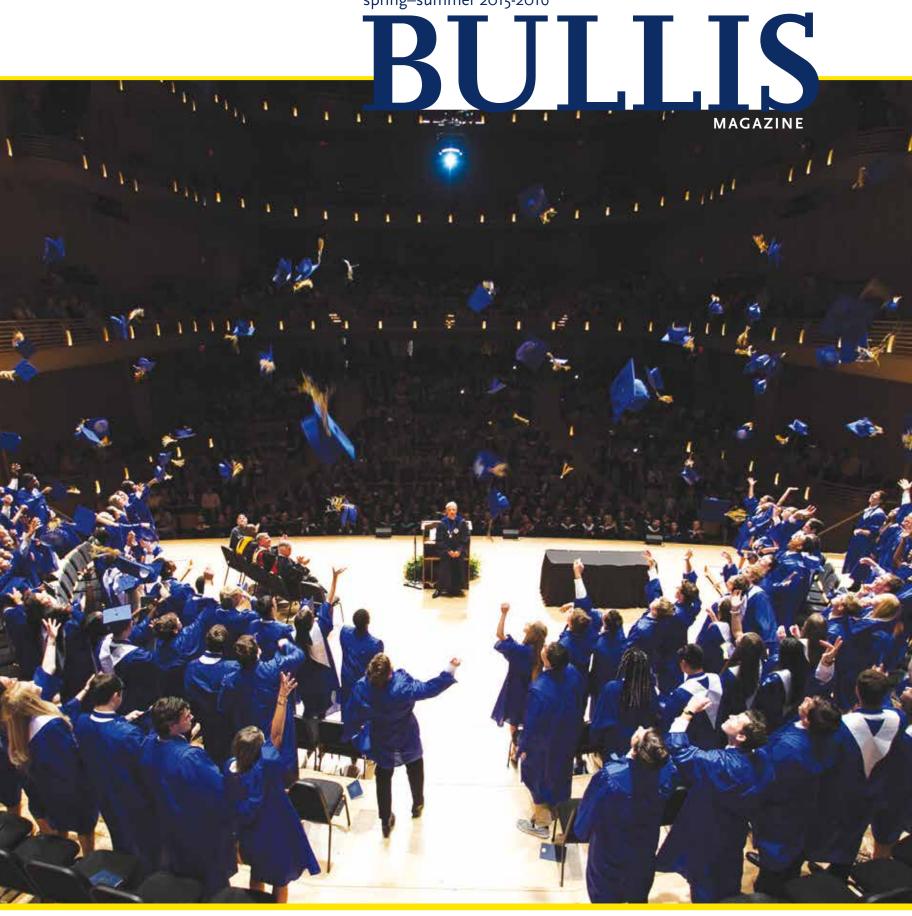
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The boys lacrosse team celebrates first-ever Bullis IAC title championship in their sport!



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#### YOU MAY HAVE NO IDEA WHERE YOU'RE GOING, BUT I DO

This year's Commencement speaker was Dr. Damon Tweedy, a psychiatrist, teacher and bestselling author. He captivated all of us with his address, sharing his story of a "black man in a white coat," as well as personal lessons he has learned and what he has observed throughout his education and career.

It is not surprising that he was so well-received by our community. Dr. Tweedy was a student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Prince George's County while I was the principal there, and even as a young teen he was an impressive young man. I could have predicted then that he would go into the world to make a difference.

"You may have no idea where you're going, but I do," I recently said to a group of our current student leaders. They had stepped forward to address some needs that had arisen in our community. In doing so, they showed great maturity, dedication, integrity and commitment to our School community and to "doing what's right." They have been clear role models for their classmates.

After 40 years in education, I still find it incredibly rewarding to see students like these go from leadership roles in school to broader success in their lives as adults. Bullis provides a wonderful incubator for future leaders, giving students ample opportunities to grow, develop and take on important roles that will prepare them for the future.

It's important to take a moment to note that it is equally—if not more so—rewarding to see students who struggled in school return with stories of their own successes. High school challenges certainly neither define an individual nor condemn someone to a pattern of struggle. But the reverse is almost always true: our student leaders today do become the adult leaders of tomorrow. We have many, many examples of that among our alumni and I know we will see that in this year's graduates and in Bullis graduates to come.

Congratulations to the Class of 2016, and to all our alumni who have gone on to achieve great things in their lives, making important contributions to society. Bulldog Pride has never been stronger!

# AIR FORCE BAND CONDUCTOR VISITS, INSPIRES STUDENTS



Col. Arnald D. Gabriel leads a workshop for the Upper School Concert Band.

Renowned band conductor, Col. Arnald D. Gabriel brought a wealth of experience and a love of education to share with Bullis students during his springtime visit, and he left quite an impact. The Colonel enjoyed a recital by select Bullis student-musicians, then led an Upper School Concert Band workshop. "There are some moments in a person's career that you will never forget," said Music Teacher Stephanie Mayer. "Col. Gabriel's visit has inspired both music students and music faculty in profound ways."

For the full story, photo gallery and video visit http://tinyurl.com/gpndlhg

#### Boots & Bling—Gala 2016

At this year's Gala, attendees dusted off their cowboy hats, shined their boots and raised \$282,000 in support of financial aid and professional development programs for Bullis. Their generosity extended to raising \$90,000 more during Raise the Paddle to refurnish the Marriott Family Library to create an ideal environment for student learning and collaboration.

With great appreciation, we thank Gala Co-Chairs Connie Caulfield P '14, '20 and Tammy Goldberg P '16, '20 for their tireless efforts, enthusiasm and leadership; Total Wine & More and David and June Trone, P '12, '14 for their generous support and sponsorships; and the many parent volunteers who donated countless hours of creativity to the Gala. Their efforts, combined with the energetic participation and generous bidding of the Gala's attendees, produced a memorable event of fundraising and "friendraising" in our close community.

For one night in May, the Bullis gym was transformed into an ocean wonderland for "Seas the Night," the first ever Bullis-KEEN (Kids Enjoy Exercise Now) prom, held for 80 Upper School students and 65 special guests.



KEEN Prom

510,000

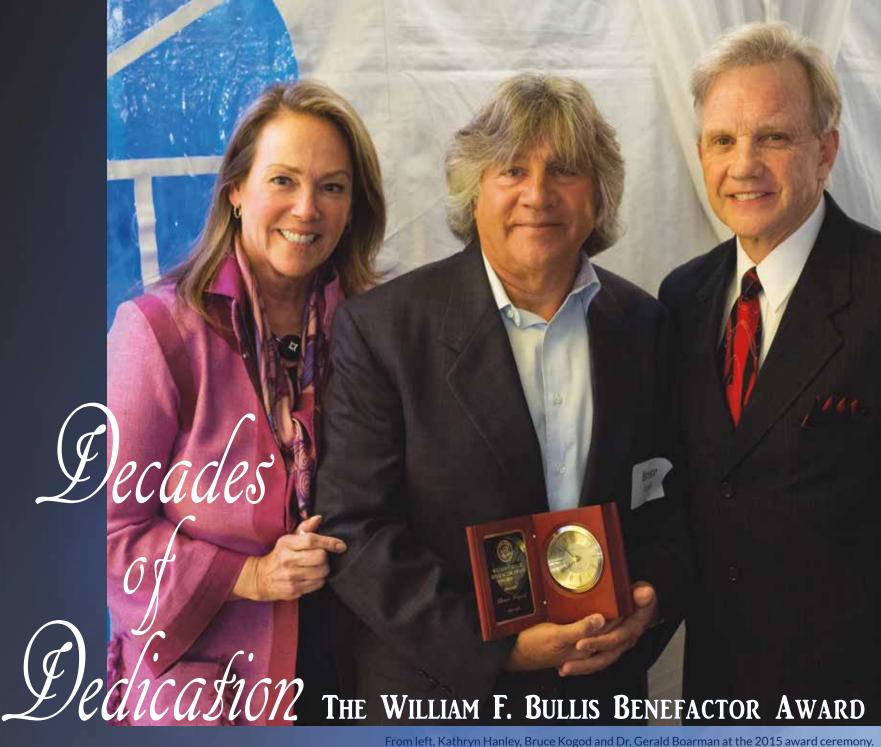


The Shark Tank's winning team, Jobs by Students, was awarded \$10,000 seed money to continue developing and growing their business through the guidance of their mentors and the team at XML Financial.

To read more about these stories and other news, check out our Newsroom at bullis.org!



Gala Co-chairs Tammy Goldberg, left, and Connie Caulfield pose with cut-out figures of Dr. Reidy and Dr. Boarman.



From left, Kathryn Hanley, Bruce Kogod and Dr. Gerald Boarman at the 2015 award ceremony.

Bullis is a giving community. On a daily basis, generosity and caring is demonstrated in large and small ways as our well-developed philanthropic culture flourishes among parents, staff, alumni and friends through the Annual Fund, the Discovery Center capital campaign, special projects and more. It is expressed, too, in the warmth of a supportive community on happy as well as sad occasions. A sense of connectedness has long existed in the Bullis community, while a philanthropic perspective developed more slowly.

For some, the giving of time and resources becomes an investment of caring that goes above and beyond. The School acknowledges such exemplary philanthropy in the William F. Bullis Benefactor Award, first presented in 2015 to trustee emeritus Bruce Kogod, and in April 2016 to trustee Kathryn Hanley. Their contributions of time, resources and commitment to the Bullis community are outstanding as well as longstanding—and deserving of special recognition.

#### "I LOVE THIS SCHOOL AND I LOVED BEING INVOLVED IN ITS EVOLUTION."

—Bruce Kogod

Decades ago, Bullis School had one main benefactor-its founder, Commander William F. Bullis, whose initial investment in 1931 was his savings of \$974.29. For many years, he personally met additional school expenses beyond tuition through real estate investments that provided a muchneeded resource for school growth such as new construction and land purchases. The first true fundraisers began in the 1970s, developing into a formal Annual Fund that eventually became today's robust effort. Volunteerism, an essential component of a philanthropic culture, flourished when Bullis moved to Potomac as a day school. Each year a large cadre of volunteers parents, trustees and others—willingly help

A philanthropic approach includes more than monetary generosity—it involves the invaluable gifts of time and caring too. An annual breakfast event to thank Bullis volunteers became, by 2011, an evening reception at the Head of School's residence to honor the outstanding contributions of leadership volunteers and donors. Now, the Head of School's leadership reception provides a chance to honor the volunteers of the year and philanthropists of the year—sometimes individuals, sometimes a couple—chosen for special dedication and service.

The William F. Bullis Benefactor Award was created in 2015 to honor individuals whose magnanimity toward Bullis is exceptional and longstanding. "This award literally spans decades of involvement and outstanding support of individuals whose deep and enduring commitment lasts far



The Blair Center under construction in 2002. Bruce Kogod remembers being on site "six days a week."

beyond their children's years at the School," Head of School Dr. Gerald Boarman states. The many-layered contributions of these benefactors make a notable difference.

The first Benefactor Award was presented in April 2015 to Bruce Kogod in recognition of years of commitment to Bullis. His involvement began when his son Max Kogod '99 entered the 8th grade, followed by son Jack Kogod '01; he stepped from busy parent to involved volunteer when he facilitated the purchase and installation of a new lighting system for the athletic fields and the old stadium in the late 1990s. By 1998 Kogod was a trustee and served as board chair for several years, involved particularly in the capital campaign for The Blair Family Center for the Arts. "I was there six days a week and at every single meeting," he remembers.

Though Kogod retired from the board in 2007, he remains actively involved; most recently he has served on capital campaign committees in support of the new Discovery Center.

"I remember the Bullis of the 1960s and 1970s," Kogod says, "so when my sons enrolled I knew how much the School had changed. I very much enjoyed being part of that evolution as a parent and trustee, and I've enjoyed getting to know the faculty and having a closer view of the great process of education that is at work here."

"My kids got a wonderful education," he adds. "Bullis has a very happy student body—the School provides a positive experience for its students and its community." He notes that his own

# "TIME HAS A LOT MORE VALUE THAN MONEY."

#### -Kathryn Hanley



The Hanley family—Connor '03, Kathryn, Michael and Casey '05–pose together during Connor and Casey's Bullis years.

philanthropy has evolved during that time. "I made Bullis a giving priority and I stressed that with the board when I was chair—no matter the giving ability, the School must be a philanthropic priority. Participation and investing time are equally important."

"I've worked with three heads of school," he notes, from Dr. Richard K. Jung in the 1990s to Tom Farquhar and current head Dr. Gerald Boarman. "Every Bullis headmaster was perfect for the school at the time, and like the board, has always done the right thing for Bullis, whether it was a curriculum, staff support, expanded programs or campus improvements. A headmaster is always an important asset for a school and I feel privileged to have worked with three."

His connection with Bullis is important to him. "It was a sad day when I stepped

down from the board," he admits. "I love this school and I love being involved in its evolution. Years ago we could only dream of building a Discovery Center—and now we are getting there in almost seamless ways. Change has been beneficial to Bullis and has led to the elevated state that the School enjoys now."

