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head of school's message

This edition of the WES Magazine fills me with tremendous pride. Our accomplishments as a community were plentiful, making for a school year that was satisfying and successful.

The past year was marked by a commitment to keeping our community safe while also bringing back the many events and experiences that make our program so unique.

Even as we continued precautions in the fall, the school returned to in-person learning and gatherings. From January onward, momentum picked up as we resumed cherished events this spring such as the Auction Gala (page 21), the Grade 6 Musical, the Early Childhood May Day performance, Field Day, and the return of our Study Trips (pages 2-4).

In June, we celebrated our 27 Grade 8 Dragons as they concluded their memorable journeys and graduated from WES. They are moving onto 17 different high schools. Without a doubt, we will enjoy hearing about all the adventures and accomplishments of the Class of 2022 in the future. Please share in the celebration of our graduates on pages 12 and 13.

This extraordinary momentum continues. Summer@WES was back in full force, ensuring special, new, and renewed relationships. Our faculty are dedicating days and weeks to their professional growth as they engage in training, workshops, and conferences throughout the summer. On the facilities front, the Building A window project is progressing nicely, and the Exploration Playground funded from this past year's Auction Raise Your Paddle appeal is beginning to take form.

Summertime also provides the opportunity to reconnect with many of our recently graduated alum who serve as counselors at Summer@WES. We are incredibly proud of our alumni as we witness them shine at their high schools, universities, and beyond, as they experience personal and professional success (pages 25-35).

No message to the WES community is complete without a sincere **thank you**. The success of this year hinged on the cooperative, creative, generous, and kind nature of our parents, faculty and staff, alumni, past parents, grandparents, past faculty, and friends. The WES community is second to none!

Sincerely,

Danny Vogelman



Danny Vogelman at Field Day with Grade 7 students

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cover:**

Middle School students
climb among rocks in the
Valley of Fire in Nevada
during their study trip to the
American Desert Southwest

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Small Moments.

BIG TRIPS.

*WES Study Trips pick up again after
a long pause due to the pandemic.*

UTAH: Grade 6

Students in Grades 7 and 8 missed the opportunity to go to Utah and discover the desert southwest together as sixth-graders. This trip is a **meaningful—sometimes transformational—experience** for our students that provides them with benefits such as class bonding, independence, and self-discovery. With a combination of dogged determination, some clever scheduling, and a little good luck, we were able to **triple the trips to Utah**—Grade 8 went in September, Grade 7 in late March, and Grade 6 in May. Arizona's **Grand Canyon National Park** is a recent addition to the itinerary, with two of the three groups having access to this vast 10-mile wide canyon that is 5-6 million years old. *Have you ever gone sledding down a giant sand dune?* Our students tried this unique activity during their trip.

In the words of our students:

- We saw **petroglyphs**: the coolest thing was that the people who created them knew that they would be viewed thousands of years later—it was their way of communicating to people in the future.
- It was cool to see how the **hoodoos were formed by ice wedging**, water freezes at night and thaws in the daytime, creating cracks.
- Our tour guide on the Colorado River boat ride was a person from the **Navajo Nation**.
- The **Grand Canyon was so much larger** than I had envisioned. Hard to believe that it was once filled with water [a sea] and that a river can cause that formation.

The scent of French pastries. The hum of a Vespa rolling over cobblestone streets near the Vatican. A cool breeze whipping across the Grand Canyon. Turning a corner and catching a glimpse of the massive **La Sagrada Familia**. As one of more than 100 students in Grades 6, 7, and 8, who embarked on one of the six major study trips to four destinations this school year, Alexandra Bond '22 explained, *"I enjoyed the small moments that made up our trip to France. Taking the metro, seeing the architecture, having fun with friends."*

After a **nearly three-year hiatus** necessitated by the pandemic, WES's study trips to the American Southwest, Italy, France, and Spain resumed for the 2021-2022 school year, allowing students to explore new cultures in different regions of the world and apply classroom lessons to real-world experiences. *The impact of these journeys is palpable as is our students' enthusiasm for these signature WES experiences.*



ITALY: Grade 7

The very **first WES student trip** brought students to Italy in 1990. This May, the trip not only covered the **cultural treasures** of Rome, but also included stops in **Venice** and **Florence**. From relics of the Roman empire to classic art of the Renaissance to Italian cuisine of 2022, Grade 7 students **experienced the unforgettable**, along with their teachers.

- *I most enjoyed seeing the big monuments such as The Colosseum. I could imagine how during that time **gladiatorial** and wild animal fights took place right in that amphitheater. It's amazing that it still is intact despite being ancient.*
- *The streets are very crowded in Rome, and it's easy to get run over. My favorite parts were the **food** and seeing the **architecture**. It's incredible to think that people could build these complicated structures when they didn't have the machinery or technology—The Pantheon, St. Peter's, the Coliseum.*
- *Italy was our first big trip and we were super excited for it. **Everything was so well planned out.***



FRANCE: Grade 8 French students

Our Grade 8 trip to France is also decades old but included more areas of interest this year. Beyond seeing art by the masters, they studied in an art class at the **Musée D' Orsay**, visited **Notre Dame**, **Versailles**, and **Sacré-Cœur**, dined at cafes, and traveled to **Normandy**, giving relevance to what they have learned about in history class. **New sites** this trip included the **Old Roman Arena**, the **Botanical Gardens**, and the **Catacombs in Paris**. In **Brittany**, the group explored a 2,500 BC Celtic burial ground and the German cemetery, and in **Dinan**, visited medieval buildings such as the **Saint Malo Church** and **Dinan Castle**.

- *This trip **really improved my speaking and knowledge** about the French language—I used it everywhere! French class really prepared me for this trip.*
- *When we went to Normandy, it made me **reflect on D Day and the sacrifices made in that war**—something I hadn't considered before. My grandfather, on my father's side, fought in WWII so it really has significance for our family.*
- ***Sketching the historic and magnificent buildings** was a favorite part of the trip. I was super impressed with how big the Eiffel Tower and Sacré-Cœur were. I've come to appreciate how lucky we are to go on a trip like this.*





SPAIN: Grade 8 Spanish students

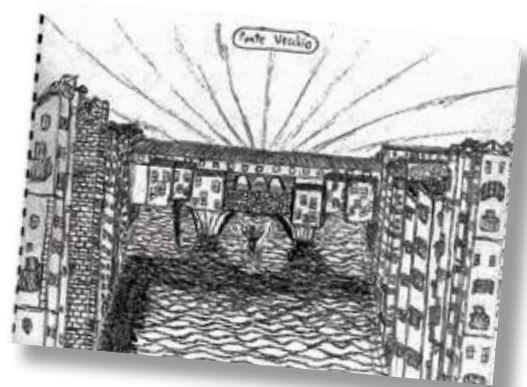
The Grade 8 study trip to Spain still centers on **Madrid** but included for the first time **Barcelona**, **Seville**, and **Toledo**. Our travelers get an all-encompassing view of the country, from the northeast to the southern tip of the Iberian peninsula. Students got to use their Spanish language skills, of course, but they also saw **Goyas at the Museo del Prado**, cathedrals in Seville and even monkeys during a side trip to **Gibraltar**, a British Overseas Territory, was accessed through an airport landing strip!

- *I was surprised by the **intense atmosphere around the soccer stadium** when we went to a game.*
- *It was interesting to observe the culture in Spain. I noticed that people are **really friendly and polite** as you pass them on the street.*
- *My favorite part of the trip was **spending time with my friends**. I made great connections and vivid memories.*

REFLECTIONS from our student travelers

WES students always return home wearing grateful smiles. Old friends grow closer, and new experiences fortify an education already designed to be both global and hands-on.

- *We'll never forget these amazing trips!*
- *We really appreciate getting to go to these great places.*
- *I told some friends I was going to Utah, and they assumed it was with my family. When I told them it was with my class, they couldn't believe it!*
- *On the trip I became closer friends with my roommate, who is someone I really hadn't gotten to know well yet.*
- *The trip gave us a chance to branch out and make friends with more people. Spending time with someone new made us become friends quickly.*



Academic Divisions





Early Childhood Nursery · Transition · Kindergarten · Grade 1

“Friends, friends, one-two-three, and all my friends are here with me!”

The nucleus of the WES experience begins in Early Childhood.

It starts with building friendships and establishing the bonds of community, the very foundations of our program. In the fall, our youngest students in **Nursery** experience the wonders of meeting new friends and teachers. By spring, friendships have been strengthened as students play cooperatively, share toys, travel on field trips, raise and release butterflies, and share hugs with teachers. Nursery students are happy, playful, and always ready and eager to be a pal.

Being a good friend takes on a new meaning in **Pre-K** as students encourage each other to cross the monkey bars, join a soccer game, share their knowledge, and participate in group storytelling. Pre-K students are the best of friends and tireless buddies.

