher McCrady** is the acting Principal and CFO of Simpson & McCrady LLC. Chris is a 1990 graduate of Sewickley Academy and earned his bachelor's degree in business from Michigan State. Chris is the son of former Kiski Trustee, Colvin McCrady '64, and the nephew of Duff McCrady '61. He is currently a trustee of St. Edmund's Academy, past board chair of the Western PA School for the Deaf and a trustee for the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.

**Peter Smith '72** attended Williams College, after graduating from Kiski, where he earned his B.A. in 1976. Peter then completed his J.D. at Dickinson Law School before joining his father's general practice. He now serves as Chairman of the Board for CNB Bank where he has been a board member for 31 years. Peter most recently served on Kiski's Board of Visitors.

## Golfing for Scholars

*The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Kiski School Golf Tournament*

On Monday, September 27, 2021, The Kiski School's Board of Trustees once again generously hosted the annual Kiski Golf Event at The Pittsburgh Field Club in Fox Chapel, PA.

Everyone in attendance enjoyed a remarkably gorgeous, sun-filled day, and a delicious lunch and dinner together. The beautiful and challenging PFC golf course was in great shape and enjoyable to play. All in attendance had a great time being together to golf, catch up, and celebrate Kiski's important educational mission.

After the special day of golf, during dinner, Chair of the Board of Trustees, **John Jacob '89**, thanked all participants, supporters, and shared some positive remarks about Kiski.

Head of School **Chris Brueningsen**, shared a brief but informative State-of-the-School update for all in attendance.

# 100%

*of the funds raised by Kiski's golf event this year will be directly placed toward the student scholarship program supporting current Kiski Boys*

In addition, Associate Head of School for Institutional Advancement **Steven Szilagyi '88** announced and celebrated all of the skill prize winners.

Both Chris and Steve extended their heartfelt thanks to all of the event participants and included a special note of thanks to John Jacob and the current Kiski Board of Trustees who covered all expenses for the event.



## 2021 Overall and Skills Competitions

### Low Gross

1 <sup>st</sup> Marty Pellegrini	76 (37 Back 9)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bob Miller	76 (38 Back 9)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jesse Reed '12	78

### Low Callaway

1 <sup>st</sup> Duff McCrady '61	72
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jack Summers	73 (HDCP 9)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Joe Dorrycott	73 (HDCP 14)

### Skills

Longest drive #1 - Ryan John  
 Closest to the pin #4 - Chris McCrady (16'2")  
 Closest to the pin #6 - Duff McCrady '61 (HOLE IN ONE)  
 Longest drive #11 - Mark Mathews  
 Closest to the pin #14 - Troy Miller (9'11")  
 Closest to the pin #16 - Bernie Herrmann (14'11")  
 Closest to the pin #18 - Charley Frey (9'11")

*Left to right: (1) John George and David Cahouet '91; (2) Roger Sippey '60 and Harvey Goss '60; (3) John Jacob '89, Rob Matson '89, Lee Miller and Andy Rush; (4) Bob Jamison '64, Colvin McCrady '64 and Duff McCrady '61; (5) Carl Kalnow '68 and Steve Szilagyi '88; (6) Carl Kalnow '68, Reno DiOrio '59, Harvey Goss '60 and Roger Sippey '60.*



## Kiski was delighted to welcome the following individuals and businesses:

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 Mr. Samuel Black  
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 Mr. Mark Charbonneau  
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 Mr. Grant Duffield  
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 Mr. Charlie Frey  
 Mr. Logan Frey  
 Mr. Brian Freyvogel  
 Mr. John George  
 Mr. Harvey B. Goss '60  
 Dr. Arthur C. Hayes '67  
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 Mr. Duff McCrady '61  
 Mr. L. Colvin McCrady Jr. '64  
 Mr. Darin McHenry  
 Mr. David McHenry  
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 Mr. Mark Randall  
 Mr. Jesse J. Reed '12  
 Mr. Patrick Regan '90  
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 Mr. Clem Rosenberger  
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Mr. Andy Rush  
 Mr. Todd Sauter  
 Mr. Jason Sebak '12  
 Mr. Roger B. Sippey '60  
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 Slagel Insurance  
 Mr. Clyde H. Slease III '62  
 Mr. Lincoln Sokolski  
 Mr. TJ Spahn '18  
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 System One Holding, LLC  
 Mr. Steven T. Szilagyi '88  
 The Tsaggaris Family Foundation  
 Mr. and Mrs. Alexis Tsaggaris  
 Mr. Michael VanLenten Jr.  
 Mr. Travis Watt  
 Whirley Industries  
 Mr. Damien Williams

# Class Notes

## 1940s

**Charles Enlind '49** is happily retired from his position as a Labor Economist from the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C. He is currently serving as a board member for the Potomac River Jazz Club, which is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary ([www.prjc.org](http://www.prjc.org)).