Kathryn Hanley received the second Benefactor Award in 2016 for her many years of energetic involvement and her willingness to take extra steps on behalf of the School. She is always glad to help out in support of a leadership dinner, fundraising or a campaign effort, and she often responds to fulfill a school need, from providing a giveaway item such as a Kindle to purchasing something larger for a classroom. Kathryn and husband Michael Hanley remain grateful to the School for providing such a supportive environment

for their own children. "Our kids had a great experience at Bullis," she says. "They're both doing really well now, and that makes us want to keep our connection to Bullis."

She accepted an invitation to join the Bullis Board of Trustees after son Connor Hanley '03 had graduated and while daughter Casey Hanley Cotter '05 was still a senior. Since then she has served the longest consecutive board term of any current trustee, participating in several board committees. Together, Kathryn and Michael have made Bullis a priority for more than donations they have been available for fundraising and committee work and support events such as Gala; they also love to attend games. "Time has a lot more value than money," Kathryn Hanley says. "Often it's easier to write a check than find time to give." Years after their children graduated, the Hanleys still find time in their schedules for Bullis.

She too has seen change at the School. "But what has never changed about Bullis," she adds, "is the way it focuses on the child, building strengths and balancing the whole student. That is just so important. Bullis is wonderful for many reasons, but the balance it offers is really special—and so needed in the competitive environment of Washington area schools."

What qualities earned Kathryn Hanley and Bruce Kogod the special honor of the Benefactor Award? "Longevity," Hanley laughs, then admits it is more than that. "And perspective. Michael and I want to encourage involvement and further a culture of giving. We have been able to do that at Bullis and with our other charitable concerns too."

"Being able to serve others became a priority for me at Bullis," Kogod says. "I don't need to be the hand that shapes. I enjoy being the hand that holds things together while the reshaping happens." Like Kathryn Hanley, he too finds that being part of the evolution of Bullis continues to be its own reward.

# Senior STEM Project Combines Engineering with Humanitarian Need

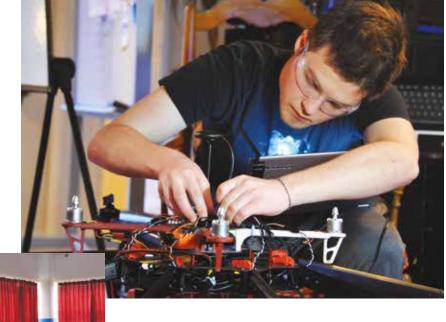
Spring break 2015 did not take Mike Kronmiller '16 on vacation for sun and fun. Instead, he went to Nepal to fly a small drone at Mt. Everest base camp. He had built two prototypes and wanted to test how long they would fly in high altitude.

"Battery power is a challenge at extreme altitude," explained Mike. "The test demonstrated that run time reduced dramatically and guided the development of later drones that would run longer."

Mike designed the drone with a thermal imager and finder to help rescuers locate victims in avalanches or difficult-tonavigate terrain. "Avalanches occur every year in Nepal, causing unnecessary and tragic deaths. A 2014 avalanche killed 16 guides, in part because it took so long to reach them."

Along with drone testing,
Mike met with teachers and
administrators at the Kanjirowa
National High School in
Kathmandu who were eager to
teach students about building
drones. The school became
so enthusiastic about the
partnership that its director,
principal and a student traveled
to Washington, DC the following
fall to visit Bullis.

Now Kanjirowa is building its own drones using kits from the Kashmir World Foundation. Mike keeps in touch with the school through emails and video chats: "I heard last week that one of the drones they made is flying!"



Mike Kronmiller installs the flight controller on the octacopter above. At left, a presentation to Kathmandu area heads of schools and national media.

Mike first approached STEM Director Faith Darling with the project idea in his sophomore year. "I was blown away by Mike's understanding of the issue with locating avalanche victims, and his commitment to using a love of technology to find a way to help," she recalls. "Since then, his trajectory has been incredible. He's gained momentum, consulted with experts and devoted hours to developing skills and rebuilding the drone. Mike has also become an engaging public speaker, influenced drone legislation

and learned the power of global connections."

Returning to Nepal in March 2016 for more valuable testing, Mike also had opportunities to speak with government and embassy officials, all of whom received him warmly. They were impressed that this American teen was able to turn a school research project into a tool with such far-reaching potential.

He continues to work on a larger drone while conducting tests in fields outside the DC no-fly zone. As an intern this summer for the Kashmir World Foundation, Mike will design curriculum for Nepali students and will broaden the scope of his project to Africa. He plans to study engineering in college at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York.

"The next step is still unknown," he says. "But I intend to keep working so that in the not-too-distant future drones will be saving lives in one of the most beautiful areas in the world."

Learn more about Mike's work at www.nepalrobotics.org

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### ONWARD FARING

A HISTORY OF BULLIS SCHOOL



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#### EXCERPTS FROM BULLIS HISTORY

The history of Bullis School is now a published book! The coffeetable edition of Onward Faring: A History of Bullis School, written by Susan King with foreword by Gerald L. Boarman, is now available (see p. 11 for ordering information). The book is filled with memories, anecdotes, photos and facts about Bullis from its beginnings to the present, and illustrates that as much as the School has changed over the years, our values and sense of community remain steadfast. We are pleased to present a few excerpts from *Onward Faring*:

#### The 1930s

The nation was still reeling from financial shockwaves when William Francis Bullis married Lois Elizabeth Hoover on November 27, 1929. The tall, lovely bride wore a white lace gown and a clochecap veil, and carried a bouquet of fresh flowers. The groom wore white tie and tails. Surrounded by family and friends, they smile, timeless, innocent and hopeful, in their wedding photo. Their marriage would prove long, successful, dynamic and supportive. On that frosty November day, they had no inkling of the close family and powerful educational legacy they would establish.

The venture and vision of a preparatory school suited both bride and groom. By then, Captain Bullis knew he wanted to teach, even start a preparatory school. His impressive charisma and determination were assets in a headmaster shouldering the responsibilities of a start-up school. Lois was his perfect partner: smart, energetic, gracious, organized, a teacher herself, she would keep the books and run the office, kitchen and boarding concerns. Both understood the needs particular to a school, and both believed wholeheartedly in each other and in their shared dream.

Despite the economy, the newlyweds found a suitable place for their school: an old mansion for rent in a prime location—the former Bolivian legation at 1303 New Hampshire Avenue in northwest Washington, D.C. The spacious mansion needed painting, repairs, furnishing and repurposing to be transformed into a school. Dipping into their savings, William and Lois did much of the work themselves and acquired used furnishings and equipment. With paintbrush and ingenuity, they restored areas and arranged classrooms and dormitory rooms. Bullis School anniversaries are counted from 1930, that first year of founding and elbow grease.

#### Calisthenics and Leatherheads: Early Sports at Bullis

The original Bullis curriculum did not include physical education, but in 1934, calisthenics were added—a half-hour of sit-ups, push-ups and jumping jacks that allowed the boys to condition and let off a little steam. Soon it was evident that the students needed a greater physical outlet after studying for hours; at first they played impromptu football or baseball games on a vacant city lot near the New Hampshire Avenue location.

Service academies expected top physical condition in their candidates, yet Bullis focused on academics to get students through tough service exams. Not all colleges required physical education credits then, although debates in American educational forums argued that it was necessary. For Bullis to continually improve its program, physical education was essential. Part of the issue was finding adequate space and playing fields in D.C., although that would occur with the move to the Silver Spring property in 1935.

Until then, the Bullis boys formed small opposing teams, marked makeshift goals and played with enthusiasm if little gear. A 1935 ledger recorded the purchase of one football along with jerseys, helmets, shoes (presumably cleats) and more for a considerable total of \$299.95. In 1938, several "Spalding helmets" cost the school





\$15.93. Captain Bullis had a frugal habit of finding used athletic equipment. Scarred, worn, mismatched, passed along from one Bullis team to another, the helmets would do. Now the Bullis boys had teams, they had equipment, and they were eager to play.

#### The 1950s

Bullis boys in Silver Spring still woke to bells, shouts or even the blast of a trumpet if one was handy. They shivered in chilly basement showers, hurried to dress and ready their rooms for inspection, some barely making it to breakfast or class on time. They slicked back their hair, tied trendy Windsor knots in neckties, donned argyle sweaters and wide pleated trousers of grey flannel; with fabric restrictions lifted post-World War II, clothing styles were loose and comfortable. They tapped polished wingtips to irresistible rock-and-roll rhythms and slipped out after hours for Little Tavern hamburgers; they talked about music, sports, movies, cars, girls, upcoming exams, teased and revered each other as friends, admired their teachers, studied intensively, and looked forward to military service or college and beyond. They had nicknames like Buddy, Blech, Newt, Buggo, El Croke, Moose, Spud, Frannie, Georgia, Kroggie, Grendel, Choo-Choo, Frenchie, The Duke, and Scarlet (O'Hara being the surname).

#### The 1960s

Winter snow sometimes closed the Silver Spring campus, although boarding students remained with a few teachers who either had dorm duty or lived nearby in one of the houses owned "Our boys see all the social benefits [of girls enrolling], but the thing they're not ready for is that the girls are going to take their place academically. That's where the shock is going to come."

—Larry Bullis '54



by Commander Bullis and rented to teachers. Robert Tucci '62 recalled the day President Kennedy was inaugurated—January 20, 1961—when a Nor'easter brought considerable snow. The few staff on campus sent the boarding students to their classes to work even with teachers absent. "Some of us had chemistry that day," Tucci said, "so we went there, but couldn't do much on our experiments without the teacher. We found some purple dye, took it outside and mixed it with snow—and had a great snowball fight with those purple snowballs." Their creative science project was soon discovered when the snowballs left purple streaks on the whitewashed exterior of Clark Hall. The wall had to be cleaned. "They were not too happy with us," Tucci remembered.

#### The 1980s

"Girls! Girls! Girls!" declared the 1982 Roll Call. Twenty girls were registered by spring 1981, including Larry and Judy Bullis' daughter Cyndi, who left Holy Child School to attend Bullis, graduating in 1983. By September, over forty girls were Bullis students. Three were seniors, the rest in Upper School grades. Younger classes remained boys-only until girls enrolled in 7th and 8th grades in the 1986-87 school year.

"When skirts and knee socks are added to the Bullis uniform in the fall, a turning point will be marked in the school's history," stated an April 1981 article in The Washington Times, and quoted headmaster Larry Bullis '54: "Our boys see all the social benefits, but the thing they're not ready for is that the girls are going to take their place academically. That's where the shock is going to come." Including girls in the School proved an easier transition than anticipated. At

first, they were in upper grades only and the curriculum remained the same—no cosmetology or interior decorating classes as The Bulldog editors had once envisioned in a 1961 April Fools issue.

"New Girls like Bullis," The Bulldog soon declared. Nearly 100% of the girls polled for the newspaper said that they liked attending Bullis, liked its campus, liked going to a private school. Several claimed that "My parents made me go here." One girl confessed that she expected, at first, to be "trampled in the hallways."



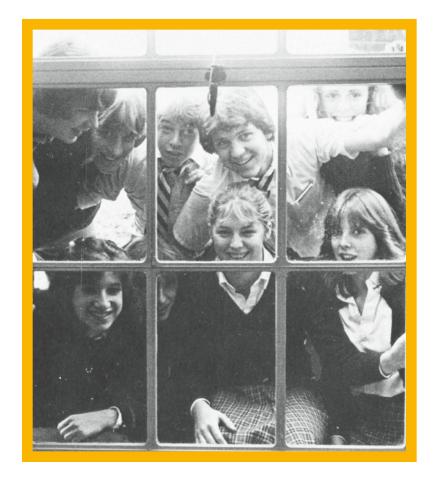
#### **Golden Boys and Lady Bulldogs**

The girls' sports program grew dramatically from its first year. In 1981, Bullis girls had a soccer team, a basketball team and a tennis team, the latter coached by librarian Carol Schmidt. By 1985, the campus had a new tennis bubble to facilitate practices for boys and girls. Soon a girls' softball team and a coed swimming team were created. Cheerleading was a popular program as Bullis girls formed the School's first female cheerleading squad; in the past, cheerleaders had either been Bullis boys, or girls borrowed from Holy Child. Bullis girls' teams joined the Independent School League (ISL) in the mid-1980s, although at first the Lady Bulldogs, as they were called, struggled against schools with well-established girls' athletic programs.

A few years of consistent play brought the Bullis girls their first winning soccer season in 1987 under Coach Nancy Bluthardt, a Bullis parent and former critical care nurse, who coached girls' soccer and taught health and psychology classes until she retired in 1995. Under Coach Blu's capable leadership, girls' varsity soccer logged nineteen wins and an ISL championship in 1988. "This is the first time that the Lady Bulldogs have advanced to the higher bracket of the playoffs," *The Bulldog* proudly reported.