Comradery in **Kindergarten** is apparent as the children eagerly broaden their friendships. Kindergarten expectations address the responsibility of friends to be respectful, trustworthy, and kind. The WES “Buddy Program” pairs Grade 5 buddies with Kindergarten students and creates a bond

between the Early Childhood and Elementary students. The buddies enjoy reading together, and supporting each other during class assemblies, games, and special events. This spring, Kindergarten students got a boost of confidence when they heard their Grade 5 buddies cheer them on during Field Day’s rope pull event.

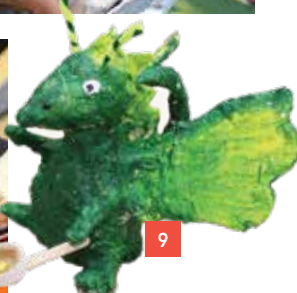
Building and sustaining friendships are integral to establishing first-graders as the noteworthy leaders of WES’s Early Childhood Program. The bonds of these friendships and Early Childhood’s strong community spirit were illustrated this spring during the May Day performance, Field Day, and the annual Japanese tea party. **Grade 1** students cooperated side-by-side in performances with the younger students, encouraged each other, shared a memorable meal together, and joyfully participated during Field Day with a positive and cooperative attitude!

Friendship is at its very best in the Early Childhood program at WES!

On the previous page, top left to right:

- Kindergarteners explore a pond for tadpoles and other creatures.
- A Pre-K student tries out the new musical instruments on the playground that were donated in memory of Nursery teacher Dawn Harding.
- A Nursery student paints sunflowers in the style of Vincent van Gogh in the art studio.
- Pre-K friends share a hug on the field trip to the Smithsonian National Zoo in April.
- Walrus artwork graced an arctic habitat in a Pre-K classroom, as part of their study of arctic animals.

- Grade 1 students sing about spring at the Early Childhood May Day program.
- A first-grader celebrates the 100th day of school in February at the parade.
- A Pre-K student soaks up the sun during recess on the playground.
- Mrs. Elkassem releases the monarch butterflies the Nursery class raised from caterpillars this spring.
- A first-grader uses a ceramic cup she made during the class' Japanese Tea celebration.
- Reading buddies in Grade 5 and Kindergarten celebrate the end of the school year together
- A Kindergarten student presents his research poster on the macaroni penguin.
- A first-grader and his mother lead a Lunar New Year celebration for the class.
- This green papier-mâché dragon was made by a first-grader in art class.



Early Childhood



Elementary Grade 2 • Grade 3 • Grade 4 • Grade 5

We concluded the second half of a very exciting and busy school year with lots of fun and celebratory activities. Our Elementary Dragons explored a myriad of opportunities that highlighted their growth this year. Our second semester was full of experiences that centered around their creativity, collaboration, and confidence.

As they grew their understanding of their community, **Grade 2** students were provided with opportunities to give back through community service, learn about equality, and learn about aspects of our government during this semester. They also enjoyed an end-of-year celebration at Breezy Point in Calvert County, MD. This last trip provided a recreational way to end the year by enjoying a beautiful time outside with friends and family, which further emphasized the importance of their community.

Grade 3 Dragons honed their speaking and listening skills with several presentation moments in the last half of the year. Particularly, they further tapped into their creativity with original performances of mini-musicals inspired by *Encanto*. Each class was adorned with props and costumes, and each student shined in these reimagined performances of their favorite scenes from the movie—truly bringing the performances to life!

In April, **Grade 4** students enjoyed beautiful weather as time travelers in the colonial days at Piscataway Park in Accokeek, MD. They ventured to a tobacco farm, learned and played colonial games, and developed an appreciation for responsibilities and work during this time. They ended the year with the Road to the American Revolution. Guests toured each stop along the way and were enlightened with facts, artifacts, and other visuals that aided in students' live history presentations.

Grade 5 Dragons excitedly enjoyed their end-of-year trip to Harpers Ferry in West Virginia. They hiked to the cemetery, overlooking the whole town, toured the museums, completed a scavenger hunt, and of course visited an old-time candy store and ice cream parlor.

We were genuinely amazed by the steady resilience of our Dragons and their eagerness to spend more time in the community and grow connections. *We look forward to what adventures await in the new school year!*



On the previous page, top left to right:

- Grade 4 students learn about daily life in a 1770s agrarian landscape at Piscataway Park in Accokeek, MD.
 - Students in Grade 5 climb the stairs to the cemetery during a scavenger hunt in Harpers Ferry, WV.
 - Each Grade 3 class produced and presented their own mini-musical, inspired by *Encanto*.
1. Third-graders making paper in STEM class, as they learn about the cellulose in plant fibers and forms of communication.
 2. A fifth-grader presents his invention of a voice-activated spelling pen with a self-produced video advertisement at the Innovation Showcase in February.
 3. Grade 2 students find a horseshoe crab as they search for bay life during their field trip to Breezy Point in Calvert County, MD.
 4. Grade 2 students put their math skills to use as they opened a "store," selling items they made to classmates.
 5. Chaplain Kristen imposes ashes during the Ash Wednesday Chapel.
 6. Grade 2 students were inspired by the book they read, *Be a King* by Carole Boston Weatherford, to paint a poster about equal rights.
 7. A second-grader reads and chats with a resident of Sunrise Senior Living this spring.
 8. Grade 3 students celebrate Lunar New Year.
 9. Grade 4 students present their group report on the Boston Tea Party, part of their study of the American Revolution.
 10. Grade 5 students sublime dry ice in STEM class as they learn about formation of clouds.
 11. Rep. Jaimie Raskin (D-MD 8th District) fielded questions from Grade 2 students during his visit to WES in April.



Elementary



Middle School Grade 6 • Grade 7 • Grade 8

The Middle School kicked off its second semester with the first school dance in over three years. The “Decades” dance featured a DJ, festive décor, and excellent outfits celebrating the ‘70s, ‘80s, and ‘90s. The Student Government Association, made up of students in all three grades, hosted the dance, as well as several other spirited events, including the Middle School Bake-Off. In sports, our basketball, track, and lacrosse teams enjoyed a return to competitive play, with fans lining the court and fields to cheer on the teams as they competed. The Grade 8-Faculty basketball game was a highlight of the season in late February.

In the arts, the Grade 6 musical reveled in mounting a production on the main stage and before a live audience. This year’s show, *Moana Jr.*, featured delightful performances and imaginative staging. The Grade 8 stage crew team helped the show to shine. Grade 8 also performed a memorable version of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* on the main stage. Our band and chorus performed in the spring concert, and students completed impressive art projects in paint, ceramics, and multi-media. And even after all that, our students still had spring Study Trips. Grade 6 travelled to Utah, Grade 7 to Utah and Italy, and Grade 8 students capped off their WES experience with a trip to France or Spain. (*Our travelers reflect on their trips in the feature article on pages 2-4.*) The last weeks of the school year were packed with community events, including a fantastic Field Day, the Poetry Slam, and Graduation. *This year highlighted the incredible resilience and unflagging enthusiasm of our Middle School Dragons!*





On previous page, left to right:

- After a fun trip to Gibraltar (seen in the background), Grade 8 students pose for a photo in Spain.
- Mrs. Durling leads a discussion at the FDR Memorial during the Grade 7 social studies scavenger hunt in DC.
- An eighth-grader helps run tech for the sixth-grade musical this spring
- A sixth-grader presents his Science Fair project as a Grade 8 judge makes notes.
- Students dissect an earthworm in a Grade 7 life science lab.
- Grade 8 students pause in front of Claude Monet's house in Giverny, France.

1. Grade 8 students pose for a photo at the Middle School dance that was planned and executed by SGA (Student Government Association) in February.
2. In the Art Studio, a seventh-grader works on his human figurine in May.
3. A seventh-grader delivers an amusing original poem, "The Triumphant Return" about a soccer game and the amazing Mr. Corcy.
4. Grade 8 took to the stage in their production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in May.
5. In Ancient Civilizations class, a sixth-grader prepares an orange as they learn about mummification.
6. An eighth-grader presents her religion capstone project in a Kindergarten class.
7. On Spirit Week, we wear pink—and every color of the rainbow!
8. Grade 6 students created their own Cuneiform tablets out of clay, based on their research of this ancient system of writing.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2022!

Grade 8 students received acceptances from the following outstanding secondary schools:

The Academy of the Holy Cross*
Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School*
Bullis*
Connolly School of the Holy Child*
Duke Ellington School of the Arts*
Edmund Burke School
The Field School
Georgetown Day School*
Georgetown Preparatory School*
Georgetown Visitation*
Gonzaga College High School*
Holton-Arms School
John Fraser Secondary School (Canada)*
Landon
Madeira School*
Maret School
National Cathedral School
The Potomac School*
St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School
St. Albans School*
St. Andrew's Episcopal School*
St. Anselm's Abbey School*
St. John's College High School*
Sidwell Friends School
Walt Whitman High School*

* Graduates will head off to these 17 great high schools (as of June 1, 2022).



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 27 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2022! It was an honor to celebrate with you before you head off to 17 secondary schools. You are academically prepared for your next challenges and have the talent and drive to succeed in whatever paths you choose. The Class of 2022 has demonstrated perseverance and focus beyond your years, demonstrating that nothing will get in your way. We wish you the best in your future—we'll miss you on Little Falls Parkway!





