

# THE KISKI SCHOOL Bulletin

2012 | A Year in Review



# FROM THE HEADMASTER



*Dear Friends,*

As I write this letter I am filled with equal parts pride and humility. I am inexpressibly proud to play a part in leading our School as we celebrate 125 years of excellence in educating boys. At the same time, I am genuinely humbled when I consider the ongoing responsibility I share with my colleagues: to steward the fundamental principles on which Kiski was founded – requiring each boy in our care to work hard and try his best, to keep his personal commitments, and to behave like a gentleman. More than anything, fidelity to these values over the past century and a quarter has informed our success and guided the transformational growth we have experienced.

When Andrew Wilson and his cohorts opened Kiski's gates and welcomed the first class of students to campus in 1888, they did so with a simple goal in mind: to create "a school of high order for boys." It would be a place where boys would receive academic training that would allow them to compete at the best colleges in the country. Of equal importance to Wilson and his faculty was the notion that Kiski would be a family school – a place where boys would be afforded, in Wilson's own words, "as many as possible of the comforts and advantages of home during this period of training." The heart and soul of Kiski is now and will always be marked by the rich personal interactions that occur between teacher and student, coach and athlete, mentor and advisee.

It seems only fitting as we recognize Kiski's 125<sup>th</sup> birthday and reflect on our School's rich heritage that we undertake a new project that will restore and expand one of the oldest buildings on campus, MacColl Hall. This dormitory, built in 1930 and named in honor of Kiski's second headmaster, William MacColl, holds many fond memories for the four generations of Kiski Boys who've lived there over the years. The \$2 million renovation and addition to MacColl began last month and is scheduled to be completed in late spring. When finished, this dorm will be the largest on campus and will be Kiski's first "green building" project. It will showcase a variety of features and systems that will promote environmentally sustainable living. I look forward to updating you on this venture as the work unfolds.

In this edition of the *Bulletin*, you'll read about many other projects that are underway and more new initiatives that are on the horizon. I can't help but think that if the reincarnated spirit of Andrew Wilson were to page through this publication he would be very pleased indeed with the School we have become.

Finally, I invite you to mark your calendar for our 125<sup>th</sup> Gala Reunion which is scheduled for the weekend of June 1, 2013. I promise that it will be a weekend to remember. More information about this event will follow in the months ahead. I hope you will be able to join us for the festivities – and I hope, too, that your travels will bring you to campus for a visit in the meantime.

With my sincere thanks on behalf of everyone on campus for the important part you play in advancing our School and supporting our good work and efforts, I am

Sincerely yours,

Christopher A. Brueningsen  
Headmaster

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## On the Cover: 125 Years of Kiski History

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## Founder of The Kiski School

*Andrew Wilkins Wilson, Jr.*

When we consider our favorite subject in high school or our best academic experience, no one remembers his favorite textbook. It is the teacher we remember. It is the teacher that makes the difference. The knowledge the teacher brings to his or her subject along with the conscientious approach in performing the job can shape the life of a student forever. Excellent teaching is an art. It takes years of dedicated practice, fine-tuning, and more than a few mistakes by the practitioner to achieve excellence. Hours of planning and preparation, mixed with some boldness, craziness, pedagogical talent, knowledge, and dedication come together to produce an outstanding teacher.

At Kiski we have enjoyed the blessing of many superb teachers over the years. This section of the *Bulletin* is dedicated to honoring excellent Kiski teachers, our Luminaries. In this space, we remember teachers who shared their brilliance and enlightened generations of Kiski students.

Elizabeth (Liz) Green Richey was the next-to-youngest of Andrew's grandchildren. She contributed to this article through stories that her mother, Gladys, told her about her grandfather. Gladys Wilson Green was the third of Andrew's daughters. Gladys had fond memories of Kiski especially the summers. A special thank you to Andrew Wilson Jr.'s great-granddaughter, Sarah Guenther, for gathering stories and collecting memories about her great-grandfather and his love for Kiski. In addition to her mother, Elizabeth (Liz) Green Richey, she asked her cousins, Reverend Win Green, and Andrew (Drew) Green '82 for their recollections as well.



Andrew Wilkins Wilson Jr. was born on June 29, 1863 and reared in Indiana, Pennsylvania. Next to Godliness, education was a central value in the Wilson household. Andrew, after distinguishing himself at the Normal School in Indiana, followed three of his older brothers to Princeton (1879). He studied classics and made a phenomenal mark as a "varsity man" in football and baseball, earning the nickname "Home Run Andy" for, among other things, a legendary day at the plate during a 16-inning 7-6 Princeton victory over Harvard. He would graduate sixth in his class from Princeton in 1883. The pleasures of study and vigorous play in an idyllic setting made a lasting impression on the undergraduate Wilson, an impression only deepened by his appointment that year to the faculty of The Hill School in Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

After only two years at The Hill School, Wilson enrolled in The University of Pennsylvania Law School. After being admitted to the Indiana (Pennsylvania) County Bar, he took a decided disliking to courtroom pleadings and began making plans to return to The Hill School. But as it happened, another prospect presented itself.

The fifty-three room Kiskiminetas Springs Hotel was a handsomely ornate frame structure of three stories with wide verandas overlooking Saltsburg village. In January 1888, with the financial backing of his father, Andrew Wilson Jr. and a longstanding family friend, Robert Willis Fair, a teacher of mathematics at the Indiana Normal School, purchased the resort and grounds. The two young partners set up their School as a joint proprietary (for-profit) partnership. The School's first and rather impressively printed catalog lists "A.W. Wilson, Jr., (Princeton), Latin" and "R. Willis Fair, (Millersville), Mathematics" as co-principals. They and their sisters, Ella Wilson and May Fair, composed two-thirds of the six-person faculty. The School they made would be their home, and the quality of their home life would be coextensive with the quality of School life, so they set out purposefully to make it friendly. "It shall be our constant effort to cultivate the friendliest personal relations between students and teachers," Wilson stated. The School's original prospectus called for faculty-supervised study outside the classroom, a practice that has continued faithfully through the present day.

Wilson's recognition of athletics and exercise as essential components of his students' full embodiment, would bear fruit in the coming decades, as Kiski, a School full of boys, season after season fielded unbeaten and, some claim, unbeatable football, track, baseball, and swim teams.

Andrew Wilson married Bessie Sansom in 1889. Bessie was known to open her home regularly to the boys and would throughout her long career at the School conduct choral groups, direct plays, and help organize activities for the community's younger children. They had four daughters who later would all become a vital part of the School.

By 1890 the School was not only up and running, it was growing and gathering momentum. Moreover, the young School quickly proved its merits as a college preparatory School. Early graduates scored well on college entrance exams, which until 1900 were set by individual universities.

Kiski proceeded into the new millennium sure in its mission and in generally high spirits. Enrollment was approaching a hundred boys, and the administration was in consideration of continuing additions to the facilities. The celebratory mood was greatly



enhanced by the School's purchase of a splendid new property, the 136-acre Rees estate. The surrounding grounds of the estate were cultivated for the School's vegetables and fruits through both World Wars.

By the 1920s and continuing past the second World War, School life was more fully integrated into the life of Saltsburg. On Saturdays boys were given leave to get haircuts from Saltsburg barbers, and on Saturday nights all boys in good standing were permitted to attend the Nickelodeon's featured moving picture. The fact that there now existed a degree of diversions and attractions in Saltsburg created the challenge in more daring boys' minds of enjoying town life at hours additional to and later than those approved by the School. Many reminiscences from the period recount stealthy after-hours descents along the darkened ravine path to get some snacks or meander in the village. This inclination did not escape the notice of Andrew Wilson and his colleagues. Even up into his forties and fifties, Wilson's athletic prowess – especially his foot speed – was legendary among the boys. Wilson's granddaughter Elizabeth Green Richey said,



"Through my mother, Gladys, I learned some things about my grandfather. My mother seemed to have loved her father very much. She would tell the story about how boys snuck off to Saltsburg without permission, and her dad would "lie in wait" at the Kiski Spring ravine path behind some bushes and jump out and surprise them on their return. He was apparently letting them know that they didn't get away with anything in a way that made a significant impression. He was first and foremost very nurturing with the boys, but he

did have his playful side. His life's interest was developing boys into fine young men who would contribute to their community. Perhaps that Andrew had four daughters instead of sons, was an interesting way for life to give him balance."

In 1925 when Wilson was speaking with prospective families he would emphasize his and his staff's efforts to "understand" the full range of boys who would enroll and "to learn their traits no matter how unusual" – Wilson strikes a distinctive and even prescient note. Wilson stresses his and his colleagues' commitment to understand them as they were and to build on the individual potential of each. Wilson had in fact articulated an early case for a boy-centered school. Few American schools of any kind have maintained its founding practices more consistently than Kiski has managed to do.

For decades Kiski really was a family School. Wilson's and Fair's sisters were both essential members of the original faculty. The principals' wives later would take on School duties, including the direction of theatricals, glee clubs, and school-wide social activities. The boys of Kiski came to know their teachers as fathers and mothers.

In February of 1930 months after a deflationary spiral propelled the nation into the Great Depression, Kiski suffered a greater blow. Andrew Wilson came down with an especially virulent case of pneumonia. He appeared to rally toward the end of the month but then suddenly weakened, he died on March 3. He was 66. Boys, colleagues, alumni, family, and friends were shocked and deeply saddened. In more than a proprietary sense, Kiski was "his" School. Wilson and the School had received a good measure of national recognition, both scholastic and athletic. Reminiscences from the early years, from men and women alike, noted the exuberance, the high spirits of the place, a legacy Wilson's stewardship would pass on to the successive generations.



## *Andrew Wilson's family*

Andrew and Bessie's four daughters and their husbands were all an integral part of the School. The eldest daughter Sarah Jane '03, married one of the School's golden boys, scholar-athlete James Lafayette Marks '03 who later became President of Kiski in 1938. Anna Wilson '09 after her graduation from Vassar married John J. Daub who entered Kiski in 1901 as a 10 year old, after the death of his mother. John J. Daub would become the President of the School in 1940. The Wilsons' third daughter Gladys, Kiski '16, married "outside the School," but her husband, the architect M. Edwin Green, would design two Kiski dormitories, MacColl and Wilson Halls, and serve later on the School's board of trustees when it made the transition from a proprietary School to a non-profit institution. The Greens' two sons, Andrew Wilson Green and M. Edward Jr., both graduated from Kiski in '40 and '42 respectively. The Wilsons' baby girl, Ella May, Kiski '18, after graduating from Wells College in 1922, married Lloyd Montgomery Clark, an alumnus of Phillips Exeter Academy and Amherst College who was a rising star in the New York advertising world, eventually founding a firm that conducted consumer surveys. In 1941, when the School was facing an uncertain future as a reformulated non-profit organization, Clark agreed to leave the business world and serve as Kiski's fifth president/headmaster.

# A TIMELINE OF KISKI'S 125<sup>TH</sup> HISTORY

*One of the Oldest Boys' Boarding Schools in the United States*



- 1888** September 12, Kiski faculty and students attend first day of school
- 1907** Gymnasium built
- 1913** Rees Hall purchased
- 1917** Kiski Varsity Football Champions
- 1922** Old Wooden Covered Bridge over Kiskiminetas River was destroyed by fire
- 1925** Wilson Hall opened and housed 25 students
- 1929** Great Depression
- 1930** March 3, Andrew Wilkins Wilson Jr. passed away



## 1888-1930 Andrew Wilkins Wilson Jr.

Andrew Wilkins Wilson Jr. was a prodigious young scholar and athlete who brought what he loved in his undergraduate study at Princeton University and his early teaching at The Hill School, to the founding of his own School in an idyllic setting on the bluffs overlooking the Kiskiminetas River in Saltsburg. The Kiskiminetas School was founded initially as a proprietary – for-profit – School, and Andrew Wilson would manage the School's affairs with fellow shareholders and all close teaching colleagues.

Wilson was joined by Robert Willis Fair, who had been a mathematics teacher at the Indiana Normal School. They formed a joint partnership and in 1888 together they had 26

students in grades, seventh through twelfth, but as word spread about the School, they ended the year with more than 40 students. His great-grandson, Reverend Win Green recalls a story, "He was determined to promote the School and rode his bicycle all over the hills of western Pennsylvania recruiting teenage boys to attend. He didn't have the benefit of a car, telephone, or any kind of mass communication."

Wilson's combination of ardent Christian faith and his commitment to both scholastic rigor and vigorous athletic participation of every boy – all within a warmly shared "family" setting – set the distinctive course for Kiski for the decades to follow.

## 1930-1941 William MacColl, J.L.Marks, and

In 1930 after Dr. Wilson's death, School leadership was assumed by proprietor William MacColl, who led the School through the challenges of the Depression years until his death in 1937. He was known for his constant source of inspiration toward right thinking and right living. Dr. MacColl was then succeeded by J. L. Marks. Marks who was widely acknowledged as the "Poet Laureate of Football Coaches," and in his father-in-law's footsteps, was the guiding light of the School's Latin program. Upon Marks' death just two years later, the principal/headmastership was passed on to John J. Daub. Daub was a reserve officer in the





- 1931** Gables Hall opened. It was renamed MacColl Hall in 1937
- 1931** Kiski Golf Course opened to public
- 1936** St. Patrick's Day Flood overwhelmed bridge connecting the Kiski campus to town. Saltsburg streets submerged under five feet of water
- 1937** December 26, William MacColl passed away
- 1938** Kiski celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 1939** Student Council in place to help with various student issues
- 1940** "K-Club" student committee formed
- 1940** March 31, J.L. Marks passed away; a special Memorial Service was held in May at the University Club of Pittsburgh



- 1942** Clark started a Summer Camp Program
- 1944** The Kiski Plan was implemented
- 1946** A permanent Lodge was constructed for the camp
- 1946** Farm and work projects were put into place
- 1948** Decathlon Gold Medalist Robert Mathias enrolled and brought notoriety to Kiski
- 1951** Clark arranged to have Kiski top scholars recognized by Cum Laude Society
- 1951** Clark Hall was built and named for L.M. Clark in 1958
- 1956** In April, Old Main's upper two stories were destroyed by fire
- 1953** Plans were made to build the J.L. Marks Field House
- 1953** Kiski purchased its first bus
- 1957** Fisher Hall was opened



## John J. Daub

U.S. Army, he served with distinction in both wars. He was well-known in the Saltsburg community through his leadership in charitable drives. He is remembered as a truly brilliant English teacher and a voracious reader. At the outbreak of the second World War, Colonel Daub, a beloved fixture on the faculty, took up a military commission, and the School's trustees appointed a new headmaster, Lloyd Montgomery Clark – the first to be recruited from outside the School's staff. He was by no means outside the Kiski family, however, as he had married Andrew Wilson's youngest daughter, Ella May.

## 1941-1957 Lloyd Montgomery (Monty) Clark

Lloyd Montgomery Clark oversaw the successful transition from Kiski's proprietary status to a non-profit independent School. He established the nationally renowned "Kiski Plan" in which boys studied intensively one subject at a time, a program that turned out to be a godsend to soldiers returning from the war who needed specific credits in order to enter colleges and universities.

Clark was determined to use the School's facilities for summer lessons and camps. Enrolling 36 campers in its inaugural year in 1942, the camp swelled to 200 boys by 1945. In 1946 a permanent Lodge was constructed to serve the boys of Camp Kis-ket-o-min. The camp and the summer school were sources of needed year-round operating revenue while also providing supplemental employment for School staff and their families. The camp and summer programs

introduced boys to the campus who would later enroll as Kiski students.

He put into place a series of farm and work projects involving both students and faculty. The School cultivated four acres of corn and vegetables. In addition, there were sheep, pigs, and horses. Each year there was a sizable bounty that would provide for year-round School meals.

Throughout the 1950s until his retirement in 1957, Clark would of necessity become more remote from the School's immediate daily business. He was responsible for the long range stewardship of the School, raising funds and providing the vision that would lead Kiski into a viable future. Near the end of his role, he turned to Frank Boyden, his old friend and the venerable headmaster of Deerfield Academy. As it turned out, Boyden had a promising idea.



# KISKI'S 125<sup>TH</sup> HISTORY

- 1958** The idea of a School symbol and names were submitted including Kiski Cougars, Kiski Cavaliers, Kiski Black Knights, and Kiski Knights
- 1961** J.L. Marks Field House completed
- 1961** Daub Hall opened
- 1966** Heath Hall opened
- 1966** New Swimming Pool opened
- 1968** McClintock Hall dedicated
- 1968** Kiski became part of the Interstate Prep School League
- 1969** "New Dorm" dedication
- 1971** Kiski purchased its first instructional computer
- 1975** New Dining Hall, Infirmary and snack bar opened
- 1979** Fisher Hall destroyed by fire
- 1979** Sheesley Hall replaced Fisher Hall
- 1983** Addition built to J.L. Marks Field House and renamed Sam Jack Field House. It included a wrestling room, hardwood basketball court, a room for free weights, modern locker rooms and showers
- 1984** Miraculous transformation of Old Gym became Stephen C. Rogers Fine Arts Center
- 1986** Transformation of Old Main is completed and is named The Alex Schoenbaum Center
- 1993** The John A. Pidgeon Library dedicated
- 1997** Fosnaugh Hall dedicated
- 1997** Computer Laptop Program launched



## 1957–2003 John Anderson Pidgeon

John (Jack) Anderson Pidgeon was the longest serving American private school headmaster since the retirement of Deerfield's legendary Frank Boyden – Pidgeon's one-time mentor and friend – and he has had the longest tenure in Kiski's history. Mr. Pidgeon set a ruggedly independent course both for himself and for the School. He helped the School recover from unsustainably low enrollments by abolishing the one-course-at-a-time curriculum, balancing class sizes, and reducing the number of post-graduates admitted to the School. He established a School climate in which he and his colleagues came deeply to know and value each boy in the School, and in this climate the School remained buoyant and spirited even through the tumultuous 1960s and '70s and

would steadily grow and prosper. Impressive new residential, classroom, and athletic facilities were constructed, while tired and outdated ones were restored or torn down. Within a decade the School enrolled 100 more boys than when Mr. Pidgeon arrived.

For more than one-third of Kiski's existence, Mr. Pidgeon provided strong, steady leadership for "his boys" and our School. Kiski grew and changed in notable ways during his tenure. Not only the facilities, but academic and athletic programs were enhanced and sustained. Well beyond physical and programmatic improvements, Mr. Pidgeon provided something far less tangible yet evermore important: an unwavering commitment to "making a difference in the life of a boy."

## 2003–Present Christopher Brueningsen

Headmaster Christopher Brueningsen was recruited from the Nichols School in Buffalo, New York, where he was director of the high school division, having previously served as a teacher-administrator at the Brunswick School in Greenwich, Connecticut. A nationally prominent and much published authority on technology applications in schools, Mr. Brueningsen's first teaching post had been at Kiski, where Headmaster Pidgeon conferred on him his highest praise: "a real school man."

While committed to the distinctive ethos of the School, Mr. Brueningsen has undertaken the mission of keeping his colleagues and the boys of the School immersed in the best scholastic and

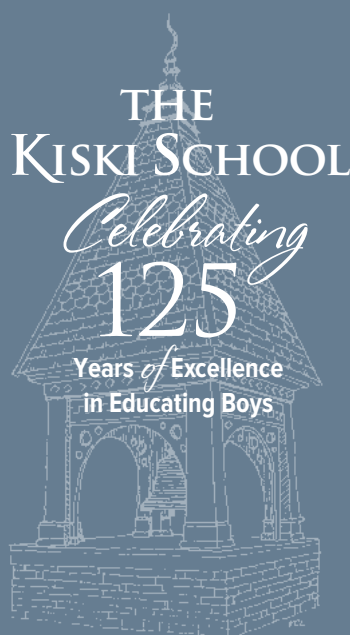




- 2003** Kiski Strategic Plan implemented
- 2004** \$12 million Capital Campaign, *Building Our Future* began
- 2006** Fitness Center is fully renovated
- 2008** May 12, former Headmaster John Anderson Pidgeon passed away
- 2009** Dedication of Swank Student Center, Phase II of *Building Our Future: A Campaign for Kiski* concluded
- 2009** Kiski Board of Visitors established
- 2010** Kiski Campus Master Plan initiated with campus beautification and improvement projects
- 2011** Second Kiski Strategic Plan, *With Purpose and Pride* implemented
- 2011** Dedication of Class of 1962 Outdoor Classroom and Michael Yukevich Jr. '60 Quadrangle
- 2012** Kiski's 125<sup>th</sup> year-long celebration began
- 2013** June 1-2, Kiski Alumni Reunion Weekend celebrating Kiski's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

guidance practices for boys world-wide. He has guided the School through successful strategic and long-range planning exercises that has brought renovation and new facilities and extensive academic offerings to the School. He has stressed that the School's mission is a shared enterprise, and has worked diligently to communicate and include parents and alumni for both support and ideas.