"Bullis dominated," stated *The Bulldog* when, in February 1980, the boys varsity wrestling team, under the coaching of Gene Frogale, claimed the IAC championship with, at the time, "the best showing in Bullis history." The wrestling team continued to dominate in all weight classes throughout the 1980s, winning an impressive array of team and individual titles. Considering Commander Bullis' own wrestling success as an Olympic qualifier in 1924, the 1980 win must have been a true highlight for the School's founder.

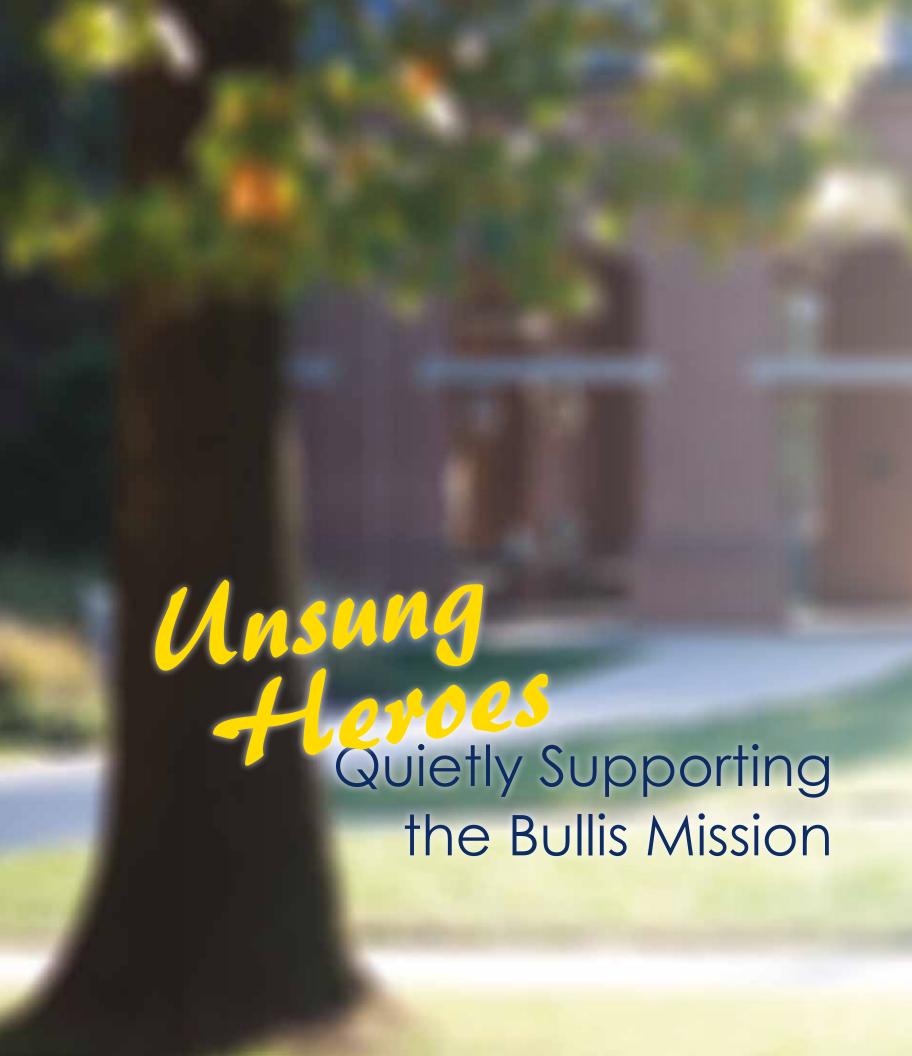
By 1984, a dream team had emerged. "The Golden Boys" under the direction of Coaches Justin Golden and Walt King ranked number one in Maryland and became IAC champions and National Prep Tournament champions with an undefeated season that shattered old records. The boys had grown as a team and as individual student-athletes during their Bullis years. With some key graduating seniors moving on—including Lenny Bernstein '84, a junior world champion wrestler who later became head wrestling coach at University of Virginia—the remarkable Bullis wrestlers of 1984 would eventually, in the seasonal nature of school athletics, go on to other championships.





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More than 225 people work at Bullis during the school year: teachers, counselors, athletic trainers, event planners, fundraisers, administrative assistants, accountants, cooks, carpenters and many, many more. The "village" it takes to keep Bullis humming is vast and yet many of these important and valuable employees work behind-the-scenes and may not be well-known or receive all the thanks they are due.

Let's meet just a few of them...

# Donrole Cyprien Electrician

While he's officially an electrician, Don will be the first person to tell you that his job is to do whatever he's asked to do. From moving or delivering items to shoveling snow, Don never complains and instead says, "I'm happy

to do whatever is needed, anytime."

Don came to the U.S. from Haiti at age 19 to join his brothers and seek more job opportunities—although he still misses the warm weather, beaches and fresh fruits of his home country. He met his wife Danouse after arriving, and the two of them have five children ranging in age from 12 to 18. Don came to Bullis in 2007, and gives thanks every day for the community: "Everyone is here to help when a problem arises, and that's how you can tell the character of people."

As much as Don appreciates Bullis, everyone on campus is grateful in equal parts for his warm smile and his helpful approach to any task. "Mr. Cyprien represents the true meaning of what being a team player is all about," says Facilities Director Bob Butland. "Don takes true pride in his job, giving his best in quality to every task that he is given and setting the standard high for our department. He always offers a hand to any one in need and does so with a smile at all times. He is one of the most honest, generous, gentle and hardworking men I know."



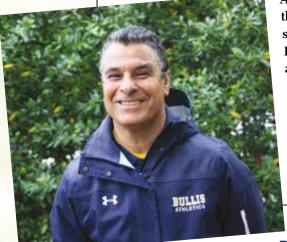
#### Ali Elias

#### PE Teacher, Wrestling and Track (Middle School) Coach

Every day while students are in class, Ali is out on the fields marking lines and goals, installing nets and helping to maintain the Bullis athletic facilities. "That's when the magic happens," says Andre Parra '99, boys' athletic director, appreciating Ali's daily dedication. Kathleen Lloyd, girls athletic director, agrees. "Bullis has fantastic facilities that Ali ensures are ready to go each day. He's a true workhorse and we are lucky to have him!"

Ali enjoys the physical labor—"That's my workout every day!"— and also enjoys teaching PE and coaching wrestling and track. He even drives buses whenever there's an unexpected need to get a team to a game.

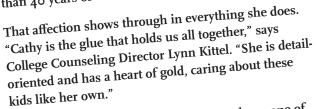
Raised in Iran during tumultuous times in that country, Ali began wrestling at a young age. He later joined the Iranian national team and traveled the world to compete, becoming high school world champion at age 16. Ali went on to coach and compete in Germany, and came to the U.S. in 1989 on a full scholarship at the University of Nebraska. "Wrestling saved my life," he says. "It gave me an education, a job, training."



Ali came to Bullis in 2005 and has led the wrestling team and mentored the students in the program ever since. He also teaches mixed martial arts, and credits his children (son Sepanta just finished 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Bullis, and his younger brother will come to Bullis when he reaches 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) for keeping him in shape. "I want to be their role model," he says. There's no doubt that he is.

# Cathy Lymon Administrative Assistant, College Counseling

Sit with Cathy for five minutes, and you'll see her welcome students with hugs, answer the phone with a smile and juggle myriad requests, packages and paperwork. "I love it here and I love these kids," she says. "This is one of the best jobs I've had in more than 40 years of work."



Cathy grew up in segregated Chicago and was one of the first students to be bused to school. She shares her experience with the students, and then, says Ms. Kittel, "she tells them to not hold grudges, not be hateful, but to find goodness in others and move forward. She is a great example to us all."

Cathy came to Bullis in 2011 after moving to the DC area from Chicago to live with her daughter and granddaughter. It was a difficult change for Cathy, who left behind a job she loved and many friends and family, but "this is where I want to be," she says. "I'll do anything for my daughter."

From coordinating office details to helping with graduation, AP testing and end-of-year awards, Cathy can't pick a favorite role, but easily says she most dislikes saying goodbye each June. "It's hard to see the seniors leave. I get so attached to each class, but I love to see them when they return to visit!"



# Julie Booth Office Manager

Her office might be called the Bullis command center. Julie Booth quietly handles so many daily activities and projects that the entire staff may not realize how much it owes to her.



From managing the reception area, mail and deliveries, printing and production of materials, parking, ordering supplies, furniture and equipment, "Julie has a wealth of knowledge about the school and its operations, and deep commitment to using her skills to advance the mission of Bullis," says Chief Financial Officer Tracy Harris. Julie also manages contracts for field trips and is part of the School's risk management team.

Every afternoon, Julie moves to the Extended Day program where she is a proctor. She enjoys getting to know the students and parents. "Some of the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders I played with are now graduating," she marvels.

Julie arrived at Bullis in 2006 after owning her own embroidery manufacturing business. Along with enjoying the warm, fun and positive atmosphere, she quickly came to appreciate the welcome change of pace. "I wanted less stress and more stability," she says, and even though she juggles thousands of details, nothing rattles her. "Compared to my previous job, there's really not much of a struggle with anything here!"

Julie's daughter Kristen now works in the Bullis School Store; son Merritt also lives nearby. Julie is also the proud grandmother of five grandchildren, and she breaks out into a wide smile whenever she talks about them.

#### Debra Joram

Deputy Controller

"Keep an open mind and work hard," is Debra's motto and her formula for keeping calm in the face of great challenges. In her role she manages student billing, reenrollment and financial and contractual matters for Summer Programs, while also managing database system conversions for financial record-keeping. It keeps her very, very busy.

Debra came to Bullis in 2009 to return to accounting after a career shift teaching preschool and special needs children. Today, she is "the face of Bullis' Business Office to our families," says Chief Financial officer Tracy Harris, "and one of the most conscientious employees I have ever known."

Along with problem solving, Debra enjoys making an extra effort to be flexible and accommodating to families. "It's particularly rewarding to see the children of the families I work with grow up here at Bullis over the years."

Debra also enjoys the people she works with, and likes the school atmosphere overall. She gives back as much as she gets. "She is always willing to help and be supportive of her staff, her co-workers and others in the Bullis community," says Tracy.

As busy as she is, Debra tries to carve out time for sewing and crafts, but mostly enjoys spending time with her husband and their adult children, Rachel (23) and Michael (22).

# Fritz Pierre-Louis Head Cook, Dining Hall

Step into the 122 1

Step into the kitchen any day in the morning and you'll hear laughter and smell the delicious hints of lunch cooking. In the middle of the action you'll find Fritz Pierre-Louis, head chef beaming over the giant pot of soup or sauce that he's carefully tending.

Every day for an incredible 34 years, Fritz has seemingly never stopped smiling while bringing an evolving array of tastes and dishes to Bullis students and staff with, as he says, "commitment, dedication and love!" He came to Bullis soon after arriving in the U.S. from his native Haiti, brought here by his high school sweetheart and wife Marie Yveline. The long-term love for his wife and family mirrors his commitment to Bullis: "Bullis is where I started and hope to stay until retirement!"

His training was on-the-job, and he's learned to work with new ingredients and address challenges of cooking a thousand meals every day that everyone will like. "I put myself in the kids' shoes to think about what they may like," he says, "while also trying to evolve their tastes with new things."

"Fritz is extremely reliable and very pleasant to work with," Dining Hall Manager Doan Duong says. "He always takes great care of all the students including those with special dietary needs throughout their years at Bullis."

## Angelo Daniels

Security

Angelo Daniels joined Bullis in 2014 when the Security Department was newly created, and he has quickly become a welcoming face and critical member of the team. "Angelo is both a planner and a problem solver who always brings his 'A' game to work," says Director of Security Dave Buerger. "I can always count on Angelo to make things happen, despite any challenges."

Prior to joining the Bullis staff, Angelo was a security guard at Congregation Beth El in Bethesda.

"I like keeping people safe," he says, "and interacting with parents and the kids here at Bullis is one of the huge plusses of working here."

Alongside his colleagues, Angelo works mostly outside, in all weather conditions including very cold winter days and the hottest and most humid days of summer. Angelo takes it all in stride, though he does admit to preferring winter over summer: "We are lucky to have a lot of good Bullis winter weather gear to keep warm."

Angelo grew up in Prince George's County and now lives in Montgomery County to be closer to his girlfriend and his daughter, Alaina. Angelo is a big Bullis Bulldogs fan who enjoys the games and the enthusiastic support for the teams. He's also been studying computers to become certified on various operating systems to better himself "and make a good life for my daughter."

Angelo credits Bullis for "helping me grow as an individual. Surrounded by positive people and positive energy, my goals are clearer now and my perspective has changed."





Harriet Polun **Blair Center** Coordinator

Walk through the Blair Center with Harriet and she will be constantly busy: straightening up bulletin boards, picking up trash, sliding the piano out of the way or readjusting a sign. "The Blair Center is my house" she says. "I clean more here than I do in my own home!"

On staff since 2009 when daughter Lauren '09 was a senior, Harriet's job has evolved over the years to support every office in the School, as Blair has become a popular venue for many different events. "That's one of the best parts of the job," she says, "working with everyone, students and staff, designing new events and figuring out how to achieve the best results. I know every nook and cranny of this building, and what will and won't work."