Claire Milhollin



Nico Palombo



Gloria Burkhardt



Tyler Nickel



Maya Sertsu



Katie O'Conner



Bobby Bulman



Abby Chen



Alexander Bobo



Tess Brumbaugh



Luca Cusani-Visconti



Kendley Miller



Isaac Horne



Arohi Narayan*



David High



Alexandra Bond*



Eleanor Dagan



Thatcher Steuart*



Sophie Nickel



Miles Stevenson



Finn Cooper*



Natalya Bah*



Angad Gupta



Finley Meyer*



Kathryn Marquardt*



Charlie Carnegie*



Meg Lattin

Graduates — of the — CLASS OF 2022

* Lifers - students who have attended WES for nine or more years



Visual Arts: *Focus* on **FORM & FUNCTION**

Our art students delved deeper into their understanding of art as form and function. Fabric, clay, wire, and paper were transformed into anything students could imagine. Students learned to layer and build by creating three-dimensional works of art that were not only beautiful but also functional. Students took these same skills to create depth in two-dimensional works of art by using space, value, line, and color to show variety and visual texture. In all that they produced, our students grew not just as artists, but as thinkers and storytellers. Their art draws you into an experience of their understanding of art and artists but also as artists themselves.





Finding JOY in *Self Expression*

Students sang, played music, acted, and danced on stage this winter and spring, as their voices and instruments rang out joyfully.

Our performing arts program—band, chorus, and dramatic arts—helps students to find their creative passions, encourages confidence and focus, fosters leadership, and strengthens self-expression. We applaud our students' creativity as they provided audiences with culminating performances in the Sixth-Grade Musical, two Spring Concerts, several Chapel performances, and Early Childhood's May Day, Grade 3's mini-musical, many community sing opportunities, Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, the Poetry Slam, and Graduation. Beaming smiles and an occasional "high five" revealed the pride of our performers of all ages. **Bravo!**



The WES athletic philosophy states that “WES Athletics is committed to promoting the ideals of **sportsmanship, respect, commitment, integrity, leadership, and team competition.**” During the winter and spring seasons our teams and coaches worked diligently at fulfilling these ideals and ultimately exemplified what it means to be a **DRAGON!**

Sportsmanship

Congratulations to the 2021-2022 Sportsmanship Award winners from Grades 6-8. These students personified the school motto of “Be Kind” and applied it consistently throughout the year in PE and athletics.

Grade 6 – Graham Jerke
Grade 7 – Charleigh Knott
Grade 8 - Angad Gupta

Respect

The WES basketball teams are well-respected for their effort, team play, and school spirit. All our teams played hard and represented the school as true Dragons should. As the newcomers, the boys and girls fifth-grade teams showed great promise for the future with a combined 11 wins. The MS Girls "A" team, led by eighth graders Kathryn Marquardt and Kendley Miller, compiled an impressive 7-3 record and was a fun team to watch with great ball movement and fast break potential.

Commitment

After a year of no interscholastic athletics, it was great to have our students competing again. Over 90% of students in Grades 5-8 participate on a team throughout the year and it is this commitment that helps build the foundation for the WES Athletics.

Integrity

The WES lacrosse teams brought tenacity and grit to the field this year. Our 7/8 teams were always up for the challenge and proved to be a difficult match-up for their opponents. Finn Cooper, Charlie McCarthy, Tyler Nickel, and Sam Pentz were anchors for the boys. Alexandra Bond, Abby Chen, Charleigh Knott, and Arohi Naryan secured the girls team on the field, while Claire Milhollin and Katie O'Connor secured the net. Our fifth- and sixth-grade teams had a mix of new and experienced players. These teams were bolstered by the experienced play of Liza Rosan and Thatcher Tye, who served as leaders for their respective teams. They also made a big impact by playing up with the 7/8 teams.

Leadership

Congratulations to Alexandra Bond and Charlie Carnegie, the recipients of this year's Deighton Alleyne Coaches Award. Their strong leadership and positive influence on their teams was highlighted at this year's assembly.

Team Competition

The 5-8 track team had an impressive spring season with strong showings in all of its meets. The team, led by eighth-graders Angad Gupta, Isaac Horne, and Finley Meyer was a group of fierce competitors on the track, showing depth, speed, and consistent effort.



COMMITMENT

Sportsmanship



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Leadership



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WES STUDENTS AT THEIR BEST

We are pleased to recognize students' outstanding accomplishments this school year.
Congratulations to all!

Outstanding Performing Arts Award:

Grade 6: **Adina Chanda, Matt Tofilon**
Grade 7: **Ben Bauer, Ale Piris**
Grade 8: **Kathryn Marquardt, Katie O'Connor**

Outstanding Band Member Award:

Grade 6: **Maria Olympia Georgiou, Christopher Rehmann**
Grade 7: **Asha O'Neal, Oliver Tyndall**
Grade 8: **Isaac Horne**

Good Sportsmanship Award:

Grade 6: **Graham Jerke**
Grade 7: **Charleigh Knott**
Grade 8: **Angad Gupta**

National Spanish Award:

Grade 7
Bronze Medal: **Phoenix Sinclair, Portia Spiker**
Silver Medal: **Thomas Sarmiento**

Gold Medal: **Joey Udoff**

Grade 8

Bronze Medal: **Katie O'Connor**

Silver Medal: **Bobby Bulman, Gloria Burkhardt**

National French Contest - Le Grand Concours Award:

Grade 6

Bronze Medal: **Graham Jerke, Evelyn Skinner**

Silver Medal: **Maria Olympia Georgiou, Mandakini Hasnain**

Grade 7

Bronze Medal: **Ben Bauer, Ewan Davis, Avalon Jarvi**

Grade 8

Bronze Medal: **Natalya Bah, Charlie Carnegie, Claire Milhollin**

Silver Medal: **Meg Lattin, Sophie Nickel**

MathCounts Award:

Grade 6: **Evelyn Skinner, Kate Subritzky**
Grade 7: **Ewan Davis, Ava Johnson, Sam Pentz, Ale Piris, Joey Udoff**
Grade 8: **Isaac Horne, Finley Meyer, Arohi Narayan**

STEM:

The National Energy Education Development (NEED) Project selected students in Grades 4 and Grade 5 as a Maryland Finalist. This designation was based on Grade 4 and 5's "outstanding" Energy and Conservation Project. Last year, Grade 5 students developed an energy and sustainability project in STEM, and this year's current Grade 4 students added to the project.

As a Maryland Finalist, students attended the NEED Youth Energy Conference and Awards in June in Crystal City, VA.

Geo Bee Winner
Ross Kimpel with Mrs. Durling



Spelling Bee winner
Joey Udoff with Ms. Hopper



WES STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AT MAESA SCHOLARS' FAIR

WES gathered with seven other area Episcopal schools at St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School for the **Mid-Atlantic Episcopal Schools Association Scholars' Fair** on April 29, 2022. This event provides an opportunity for students who have excelled in science, geography, spelling, art, or multimedia to compete, display, and present their projects and learn from their peers at other schools. The fair inspires, motivates, and celebrates our students on their learning journeys.

Congratulations to the following students who received awards:

Science, Grades 4-6:

First Place: **Christopher Rehmann** (Grade 6)

Second Place: **Kate Subritzky** (Grade 6)

Third Place: **Francesca Kelly** (Grade 6)

Multimedia, Informative, Grades 4-6:

First Place: **James Pierce** (Grade 5), **Marie Tevosyan** (Grade 5), **Evie Marvin** (Grade 5), **Evelyn Skinner** (Grade 6) (group submission)



MAESA Fair 2022 medalists

Top Row: **Christopher Rehmann, Everett Ong, Cara McCarthy, Gloria Burkhardt**

Bottom Row: **Kate Subritzky, Evelyn Skinner, Francesca Kelly, Marie Tevosyan** (not pictured: **Evie Marvin, James Pierce**)

Multimedia, Creative, Grades 4-6:

First Place: **Everett Ong** (Grade 5)

Art, Grades 7-8:

First Place: **Gloria Burkhardt** (Grade 8)

Art, Grades 4-6, 2D:

Third Place: **Cara McCarthy** (Grade 6)

We'd also like to congratulate all of our MAESA Scholars' Fair participants for their excellent representation of our school:

Geography Bee:

Ross Kimpel (Grade 4), **Matthew Tofilon** (Grade 6), **Isaac Horne** (Grade 8), **Alexandra Bond** (Grade 8)

Spelling Bee:

Sam Bricker (Grade 4), **Sophia Orzechowski** (Grade 6), **Joey Udoff** (Grade 7), **Daisy Wild** (Grade 7)

Multimedia, Informative, Grades 4-6:

Everett Ong (Grade 5)

Art:

Sam Pentz (Grade 7), **Finn Zentay** (Grade 7), **Meg Lattin** (Grade 8), **Sophie Nickel** (Grade 8)

Science:

