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is coming to life.

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Landon School is committed to the ethical, intellectual, and personal development of boys. We challenge and inspire them to think deeply, individually, and broadly; to live with respect and honor; and to grow into healthy, well-rounded men of integrity and character who seek to make a positive difference in the world around them.

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**Seventh Grade Dean and Middle School math teacher Dijon Anderson says his first year at Landon was a revelation on how joyful and fun it is to see the boys in action, whether it's in class or on the field!**

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# From the Head of School



**Dear Landon Community,**

As we enter the 2022-23 school year, we are pleased to share this edition of *Landon Magazine* which provides a snapshot of last year here at Landon and within our wider community. The thousands of interactions, connections, and decisions that moved us forward in 2021-22 provide stories and updates that give a feel for the year, some of which we share here. There is no doubt that we have continued to persevere together, to lean on each other, and to find strength in our collective energies. As the seniors' motto told us, it was a year *like no other*.

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To be sure, in a time when there is a yearning for normal even though we still haven't quite figured what that will be, when an opinion can easily become a viral "fact," and when there are moments of pure joy that punctuate a relentless roller coaster of change and uncertainty, the foundation of Landon, what binds us together, is drawn from the values of our School.

Whether it is honor, respect, teamwork, kindness, or, once again, perseverance, Landon has put its best self forward by relying on a values- and character-based approach to educating our boys and stewarding our community.

In this edition we celebrate our 2022 graduates, our scholars, athletes, and artists, our collective successes and our award winners, our faculty, and our alumni. We also share with you our transformational progress on our

Campus Master Plan, progress which has taken full root on campus, as well as progress we have made on the associated Capital Campaign and other Strategic Plan initiatives. We share news of our faculty who are retiring, those who are leaving for new opportunities, and those who newly joined our community.

In this issue, you will also see how an art class for Landon parents led to a dramatic installation on the National Mall to remember COVID-19 victims. You will learn how one of our alumni, who once had a thriving and satisfying career on Wall Street, changed course after a serious illness, went to medical school, and now treats patients as a primary care physician in New York. You will read about an Upper School student who paints for children in need and then met the President of the United States as a result.

One of the ways that 2021-22 was *like no other*, despite its many challenges, is the number of things it gave us to celebrate and be proud of – the grounding, important things it reminded us of – and I hope this magazine serves as

a reminder of just that for all of you. And as we embark, together, upon the coming year and years ahead, there is indeed so much to look forward to in this special community. I hope you enjoy this edition of our *Landon Magazine* and have enjoyed a restful summer.

Go Bears!

Sincerely,



Jim Neill  
Head of School

# STRATEGIC PLAN SUCCESSSES

## 1

### ACADEMICS

- Review and update school-wide curriculum

Advanced Placement phased out; replaced with Advanced and Honors courses designed by faculty over recent years

Updated capstone program for seniors to place emphasis on community, service, and experiential learning

- Update curriculum infrastructure

Established scope and sequence coordinator role

Developed schoolwide curriculum mapping project

Finalized Portrait of a Graduate document that outlines skills and competencies for all grades

- Develop a sustainable and schoolwide approach to technology

Hired a Chief Technology Officer and reorganized technology staff

Conducted a technology audit with an outside firm

Moved from “Bring Your Own Device” to a 1:1 computer program

**Landon’s 2018 Strategic Plan is well on its way to being realized. That plan began with 11 strategic goals and more than 170 action steps based on ten surveys, seven focus groups, and more than 2400 responses from our community. Here is a brief update on our work toward achieving the plan, which includes six goals and 26 action steps.**



## 2

### CHARACTER

- Established and hired a Director for Service, Ethics, and Leadership; added an ethics coordinator for Lower and Middle Schools
- Updated Code of Character (now called Character Pledge), Honor Code, Civility Code, and core values
- Scheduled weekly Wednesday time in the daily schedule for service, leadership, and ethics lessons and projects

## 3

### FACULTY

- Expanded professional development budget
- Established schoolwide evaluation system to promote growth, support, and consistent highest level of teaching practices
- Developed and launched a Teacher Development Program to hire those with diverse backgrounds and experiences





# 4

## CAMPUS

- Developed and began to carry out a multiyear comprehensive Campus Master Plan
- Addressed key facility needs as part of Campus Master Plan and updated regular capital budgeting plan
- Completed a facilities condition and capacities analysis with CGS Architects, and Stone House Group, firms that specialize in school campus work

# 5

## RESOURCES

- Conducted an audit and added staff to prepare for capital campaign
- Launched a capital campaign on October 15, 2021
- Developed and began to execute a ten-year admissions financial planning model
- Developed and began to execute a marketing plan with Creosote Affects, Connect.ED, and other marketing partners
- Developed and finalized branding plan with updates to messaging, logos, colors, and more
- Increased admissions yield and retention efforts

READ THE FULL STRATEGIC PLAN.



# 6

## COMMUNITY

- Developed and began to execute Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan
- Created Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion position
- Broadened efforts to hire faculty and staff of diverse backgrounds
- Developed service programs designed for an all-school approach



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# LANDON UPDATES

## MISSION AND CHARACTER PLEDGE

Over recent years, the Landon Board of Trustees has addressed the 2018 Strategic Plan's call to review our various identity statements (such as mission and philosophy) and confirm that they were robust representations of Landon's purpose and values. The Board completed that work last spring.

In 2018, as part of the Strategic Planning process, the Board began a review of the School's current mission, philosophy, and character statements, concurrent with a similar process undertaken by the Administrative Team. The Board ultimately decided to assemble a taskforce comprised of trustees, administrators, faculty, and alumni in 2019 to formally begin the process of evaluating our identity statements.

This group – whose membership included trustees **Scott Harris '84**, **Steve Jones**, and **Bill Magruder '92** as well as staff members **Stevie Brown**, **Jen Dunfee**, **Charles Franklin**, **Addison Hunt**, **Jim Neill**, **Thomas Pipoli**, **Sarah Powers**, and **Ricky Sears '99** – reviewed academic research on the role and importance of mission and philosophy statements, examined statements of other schools, and evaluated comprehensive survey data from the Landon community. All of this informed the group's more focused efforts to consolidate, refine, and update Landon's current identity statements in ways that

expressed Landon's reason for being as thoroughly and authentically as possible.