Every day is different, and the array of tasks is wideranging—from "eek, there's a mouse" to getting rid of strange smells, ironing tablecloths and finding props and of course scheduling and setting up for events, often several in one day. Her schedule includes many weekends and evenings.

"Harriet is a full-on team player who can do anything and wants everyone to succeed," says Visual & Performing Arts Chair Cheryl Terwilliger. "She has a knack for working with a variety of personalities and juggling a million details, all while staying—or at least appearing to be!—very calm, which is incredibly reassuring."

For Harriet, her own measure of success is being unknown: "If you don't know what I do, I'm doing it pretty well because all is running smoothly."

# Seniors Prepare to Join the Ranks of Bullis Alumni

This spring, the Alumni Office feted the seniors with cupcakes and coffee at the annual Countdown to Graduation event, and over delicious Mexican food at the annual Senior Lunch. Members of the senior class heard from Boys' Athletic Director Andres Parra '99 who spoke about the importance of Bullis in his life and why the seniors should stay connected after graduation. "Whether you were a student at Bullis for one year or ten, you are part of the fabric of the School, " he said. The Bullis Alumni Association is thrilled to welcome the class of 2016 and cannot wait to celebrate their future successes and milestones!



Counting down to graduation, top, from left, Miyah Powe, Michaela Henderson and Alexander Brown; bottom, Qi Hao (Thomas) Liu, RuiCheng (John) Wang and Haonan (Wilson) Chen.



Enjoying Senior Lunch, back row, from left: Samantha Zimmerman, Julia Asher, Melody Hashemi, Brooke Priddy, Ariana McKenzie and Allison Peel; front row: Jordan Schick, Liana Ratner, Sian Titmuss, Courtney Rau and Elizabeth Barlow. At right, Edward Landow and Michael Culham.



Mia-Irene Gyau

Jessica Taylor Harris

Melody M. Hashemi

Dwayne Haskins, Jr.

John James Leasure

Matthieu Lezaun Leo

Alexander Michael Leder

Alexandria Christienne Ligon

Carly Allison Cohen

Haonan Chen



Lawrencia Noelene Chynna Moten

Blake Severin Micholas

**Donald Thomas Moran** 

Carly Alexa Morgan Carter Daniel Morris

Nicholas A. Moskov

Liana Caye Krieger Ratner Courtney Taylor Rau Brian Alexander Ribera Jacob Cummings Scher Jordan Alyssa Schick Adam Jayce Schwager Marc Isaac Shapiro

RuiCheng Wang Robert Clinton Washington III Noah August Weinberger Craig Lawrence Williams, Jr. Sydni Lauren Wright Ye Yu





Back row: Stan Becton, Cameron Brown, Nicholas Moskov, Zachary Hawkins, CJ Williams and Noah Gear; front, Robert Washington, Jason Mejia and Patrick Johnson.



Sydni Wright, Mia-Irene Gyau, Ariana McKenzie and Ianthe Humphries



Richard K. Jung Faculty First Award winners, Barbara Nolan, Marcie Demers, and Elizabeth Jacobi, P'20, '22 with former Headmaster Dr. Richard K. Jung, P'04, '10



Brooke Gutschick '13, Assistant Director of Alumni Jennifer (Hayman) Okun '99, Director of Entrepreneurship Marc Steren '89, P'20, '23 and Boys' Athletic Director Andres Parra '99 after presenting alumni pins



Carolyn Martin embraces friend

#### Class of 2016 College Matriculations

American Academy of Dramatic American University Boston College Brigham Young University **Bucknell University** Carnegie Mellon University Colgate University College of Charleston Connecticut College Cornell University Dartmouth College **Denison University** Dickinson College **Drexel University Duke University** Elon University Florida State University Georgetown University Gettysburg College High Point University Indiana University Johns Hopkins University Kenyon College Lehigh University Loyola University Maryland McDaniel College

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University of Alabama University of Arizona University of California, San University of California, Santa Barbara University of Colorado University of Connecticut University of Maryland University of Michigan University of Mississippi University of Pennsylvania University of Rochester University of San Francisco University of Southern California University of Virginia University of Wisconsin, Madison Virginia Tech Wake Forest University Washington and Jefferson College Washington University in St. Louis

#### Class of 2016 Lifers



Bullis Lifers, back row, from left: Noah Weinberger and Jackson McIntyre. Front row: Jacob Fishman, Kyle Greenberg, Jordan Schick, Carly Cohen, Mia-Irene Gyau, Carter Morris and Matthew Berman.

#### Awards for Members of the Class of 2016

| Award: Recipient  |
|---|
| The Founders' AwardAlexander Brown  |
| The William H. Price, Jr. Citizenship AwardAndrew Goldberg                          |
| The Manuel José Baca, Jr. Joy of Living Award Brandt Sunter                         |
| The Michael Ivey Achievement AwardDonald Moran                                      |
| The Community Service Award   |
| The Alumni Award for Outstanding Achievement in Athletics                           |
| The David P. Hellekjaer Award   |
| The Douglas London Award for Excellence in English                                  |
| The Barbara Marks Award for Excellence in Foreign Language                          |
| The John H. Dillon Memorial Award for Excellence in Science                         |
| The John W. Spencer Award for Excellence in Mathematics                             |
| The Irene Ford Smith Memorial Award for Excellence in Social StudiesSabrina Epstein |
| The Award for Excellence in STEMAlexander Brown                                     |
| The Award for Excellence in EntrepreneurshipJohn Chapin                             |
| The Award for Excellence in Technology and Engineering Jackson McIntyre             |
| The Award for Excellence in TheatreNicolas Calá                                     |
| The Award for Excellence in Visual and Performing ArtsMonique Muse                  |
| The Award for Excellence in DanceIanthe Humphries                                   |
| The Outstanding Scholar AwardGriffith Gosnell                                       |
| Awards for members of the Class of 2016 were presented                              |

Awards for members of the Class of 2016 were presented at the Senior Awards Reception, June 5, 2016.



Dr. Boarman recognizes Outstanding Scholar Griffith Gosnell '16



Edward Bullis '86 presents the Founders' Award to Alexander Brown '16

# Bullis Memories

#### Mia-Irene Gyau



#### Favorite teachers:

Ms. [Dorothy] Yen pushed me to do my best in honors biology and taught me how to handle a more intense workload. In addition to being a great teacher, she has also been an amazing advisor and an all-around great person to me. Mr. [Michael] Chellman was my 9<sup>th</sup> grade history teacher and he knew how to make class both fun and very informative. He was always so encouraging when it came to my sports and classwork.

#### Future plans:

I am attending Duke University and plan to major in biology or something that pertains to science and medicine.



#### Advice for future seniors:

Make sure you stay focused after Spring Break. I realized it started to get harder to stay on task at that time of the year, so try to stay as motivated as possible.

#### What I'll miss:

I'm going to miss my classmates because I have known many of them for a long time, as well as the friends I have made on the track team.

#### **Favorite Bullis memory:**

My favorite Bullis memory was the lifer's assembly because it gave me a chance to reflect on my long 10 years at Bullis and helped me to realize how truly lucky I am to have Bullis as a part of my life.

#### **Jacob Fishman**



#### **Favorite teachers:**

Some of my favorite teachers are Mr. [Stephane] Moreau, Ms. [Stacey] Roshan, Ms. [Dorothy] Yen, Mr. [Matt] Zimmer, and Dr. [Duruhan] Badraslioglu who all helped me learn more about life than the subjects they teach. They taught me about doing the right thing and really understanding why we are learning certain topics. Mr. [Rich] Green is also among my favorites. I will cherish walking into class with classical music playing (even if he did frequently tell me to shave)!

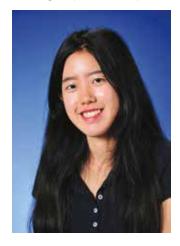
#### Future plans:

I will attend the University of Virginia, where I'm hoping to double major in mechanical and civil engineering and minor in engineering business.

#### Advice for future seniors:

Enjoy every moment of your senior year. You don't realize how quickly the year goes until it's already the third trimester. Just cherish every little thing, and make sure to appreciate those who helped you along the way.

#### Jiayi (Doris) Lu



#### **Favorite teachers:**

Mr. [Matt] Zimmer has been a great resource and support to me, both inside and outside of the classroom. During extra instruction, he was there to answer my mathematics questions or talk to me about my thoughts and concerns about life after high school.

Ms. [Stacey] Roshan and I share a mutual appreciation of tea and she was always open to share her kettle and have casual talks with me.

#### **Future plans:**

I am beyond excited to attend New York University where I plan to double major in psychology and business with a marketing concentration.

#### Advice for future seniors:

Work hard, have fun and don't procrastinate. Make your senior year proud and memorable.



I will definitely miss the amount of love and support this community has given me for three years. I have learned to step out of my comfort zone, particularly through public speaking and in dance, and always received support and advice from my friends

and classmates which meant so much.

#### **Favorite Bullis memory:**

I had so many great times at Bullis—it's hard to pick just one! I will say, however, that senior study halls were a lot of fun!

Above, from left: Annika Jansa and Brooke Priddy pose with Doris.



#### What I'll miss:

I'm going to miss the community feeling, and how everybody always wants you to succeed, as well as the familiarity of everyone around the school.

#### **Favorite Bullis memory:**

Representing Bullis in the various sports that I played, including football, baseball and hockey. The teams have so much desire to win and anytime we beat Landon was a particular favorite for me!



# Generation to Generation

#### **Legacy Family Portraits**

Each graduation we capture photos of families with multiple graduate connections, including siblings, parents, aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents who previously graduated from Bullis.



Barry Cohen '61



David Cohen '87



Michelle Konigsberg '87



Carly Cohen '16



Adam Cohen '14

# The Cohen Family: Bullis First Three-Generation Family

The Cohens on their family's legacy at Bullis:

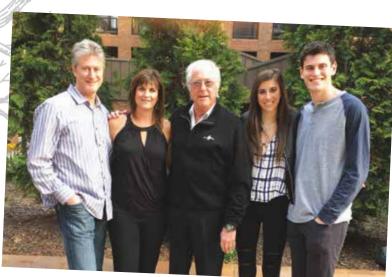
**Barry:** "How fortunate is my family—including my son, daughter-in-law, two granddaughters, two grandsons and me—to have been able to receive the excellent education provided by Bullis?"

**David:** "It's pretty amazing for my family to have this additional close connection, having all graduated from Bullis."

**Adam:** "Each of us has been molded by Bullis. The School inspires so many positive traits in people."

**Carly:** "It's an honor to say that my grandfather, parents, brother and I went to the same school. I love finding similarities between our experiences, including that my dad, brother and I all had Mr. Hunter as a teacher in middle school!"

Michelle: "Bullishas given our entire family so much. David and I have such a deep rooted history at Bullis, which is why it is important for us to stay connected."

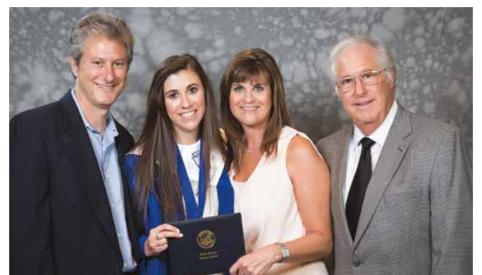


Barry Cohen '61 (center) enjoys a weekend in Chicago with his family, from left, son David Cohen '87, daughter-in-law Michelle (Konigsberg) Cohen '87, granddaughter Carly Cohen '16 and grandson Adam Cohen '14.