## 1950s

**1 Alan Anderson '52** is retired from management consulting and currently volunteering to drive seniors.

**2 Jake Zeigler '62** met **Marquis Smith '52** for lunch at the Lancaster Country Club.

**3** After a tasty seafood meal at the Barnacle Restaurant on the harbor of Marblehead, MA, **Dr. James Hazlett '53** showed **Brayant Garcia '19** the historic sites of his hometown—including the recently restored fort which protected Marblehead Harbor during the Revolutionary War and viewing the original *Spirit of '76* painting. Brayant and Jim would be happy to hear from Kiski alumni living in the Boston area.

**4 Sid Breman '59** published *Parallel Streams* which is currently being distributed by Amazon Kindle. The book is a true story of two men connected by blood and experience separated by 200 years. One, James Black, a sergeant in the Westmoreland Militia fought in the American Revolution and the other, his great-great-great-great-grandson, Sid Breman, served in the Navy during the Vietnam War.

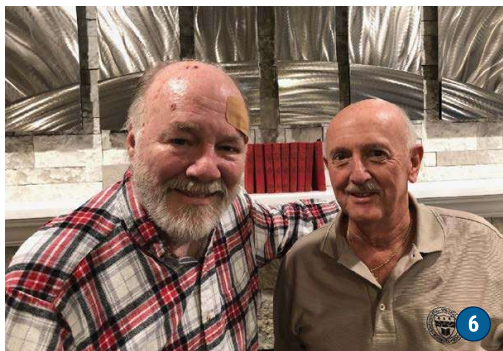
## 1960s

**5** Adventurers (left to right) **Roger Kishman '62**, **Carol Webster**, and **David Wolfson '61** sharing their Kiski pride from Clingmans Dome (elevation: 6,643 feet, the highest point in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park).

**6 Terry Rockwell '62** (left) welcomed **Roger Kishman '62** as a weekend visitor in Port Saint Lucie, FL.

**7 Tom Sherrard '62** (left) and his wife **Dana** (right), greeted **Terry Rockwell '62** (center) in Nashville, TN.

**8 Joseph Breman '63** sent his best from Western Colorado. He remains active in his community, serving on the Foundation Board of St. Mary's Hospital and HopeWest Hospice.





**9** Associate Head of School for Institutional Advancement, **Steve Szilagyi '88** (far right), enjoyed a nice day of golf with long-term supporters of Kiski (left to right): **Colvin McCrady '64**, **John Jacob '89**, and **Carl Kalnow '68**.

**Robert Nicholson '64** is happily retired in the pleasant Midwest, only regretting not being able to continue to travel the world. And he has been married for 25 years to a marvelous, bright, talented nurse educator and former Nursing Dean.

**10** The Class of 1966 hosted a Zoom reunion and spent time catching up after a brief update from campus delivered by Director of Alumni Relations and Special Gifts Officer **Mark Rhodehamel**. In attendance: **Mike Chapel**, **Richard Cohen**, **Bill Colvin**, **Doug Curtis**, **Tom Gallagher**, **Joel Klimoski**, **Peter Lewin**, **George Lula**, **Andrew Millar**, **Pete Rems**, **John Sherrad**, **Larry Shiff**, and **Bill Coffman**.

## 1970s

**11** (Left to right): **David Boesel '70**, **Bill Borden '70** and **Duncan Bowman '70** met for lunch in Jacksonville, FL. All that was missing was the dining hall announcement that they should "please report to the Dean's Office!"

**12** **Ed '71** and **Guy Eckstine '74** made a stop at Kiski during their road trip through Western PA.

**13** **Vikram Gosain '72** graduated from Stanford, attended law school, and became a CPA. He's practiced international tax law for 42 years, and just authored two books on international tax transfer pricing. He started the rock band "Desert Rangers Gosain" on YouTube. Vikram is married with two grown kids. Next summer, he'll ride his bicycle cross-country from SF to NYC (his third cross-country trek).

**14** **Mike Wessler '95** (right) and **Gregg Hamilton '73** (left) met for an afternoon of skiing in February at Aspen Snowmass Ski Resort in Colorado. The snow was fabulous and the chairlift conversation brilliant.

**Paul Herrington '73** moved full-time to Pinehurst, NC. He will be working remotely until the end of 2021 and then retiring.