Drafts were reviewed and revised by faculty and staff and by the Board multiple times last school year. They were also shared with Upper School student leadership. All of this led to the taskforce presenting to the Board at the end of the school year three separate documents for their approval: an updated mission and philosophy statement; an updated Character Pledge that brings together our Honor Code, Civility Code, and Core Values; and a new Portrait of a Graduate statement. The Board approved all three unanimously at its final meeting last year.

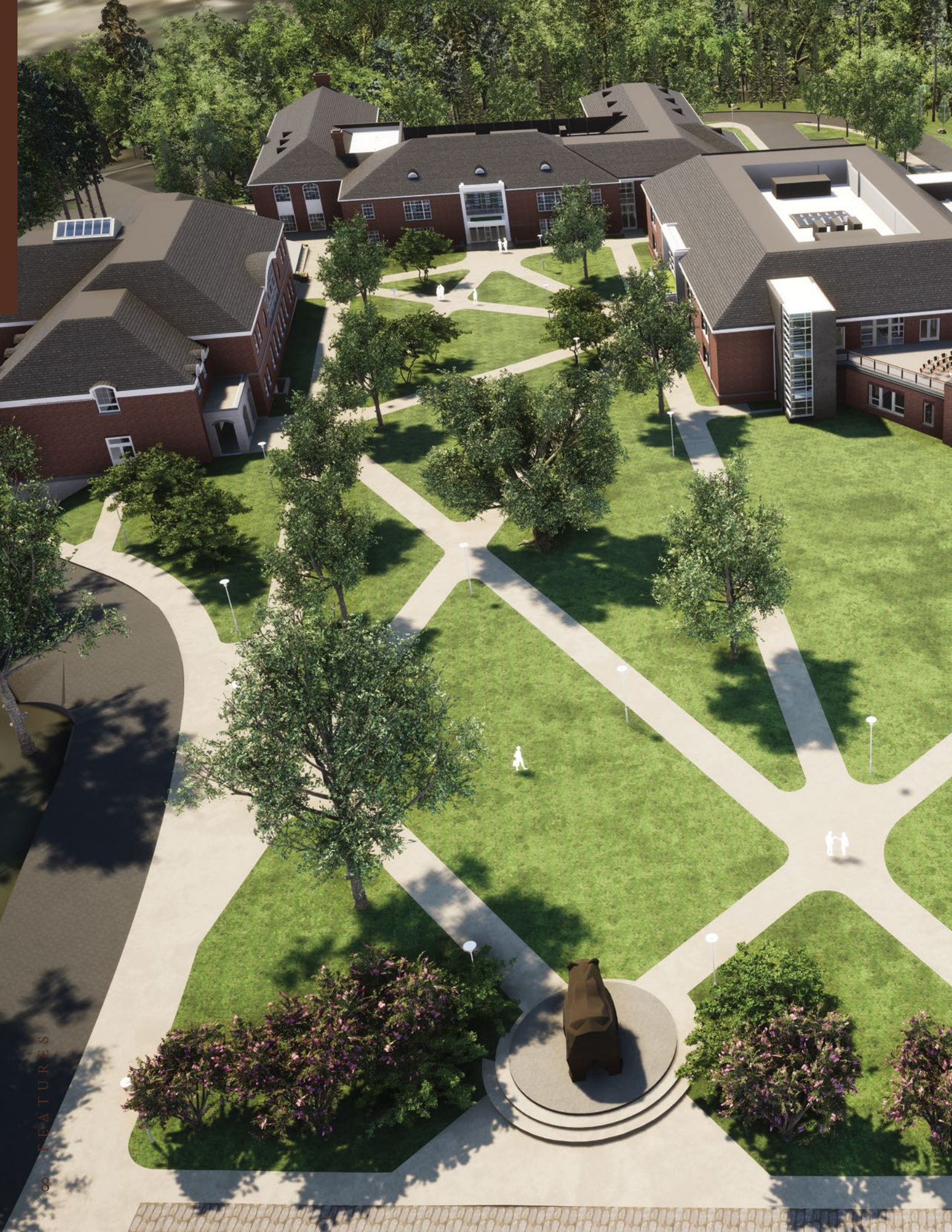
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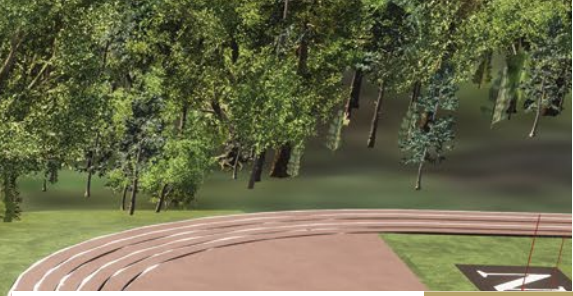
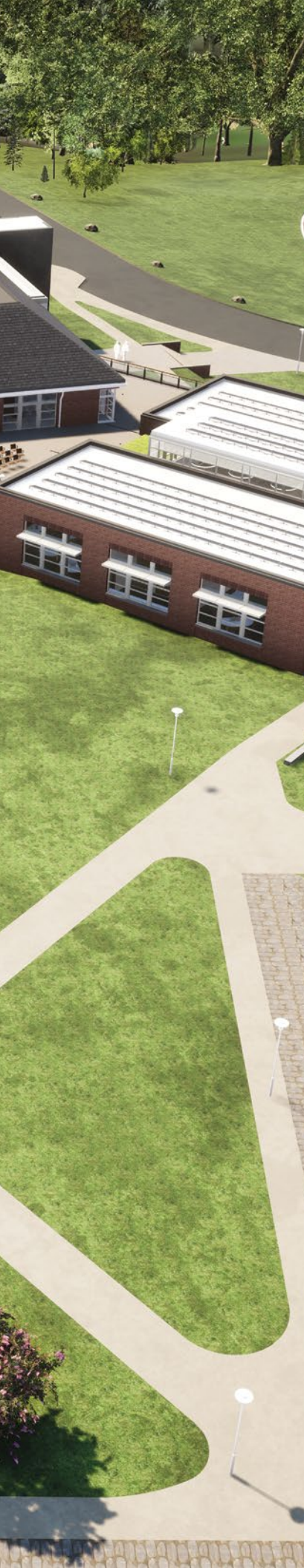






Upper School students sign the new Character Pledge in September 2021.