Kiski is a School committed to retaining its intimate size, traditions, and the intentional rigor of boarding school life, but also embracing the need for change meeting demands in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This is a remarkable period in Kiski's long, proud history. Together, we have and will continue to achieve great things.



Please note that there are so many notable events in Kiski's rich history, far too many to list in this article. This article was written with the help of both Kiski history books, *Kiski: The First 100 Years* by Lawrence and Barbara Nanney, and *Kiski: The Story of a Boys' School* by Dr. Richard Hawley. Dr. Hawley reveals the fascinating story of our School and its proud heritage. To order Dr. Hawley's book, visit [Kiski.org/bookstore](http://Kiski.org/bookstore) or visit the campus book store.

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By Peter Buckland,  
Director of Sustainability

Shortly before I arrived at Kiski, I hiked with friends in Pennsylvania's Rothrock State Forest. From a rocky vista, we gazed over Bear Meadows, a verdant swamp where Greenlee Mountain meets Thickhead Mountain and beyond rests Broad Mountain and Sand Mountain. Cloud shadows crawled across the deep green ocean of pines, hemlocks, maples, oaks, ferns, and rhododendron. We all smiled, entranced by the scene. Later in the car we headed to town on fire roads cut during the Great Depression. After the last switchback on Laurel Run Road, suddenly I stopped the car and jumped out. Hannah said, "What are you doing?" I was running back up the road because something in the ferns caught my eye. There, as I suspected, a young black rat snake was slithering out of the ferns. I wanted to protect the snake and ensure her safe journey. I pestered her a bit, lifting her up by the tail until she coiled up ready to strike. Black rat snakes aren't venomous but the bite sure would hurt. I waited, exhilarated in the way boys get at play, until she slithered into the ferns, hemlocks, rhododendron, and toward the headwaters of Roaring Run.

When I got back in the car, Hannah said, "How'd you see that? You're so observant."

I said, "Observant? my mother might disagree. I'm prone to a kind of forgetfulness from my father's side of the family." I realized that this brief interaction in nature sheds light on living, teaching, and working for sustainability. I am observing. I am attending. I'm doing those things because I care about our collective home. Sustainability is all about our home. Kiski is now my home.



# SUSTAIN

## THE KISKI SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT

A group of forward-thinking Kiski board members, alumni, and staff conceived of a sustainability plan. In the beginning, some people suggested the School develop a farm. Questions were then raised such as: What would be the purpose? How would it serve the School and the community? Would it serve another fad? Is this sustainability stuff just malarkey?

Well, I believe it clearly is not malarkey. Since the post-war boom and the emergence of globalized economic development, human industrial expansion has created problems at a scale and speed previously unknown. E.M. Forster's, *The Machine Stops* and Frank Herbert's, *Dune*, seem not-so-distant allegories for our world. Since 1950, the human population has nearly tripled. While many live in poverty, a huge number of the current 7.1 billion people are earning more money, and therefore, buying more goods and services. While technologies have become more efficient, we still mine natural resources to use in products or to burn in energy production for us to use to power those products. The consequences of so many people buying and powering many different things has led to enormous disparities, including the extinction of

species, the loss of biome integrity, and anthropogenic climate change. As Kiski's Sustainability Project announcement states, "According to environmentalists and policy makers the world over, this could be the greatest threat facing humanity in our history."

What should educational institutions do about this problem that is supported by such broad evidence? We must educate ourselves and our boys to become ecological citizens who act responsibly. Since I have been at Kiski, I have worked with countless people to lay the groundwork and take our first steps in four major areas, including energy, waste, food, and education.

**Energy:** We have committed ourselves to a major energy conservation program. Over the next five years, we are working toward a 30% energy use reduction. By working with thoughtful power providers, green firms, architects, designers, and our faculty, staff, and students, we can make a positive impact in our existing buildings. Kiski's forthcoming renovated dorm, MacColl Hall, will be highly efficient, bringing conservation and renewable energy together. It will be our first LEED certified building through the U.S. Green Building Council.





**Education:** Ultimately, all these things are about what we value, and what we value is what we teach. Purpose and pride may create ecological intelligence and values; ecological values and intelligence do create purpose and pride. There is no greater responsibility than instilling in our boys the value of determination and loyalty to their families, communities, state, and nation, and all of its people, land, air, and water. It is my goal to make it possible for a boy to go through all four years at Kiski and encounter sustainability in his course work and his day-to-day living because the institution lives and breathes it. When he leaves Kiski, he should expect that food is becoming healthier, land and soil are cared for, energy we use comes from ever-cleaner sources, and that people are committed to wasting little and preserving much. Most importantly, he should believe the people around him care and support him, as we all support one another. ►

# ABILITY

**Waste:** Think about other mammals' waste and its environmental effects. Wastes act in synergy with other organisms, are taken back into soil, and then move onward through the journey that could place it in a plucked chestnut that one day becomes part of a squirrel's stash. That miraculous dance occurs all around us and has done so for millions upon millions of years. Modern humans like us are the only species to have created materials that defy and disrupt the system.

We know good stewardship demands better action on the land. Therefore, Kiski is embarking on an ambitious recycling and composting program to reduce landfill waste significantly. By properly disposing items such as old computers, appliances, plastic, glass, paper, aluminum, and even to uneaten grilled chicken from the dining hall, we can get close to zero landfill waste.

**Food:** "I begin with the proposition that eating is an agricultural act. Eating ends the annual drama of the food economy that begins with planting and birth. Most eaters, however, are no longer aware that this is true," wrote Wendell Berry. Three times a day, we come together to take in the gifts made possible by people,

animals, land, and machinery. Kiski has broken ground on a 110' by 30' organic garden. We will grow native flowers, herbs, berries, and vegetables for our community. To show our commitment, we have joined the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture – the only secondary school in Pennsylvania who has become a member.





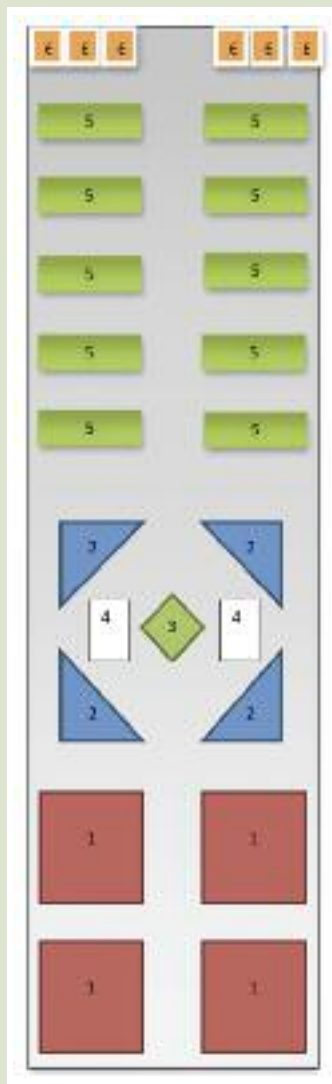
In mid-October, I returned to Rothrock State Forest. The season changed. A brilliant canopy of red, orange, brown, and yellow leaves blanketed the rock path that we walked a few months before. The snakes lay out of sight, colder and quieter. As I crested Old Laurel Trail on a run up the same mountain where we'd seen the black rat snake, I startled two turkeys. I paused to watch their awkward liftoff, beating the air like bass drums. Later, on the Mid-State Trail on Tussey Ridge, I disturbed dozens of chipmunks, a Pileated Woodpecker, a late-season grouse, and some campers. Under my path lay moss, slicked sandstone, small wood bridges, fallen trees, and the remnants of the region's ancestors...active.

## HOW WILL WE BE ACTIVE AT KISKI TODAY?

We are taking our first steps to bringing ourselves and the Boys entrusted to us into an understanding that the world – all of the world – is interconnected. I work today with great purpose, pride, and focused attention to honor our home.

- The garden is plotted, designed, and soil has been delivered.
- Kiski is the only secondary school in Pennsylvania which is a member of the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture (PASA). PASA is perhaps the best developed state-level non-governmental sustainable agriculture organization in the country.
- In June, Envinity, a green energy and construction consulting firm, delivered a comprehensive energy audit to Kiski. We are in the first phase of a five-year energy conservation plan in which we will change nearly all of our lights, add low-flow aerators on faucets and showers, commission and optimize mechanical systems, and much more. Were we to implement all of them at once, Kiski would save approximately \$110,000 per year and all of the kilowatt hours of electricity and the resources used to generate them. That's an energy and monetary expenditure reduction of about 33%.

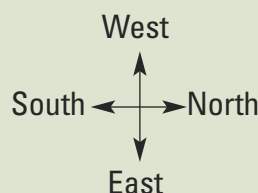
- Our waste stream is being improved. There are several recycling bins in the library, the Swank Student Center, in the back of Turley Dining Hall, the dorms, and other campus facilities. It's not just recycling we are improving. We are also composting pre-consumer food waste and some yard waste. And most exciting, we are taking some steps to have a comprehensive waste program that could allow us to divert as much as 95% of our waste away from the landfill.
- MacColl Hall renovation is underway. Kiski is pursuing a Leadership in Engineering and Environmental Design Gold or Silver Certification for the building. It will have solar photovoltaic panels on the outside, highly efficient devices inside, and constructed of reused and/or more sustainably-obtained materials. Best of all, its green features will be accompanied by educational materials that the students and Peter Buckland will produce.



The garden is located near the sixth fairway of the Golf Course.

**Garden Diagram** at 1:150 scale

1. **Perennial, flower, and herb beds:** Bee balm, sunflowers, asters, goldenrod, tickseed, coreopsis, burgemot, coneflowers, etc. We will teach about habitat as well as integrated pest management.
2. **Seasonal beds:** Going counterclockwise from the bottom left these will include asparagus, strawberries, sunflowers, and pumpkins to start. The goal is create a seasonal rotation in the ground.
3. **Vining tower bed:** The diamond box will have a handmade tower for a vining plant to be determined.
4. **Benches:** Students will build benches so visitors can relax here.
5. **Rotating beds for vegetables:** These ten beds will be the main vegetable growing areas and provide the most direct area for agricultural instruction.
6. **Compost chambers:** As our compost builds, it can be staged here for direct application as needed. We can also create different soil mixtures with ingredients.





# Project-Based Learning

—by Kim Conover-Loar, Fine Arts Chair and Project-Based Learning Task Force Chair

For the last year and a half, Kiski faculty has been formally investigating and experimenting with Project-Based Learning (PBL). PBL is an instructional approach built upon authentic learning activities that engage student interest and motivation. These activities are designed to answer a question or solve a problem and generally reflect the types of learning and work people do in the everyday world outside the classroom. PBL is synonymous with learning in depth. A well-designed project provokes students to encounter (and struggle with) the fundamental concepts and principles of a discipline. PBL teaches students 21<sup>st</sup> century skills as well as content. These skills include communication and presentation skills, organization and time management skills, research and inquiry skills, self-assessment and reflection skills, and group participation and leadership skills. PBL is generally done by groups of students working together toward a common goal. Performance is assessed on an individual basis, and takes into account the quality of the product produced and the depth of content understanding exhibited. Finally, Project-Based Learning allows students to reflect upon their own ideas and opinions, exercise

voice and choice, and make decisions that affect project outcomes and the learning process in general.

In June of 2011, Kiski hosted faculty from High Tech High in San Diego to provide a workshop that shared methods and encouraged projects to be used at Kiski. Twenty-two Kiski faculty members attended. Last year a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Task Force was established to explore how Kiski can combine its challenging academic curriculum with 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching, including Project-Based Learning. Three Kiski teachers visited High Tech High to learn more: myself; Patrick Link, Mathematics Chair; and Andy Scott, Visual Arts. We returned with plenty of good ideas and suggestions for faculty follow-through. Another well attended workshop this past summer reinforced those ideas.

Although many teachers “do projects,” not all projects lead to effectual learning. To help teachers use Project-Based Learning effectively with their students, this spring, Andy Scott will be teaming with faculty from various disciplines to facilitate a variety of Learning Projects. By using Project-Based Learning Kiski can teach students the academic content and the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills they need for success in life.



## *A Jewel of a Class* —by Mario Bortoluzzi '14

One of the great things about Kiski is its active encouragement of Project-Based Learning in the classroom. Project-Based Learning gets students involved in the learning process right from the start. With this type of active and engaged learning, students are inspired to obtain a deeper knowledge of the subjects they are studying.

There is no question that Mrs. Conover-Loar's jewelry and metalsmithing class allows students the opportunity to become active and engaged learners. In this class, students learn how to cut and shape metal, solder pins, make rivets, and learn a thing or two about jewelry-making. Students also learn how to create cold connections by riveting, and hot connections by soldering. At first,

they learn the basics, such as cutting, piercing, filing, sanding, and buffing. After the basics, students learn the more complex skills such as soldering, stone-setting, acid-etching, and enameling.

During Kiski's first quarter, Mrs. Conover-Loar's classes have worked on Kiski quasiquincentennial (125<sup>th</sup>) lapel pins, pendants, and self-narrative belt buckles. During the second quarter, her classes will start making rings for family and friends.

The jewelry and metalsmithing class has been offered at Kiski for the last four years and continues to be a popular one with Kiski students. It is amazing how much students learn in such a short period of time. Collectively, each activity helps to hone individual focus, math skills, and craftsmanship.

## Honors Convocation

On Sunday, May 20, 2012, the Kiski community gathered to celebrate Honors Convocation in Rogers Fine Arts Center marking the end of the academic calendar. The ceremony re-enacts a very old academic tradition, the conferring of honors to scholars. Although students are asked to participate in many activities, extracurricular and social, they must never lose sight of the primary objective of School, and that is scholarship. Honors Convocation is one of Kiski's grandest traditions. It recognizes the academic accomplishments and achievements of those who have excelled in their studies.

**Reno DiOrio**, President, The Linsly School, a 1959 Kiski graduate and former faculty member gave the Honors Convocation Address. Mr. DiOrio earned a bachelor's degree from Dickinson College, and served as an officer in the Army for two years before he returned to Kiski as a faculty member. He was Kiski's first AP Psychology teacher and served as director of admission, head football coach, and later as the assistant headmaster under Mr. Pidgeon. At Kiski and Dickinson, Mr. DiOrio was a talented quarterback and in 1979 he was inducted into Dickinson's Athletic Hall of Fame. That same year, he left Kiski to become the Headmaster of The Linsly School for 30 years. Three years ago, he retired as headmaster and became the president of Linsly. In his current role he oversees fundraising and alumni relations at the School. Mr. DiOrio was also a member of The Kiski Board of Trustees.



Today's visit to Kiski is a homecoming of sorts for me. My connection to Kiski began more than 50 years ago when I spent two years as a student. I also worked at Kiski during the summers between my student years and the summers while I was in college. Following college and a two year army commitment, I returned to the Kiski faculty for what I was certain would be one or two years, but one or two years became five or six years, and after almost 15 years on the faculty serving in a variety of roles, I became the Headmaster at the Linsly School in Wheeling, WV. After 30 years as headmaster, I moved to the position of president, where I spend most of my time doing alumni work and fund raising. If one were to visit the Linsly campus, you would find many similarities between Kiski and Linsly.

I also want to point out that I played a role in building this School. No, Mr. Brueningsen, I take no credit for the growth in prestige enjoyed by Kiski. I am referring to the physical building, the facility improvements on the Kiski campus. I am sure everyone in this room has noticed the beautiful curb on the edges of the entrance road from Rt. 286 through the pillars to the Kiski campus. I mentioned that as a Kiski and college student, I spent my summers working here. For one of those summers I labored digging the ditch for that beautiful curb and then helped a carpenter construct the forms so cement could be poured to create that curb. Underneath what is now that beautiful entry from Rt. 286 to the pillars was an old road, and I can tell you that I spent

hours with pick and shovel digging through that old road to get deep enough to satisfy Mr. Ziegler who was in charge of that project. That is a summer I will not forget. Because I planned to use these comments today, I paid particular attention to the curb as I entered the campus and the curb is barely visible. Fifty years of layers of asphalt has resulted in only the very top of the curb being visible. Proof that life goes on, things change.

Kiski has had a profound impact on my life beginning with the time I spent here as a student, as well as the time I spent here between my student days, and then my tenure as a member of the faculty. From the confidence I gained as a student to the educational philosophy I developed as a member of the faculty, Kiski's impact on me was extraordinary. Having said that, let me begin my comments by congratulating all of you who have been honored this afternoon. Your ability and talents combined with hard work have enabled you to enjoy success and the recognition of that success will encourage you to achieve more in the future. I also recognize the role that your family and your teachers played in your journey. As a father, a teacher, and a headmaster, I understand the role parents and teachers play in your development. We push and prod and compliment and criticize in order to improve your performance and enable you to reach your potential. And if we are effective in our roles as parents and teachers, then it is because we carry out this responsibility with total disregard as to whether our behavior and our decisions



will be warmly received. We make decisions because they are in the best interest of the individual, not because they may be popular.

I have been a baseball fan my entire life. I played baseball as a young kid on little league and pony league teams and continued to play at Kiski and in college. In spite of the Pirates poor record of late, I am still a Pirate fan, but I also have an interest in baseball beyond the Pirates. If you happen to be a baseball fan then you know about Ted Williams, who is regularly cited as the best hitter ever in major league baseball – if you are not a particular baseball fan, then Ted Williams is history since he passed away ten years ago. Because of my interest in Williams, I was particularly drawn to an article written more than ten years ago by Bob Green, a syndicated columnist. Although Williams retired from baseball in 1960 and died in 2002, there are still many of us who recall his career with the Boston Red Sox and the overall impact he had on baseball.

Bob Green's column describes Ted Williams' appearance in Atlanta at a world series game. Williams, then in poor health, was helped to a chair set up near the pitcher's mound, weakened and frail, but smiling as the crowd saluted him, Ted Williams was recognized as a member of the honorary team voted to be the best ball players of the century. Williams was known in his hey day as a player who was always combative, tough, and arrogant. When he first came to the major leagues, he proclaimed, "All I want out of life is that when I walk down the street, folks will say there goes the greatest hitter that ever lived." He refused to cater to Boston fans and despised the writers who covered his sport. In short, says Green, he was not an easy man, but he was a wonderful baseball player. The remainder of the article describes what Green calls the best sports story ever written, John Updike's account of the last game Williams played in September of 1960. Updike, a highly respected author and lifelong baseball fan wrote an insightful description of Williams' last game. Baseball fans may recall that Williams' hero status was elevated to legendary status when he hit a home run in his final time at bat in his career.

There is a particular portion of Updike's account that merits Ted Williams being included in my remarks this afternoon. Listen to this eloquent quotation and perhaps you will understand why I chose to include Williams story in my remarks. "For me, Williams is the classic ball player of the game, on a hot August weekday, before a small crowd when the only thing at stake is 'the tissue thin difference' between a thing done well and a thing done ill." It appears that those of you honored today have recognized this same 'tissue thin difference'

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**...do the right thing not because anyone is watching, not because anyone will ever know, but because of your quiet, private determination to do the best because you are watching and you will know.**

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between a thing done well and a thing done poorly. You have recognized and in your future development this recognition will become even more important to you, that the quiet, private determination to do ones best not because anyone is watching, not because anyone will ever know, but because you are watching and because you will know – few realizations and life are more important. That, my friends, is how Ted Williams found his way into my remarks.

For me, Kiski's success in educating and developing young men has always been about a student's association with teachers, coaches, and dorm masters. The experiences of triumph and defeat in the classroom and on the athletic field, the discovery of your voice through writing, the detection of your passions through debates and conversations, and the honing of your talents in a variety of extracurricular activities have made you acutely aware of this 'tissue thin difference' between a thing done well and a thing done poorly. Your Kiski experience and hopefully the experience of students at Linsly, has taught so many young men that it is important to do the right thing not because anyone is watching, not because anyone will ever know, but

because of your quiet, private determination to do the best because you are watching and you will know. And whether you are a freshman or a senior, if you have learned that in your Kiski experience, then Kiski has served you well. Ultimately, each of us sits in judgement of ourself and to be effective, we must be both objective and severe in our judgement. We will, of course, be judged by others at various times in our life. In fact, some of the high points and low points of our lives will be the ones most visible to others, but I would suggest that the more important decisions, the actions we choose to take or choose not to take, will never be known to the outsider but will be debated internally and decided privately. These are the moments when ones character is tested and proven. That is what Kiski did for me. For me, the process began in my days as a student, and became more important to me when I served on the faculty, and became the driving force in my days as a headmaster.

Let me again congratulate all of you being honored today. For those of you who are seniors and ready for the next step in your development, I wish you the very best in your college career. For all of you underclassman who will return to Kiski in the fall, I hope you will remember the importance of 'the tissue thin difference' between things done well and things done poorly – and I hope most of all you will understand the importance of personally, privately, and objectively evaluating your talents, your actions, your effort, and your character.