Huntington '13 and Bailey '16 Brown



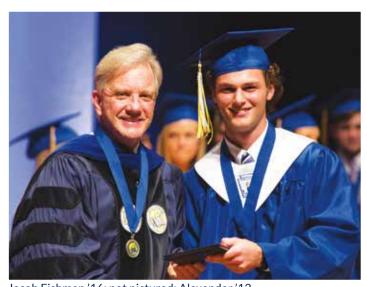
David '87, Carly '16, Michelle (Konigsberg) '87 and Barry '61 Cohen; not pictured: Adam '14



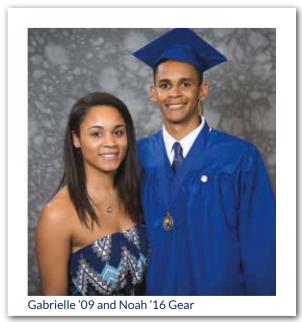
Michael Culham '16; not pictured: Zachary '15



Marlo Davis Sims '86, Josh '16, Seth '88 and Jeremy '23 Davis



Jacob Fishman '16; not pictured: Alexander '12









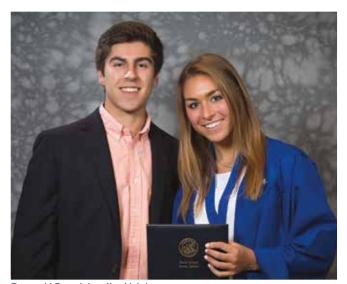


Mia-Irene Gyau '16, a guest and Joseph-Claude Gyau '10

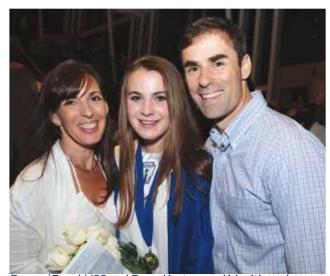


Michaela '16 and James '12 Henderson





Bruce '15 and Annika '16 Jansa



Devon (Goozh) '88 and Drew Kesterman '16 with uncle, Adam Goozh '91



John '83, Allison '14, Jack '16 and uncle, Ted '84 Leasure



Carolyn Martin '16; not pictured: Dana '14



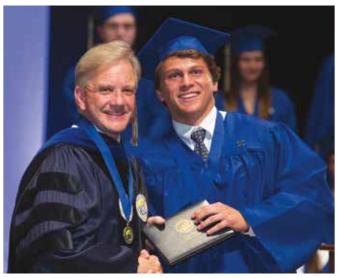
Brynn '16 and Gaebrielle '14 McIntosh; not pictured: aunt, Nicole Bernard '83



Gabriel '14, Hannah '16 and Leah '19 Melrod









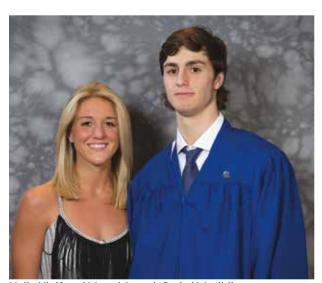


Brock '21, Brooke '16 and Blake '14 Priddy with parents Shannon and Mike



Moriah '14 and Liana '16 Ratner





Kelly Kleifges '11 and Joseph Stein '16, siblings; not pictured: Kenna Hinton '12

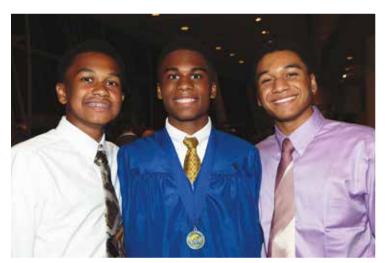




Mark (trustee) and Noah Weinberger '16; not pictured: Rachel '14



Legacy graduates: Jacob Fishman, Paul Steel and Josh Davis



Future Bullis Legacies: Austin '20, Alexander '16 and Aryemis '17 Brown

#### THE BROWN BROTHERS—WRESTLING POWERHOUSES

Alex '16 and Aryemis '17 Brown both starting wrestling at a very young age. "I wanted to quit at first," said Aryemis. "I didn't like it much at first either," Alex remembers, "because I lost a lot!"

Luckily, the two stuck with it and have become a forceful duo for Bullis wrestling. Alex was undefeated as a freshman on the team, and went on to break the School record for most individual career wins (165). This past season, the boys led the team: Alex was first with a 51-6 record and Aryemis second at 52-4. Both boys were selected for the Maryland national team for the second time this summer (a third time for Alex), where they

will compete alongside the best wrestlers from the state.

Dad Chris Brown, a Greco-Roman world champion himself, is one of the team's coaches,

responsible for introducing his sons to the sport

and urging them to stick with it during those early years. "They're hard working training partners and each other's greatest fan," he says. "Over the years they've become better wrestlers and closer brothers. Watching them this season break records and set new ones was an absolute joy."

Their brotherhood is charged with a strong competitive spirit during tournaments and workouts alike. "When one of us wins it spurs the other on," said Aryemis, saying that the brothers fist bump before either steps onto the mat.

Separated by just one year in age, the Brown brothers work out together all year round; younger brother Austin '20 also wrestles and will join the varsity team in the fall. Yet as close as they are, the two older brothers have distinct personalities. "I'm the quiet leader," says Alex, describing Aryemis as "the talker and much more social." Outside of wrestling, their interests diverge. Alex is interested in

STEM, plays saxophone in the Jazz Band and just got his pilot's license. Aryemis enjoys reading and writing, is the rising secretary/treasurer for the student government, helps run the Student Tutor program, edits the *Logos* arts magazine and appreciates all the opportunities to "lead the Bullis way."

Alex will study aeronautical engineering next year at the Air Force Academy, and Aryemis hopes to follow him the following year to study business administration and philosophy.

As Alex leaves, Aryemis will step into a new leadership role, but ultimately both boys know that the sport of wrestling is an individual one. For Alex, the feeling of winning may be one he will soon miss: "When you're on the mat and everyone is cheering, I can't help but think 'this is what I live for, right here in this moment!"





At left, Alex warms up for his match (above) against a Potomac School wrestler. Top, right: Aryemis faces off against a Potomac wrestler.

#### Six Wrestlers Earn National Berths at State Championships



Back row, from left, Coach Chris Brown, P'16, '17, '20, CJ Williams '16, Nicholas Moskov '16, Coach Ali Elias, P'25, Coach Greg Welch '89; front row, Marcello Motta '17, Blake Matthews '16, Aryemis Brown '17 and Alex Brown '16.

#### **BOYS LACROSSE MAKES HISTORY WITH FIRST IAC TITLE**



Boys IAC championship team: Michael Chiaramonte '17, Shane Clayton '18, Chris Del Rosario '17, Kyle Fairbanks '18, Jack Forrest '16, Jacob Goldsmith '16, Griff Gosnell '16, Kyle Greenberg '16, Ben Halle '17, Chris Hsu '16, Jonathan Hsu '18, Jahred Jackson '17, Brendan Kazanjian '18, Justin Kelly '18, Matthew Linehan '17, John Markovs '16, Nicky Petkevich '16, Robert Schain '19, Jacob Scher '16, John Shollenberger '18, Steven Shollenberger '16, Jake Simon '16, Brett Smith '18, Paul Steel '16, Joseph Stein '16, Evan Thompson '17, Alex Trippi '17, Wagner Wakeman '17, Matt Welch '18, T.C. White '19, Brian Wilmans '19, Wyatt Wisnosky '17 and John Zolet '18.

Congratulations to our boys lacrosse team as they became the first team in school history to win the Interstate Athletic Conference championship with a 9-5 victory over St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School on home turf, led by strong performances from seniors Nicky Petkevich and Steven Shollenberger and junior Alex Trippi. Congratulations also to Head Coach Jeff Bellistri and Assistant Coaches Ray Megill, Shaun Crow and Tyler Scarff for leading the team in this season's great accomplishment.

Following its historic season, the team went on to dominate the annual awards handed out by the Maryland State Lacrosse Coaches Association, including senior attack Nicky Petkevich taking home the prestigious C. Markland Kelly High School Lacrosse Award for the best lacrosse player from the state of Maryland.

#### **GIRLS CLAIM ISL TRACK AND FIELD TITLE**

With a host of outstanding individual and team performances, the Bullis girls track and field team came home with top honors from the Independent School League championship at Holton-Arms. Most impressively, in sprints the Bulldogs swept the top three spots, winning in the 100m, 200m and 400m races.

Girls track and field champions, back row, from left: Elizabeth Baldi '17, Sarah Walbrook '19, Masai Russell '18, Jordyn Jeffers '19, Malana Johnson '17, Lauryn Harris '19, Leyah Hall Robinson '19, Langley Allen '18, Arianna Richards '18 and Lindsay Lewis '17; front row, from left: Alexis Postell '17, Gabby Johnson '17, Lawrencia Moten '16, Mia Irene Gyau '16, Arianna McKenzie '16, Sierra Leonard '19 and Ayanna Johnson '18.





# BOARMAN DISCOVERY CENTER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

BULLIS SCHOOL





Construction on the Gerald L. Boarman Discovery Center is in high gear! We have prepared the building site, moved tons of earth and now the 100-ton crane has arrived to begin erecting the steel structure of the building. To watch the construction live visit www.bullis.org/constructioncam.

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Joanne Szadkowski, left, with Trustee Kathryn Hanley

"Now it is our turn to lay the strongest foundation possible."

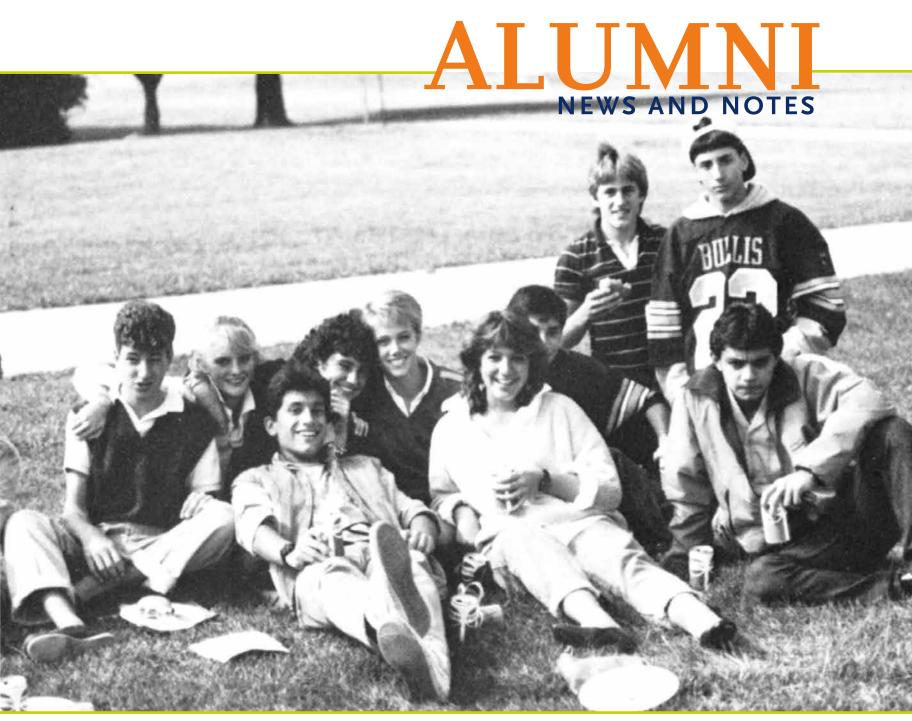
# THE GREATEST BULLIS LEGACY POSSIBLE

As I look out my office window I see earth being moved and hear the sounds of bulldozers as Coakley Williams Construction prepares to lay the foundation for the Gerald L. Boarman Discovery Center. This massive undertaking reminds me that Bullis has literally "moved the earth" in this campaign, raising more money than ever before to make our shared vision a reality. All those who have worked so hard to make this project happen are also part of the foundation of Bullis School, built upon the dreams of two young newlyweds back in 1930. The themes of building a strong foundation and doing whatever was necessary to achieve success regardless of the challenges have continued to ring throughout our School's history.

Regarding the history of Bullis, we have finally captured Bullis School's storied past in the newly released *Onward Faring: A History of Bullis School*, written by staff member and bestselling author Susan King. Through my involvement with both the Discovery Center campaign and the creation of the Bullis history book, I am even more aware of the importance of fully understanding—and building upon—the efforts of those who came before us.

Each of us is becoming a part of the history of Bullis and each of us can determine what our legacy will be. What foundation will we collectively build for the next generation of Bullis families, and what will "my" part in this be? Many dedicated people put forth immense effort and sacrifice to get us where we are today. Now it is our turn to lay the strongest foundation possible to secure Bullis' future. How wonderful to be a part of "paying it forward," knowing that giving our time, resources and love for this great school will provide for children for decades to come. Please join me in offering thanks to those whose footsteps and dreams we follow, and in dedicating our efforts today to creating the greatest Bullis legacy possible.

Sincerely,



**HOMECOMING 1986:** Students gather for a cookout, back row, from left: Marc Bortnick '87, Emmanuelle Coune '88, Kathia Barahona '87, Courtney Smith '88, Steven Siegel '88, Scott Abell '88 and Jonathan Dorfmann '88; front, Les Kollegian '87, Christina Ebrahimi '89 and Mario Lone '88.



# BULLIS PAVES THE WAY FOR CONTINUED HUMANITARIAN ENDEAVORS

"Looking back, it's hard to believe that the humanitarian work I am passionate about today essentially started from the Varsity B club at Bullis more than 30 years ago," Dr. John Savukinas '83, a general and cosmetic dentist in Rockville, Maryland says. "Every Wednesday during our free block, the Varsity B club members would do community service projects and initiatives in the community and my eyes were opened to the fact that there are other people in this world not as fortunate as I was and still am." John did not realize then the impact this

club would have on his life, yet service work has remained an integral part of his life since that time.

John graduated in 1987 with a biology major from Duquesne University and then attended the University of Maryland's School of Dentistry. He completed his residency and joined a dental practice in 1992 before opening his own practice in 1994. Early in his career, John treated patients in his office who lived in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, and quickly realized that they would be better served where they live. So, for five years he dedicated

one day each month to care for residents at local nursing homes. "I knew that many patients were not receiving proper oral care and coming to my office was not always an option, so I made a point to regularly go to them," John says. "This is important to me because good oral hygiene has a host of important benefits, including improved selfimage and enhanced overall health, particularly into senior years." In the late 90s, John joined the Dean's Faculty at the University of Maryland's School of Dentistry where he has volunteered every week for over

two decades, teaching clinical dentistry in the department of advanced general dentistry to graduate students, a practice that still continues today.