# THE TRANSFORMATION *BEGINS*

Construction is underway on Landon’s Campus Master Plan, which fulfills the original vision for the School while looking to the needs of the future.

Our comprehensive Campus Master Plan will bring together Landon students and faculty around a central academic courtyard, known as Minter Quadrangle, in the northeastern portion of campus. This will realize the vision of the original campus planner and architect, **Horace Peaslee**, who drafted plans back in the 1930s that included such a central academic quad.

The project is led by the school architectural firm **CGS Architects** and our construction partner **Coakley Williams**.



# ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP INFORMS MASTER PLAN

As campus construction steps up, years of strategic planning for new and renovated buildings on campus are coming to life. Among the priorities established for these additions and enhancements was environmental stewardship, both in preserving and enhancing the natural environment and beauty of the campus, and in making decisions that are in line with campus, regional, and global environmental standards today and for the future.

With the guidance of **William Spack**, founding principal and architect with **CGS Architects**, the Campus Master Plan addresses sustainability in all aspects of the project, from the design of the buildings to countless decisions, large and small.

## THE BUILDINGS

Beyond designing to LEED (Lead in Energy and Environmental Design) certification criteria and Montgomery County's goals for green construction, all new and renovated buildings will be constructed to ensure sustainability. High-quality windows and robust



insulation will create a thermal envelope for each building that provides fundamental energy conservation. Highly-efficient mechanical systems will include low-flow plumbing, HVAC, and LED lighting; and a large array of photovoltaic cells on the roof of the new Boehly Upper School will enable Landon to generate some of its own power.

To make way for the Boehly Upper School building, historic Andrews House is being moved rather than torn down. "We'll be using its good solid bones and restoring and modernizing it," said Spack, who emphasized that the cultural, environmental, and economic advantages to keeping it were clear.

In addition, the finishes throughout the campus will include environmentally friendly selections,

such as carpets and paints that are low in volatile organic compounds (VOCs) to avoid off-gassing. Quality and durable materials have been chosen to be long-lasting, and recycling any demolished material is a high priority, including pulverizing concrete slabs that can be put back into the new construction and repurposing on-campus trees removed during construction.

## THE SITE

A wide array of initiatives and requirements from the School as well as Montgomery County are being addressed to ensure sustainability.

To mitigate the effect of newly constructed impervious surfaces, a series of bioswales will capture and filter stormwater runoff before it drains further downstream. The use of light-colored materials



**Buildings will include central skylit common areas and photovoltaic cells on the roof of the new Boehly Upper School.**

in roofing and pavements will limit the heat island effect, and protecting and enhancing the tree canopy will provide shading to offset hard surfaces. Exterior light fixtures that reflect light downward will help maintain dark skies.

added for each removed, and protecting the streambed that runs around the campus with established barriers to encroachment by the new construction.

and aesthetic impact throughout planning and construction in all decisions. The plan reflects that, including incorporating nature into the buildings to create spaces that enhance health and well-being.

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“Jim Neill wants to save every tree possible,” said Spack. The plan also calls for the lumber from any trees removed during construction to be salvaged and used to build tables and chairs for the dining hall and classrooms.

Daylight throughout the buildings will be enhanced through additions such as central skylit common areas. New windows will not just enable students and teacher to bring fresh air into the room, they will also provide better ventilation. A variety of new outdoor spaces will provide additional formal classrooms and informal gathering areas, utilizing more of the Landon outdoor campus than ever before.

Protecting Landon’s woods is also of paramount importance. The Campus Master Plan calls for replanting and reforestation wherever possible, trees being

**A SPIRIT OF SUSTAINABILITY**

Spack credits Head of School **Jim Neill** with a requirement to be fully mindful of environmental



## THE VISION

The Campus Master Plan envisioned the creation of a new Upper School building. This will maintain a central location on the current site of the Andrews House, establishing a beacon of learning on the highest point of our 75 acres. With the new Boehly Upper School, the Middle School, now Grades 7 and 8, will move into a renovated and expanded Banfield Academic Center (the current Upper School building). The Lower School, serving Grades 3-6, will move into the current Middle School building renamed the Freeman Family Lower School. The resulting academic quad, Miniters Quadrangle, will support a cohesive Landon experience for all of our students.

With Andrews House being relocated, the Wilson Building will become a new visual arts center once the Lower School moves from that location.

## PHASE ZERO CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

### ROADWAYS AND WELCOME CENTER

Phase Zero, the first step in the transformative investments in Landon’s campus, began in February 2022. Roadways are moving from the center of campus, allowing for the creation of an academic quad and a pedestrian-friendly core of the campus – a continuous, vehicle-free

area where the boys spend most of their academic day. In addition, a new welcome center closer to Wilson Lane will guide visitors and facilitate vehicle traffic onto Harriet Warren Way. At the front entrance, new fencing and landscaping will improve the aesthetic view from inside and outside campus and provide a higher level of security.

Phase Zero is expected to be completed in the fall of 2022.

#### JULY 2022



**BEGIN CURRENT UPPER SCHOOL/  
NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITIONS**

#### SEPTEMBER 2022

**RELOCATE ANDREWS HOUSE**

**BEGIN NEW BOEHLY UPPER  
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION**

THE CAMPAIGN FOR  
**LONDON**

The Campaign for Landon is a comprehensive campaign with a goal of raising \$50 million to enhance and transform our academic buildings and our boys' experience. In addition to raising \$30 million for the extensive capital projects required to complete the Campus Master Plan, the campaign also has a goal of \$10 million to increase endowment and \$10 million for the Landon Fund (operating expenses support) over the duration of the campaign. Landon's endowment falls short of its peer schools, and we look to grow our endowment to provide further program and scholarship support over the duration of the campaign for our community.