## 1980s

**15** The pandemic may have postponed their originally scheduled wedding from June 8, 2020, but **Rick Curtiss '81** and his husband **Mark Epoch** officially celebrated their wedding one year later in Palm Springs, FL.

**16** (Left to right): **Tim Rose '85** with his daughter **Sophia** visiting **Tom Reiling '85** in Pittsburgh, PA during the spring of 2021.

## 1990s

**Logan Powell '92** recently completed his MBA at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. “Kiski instilled in me a desire to keep improving and to keep learning,” shared Logan. He completed the advanced degree while continuing his role as Dean of Admission at Brown. “It was the hardest two years of my adult life but totally worth it now! Sending thoughts of strength and good health to Kiski Boys and the Kiski family.”

**17 Mike “Bull” Rellick '96** (center) visiting the Kiski campus with **Mark Orsatti** (left) and **Mary Grace Muster** (right). Mike is currently a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force stationed in Tampa, FL.

He has amassed 20 years of service and is awaiting his next deployment.

**Jeremy Walker '97** and his team at FLIR Systems received funding from the United States’ Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency to create cutting-edge and lightweight personal protective equipment for soldiers that will protect them from chemical and biological threats.

## 2000s

**Nathan Crooks '01** completed an MBA from American University in Washington, D.C. in June 2021. He continues to be based in Miami, FL.

**18 Hubert Dagbo '08** and his wife **Thembeke** welcomed their daughter, **Milani Araba** on August 10, 2021. Hubert also launched an Edtech startup ([www.joinequipt.com](http://www.joinequipt.com)) and is participating in the Techstars Global Startup Accelerator.

**19** A chance summer gathering occurred between teachers and their former students (left to right): **Brendan Mortimer '11**, **Shawn Wray**, **Adam Schapiro**, **Colynn Cook '11** and **Garrett Poston '08**.

**20 John Zang '09** and his wife, **Clare** welcomed their first-born, **Alexandra Olivia**, to the world on August 14, 2021.



## 2010s

**Evan Henderson '11** competed in the United States Olympic Wrestling Team Trials event in Fort Worth, TX finishing with a 1-2 record at 65-kilograms.

**21 Jesse Reed '12** was named Head Coach of the Franklin Regional High School basketball program.

**22 Dan Swank '13** made a stop at Kiski between his home in Nashville, TN and appearances with his band All Time Low on "Good Morning America," "The Ellen Degeneres Show" (pictured, Dan back left), and "Jimmy Kimmel Live!"

Only two days after 10 people were murdered in a Colorado grocery store, **Charles Russell '14** may have saved

the patrons and staff of an Atlanta supermarket from a similar fate. He alerted authorities after witnessing a man entering the store's restroom with weapons and armor. Thanks to Charles, the store was evacuated and the suspect was apprehended without incident.

**23 Clayton Hepler '15** (left) and **Billy Gardner '15** (right) flanking **Mark Orsatti** during a chance meeting at Dino's in Latrobe, PA.

**24** A group of young alums met for golf at Totteridge before the rain brought an early end to their round. (Left to right): Assistant Director of Admission **Doug Caputo**, **Devon Root '21**, **Ben Gardner '17**, **Alex Gardner '21**, **Zander Szilagyi '21** and Director of Annual Giving **Damien Williams**. Not pictured:

Associate Head of School for Institutional Advancement, **Steve Szilagyi '88**.

**25** After battling through an injury-plagued lacrosse career, the resilient **Ben Gardner '17** finished on a high note. The Hamilton College standout was voted Most Valuable Player of the Division III North-South game after tallying an incredible six goals and three assists in the all-star showcase. Ben was also recently named a Robert Day Scholar at Claremont McKenna College, where he is pursuing a M.S. in finance.

**26** Senior West Virginia University (WVU) golfer **Mark Goetz '17** received NCAA Division I PING All-Midwest Region Team honors. He became the first WVU golfer to advance to the NCAA regional qualifier. In August



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2021, he earned medalist honors as the top finisher following stroke play at the U.S. Amateur Championship.

**27 Thomas Rubino '17** moved to Scottsdale, AZ to work in the Graduate Research Experience Program at Mayo Clinic - Arizona in Dr. Marion Curtis' cancer immunology and immunometabolism lab. He is researching targets in ovarian cancer for engineered T-cell therapy. This will be his gap-year position while applying to medical school this cycle.

**Wilson Smith '17** received First Team All-Conference honors as a long stick midfielder. The Montclair State University star also served as his lacrosse team's captain.

**28 Jordan Ackie '19** was drafted in the second round of the National Lacrosse League by the Georgia Swarm.

**29** (Left to right): **Mark Orsatti** welcoming the returns of **Daniel Ritton '19** and **Canaan Blackwell '19** during the holiday break.