I want to ask each of you to do two favors for me. First, before you leave Kiski this school year, you owe a special thanks to someone who was your mentor, someone who encouraged you during the year or perhaps cared enough about you to be critical of your efforts in the classroom or on the playing field. Write that person a note and thank him or her for their interest in you. Second, when you enter or leave the Kiski campus, make certain you take a long look at the beautiful curb that is a part of the entrance to your School. Thank you

Remember

- Success is never final
- Failure is never fatal
- It is courage that counts

# Honors Convocation

The Cum Laude Society members were inducted and the School's leadership positions were announced including 2012-2013 Prefects, Head Waiters, K-Club Head Tour Guides, Colonel Daub Society members, and the leaders of the Big Brothers Program.

**Cum Laude Society:** Scott Cohen, Class of 2012; Yecheng Yang; August (Augie) Luptak; Matthew Buczek; Min Joon So and David J. Gress, Class of 2013; and faculty member and Associate Head Master, Adam Schapiro.

**2012-2013 Prefects:** Head Prefect: August (Augie) Luptak. **Senior Prefects:** Eric Acre, Matthew Buczek, Major Canady, Cameron Feenstra, Christian Fernandez, Andrew Goetz, Connor Grady, D.J. Gress, Alex Hart, Eric Hegnes, Miller Hepler, Mark Kwak, Jordyn Lacastro, Michael Mendicino, Nam Nguyen, Eric Ritau, David Skena, Min Joon So, Dan Swank, Jay Yoon. **Junior Prefects:** Kevon Chambers, Adam Coury, Amir Davis, Marcello DeFay, Bobby Gaston, Hannibal George, Austin Mann, Zachary Ursu, David Wu, and Danny Wukich.

**2012-2013 Headwaiters:** Lead Head Waiter: Eric Ritau. Head Waiters: Skylar Gerken, Will Good, Evan Mori, Yecheng Yang, and Jiahui Zhang.

**K-Club Head Tour Guides:** President of K-Club: Alex Hart. Head Tour Guides: Chris Cavalline, Connor Grady, Jordyn Lacastro, Will Spangler and Dan Swank.

**Colonel Daub Society:** Joseph Carter, Christian Fernandez, Richard Gremillion, Steven Gunduz, Derek Helmick, Augie Luptak, Nam Nguyen, Nathan Sachs, Louis Stefanik, Yechang Yang, and Jay Yoon.

**Big Brother Senior Leader:** David Skena and **Junior Big Brother Leader:** Diondrai Brown.



## Senior Awards Ceremony and Banquet

Thursday, May 24, the Senior Banquet began with a reception in the Swank Student Center. Parents, faculty, and seniors were treated to a delicious dinner and then proceeded to Rogers Fine Arts Center for an Award's Ceremony. The Class of 2012 was honored for its academic excellence, athletic prowess, and dedication to duty, with various named awards. Major Shawn Wray presented U.S. Naval Academy Appointments to Andrew Pick and Shane Phillips. The speaker for the evening was retiring Kiski faculty member, Judy McAtee whose speech encompassed keeping positive thoughts, profound caring, and compliance.

## Senior Banquet Remarks by *Judy McAtee*



Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am proud to speak this evening at Kiski's 124<sup>th</sup> Commencement program. I've been a bit stressed out anticipating this assignment. It's not my cup of tea to be the front guy. In preparation, I thought back over the many Kiski graduations I've attended, in addition to my husband's, our children's, and several of my own. It dawned on me that I did not remember a single one of those hundreds of speeches. I apologize to my colleagues who have delivered some of them. All things considered then, I can say pretty much anything, even flub up. You won't remember. So I feel liberated.

Well, here we are. Ready to take on our next adventure. I say WE because as I retire after working at Kiski for over 40 years, I feel as if I am graduating with you.

There are 14 of you who have been here since you were freshmen. We refer to you as our "Four-year-freaks." You did not invent that nick name. There have been four-year-freaks as long as I have been here. Boys wear that title with pride.

Recently I was talking with Dr. Lane's AP Psych class and they explained to me with pride that Kiski is actually a freak show. They proudly asserted that all of them have earned the honor to be "freaks," that they are three, two, and one year freaks. This discussion struck a chord because of





Big Brother Senior and Junior Leaders

K-Club Members

Junior and Senior Prefects

a recent conversation I'd had with Mrs. Poston about the song "Freak Show" by Ani DiFranco. We decided that the song is a metaphor for life at Kiski. Consider these lyrics. Don't worry; I'm not going to sing. But we do need a little rhythm to get into the lyrics.

*Life in the circus ain't easy  
but the folks on the outside don't know  
the tent goes up and the tent comes down  
and all that they see is the show  
and the ladies on the horses look so pretty  
and the lions are lookin' real mad  
and some of the clowns are happy  
and some of the clowns are sad*

*but underneath  
there's another expression  
that the makeup isn't making  
life under the big top  
it's about freedom  
there's an art to the laughter  
there's a science  
and there's a lot of love  
and compliance...  
love and compliance*

Hold on to the last line... "There's a lot of love and compliance," because I want to come back to it.

It's been a wild ride... A real adventure, this Kiski experience. The folks on the outside can't know what it's been like for

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**...We all can be people of character. No circumstance or experience is so powerful that it decides your character forever. Your character is never completely finished.**

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you and your teachers, coaches, and advisors, and all the rest of us. It's hard. It's a lot of work. It's a lot of fun. Otherwise it wouldn't mean so much to us.

I want to offer you something to take away from today's program (if only you'd remember it); something that will help you to be the best men you can be.

You've been getting a lot of advice lately. Mr. Brueningsen told you to not be afraid to make mistakes. David Conrad told you to be willing to take risks and to follow your passion. All good advice.

In the recent movie, *The Iron Lady*, Margaret Thatcher says... *Watch your thoughts, for they become words. Watch your words, for they become actions. Watch your actions, for they become habits. Watch your habits, for they become your character. And watch your character, for it becomes your destiny. What we think, we become.* All along I planned to talk with you today about the importance of paying attention to your thinking. Certainly, there are things beyond your control – such as having big feet, or freckles, or curly hair, or sticking-out ears, like me. Fortunately, character is different. It's completely within your control. We all can be people of character. No circumstance or experience is so powerful that it decides your character forever. Your character is never completely finished. Here's the message (if only you'd remember it). Do not

let today's weakness, mistake or bad habit be used as an excuse not to improve.

Let's go back to *Freak Show* for a minute. I couldn't get that song out of my head. I feel compelled to talk to you about the value of love and compliance to your success.

Love and compliance. First of all, what is love? That is one of the most difficult questions. It is clear that LOVE RULES. It rules in relationships, music, poetry, art, and prose. Love is said to have three components: Intimacy, Commitment, and Passion.

If you strive to get the most out of your next undertaking, for you guys it is probably college, get intimate with it. Get as close to it as possible, get familiar with it, get a deep understanding of it. Then commit yourself totally.

Abraham Lincoln said that "Commitment is what transforms a promise into reality. It is the words that speak boldly of your intention and the actions which speak louder than the words. It is making the time when there is none. Coming through time after time after time..."

And finally, you must be passionate. Have passion for your college experience. Have intense, driving enthusiasm and desire. Get excited. Care. Above all, do not be apathetic.

Let's talk about compliance. What is compliance and why is it important to your

success? Compliance is a word young people reject as they strive to be independent. But I ask you to bear with me. Compliance is not conformity. It is not even obedience. On the surface they may sound the same, some people use them interchangeably, but the difference is profound. Compliance is when someone gets you to do something you would not have done otherwise. It leads you to new experiences. It opens up the world to you.

In case you were daydreaming, my message has three major points. Watch your thoughts. Keep out unhelpful, negative, pessimistic, cynical, and judgmental thinking. You are in charge of your brain. Keep it positive.

Love is profound caring. Care about others. Care about yourself. Care about your school. Care about your community. Make a difference.

Compliance leads to trying new things or doing old things in a new way. It requires courage. It opens the door to fresh possibilities. Keep your mind open.

You and I are saying good-bye to our Kiski adventure and we stand on the edge of a new adventure. Let's make it worth our precious time.

In conclusion, I ask that you stay in touch with each other and with the folks here. I suspect that you, like me, will find that the best friends you'll ever have are those made right here at Kiski.

Good luck to all of you. ▲

## THANK YOU

Thanks to a generous gift from two Kiski graduates, we have been able to create the **Judy McAtee Speaker Series**. Funding for this program allows Kiski to bring a special speaker to campus each year that will be chosen with Judy's guidance. The two graduates who made this possible are Judy's daughter, Rachel '88 and her son-in-law, Zach Boyers '90. Rachel said, "I have always admired the way my mother has dedicated her entire adult life to Kiski – to a place, its boys, and the faculty. It's been her home for more than 40 years, and as much as she's given, I know she's also gotten so much in return from this wonderful School and the people who've been her family. Zach and I are grateful to have the chance to give back to the School and home we love, and dedicate the *Judy McAtee Speaker Series* in her honor."

## Senior Awards Ceremony and Banquet



After Judy's speech the coveted Kiski awards were presented to the Kiski seniors. (See The Kiski School's 2012 Award Winners and College Choices.) The Sherrard-Slease Teaching Prize was awarded to Mark Orsatti. This Teaching Prize was conceived by Thomas Sherrard and Clyde H. Slease III, both members of the Class of 1964, in appreciation for the dedicated teachers who touched their lives while they were Kiski students. This award is given to a faculty member who, in the opinion of his colleagues, has made a significant impact on the boys he teaches through creative and innovative pedagogical practices, solid knowledge of subject matter, and sincere interest in his students.

Near the end of the evening, Mr. Brueningsen's speech compared the students' future to a recipe book which is constantly changing with new additions and ideas. He even included his famous risotto recipe when he gave the boys' their special graduation ties.

Associate Headmaster, Adam Schapiro, concluded the evening recognizing the 2012 Class Captains including: Scott Cohen, Andrew Hazel, Howie Keenan, Alex Lucci, and Will Owen. Class Captains play a vital leadership and external relations role for Kiski and the Advancement Office.





## The Kiski School's 124<sup>th</sup> Commencement

**M**ore than 350 guests watched Kiski's 42 seniors graduate. Those unable to attend the ceremony were able to watch the ceremony "Live" on Kiski's web site.

Christopher Hassler '73 was honored as Distinguished Alumnus and Judy McAtee was honored for her 44 years of service to the School. Judy retired this year and will be missed by everyone in the Kiski community. Judy is a Kiski legend. She came to Kiski in 1968 as the new school nurse. Few would have guessed that she would become one of the guiding lights of our School's administration, later serving, among many posts, as the director of guidance, teacher of ethics and personal development, and in her current role as Assistant Headmaster. To our students, Mrs. McAtee has been an engaging teacher and a caring adviser. To our faculty she's been a trusted counselor and a steadfast friend. Headmaster Brueningsen has persuaded Judy to come back on a consulting basis for special projects.

Head Prefect Howie Keenan gave a moving speech about the class staying true to themselves and becoming a gentleman, while Valedictorian, Alex Lucci, reminisced about Kiski baseball and the memories that the Class of 2012 shared. The ceremony ended with a reception in the Swank Student Center as families, faculty, and students gathered together one last time.







## Distinguished Alumnus Citation

*Christopher C. Hassler '73*

**C**hristopher Hassler, as a Kiski student and athlete you were known for your determination, intelligence, and leadership. These characteristics together with your commitment to the ideals you learned at Kiski have helped you accomplish great things in your life. It is with great pride that we count you as a Kiski alumnus and trustee.

After graduating from the United States Naval Academy you served honorably as a U.S. Naval Officer, specializing in engineering and tactical operations. In addition, you were a Surface Warfare Officer and a department head. You retired as a Commander, USNR, while serving with the Joint Forces Command and NATO Joint Striking Fleet Atlantic. Your ability to strategically think and lead others continued to be worthy assets as you founded and now continue to grow your consulting company Syndetics, Inc. Under your guidance the company has flourished and is recognized today as one of the most successful businesses of its kind in the United States.

Your service outside the business world is equally impressive. You have committed yourself to charitable causes in your community and around the country. Most notably, as a generous and devoted member of The Kiski School's Board of Trustees, you have supported your School and its educational mission through your wise counsel, your generous sponsorship, and your steadfast leadership. As a proud and loyal alumnus of Kiski, you have repeatedly shown, through word and deed, how much you cherish your School.

In recognition of your notable accomplishments and your ongoing dedication to Kiski, we are proud to honor you today with this Distinguished Alumnus Award.



## Distinguished Service Citation

*Judy McAtee*

**J**udy McAtee, for 44 years you have shared your life with Kiski. At every turn, through word and deed, you have demonstrated a deep and abiding love for this School, for your colleagues, and especially for our boys. And now it is a grateful School's turn to share our appreciation and affection for you.



When you arrived on campus in 1968, even though you were only a few years older than our senior boys, you quickly gained their respect and admiration. During your tenure at Kiski, you served in a number of different roles, always executing your responsibilities and duties enthusiastically and well.

As Director of Health Services, you practiced your craft with great professionalism, always available to lend help and support to anyone who was injured or sick. As a teacher, you were completely invested in your students as you challenged them to grow and guided them in developing a better understanding of themselves, each other, and the world around them. As an administrator, you have been unwaveringly devoted to Kiski's mission, its future, and the well-being of every member of our School community.

For all you have accomplished, for your unmatched standards of character and ethics, and for your steadfast dedication to the School you've made a home, we are very proud to honor you today with The Kiski Distinguished Service Award.







# The Kiski School's Class of 2012

## Award Winners and College Choices

**Geoffrey Boyle**  
*Zachary J. Vlahos Award in History*  
Messiah College, PA

**Tyler Burkhart**  
Seton Hill University, PA

**Scott Cohen**  
*Excellence in Psychology Award*  
*The Andrew W. Wilson Award*  
Bucknell University, PA

**Maxwell Cotton**  
*The Creative Writing Award*  
University of San Francisco, CA

**Evan Coury**  
*The Drama Award*  
Elon University, NC

**Jonathan Dorn**  
Lake Erie College, OH

**Mitchell Fannin**  
Pennsylvania State University -  
New Kensington

**Oscar Gonzalez Canete**  
*The Bortz Improvement Award*  
Bryant University, RI

**Randall Dylan Greene**  
Lipscomb University, TN

**Andrew Hazel**  
*The E. William Turley, Jr.*  
*Memorial Award*  
Miami University, OH

**Victor Hernandez Arroyo**  
University in Spain

**Malcolm Hill**  
*The Harry A. Stuhldreher Award*  
Morgan State University, MD

**Ian Holtz**  
Lake Forest College, IL

**Howard Keenan**  
*Joseph Millar Award in English*  
*School Publications Award*  
*John A. Pidgeon*  
*Headmaster's Award*  
Dickinson College, PA

**Zhifei Lin**  
Duquesne University, PA

**Corbin Linville**  
St. Vincent College, PA

**Alexander Louie**  
University of New Haven, CT

**Zhongzhou Lu**  
*The Kiski International Award*  
Pennsylvania State University -  
University Park

**Alexander Lucci**  
*Carl L. Arnold Award in Mathematics*  
*Eugene L. Biddle Award for*  
*Excellence in Science*  
*William V. Grier Award*  
*The Kiski Award*  
Carnegie Mellon University, PA

**Emmanuel Markantone**  
*The Jacob E. Zeigler Award*  
Gettysburg College, PA

**Austin Marsico**  
United States Military Academy  
Preparatory School, NY  
(postgraduate year)

**Jacob Miller**  
Pennsylvania State University -Erie,  
The Behrend College

**Richard Miller**  
Seton Hill University, PA

**Zachary Bryant Myers**  
Washington and Jefferson College, PA

**William Owen**  
*The Art Award*  
College of Wooster, OH

**Hyei Min Park**  
School of Visual Arts, NY

**Naeim Patel**  
Fairleigh Dickinson University, NJ

**Mitchell Penrod**  
*Excellence in Foreign Language*  
University of Rochester, NY

**Tyler Persaud**  
Glenville State College, WV

**Shane Phillips**  
*The Bates Award*  
United States Naval Academy, MD

**Andrew Pick**  
United States Naval Academy, MD

**Jesse Reed**  
American University, DC

**Juan Ruiz de Alda**  
Universidad Pontificia de Madrid, Spain

**Jason Sebak**  
*The William H. McKillop Award*  
Carnegie Mellon University, PA

**Thomas Supinka**  
Dickinson College, PA

**William Thompson**  
University of Pittsburgh - Greensburg

**Cooper Urbany**  
Sonoma State University, CA

**Andrew Van Camp**  
University of Western Ontario, Canada

**Phillip West**  
*The Music Award*  
Indiana University - Bloomington

**Luke Williams**  
Drew University, NJ

**Douglas Wright**  
Alfred University, NY

**Yitian Zhang**  
University of California - Irvine

# Advancing Kiski



It will probably come as no surprise to anyone that recently I have found myself repeatedly fielding questions from alumni, parents, and friends of Kiski regarding the following fundamental topic: “What’s next for The Kiski School?” Consequently, I am now delighted to be positioned to share publicly with you an update about our plans for further advancing Kiski and the School’s important educational mission dedicated to educating boys for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. I trust my update will share some helpful information about our united hopes and dreams for Kiski’s future.

As many already know, during the past decade, we have prudently implemented innovative plans and capital building projects to enhance Kiski’s campus and buildings and to keep our programs and instructional procedures at the highest levels possible. In 2011, thanks to the support of a few thoughtful and generous alumni, we completed a new and comprehensive Campus Master Plan. This plan directly followed on the heels of the 2011 Strategic Plan developed for Kiski. These unified plans have provided us with a thoughtful and energizing ten-year strategy for campus, facility, and program improvement. Our strategic planning includes crucial new construction, the repurposing, remodeling, and renovation of a few existing buildings and dormitories, as well as the creation of new traffic and pedestrian flow patterns that will invariably improve access, convenience, and security on the campus.

Our Strategic Plan and Campus Master Plan are exciting, aggressive, and will be

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transformational for Kiski. We know that they cannot be completed overnight and we accept this reality. Working with skilled architects and consultants, however, an experienced Planning Committee, consisting of engaged members of our current Board of Trustees, has identified the key next steps to be taken over the next three to five years to keep our strategic goals moving forward at a steady and rewarding pace. It is indeed revealing to note that an important nonprofit think tank, The Partnership for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning, recently identified three essential elements for sound learning: creativity and innovation, critical thinking and problem solving, and communication and collaboration. It is without question that our new capital campaign for Kiski, in honor of the institution’s 125 years in business, will position us to transfer more broadly and deeply these essential learning skills to our students and faculty.

The important new changes and upgrades that will be implemented to benefit Kiski and the School’s mission are currently being funded through a tightly managed and focused capital raising process that will, over the next six months, begin to blossom into a robust capital campaign for the School. When it is ready to be publicly launched, this new capital campaign for Kiski will be referred to as *Leadership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A New Campaign for Kiski* and it will include a few million dollars-worth of strategic fundraising for the improvements that will be made to the campus, our academic buildings, athletic facilities, and dormitories as well as ongoing capital fundraising that will be executed to support our academic programs, new scholarships, the arts, technology, the sustainability program, and annual operations.

Our Board of Trustees, inspired by the dedication of the new Chairmen of our Planned Giving Committee, Joe Handrahan ’65 and John Jacob ’89, have already included an exciting and aggressive goal of raising \$5 million in new planned and

estate gifts as part of this new capital campaign for the School. These new planned giving pledges and gifts, which we’ll raise for the School through The Tower Society, our planned giving program, will be directed to our endowment. As such, we will be actively positioning our endowment for growth over the upcoming decade and well beyond. I am pleased to report that as of today, via our recent outreach for estate and planned gifts for Kiski, we have already secured \$3.5 million in new pledges and gifts toward the School’s endowment.

Among other necessary campus and building improvements, it will come as no surprise that a top priority for us is the renovation of MacColl Hall. It is thrilling to reveal to you that work is already well under way and MacColl Hall is being quickly transformed into a modern dorm and into what will come to be known as a Living Laboratory. Once complete, our \$2 million renovation and expansion of MacColl Hall will provide Kiski with a unique and innovative opportunity to model an approach to education and residential life clearly demonstrating the Kiski Center for Sustainability’s concept of global citizenship, one of the primary strategic goals outlined in our new strategic plan.

Moreover, the MacColl Hall Living Laboratory Project is at the centerpiece of Kiski’s plan to provide students and faculty with the necessary tools to thrive in an increasingly digitized world and to practice environmental sustainability and global citizenship. Daily life in the Lab will directly provide students with hands on interaction with cutting edge building technology that will be interpreted, analyzed, and used across the curriculum at Kiski.