As of August 1, Landon has received gifts or commitments for almost \$39 million of the \$50 million goal. We are grateful to all who have supported this campaign – and we need the broad-based support of our entire community to reach our goal.

Please reach out to Director of Development **Peter J. Gallo** at 301-320-1004 to explore how you might support The Campaign for Landon.



**Top: Wil '88 and Zach '91 Warren, and their father, Ed Warren, made a transformational gift to support our new entrance for Harriet Warren Way.**

**Bottom: Construction is nearing completion on Wilson Lane fencing and the Harriet Warren Way.**

**AUGUST 2023**



**COMPLETE CURRENT UPPER SCHOOL/NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATIONS**

**AUGUST 2023**

**COMPLETE NEW BOEHLY UPPER SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION**

**COMPLETE SITEWORK**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR CONSTRUCTION AND OUR CAMPAIGN, SCAN THE QR CODE.**



## PHASE 1 GROUNDBREAKING

### THE BOEHLY UPPER SCHOOL

On June 1, 2022, students, faculty, and donors gathered for a ceremonial groundbreaking to formally kick off the summer construction projects.

The event took place on the site of the future **Boehly Upper School**, which will contain the **Brooke and Rosemary Seawell STEM Center** as well as new gathering and academic spaces.

Head of School **Jim Neill** addressed the boys, faculty, staff, campaign supporters, and special guests during the groundbreaking. “It gives me great pleasure to say that with this ceremony we begin the main work associated with Phase One. This work is both necessary and transformational to ensure you Landon Bears and faculty have spaces that will meet the needs of the program and promote the relationships that are central to Landon.”

“In addition to the many people Mr. Neill and Mr. **Harmar Thompson '90, P '31**, chair of the Board’s Buildings and Grounds Committee, thanked for getting us to this important milestone, I also want to thank the three co-chairs of our capital campaign – **Bill Eacho '72, Laura Hoffman, P '17 '21 '24**, and **Matt Coursen '99** – who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to help us raise the money to fund this important project,” said **Alex Baldwin, P '18**, Chair of the Board of Trustees.

“I want to thank Jim Neill for his recognition of and focus on Landon’s need for new academic space and his unwavering conviction that Landon could run a successful capital campaign to fund it,” Thompson noted.

**There is tremendous excitement as our community sees the transformation in progress. For current updates, visit [campaign.landon.net](http://campaign.landon.net).**





# ANDON UNDBREAKING



Alex Baldwin, P '18, speaks at the groundbreaking to the tremendous excitement within our community as the transformation of campus progresses.

# School News

## COVID-19 UPDATE

# A Pandemic With Perseverance

The first few weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic in the spring of 2020 served as a reminder that relationships between boys and their teachers, coaches, and mentors are truly what makes Landon an extraordinary place. As we planned for the 2020-21 school year in the summer of 2020, we knew that having boys in person here on campus as much as possible was of paramount importance. To that end, Landon outfitted 35 large tents all over campus to house classes; these tents were equipped with wireless connectivity, whiteboards, chairs, desks, and Logitech cameras to create outdoor classrooms. PCR testing and mask wearing became part of the school routine, and we were able to persevere throughout the 2020-21 school year thanks to the commitment of boys, families, faculty, and staff to create as meaningful a year as possible given the challenges.

The 2021-22 school year saw a move toward a much more normal setting, with boys back on campus full time. Vaccines, continued testing, and a balanced approach to all situations resulted in a school year that provided our boys with the education, camaraderie, and sense of connection that defines the Landon experience.





Five themes are driving Landon's curriculum innovation and alignment efforts.

## ACADEMIC UPDATE

# AP to Advanced Academics

Starting in the 2022-23 academic year, Landon will roll out Advanced offerings in the Upper School to replace previously labeled Advanced Placement classes. These Advanced courses will challenge and engage boys at the highest levels of study. Freed from the confines of teaching to an Advanced Placement test, these courses will incorporate the five themes (listed to the right) that are driving our overall curriculum innovation and alignment efforts from Grades 3-12.

The school's second Curriculum and Pedagogy Summer Week this summer for faculty focused on these five themes. Teachers of Advanced courses have been working for several years to identify essential elements from their previous AP courses while designing meaningful and challenging units of study to incorporate into new courses that will inspire, engage, and prepare boys for success in college and beyond.

Advanced Environmental Science teacher **Chris Ros** said, "The previous AP approach didn't allow for deeper exploration and understanding and often just began to scratch the surface of the complexity involved. Moving to an Advanced class in Environmental Science will now allow me to focus on key issues that are currently unfolding around us. I will be able to take our students through a more thorough experience that brings more complex science to the curriculum, introduces challenging economic, social, and political influences, and provides opportunities to interact with the actual agencies and people involved in the issues we are studying."



1. Incorporate resources outside the classroom
2. Augment interdisciplinary learning
3. Focus on independent scholarship/original work
4. Incorporate, as appropriate, student interest in course content and activities
5. Increase the creativity of our course offerings



# NEW BEAR AND BRANDING

Over the last few years, we have been working on various aspects of our branding and messaging at Landon to fulfill elements of our 2018 Strategic Plan. One of the most exciting and fun parts of this has been updating our logos – specifically the Landon “L” and our Bear mascot.

The Landon “L” has returned to a strong and classic look reminiscent of that used at the time of the school’s founding in 1929. The Landon Bear has been given a fresh look as well, one that is unique to Landon and that seeks to convey fortitude and purpose. With these updates we look to uphold tradition, to create a compelling “One Landon” consistency to how we present ourselves, and to promote school spirit. These images will brand physical spaces at school as well as uniforms, spirit wear, and other items. Thank you to Director of Athletics **Bill Brady** and Director of Communications **Meredith Josef** who led the effort to update our logos.