Maria Olympia Georgiou (Grade 6), **Hank Kelly** (Grade 6)

GRADE 8 AWARD WINNERS



Spirit Award:

MEG LATTIN

In recognition of outstanding contribution exemplifying the philosophy of the School. Caring for others, and respecting the integrity of the institution, its people, and traditions

CLASS OF 2022:



Mustard Seed Award:

FINLEY MEYER

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Dexter R. Davison Award (Music):
GLORIA BURKHARDT (Chorus)
THATCHER STEUART (Band)



The Deighton Alleyne Coaches Award:
ALEXANDRA BOND & CHARLIE CARNEGIE



Math & Science Award:
ISAAC HORNE & MEG LATTIN



Drama Award:
KATHRYN MARQUARDT & KATIE O'CONNOR



Art Award:
NATALYA BAH & SOPHIE NICKEL



Humanities Award:
CLAIRE MILHOLLIN & FINLEY MEYER



Nancy Wright Award for Academic Excellence:
KATIE O'CONNOR, SOPHIE NICKEL, AROHI NARAYAN, FINLEY MEYER, MEG LATTIN, ABBY CHEN, ALEXANDRA BOND, GLORIA BURKHARDT



WES Lifers:
Top Row: FINN COOPER, FINLEY MEYER, KATHRYN MARQUARDT, AROHI NARAYAN Bottom Row: NATALYA BAH, ALEXANDRA BOND, CHARLIE CARNEGIE, THATCHER STEUART

FOXCROFT SCHOOL'S STEM CHALLENGE



Foxcroft School STEM Challenge Participants:
Finley Meyer, Arohi Narayan, and Gloria Burkhardt with Mrs. Earle

Congratulations to eighth-graders **Gloria Burkhardt, Finley Meyer, and Arohi Narayan** who successfully represented WES at Foxcroft's "Oceans 11" STEM Challenge in Middleburg, VA in February.

The WES team earned recognition in two categories:

- **First place** in the biology event, where they assessed various plastic material for their impact on marine life.
- **Second place** in two math events, one involving coding and the other performing calculations about sea water salinity and pH.

ANNOUNCING NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS

We are pleased to announce these Board of Trustees appointments:

Shivani Gupta



Shivani is a corporate attorney specializing in intellectual property, entrepreneurial and start-up ventures. She holds an undergraduate degree in electrical engineering from the University of Maryland and a juris doctorate from Suffolk University in Boston.

Shivani and her husband, Rishi, are proud parent of two children, Tejas and Niara. Tejas is a rising seventh-grader at WES. Shivani has served as a parent representative in the Parents Association for two years, and was PA Liaison, and Vice President. She now will serve as President of the Parents Association.

Wes Hays



Wes and his wife Katie are active members of the WES community, and proud parents of Graham (rising fourth-grader) and Ellie (rising first-grader). Wes has been an active member of both the Finance and Investment Committees since 2021, and

he and Katie both have been WES Ambassadors since joining the school. Wes is a Partner and Managing Director at Monticello Associates, an investment advisory firm to endowments, foundations, and family offices. He is a graduate of Washington & Lee University with a BA in economics, and holds an MBA from the University of Denver. Wes enjoys coaching youth sports, golf and cycling.

Cri-Cri Randolph '98



Cri-Cri is Vice President and Counsel at Milestone Aviation Group, an AerCap Company. She has over 10 years of experience in asset finance and transactional law. Cri-Cri received her BA and BBA from Southern Methodist University (SMU) and her JD from American University, Washington College of Law. Cri-Cri is a WES alumna (Class of 1998) and a member of the Development Committee. She and her husband Matthew hope their two sons, Matthew (age 3) and James (age 1), will also attend WES in the future.

**Thank you to
outgoing Trustee:**

Bess Puvathingal (2020-2022)



FACULTY MILESTONES & AWARDS

30 YEARS

Kim Bair, Director of Admission & Financial Aid

The first WES faculty member to achieve a 30-year milestone, Kim joined WES in 1987 as a Transition (Pre-K) teacher for nine of the next 10 years, graciously teaching Grade 2 in 1991-1992 when the need arose. After getting married in 1989 and starting a family, she returned to WES for the 2001 school year, teaching Kindergarten until 2008. Always willing to step in where needed, she embraced the role of Grade 1 teacher for the next six years. In 2014, she became the Director of Admission & Financial Aid, a position she still holds today. Kim and her team have elevated marketing and admission practices at WES. Kim's expertise, warmth, and "do anything" attitude has made her a legend at WES. Kim and her husband Jim are parents to three children, Susie '07, John '09, and Sarah '11, and live in Bethesda.



For a fun flash-back photo with numerous WES alumni from Kim's 1989 wedding, see page 31!

25 YEARS

Tolek Kozlov
Building Engineer

20 YEARS

LaKisha Yirenkyi
Art Teacher

15 YEARS

Ali Bratun
Assistant Director of Development

Joyce O'Donnell
Kindergarten Teacher

10 YEARS

Stacey Bailey
School Nurse

Mary Crawford
Middle School Latin Teacher

Ana Karam
Administrative Assistant

Joel Pizarro
Middle School Spanish Teacher

5 YEARS

Susan Girgis
Middle School Math Teacher

AWARDS

Amy Davies, Grade 2 Teacher

The Washington Post Teacher of the Year Award Finalist

Grade 2 teacher Amy Davies was selected as a finalist for *The Washington Post's* Teacher of the Year Award. Mrs. Davies was nominated by the Alagno family for the creative ways she built and sustained the community during the challenges posed by virtual learning during the 2020-2021 school year, as well as her commitment to knowing each of her students deeply and helping each one of them thrive. She has taught at WES since 2016.

Katherine Owens, STEM Teacher

Volvo Car USA selected STEM teacher Katherine Owens and her fourth-grade student, Avery Irwin, as winners of its national "EV as ABC" public service campaign to raise awareness of electric vehicles to consumers this spring.

Irwin, age 9, and her mother, Anna, nominated Owens due to her passion for, and dedication to, educating the next generation on the importance of sustainability and other STEM-related subjects. Their submission was selected because it was the most original, creative, and persuasive story that adhered best to the contest theme.

As part of the prize, the Irwin family received a trip to Gothenburg, Sweden to learn more about Volvo's electrification ambitions and sustainability initiatives in June. Owens was awarded a \$10,000 prize that will be applied to bolstering green initiatives within WES's community. Owens has been on the WES faculty since 2013.

CHAPLAIN KRISTEN PITTS INSTALLED AS CHAPLAIN

The Reverend Kristen Pitts was installed as Chaplain of Washington Episcopal School on May 4, officiated by the Reverend Amanda Akes-Cardwell, Missioner for Faith Formation and Development for the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. The pandemic delayed her installation from March 2020 to 2022. We joyfully welcome Chaplain Kristen!

UNDER THE Tuscan Sun

AUCTION

More than 310 guests gathered "Under the Tuscan Sun" on April 9 to experience the sights, sounds, and tastes of an Italian soiree for the 35th Auction Gala.

Co-Chairs Karaine Howard, Anna Irwin, and Bronwyn Roy led this creative journey that brought our community together, much like a small Tuscan town. From the Oktoberfest Wine Party under the tent, to committee meetings held outdoors on the colonnade, we knew that this year was going to take a slightly different path than usual. "We are so very grateful to our committee members who stuck with us from the beginning with all the plot twists," commented Howard. "We moved the date from late February to early April, and I believe we auditioned three different themes before landing on Tuscany. Up until mid-January, our plan was to hold the event in a gigantic tent on campus."

As pandemic restrictions and area positivity lessened, plans were solidified: the event would take place in the gyms, as usual, but utilizing the lobby to provide more space to spread out, and offering an option to enjoy drinks and hors' d'oeuvres on the outside colonnade.

The Co-Chairs acted as chefs and planners, making autumn-themed Rice Krispie treats at parent potluck parties to promote the Wine Party and baked delicious lemon cookies for meetings and a carpool promo. From a working fountain and stunning Prosecco-Limoncello wall to lemon-filled urns and hundreds of green vines, this trio transformed the gala into a beautiful experience for attendees who missed out on an in-person event last year. As guests arrived, they were greeted by a string quartet, sipped on a signature cocktail that featured limoncello homemade by Sandy and Danny Vogelman and was topped off with some Italian bubbly, and made their way to the Silent Auction room, packed with more than 200 gorgeous baskets, trips, and special outings. After bidding wrapped up, everyone was led into the dining room as a live band, The Breakaways, played an opening song. A warm welcome was followed by a quick "heads or tails" raffle game, and a seated dinner catered by Ridgewells, featuring Italian food that was *delizioso*! Next, the Live Auction began as auctioneer BJ Jennings and emcee Bill Isola described exciting items up for bid: vacation spots, theatre tickets, a dinner prepared by Danny Vogelman, and the famous Lock-In. Italian was spoken by WES Dragons in the debut of the Oscar-worthy video that included lots of drama, smiles, and giggles. A second video provided visuals for the Raise Your Paddle appeal project—a new exploration playground that will be located adjacent to the Turf Field on the East Campus. Paddles were raised—from \$100-\$10,000—in support of this exciting project that will be finalized by September. At the conclusion of the Live Auction, guests posed for pictures in the photo booth and danced to the band until the stroke of midnight.