With regard to our current renovation and expansion of MacColl Hall, Kiski’s new Director of Sustainability has astutely observed: “I’m excited that Kiski will be showing that people can live well by building more efficiently and living more carefully and thoughtfully. Our students, and all of our faculty, staff, parents, and anyone



## An Update from Steven T. Szilagyi '88, Associate Headmaster for Institutional Advancement

else interested in Kiski are going to have the opportunity personally to learn how ecologically-minded people can make a difference by focusing on things that matter. The MacColl Hall renovation project will create and demand less pollution. No one can argue that's not a good thing!"

see very heavy activity and it is certainly time to upgrade and expand our athletic facilities so that they will match-up with the ever increasing needs of our dynamic and dedicated student-athletes. As such, our new Campus Master Plan appropriately contains helpful suggestions

students and teachers to gather for small-group learning seminars as well as individualized tutorial sessions and extracurricular club meetings. These projected uses for Kalnow Hall would directly augment and enhance Kiski's many educational offerings and curricular



Just as importantly, but found in a different area of campus, our institutional improvement plan recognizes an immediate need to replace the surfaces of the track as well as our main football/lacrosse field so that we will be able to make them fully suitable once again for competitive meets, practices, athletic activities, and competitions. Since Kiski requires every student, each and every day, to participate in athletics, these necessary upgrades to our primary outdoor athletic facilities will benefit virtually every boy at the School. In addition, the plan proposes that we construct outside lighting around the track and football/lacrosse field.

In addition to our current outdoor fields for interscholastic football, baseball, soccer, lacrosse, and track and field, Kiski still operates the S. W. Jack Field House with two indoor gym areas, the Jake Ziegler wrestling room, two weight rooms, and a 25 yard competition swimming pool. As anyone who has recently visited Kiski can affirm, these athletic areas continue to

for upgrading our athletic facilities and field house.

Longer term, we are looking at the feasibility of and considering the addition of a new Visitors Center which would be constructed at the main entryway intersection of the current campus loop. This addition would not only nicely welcome visitors to our campus, but it would also provide better overall campus security, during the school day as well as the evening for everyone at the School. In addition, an electronic key system for dorms and other campus facilities would further enhance campus safety and security. Also, much-needed new signage would be placed around campus guiding visitors to their destinations more efficiently and effectively.

We are also currently studying the potential repurposing of Kalnow Hall. We are considering the concept of converting it into usable academic and meeting spaces together with a new faculty apartment on the second floor of the building. This could become a place for

goals while providing new and updated gathering areas for all members of our school community.

To be sure, this remains a remarkable and exciting period in the School's long and distinguished history. Our plans for the new capital campaign for Kiski are rapidly coming together and they fully represent that pivotal point at which the ideals of Kiski's wise founders meet the educational demands of a multifaceted and dynamic 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We are fervently embracing the many crucial ideas and changes that will keep the School strong, growing, and vibrant for future generations of boys who will come to benefit from the School's unique educational mission. Now, once again firmly united as a loyal Kiski family, and steadfastly led by our Headmaster, Board of Trustees, Board of Visitors, and new National Capital Campaign Steering Committee, I am more certain than ever that we will continue to make great things happen for Kiski, our new capital campaign, and the School's educational mission.

## New Courses at Kiski...

**Historical Thinking**, taught by Vince Kwiatek, is designed to accommodate the changing role of history in the lives of today's technologically literate high school student. Does the traditional model of teaching history remain valid in a world where answers to fact-based questions are literally at your fingertips? While the internet dominates many students' fact finding, the tools of the historian can serve as an important balance to the weaknesses associated with letting the Web do our research for us. Through an intensive study of primary sources, Historical Thinking engages the students in the process of history and encourages learning of historical fact through the building of tools such as: understanding cause and effect, thinking about how things change and why they stay the same, analyzing how past decisions affected future outcomes, appreciating the past in context, and using the past to help us understand our world today. Perhaps more true today than ever, the most important part of history is not simply the facts the students remember, but the tools for making sense of the vast amounts of information they have access to.

The class will also focus on Kiski's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Vince would like Kiski Alumni to help with this history class. If you are interested, please contact him at [vince.kwiatek@kiski.org](mailto:vince.kwiatek@kiski.org).

**People, Energy, and the Environment** taught by Peter Buckland, investigates the history of human energy use and production, the science of climate change, and how energy portfolios and technologies can help us live technologically advanced lives while bringing us into a less damaging relationship with Earth's systems. The class visited a wind farm outside of Salix, PA, and will visit a coal mine. The class will discuss MacColl Hall once the building work has been completed. Finally, Dr. Michael Mann, a climate scientist who was at the center of "Climategate" a few years ago, will be visiting and presenting to the entire School on January 7, 2013. He was a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in 2001 and 2007 and co-winner of the Nobel Prize for 2007.

In addition, Peter will be teaching **Agricultural Practices, Politics, and Policies** and **Environmental Literacy through English** in 2013.

**John (Sandy) Pidgeon Jr. '78** will be joining the School as a consultant to develop and implement a comprehensive leadership program for Kiski. This project will be designed to help augment Kiski students' extracurricular experience and further affirm our commitment to developing competent and confident leaders. He will be collaborating with several current Kiski faculty members and engaging students over the next few months in hopes of implementing the first components of the program at the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year. Everyone is looking forward to working with him. He brings extensive experience and valuable knowledge on developing leadership.



## Arthur Taylor Visits Kiski

Mr. Arthur Taylor is a Kiski Board of Trustees' Emeritus and a graduate of Brown University. He was the president of CBS from 1972 until 1976, he then founded Arthur Taylor & Company, a private investment company. In 1985, Fordham University named him dean of its Graduate School of Business Administration and he also served as president of Muhlenberg College from 1992–2002. Mr. Taylor has a great affection for the School. He tries to visit yearly to share his view of the world and to discuss what he has learned from his distinguished career. The boys look forward to his visit, they love his talks and are always motivated by Mr. Taylor's sage advice. Clayton Helper '15 said, "I love it, he is such an intelligent and kind man. I like the way that he views life." Joseph Carter '15 said, "Mr. Taylor really has had great experiences and he gave us great advice on making good choices in the future." The Kiski community thanks Mr. Taylor for his time, talents, and willingness to share his experiences.



## All School Book

*The Color of Water*  
By James McBride

As tradition goes, each year Kiski faculty, staff, and students, share one thing in common: a book. This year's selected book was *The Color of Water* by James McBride. The entire

school community gathered to hear Mr. McBride speak about his book and his life experiences. He was truly an entertaining and engaging speaker, captivating our boys and our faculty alike.

Mr. McBride spoke of his love of learning and encouraged students to not be afraid of making mistakes. It is only through this courage that each student is able to pursue something that he loves to do. Mr. McBride said, "It's not a job if it is something that you really enjoy doing." The boys raised some thoughtful questions, impressing Mr. McBride. After the assembly, a group of students hosted Mr. McBride at lunch before he signed books for everyone in the Swank Student Center. This special day ended with advisory group discussions about the book. The students were happy to discuss the book over pizza, ice cream sundaes, root beer floats, cookies, pies, s'mores, and other assorted goodies. The entire School community is extremely grateful to Mrs. Poston for arranging the All School Book and Speaker Series.



## **College Counseling** — *by Darcie Spahn, Assistant Director of College Counseling and Assistant Director of Communications*

When I started looking at colleges, my biggest concerns were how far I was going to be away from home and how much I would have to pay off after four years. There is no question that the same concerns consume our high-school seniors today, but there is so much more to consider. When exactly did a Facebook page become a matter of consideration for admission? According to research, students need to be keenly aware of what they are putting on social media mediums such as Facebook, MySpace, Twitter and Instagram.

When I reviewed Kaplan Test Prep's 2011 College Admissions Officers Survey, I was surprised by the findings. 85% of the admissions professionals utilize Facebook to attract potential students. In one respect, this can be a great tool for students, but it can also be something that certainly needs to be fully understood. Students need to know that what they are posting on Facebook or other networking pages may be viewed by admissions professionals.

The big question is whether or not colleges will use what they see to determine admittance. According to Kaplan Test Prep's 2011 survey of college admission officers, almost 24% of admissions professionals questioned, admitted to viewing Facebook or other social networking pages of students. Some even Googled applicants. When Kaplan first started tracking such trends, only 10% of colleges reported checking social media. It seems as though a small amount are reporting that their findings are negatively impacting applications, only 12%. I suspect that will grow in years to come.

Students need to be very careful of their electronic footprint. Whether it is the pictures on their phone, or postings on Facebook, or tweets, they need to be aware of the consequences of their actions. The possibility of consequences, isn't that something that we all teach our kids? Each and every one of their actions will elicit certain reactions. Now we need to take it one step further. It is very important that we educate them on this new medium so that they can make the educated decision when it comes to using Facebook and other networking sites.

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## **Speech and Debate Team**

Several members of the Kiski Speech and Debate team attended the National Speech Qualifiers in an attempt to win a spot at the national tournament. Changhong Wu '14 and Will Good '14 competed in Extemporaneous Speaking, where Will was able to qualify for the tournament. While excited to win, Will had to give up his spot at Nationals to the second place winner. MinJoon So '13 participated in the Original Oratory category with a speech that discussed the possibilities of misinterpreted racism. While he placed second, only the first place winner in Original Oratory qualified for the tournament.

The Pennsylvania High School Speech League Tournament was held over spring break at Susquehanna University. Kiski was represented by Will Good '14, Eric Acre '13, and Changhong Wu '14. Will competed in the largest category of Radio Commentary, where he performed well, but was unable to break into the final rounds. Eric Acre '13 competed in Student Congress where he was able to make it to the final round, placing him among the top 15 students in the state. Changhong competed in Extemporaneous Speaking but did not make it to the final rounds.

## **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Special Assembly**

Carla Ross and members of Culture Pot, which is a club on campus that celebrates the diversity among our students, treated the Kiski community to a special assembly to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. Major Canady '13 and Luke Williams '12 spent time researching topics and practicing their speeches. They served as hosts for the assembly, introducing speakers to the audience. Artie Luptak '15 and Kevin Kcehowski '15 read essays they prepared.

Min Joon So '13 read his essay he submitted to the Carnegie Mellon competition. The keynote speaker for the evening was Reverend Darryl Canady, father of Major, who spoke eloquently about challenges that we all are facing and how Kiski will continue to celebrate its diversity. It was a moving tribute to a great man and we were all proud of our students and the wonderful work they had done in order to celebrate Dr. King's life and legacy.

## **American Math Competition**

The Math Team competed in the American Math Competition (AMC). This is both a contest in its own right, and a qualifier for the next stage, the American Invitational Mathematics Examination (AIME). Only the top 5% of participants in the AMC qualify for the AIME contest, and of our 20 students, two students qualified: Min Joon So '13 and Immanuel Joy '15.

For the third consecutive year, the Math Team captured first place in the Strongland Chamber of Commerce Math League Competition, defeating teams from eight other schools. Nearly 150 high school students participated. Kiski has kept the traveling trophy for three years and is looking to keep it for a fourth. The team is competing again and so far the Kiski A team is in first place and the Kiski B team is in second. The second round of the competition is in February 2013.

## **Engineering Club** — *by Alex Lucci '12*

The Engineering Club participated in the TEAMS competition for the first time this year. TEAMS, (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science) is an annual high school competition that challenges students to work collaboratively as they apply their math and science knowledge in practical, creative ways to solve real everyday engineering problems. Unlike some of our previous events, where we competed either individually or in groups of two, in this event we were able to work together and compete as two larger teams (one for the 11/12 grade division and one for the 9/10 grade division). In the TEAMS competition, we strategically used our strengths and our weaknesses to complete 80 multiple-choice questions. Although the theme of this year's TEAMS was biomedical engineering, we were still able to utilize our myriad of talents. We used our statistics knowledge to answer the questions dealing with samples for drug testing, our physics knowledge for how strong knee/hip replacements need to be, and our biology expertise for almost everything else. In the end, our upperclassmen team captured First Place out of 15 teams, and our underclassmen team took 3<sup>rd</sup> place of 12!

Congratulations to the members of the Engineering Club: Yitian Zhang '12, MinJoon So '13, Alex Lucci '12, Immanuel Joy '15, Clayton Hepler '15, Andrew Goetz '14, Robert Guldenschuh '14, Shaoxuan Yu '14, Fangzhong Liu '14, Changhong Wu '14, Ethan Pavolik '14, Mark Kwak '13, Yecheng Yang '13, Alex Zhao '13, and DJ Gress '13.



Matthew R. Kokoszka

### ■ New Faculty

**Matthew R. Kokoszka** (Matt) moved from Meriden, CT to Kiski with his wife Darlenia (Darla) and their two young sons, Aiden (6) and Tristan (4). Matthew graduated from St. Lawrence University with a B.A. in Biology and a minor in Education. Matt is a biology teacher with seven years of teaching experience. He most recently taught biology and forensics at Bullard-Havens High School in Bridgeport, CT. It was Matt's positive experience as a student at Choate Rosemary Hall that led him to make the decision to teach at a boarding school. He had such a positive experience as a student at Choate that he wanted to join the world of boarding schools and immerse himself in our community as a teacher, coach, advisor, and dorm parent. Matt teaches biology at Kiski, coaches the varsity soccer team, and assists with the basketball team. He lives in Fosnough with his family.



Darlenia Kokoszka



Charles P. Moore



Peter Dawson Buckland



Tyler James Wilkins



Kristen Wilkins



Brad Hoar



William J. Burlee IV

**Darlenia (Darla) Kokoszka** graduated from St. Lawrence University with a B.A. in Spanish and a minor in Sociology. Darla is a Spanish teacher with five years of teaching experience. She most recently taught Spanish levels I, II and III, at Hyde Leadership School of Health Sciences and Sports Medicine. She teaches Spanish and ESL at Kiski.

**Charles P. Moore** moved to Kiski from Erie, PA. Charles graduated from Penn State Behrend with a B.S. in Physics and a minor in Mathematics. He is currently enrolled at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania obtaining his Masters in Middle and Secondary Education. Charles previously taught at the Penn State Behrend School of Science. He also has extensive experience lecturing and tutoring. Charles teaches AP Physics and Robotics. Charles lives in Clark Hall.

**Peter Dawson Buckland** is the Director of Sustainability at Kiski. He is a graduate of Penn State University with a B.A. in Music and a minor in English and Creative Writing. He received his M.M. in Music Composition and Theory

in 2003 and will be graduating soon with his Ph.D. in Educational Theory and Policy. He has extensive experience researching, lecturing, and teaching sustainability at Penn State and prior to that taught English and was an instructor of music and integrative arts. In addition to his sustainability responsibilities, Peter also teaches a section of English this year and helps with the track team as an assistant coach.

Peter has two essays in *The International Ecopedagogy Handbook* which features the work of environmental educators, authors, scholars, and activists from the United States and Europe. It will be published in spring 2013 in English, Italian, Brazilian, Portuguese, and Bulgarian. In addition, he was assistant to the editor on the book, *The Encyclopedia for Music and American Culture* that will be landing on shelves in the spring 2013. It is a reference source aimed at high school students helping them understand music in its cultural context. He also authored several entries in the book including: *Burlesque and Vaudeville*, *Women in Rock*, and *Heavy Metal*. He is a research study subject for the *Appalachian Teaching Project*, a multi-university research project on people in the Appalachian region of the United States. Indiana University of Pennsylvania faculty and staff are part of the research team. Currently, they are investigating how people in Appalachia are working on sustainability issues ranging from changes to local culture, health, the impacts of the natural gas boom, and changes in education.

**Tyler James Wilkins** joined Kiski from the Darlington School where he was the Dean of Students and Dorm Head. He graduated from the University of the Arts with a B.A. in Music Performance. He obtained his Masters Degree in Educational Leadership from Immaculate University. Tyler is also board certified in Applied Behavior Analysis. He is currently Kiski's new Dean of Students and is teaching a section of Fine Arts. Tyler joins Coach

Gallagher as the Assistant Varsity Hockey Coach. Tyler and his wife Kristen are dorm-parents in Fosnough Hall.

**Kristen Wilkins** is Kiski's new learning specialist. She assists students with learning differences and enriching students' educational experiences. Her office is located in Old Main. Kristen was at the Darlington School where she was the lower school learning specialist. She graduated from St. Joseph's University with a B.A. in English and a minor in Secondary Education. She received her Pennsylvania Teaching Certification for grades 7-12.

### ■ New Staff

**Brad Hoar** joined Kiski as the Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Affairs. Prior to Kiski, Brad worked at Episcopal Academy as a major gifts officer. Prior to Episcopal, he worked at Nadace Via – The Via Foundation as the development manager and a fundraising consultant. At The Via Foundation, he led the most successful independent endowment campaign in Czech history. Prior to his fundraising experience he taught English, ESL, and history while living in dorms and coaching at Marvelwood School for three years. Brad has also taught ESL on three continents and studied five foreign languages (Japanese, Czech, Hebrew, Spanish and French). Brad and his wife, Satomi, and their sons Benjamin and Christopher, currently reside in Old Main.

**William J. Burlee IV** (Billy) joined Kiski as the Assistant Director of Admissions at the beginning of the summer. Billy is a 2011 graduate of Hampden-Sydney College and earned his B.A. in Government. Prior to Kiski, Billy was involved in a management training program at the YMCA in Raleigh, NC. This is a program that he has been involved since his graduation from St. Christopher's School. In addition to his duties in Kiski Admissions, Billy is a dorm parent in Clark Hall.



## ■ Faculty/Staff News

**Marcus Muster** attended the Whipple Hill Conference in July. He gave a presentation along with Chris Brueningsen and Craig Olear at The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS) in Washington, DC titled *So You Are Thinking About Starting An Online Program?* In addition, he will be speaking with Craig Olear on *Beyond Blended Instruction... Avatar-Based Synchronous Online Education* at the Online Education Symposium for Independent Schools (OESIS) in Marina Del Ray, CA in February 2013. He will also be speaking with Chris Brueningsen at the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) in Philadelphia on *Building an Online Program from Scratch* in February 2013.

**Mark Orsatti** participated for the fourth time in the College Board's Advanced Placement Program AP and Educational Testing Service. In June 2012, 631 high school AP Spanish Language teachers joined forces with college faculty who teach in the same discipline to score

129,674 exams in Cincinnati, Ohio. The careful evaluation of students' work is one of the most important aspects of the AP Program.

**Chris Spahn** coached for the Pittsburgh Revolution U13 lacrosse team this past summer as well as developed and implemented Kiski's first-ever, week-long, summer lacrosse camp. He was also voted to the board of Pennsylvania's Independent School Athletic Association (PISAA).

**Doug Yoder** was elected Chairman of the Pittsburgh-to-Harrisburg Mainline Canal Greenway Alliance Board of Directors. The Pittsburgh-to-Harrisburg Main Line Canal Greenway™ is a 320-mile corridor that follows the historic path of the Main Line Canal System. It intends to serve as a physical connector that improves opportunities for public access, linkage to important destinations, and economic development. Its core directive: facilitate a

continuous land-and water-based recreation system that serves as a connectivity and unification tool for local governments and organizations wishing to create recreation, heritage, environmental, educational, and economic development projects that maximize the quality of life for Pennsylvania residents. In addition, Doug constructs covered bridges by following a traditional timber frame construction and old world joinery with no metal fasteners. Over the last 20 years, he has built half a dozen or more covered bridges, including the one pictured below.



Marcus Muster



Mark Orsatti



Chris Spahn



Doug Yoder



**"What are little boys made of?  
Snips and snails, and puppy dogs tails  
That's what little boys are made of!"**

— Nursery Rhyme —

## Welcome Future Kiski Boys!

The Kiski community recently welcomed three new baby boys to campus. Owen Thomas was born on June 30, to Kiski faculty member and graduate T.J. Stock '04 and his wife, Alia. Samuel Brooks was born on September 5, and is the son of Headmaster, Christopher Brueningsen and his wife, Megan Neumeister. Christopher William was born on September 7, and is the son of Brad Hoar, Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations and his wife, Satomi. Christopher joins his two-year old brother, Benjamin. These new arrivals would be in Kiski's graduating class of 2030.

**KISKI VIRTUAL**  
SCHOOL FOR BOYS™  
A Century of Educating Boys... Now in a Virtual World

## National Association of Independent Schools Recognizes Kiski's VSB

The Kiski Virtual School for Boys pilot program was among 19 programs recognized in a new online booklet, *Stories of Excellence: Case Studies of Exemplary Blended and Fully Online Learning*, produced by the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS).

"The schools featured in the *Stories of Excellence* booklet are embracing technology to transform the very nature of education. It is our hope that these innovative online and blended programs will inspire other schools to use technology creatively to engage students and expand the skills of teachers," noted Patrick F. Bassett, president of the Washington, DC-based NAIS. "



The title of Head Prefect at Kiski is much more than just a label. It symbolizes an agreement between an elected student representative and the students and faculty that awarded him this honor. More than that, it is an assertion from the Head Prefect that he will encourage and support the School's overall mission to educate young men and prepare them for college and life. This in turn cultivates an academic environment that is continually evolving and changing, while staying true to its core beliefs. Every elected Head Prefect has the capability of leaving a lasting impression on the School for years to come.