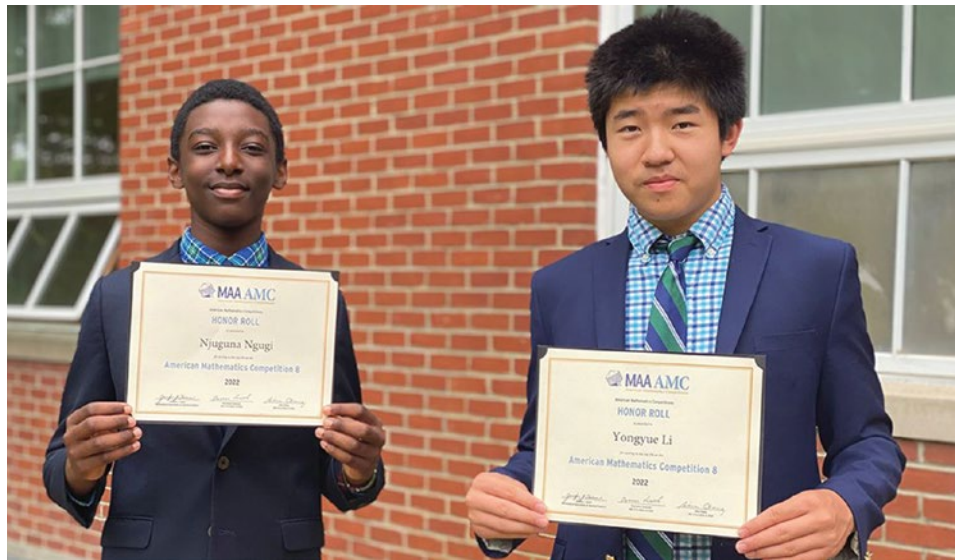




## AN INTERNATIONAL TWIST TO A STEM CHALLENGE

Landon and King's School in Auckland, New Zealand collaborated on a unique and fun STEM challenge. In the "Pringle" challenge, students must design and construct a package to safely transport one Pringle potato chip via the U.S. Postal Service. The goal is to engineer a package to have the smallest mass and smallest volume while also protecting the chip. Students could only use recycled materials to build their packages.

**George Mulligan**, science teacher at Landon, and Mrs. Jackson, science teacher at King's School, partnered to add the international twist to this project. On May 11, the two schools met on Zoom to learn about each other's schools and open the Pringle chip packages. The boys were delighted to learn about life at a boys' school halfway around the world and to see if their chips survived the journey!



## MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS SCORE HIGH IN MATH

Two Middle School students placed in the top 5% in the country in the American Mathematics Contest (AMC 8). **Yongyue Li '26** and **Njuguna Ngugi '26** are 2022 Honor Roll recipients.

"Being in the top 5% in the country in a school as small as Landon is pretty amazing. We're really proud of these boys," Middle School Math Teacher **Jamie Matthews '04** said.

The AMC 8 is designed to develop problem-solving skills for Middle School students. The contest provides an opportunity for them to develop positive attitudes toward analytical thinking and mathematics that can assist in future careers. While Landon's math program does not teach to the contest, as some schools do, the success of the boys speaks to both their skill and knowledge and the overall preparation they receive at Landon.



## BUILD BIRD- HOUSES, LEARN EMPATHY

Lower School students are learning about empathy and the environment. Lower School Librarian **Sandy Blasey** started the project by reading a book to the boys about birds and their significance in nature. Lower School Ethics, Service, and Leadership Coordinator **Jen Dunfee** spoke about our mutual respect for the environment and our surroundings, incorporating the significance of this message with Landon's Character Pledge. Lower School students then colored premade birdhouses, filled them with seed, and hung them around campus. Students visited their creations throughout the year to see them in use and enjoyed by our campus' bird population.



## CONRAD BRADY '23 RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S SERVICE AWARD

**Conrad Brady '23** was among 17 student leaders in the D.C. area who received President's Volunteer Service Awards for their work with Families4Families, a nonprofit organization that combats food insecurity (See p. 36 for story about Families4Families).

The President's Volunteer Service Award is presented to individuals who are "using their time and talents to solve some of the toughest challenges facing [the] nation." Awarded students must serve a minimum of 80 hours of volunteer service, hold a leadership position within their club, and participate in a minimum of five collections and deliveries.

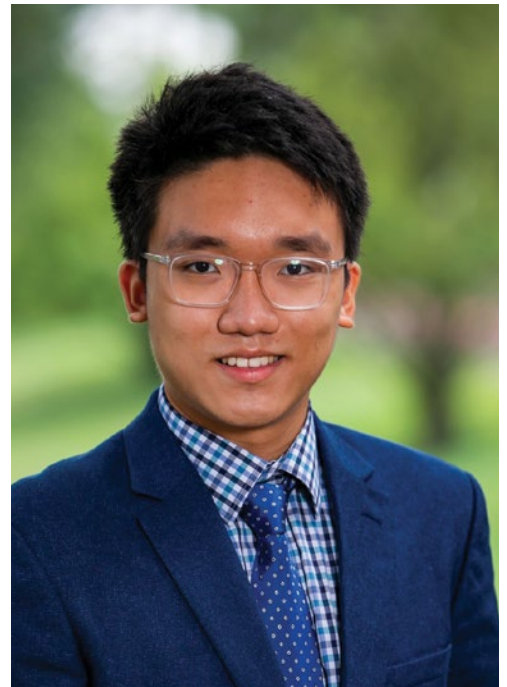
# NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL “ELITE EIGHT” FINISH

Eight Upper School students split up into two teams to participate in the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Science Bowl, a nationwide academic competition that tests knowledge in science and math. Out of 26 teams from 14 high schools in the DC/ Maryland region, Landon’s Team One advanced to the Elite Eight, the final eight teams in the competition. This year’s competition was virtual as teams faced off in a fast-paced question-and-answer format on a range of science disciplines including biology, chemistry, Earth science, physics, energy, and math. “We put our best foot forward... we have really bonded together,” Team Two member **Lawrence Li ’23** said. “We’ve seen each other’s strengths, and I think that’s the best part about it.” “Landon’s math and science faculty should be especially proud of how these boys performed,” said Upper School Science Teacher **Beverly Sivaslian**, who also coached the students. “They were phenomenal!”



**BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)**  
**Roberto Wick ’23, Cormic McNamara ’22,**  
**Alan Zhang ’23, Caelen Lee ’23, Lawrence Lee ’23**

**FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)**  
**Kien Phuong ’22, Quinn Kelly ’23, Ricky Du ’22**



**Two students in Landon's Class of 2022 were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program: Will Amorosi '22 (top) and Kien Phuong '22 (bottom).**

# National Merit Honorees

**Will Amorosi '22** and **Kien Phuong '22** have been named National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Students in recognition of their outstanding academic promise as demonstrated by their PSAT/NMSQT scores.

Amorosi, who will attend the University of Maryland, is one of only a handful of students taking Multivariable Calculus this year, a course which is a year beyond Landon's highest offering in math. He also earned awards for the National Latin Exam for the past three years. Amorosi qualified for the state-level Math Counts competition as one of the top students of mathematics in the State of Maryland.

"I have seen firsthand in my own class the type of work Will can produce when he dives into a project or an assignment. Will is a tenacious problem solver and analytical thinker," co-director of College Counseling **Andy Luther** said.

Phoung, who will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was one of only four students chosen from around the country to compete as part of the United States team that earned a silver medal at the International Chemistry Olympiad. He is also enrolled in multiple honors classes and is a member of the Chamber Singers.

Math Department Chair **Kathleen Lubin** said Kien "strides through difficult problems without an ounce of confusion, he focuses intently on new material being presented to him, and he absorbs the concepts instantaneously. I am not sure how he does it, but it is enjoyable for me to watch a student have that much success and at the same time be so modest."





“I’m thrilled my artwork supports the incredible and life-changing service that CNH provides.”

# A Presidential Picture

Artwork by **Pierce Ryan '22** is hanging in the halls of the White House, after his watercolor was presented to the President and the First Lady during their Christmas Eve 2021 visit to Children’s National Hospital (CNH). Pierce explains in his own words how his connection with and work for the hospital led to this honor.

“At the start of the pandemic during my sophomore year, I began to work with CNH in assisting with its goal of creating healing environments for patients, families, and doctors to bring relief to them during difficult times. These environments were created by artwork all around the hospital. To date, I’ve completed 38 paintings for the hospital.

I was made aware that my art would be presented to the Bidens only two days before their visit to the hospital. I received an urgent email from the hospital to contact them immediately. When I called and was told about it, I couldn’t believe it! I was so honored that my art was considered for such a special occasion and would then be hung in the White House. The painting was chosen because the Bidens are well known for their love of their dogs. I’m thrilled my artwork supports the incredible and life-changing service that CNH provides.

At Landon, the community is very enthusiastic about all the arts. A lot of positive support comes from fellow painting classmates and students passing by the art room from the hallway, which motivates me to do my best work!”



**Pierce Ryan '22 meets President Joe Biden at Children’s National Hospital.**



NOTE FROM: ELLICE HAWKINS, DIRECTOR OF DEI

# Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Update

The class of 2022's motto, "Like No Other," best describes my first year at Landon. In all this newness, I immediately felt welcomed. I am here at Landon for my next chapter and have truly felt a sense of belonging from the beginning. When I arrived at Landon, faculty and staff kept inquiring about my transition and asking how I liked the school. They kept telling me if I think I am enjoying the school now, wait until I meet our students. They are special they said. "Special" was an understatement. They are what make Landon uniquely special.

When the students arrived for the start of school, I was officially introduced in our opening meeting. Immediately following our meeting, many of the students took it upon themselves to introduce themselves personally. I, too, made my rounds at recess, lunch, and club meetings.

I wanted to get to know all our students individually and for them to get to know me as well. I got to work on not only getting to know our community but also seeing where I could add value.

This year, I worked with many members of our community to continue to realize the goals of our DEI Action Plan, including establishing a DEI Committee of the Board of Trustees, and reviewing and providing updates to the School's Handbooks regarding issues of identity and belonging, and reviewing the calendar and assemblies to ensure they are inclusive.



Some of the work I engaged in includes:

1. **Speaking to the students early in the year during assemblies and classroom visits**
2. **Leading an Upper School ethics assembly on inclusivity**
3. **Leading a Middle School talk on "Finding the Good"**
4. **Contributing to a Lower School ethics class on resiliency**
5. **Offering faculty workshops on DEI topics**
6. **Crafting a Religious Observance Policy**

I enjoyed my first year and look forward to continuing the work and getting to know more members of the broader Landon community.

# Klingelhofer '77 Named Coach of the Year

**Marty Klingelhofer '77**, assistant director of athletics for strength and conditioning, was named 2022 Regional Coach of the Year by the National High School Strength Coaches Association. Each year, eight coaches around the country in each region are recognized for their coaching achievements and passion for the profession. He previously won this award for the state of Maryland.



The 2022 Gaithersburg Book Festival awarded first prize in its poetry contest for DC area high school students to **Teddy Tibbs '23** for his work “Reflections of the Delta.” The Festival is an annual all-day celebration of books, writers, and literary excellence held in May.

# Celebrating Class of 2022



Congratulations to our seniors and best wishes on the next step in your journey!



89

STUDENTS

**in the Class of 2022  
will attend 55 different  
colleges in the United  
States and Canada.**

3

STUDENTS

**are entering a  
post-graduate program  
or taking a gap year.**

84%

OF THE CLASS

**is attending a college or  
university where they  
applied early decision  
or early action.**





## COLLEGE MATRICULATION

- Brown University (2)
- Bucknell University (2)
- Claremont McKenna College
- Colby College
- College of Charleston (3)
- College of the Holy Cross
- Connecticut College
- Dartmouth College (2)
- Denison University (3)
- Dickinson College
- Emerson College
- Fashion Institute of Technology
- Franklin & Marshall College
- Furman University
- Georgetown University (2)
- Harvard University
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges (2)
- Indiana University (7)
- Johns Hopkins University
- Lehigh University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Michigan State University
- Morehouse College
- Oberlin College
- Pepperdine University
- Purdue University
- Rice University
- Syracuse University (2)
- Texas Christian University
- Texas Tech University
- The College of William and Mary
- The Ohio State University (2)
- The University of Alabama
- The University of Texas at Austin
- Tulane University
- United States Naval Academy (3)
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of Central Florida
- University of Georgia
- University of Hawaii
- University of Maryland (4)
- University of Miami (2)
- University of Michigan (3)
- University of Mississippi
- University of North Carolina
- University of Notre Dame (3)
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Southern California
- University of Toronto
- University of Virginia
- Vanderbilt University
- Villanova University (2)
- Wake Forest University (4)