Karaine Howard, Bronwyn Roy, and Anna Irwin at Oktoberfest Wine Party in October • Limoncello wall • Rosemary-infused olive oil for parent packets • Attendees Bronwyn Roy, Sylvia Pryor, Liz Tyndall, Annie Blackwell, Natalie Murillo, Christa Cooper, Anna Pugh, Natasha Narine, Jess Brockway, Amy Samman, Karaine Howard, Anna Irwin at the November Auction meeting

Our community was ready to come together and celebrate—attendance was up more than 20% and the highest since 2002. The number of patrons, philanthropic leaders who facilitate the success of the Auction, increased from the previous years. More options for sponsorships meant more funds toward the bottom line. Net proceeds were \$218,000 which includes \$115,150 in Raise Your Paddle proceeds for the exploration playground for students of all ages.

A huge thank you to the remarkable Co-Chairs and committee who planned every detail of the event: gathering items; encouraging advertisers and sponsors; entering data; writing catalog descriptions; stuffing and labeling envelopes; wrapping baskets; decorating, and making display cards and attractive Silent Auction displays. We are also grateful to the Fathers Club for coming out in full force to set up tables and assist with clean up. Everyone worked tirelessly to ensure that we experienced *La Dolce Vita*!



L-R: Sophie Robinson and Katrina Thomas Henry • Anna Irwin, Tatyana Lukasheva (Plahin), Karaine Howard, Natasha Narine, Bronwyn Roy, Jess Brockway, Sandy Vogelman at Auction set up • Auction dining room • Amber and Patrick Tofilon • Louise Wild with Grade 2's class project • Bronwyn Roy, Karaine Howard, Nate Hammon, Stephan Awad, John Marquardt, Greg Pugh, Jon Shea, Kristian Jensen, Christian Geljstad, Jim Roy, Jean Jaques Taty • Live Auction • Anna Pugh, Mike Nelson, Michelle DeVille, Julie Hoopes, Solomon Aregga (Solomon)



1. Annual Fund Co-Chairs Martha Orzechowski and Meg Rosan
2. Madieu Williams presented to Grade 2 about the school he started in Calaba Town in Sierra Leone
3. PA Leadership: Shivani Gupta, Bess Puvathingal (Milde), Sarah Demarest missing: Gustav Hofverberg
4. Connie Lausten (Horne), Amy Williams (Bulman), and Bob Nickel help sort poinsettia and greens
5. The PA sponsored a hot chocolate and smoothie truck in February.
6. Shumit Chanda, Greg Pugh, Scott Kimpel, and Jim Roy
7. Robey and Ivy Duke chaperone their daughter's Grade 2 field trip at Breezy Point
8. Zum Xanders, Kate Humm, Rachel and Chris Rodriguez at the smoothie truck event
9. Leigh McCue (Weil) showcases remotely operated vehicles (ROV's) and waves in a Grade 4 STEM class

WES families were generous and graceful during a school year that saw more smiles, hugs, performances, parties, and joy on our campus! The Annual Fund surged even higher than in 2020-2021, and cherished events returned to campus, bringing us all together. We are so appreciative of the many volunteers who made possible things like the Auction Wine Party, the Book Fair, our annual Auction Gala sparkling in the gym, dazzling events organized by our WES Parents Association, and more. We are grateful for every member of the community. It was lovely to see so many of us back on campus!

ANNUAL FUND

With parents Martha Orzechowski and Meg Rosan at the helm, our Every Dragon, Every Day Annual Fund Campaign attracted more than 450 gifts to provide WES's operating budget and program with \$385,000. We met our goal because a dedicated group of Annual Fund reps performed admirable outreach, resulting in contributions from parents, past parents, grandparents, faculty, staff, friends, and alumni. Just over 92% of our families gave to this essential effort. Tuition cannot cover the full cost of a WES education, and the community's generous support of this campaign literally makes the school run, every day – for every Dragon.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

This was a banner year for the Parents Association (PA), as it spearheaded our community's return to in-person events while maintaining the convenience of virtual meetings and conversations that allowed a wide swath of the community to connect. We want to thank PA President Beth Puvathingal (Milde), who has just completed a two-year term that was as challenging as any in WES history. She was supported by a crack leadership team: Vice President Shivani Gupta, Secretary Sarah Demarest, and Treasurer Gustav Hofverberg.

Community Building

Director Laura Xanders was an engine of creativity, bringing our community back to in-person connection. Outdoor yoga for parents was a hit in September and April, with our friends at Down Dog Yoga leading the way. On a pleasant February Saturday, the community came together in the morning (even plenty of pets!) to enjoy smoothies and lattes from Maui Wowi, a hula-rific event for all. March featured a session of artistry for a group of parents painting their dreams onto canvases with a guiding teacher and libations.

The Founders Day Picnic and Alumni Reunion took place on first Friday of June, a gorgeous evening for the largest WES community gathering in over two years! More than 400 parents and children—including families that will be joining WES in September 2022—enjoyed this traditional year-end wrap up, put together and paid for by the WES Parents Association. Parents Ansley

and Simon Allison, Maisha Goss-Johns, and Mic Johns, spearheaded the effort, bringing to the Turf Field a pizza dinner, shaved ice truck, cookies, a photo booth, a moon bounce, and an inflatable obstacle course. Pick-up soccer games got the party going, students lined up early to have an opportunity to douse a faculty member in the dunk tank, and our energetic DJ inspired students and adults to dance—and have the chance to win prizes. What a way to end a joyful year at WES!

Parent Education

This year's speaker series continued the superb collaboration between the Parent Diversity Committee and the PA, with director Erika Barr doing wonderful work. Our goal was to deepen the community's engagement with an understanding of how we can best serve a wide variety of students, each of whom comes to the process of education with a distinct identity. We brought in WES-specific speakers but also shared with the community relevant speakers sponsored by the Parents Council of Washington. Each session was held virtually, in the evenings, with follow-up conversations with WES experts in the following days. Attendance was outstanding, averaging around 40 and showing, once again, that our parent community is exceptionally involved and curious. *Thank you!*

In September, we led off with Dr. Omékongo Dibinga, a WES parent and our on-staff Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Facilitator. Three of our sessions focused specifically on identity and its relationship to the education of young people (October with Rosetta Eun Ryong Lee, January

with Jen Cort on the development of self-identity, and spring when Cort returned along with Tianna Butler to discuss positive racial identities). Anxiety among students was discussed by Dr. Johanna Kaplan, Founder and Director of the Washington Anxiety Center of Capitol Hill, and later educational psychologist Dr. William Stixrud. The series concluded in April with former minor league baseball player Chris Singleton on the topic "Unity in Our Community."

Faculty Appreciation

Led by Anna Pugh, the PA made every effort to thank the tireless WES faculty and staff this year. Breakfast spreads and snack days fortified the faculty and hand-written holiday greetings warmed hearts. The PA played an instrumental role in Faculty Appreciation Week, with signs of affection covering every entrance to the school and providing a scrumptious lunch from Cava. In what amounts to a beloved new WES tradition, the last day of school was marked by another "Clap In," with parents lining the WES colonnade as teachers and staff arrived for work.

Fathers Club

Tony D'Emidio helmed our intrepid group of WES dads this year, organizing a meeting at a tavern, restaurant, backyard, or event on every Thursday of this year. Not only do these dapper gentlemen like to hang out, but they managed to get out to do some skeet shooting and, as is their tradition, they set up the silent auction room with tables and topped them with baskets and prizes. Participation could barely have been better - here's to more great Dad Time next year!

Mothers Club

Susan Awad led the Mothers Club in its first full year of meetings. Through the fall and a chilly winter, WES moms created community outdoors at WES, using a fire pit at times to keep warm. Go, moms! In the spring, the club also met at a restaurant and at the homes of the Pughs and the Fountains for changes of scenery.

Used Uniforms Shop

The Used Uniform shop continued to be a popular source for gently-used school uniform and PE items at very affordable prices. Many thanks to Akiko Lattin and Lisa Sinclair for their efforts in managing the intake and organizing inventory.

Book Fair

To the delight of book lovers, the annual WES Book Fair was once again an in-person event in The Stuart Work Library, starting on December 8 and culminating on December 11 at the Admission Open House. A cadre of parent volunteers, led by Co-Chairs Theresa Carnegie and Nikki Sertsu, unpacked books and created enticing displays of books and accessories, highlighting Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa holidays, getting everyone in a jovial mood. Members of our community also donated books to classrooms and the Library. In advance of the Book Fair, author Lulu Delacre presented to students in Grades 2-8 and signed copies of her book on December 3. Her visit was underwritten by the Parents Association. The Book Fair netted more than \$4,900 from sales and contributions to benefit The Stuart Work Library.

Thank You

We are immensely grateful for your engagement, dedication, committment, and generosity.