The Head Prefect has many responsibilities at Kiski. The primary responsibility is to serve as a liaison among faculty, administration, and students. In this capacity, he is able to have a voice in the implementation of certain policies and procedures important to the School's everyday activities. Each year, the Head Prefect is encouraged to choose a project that is meaningful to him and beneficial to the School.

For the 2012-2013 school year, August Luptak '13 was elected as Kiski's Head Prefect. Augie decided to take on the task of supporting our student-athletes in a unique manner. It was an idea that first came up in a conversation that he had with his father. Augie's father applauded the benefits of a boarding school education, but lamented the fact that the students who chose to study away from home weren't always able to keep in touch with their hometown communities. Augie set out to change this.

He devised a plan to celebrate our students' athletic accomplishments with not only the Kiski community, but the communities where they grew up. Augie put together a group of students who are responsible for writing press releases highlighting athletic accomplishments of student-athletes in all of the different athletic programs. These press releases are then sent to the hometown of the respective athlete. It is a nice way to maintain the student's relationship with his hometown while he is away at boarding school. Augie's hometown paper, *The Sewickley Herald* published a feature story about Augie and some of his accomplishments on October 25.

The feedback from this initiative has been very positive and has garnered a lot of interest in the exciting things Kiski students are accomplishing. Kiski is grateful to Augie for implementing this initiative and involving his peers, and we look forward to the project becoming a part of the School's culture.

## Career Day at Kiski

On April 20, the juniors and seniors participated in Kiski's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Career Day presentations. The boys were given biographies of our presenters and then asked to choose three people that they would enjoy meeting. Career Day allows students to gain personal information about careers they have an interest in, as well as helping them focus on their educational goals.

Career Day fit in nicely with the work the students were doing in their Life Skills class. After their presentations, our guests visited the class to talk about the process they went through when searching for employment opportunities. It was a nice glimpse into the future for our boys and we are grateful to our presenters for taking the time from their busy schedule to spend the day with us. We had a really impressive list of speakers this year:

Scott Ardisson '93  
*Forensic Computer Examiner*  
Dr. Michael Cohen  
*Periodontist*  
George Davison '82  
*Entrepreneur*  
Dr. Stanley DeFay  
*Anesthesiologist*

Ed Johnstonbaugh  
*Renewable Energy Development*  
Jared Just '05  
*Computers and Technology*  
Mindy Markantone  
*Pharmacist*  
Jeff Sugden '72  
*Finance*  
Mike Supinka, CP  
*Law*

Laura Tsaggaris  
*Music*  
Robert Werner  
*Banking*  
Loren Wright  
*Architect*  
Anna Yoder  
*Forensics*



## Kiski Students Initiate Construction Project

By Min Joon So '13

Kiski's Engineering Club recently started an exciting new project on Kiski's campus. The bridge on the pathway between McClintock and the field house was in need of repair. Some industrious Kiski students devised a plan to construct a new bridge. The proposal for this project was actually approved by the School last year and will be completed by Kiski's Engineering Club, under the guidance of faculty members and a retired engineer, Mr. Maguire, who was kind enough to volunteer his time to help the School.

The original bridge was built more than a century ago, which speaks to its craftsmanship. The new bridge that will replace it will be constructed of timber and modeled after a kingpost bridge. The construction process will continue throughout this coming winter and the team hopes to finish in the early spring.

Kiski's Engineering Club organized student volunteers from Clark Hall and some faculty members to demolish the old bridge. This part of the process took more than three hours. After the structure was removed, safety barriers were installed. Everything is in place for the second stage of the project to begin.

This engineering initiative benefits the School in a couple of ways. It will create a safe structure that aesthetically blends with the campus and it provides Kiski students with a hands-on-experience engineering a substantial wooden structure. The students involved with the project are: Adam Coury '14, Jacob Baynit '14, Eric Gold '14, Sebastian Moran '14, Jacob West '15, Will Burchfield '15, Skylar Bridge '15, Mark Marsula '15, and Min Joon So '13. A special thanks goes to faculty members, Mr. Scott, Mr. Burlee, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Howard. We especially thank Mr. Maguire, who helped make the project happen.



## Kiski Celebrates Its Legacies!

**O**n Wednesday, October 24, nearly 50 Kiski students were invited to a special lunch in the Swank Student Center to celebrate and honor the relationships they have with former or current Kiski graduates. The Kiski Legacy relationships include brothers, uncles, fathers, grandfathers and other relatives.

The students had an outstanding lunch, shared stories about their family connections to Kiski, and received special 125<sup>th</sup> Kiski pins. These celebrations are important and meaningful to everyone on campus.

Thank you for continuing the Kiski legacy by entrusting us to provide the excellence of a Kiski education for your loved ones. To learn more about the Alumni Legacy Admission Program, please contact Steven T. Szilagyi '88 at 724-639-8028 or [steven.szilagyi@kiski.org](mailto:steven.szilagyi@kiski.org).



**Legacy Students:** Jacob Baynit, Fernando Berny-Correa, Mario Bortoluzzi, Gordon Carpenter, Kyle DePasquale, Damon Flenniken, Billy Gardner, Gunnar Gillespie, Will Good, Alexander Hart, Derrick Helmick, Alena Henderson, Wade Hoag, Doug Kruse, Quintin Little, Benjamin McCaffrey, Col McLaughlin, Christian Miller, Zach Muster, Nam Nguyen, Tanner Perry, Damian Persaud, David Skena, Dan Swank, Andrew Westwood.

**Brothers:** Michael and Nicholas Borsch, Thomas and Joe Carter, Adam and Evan Coury, Miller and Clayton Hepler, Edward and Lawrence Han, Augie and Artie Luptak, Thomas and Joshua Mayberry, Ian and Evan Mori, Shane and Kyle Monteleone, Mario and Massimo Smaldino, Obinnaya and Chukwuma Udezeh, Sacha and Stefan Zivanovic.

## Community Service Day

**O**n Wednesday, September 19, the Kiski community came together to participate in Kiski's Community Service Day. Students and faculty volunteered their time and efforts, assisting different organizations in western Pennsylvania, and making improvements to Kiski's own School community as well.

Fortunately, the weather was cooperative and everyone was able to complete their varied tasks. Sandy Acquard took a group of students to Action for Animals in Latrobe and aided them with some gravel work that needed to be done in their driveway and under some of the kennels. They also had the chance to bathe some adorable puppies. Mr. Sunday and his group of seniors went to the Ark Twin Valley Home in Delmont and did some landscaping outside of the establishment before moving inside to remove and replace some old carpeting. Mr. Perry and his group travelled locally to the Baptist Church in Saltsburg and did some chores for them. Mr. Beebe and Mr. Bower led their groups to Delmont and helped at the Westmoreland County Food Bank.

Kiski also benefitted from Community Service Day. Some students stayed behind with their advisors to make improvements in the field house, cleaning and organizing the wrestling room and equipment rooms. Another group worked on rebuilding the stone wall that flanks the Muster's home. The wall was built in the early 80s by Kiski's Dean of Students at the time, Tom Kozub, when he lived there. Mr. Ross and Mr. Ellis guided their groups as they did some landscaping chores along faculty row. Mr. Stock and his group, along with Mr. Good and Mr. Ott, assisted students as they built new trash can holders for the campus.

Our new Director of Sustainability, Peter Buckland, had a large group of boys clearing trails and making a new compost pile behind Turley Dining Hall. As time goes on, Mr. Buckland and the Kiski Environmental Club will turn and refine the compost until it is ready to be used as soil in the new garden that is under construction.

After a very long day of a lot of hard work, everyone enjoyed an informal buffet at the dining hall and a few minutes of rest and relaxation before the start of study hall. It was truly a great opportunity for us to give back to the community we enjoy.



### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cougar Cup Conemaugh Takes the Cup for Second Consecutive Year!

Loyalhanna and Conemaugh battled one last time for the coveted Cougar Cup. After an ultimate Frisbee and flag football game, the two teams were evenly matched. For the finale the boys had to undertake "cross the river," a homerun derby, lacrosse accuracy, ladder golf, bean bag toss, and a trivia contest. Congratulations to team Conemaugh for winning the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cougar Cup.

## ■ LACROSSE

The 2012 season began the moment the 2011 season ended. In 2011, Kiski lacrosse had a losing record, which had not happened since the inaugural season of 2005. The record did not sit well with the kids who were returning, and it definitely did not sit well with the coaching staff. With a blend of returning players, and new additions, the Cougars made their yearly trek south for Spring Break. The team went 4-1 on the trip, with games in Hilton Head, South Carolina, Cape Fear, North Carolina and Lynchburg, Virginia. As always, Kiski's competes against the best private schools on the East coast, but this year they also travelled to Toronto to play against some of the best private school teams in Canada. At the conclusion of the season, the team had played in two countries and six states. The 2012 season was a satisfying season in many ways: the teams finished with a 15-7 record, a great group of talented new players were added to a strong returning core, and most importantly, they are extraordinary young men who represented Kiski with class and dignity. We say goodbye to our seniors and thank them for everything they have done for the program and we welcome our new players to the program. The coaching staff is excited about the 2013 season, and once again, the Cougars will be travelling to play against the best competition in order to prepare our young men academically and athletically for college.

## ■ TENNIS

The 2011-2012 tennis season was a successful one as the Cougars ended with a solid record of 6-5. The team worked hard throughout the spring and competed strongly in every match. With the leadership of senior captains Scott Cohen '12 and Jason Sebak '12, Kiski walked away with victories against perennial rivals Taylor Allderice and Franklin Regional, while just falling short against tough opponents like Hollidaysburg and Altoona. Sawei Zhao '13 did an excellent job anchoring the team at number 1 singles, while players like Billy Thompson '12 and Matt Buczek '13 competed well in all 11 matches played. Next year looks to be a promising one as we have 9 out of 16 varsity players returning from last year. We look



forward to continued success during the 2012-2013 season.

## ■ BASEBALL

Starting with indoor workouts in December, January, and February, along with the Spring Break trip to Florida in March, the baseball coaches were confident that the 2012 season would be a competitive one. Solidifying this prediction was a 3-0 record for the first three games of the season. Unfortunately, there were a few bumps in the road after these victories, tough losses after multiple innings, but the team never gave up.

The pivotal game of the season was against Mercersburg. Down by 5 in the bottom of the seventh against this friendly rival, something finally clicked. Kiski had scored 4 runs and still had bases loaded with only one out. Although the team did ultimately lose 8-7, and the team was at a point in its season when they could have easily packed it in; they didn't. From that point forward, the baseball squad began to look, act, and play more like a team. They still struggled in the first game against Western Reserve, but came right back and won a lopsided second contest with them. The team enjoyed solid wins against the Heritage Conference's best two teams and split its final contest on the road at Blair Academy against a very good baseball team.

The shift of the team's momentum mid-season was great, but the things the coaches remember most about the season were the special memories of Kiski's baseball players coming together as a team. Memories of eating at McDonalds in West Palm Beach at midnight, practicing under the lights at Seminole Ridge with helicopters flying over and practice under the lights at Kiski when the power went out.

For the majority of the season the nine or ten starters consisted of 2 sen-

iors, 3 juniors, 3 sophomores, and one freshman. With such a talented young team, the coaches are optimistic about the upcoming 2013 season.

## ■ TRACK AND FIELD

The 2012 Kiski track and field team put together another very successful spring campaign. The early dual meet season, where the Cougars won three out of four competitions, proved to be a perfect tune-up for the demanding invitational schedule ahead. Showing continued improvements, the trackmen posted some excellent performances against top quality competitors. These performances enabled the Cougars to place 7<sup>th</sup> out of 20 teams in the South Fayette Invitational; 10<sup>th</sup> out of 38 teams in the West Central Coaches Meet in Altoona; 6<sup>th</sup> out of 20 at the Redbank Valley Invitational; and a solid 5<sup>th</sup> place finish at the independent School State Championships.

Medal winners at the State Championships were seniors Malcolm Hill, Luke Williams, Andrew Pick, and Doug Wright; juniors Dan Swank, Nam Nguyen, Miller Hepler, Andy Lee, Byung Su Jung; and, sophomore Kevon Chambers.

## ■ BASKETBALL

The 2011-2012 varsity basketball team had an outstanding season. The team began the season with an exciting come from behind victory over Bridgeton Academy to win the Kiski Tip Off Tournament. The Cougars also defended their I.P.S.L. Championship, their third in a row, with victories over perennial rivals Western Reserve Academy and Linsly. The team travelled to tournaments in Connecticut, Florida, Pennsylvania, while also hosting the Midwest Prep Tournament, in which Kiski finished second. The 2011-2012 season marked the





first time that Kiski hosted a Pennsylvania Independent Schools Athletic Association playoff game. Kiski hosted Abington-Friends, and to the delight of the student body, family, and friends in attendance, the Cougars defeated the visitors from the eastern part of the state. The team finished with a 23-6 record and the returning players are looking forward to another great season in 2012-2013.

## ■ WRESTLING

The 2011-2012 Varsity Wrestling team once again had one of the most difficult schedules of any preparatory school in the country. The team travelled to Delaware, Atlanta, New York, Connecticut, Ohio, New Jersey and Philadelphia to compete against other top wrestlers from around the country. The coaching staff had a lot of new talent to work with, but was also aware of how young the team was. The 2011-2012 Cougars did not disappoint. They won the Ziegler Quad for the second year in a row and had seven wrestlers qualify for states. At Prep Nationals, Kiski finished a very respectable 16<sup>th</sup> with many of our wrestlers demonstrating how strong

Kiski wrestling will be for the next three years. The coaching staff, while extremely proud of what the young men accomplished this season, cannot wait to get on the mats for what should be a memorable 2012-2013 season.

The Zeigler Invitational Wrestling Tournament will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2013. There will be five teams participating: The Kiski School, Mercersburg Academy, Lake Forest Academy, Storm King School, and Summit Academy. The tournament honors Jacob E. Zeigler, founder of Kiski's wrestling program and the first coach from 1937 to 1967. "Papa Cougar" was known for his philosophy of individual self-determination and belief that a teachable moment is not confined to the classroom and is best learned through hands-on experience. Please mark your calendars for this event and cheer on the Cougars!

## ■ HOCKEY

Entering the 2011-12 season, the Cougars were facing a daunting task. They had a new head coach with few returning players. Head Coach Gary Gallagher, along with Assistant Coach Ashton Deist, developed a system that enabled the

Cougars to enjoy success early on. Beginning with a season opening comeback victory at Linsly, the Cougars ran the string of victories to five in a row with back to back wins against Western Reserve Academy and Shady Side Academy. Will Spangler '13 played strong in goal. The offensive core of Zach Ursu '13, Eric Ritzau '13, Jordyn Lacastro '13 and Thomas Supinka '12 were determined. Senior Captain Scott Cohen '12 led the defense along with teammates Michael Mendicino '13, Mark Marsula '14 and Skylar Bridge '14.

Kiski enjoyed impressive tournament wins at Chicago's Lake Forest Academy and Cleveland's Rock n Roll Classic. The Cougars also enjoyed series sweeps of Western Reserve Academy, Linsly, and winning four out of five against friendly rival, Shady Side Academy. The hockey season was finalized with victories over Sewickley Academy and host Shady Side Academy, enabling Kiski to capture the tournament Championship! Finishing the season with a 10-12-1 record, the returning boys are looking forward to next year, and building upon an exciting 2012-13 season.

## ■ SWIMMING

The 2011-2012 varsity swim team worked extremely hard and demonstrated constant improvement from its first meet to the last swim in February. The Cougars suffered from injuries the entire season, but to the credit of the coaching staff and swimmers, no excuses were ever made. Kiski competed in several high-quality meets which set the foundation for our returning swimmers and the goals they set to achieve in 2012-2013. The highlight of the season was hosting the Midwest Prep Tournament in front of our students, friends, and families. The support the team received that day was outstanding and will always be remembered by those who participated in the event.



# KISKI



## ■ GOLF

The 2012 Kiski Varsity Golf Team finished with a 7-3 record in dual matches and 2nd in the small school division of the Westmoreland County Coaches Association Golf Championship – but later in the year we defeated the team who finished first! The team finished fourth out of 11 teams in Kiski's first-time participation in the PA Independent School Athletic Association Golf Championship in late October. The season highlight was defeating Western Reserve Academy, Shady Side Academy, and the Linsly School to win the Interstate Preparatory School League (IPSL) Golf Championship for the first time since 1997 and only the second time in the School's history.

The 2012 Golf captains were Andrew Goetz and Amir Davis. The seniors who lead the team were Alex Hart, Skylar Gerken, and Will Spangler. Junior letter winners were Amir Davis, Andrew Goetz, and Bobby Gaston and sophomore letter winners included: Andrew Jacob and Billy Gardner. This year's Coach's Award went to Andrew Goetz and Amir Davis.

The team practiced and played on more than twelve different golf courses, had lots of fun, and set a School record for the most number of hot dogs and fizzy drinks consumed by any athletic team ever in the history of sports!

Our hopes for 2013 are that four of our top six players from 2012 will return to lead the 2013 golf team: Amir Davis, Andrew Goetz, Bobby Gaston and Andrew Jacob.

## ■ FOOTBALL

The 2012 varsity football team looked to build on the foundation set by the new coaching staff in 2011. The team arrived in August and embarked on what would be a memorable journey. An opening day win against the Columbus Crusaders af-

firmed to the team that all of its hard work during the off season was well worth it. The Cougars followed that win with two memorable victories over traditional rivals Mercersburg Academy and Western Reserve Academy. Kiski squared off against another rival, Linsly, on the last day of the season to see who would be crowned I.P.S.L. Champion. In a memorable battle that went down to the last minute, Kiski fell short by the score of 27-20. It was a great game and more importantly, demonstrated how far the team has come in two years. The returning players and coaches are already looking ahead to the 2013 season with one goal in mind, to win the I.P.S.L. Championship.

## ■ SOCCER

Kiski's Varsity Soccer Team had a very successful 2012 season. The final regular season record was 10-3-3. The team was led by three senior captains, all three year veterans of the program, Major Canady, Nam Ngyuen, and Jay Yoon. With their leadership and an influx of very talented athletes, the Kiski team was able to win many games based on athleticism alone. The only three defeats came at the hands of WRA and Mercersburg, both of which are competitive programs. The boys had two very exciting wins over Hollidaysburg and especially Dubois after conceding two early goals to rally for a 3-2 in the second half. One of the most exciting games ended in a tie with Boys' Latin a very talented team from Maryland. If an overall theme can be extracted from the soccer teams' performance this season, it would be that hard work, resilience, and camaraderie can be a great elixir for success. Coach Kokoszka was appreciative to the players for their commitment and dedication to the team and looks forward to a successful season next year.

## ■ CROSS COUNTRY

The 2012 Kiski Cross Country team began the fall with a very exciting and positive sign. A total of 13 boys arrived for pre-season practice which is the largest number of runners that Coach Yoder has seen in 33 years. Five of the boys were returning lettermen and five were new to the program. This mix of strong leadership and fresh talent proved to be a good one for the Cougars.

The competitive season consisted of five invitationals, one dual meet, and ended with the Pennsylvania Independent School State Championships. Although only finishing 21 out of 28 teams at the Forest Hills Invitational, the team responded well by placing 11<sup>th</sup> out of 30 teams at the more competitive Mountain Lion Invitational the following week. This climb toward the top continued for the remainder of the season.

A big win over Mercersburg Academy on homecoming weekend and a third place finish in the Indiana County Championships were high points and had the boys primed for the road trips to Washington DC for the Georgetown Prep Classic and the state championships in Philadelphia. Kiski was well represented at these meets with superb performances by Ben Slack-Foust '16, Seth Rouse '15, Clayton Hepler '15, Bray Gremillion '15, Rob Guldenschuh '14, Josh Mayberry '13, Zach Ursu '13, Mike Mendicino '13, and Miller Hepler '13. Kiski was able to secure a 9<sup>th</sup> place finish in the state championship meet to conclude a successful season.





# Kiski Welcomes New Coaches

**Head Coach, Matt Kokoszka** brings over 13 years of coaching experience to the Kiski soccer team. Coach Kokoszka is a 2003 graduate of St. Lawrence University. He graduated with a degree in Biology and a minor in education.

While at St. Lawrence, Coach Kokoszka was a member of the soccer program until his graduation in 2003. In 1999, St. Lawrence's soccer program had a successful year and won the Division III National Championship.

Coach Kokoszka began his coaching career at Maloney High School. He coached the varsity boys' soccer team for seven seasons. During his time at Maloney, the varsity soccer team won the CCC South Conference four times. Coach Kokoszka was honored for his dedication to the success of the program and was named the Coach of the Year for four consecutive years.

Coach Kokoszka is also an involved member of the community. He currently is coaching for the Kiski Area Soccer League.