In 2008 John was invited to take part in a humanitarian mission trip to Thailand with Smiles on Wings, a non-profit humanitarian organization focused on providing dental and medical care to underprivileged populations. "Initially I was quite apprehensive—having never traveled internationally and concerned that a language barrier might prove difficult," he recalls. "But I knew the rewards would far outweigh any nerves

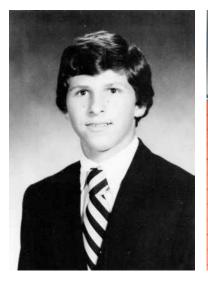
#### "IT IS PARTICULARLY NICE FOR ME TO HAVE BULLIS AS AN ANCHOR IN MY PAST. IT'S REALLY A SENSE OF DIGNITY AND PRIDE."

I had." A few months after agreeing to participate, John set out with his colleagues to provide dental care in rural communities for one week, where they would conduct emergent treatments, complex dental procedures and preventative care while educating the local population about dental hygiene and maintenance, all free of charge. Armed with only basic dental equipment, the dentists set up a clinic in open-air community centers.

"It was very tough initially seeing many of these people," John recalls. "Many had oral infections, abscesses and broken teeth. Some children did not want to smile, and that broke my heart." Knowing that the patients had traveled many hours by foot to see John and the other dentists, John quickly appreciated how significant the trip would be for him both personally and professionally. "I knew that I might be one of the only Americans they may ever meet, and I wanted to represent myself and our country well. Our wonderful translator helped me communicate with everyone and I spent time making direct connections with the people I treated. Kids who didn't smile when they initially came in were grinning from ear to ear and feeling proud and happy when they came back for their followup appointments."

At that point, John's commitment to service became a regular part of his life. "That first trip was really humbling and life-centering," he says. "It's remarkable what people do with things we take for granted. I constantly felt like I could be doing better with my own life and pass these lessons on to my children." John has since gone on nine trips back to Thailand with the same colleagues and says the trips are his favorite week of the year. "I look forward to the next trip as soon as I come back. I feel truly lucky and privileged that what I do can so easily help people and also be so gratifying."

Reflecting on his time at Bullis, John recalls Mr. Bill White, the Varsity B club advisor, and how John says Mr. White showed the students that the work we were doing in the community was important and how he appreciated that the School even had such a club. "As life moves on, I understood the impact of it all—the club and giving back to my community. Bullis has a tremendous sense of community and I'm proud that the School is thriving. It is particularly nice for me to have Bullis as an anchor in my past. It's really a sense of dignity and pride."







**Opposite page:** John receiving a gift from a patient on his most recent trip to Thailand in January

**Top left:** John's senior portrait from the 1983 edition of *Roll Call* 

**Top right:** John outside the Smiles on Wings dental clinic set up in Thailand

Above: Fixing the broken tooth of a young boy in Thailand

LAUREN (KASNETT) NEARPASS '03

# TURNING A LOVE OF SUMMER CAMP INTO A CAREER



Lauren (Kasnett) Nearpass '03 recognizes that formative work occurs when students are in school but believes the environment

of summer camp is equally important, giving kids a different platform to grow and build new skill sets. "Summer programs and time spent away from home provide kids the space and freedom needed to create their sense of identity and learn life skills in a different kind of educational environment," she says. In 2013, Lauren blended her love of summer camp, marketing background and desire to start her own business. With her mother Susan, she founded Summer 365 (www.summer365.com), a free advisory service specializing in sleepaway camps and summer programs, trips and travel for children ages 7-18.

From traditional sleepaway camps, sports and specialty camps to performing arts, community service, enrichment, language immersion, and outdoor adventure programs, Summer 365 has first-hand knowledge of the best sleepaway camp and summer programs across the country and around

the world. Lauren and her team guide families through the search process to plan dynamic summer experiences. "We are matchmakers, culling through the vast amount of choices and information to simplify the process and find options that best fit with a child's personality and interests," says Lauren.

"As a child, I loved my summers away at camp, but never expected to turn this into a business," Lauren says. Upon graduation from Emory University in 2007 with a psychology degree, she was uncertain about her future plans and how to combine her love of children and interest in marketing into the ideal job. Through extensive networking and an open mind, Lauren secured a job with a brand licensing company and for six years, she thrived, learning about topics including sales,

strategy and client services. In true entrepreneurial spirit, Lauren parlayed that into her own business venture and she hasn't looked back.

Personal foundations laid during Lauren's eight years as a student at

Bullis became catalysts for her professionally. "Bullis is a unique environment that encouraged my independent and intellectual thinking. Little did I know I was honing important life and business skills that were integral in my entrepreneurial pursuits and prepared me to lead a company." Whether it was Mr. Andy Marusak '66 in the classroom or Coach Kathleen Lloyd on the athletic field, she "continually felt challenged to be a creative and critical thinker." Lauren also valued the strong emphasis placed on community building at Bullis and says giving

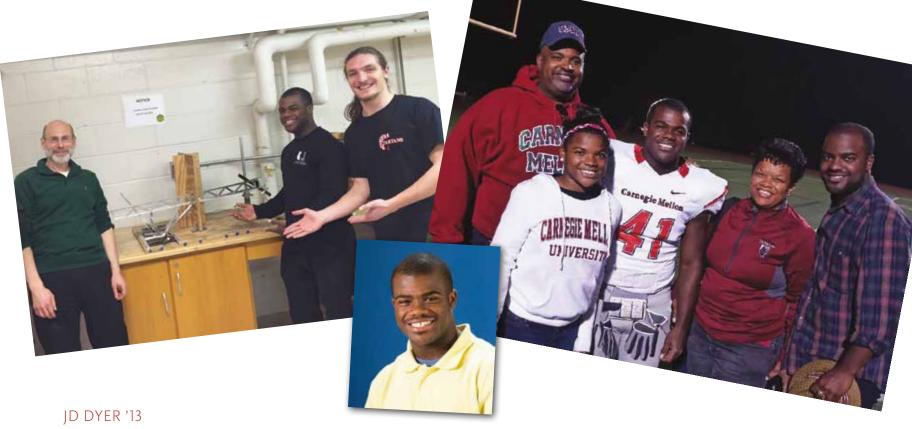
back has remained a core value, personally and professionally, ever since. "Summer 365 is committed to making children's summer experiences

cornerstones of their growth and development into young adults," she says, "so the Give Sum scholarship fund was created we partner with organizations that help fund camp adventures for underprivileged children."

Lauren's mantra—"the journey is the reward"—carries her through each day. "This experience of running Summer 365 is just incredible, and each stage of my life, from Bullis to Emory to previous work experience, has been a stepping stone guiding me to this great reward."



Top left: Lauren's senior portrait from the 2003 edition of Roll Call. Above, left: Lauren and her mother Susan discuss packing for camp on a WBAL-TV segment. Right, Lauren catches up with a camper at Point O'Pines Camp in Brant Lake, New York.



# **Finding Passion in**

# Entrepreneurship

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"In my study of entrepreneurship, I've learned that it's the people that hustle that win," Jonathan (JD) Dyer '13 says. A rising senior at Carnegie Melon University, JD is a mechanical engineering major and a cornerback on the football team, and this lesson has served him well both in the business world and on the football field.

As a senior at Bullis, JD heard parent Kerry Wisnosky speak about entrepreneurship and the passion and enthusiasm from that day catapulted JD's desire to pursue entrepreneurship more formally. JD secured an internship with Mr. Wisnosky's company, Millennium Engineering and Integration

Company, and Mr. Wisnosky became a mentor. "Mr. Wisnosky's philosophy coincidentally adapted from that of Andrew Carnegie—is 'my heart is in the work' which resonates with me and the work I do, both on the football field and with regard to academics and entrepreneurship. It wasn't uncommon to be smart or a good athlete where I'm from, and I knew that to really differentiate myself for success, I was going to have to work hard and work smart."

When JD was sprinting down field on a punt return last season, he got an idea for compression shorts that would tighten even more when an athlete with cold legs started sprinting at high speeds. He continued to build a concept for that idea as he was named

At left, JD and a classmate display their Stress Analysis Crane Design Project to their professor sophomore year at CMU; JD's senior portrait from the 2013 edition of *Roll Call*; JD and his family, including sister Danielle '20, after CMU's win against Catholic University in 2013.

a Carnegie Mellon University Innovation Scholar. The Innovation Scholars program "fosters innovation and entrepreneurship and seeks to increase the number of successful start-up companies initiated by or involving Carnegie Mellon University undergraduate students." JD is one of nine undergraduate students in the 2015 cohort of scholars.

JD's favorite quote, from Joseph Campbell, is "The legendary hero is usually the founder of something. In order to find something new one has to leave the old and go on a quest of the seed idea, a germinal idea that will have the potential of bringing forth that new thing." Of the quote, he says, "I believe this wholeheartedly; whether as a founding father

of my fraternity or helping to start a peer health and wellness advocacy program for studentathletes called Plaidvocates on campus, I've always found it more enjoyable and fulfilling to build something new than to continue something that already existed."

"Bullis exposed me to many different and diverse opportunities that allowed me to find what I'm truly passionate about. I was able to take on a lot of responsibility with the teams and clubs with which I was associated and as a result, I am now able to lead my peers on a much larger scale. My advice to others is don't let fear stop you from putting your all into what you're doing. Just choose something and get to work."

#### YOUNG ALUMNI RETURN TO BULLIS

Nearly 40 alumni from the classes of 2011-2015 flooded the halls of North Hall for Young Alumni Day in early January. Representing a variety of colleges and universities including University of Maryland, Brown, Georgetown and George Washington University, old friends reconnected with their classmates and former teachers and reminisced about their days at Bullis.

Joseph Hazel '12, Morehouse College '16, admitted he "hadn't been back to Bullis in a few years and was eager to see my friends, teachers and the many positive changes on campus."

Alumni from the classes of 2012-2016—we look forward to seeing you at next year's Young Alumni Day on Thursday, January 5, 2017.



Back row, from left: Brooke Gutschick '13, Matt Peel '14, Arman Salmasi '15, Devonte Williams '15, Sam Greenberg '15, Steven Attah '14, Ian Giles '14, Scott Oh '15, Tobi Adewole '13 and, Damola Orimolade '15; middle row: Lily Ebrahimi-Qajar '15, Sarah Bair '15, Stephen Clement '15, Lily Cantral '15, Charlotte Traver '15 and Paul Mavrikes '14; front row: Mollie Carroll '15 and Monica Zuckerman '15.

#### **ALUMNI GET CRACKIN' AT CRAB FEAST**





Alumni and their families, Bullis staff and members of the community, returned to campus for the annual Alumni Crab Feast on June 10. Above left, back row, from left: Lincoln Leahy '11, Jennifer (Hayman) Okun '99, J.D. Driscoll '00, Max Meltzer '02, Candice Mitchell '83, Kevin Vasco '84, Collin Parker '92, Brian Lumpkin '00 and Tanner Cerand '00; middle row: Cyndi Bullis Vasco '83, Jessica Mays '15, Sarah Holliday '15 and Brooke Gutschick '13. Front row: Joseph Hazel '12, Darnell "Sporty" Evans '97, Jeremy Meyers '06, Caroline Kaufmann '11, Samira Jackson '11, Monica (Pruitt) Zoll '91, Kyle Blackstone '93, Courtney McCrory '93 and Ara Salerian '93. At right, Darnell "Sporty" Evans '97, Samira Jackson '11, varsity boys basketball coach Bruce Kelley, P'14, Lincoln Leahy '11, Caroline Kaufmann '11 and Joseph Hazel '12 enjoy catching up. To view a photo gallery of the crab feast, visit www.bullis.org/alumni

#### **CLASSES OF 2005 AND 2010 CELEBRATE FIVE AND 10 YEARS**



From left, Class of 2005 alumni Andrew Dewey, Hilary Friedman, Tom Clute, Jessica Hamilton and Liza Hester toasted their 10 year reunion together.

Alumni from the classes of 2010 and 2005 gathered to celebrate their five and 10 year reunions respectively last winter. Both events had strong turnouts, making the nights particularly fun and prompting one alumnus to remark: "Seeing my friends and classmates after 10 years was awesome. It was as if no time had passed and it was really nice to reconnect." Kudos to Jennifer Zutz '05 and Meredith King '10, Chelsea Carroll '10 and Bailey Bushkoff '10 for their strong efforts in planning these reunions!

We hope to expand our regional alumni events. Please contact jennifer\_okun@bullis.org for further information.