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10. Nikki Sertsu, Cindy Oh (Bricker), and Raven Purvis (Carter) at the Book Fair

11. Elementary school friends Sarah Demarest and Kate Garrison at Book Fair

12. Luis Alfonso (Alfonso-Iglesias) and his daughter with author Lulu Delacre

13. Melissa Tye, Anna Pugh, Brandon Rosati, Nikki Sertsu, Greg Pugh, Patrick Pané Rachel Rodriguez work at the Book Fair.

14. Akiko Lattin helps out in the Used Uniform Shop

15. Brandon Rosati with Grade 2 STEM class, giving a talk on the process of obtaining a patent for inventions

16. Science Fair judge Andrew Heitman listens about a sixth-grader's project

17. Jonathan Bulman, Lisa Stevenson, and Christa Cooper cheer at a lacrosse game.

18. Lauren Shea presented about the art installation on the National Mall, "In America: Remember."

19. Subika Farzi (Nolte) and Jan Nolte and present about Eid and Ramadan to their daughter's Pre-K class

FIELD

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FUN TIMES!

WASHINGTON EPISCOPAL SCHOOL Alumni CLASS NOTES



L-R: Susie Bair '07 and Oliver Jones at their wedding on May 14 in Charlotte, NC • Jack Metelski '07 and wife Nicole Hawkins at their wedding on June 4

'21 **James Bailey** was on the cross country and track teams at St. John's. Duke Ellington School for the Arts student and artist **Alex Berko** was interviewed by NBC Nightly News in May discussing the new National Gallery of Art exhibit, "Afro Atlantic Histories." Many members of the class of 2021 are still enjoying their flag football team—**Wes Cooper, Will Ehrenberg, Jack Lasner, Joseph Minichello, Daniel Pressley, Andrew Selfridge, Isaiah Yirenkyi,** and **Lucas Zandamela**. Isaiah's dad, Kojoe, is their coach. **Aiden Despande** played baseball this spring at Maret. **Will Ehrenberg** rowed crew at St. John's. **Zoë Linkins** ran winter (indoor) and spring track and field at Holy Child. She also is involved with diversity and inclusionary programs and other outreach at her school and is enjoying her journey. **Joseph Minicello** played football at St. Johns. **Rhian Williams** stopped by WES to see her former teachers in late April. She won the "Newcomer's Award" for theatre at St. Andrew's, having performed in the production of *Les Misérables*, as well as in a series of one-act plays. This summer she will travel to Scotland and will compete in a horse show in Holland. **Isaiah Yirenkyi** enjoyed his first year at Good Counsel, was on the wrestling team, and is taking engineering classes.

'20 **Aden Linkins** was captain of the JV soccer team at St. Anselm's, helping the team to become 2022 PVAC Champions. He also played varsity on their six-man team, reaching the semi-finals at Georgetown University. He also was on the track team, played basketball with his AAU team, and is doing well academically.

'19 **Eliza Horne** experienced working on Capitol Hill and on a Congressional campaign as a junior at Madeira. She relished the legislative engagement and education as well as canvassing door-to-door and meeting voters in the eastern panhandle of West Virginia. **Ethan Vogelmann** played on the varsity basketball team and ran track at St. Albans. This spring he once again coordinated a community drive to collect new and gently-used sports equipment for the non-profit, Leveling the Playing Field, which provides equipment to children in the DC and Baltimore areas.

'18 **Sabina Abdow** received an art scholarship to Marymount Manhattan College in NYC. She is having a wonderful experience in Japan with her summer study/travel program. **Maggie Brett-Major** graduated from Holton-Arms School and will matriculate to the University of Chicago this fall. She finished the *It's Academic* quiz season with **Caroline Dickey** last fall and rowed crew in the spring. **Cecelia Cooper** and her horse Ursaluna competed at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala, FL, in January, winning her event. **Caroline Dickey** graduated from Holton-Arms School and was on their *It's Academic* team. She will attend UNC in the fall. She and her family hosted the Class of 2018 reunion in May. **Isabella Dodro** received the Leadership in Equity and Belonging Award from St. Andrew's Episcopal School. **Julian Haas** was inducted into St. Andrew's chapter of the Cum Laude Society in April for exceptional academic achievement, good character, honor, and integrity. He also was the recipient of the Parents' Association Award for Sportsmanship, and co-recipient of the Saints Award at St. Andrew's. We are grateful to **Clara Knott** for providing her choreography expertise for this year's musical. She also did a week-long senior year internship at WES in the Early Childhood program. A natural teacher, she plans to study education at Fairfield University in the fall. **Joy Alycia Kramer** will attend Brigham Young University in the fall, and will study chemical engineering. **Arjun Narayan** suffered a serious leg injury while at soccer practice in early March and is recuperating. He will play soccer at UPenn but will sit out the fall season due to his injury. Arjun and his band at GDS played at Blues Alley in Georgetown in May. **Moniloa Odunsi** was class president at Madeira School. She helped establish the first business club and brought the first TED talks to the school. She will attend Harvard this fall. **Julian Matthews**

received The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award at St. Albans' Prize Day in June. **Ian Shaiyen** played Chad in St. John's production of *High School Musical* in April and loved every minute of it! He received the Tri-M Music Award, International Thespians Honors Award, and the Director's Award for Theater at graduation. **Katie Skinner** was recognized by St. Andrew's with the Significant Achievement in the Visual Arts award. **Bradley Whiteway** was captain of his tennis team at Georgetown Prep, and was president of the Spanish Club, and participated in the engineering, economics, Chinese, Wounded Warrior, and chess clubs during his tenure at Prep. He also played clarinet in the jazz band. He is very active in US Youth Sailing, and was a Mid-Atlantic Yacht Racing C420 champion. Bradley also earned his Eagle Scout in 2018 at age 14. He heads to the Coast Guard Academy in the fall.

'17 **William Moreau** will attend Franklin & Marshall in the fall.

'16 **Maddie Blonder** had a wonderful trip with her dad exploring the south of France after completing her sophomore year at Penn State. She is a finance major with a minor in Spanish and international business. She will study abroad in the spring of 2023 in Madrid, Spain to fulfill requirements for her minors. Maddie serves as vice president of finance for Alpha Omicron Pi and is an admissions tour guide. **Pascale Schmidt** is starting a 6 month co-op working at KSQ Therapeutics, which is a biotech working with CRISPR technology to develop cancer drugs. She is a student at Northeastern University. **Aidan Smith** attends the University of Denver doing international studies with a minor in Japanese. He is in the midst of applying for study abroad in Japan next year (follow up with Tim). Aidan's family lost their entire house and contents to the Marshall fire in Louisville, CO, in January. WES was able to replace all of his yearbooks that were lost in the fire. **Julia Topetzes** is enjoying being a student at Gettysburg College.



Top to bottom, L-R: Alessandro Cusani-Visconti '21 and brother Luca Cusani-Visconti '22 • WES Alum flag football team (l to r) Wes Cooper '21, Daniel Pressley '21, Jack Lasner '21, Marcus Mosley, Isiah Yirenkyi '21, Joseph Minichello '21, coach Kojoe Yirenkyi, Andrew Selfridge '21 (Not pictured: Lucas Zandamela '21 and Will Ehrenberg '21) • Kevin Corcy with Lucas Zandamela '21 in January • Julie Berko, Christian Berko '17, Bill Isola, Katie Hopper in May • Greg Jones '17 at Field Day • Ethan Vogelmann '19 and his brothers at their track meet at St. Albans • Ethan Oeltmann '21 and Davis Oeltmann '20 after their Georgetown Prep hockey game in January • Arjun Narayan '18 with his GDS soccer coach at his UPenn signing • Bill Isola and Jack Roberts '15 at WES in May • Jon Marshall, Rhian Williams '21, Caterina Earle, and Barbara Burkhardt in April at WES • Clara Knott '18, Trey Knott '20, and Ben Meyer '19 at the Middle School Spring Concert • Nathaniel Kochenderfer '20 with Catherine Voelpel and Nick Lellenberg at Sidwell Friends School in May





Top to bottom, L-R: Cecelia Cooper '18 Jan 2022 at a competition in Florida • Sterling Myhre '13 at the Final Four in New Orleans in April • Ian Shaiyen '18 plays Chat in *High School Musical* at St. John's • Maimuna Tareq '12 in California • Jonathan Butturini '10 and David Butturini '14 at David's graduation from University of Michigan • Bill Isola, Anthony Ware '10 Mehdi Elkassam at WES in January • Sarah Bair '11 at her grad school commencement, Emory University School of Public Health • Sarah Dickey '11 at her Washington University School of Law school graduation with parents Jonathan and Alison Dickey • Athena Skoufias '14 University of California, San Diego graduation • Anna-Sophia Massaro '14 (middle) at her graduation from Bates with family (John, Jo '18, Patty, and Patricia '15 • Samantha Liggins '14 at her graduation from Rutgers University in January



'15 Ryan Kyle sang at Amherst University's commencement in May with the Choral Society, where she has served as President since the spring semester. This summer she is teaching rising ninth-graders in Miami, FL. She also took a week-long tour in New Orleans. **Jeremiah Samuel** is working for JP Morgan in Chicago again this summer.