**Assistant Coach, Garry Ridge** will be joining Kiski as a new assistant baseball coach. He has been training and developing players for nearly 30 years. Currently, he is a hitting instructor for The University of Baseball. He was Head Instructor of Baseball World for more than ten years. Garry is also a four-time National Championship Coach and was the coach for the gold-medal winning team at the Jr. Pan Am games. He served as a scout for the Brewers and Phillies organizations for 13 years. Garry is a dynamic hitting instructor who has developed unparalleled techniques that have been used by scores of players from the amateur level to the MLB. Garry teaches these techniques in a simple way so that all ages can understand and succeed. He is committed and passionate about baseball and we look forward to his coaching experience and talent.

## The Centennial Cup

The Centennial Cup is a celebration of the athletic rivalry between The Kiski School and Mercersburg Academy that dates back to 1913. The "Cup" commemorates the 100th year of storied competition between these two premier Pennsylvania boarding schools and honors the athletes and coaches who have made this one of the most compelling rivalries in private school athletics.

In 1913, Mercersburg and Kiski took to the diamond for a varsity baseball game. This game, a 4-3 Mercersburg victory, was the beginning of a relationship that has lasted a century between two schools that have engaged in meaningful athletic competitions while always demonstrating sportsmanship. Kiski won the first varsity football game played between the two schools in 1917 by the score of 14-0, and since that game the two schools have competed against one another in soccer, wrestling, track, basketball, lacrosse, golf, cross country, and swimming.

The Centennial Cup is a year-long athletic competition between The Kiski School and Mercersburg Academy. Each school's varsity athletic teams will compete against one another, with the winning team earning two points for their school. At the end of the year, the points will be calculated and the cup will be awarded to the winning school to be proudly displayed on their campus for the following year. The winning school's name and the year will be inscribed at the base of the trophy.

On Saturday, September 29, 2012, Kiski defeated Mercersburg in cross country and football. Mercersburg won in soccer and golf. Currently, we are tied for the cup. Kiski faces Mercersburg in basketball, swimming, and wrestling this winter. We will keep you updated on the results. We are proud to host the inaugural games in The Centennial Cup Competition and invite all of our parents, students, alumni, and friends to come cheer on the Cougars throughout the year.

THE KISKI COUGARS may be competing in your area. Come and cheer them on!

Visit [www.kiski.org](http://www.kiski.org) to view details of specific sporting events.

### ■ HOCKEY

- 1/4-6 Gilmour Tournament
- 1/12 @Linsly School, Wheeling, WV
- 1/18-20 Rock N' Roll Classic @Cleveland
- 1/30 @Sewickley Academy
- 2/1 @Haverford School
- 2/2 @Academy of The New Church, Philadelphia, PA
- 2/16-17 Slaps Shot Tournament @Johnstown
- 2/22 Independent School Hockey League Tournament
- 2/23 Independent School Hockey League Semi-Finals
- 2/24 Independent School Hockey League Championship

### ■ WRESTLING

- 1/11-12 County Championship @ Franklin Regional HS
- 2/15-16 State Prep Meet @Episcopal Academy
- 2/22-23 National Preps @Lehigh

### ■ SWIMMING

- 1/12 Midwest Prep Invitational @Western Reserve Academy
- 1/26 @Mercersburg Academy
- 2/2 County Swimming Championship
- 2/12 @Shady Side Academy (with Ellis)
- 2/22-23 @Easterns (LaSalle University)

### ■ BASKETBALL

- 1/11-12 @Mid West Prep Tournament (LaLumiere)
- 1/23 @Altoona
- 1/26 @Academy of The New Church, Philadelphia, PA
- 1/27 @The Hill School, Pottstown, PA
- 1/30 @Spire Institute, Geneva, OH
- 2/2 @REDA Prep (USA vs. Canada Showcase) Providence, RI
- 2/3 @National Prep School Invitational, Providence, RI
- 2/6 @Linsly School, Wheeling, WV
- 2/8 @Summit Academy, Herman, PA
- 2/11-16 PA State Independent Schools Basketball Championship

### ■ BASEBALL

- 3/14 @Seminole Ridge High School, Loxahatchee, FL
- 3/18 JV@Seminole Ridge High School, Loxahatchee, FL
- 4/13 @The Shipley School, Philadelphia, PA
- 4/20 Linsly School @Wheeling, West Virginia
- 5/17 @Mercersburg Academy

### ■ LACROSSE

- 3/16-21 @Hilton Head, SC
- 3/22-23 @Cape Fear Academy Tournament, Cape Fear, NC
- 3/25 East Chapel Hill High School, Chapel Hill, NC
- 4/4-7 @Wildcat Classic, Westerville South High School, Columbus, Ohio
- 4/13 @Academy of the New Church and The Shipley School, Philadelphia, PA
- 4/19-21 @Toronto, Canada
- 5/11 @Sewickley Academy
- 5/17 @Mercersburg Academy

# Kiski Graduates Sign Letters of Intent

GOUGARS



## **Major Canady** *Basketball*

Major Canady '13 signed a letter of intent to attend Drexel University, a Division I Basketball Program that competes in the NCAA's Division I Colonial Athletic Association. Major is the son of Darryl and Taleeta Canady of North Huntingdon, PA.

Major averaged 14 points, 10 assists, 8 rebounds, and 5 steals per game. He also does very well academically, making Honor Roll on a consistent basis.

Major celebrated with a signing ceremony in the Headmaster's Office. He was joined by The Kiski School Headmaster Christopher A. Brueningsen, Kiski's Head Basketball Coach Daryn Freedman, Kiski faculty and students, and his mother and father.

For the past three years, Major has been a captain and center point guard for the Cougars. Head Basketball Coach Daryn Freedman said, "Major's leadership on and off the court during his three years at Kiski has been impressive and he will certainly be an asset to Drexel University."

"I have grown a lot at Kiski on and off the court. I feel like I represent the transformation a student can go through if he really takes in his experience while attending the School," Major stated.



## **Jordyn Lacastro** *Lacrosse*

Jordyn Lacastro '13 signed a letter of intent to attend Queens University, a Division II Lacrosse Program that competes in the NCAA's Division II Conference Carolinas. Jordyn is the son of Dominick and Beverly Lacastro of Sudbury, Ontario, Canada.

Jordyn finished with 61 goals, 25 assists, 86 points and 86 ground balls during the 2012 lacrosse season. He also maintains an excellent grade point average and serves as a Prefect for the School.

Jordyn celebrated with a signing ceremony in the Headmaster's Office. He was joined by The Kiski School Headmaster Christopher A. Brueningsen, Kiski's Head Lacrosse Coach Chris Spahn and other Kiski faculty and students.

Head Lacrosse Coach Chris Spahn said, "Jordyn took full advantage of the opportunities that Kiski had to offer. He has earned six varsity letters at Kiski, while also maintaining a grade point average worthy of Honor Roll and is also a Prefect and Proctor. I am excited to see what Jordyn accomplishes in college and beyond. He will be a great addition to the Queens University community."

"These past two years at The Kiski School have been a tremendous learning experience for me. I credit the School for providing me with so many amazing opportunities that have helped me grow and learn, and ultimately prepare for college," Jordyn stated.



## **Dylan Greene** *Basketball*

Dylan Greene '12 signed a letter of intent to attend Lipscomb University, a Division I Basketball Program that competes in the NCAA's Division I Atlantic Sun Conference. Dylan is the son of Randall and Shewanda Greene of Winston-Salem, NC.

Greene averaged 14 points and 7 rebounds during the 2011-2012 season for the 22-5 Cougars.

Dylan celebrated with a signing ceremony in the Student Swank Center. He was joined by The Kiski School Headmaster Christopher A. Brueningsen, Kiski's Head Basketball Coach Daryn Freedman and other Kiski faculty and students.

Head Basketball Coach Daryn Freedman said, "Dylan was a hard worker at Kiski. His work ethic combined with an impressive skill set will make him an asset to the Lipscomb program."





# Athletic Records

The Kiski School has a long and distinguished athletic history. The young men who attend Kiski learn a great deal about themselves through their athletic participation. They come away from their experiences with pride and a sense of fulfillment. We are proud of the commitment that our student athletes have dedicated and continue to dedicate to Kiski. As an institution, it is always enjoyable to celebrate outstanding athletic achievements and share them with the community. The information gathered for this article is not a complete compilation of achievements, but a testament to what our coaches and athletes do at Kiski.

## WRESTLING

- Evan Henderson '11 was the three-time state champion and two-time national champion. He was 159-9 in his career and ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the 140 lb category.
- John Regan '08 is on record as having the most wins at 172.
- Evan Henderson '11 is on record as having the most pins in a season at nine.
- Kiski has two alumni that were two-time prep champions:
  - Jeff Urbany '85 and Evan Henderson '11

## TRACK

- 100 m dash: 10.97 Malcolm Hill '12
- 400 m dash: 50.1 Robert Miller '67
- 3200 m run: 9:31.2 Brad Henry '74
- Long Jump: 22' 6" Robert Boulware '82
- Discus: 164' 4" Bob Mathias '49
- Kiski's Varsity Track Program has won seven IPSL Championships.

## FOOTBALL

- Kiski was United States Prep Champions in 1917 and 1931 in football.
- Kiski has 13 representatives in the College Hall of Fame, which is the most of any prep school in the country.
  - James Stanton Keck '16
  - Tom Davies '18
  - Frank Schwab '22
  - Herb Stein '18
  - Harry Stuhldreher '21 (One of Notre Dame's Four Horsemen)
  - Bill Edwards '26
  - Cliff "Bones" Montgomery '30
  - Robert Hamilton '32
  - James Moscrip '32
  - Gust Zarnas '34
  - James Daniell '38
  - Carl Snively – Kiski Coach
  - Charles Klausing – Kiski Coach
  - Curtis Enis '95 played in the NFL. He was the first round draft pick for the Chicago Bears
- Kiski's Varsity Football Program has won eight IPSL Championships.

## LACROSSE

- Kiski's Varsity Lacrosse Program started in the spring of 2004. In 2009, the team enjoyed the most wins in a season with 18. In 2012, the team set a record for most shutouts in a season with two.
- In 2012, two Kiski alumni competed in the NCAA Division I and II Lacrosse Tournament.
  - Beau Knapp '10 plays for Western New England College
  - Brandon Bortignon '08 plays for Canisius College
- Kiski's Varsity Lacrosse Team won the 2008 WPSLA Division II Championship.

## SWIMMING

- 200 yard medley relay 11:36.47
  - Jim Mann '99
  - William Bower '00
  - Ben Gan '01
  - Pat Dinan
- Diving 499.70
  - Joe Greenwell '79
- 100 yard Butterfly
  - Ben Gan '01

## HOCKEY

- Kiski's Varsity Hockey Program started in the fall of 2004. In 2007-2008, the team enjoyed the most wins in a season with (22). They had 9 shutouts that year.
- Kiski's Varsity Hockey Team had their first win on January 8, 2005 against Derry, 7 to 4.

## SOCCER

- Kiski's Varsity Soccer Team enjoyed the most wins (13) during their 81-82 season with Coach Meehl.
- Kiski's Varsity Soccer Program had the most shutouts (11) in a season in 1990-91 with Coach Orsatti.
- Kiski's Varsity Soccer Team won their first IPSL Championship in 2001.

## BASKETBALL

- Kiski's Varsity Basketball Team has won the IPSL Championships three years in a row from 2009 to 2012.
- Kiski's Varsity Basketball Program currently has five boys playing DI basketball.

## BASEBALL

- Kiski's Varsity Baseball Program has won 13 IPSL Championships.

## GOLF

- Kiski's Golf Program has won two IPSL Championships.
- Kiski currently has one NCAA Division II golfer, Kyle Davis '08

## TENNIS

- Kiski's Varsity Tennis Program continues to make strides every year. They recently defeated Franklin Regional, 4-3.

## CROSS COUNTRY

- Kiski's Varsity Cross Country Program was second in the state in 1992.
  - Logan Powell '92
  - Brad Day '92
  - Jason Refling '92
  - John Owen '92
  - B.B. King '92

This year Kiski students conducted two Phone-a-thons and did a great job. In the spring, seniors Scott Cohen, Andrew Hazel, Howie Keenan, Alex Lucci, and Will Owen gathered in Heath Hall to dial for dollars – Kiski dollars, that is. These five appointed 2012 Class Captains spent the evening in Heath Hall with phones and pledge cards, fueled by some pizza. Throughout the evening, the boys expressed their gratitude for what they have had and their wish that others might have similar opportunities.

In the fall, Brad Hoar, Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations said “All of the boys really did well but special recognition goes to Jordyn Lacastro ’13 who is an



## Kiski Conducts Phone-a-thons

absolute natural making calls to alumni, as well as Alex Hart ’13 and Danny Wukich ’14, both of whom also were very good. Alumni who received a call from Will Spangler ’13

had a real treat as his conversations were invariably amusing to listen to.”

The fall Phone-a-thon raised more than \$3,250 in gifts and pledges by making more than 200 calls (and reaching about half of those called). The boys had great conversations with alumni and letting them know what life is like at Kiski.

Thank you to all of the students who participated in the fall Phone-a-thon including: Alex Hart ’13, Will Spangler ’13, Jordyn Lacastro ’13, Chris Cavalline ’13, Nathan Sachs’13, Connor Grady ’13, Daniel Swank ’13, Daniel Wukich ’14, Skylar Gerken ’13 and Eric Hegnes ’13.

## Educational Improvement Tax Credit



Over the past six years, The Kiski School has received nearly \$1.2 million in Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) support from Pennsylvania based businesses. Kiski uses all EITC affiliated funds to

support need-based scholarships for students attending Kiski.

This fall, Adam Schapiro, Associate Headmaster, was presented a check from Territory Manager, David J. McMillian, of Waste Management of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$5,000. Mr. McMillian said, “We are dedicated to environmental protection, education, and supporting the communities where the company operates. We value improving educational opportunities. We are very proud to provide Kiski EITC support.”

The EITC program is a positive and rewarding way for businesses to directly and seamlessly support Kiski, the scholarship program, and the School’s educational mission. Once business leaders learn about the relevance and ease of the process, they will eagerly participate and support the School in this way.

For more information about the many ways in which you can support Kiski and/or applying for tax credits, please contact Steven T. Szilagyi ’88, Associate Headmaster for Institutional Advancement at 724-639-8028 or [steven.szilagyi@kiski.org](mailto:steven.szilagyi@kiski.org).

## James Moore Donates Valuable Resources to the John A. Pidgeon Library – by Leslie Poston

Kiski students and The John A. Pidgeon Library are the fortunate recipients of a generous and sizable donation of books from Kiski alumnus and Board of Trustee Member, James P. Moore, Jr. ’71. Mr. Moore is a scholar and political advisor living in Washington DC, and the author of the 2005 book *One Nation, Under God: The History of Prayer in America*. Since the beginning of this school year, he has delivered hundreds of his books covering a broad range of topics from American history to world religions, philosophy, and political science.

Also on loan from Mr. Moore’s personal collection are several historic artifacts commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the War of 1812. These include:

- An original letter written by John Quincy Adams, justifying the case for going to war, the publication that helped to propel his political career leading him to become the sixth president of the United States.
- An entire issue of *The Weekly Register*, dated August 29, 1812, one of the most important newspapers of the period. This issue reports on the “Baltimore Riots” protesting the war, as well as deliberations in Congress and reports on the war’s progress.
- A musket powder horn used by a soldier during the War of 1812 along with certain accoutrements from the military uniforms of the period.
- An original illustration of the rebuilt Capitol building from the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, after being destroyed by fire by the British during the war.

These artifacts and others are currently on display in the library’s lobby showcase. Future plans are to depict other important historic events and anniversaries with artifacts and documents on loan from his extensive personal collection.





## Kiski's Board of Visitors Meeting

The Board of Visitors (BOV) met on Homecoming Day, September 29, 2012, celebrating Kiski's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The meeting was called to order by alumnus and BOV Chairman Colvin McCrady '64. The group was given a comprehensive and inspiring update addressing the state of the School by Headmaster Chris Brueningsen. Bill Ellis, Associate Headmaster for Enrollment Management, shared an informative and encouraging admission update. Kiski had nearly 210 students enrolled for the 2012-2013 school year and retention was far above the national average for returning underclassmen. Adam Schapiro, Associate Headmaster, informed the BOV of Kiski academics and athletics and gave an update on sustainability initiatives led by Kiski's new Sustainability Director, Peter Buckland who was in attendance. August (Augie) Luptak '13, Kiski's Head Prefect, updated the BOV on student life and how the boys are appreciating their Kiski experience. Associate Headmaster for Institutional Advancement, Steve Szilagyi '88, shared information on the Alumni

Legacy Admission program, long-term institutional advancement plans including updates on the capital campaign, and enhancing the Planned Giving program. Brad Hoar, Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations, shared an update on annual giving and the importance of supporting The Kiski Fund. The BOV members enjoyed seeing fellow alumni and are excited about the future of Kiski.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the BOV enjoyed a special luncheon and then made their way onto the sports fields to catch the Cougars in action. Kiski faced Mercersburg Academy in football, soccer, golf, and cross country as the teams were vying for the "Centennial Cup." The football game was exciting down to the last minute with Kiski winning 34-26. The cross country team won its meet on the tough Kiski course. Soccer was close, but Mercersburg won that game. And down the road on Kiski's home course, the golf team played long and hard but lost to Mercersburg. After the contests, everyone was invited back to the Swank Student Center for a special reception.



## Welcome New Members of Kiski's Board of Trustees

**Elizabeth (Lissa) Hazel, MD**, joined the Kiski Board of Trustees in June 2012. She and her husband Tim reside in Fox Chapel, PA and are proud parents of Andrew '12. As a Kiski Mom, Lissa recognizes the value of a Kiski education and appreciates that her son benefited from the "Kiski Experience." Lissa is a graduate of Tufts University and the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. She is a doctor with OB/GYN Associates of Pittsburgh Inc. and is affiliated with Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC.

**Robert Jamison '64** joined the Board in February 2012. Bob is also a veteran member of the Kiski Board of Visitors. He and his wife Lynda reside in Fox Chapel, PA. Before his retirement, he was the Chairman and CEO of Marshall Elevator. Bob is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. As an active member of his community, Bob serves as a Trustee for the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary; a Director of Family Guidance, Inc.; and, a Director for Dollar Bank FSB.

**Thomas B. Sturges III '63** joined the Kiski Board of Trustees in June 2012. He is the President/Chairman of the Board of the Pennsylvania Drilling Company in Imperial, PA. Tom and his wife Barbara reside in Mt. Lebanon, PA. He is a graduate of Bucknell University and William and Mary. Tom also serves as a Trustee for The Early Learning Institute and Brentwood Bank. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Pittsburgh Geological Society.



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

### The Kiski School Bestows the Fourth Annual Will's Gift Award to Jim Dugas



*Will's Gift* is named in honor of E. William Turley, one of the finest educators in Kiski's history. Although not an artist himself in any traditional sense of the word, his 35 years on the campus could be called nothing but a masterpiece. His devotion to his students knew no bounds and he inspired many of them to be, if not artists, then whole and true versions of themselves. His gift was his passion for inquiry, for truth, and for the guts to accept the price of such a pursuit—attributes without which no fine artist can succeed. His gift was this kind of bravery and he gave of it every day.

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

The recipient of the 2012 *Will's Gift* award is Jim Dugas, painter and visual artist who has labored over his own dreams in Pittsburgh for four decades. A student of Bruce Breland, Carnegie Mellon University's radical department head in the early 70s, Jim has without pause created a body of work unlike any other in our region. From subtly detailed abstracts that look like seascapes from a latter day Turner or the views of Milton Avery's back porch to woven extravaganzas of color that could be Google maps of an amusement park seen through a kaleidoscope, Jim's work never ceases to surprise and please.

### Kiski Receives \$50,000 Grant on a Matching Basis from The Edward E. Ford Foundation

The Edward E. Ford Foundation awarded The Kiski School a \$50,000 matching grant. The purpose of this grant is to support the design and planning required for the Living Laboratory educational features in MacColl Hall renovation project.

The MacColl Hall Living Laboratory Project provides students and faculty with the necessary tools to thrive in an increasingly digitized world and to practice environmental sustainability and global citizenship. Daily life in the "Lab" will provide students with hands on interaction with state-of-the-art building technology that will be interpreted, analyzed, and used across the Kiski curriculum.

The Edward E. Ford Foundation provides grants for independent secondary education only and the schools must hold membership in the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) to be eligible.

Kiski is grateful for this grant that will help provide the School with a one-of-a-kind innovative opportunity to model an approach to education and residential life.

### What is The Kiski Fund?

Tuition dollars alone do not cover the full cost of The Kiski School's yearly operations. To make up the difference between the annual financial resources we need and the amount that tuition provides us, we rely upon the generosity of donors to The Kiski Fund – people like you.