**30 Jake Rosa '19** was voted Co-Male Athlete of the Year at St. Bonaventure University. He was the first lacrosse player to receive the award. He also earned Offensive Player of the Year honors in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

## 2020s

**31** Representing the Class of 2021 during Plebe Parents Weekend at the United States Naval Academy are (left to right) **Gabe Spencer**, **Cole Petrusha**, and **Yasen Spanta**. 🍓

### → CALLING ALL ALUMNI!

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*All Class Notes received after September 17, 2021 will be in next year's Kiski Bulletin.*



## 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WILL'S GIFT

# Gavin Benjamin

**W**ill's Gift is named in honor of **E. William Turley '64**, 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. The goal is to assist with the continued health of Pittsburgh's creative community and to increase and develop Kiski's strong collection in the visual arts. The hope

is that 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**.

**Gavin Benjamin** was named the 13<sup>th</sup> annual *Will's Gift* Award recipient by Mr. Conrad during the 2021 Virtual Honors Convocation Ceremony. "My work is a combination of photography and mixed media. It's a combination of layers and patterns and textures dealing with politics, and pop-culture," stated Mr. Benjamin upon receiving the award. Mr. Benjamin earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts from the School of Visual Arts in New York City.

Pictured below is 2021 Will's Gift Award recipient Gavin Benjamin in his studio.

During that time, he apprenticed with legendary portrait photographer Arnold Newman. He has amassed a vast collection of professional experiences including work for Kenneth Cole Productions, *Esquire Magazine*, Hachette Filipacchi Media, and *Good Housekeeping Magazine*. Mr. Benjamin's work has been featured at the Slick Paris, Sotheby's NY, Architectural Digest's Home Design Show, Art Hampton, Affordable Art Fair, Scope Miami, Palm Beach Modern, Context Miami, Context NY, Art Silicon Valley, and the LA Art Fair. He is currently also serving as a Board Member for the Pittsburgh Glass Center.

You can learn more about Mr. Benjamin and view a broader collection of his work at [gavinbenjamin.com](http://gavinbenjamin.com). ♦



# In Memoriam

*Kiski was informed of the passing of the following community members this year (as of October 21, 2021).  
The School extends heartfelt condolences to all that have lost friends and family.*

**Merrill Addington '46** passed on  
July 15, 2007.

**John Bahr '53** passed on August 2, 2018.

**Lester Bartlett II '52** passed on  
February 20, 2020.

**H. Bradford Bell '50** passed on  
January 20, 2021.

**Justin Bobal '04** passed on  
October 12, 2021.

**Martin Botti '84**, brother of Michael  
Botti '84, passed on May 16, 2014.

**C. Thomas Brown '53** passed on  
August 2, 2021.

**John Brown '58** passed on July 2, 2021.

**Ralph Caplan '42** passed on June 4, 2020.

**Ralph Chantler '44** passed on  
February 4, 2011.

**William Colegrove '51** passed on  
March 24, 2016.

**David Dietz '58** passed on May 23, 2019.

**James D'Itri '71**, brother of Michael '77,  
Daniel '83 and Dennis D'Itri '83, passed  
on September 23, 2020.

**Bruce Dunham '61** passed on  
September 19, 2021.

**Charles Edwards '55** passed on  
December 1, 2012.

**Leonard Felman '53** passed on  
January 28, 2021.

**Robert Fitzgerald '48** passed on  
March 22, 2015.

**Mark Fruehan '75** passed on  
March 5, 2021.

**Harvey Fruehauf '47** passed on  
September 14, 2021.

**Janice Fuellhart**, former trustee, wife  
of the late Jack Fuellhart Sr. '62 and  
mother of Jake Fuellhart Jr. '90, passed  
on January 20, 2021.

**John Gilbert '51** passed on  
February 24, 2021.

**Rockwell Gray**, former faculty member,  
husband of former faculty member  
Madelyn Gray and father of Lowell '84  
and Zachary '90 Boyers, passed on  
April 18, 2021.