# UPPER SCHOOL CLASS AWARDS

## Cum Laude Class of 2022 Inducted 2021

Parsa Lajmiri  
Jeff Duong  
Gavin Schwartz  
Yufeng Du  
Zak Oehlerking  
Nicholas Renzi  
Jack Farber  
George Roggie  
Andre Schnider

## Inducted 2022

Bobby Rudzki  
Cameron Brown  
Michael Hardie  
Alan Mirzoev  
Zach Lammers  
Will Single  
Jerry Ji  
Kien Phuong  
Stephen Schnappauf

## Cum Laude Class of 2023 Inducted 2022

Phil Strabo  
Lawrence Li  
David LaPrade  
Roberto Wick  
Vincent Barahona-Levin  
Tommy Trowern  
Michael Ray  
James Moncur



## 2022 AWARD WINNERS

**Although we moved graduation indoors because of the stormy weather, the spirit of the seniors was not dampened one bit. Congratulations to these major award winners recognized at Commencement:**

### **Parsa Lajmiri**

#### **ELEANOR ANN JOHNSON AWARD**

To the student who has demonstrated creativity, innovation, ingenuity, or artistic merit



### **Alan Mirzoev**

#### **MALCOLM COATES STUDENT ACTIVITIES AWARD**

To the student who has demonstrated constructive participation in non-athletic activities

### **Cullen Brown**

#### **WILLIAM HARRISON TRIPLETT AWARD**

To the Landon senior who not only has made significant contributions to the sports program, but who also has distinguished himself by displaying superior qualities of team dedication, respect for opponents, and regard for the spirit of the game

**Congratulations to these and all the award winners from Baccalaureate and Commencement. You can watch the recording of graduation on Landon's YouTube channel.**



### **Zak Oehlerking**

#### **CARROLL MERCER MARBURY AWARD**

To the student who has spirit of fearlessness, tenacity of purpose

### **Jeremiah Peebles**

#### **ALEXANDER AIKENS '67 AWARD**

To the student who has exemplary leadership in the areas of diversity and multiculturalism

### **C.J. O'Shea**

#### **STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARD**

To the student who has demonstrated by his unselfishness, integrity, courage, and spirit the highest type of school citizenship

### **George Roggie**

#### **HEADMASTER'S AWARD**

To the student who has demonstrated general excellence, citizenship, and participation





# AZALEA FESTIVAL

The 68th Azalea Festival returned to campus for the community and neighbors to enjoy from April 29 to May 1. The annual Azalea Festival raises funds for faculty professional development and student financial assistance. It is also our signature community event where students, parents, alumni, faculty, and staff come together to enjoy FunLand rides and student performances; select from a large assortment of azaleas, annuals, perennials, herbs, and vegetables; enjoy a variety of food and baked goods; and shop in a curated selection of boutiques as well as the Bearly Used section. Parents, alumni, and faculty also enjoyed the ‘Zalea Bash and auction on Friday night.

Landon extends its deepest thanks to the dedicated committee chairs and weekend volunteers who make this annual community tradition possible. We are also grateful to the generous support of our Azalea sponsors and those who raised their paddle at ‘Zalea Bash to support faculty enrichment. We are delighted to report that profits from the weekend events exceeded the goal, raising \$320,000. Congratulations to all for being a part of it!



Selamawit Tizan, P '27  
 Nan Rengel, P '27  
 Lynn Dyer, P '27  
 Allison Foster Kling, P '27  
 Anne Hawkins, P '27



**ABOVE**  
 Bob Lynn, P '23  
 Brian Salcetti '99, P '30  
 Justin Shackelford '99

**BELOW**  
 Andy Goldstein '04  
 Steve Abraham '76  
 Ty Blue '10  
 Peter Arnold '82



Christine Leggett, P '23, P '26  
 Allison Schermer Fuller, P '18, P '20, P '23  
 Julie Ray, P '23



Chrissy and Jeff Spigel, P '27



Jack Duquette  
Lowell Davis

# LANDON GOLF CLASSIC 2022

Many thanks to all the participants who came out to support the Nancy and Lowell Davis Endowed Scholarship Fund at the 2022 Landon Golf Classic on Friday, May 13 at Worthington Manor Golf Club in Urbana, MD. It was an honor to have Landon legends Lowell Davis and Jack Duquette join us to be honored by all for their long service to Landon and love of golf! For the first time ever, the event was opened to our entire community. Proceeds provide tuition assistance for children of alumni.



Alex Baldwin, P '18  
Jim Neill, P '24

Congratulations to our first-place team of **Keesy Bruggen '12, Hilary Fordwich, Scott Koonce '90, and John Sanders '80**, who beat out **Steve Block '80, Myke Cohn '99, Jack Duquette, and Morgan Egloff '15** by just one stroke.

**A heartfelt thank you to all the sponsors who helped make this event a huge success!**



Keesy Bruggen '12  
Hilary Fordwich, P '12, P '20  
Scott Koonce '90  
John Sanders '80



G. Hunt Mitchell '75  
Stephen L. Gordon Sr. '75, P '07  
Robert W. Wipfler  
Gerry Travis



Denise Granlun  
Allison Balliett  
Jocelyn Dyer  
Patricia Steis, P '27

SPOTLIGHT: THE MARSHALL FAMILY

# FINDING FAMILIES TO FEED FAMILIES



One of the great silver linings from the COVID-19 pandemic is Families4Families (F4F), the brainchild of Amanda and Alex Marshall and their four boys – James, Mac '25, John '27, and Brooks.



The Marshall Family (top) is the founders of Families4Families. Landon held events to gather groceries and household items for families in need throughout the year, including on Halloween and Valentine's Day.