Donors to The Kiski Fund provide the annual funding necessary for Kiski's continued and future success. Your gifts to The Kiski Fund directly support our operating budget – your gifts to The Kiski Fund make an immediate impact on such things as:

- Financial aid
- Athletic team travel, expenses, and equipment costs
- Headmaster initiatives to address Kiski Community needs
- Academic and classroom initiatives
- Cultural, artistic, and recreational activities for Kiski students
- Arts programs that encourage creativity and personal expression through theater, music, visual art

### Your Financial Support of The Kiski Fund Makes Kiski a Better Place

Your participation in The Kiski Fund is the foundation of our School's culture of philanthropy.

We need your support and participation so that we are able to provide the best institution possible for the growth and education of our boys.

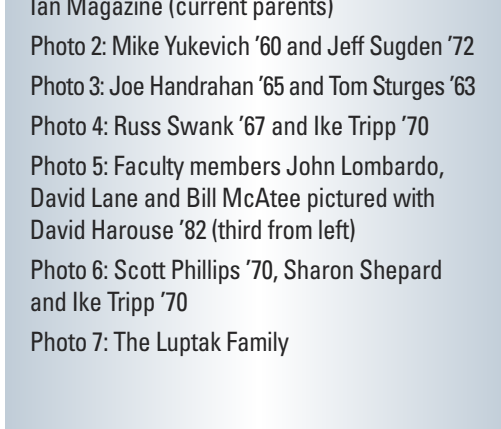
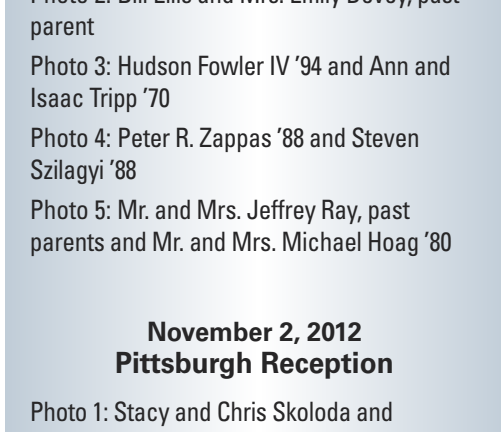
Your gifts to The Kiski Fund will make an immediate difference in the life and lives of The Kiski School. Thank you very much for your support and for your impact on the Kiski Community!

This Year's Goal  
for The Kiski Fund:  
**\$475,000**

#### HOW CAN YOU MAKE A GIFT?

- Become a member of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Club and make a monthly contribution
- Earn a Tax Credit for Your Business with a Gift to Kiski through the EITC Program
- Make a Gift of Stock or Other Securities
- Make a Planned Gift to Kiski
- Make a Gift Online at [www.kiski.org/giving](http://www.kiski.org/giving)





## Alumni Receptions

Photos clockwise from top left, l. to r.:

**May 3, 2012  
Chagrin Falls, Ohio**

Photo 1: Harry L. Holmes '64, Paul Heinen '51 and Paul J. Corrado '69

Photo 2: Bill Ellis and Mrs. Emily Devey, past parent

Photo 3: Hudson Fowler IV '94 and Ann and Isaac Tripp '70

Photo 4: Peter R. Zappas '88 and Steven Szilagyi '88

Photo 5: Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Ray, past parents and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hoag '80

**November 2, 2012  
Pittsburgh Reception**

Photo 1: Stacy and Chris Skoloda and Ian Magazine (current parents)

Photo 2: Mike Yukevich '60 and Jeff Sugden '72

Photo 3: Joe Handrahan '65 and Tom Sturges '63

Photo 4: Russ Swank '67 and Ike Tripp '70

Photo 5: Faculty members John Lombardo, David Lane and Bill McAtee pictured with David Harouse '82 (third from left)

Photo 6: Scott Phillips '70, Sharon Shepard and Ike Tripp '70

Photo 7: The Luptak Family





## Alumni, Family, and Friends Gather at The Embassy

**O**n October 11, more than 50 Kiski alumni, family, and friends gathered at the Embassy of Hungary in Washington D.C. to honor Tamas Szilagyi, teacher, coach, mentor, and friend.

The evening began with the showing of *Tamas: A Portrait*, the captivating film by David Conrad '85 which reveals the life of Tamas. The film depicts Tamas coming to America on New Year's Eve in 1957 following the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. Tamas escaped from Hungary to Austria along with 200,000 other Hungarian refugees. He had already signed a contract to play soccer at Budapest Teacher's College where he studied from 1953-56. Fearing for his life, he deliberately had no contact with his parents (who remained in Hungary) for the next seven years. His uncle found Tamas in Austria through the Red Cross. His Uncle Kalman Csia's efforts resulted in Tamas residing for 16 months in Chicago, Illinois, where he worked in a steel factory which was not quite the job Tamas was looking to fulfill for the rest of his life. He then joined the United States Army. He was given an Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army and relocated to Ligonier, PA, where his Uncle Kalman resided. Prior to leaving Hungary, he had earned degrees to teach both geography and history and wanted to teach in the U.S. Tamas's career in education began at The Valley School of Ligonier where his first job was coaching soccer. His desire to work with older students led him to The Kiski School. For 50 years now, Tamas and Brigitta have been an integral part of Kiski's educational mission.

After the showing of the film, Tamas was presented with a proclamation from the Ambassador of Hungary that read, *"On the fifty-sixth anniversary of the 1956 Revolution and Freedom Fight we recognize those Hungarians who were sorely tried by the very historic events and their consequences. Considering all Hungarians as an integral part of the Nation, we honor with the Certificate, Tamas Szilagyi, who emigrated from Hungary to the United States of America because of these events and devoted his life to teaching at The Kiski School in Saltsburg, Pennsylvania. In witness whereof, by authority duly committed to me, I have hereunder placed my name and a seal in Washington, D.C. on*







## of Hungary to Honor Tamas and Brigitta Szilagyi

*this eleventh day of October in the year of two thousand and twelve.*" Signed by Gyorgy Szapary, the Ambassador of Hungary.

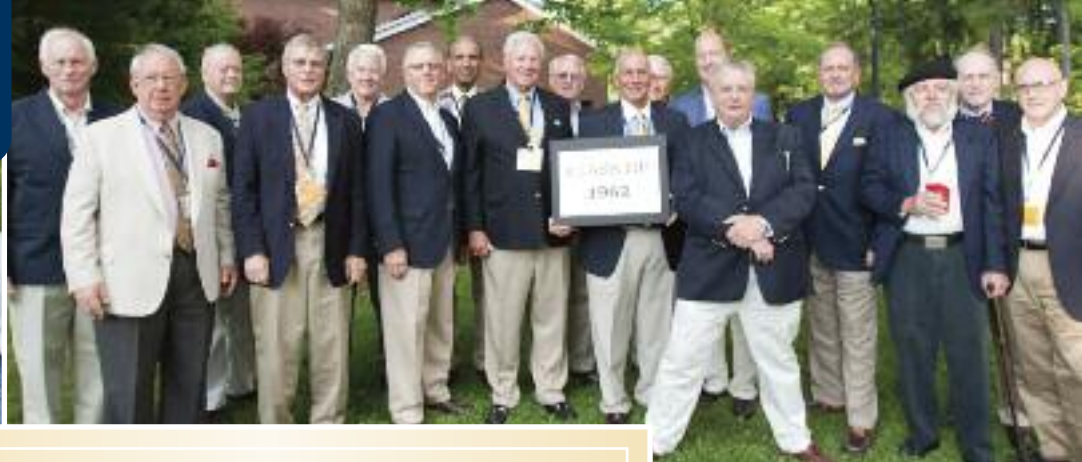
Tamas and Brigitta were overwhelmingly appreciative of the honor from the Ambassador of Hungary and were delighted with the wonderful turnout of alumni and friends. Mr. Szilagyi said, "I am eternally grateful for my life and for The Kiski School. It is a great place and a wonderful school and family, too." Tamas and Brigitta deeply love and respect Kiski and the School's leadership because it has remained a small and traditional school that primarily focuses its energy on the importance of giving good individuals the freedom to really teach and to genuinely inspire students to think and learn. Both Tamas and Brigitta continue to work at The Kiski School.

Jeffrey Green '75 who was instrumental in coordinating the event said, "Tamas was a wonderful teacher, advisor, coach, and friend. He is becoming a Kiski legend. I was honored to help secure the Embassy of Hungary and provide information to the Ambassador about Tamas. It is really wonderful to see him and Brigitta and so many Kiski alumni from the area sharing in this event. They both deserve to be honored as they have dedicated most of their lives to caring for and educating thousands of Kiski boys."

In attendance were Headmaster Chris Brueningsen, Bill Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Tamas Szilagyi, Steven Szilagyi '88, Mark Abssy '88, Ghannam Al-Sagri '10, Duncan Bowman '70, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brinker '49, David Conrad '85, Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Conrad and Liza, Woody Danforth '72, James D'Itri '71, Stephen Friedberg '74 and daughter Mariel, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gallagher '97, Mr. Jeffrey Green Esq '75, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Hassler '73, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Hayes '67, Mr. Edwin Marks III '68, Mr. Paul Mason '66, Mr. James Moore Jr. '71, Mr. and Mrs. Brendan Moriarity '86, LCDR John A. Pidgeon Jr. '78, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sands '76, Mr. Jeff Sugden '72, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Urbany '51, LCDR Kenneth Wallace '94, Ms. Christine Torretti, Ms. Laura Tssagaris, Ms. Bridget Merrick, Mr. and Mrs. Kris Pueschel, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Yoder and daughter Eliza, and former Kiski faculty member, Mr. Joe Paladino.







## 2012 Reunion Weekend

Kiski's 2012 Alumni Reunion Weekend was held on June 2 and 3. More than 250 people came from all over the country and world to attend the event.

Activities on campus began early Saturday morning with a buffet breakfast in Turley Dining Hall. The Class of 1962 enjoyed an Early Bird Eye Opener at the School's Overlook to celebrate the construction of Kiski's Outdoor Classroom, which was funded by the Class of 1962. Golf Pro Frank Mantua, provided golf instruction on Kiski's nine hole course. A pottery workshop was held for all of the alumni and their families and faculty member Kim Conover-Loar, held a metalsmithing workshop.

After the buffet luncheon, there were many different afternoon activities. Games and entertainment were held in Brett Park for the children. The swimming pool was busy with activity. Several alums took advantage of the sunshine to participate in the golf tournament, while others played tennis.

The evening was capped off with an outdoor banquet near the Swank Student Center, followed by an awards presentation. A bonfire at the Swank Student Center in conjunction with fireworks, compliments of Saltsburg Canal Days Celebration, were the perfect way to celebrate the end of the weekend.

Everyone had an enjoyable time discussing old memories and making new ones.

**Be on the lookout for information regarding  
Kiski's 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration on June 1-2, 2013!**





## Class of 1960

**Hugh L. Black**, Esquire, was appointed to the Committee to Re-Elect President Barack Obama for Duval County, Jacksonville, Florida.

## Class of 1961

**Bill Lefler's** '61 son Kevin married **Bob Hendrickson's** '66 daughter Lindsay on March 31, 2012 in Rancho Palo Verde, California. About two years ago, Bob was talking to his future son-in-law, Kevin, and told him he was a Pittsburgh "everything" fan and Kevin replied, he was a Houston "everything" fan. Kevin asked Bob why he supported Pittsburgh and Bob said, "I was born there, my family lived there, and I graduated from a prep school near Pittsburgh." Kevin then told Bob that his father graduated from a prep school near Pittsburgh, and after comparing notes, they discovered that both fathers graduated from Kiski in the 1960s. Both of the families were on the Pittsburgh area social register in the 1940s.

## Class of 1962



▲ **Roger Kishman**, a great Kiski supporter travelled to UNC to watch a wrestling match. He met with Kiski wrestlers **Brock LiVorio** '08 and **Evan Henderson** '11 who both won their first match. **Robert Henderson** '11 sustained an injury earlier in the season and did not wrestle at the match.



▲ **Roger Kishman** is pictured above with Doris Buffett, sister of Warren Buffett, and **Bob Johnston** '51. Roger donated *Giving It All Away, The Doris Buffett Story*, to the John Pidgeon Library. He had Doris Buffett sign it when he attended a presentation given by her this year.

► Pictured at right: Kiski's Associate Headmaster for Advancement, **Steve Szilagyi** '88, and his wife, Tara, and their son, Zander, recently visited Hampton-Sydney College in Farmville, Virginia and enjoyed touring the new library at the College which was named in honor of Kiski alumnus, former trustee, and member of Kiski's new capital campaign steering committee, **Walter M. Bortz III**. The new library at HSC is named in honor of Walter and the successful and distinguished work he implemented as President of Hampton-Sydney College.



## Class of 1966



▲ Pictured above are **Christian Perry** '85, his son **Tanner** '16, and **Lee Crawford** '66, Tanner's grandfather. The photo was taken at Kiski's family picnic in September. In addition to those pictured, Tanner's great-grandfather, **Raymond Crawford** '20 also attended Kiski. Now that is a legacy family!



▲ Above, Joe McKinnon visited campus in November with his son Gavin.

## Class of 1967

**T. Scott Frank** is a playwright and associate professor of theater and communications at Washington & Jefferson College. His house that he and his wife, Sarah bought named the "Bonnie Blink" – a Scottish term meaning "pretty view" because of the lovely vista it once

offered of the Ohio River, was featured on a house tour this summer. They are only the fourth owners of the house in more than 100 years.

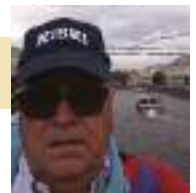
## Class of 1968

▼ Pictured below, **Edwin H. Marks** was on a six month sabbatical teaching at Yaohua High School, Penn Charter's "sister school" in Tianjin, China. This past year students exchanged with each other's schools for



two week visits. Ed volunteered to go to Yaohua High School. He kept a blog which eventually ran to over 40 entries, with pictures. If you are interested, the address is [edinchina.blogspot.com](http://edinchina.blogspot.com). Ed wore his "go to" Kiski alumni soccer hat during his visit to China. He wore it in almost all of the pictures taken of him. Ed's friend said he was a walking advertisement for Kiski.

► Pictured right is **L. James Nelson** sporting his Kiski hat in St. Petersburg, Russia.



## Class of 1971

**James P. Moore Jr.**, Kiski Board of Trustees, made a very generous gift of books to the Pidgeon Library. Mr. Moore is a scholar, author, and political advisor and he donated a very sizable collection of his books and artifacts to the Library this summer.

## Class of 1973

**Kevin Kutz** recently displayed and discussed a selection of artwork he created over the last 32 years along the iconic national road, The Lincoln Highway, including one completed piece never before exhibited. Kevin is mainly a plein air (outdoor) painter, who emphasizes color, light, and design when creating his impressionistic images. His work has been widely exhibited in solo and group exhibitions, and his paintings are found in both private and public collections, including the Westmoreland Museum of American Art and the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art. *Kevin Kutz's Lincoln Highway* is a book published in 2006 about his collection of oil paintings, watercolors and drawings. Kevin is also an accomplished musician who has performed as a fiddle, banjo, and mandolin player with many known Pennsylvania musicians. Since 2006 he has recorded and performed with *The Coal Mountain Ramblers*.

# CLASS NOTES

## Class of 1974

◀ **B. Bradley Henry** wrote a book titled, *Failing Doesn't Mean You're a Failure*, a Christian autobiography. His powerful new non-fiction Christian Living resource is an engaging story looking at life's perplexing questions. Brad is a former commercial pilot

who has launched and ran four different companies, the last one being one of the largest licensing companies in the NASCAR world. His book is available on Amazon in paperback. Brad lives in Huntersville, NC.

## Class of 1975



▲ Pictured above: **Mac Swinford** relayed this story about a chance meeting he had with **Troy Cook** class of 1982. In a recent work meeting, Mac discovered that another attendee, Troy Cook '82 is a fellow Kiski graduate. Troy is a geologist for the U.S. Geological Survey based in Lakewood, Colorado and Mac is a geologist and Interim Chief of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Geological Survey based in Columbus, Ohio. They met in Columbus to discuss petroleum reserve mapping when the connection was made. Both of their agencies are interested in the geology of the organic shale formations in Ohio and the potential of energy production and that is what the meeting was about. Both Troy and Mac ran cross country and track at Kiski and they talked about the cross country home course that went up the old ski slope that the opponents really despised.

## Class of 1976

**Dave DeSimone** recently opened Bridge Ten Brasserie, a very authentic French restaurant located in Pittsburgh, Pa. It has a wonderful menu and an extensive wine list. The food is excellent and the atmosphere is charming.

## Class of 1977



▲ Pictured above is **Doug Heimbach**, **Dave Currie**, and Dave's mom, Elinor Currie, at the memorial service for Dave's father, Philip Currie, on Dec. 1, 2010 in Sun City Center, Florida. Doug, who now lives in Orlando, surprised the Curries by showing up unannounced, which was their first direct contact since his wedding almost 30 years earlier.

## Class of 1978



▲ Pictured above: **John (Sandy) Pidgeon Jr.** was honored by the Pitt Varsity Letter Club as an Awardee of Distinction. The Club honors those who have distinguished themselves in their profession or community, and who, by their accomplishments, have enhanced the value of the intercollegiate athletics program at the University of Pittsburgh. The award is given to those who earned a varsity letter in intercollegiate athletics from the University, 25 or more years ago. Sandy was recognized for exemplary professional attainments, contributions to the welfare and life of the community, and for the honor and prestige that have been brought to the University of Pittsburgh since graduation.

## Class of 1980

**Ralph W. Bower** was named President - U.S. of Popeyes® Louisiana Kitchen, the world's second-largest chicken chain based on number of units. In his new role, he will be responsible for leading day-to-day U.S.

operations for Popeyes restaurants. He will lead the Popeyes U.S. team in delivering strategic initiatives, ramping up quality unit growth, nurturing franchise relationships, and reviewing strategic insights to drive business decision making.

## Class of 1981

▶ At right: **David Brett** '81 and his wife visited Annie Vlahos Zachara '82 and her husband for dinner in New York City in October, right before Superstorm Sandy hit the area.



## Class of 1983



▲ Above, **Craig Spitzer** '83 married Erin Elmore on October 20, 2012 in Philadelphia.

**James Dyos** and his wife, Katy, have two boys, Cole and Stuart ages 8 and 10 years old. Jamie and his family live in San Francisco where Jamie runs a valet parking service company that is doing very well. They made a trip back east because one of his sons is a Pirates fan and the other is a Giants fan. They went to a couple of Pirates vs. Giants games at PNC Park. Jamie also visited Kiski and met up with Mark Orsatti and his son Lucas. They had a nice time catching up with James and his family.

## Class of 1985

**David Conrad** '85 was featured in the *Indiana Gazette* for his generous donation of his art to The Kiski School and the companion piece titled, *Kiski Art*, describing the art on campus. When asked about his hopes for the collection, Conrad said, "As the years go by and the collection grows, maybe people will travel to



see it...But most important for me was that the boys are simply surrounded by good local art. It's just part of their everyday life."

The art work, valued at \$300,000, is displayed prominently all over Kiski's campus. The book that he created exhibits color reproductions of the art with a brief description in his own words of each piece. Most of the art comes from local artists in western Pennsylvania. It is not a complete compilation of all of the donated art around Kiski's campus, as other pieces have been added since its inception. The book itself is not for sale. It was created as a companion to the website, [www.kiskiart.com](http://www.kiskiart.com) and something that may be displayed at the School and sent to alumni who are involved with the arts. Kiski would like to thank David for his generous donation and continued support of the School and its community.

**Jeff Marmins** is CEO and Founder of the C7 Group. He works with companies to engage and communicate with customers and employees through the use of social software, community platforms, and other emerging web and mobile technologies. He is one of the original pioneers in helping to apply web technologies to solve business problems. Having applied social technologies in business since their invention, the news media seeks him regularly for his insights into the social web and technology thought leader.

### Class of 1986

**Kelly Pidgeon** was featured in an article in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* about his career in radio and television and his voice-overs for commercials. Kelly was a former traffic reporter and news anchor at KDKA and has studied with a New York voice coach for the past four years. That has helped him achieve his goals of getting more voice-over work.



### Class of 1987

▲ Pictured above, Kiski alumni reunite: **Chris McCall '87, Mike Ruben '87, David Wells '88 and Jeff Sugden '72.**

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**Please remember to check Kiski's Facebook page, Kiski's Twitter at @TheKiskiSchool and @Kiskiathletics for up to the minute Kiski news.**

### Kiski Web Site

**Homepage** – The new Kiski Homepage was unveiled this fall. The next steps in the Kiski web site redesign will be the construction of the internal pages. We have received a lot of great feedback from alumni, parents, and friends. Thank you for your patience while the web site is under construction.



**The Social Media Team** – The Social Media team has added some student members to its team. Matthew Buczek '13, Robert Guldenschuh '14 and Clayton Hepler '15. These students have the authority to post pictures, highlights and scores of games, and posts about interesting things happening at their School. We are very grateful to have the students input and help with our social media efforts. Tim Miner '92 is also still our consultant and go to guy for all the latest and greatest trends in the social media world.