**Frederick Groover '51** passed on  
December 21, 2020.

**James Guandolo '58**, father of  
John Guandolo '85, passed on  
September 24, 2020.

**Joseph Harris '44**, passed on  
December 17, 2020.

**David Hartung '56** passed on  
March 5, 2021.

**Paul Heinen '51** passed on  
August 23, 2021.

**Ryck Hundredmark '60** passed on  
April 16, 2019.

**George Irwin '38** passed on  
February 26, 2009.

**Larry Jensen**, former faculty member  
and father of Emily (Jensen) DeLattre '04,  
passed on January 4, 2021.

**John Kennerdell '53** passed on  
August 11, 2017.

**Wayland Kerr '52** passed on  
July 14, 2020.

**John Kimerer Jr. '48** passed on  
August 6, 2020.

**Leon Labbie '40** passed on  
November 24, 2009.

**Richard Leydig Jr. '74**, brother of  
Thomas Leydig '76, passed on  
November 24, 2020.

**David Magee '56**, brother of the  
late Frederick Magee '58, passed on  
November 3, 2020.

**Jason Martin '92** passed on  
December 26, 2020.

**H. Cameron Metz '64**, brother of Dr. R.  
Bruce Metz '68, passed on October 21,  
2021.

**James McLane '83** passed on  
September 17, 2006.

**Charles McNash '55** passed on  
January 24, 2009.

**Salomon Murciano**, former faculty  
member, passed on February 17, 2021.

**Lenarda Myers**, wife of longtime facilities  
employee Morris Myers, passed on  
July 16, 2021.

**Barbara Nanney**, former faculty member,  
wife of late former faculty member  
Lawrence Nanney and mother of the late  
Josienne Piller '74; mother of Patricia  
Brett '75, Michael '85, Paul '87, and Mary  
Nanney '89, passed on April 3, 2021.

**Jack Oechslin '47** passed on  
December 29, 2020.

**Glenn Pope '59** passed on  
May 15, 2021.

**Aurthur Provost '58**, father of Scott  
Provost '91 and grandfather of



## Allen Glick

*Former Kiski Trustee & Class of 1960 passed away on August 2, 2021.*

*Former Kiski Trustee Allen Glick, Class of 1960, passed away on August 2, 2021 at his home in*

*San Diego, CA after a valiant battle with cancer. During his time as a student at Kiski, Allen was Co-Captain of the Varsity Football Team as well as a member of the Varsity Club and the Kiski News. Allen went on to earn his B.A. from The Ohio State University and his J.D. from Case-Western Reserve School of Law. In addition, Allen served in a Special Operations Unit during the Vietnam War, earning The Bronze Star. He was always a thoughtful and dedicated supporter of Kiski and the School's educational mission. Allen was also a devoted husband and father as well as a highly successful business leader. He will be dearly missed. "Allen Glick truly was bigger than life. When Mr. Pidgeon introduced him to me he said be prepared to meet the most charismatic guy you have ever known. Be prepared to meet the funniest guy on the planet who happens to have one of the sharpest business minds you will ever meet. As usual, Mr. Pidgeon was right," reflected longtime friend Alan Andreini '64.*

*Allen is pictured (left) with legendary Headmaster Jack Pidgeon. Upon Mr. Pidgeon's passing, Allen shared this reflection within his eulogy, "Kiski is more than a group of buildings on a hill. Its immortality is certainly a result of Mr. Pidgeon. The memory of this school and the lessons we learned will prevail long after the bricks and mortar have turned to dust. Kiski will prevail forever, as will the legacy."*

Miles Provost '25 passed on October 1, 2021.

Scott Radman '87 passed on March 14, 2021.

William Ramsey '45 passed on July 23, 2009.

Robert Rector '61 passed on October 25, 2020.

Roger W. Rothbaler '51 passed on November 4, 2020.

Carolyn (Schall) Lane, former staff member and wife of the late teacher Ben Lane, passed on September 11, 2021.

Lewis Serventi '40, brother of the late Mark Serventi '39, passed on April 11, 2017.

Mark Serventi '39, brother of the late Lewis Serventi '40, passed on May 23, 2007.

Thomas Smyth '44, brother of the late Ellison Smyth '58, passed on December 5, 2019.

William Stephenson '49 passed on August 9, 2021.

Kent Stirling '64 passed on September 6, 2017.

Edward Svete '40, brother of the late Leo Svete '49, passed on July 31, 2006.

Raymond Tarasi '57 passed on September 30, 2021.

Josh Tillman '04 passed on January 31, 2021.

Jeffrey Thompson '75, brother of Gregory '73 and John Thompson '77, passed on August 16, 2021.

Kristine Trafficanti, mother of Daniel Trafficanti '10, passed on November 9, 2020.

Tony Veltri, former Kiski security guard, passed on January 6, 2021.

Charles Wack '55 passed on March 7, 2021.

Paul Wasilko '48 passed on July 13, 2011.

David Westwater '49 passed on November 16, 2019.

Mildred (Kozub) Wright, mother of former faculty members Thomas '65 and Barbara Kozub and grandmother of Jeffrey '93 and Scott Kozub '95, and Tracy (Kozub) Grello '98, passed on December 3, 2020.

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