#### **ALUMNI RECONNECT IN NEW YORK CITY**

Nearly 30 Bulldog alumni from 1988-2015 gathered at PS 450 in New York City in February and shared great conversation and a lot of laughs as they recalled their days at Bullis. Young alumni used this chance to network and make more Bullis connections in NYC, and everyone enjoyed hearing about future plans for the School from Assistant Director of Alumni Jennifer (Hayman) Okun '99 and Bullis Advancement staffers.





Back row, from left: Zach Weiner '09, Woody King '09, Mackenzie Staffier '04, Clarissa Moorhead '06, Allie Scheurer '06 and Casey (Hanley) Cotter '05; third row: Ellie Prince '06, Samantha Havas '06, Cliff Argintar '01 and Kevin Witt '88; second row: Danny Dickstein '10, Emily (Goodman) Binick '97, Monika (Biegler) Eyers '95 and Jonathan Biegler '94; front row: Jesse Overall '07, Jennifer (Hayman) Okun '99, Shannon (Ryan) Crain '98 and Kamar Saint-Louis '11.

# **ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT**

# **ENJOYED BY ALUMNI, PARENTS AND STAFF**

Rain gave way to glorious sunshine while our golfers were on the course for the annual Jerry May Alumni Golf Tournament. Eighty golfers, more than half of whom were alumni, along with Bullis staff, parents and friends participated in the scramble tournament and enjoyed a day of golf at Falls Road Golf Course.

Head of School Dr. Gerald Boarman's team took top honors as the first low gross winners, while the foursome from the class of 2004—Craig Aronoff, Paul Davis, Brandon Chasen and Grant Hollingsworth—won second low gross. Although no one shot a hole-in-one to take home the jet-ski offered by Coleman PowerSports and Richard Stein, P'16, the enthusiasm was high and everyone had a great time.

Thank you to all of our players and sponsors, particularly our tournament sponsor, Total Wine & More. We look forward to seeing you at next year's tournament: Friday, May 12, 2017.

For the complete list of winners and a photo gallery of the



Top, from left: Svetlin Tintchev '06, Josh Ein '06, Hunter Gosnell '06 and Zack Harwood '06 are shocked Josh didn't get a hole in one; above left: Chris Kim '84, Gene Kim '78, Ted Leasure '84 and Greg Rascher '84 enjoy their round of golf; right: Danny Copeland '13, Josh Foreman '13, Brandon Burke '13 and Jake Dickstein '12 catch up during the post-tournament awards reception.

# Mystery Alumni Photos



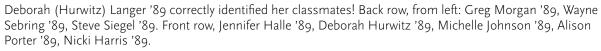
Can you identify the people in these photos? Email your answers by August 15 to:

Jennifer (Hayman) Okun '99 at jennifer\_okun@bullis.org

The first person to answer correctly will win a prize from the Alumni Office!

#### Answers to Mystery Photos from Fall/Winter Magazine

Jason Katzen '98 was the first to email the Alumni Office upon recognizing his father, Harvey Katzen '68 in the center of the photo. Ted Strahan '68, Dudley Dworken '68 and Mitch Henkin '68 also emailed the Alumni Office the same day, correctly identifying from left, William Boyd '68, Harvey Katzen '68 and Mitch Henkin '68.



\*Mystery photo that originally appeared in spring/summer 2015 issue and again in fall 2015-16 issue—Cyndi (Bullis) Vasco '83 recognized Brian Cashmere '81 (left) and Tom Tshontikidis '81.







To view all mystery alumni photos, visit www.bullis.org/alumni

## '63

MICHAEL TERRY handles municipal leases and tax credit transactions for Municipal Asset Management. Additionally, Michael grows produce for local pantries and food banks in Grants Pass, Oregon where he resides.

## '68

MITCH HENKIN has been a tennis teaching professional in the Washington area for more than 40 years and is currently the president of TenniStar Sports, a company he founded in 1984 that manages tennis programs and camps. Mitch has also initiated and developed summer sports camp programs at several area independent schools. From 1977 to 1981, Mitch was a part-time sports writer for The Washington Post covering high school sports and writing features, and has published books on ice hockey and racquetball. He and his wife reside in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

# '69

LAWRENCE HESS is in his ninth year with the Department of Commerce as the associate director for the Herbert C. Hoover building renovation project in Washington, DC. Prior to this, Lawrence retired from the Navy after 22 years of service and 12 years as a defense contractor.

**'86** 

For 25 years, **VAN LURTON** has

worked in technology sales and is currently selling IT security products to medium and large businesses in the Mid-Atlantic region. Van, along with his wife and nine year old son, lives in McLean, Virginia.

## '93

Congratulations to **EBONI TAYLOR** and Paul Tue III who were married on August 15, 2015 at Wilmer Park on the Chester River in Chestertown, Maryland. Eboni works at Eastern Shore Psychological Services as a psychotherapist and also works part-time with Eastern Shore Crisis Hotline. Eboni and Paul live with their four children (ranging in age from 5-17) in Chestertown.

**DAN ZUBAIRI** is the CEO of SydanTech, a cyber security firm serving the federal government.

# '96

This spring, **WES OKERSON** made his television debut as a trainer on NBC's competition show "Strong," which featured 10 pairs of contestants and trainers who work together to complete different physical challenges. The contestants embarked upon a transformative journey to help them find balance between mind and body and ultimately, get strong. Wes is a personal trainer and lives in Los Angeles.

**'97** 

#### EMILY (GOODMAN) BINICK

recently moved from New York

City to the Riverside section of Greenwich, Connecticut with her two kids, Livia (6) and Leo (4) and her husband, Ken. She's an attorney at American Express in New York City, and in her free time still loves playing soccer and running. Last summer, Emily and her family, including her parents and brothers Seth Goodman '95 and Paul Goodman '02, built and dedicated a playground in memory of her sister, Jodi, who passed away from Rett Syndrome in 2002. The playground is in the Lakelands section of Gaithersburg and the Goodmans would love for any local Bullis families to come and play.

#### KIMBERLY (LUMPKIN) HOLT

and her husband Zach are loving every minute with their new daughter, Paizley William Holt, who was born on December 22, 2015. Kimberly reports that their oldest daughter Breckyn (4) is a great big sister and helper! The Holt family lives in Annapolis where Kimberly is the head athletic trainer at St. Mary's High School.

DAN MAYER and his wife Hayley report that they have had an interesting and very exciting year with their son Avery Ryan Mayer, who was born in January 2015. Dan's mom, former Bullis teacher Ethel Mayer, is one very proud grandmother!

'99

#### CELESTE (MELANSON)

**SWEENEY** and her husband Joe just celebrated the first birthday of their daughter Harper Kaitlyn Sweeney, who was born May 9, 2015.

# '00

**CRAIG SCHWARTZ** and his wife, Melissa, are thrilled to announce the arrival of their daughter Alani Maia Schwartz, on October 16. Craig is an attorney at Baker Bots LLP and he and his family reside in Washington, DC.

#### **'0**1

#### **AMANDA (LARSEN) LENAR**

and her husband A.J. welcomed their second child, daughter Olivia, on June 9, 2015. Olivia (1) joins big brother Aiden (2). The Lenars are enjoying life in South Carolina.

Earlier this year, CHRIS WINKELMAN started a new position as general counsel at the National Republican Congressional Committee in Washington, DC.

# '02

In fall 2015, after practicing law at large and small firms in Washington, DC, RADIANCE (WALTERS) HARRIS launched her own law firm, Radiance IP Law, a flat-fee only virtual law firm that offers entrepreneurs and small businesses peace of mind and practical solutions to their intellectual property and business needs. Please visit www.radianceiplaw.com for more information. Additionally, for the third consecutive year, Radiance was recognized as a 2016 Washington, DC Rising Star for Intellectual Property by Super Lawyers, which recognizes the top up-andcoming lawyers 40 years old or younger or in practice 10









**'01** 





- '93 Eboni Taylor '93 and her husband Paul Tue III on their wedding day
- '97 Livia (second from left) and Leo (far right), children of Emily (Goodman) Binick '97 embrace their cousins Ava, Alyssa and Zachary, children of Seth Goodman '95 at the playground built in memory of their late aunt, Jodi
- '97 Breckyn and Paizley, daughters of Kimberly (Lumpkin) Holt '97 and her husband Zach
- '99 Harper Kaitlyn Sweeney, daughter of Celeste (Melanson) Sweeney '99 and her husband Joe
- '00 Craig Schwartz '00 and his wife Melissa proudly show off their new daughter Alani
- **'01** Aiden and Olivia Lenar, children of Amanda (Larsen) Lenar '01 and her husband A.J.

years or less. Only 2.5 percent of lawyers in Washington, DC are chosen. Radiance and her husband, Johnnyrhette, reside in Maryland.

## '03

PETER HAN and Katherine
Terrill were married on
November 14, 2015 in
Washington, DC. Alumnus
John Kalas '03 was a
groomsman. Peter is an attorney
and since November 2014 has
worked in the Federal Election
Commission's Office of the
General Counsel.

## '05

Since graduating from North Carolina State in 2009, KILEY (GILBERT) BOGGS has been living and working in the Research Triangle area in North Carolina. She currently works in business development for Rho, a clinical research organization, in Chapel Hill. Coincidentally, alumnus Brett Gordon '92 also works there as well! Kiley and her husband Andrew were married in March 2014.

Congratulations to **CASEY** (HANLEY) COTTER and her husband Brian who were married in September 2015 in Beaver Creek, Colorado and feted by alumni Carolyn (Miller) Steiner '05, Camie (Crawford) Koenig '00, Ross Koenig '02, Keith Cohen 'o6, Tom Clute 'o5 and Josh Robins '05. For nearly three years, Casey has been working at Trunk Club, a styling service for men and women that Casey says is "changing the game of retail." Trunk Club has opened four more offices since

Casey joined the company, and has been acquired by Nordstrom and doubled its growth each year. Casey and Brian reside in New York City and are looking forward to a honeymoon this summer to Sardinia and San Sebastian.

Earlier this year, **JORDAN BURKE** announced his retirement from Major League Lacrosse after seven seasons with the Boston Cannons. He also played at Brown University, from which he graduated in 2009.

## '06

CHRIS MEJIA lives in Washington, DC where he has worked as a senior consultant at Ernst & Young for over four years. Chris still enjoys following Bullis sports teams and makes it back to campus for games with his classmates as often as possible.

# **'07**

CHRISTOPHER HAGUE and Morgan Bickenbach-Davies were married on June 25 in Seal Harbor, Maine. For the past two years, Chris has been a middle school math and Latin teacher at Episcopal School of Los Angeles, and later this summer, Chris and Morgan will relocate to Phoenix where Chris will

# **'09**

continue to teach.

**WOODY KING** graduated from Syracuse University in 2013 with a double major in accounting and finance and for the past two years, he has worked as a corporate accountant at Greystone Real Estate in New York City. In his spare time, Woody pursues his interests of surfing, snowboarding and traveling.

JIAQI ZHOU is currently studying for her Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Stony Brook University in New York. She is expected to receive her doctorate in 2020 and anticipates moving back to China to work with a private clinical practitioner.

#### '11

KAMAR SAINT-LOUIS attended the University of Pennsylvania, where he was a standout soccer player for four years, playing midfield and defense. He graduated in May 2015 with majors in finance and strategic management and a language certificate in French. Currently, Kamar works in sales and trading at Citigroup in New York City and says one of the things he loves most about New York is that "it's a great city with a ton of energy—there's never a dull moment!"

## 12

ZHOU BEI earned his college degree in May 2015 after three years at the University of Virginia. Since then, he has worked as a business analyst for Capital One in Virginia, where he is able to apply his college double major of economics and mathematics.

Congratulations to MOLLY MORRIS who was named to the All-Northeast Conference first team in women's lacrosse for her standout performance at Mount St. Mary's University. Molly ranked among the top ten in the conference in goals, assists and points per game.

DIXI WU is a senior at the University of Virginia where she is majoring in architecture and has made the Dean's List each year. Dixi has served as a teaching assistant for architecture courses and the Arctic Symposium for the past year, and is also a member of both the School's American Institute of Architecture Students and the Chinese Students and Scholars Society.

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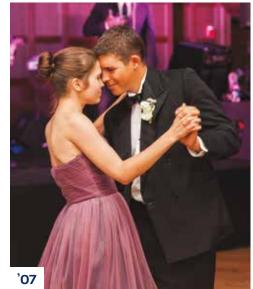
#### YANBING (AMY) YANG is

a rising senior at Gettysburg College, where she is double majoring in mathematics and philosophy. Amy is also pursuing her interest in art by working as an attendant at Gettysburg's Schmucker Art Gallery, leading tours and helping visitors understand the background of various works of art. With approximately 10 exhibitions each year, Amy aims to give visitors a personalized experience by leading them to closely examine the art works so they can gain a better understanding of the show.