**New this fall is our LinkedIn Group for Kiski** – Brad Hoar, Director of the Alumni Relations and the Annual Fund developed and implemented a LinkedIn Group. The LinkedIn Group is currently running and we are looking forward to the participation of our alumni, students, and faculty. In addition, we are hopeful that this will become a place the Kiski community can network, post job openings, and develop deeper ties with the School and its community. The link for the group is: <http://www.linkedin.com/groups/TheKiskiSchool4239164/about> If you have any questions about the new LinkedIn Group, please contact Brad Hoar at 724-639-8080 or [brad.hoar@kiski.org](mailto:brad.hoar@kiski.org).

**The Kiski Videos and Viewbook** – We are thankful to everyone including alumni, current and past parents, faculty, and students, for helping make the Kiski videos so lively and fun to view. The new Kiski Admissions Viewbook is a printed piece as well as an interactive tool on the web site. We have received many inquiries about our new Kiski Admission materials and are very proud of the outcome. We couldn't have produced them without the help of so many of you!

# CLASS NOTES

## Class of 1988



▲ **Steve Szilagyi** '88, Associate Headmaster for Institutional Advancement, had the pleasure of visiting with (pictured above) **Lex Winans Sr.** (past parent), **Lex Winans Jr.** '83, **Charley Irwin** '84, and **Tom Mole** '84 (not pictured) at a summer pool party at Longue Vue Club in Pittsburgh, PA. Lex Winans '83 and his family reside in Truckee, California where he works for Veka, Inc. Lex and his wife Nina and their three daughters enjoyed visiting with friends and family in western Pennsylvania this past summer.

## Class of 1989

Dr. **Stephen Ball** is a Psychologist working mostly with children and families and lives in Los Angeles, CA with his wife Deanna and two children, Anderson and Julia. Steve had fond memories of Dr. Lane's Psychology class and thanked him for sparking an interest in him to go into that field.

## Class of 1990



▲ Pictured above: Kiski schoolmates and life-long friends, **Leif Honda** '90, **Steve Ferguson** '90, **Jake Fuellhart** '90, **Chris Kooman** '90, and **Mike Bennett** '89 traveled from Boston, Hartford, Denver and Pittsburgh for a weekend of boating in western Pennsylvania. The group is rumored to be training for an Ironman competition (or maybe just more stunt tubing).

**Ben Stechschulte** '90 directed *Small Farm Rising* a one-hour documentary inspired by first

generation farmers who are redefining agriculture in America. The documentary was shown on PBS during the summer. The documentary follows a group of farmers from three unique farms. Ben has filmed more than 120 hours of footage over ten months to depict an entire growing season. To see some of Ben's images, go to <http://benstechschulte.com>.

## Class of 1992

**Hal Ostrow** was named to the Michigan Rising Stars list as one of the top up-and-coming attorneys in Michigan for 2012. Each year, no more than 2.5 percent of the attorneys in the state receive this honor. The selection for this respected list is made by the research team at Super Lawyers. Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters business, is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The Ostrow Law Firm PLC specializes in advising startups and small businesses.

## Class of 1994



▲ Major **Brian Ellis III** is the 42<sup>nd</sup> MP Brigade Communications officer, Jewish Faith Lay Leader, Afghan National Army Senior US Communications Advisor and is stationed at Camp Sabalu Harrison, Bagram Airfield Afghanistan. Brian's unit is deployed from Joint Base Lewis McChord, WA. There are only eight to ten active-duty Rabbis at any given time serving in the armed forces, many Jewish Officers and Noncommissioned officers volunteer as lay faith leaders in a deployed setting. Brian had the honor of leading weekly services for his forward operating base, as well as giving the sermon at the Armed Services [Equal Opportunity Program Sponsored] Holocaust Observance in Parwan Afghanistan. ...With the permission of CPT Mike Barth, Brigade Public Affairs officer, Brian shared the photo by SSG Faiza Evans, Public Affairs NCO, 42<sup>nd</sup> MP Brigade.

## Class of 1997



◀ **Hugh Gallagher** resides in Washington DC with his wife, Ashley. They recently were married in Marblehead, Massachusetts, and were pleased

to have their closest friends join them including five Kiski class members: **Austin Mann** '97, **R.J. Prushnok** '97, **Uthan Pillai** '97, **Sean Edington** '97, and **Dan Slavek** '97.

▶ At right, **Raymond Prushnok (RJ)** and his wife, Amy welcomed John Paul Prushnok to their family on July 6, 2012.



**Austin Mann** married Amanda Strudler on July 2, 2011 on Kauai. Family and friends that attended were: **James Mann** '99, **Raymond Prushnok** '97, **Hugh Gallagher** '97, **Uthan Pillai** '97, **Sean Edington** '97, and **Spencer Warren** '98. They currently reside in Houston, Texas, where Austin works as a Reservoir Engineer for British Petroleum and Amanda works as AGM for the Toyota Center.



▲ **Michael Bradley** lives in Ebensburg, PA and is an Engineering Consultant at Cambria Consultants Inc. He is the President for the Ebensburg Area Running Club. He was at the Kiski's alumni reunion and brought his three sons, pictured above. Michael's sons are potential Kiski Boys of Classes 2025 and 2027.



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## Class of 2000



▲ The photo above was taken in Magee-Womens Hospital of baby, Asher Jameson Gray whose father is **Cory Gray** and Nathan Alan McCutcheon whose father is **Chad McCutcheon** '03. Coincidence that they both ended up having babies at the same time in the nursery.

## Class of 2001

**Nathan Crooks** is a reporter living in Caracas, Venezuela, and wanted to share a recent feature in a magazine from his university. <http://magazine.trinity.utoronto.ca/feature-9/> and <http://www.trinity.utoronto.ca/UserFiles/Document/trinity-magazine/TrinWinter12'web.pdf>.

## Class of 2002



▲ Pictured above, **Tres Whitlock** '02 and **James Scott** '02 attended the Kiski Alumni 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration at Engine House 25.

## Class of 2006

► **Jae Woong Chung** and **Shin Lee** established the Korean Kiski Alumni Association in early 2012. In the summer they held a Kiski reunion, pictured at right, in Seoul, Korea.



## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Jason Tsaggaris Memorial Golf Outing

For the past ten years, Mr. and Mrs. Alexis Tsaggaris have hosted the Jason Tsaggaris Memorial Golf Outing in honor of their son who graduated from Kiski in 1990. Jason's Kiski experience was a major influence in his life: consequently, his parents organize an event that provides scholarship funds to enable a new student to experience Kiski and all it has to offer. The event also benefits the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Western Pennsylvania. This year the Jason Tsaggaris Scholarship Fund is valued at \$285,583. The Kiski School is honored to be the recipient of the Tsaggaris family's generosity, and we will respectfully designate this gift to a deserving student from western Pennsylvania. Memorial Scholarships ensure that the Kiski experience is available to those who may not be able to afford it. Please contact Steven T. Szilagyi '88 at 724-639-8028 with your wish to provide scholarship assistance for a deserving student.

## Class of 2007

**Jeffrey L. Dagbo** graduated in June from DePaul University with a BS in Finance. He started a full time position with Goldman Sachs in Chicago.

## Class of 2008

**Brandon Bortignon** attended Canisius College and played in the NCAA Division I Lacrosse Tournament in May.

**John Regan** was honored at Bucknell's Annual Wrestling Banquet. The team's only senior; John earned the Most Improved Award after missing his entire junior campaign with an injury. He posted his second career 20-win season and was second on the team in victories (20). He finished in seventh place in the 157-pound bracket at the EIWA Championships, his second time placing at the event. He posted a five-match winning streak to start the season and had six consecutive victories in January. A versatile wrestler, John competed at both 149 and 157, posting a winning record at each weight. He graduated with a 56-35 career record.

**Hubert S. Dagbo** graduated from Lehigh University with a BS in Finance in May. He had eight-week training with Credit Suisse, and then started his position in New York City.

## Class of 2009



▲ Pictured above: In the fall, **Guillermo Frutos Miranda**, **Inigo Chillon Pascual**, and **Zach Schwartz** visited Kiski.

## Class of 2010



▲ Pictured above: **Chance Greene** '09, **Matt DiLascio** '10, and **James Missell** '11 all attend Guilford College. Taresa DiLascio, past parent and current Kiski nurse, visited the boys at Guilford College.



▲ **Andrew Bell** was named a Forney P. George Scholar at Dickinson College. In 1978, the late Dr. and Mrs. Forney P. George donated funds to help students entering the medical profession. Their interests in seeking scholars suggested that the college seek and award candidates demonstrating a commitment to human values fostering future physicians providing medical services on a humanistic basis. **Andrew Bell** and **Anthony Michael Macchiaroli** visited for Kiski's 2012 graduation ceremony. They are pictured with **Steven Szilagyi** '88.

**Beau Knapp** attends Western New England College and played in the NCAA Division III Lacrosse Tournament in May.

**Trevor Tarte** who plays for The Lake Erie College men's lacrosse program opened its third season with a bang as it picked up its first win over a ranked opponent in team history with an 11-8 upset victory over No. 10 Pfeiffer University on the road in Misenheimer, N.C. The Lake Erie attack was led by Trevor Tarte with five goals.

**Andrew Manderino** graduated from Marine boot camp in June 2012. He was ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in his class and garnered other awards at graduation.

## Class of 2011



▲ Pictured above: **Ben Kowalewski** '11 and faculty member, **Shawn Wray** ran the Pittsburgh Marathon on May 6, 2012. It was Ben and Shawn's first marathon. Ben ran in it 5:15 and Shawn ran it in 3:26.



▲ Pictured above: **Colynn Cook** '11 is attending the U.S. Naval Academy. He visited Kiski with his younger brother Kolden. Director of Admission, Bill Ellis, is hopeful Kolden will attend Kiski like his older brother.

**Armand Holmes**, a student at Lake Forest College, was selected as one of three student members to serve on a special committee for a significant long-range planning exercise, culminating in the development of a new five-year strategic plan for the College. Appointed by College Council, a special planning committee chaired by Krebs

Provost and Dean of Faculty Michael Orr also includes faculty, and administrators.

## Class of 2012



▲ Class Captains: **Alex Lucci**, **Howie Keenan**, **Andrew Hazel**, **Will Owen** and **Scott Cohen**

## Other Faculty News

Mr. **James R. Greece** '97, Mrs. Joyce Greece, past parent, and Mr. **William F. Rogel** '99 requested and paid for a classroom dedication plaque in memory of Anthony "Tony" Stokes who was on Kiski's Faculty from 1971 – 2003. The plaque is located in Heath Hall.



◀ Pictured at left, former faculty member **Larry Kelly** is still playing softball and this summer won the 2012 Great Lakes National Tournament MVP award.

**Pam and Jim Nagle** former faculty members became grandparents again. Their son, Patrick is now the proud father of twin boys, Jonah and Declan.

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## Kiski: The Story of a Boys' School – by Richard Hawley



Distinguished educator, author, and historian, Dr. Richard Hawley has written The Kiski School's 125 year history book. The hardback book with photos from decades past reveals the story of an all boys' boarding school with a deep, traditional, and storied past.

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## Carroll H. (Beano) Cook '49

September 1, 1931 – October 11, 2012

Carroll H. (Beano) Cook '49 was only seven when he moved to Pittsburgh and a neighbor, learning that his family came "from Boston, like beans," dubbed him, Beano. He carried the name proudly ever since, and, as many Kiski boys, also carried his enthusiasm for sports to extraordinary heights.

After graduating from Kiski, Beano attended Brown University for one year before transferring to the University of Pittsburgh where he graduated in 1954. In 1956, he began serving as the University of Pittsburgh's Sports Information Director. He moved on to ABC Sports as the NCAA Press Director, and then to the *St. Petersburg Times* as a sportswriter, and to the Miami Dolphins as Public Relations Director, and the Mutual Radio Network and Publicist for CBS Sports before becoming an on-air Commentator for ABC Sports from 1982-85. In 1986, he moved to ESPN, where he earned a larger audience. He became a household name while working for ESPN television and continued to contribute to the network for many years on ESPN Radio and ESPN News and the web site. Over the past few years, his health issues caused him to decrease his workload. He did maintain a blog, [beano-cook.com](http://beano-cook.com), where he wrote about many subjects. His last blog post was on October 1, 2012 and it stated, "Sorry to say that health issues hit me at the worst time —

start of College Football Season. Everything except recovery takes a back-burner now. I won't say I'll be back to the blog by a certain date, as some businesses might 'promise,' but I do hope to return soon. Thanks for your support and encouragement. Enjoy the season!" — Beano

In the book, *Kiski: The First 100 Years*, by Lawrence and Barbara Nanney, fellow classmate Bob Hoegh '49 said, "Beano Cook has to win the award for the individual whose career parallels that which we all imagined would be his. At Kiski, he was the master of sports information and sports trivia, and I am sure that today there are few individuals in the world who possess more knowledge of the world of sports than Beano." In the book, Beano recalls his Kiski memories, "I found Kiski a private world, a private life, and one that went quickly. The world out there was sometimes cruel and petty, but I realized the life enjoyed at Kiski is not the norm... Football was extra special at that time. Kiski in the fall seemed extra special. Naturally, I remember the athletes: Bob Mathias, John Coatta, who eventually became head coach at Wisconsin, Glen Wild, Vic Pollock, and Marty Kelly who played at Kiski in 1946. All of this is so long ago and yet remains fresh in my memory.



The reason — because it was a pleasant time in my life."

Last year, Beano was honored with the Bert McGrane Award for his significant contributions to the coverage of college football. He was jointly honored by the National Football Foundation and the College Hall of Fame and Football Writers

Association of America. He was the 38<sup>th</sup> recipient of the award.

On behalf of Kiski, Associate Headmaster, Steve Szilagyi '88, worked together with Beano's long-time attorney, James Dunn, legendary sportscasters, Bill Hillgrove and Stan Savran, and representatives from the University of Pittsburgh's athletic department and advancement office, to prepare a special Memorial Tribute and Celebration of Life that was held in Beano's honor at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association on December 5, 2012. Featured speakers at the event included: Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg from the University of Pittsburgh, Michael Yukevich, Jr. '60 (former Chairman of the Board and Trustee Emeritus for Kiski), John Lukacs (author), Ivan Maisal (Senior Writer from ESPN), Roy McHugh (retired Sports Editor, Pittsburgh Press), Alby Oxenreiter (Sports Director, WPXI in Pittsburgh), and Howie Schwab (Producer at ESPN).

## Your Kiski Legacy, Consider Joining The Tower Society

Kiski has a tremendous impact on the students and faculty who live and learn on campus. Every member of the Kiski family has the opportunity to leave his/her mark on Kiski for generations to come by choosing to benefit Kiski's endowment through his/her estate plans. Planned giving helps you maximize the benefits available to you and your family and support the organizations that you cherish.

The Tower Society is a group of Kiski alumni, parents, and friends who have included the School in their estate plans through bequests, trusts and other types of planned gifts. Please let us know if you have provided for Kiski and are not enrolled as a member of the Tower Society.

Kiski Tower Society members include: Mr. Alan J. Andreini '64, Mr. William E. Bates, Mr. Andrew S. Birrell Esq. '73, Mr. Joseph E. Breman Esq. '63, Mr. Bruce E. Brown '83, Mr. Guy R. Bucci Esq. '63, Mr. Robert C. Bygrave '70, Mr. and Mrs. Natale J. Carbone, Dr. David I. Cleland '48, Mr. Carroll H. Cook '49, Mr. C. William Cosgrove '62,

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Please consider giving to the Tower Society. To learn more about the Tower Society and other planned giving options, please contact Steven T. Szilagyi '88 in the Advancement Office at 724-639-8028, or visit Kiski's web site at [www.kiski.org/giving/planned](http://www.kiski.org/giving/planned).

# Memorials

## The Kiski family extends heartfelt condolences to the families of:

**Jack Ogden Meyer '37** passed away October 30, 2011.

**William C. Shanor '37** passed away November 25, 2011.

**Harry F. Reed '60** passed away December 17, 2011.

**James B. Webster, Jr. '49** passed away January 26, 2012.

**Robert W. Brody '50** passed away February 5, 2012.

**J. Donald Everitt**, former Kiski faculty member, passed away March 23, 2012.

**William A. McCune '70** passed away March 27, 2012.

**Robert Fox Fosnaugh '89** passed away March 28, 2012.

**Dr. George R. Boulware**, father of T. Robert Boulware '82, passed away April 1, 2012.

**John (Jack) A. Quinn III '95** passed away April 8, 2012.

**Nick Carson '69** passed away April 15, 2012.

**Gordon Vail Brown '61** passed away April 26, 2012.

**Thomas Muffley**, father of Kiski Faculty member, Andrew Muffley, passed away May 3, 2012.

**Roger F. Williams '33** passed away May 4, 2012.

**Peter Sauer**, son-in-law of Russell '67 and Ellen Swank, passed away July 8, 2012.

**Daniel E. Sands**, father of Robert D. Sands '76, passed away July 12, 2012.

**Andrew C. Mahalingappa '88** passed away August 13, 2012.

**Carroll "Beano" Cook '49** passed away October 11, 2012.



## Robert Fox Fosnaugh '89

Robert Fox Fosnaugh, Class of 1989, passed away March 28, 2012. At Kiski, Robert played football, basketball, tennis, baseball and was a member of the *Kiski News*, Program Council, and Cooking Club.

Robert later became a member of the Kiski Board of Trustees from 1996–2001. His family was instrumental and responsible for the Fosnaugh Dormitory. This spring a new plaque was erected in front of Fosnaugh Dormitory. Paige Fosnaugh, Robert's daughter, is pictured in front of the plaque. It reads, "The Fosnaugh Dormitory, the generosity

of The James Fosnaugh Family has made this dormitory possible. Jim and Susie Fosnaugh, Robert '89 and Joanna Fosnaugh, Dedicated on October 4, 1997."

Robert lost his life after a short but courageous battle with cancer. Robert was a loving and devoted father and will be remembered for his contributions to the Kiski School, his enthusiasm for life and his passion for the Ohio State Buckeyes. He is survived by his loving parents Jim and Susie Fosnaugh, his wife Joanna Fosnaugh, and their children; Paige, Miranda, Ethan, and Charlotte; and, his sisters Jennifer Fosnaugh and Kristin Darfus.







## Kiski's 125<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Weekend

The fun began for the students Friday evening with a pep rally in the Swank Student Center. Each sport team's captain gave a brief speech about his team and what was expected of them on Saturday against their Mercersburg opponents. Spirits were high and the boys enjoyed socializing and watching Matt Buczek '13 beat 50 students consecutively at ping pong. The students were excited about Homecoming and the Swank Student Center was packed with hardcore fans.

All Kiski teams competed against Mercersburg Academy – a school that Kiski has competed against for 100 years. To honor this great rivalry, the two Schools planned a special acknowledgement for the teams – the Centennial Cup. Each year, the two schools will compete to win the coveted cup and display it at their School.

Saturday morning, the runners took their marks for the annual Cougar Classic 5K race. Congratulations to Andy Lee '13 as he was the first student to cross the finish line. There were beautiful handmade ceramic mugs and cookie jars as trophies. The runners also enjoyed gift certificates they won from the raffle.

The Kiski School's Board of Visitors met on Saturday. They received an update on the state of School, had a tailgate lunch and were able to watch the athletic contests in the afternoon.

Cross Country was the first event of the day with more than 30 athletes competing on the difficult Kiski course. It was muddy terrain from the rain showers the day before. The Kiski boys had a slight advantage over Mercersburg because they knew the course so well. It showed as the Cougars won, with Seth Rouse '15 capturing first place. The JV and Varsity soccer teams played against some very good Mercersburg opponents. Our JV team tied, but unfortunately, the Varsity lost.

The golf team also competed on Saturday at Kiski's home course, Totteridge. Although it was a hard-fought battle, the Cougars were not victorious. The football team was tough and played well in front of the packed stands. Students, families, friends, and alumni were all cheering on the Cougars. The team came out strong and finished with a victory, 34-21.

The day concluded with a reception at the Swank Student Center. It was a really wonderful 125<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Celebration. We hope next year you will join us!



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"Our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion was one of the most rewarding experiences our class could have – the effort put in by our class captain Roger Kishman and all of the Kiski staff and Headmaster made for a flawless weekend! It was so enjoyable to see so many classmates looking good and prosperous proving our Kiski lessons have served us well. Thanks to all of you."

– Terry Slease '62

"The reunion on campus was an enjoyable experience. Seeing faculty, staff members and alumni from various classes is a treat. Although many of the buildings have been changed or replaced, the friendly spirit of Kiski remains."

– Robert Carson '49

"Returning to Kiski is like plugging into a battery to recharge. It's a reminder of where you come from as well as what helped shape you into the man you have become. Connecting with old friends, dusting off and reliving cherished memories is what it's all about. Who wouldn't want to do that from time to time?"

– Bill Kendall '87