'14 David Butturini graduated from University of Michigan in May. He accepted a position as a software engineer with Meta in New York City and will relocate there this summer. **Jack Helmanis** graduated Summa Cum Laude from University of New Hampshire in May. **Samantha Liggins** graduated from Rutgers University in January and took a position with Salesforce as a solution engineer. She lives in Boston. **Grace Mahaffie** graduated from NYU with honors in May. She will attend a one-year graduate program in social work at the University of Washington. **Anna-Sophia Massaro** graduated from Bates College in May. She majored in Philosophy, and minored in education, with a concentration in English (creative writing).

'13 Sarah Collins graduated in May from University of Colorado with a degree in International Affairs, with a focus on North Africa and the Middle East. **Genevieve Dickinson** started a job at Active Interest Media

this winter. **May Loneragan** attends law school at George Mason University. **Sterling Myhre** worked at the Final Four games in New Orleans, LA, in April, seeing the historic game between UNC and Duke. He works in sports marketing as part of his graduate program at Tulane University.

'12 Grace Dickinson just completed her master's degree in education, and is teaching second grade at Rocketship Public school in DC. **Laurence Ruberl** has returned to Bethesda from California, and is working remotely for an Ohio-based company. **Maimuna Tareq** finished her first year at San Diego State University in a masters program for marriage and family therapy. She will work as a trainee therapist at a local high school this summer.

'11 Sarah Bair graduated in May with a Master's in Public Health from Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health. She was selected to be a Presidential Management Fellow as a Public Health Advisor at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in their Division of Global Health Protection in Atlanta. Sarah began this journey as a Peace Corp member in Togo, West Africa, after receiving her undergrad degree at Emory. But when the pandemic called everyone home in 2020, much to her disappointment, she set her sights on a grad

program in public health. **Claire Collins** won a Silver Medal at the World Rowing Cup II Regatta in Poznam, Poland in June (pairs) after winning at the US Rowing National Selection Regatta in NJ in May. She will compete in Women's 8 in Italy and the UK this summer, as well. **Sarah Dickey** received her J.D. in Global Studies from Washington University in St. Louis in May. She was managing editor of the Law Review. She is engaged to Russell Voudrie whom she met in St. Louis. **Isabelle Kramer** received her masters from Brigham Young University in May. She and her husband Bryce live in DC. She continues to work remotely for Sundance.

'10 Susannah Bane married Andrei Ramirez-Valdez on December 20, 2021. Susannah is a teacher in Montgomery County Public Schools, and Andrei is a cancer researcher based at NIH. After three and a half years working for a media agency out of DC, **Lindsay Bratun** took a new job as a media supervisor with Mediahub Worldwide, based in New York City. **Jonathan Butturini** is living in Evanston, IL. He is a software engineer at Anduril Industries.

'09 Ellie Durling is busy with wedding planning for September.



'08 Ben Coleman graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine on May 19. He began his residency in emergency medicine in Pittsburgh. Jack Frye is engaged to Bayly Jarrett. Sayema Tareq returned to WES as a Grade 6 Science Fair judge in April. She teaches Grade 8 math (ESOL and Honors) in Prince George's County Public Schools.

'07 Susie Bair and Oliver Jones were married on May 14 in Charlotte, NC. Her sister Sarah '11 and brother John '09 were in the wedding party as well as classmate Addie Spencer '06. Susie's mother is Director of Admission, Kim Bair. Congratulations to Amy (Sharfman) Belchatovski and her husband Elliot on the birth of their daughter, on May 19 in Towson, MD. Shannon Egan was in touch with us from Brazil, where she's been teaching Grade 5 at an IB school that is an eight-minute walk from her apartment. She spends her free time with activities like CrossFit, Portuguese classes, playing Peteca (a Brazilian game similar to badminton but using only your hands), and forró dance classes. She has done some travel around the country and has made some amazing friends, but she misses WES! Julia Geier and Brendan Hankowski were married on May 21, in Washington, DC. Jorman Heflin and Stephanie Caudle were married in Cacun, Mexico, on March 12. Grace Lilly has lived in NYC since 2013 in the "Little Italy" area of the Bronx, near the New York Botanical Gardens. She runs a small stationery business that she founded in 2017 to help people combat loneliness and get more online/offline balance. Jack Metelski and Nicole Hawkins were married on June 4. Jackie Miller happily reported that she and her husband Richard Prevatt have a son, Olin, who is toddling about.



'06 Jamie Durling is engaged to Gabi Belzil, with plans for a summer 2023 wedding in Canada. Surprise! What started out as an engagement party turned into a wedding for Tyler Veirs and Carley Smith who were married in DC on April 30.

'05 Pitcher Matt Bowman is in the New York Yankees minor-league system while he works to get back to full strength following Tommy John surgery in September 2020. Della Bradt and Ales Cvek were married on June 11 on Nantucket, MA. WES classmate Alice Pfeifer provided a reading at the ceremony. The couple honeymooned in Norway and resides in Park Slope in Brooklyn. Spencer Li and GJ Moudy were married on May 28 in Stevensville, MD. Lindsey Menard married Scott Weiss in May 2020.

'04 **'03**

'02 Congratulations to Cri-Cri Randolph on her appointment to the WES Board of Trustees.

'01

'00 Will Seeley and his wife Noelle welcomed their son, Jasper, born in January 2021.



Top to bottom, L-R: Ben Coleman '08, graduation from University of Maryland Medical School in May shown with his parents, Kristi and Jonathan, and brother Alistair • Della Bradt '05 and Ales Cvek on their wedding day with brother Jake '08, his wife Becky Rivas, and parents Diane Tipton and David Bradt • Spencer Li '05 and GJ Moudy on their wedding day • Jamie Durling '06 and fiancée Gabi Belzil • Grace Dickinson '14 with her father and sister Genevieve '13 at her graduate school graduation at Vanderbilt University this spring • Science Fair judge Sayema Tareq '08 with Ron Valenzia and Mehdi Elkassem • Stephanie Caudle and Jorman Heflin '07 on their wedding day in Mexico • Alia Campbell-Crawford (Ayub) '91, husband Luke, Zara (Grade 1) and Rafay (Nursery) at WES's May Day • Isabelle Kramer '11 at her grad school graduation at Brigham Young University in May • Jack Frey '08 and fiancée Bayly Jarrett • Ellie Durling '09 and her fiancé Kian Byrne • Mehdi Elkassem and Byron Jones '10 in February





Top-bottom, L-R: Carley Smith and Tyler Veirs '06 on their wedding day • Mayowa Tinubu '12 • Greg Jones '17, Mehdi Elkassem, Holden Woodings '17, Zach Alexander '17, and Miles Woodings '17 at Field Day • Jamie Durling '06 with Mehdi Elkassem in March • Harry Akins '17, Jacqueline Hassanzadeh, and Karim Elkasem '17 at WES in June • Forrest Wright '04 and fiancée Jen Chin • Sean Dwyer '08, Spencer Veirs '08, Eric Chalfin, and Jack Fowler '08 celebrating St. Patrick's day in DC • Jackie Miller '07, husband Richard Prevatt, and son Olin • Juwana Reid '08 with son Jaylin, age one, with Kim Bair and Mehdi Elkassem in April at WES

'99 '98 '97 '94 '93 '92

'91 We are thrilled to have **Alia Campbell-Crawford** (Ayub) and her husband Luke's children as students! Their daughter, Zara, joined Grade 1 and their son, Rafay, joined the Nursery class in February 2022. A warm WES welcome to them!

'90 '89

'88 **Kat O'Kieffe Cusani-Visconti's** youngest son, Luca, graduated from WES on June 7. She and her eldest son, Alessandro '21 attended the ceremony.

Condolences to

The **Woodings family** (Faris '15, Holden '17, Miles '17, and Quinn '25) on the passing of their father, Ted Woodings, on March 29, 2022. Ted served as a Trustee from 2005-2011.

The family of **Ben Wills '17** on his passing on April 11, 2022. He attended the College of Charleston.

The **Geier Family** (Caroline Geier Masur '02, Julia Geier '07, and Gabrielle Geier) on the passing of their father, Ted Geier, on April 19, 2022. Ted served as a Trustee from 1996-2002.

The **Richards Family** (Cri-Cri '98, Carolina '02) on the passing of their father, James Walsh Richards, Jr. on June 25, 2022. Walsh served as a Trustee from 1994-2000.



Samir '20 and Nasim Elkassem '20

and they were invited last summer. Nasim and Samir will spend a week training and staying with the team, and then their family will join them for some fun. They both are grateful for this unique opportunity.