#### GA YEONG (ESTHER) KIM just

completed her junior year at the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) and is majoring in architectural design. Esther held several leadership positions at Bullis, including president of the National Art Honor Society and serving as a student tutor. She has continued to serve her





'03 Peter Han '03 celebrates his wedding to Katherine Terrill along with close friends and family, including alumnus John Kalas '03 (far left)

'07 Christopher Hague '07 and his wife Morgan dance the night away at the wedding of his brother JD Hague '04

'12 Zhou Bei '12 celebrates his graduation from University of Virginia with his parents

'13 Amy Yang '13 leads a tour at Gettysburg's Schmucker Art Gallery

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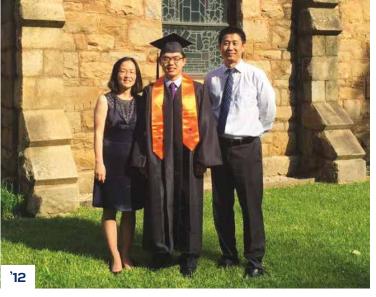
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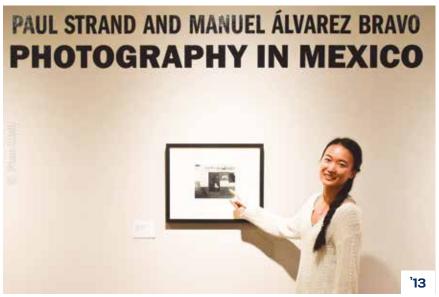
# YOUR CLASSMATES AND FRIENDS WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

To be included in the next *Bullis Magazine* Class Notes, send your news to Assistant Director of Alumni and Events Jennifer Hayman Okun '99 at: jennifer\_okun@bullis.org.

High resolution photos (JPEG format) are welcome!

Deadline is September 15, 2016 for fall-winter magazine.





community through leadership positions at MICA, including being a residential advisor, providing peer counseling and hosting fun programs for students, as well as being an editor of the MICA Architectural Design Department publication.

## 14

**ADAM COHEN** is a junior mechanical engineering major at Northwestern University. He joined the Baja Team which designs, builds and races a single-driver off-road vehicle. It was entered in a Society of Automotive Engineers competition with about 100 other colleges of timed events testing maneuverability, suspension and acceleration. This year, Adam was in charge of designing and manufacturing all steering components and installing them on the car. This summer, Adam is interning at Midco International, testing industrial gas burners.

## **'15**

#### ZHIYAO (SHIRLEY) JIANG

completed her freshman year at University of California, Berkeley, where she is double majoring in material science and engineering. She joined the Berkeley Chinese Student and Scholar Association. Shirley says that while the courses are significantly harder in college compared to high school, "Bullis helped prepare me for this intensive work,

particularly during my senior year. The STEM Capstone is a self-paced class which taught me not to procrastinate and Vector Calculus was also great preparation because I became familiar with the material and rigor of college-level classes."

SARAH BAIR completed her freshman year at Emory University and is a human health major and a global health minor. Sarah is also on Emory's Peer Review Board, the club soccer team and is a student ambassador, giving tours and working in the Admissions Office.

#### **CHENYANG (JAMES) WANG**

had a robust freshman year at Duke University, where, in addition to a full course load, he interned at Prooffix Company, helping to redefine its revenue stream and revamp its rate plans. He also learned effective ways for social advocacy through workshops and discussions with the Humanitarian Challenge Focus Cluster. James believes that one of the ways Bullis best prepared him for college was by encouraging him to develop personal connections with his teachers. "I am no longer afraid of getting to know my professors and asking for help and mentorship," he says. This summer, James is traveling to Belgrade, Serbia, through DukeEngage, a highly selective all-paid experiential education experience, where he will work at a humanitarian NGO for two months.

ZHE (ETHAN) NIE attends The George Washington University where he is majoring in business administration with a concentration on information systems. Ethan says that he is able to manage his time well in college, thanks to sufficient preparation from Bullis!

#### **QINXUAN (JANE) JIN is**

enjoying her freshman year at Case Western Reserve University where she is studying economics and accounting. Jane was pleased to find that some of her economics courses were based on the AP Economics class she took at Bullis. Additionally, she is taking some courses that are new to her such as nutrition and French.

#### **FORMER TEACHERS**

JASON STRUNK has had an exciting first year as he pursues his Doctorate in Choral Studies at the prestigious Frost School of Music at the University of Miami, including performing solo for the Messiah with the Miami Civic Chorale, performing in concert with Andrea Bocelli, performing with M. Knight Shyamalan, and premiering "Visions and Ecstasies: A Mass" by awardwinning composer, Shawn Crouch, which will be released on the Naxos label this year.

#### **ANDY AND JULIE DELINSKY**

send their regards from Morristown, New Jersey where Andy has settled in as head of school at The Peck School and Julie has helped coach the nationally ranked Oak Knoll School field hockey team for two seasons. The Delinskys, along with daughter Eve and son Finn, will welcome another little boy in August! Andy says, "We wish everyone at Bullis our best and hope to get back for a visit soon."

**NICHOLAS KENT** has recently been named deputy head of school at Jakarta Intercultural School. JIS is a pre-K through 12th grade school of 2400 students serving the children of expatriates living in Indonesia. Nicholas has spent the last ten years at Concordia International School Shanghai most recently as high school principal. Nicholas credits a summer Bullis trip to China in 2002 with Dr. Dick Jung, Erika Wiquist and 10 students that opened the world up for him. He is forever grateful to Bullis for so many opportunities.

#### **ELIZABETH (LIZ) KOLB**

**FARR** sends best wishes to her colleagues and students from the mid- to late 90s. Liz currently lives in a suburb of Philadelphia, where she is associate director of development for The Shipley School, a pre-K through 12th grade coed day school. Liz also recently founded a fundraising consulting practice, EdeN Fundraising Services, and she will be the 2016-2017 president of the Junior League of Philadelphia. She and her husband, Chris, married in 2012.

In July 2015, **DR. RICHARD JUNG** was elected executive

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director of the Association of Independent Schools of Greater Washington. Dr. Jung is still an avid cyclist and he and Jan enjoy traveling to Boston to visit **Sarah** '04 and to California to visit **Andy** '10.

For 20 years, **BILL WHITE** has been the head of the Upper School at Charles Wright Academy in Tacoma, Washington, and for the last 6 ½ years, he has also served as the School's athletic director. Bill says he is in the twilight of his career and the luckiest person on earth, having been able to work at two wonderful schools. He enjoys cooking, reading and attending the symphony in

Seattle and of course, spending time with his wife Leslie, their children Justin '98, Jackie '00 and Brian '00 and their five grandchildren. Bill thanks all of the Bullis students, colleagues and parents he encountered during his 20-year tenure, saying "You truly made a difference in my life."

#### IN MEMORIAM

Warren Stanley Dodd, Jr. '43 James D. Mehring '48 Dr. Ronald I. Ottenberg '52 Jerome S. Brown '53 Henry (Larry) Culp '60 Patrick M. Wetzel '12



'14 Adam Cohen '14 (back row, second from left) and members of the Baja team pose with the vehicle they constructed

Former choral director Jason Strunk was joined in Miami by former Bulldogs from left, Josh Czerwiec '13, Jordan Czerwiec '15 and Donald Moran '16

Liz Kolb Farr reconnects with her former English student, Assistant Director of Alumni Jennifer (Hayman) Okun '99 at the CASE conference in New York City in late January

Former Headmaster Dick Jung and former teacher, coach and Dean of Faculty, Bill White reunited after many years at the NAIS Conference in San Francisco last February







#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

OCTOBER 14 | Homecoming/Alumni Family Tailgate | 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony | 5:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 15 | Class of 1996 20 Year Reunion

NOVEMBER 25 | Class of 2006 10 Year Reunion | Town Hall in Washington, DC

JANUARY 5, 2017 | Young Alumni Open House | 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Check bullis.org/alumni for additional events.



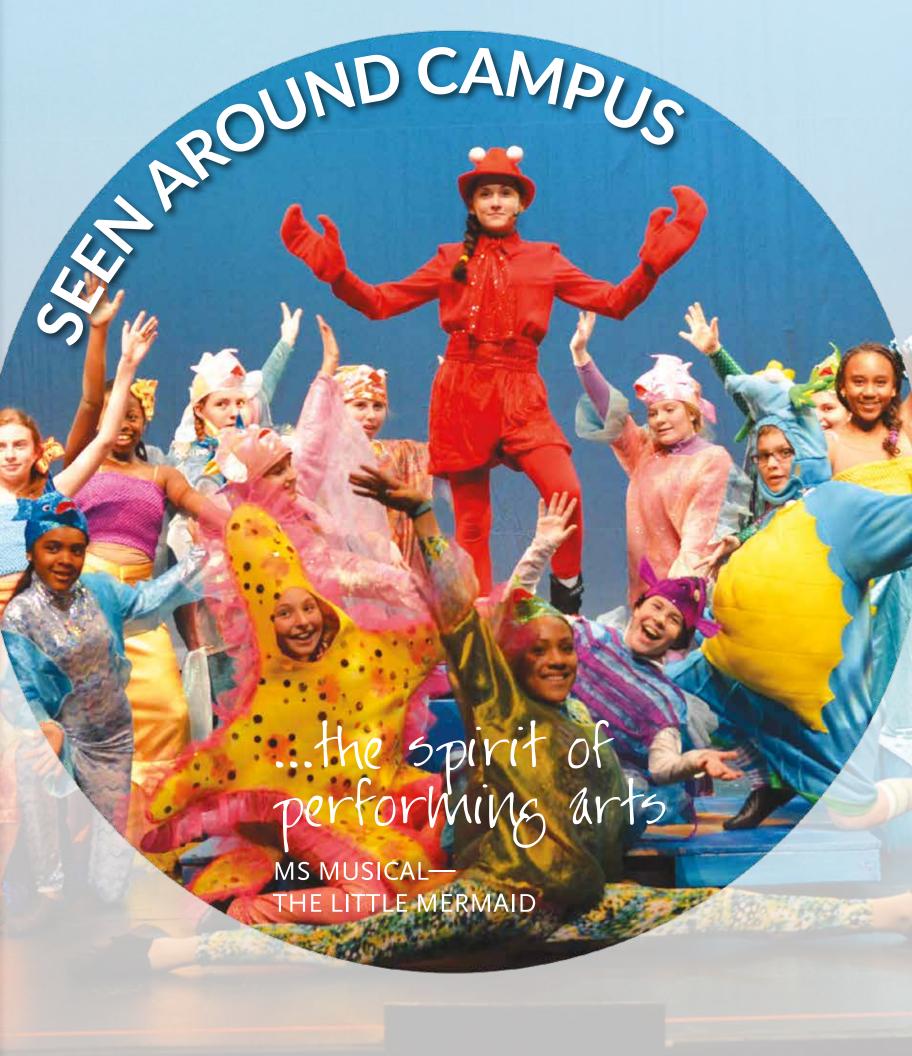
# **ALUMNI** CHALLENGE

Mr. Tim Hanson will celebrate his 10<sup>th</sup> year teaching Upper School Social Studies at Bullis. Quiz yourself and see if you remember some of his most popular catchphrases:

| 1.  | Mr. Hanson's three rules for running an empire are:  |
|-----|--|
|     | Don't interfere with   |
|     | Don't interfere with   |
|     | Don't interfere with   |
| 2.  | "When taking control of an empire, remember the great political philosopher, Pete Townshend, when he says, 'Meet the new, same as the old, because most people didn't care who was in charge of the empire." |
| 3.  | "Now, this is a point to remember."  |
| 4.  | "Always read the essay prompt times."  |
| 5.  | "Everyone's identity is, or created and fluid depending on the situation they are in."   |
| 6.  | "What things should you have in front of you at all times?"  |
| 7.  | " at half-mast."   |
| 8.  | "Did anyone see the game this weekend?"  |
| 9.  | "This is a, not a moment."   |
| 10. | "There is no right answer to the essay, only right answers. It is all in how you use your"   |

9. Monologue; dialogue 10. Evidence

1. Local taxes/local politics/local religion 2. Boss 3. Key 4. Five 5. Fictive 6. Five 7. Computers 8. Chelsea





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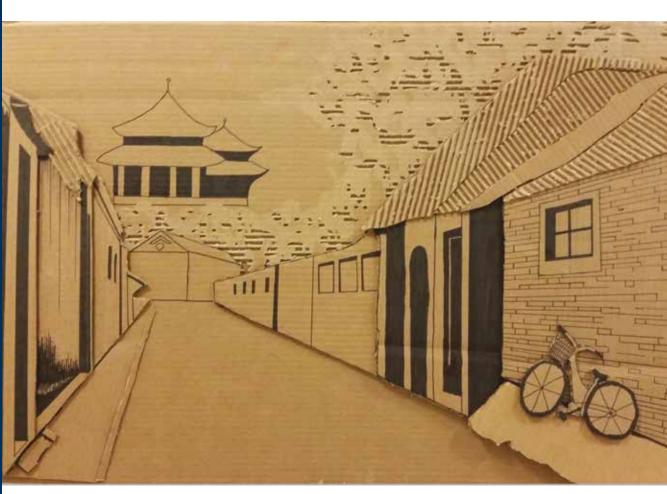
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Amanda Leder '19, Michael Friedlander '19 and Jasmine Qin '19

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