This swimming powerhouse duo has been competing since age 6, winning more medals, ribbons, and accolades to "fill a bathtub," according to Samir. Rising juniors, they have been on Winston Churchill High School's swim team for two years. This winter their team earned three major championships: regionals, metros, and Maryland State 4A/3A. They both swam on the relay team that broke the Montgomery County Public School 400 free relay record, and Nasim broke the Churchill 100 butterfly record. As leaders of their successful team, they were featured and interviewed in an article in *The Washington Post* on March 2. Additionally, Nasim and Samir received the Scholastic All American Swimming award, given to swimmers who maintain a GPA higher than 3.5 and must have swum an individual pool time equal to or faster than the 2022 Winter Junior qualifying time in any individual event.

Frequently they are on the same relay team but often find themselves in the same event. Do they compete against each other? "If we are in the same event and heat, we definitely compete against each other," said Nasim. "But it's always in the best way," added Samir, with a smile. As 10-year olds, they set a national age record as anchors in a 200-yard medley relay. Looking forward, they both are setting their sights on swimming at the college level.

They are spending the summer working as Summer@WES counselors and swimming for RMSC (Rockville Montgomery Swim Club).



Alumni at GRADUATION

June 7, 2022

TOP-BOTTOM, L-R:

- Alex '20 and David High '22
- Eliza '19, Issac '22, and Naomi Horne '19
- Geneva '19 and Kathryn Marquardt '18
- Finn '22 and Cecelia Cooper '18
- David '18, Miles '22, and James Stevenson '19
- Arjun '18 and Arohi Narayan '22



CALLING ALL WES Alumni & Parents of Alumni:

Please email or call us with photos & any news you wish to share - *thank you so much!*

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L-R: Class of 2021: Aidan Deshpande, Joseph Minichello, and Isaiah Yirenkyi • Friend Jayanna with Emanuelle Hair '20 and Emily Evans '20 • Aden Linkins '20 • Alex High '20 and Victor Jacobsen '20



L-R: Class of 2019: Gigi Beeson, Naomi Horne, Iris Zola, ssa Larson, and Peter Seelman • Lindsay Bratun '10 with Nigel Howard and Liz Tyndall • Class of 2020: Victor Jacobsen, Alex High, Alana Woods, Amy King, Gabriel Piris, Grace Pressley, Phoebe Milhollin, Davis Oetlmann, Ewan Porter

We had a wonderful turnout at the **Founders Day Picnic and Alumni Reunion** on June 3—the *first since 2019!*

It was a great opportunity for friends to reconnect.

Alumni at FOUNDERS DAY June 3, 2022



L-R: Class of 2021: (front row) James Bailey, Anna Maher back row: Rhian Williams, Caleb Chen, Arden Manson, Wesley Cooper, Lucas Zandamela, Daniel Pressley, Jack Lasner, Najee Ankoma-Sey, Ethan Oeltmann, Alex Kiser, Will Ehrenberg, Isaiah Yirenkyi, Zach Mahan, Luca Acharya, Leon Phillips, Sawyer Makl • Class of 2017: Emelia Isola, Randolph Kaminskas, Christian Berko, and Joanna Dematatis



L-R: Bobby Bulman '22, Rhian Williams '21, Ani Grigorian '21, Olivia Girson '21, Alex Berko '21, Daniel Pressley '21 • Zöe Linkins '21 • Class of 2021 with Katie Hopper: Luca Acharya, Caleb Chen, Zach Mahan, Lucas Zandamela • Andrea Stumpf with Max Stumpf '20



Moniola Odunsi, Clara Knott, Isabella Dodro, Fiona Turnbull, Maya Grebowsky • Caroline Dickey, Kyra Chassaing • Danny Vogelmann, Julian Haas, Sandy Vogelmann



Susan Girgis, Moniola Odunsi, Linda Durling • Tendai Ball, Nancy Wright, Julian Matthews • Alexander Mehta, Theo Sotoodehnia, Caroline Dickey, Fiona Turnbull

Class of 2018 REUNION May 1, 2022

Many thanks to **Caroline Dickey '18** and her family for hosting the **Class of 2018** reunion on May 1 at their home. More than 60 alumni, parents, teachers, and faculty—plus a few siblings—attended this special gathering. We wish the members of the class of 2018 all the best in their future endeavors! *Please keep in touch.*



FRONT ROW: Julian Haas, David Stevenson, Harrison Kehler

SECOND ROW: Audrey Hester, Ian Shaiyen, Jo Massaro, Maggie Brett-Major, Fiona Turnbull, Maya Grebowsky, Moniola Odunsi, Clara Knott, Kyra Chassaing

BACK ROW: Julian Matthews, Theo Sotoodehnia, Alexander Mehta, Bradley Whiteway, Ben Babbitt, Will Kaine, Isabella Dodro, Caroline Dickey, Caroline King, Sam Wake

NOT PICTURED: Tendai Ball, Colin Redmond

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Isabella Dodro



Fiona Turnbull, Caroline Dickey, & Theo Sotoodehnia



Bradley Whiteway



Isaiah Horne



Harrison Kehler



Ian Shaiyen



Jo Massaro



Isabella Dodro & Julian Haas



Clara Knott



Maddie Griffin



Jordan Murphy with his mother,
Krystine McGrath



Emily Nelson



Margaret Hampe



Maya Grebowsky

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Class of 2018
GRADUATES
Spring 2022

COLLEGE CHOICES

CLASS OF 2018

Congratulations!

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Marymount Manhattan College

Tendai Ball *
University of Pennsylvania

Maggie Brett-Major
University of Chicago

Kyra Chassaing *
Columbia University

Cecelia Cooper *
Hood College

Julian Diaz
Franklin & Marshall

Caroline Dickey *
University of North Carolina

Marlyse Dlodlo *
Keep us posted

Isabella Dodro *
UNC - Greensboro

Maya Grebowsky *
University of Pennsylvania

Graham Greenan
SMU

Madeline Griffin *
Pennsylvania State University

Julian Haas *
Wesleyan University

Margaret Hampe *
University of Vermont

Audrey Hester *
Montgomery College

Isaiah Horne *
Allegany College

Miles Jones*
Keep us posted

Will Kaine
Colby College

Harrison Kehler *
Hamilton College

Caroline King *
Ohio State University

Clara Knott *
Fairfield College

Joy Alycia Kramer *
Brigham Young University

Jo Massaro *
Hamilton College

Julian Matthews *
Howard University

Alexander Mehta *
University of Pennsylvania

Jordan Murphy *
Loyola University (MD)

Arjun Narayan *
University of Pennsylvania

Emily Nelson *
University of Kentucky

Conner Nickel *
Emory University

Moniola Odunsi *
Harvard University

Ian Shaiyen *
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Katie Skinner *
Bucknell University

Theo Sotoodehnia *
Yale University

David Stevenson *
Elon University

Fiona Turnbull *
University of Virginia

Sam Wake *
The City College of New York

Bradley Whiteway *
Coast Guard Academy

** WES Graduate*

Calendar

2022 - 2023



SAVE THESE DATES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2022:

Back to School Picnic and Alumni Reunion
5:30-7:30 p.m. on the Turf Field

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2023:

Alumni Reunion and Pizza Party 5:30-8:00 p.m.
The Deighton Alleyne Gymnasium

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023:

Auction Gala at WES

Looking Back to 1989...

Kim Bair, who just completed her 30th year at WES initially as an Early Childhood teacher and more recently an administrator, married her husband Jim in November 1989 in Potomac, MD. **More than 25 of her students had parts in their wedding** or were in attendance, demonstrating her affection and devotion to her students and our school.



TOP ROW: Mariam Ayub '97, Andrew Tillman '97, Alexander Cheek '97, Kim Bair, Patrick Scanlon '98, Christopher Leising '97, McClain Braswell '98, Caroline Brooks '99, Timothy Mayberry '98

MIDDLE ROW: Robert Metz '98, Peter Tillman '98, Rebecca Dankner '98, Philip Cheatham '98, Richie Luchs, Stephen Casey '98

FRONT ROW: Elizabeth Brooks '98, Rory Cheatham '99, Susanna Knouse '97, Elizabeth Norton '97, Hilary Lewis '97, Hal Mecke '98

NOT PICTURED BUT PRESENT AT THE WEDDING: Chase Bourke '97, Ashleigh Freer '90 (junior bridesmaid), Jake Goldberg '97, Rachel Goldberg '90 and Melanie Konstantopoulos '98 (guest book attendants), Sam Goldberg '97, Bethany Stafford '90, Blair Wilcox '98



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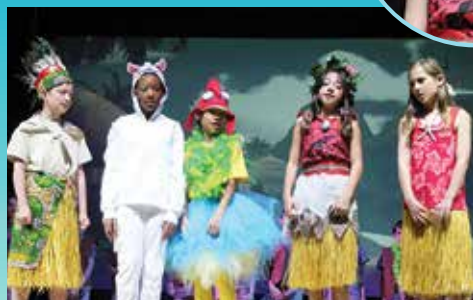
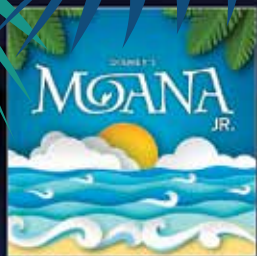
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