What began at the start of the lockdown as a way to help DC area families struggling with access to food has become a nonprofit organization operating in 14 cities, delivering 700,000 meals, and mobilizing thousands of volunteers around the country and in Puerto Rico.

At the beginning of the pandemic, friends of the Marshalls dropped off groceries at their driveway, and the family would deliver the bags to families in need that **Amanda Marshall** identified through local nonprofit organizations. Within one month, a full weekly operation was underway, with collections and deliveries in many locations. One welcome surprise was the number of students taking the initiative to collect, sort, and deliver.

“This was a way for kids to do something active when we were all otherwise stuck at home, while also making a positive impact,” says Amanda Marshall.

By September of 2020, the organization became a formal 501(c)(3) nonprofit to enable donations and continue to grow. Student clubs began forming at schools, and each club partnered with a community nonprofit to address specific needs.

Landon’s F4F Student Club was one of the organization’s first,

launched by **Reese Finnell ’22** and **Robbie Lee ’22**. Collections also expanded to include health and hygiene items.


“Our source philanthropy model made it easy for new clubs to form and modify the idea to work for each community,” Amanda Marshall explains. “Students could easily take ownership of the project.”

Fifty clubs around the country now operate at the middle school, high school, and college levels. Even as the pandemic shifts, Amanda Marshall expects continued growth as food insecurity remains a critical issue in far too many communities. The program has also addressed other emergency needs, including assisting immigrants from Afghanistan and Ukraine.


“This brought needs to light and harnessed incredible energy and enthusiasm from young leaders,” says Amanda Marshall. “Now these kids will go into the world seeking out ways to continue to make an impact and turn things around for our neighbors in need. Done once, it’s hard to stop. This is creating the next generation of changemakers. I’ve never been more optimistic about our future.”

**Conrad Brady ’23** now leads the Landon F4F Student Club, and at least 20 students volunteer to collect, sort, and deliver groceries

regularly. With the support of the Landon community, the club has delivered more than 52,000 meals to families in need since it started two years ago. Learn more about Conrad’s President’s Service Award on page 20.



For more information, visit [families4families.org](https://families4families.org) or email Conrad at [conrad\\_brady@landon.net](mailto:conrad_brady@landon.net).





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**“The best art comes  
from deep inside  
to connect us.”**



SPOTLIGHT: SUZANNE FIRSTENBURG

# A COVID DEDICATION BORN FROM LANDON INSPIRATION



When **Suzanne Brennan Firstenberg's** son **Drew '15** was in Middle School, art teacher **Aaron Brophy** offered a class for parents. She had never studied art, "but thought it would be fun," she recalls. "Then something clicked."

She spent the next two years studying and practicing art methods and materials, exploring art for

beauty. Over time, inspired by societal issues of gun safety and drug addiction, she began creating works to generate conversation and raise awareness.

When the COVID-19 pandemic set in and the number of deaths approached 200,000, "I wanted to depict the magnitude of our loss and encourage people to help save lives," she says. With that, the *In America* project was born.

Thousands of small white flags were first installed at the DC Armory and, one year later, the installation moved to the National Mall. Visitors came to reflect and to dedicate new flags for their own lost loved ones. As the pandemic continued, the installation grew to more than 700,000 flags.

Today, *In America* continues. An archival project, a documentary, speaking engagements, regional renditions, and a traveling exhibition fill Firstenberg's days now as she continues to share the story and the importance of "creating space that transcends everything that divides us," she explains. "The best art comes from deep inside to connect us."



# Achievements

**LEFT (LEFT TO RIGHT)**  
Ehren Federowicz, Steve Sorkin,  
Michael Carter, Lenny Robinson

**RIGHT (LEFT TO RIGHT)**  
Beverly Sivaslian, Alyssa  
Jackson, Matt Dougherty,  
Shirley Yang, Eliza Foster,  
David Eusse '10



Matt Dougherty retired after a distinguished teaching career of 40 years, 33 at Landon.

**A teacher's teacher, Matt and his commitment to Landon's boys has simply made our school a better place.**

From the classroom to the stage to the football announcing booth, Dougherty has been a dynamic and ubiquitous presence in the lives of Landon boys for decades. Dougherty came to Landon in the fall of 1989 and over the course of his career, he has inspired a love of beauty and an appreciation for the written and spoken word. Dougherty's roles are too many to count, but as the Thomas W. Dixon Chair in English he has taught Humanities and a number of popular Senior electives ranging from Black Voices to the American West.

An actor outside of School, Dougherty has played an integral role in Landon's literary and artistic life, leading the school's Improv Troupe, Upper School arts publication, *Prometheus Unbound*, Drama Society, and Directors' Workshop, in addition to enriching Landon parents through his playfully entitled "Adult Swim" literature class. Whether it is his participation on the Diversity and Community Committee, his work as advisor to the Ally Council, or his service as the voice of Landon football, Dougherty's roles have been many and his impact on Landon will be felt for years to come.

## FACULTY AND STAFF MILESTONES

### 10 YEARS

Jamie Matthews '04, Math Department Chair

### 15 YEARS

JR Bordley '00, Middle School History Teacher  
Erin Duffy, Head of Middle School  
Ann Liu, Middle School Librarian  
Kathleen Lubin, Upper School Math Teacher  
Bill Zaiser, Upper School Math Teacher

### 20 YEARS

Ehren Federowicz, Head of Upper School  
Lenny Robinson, Director of Bands

### 25 YEARS

Marty Klingelhofer '77, Assistant Director of Athletics

### 40 YEARS

Michael Carter, Upper School Art Teacher

### 45 YEARS

Steve Sorkin, Upper School Math Teacher



**NEW  
EMPLOYEES 2022 - 23**

- Matt Beckoff, Upper School Science Teacher
- Anna-Marie Bobart, Upper School Learning Specialist
- David Calhoun, Upper School Science Teacher
- Jack Cantlay, Associate Director of Admissions - Upper School
- Brenda Chambers, Auxiliary Programs Manager and Community Service Coordinator
- Joseph Clarke, Facilities and Operations Coordinator
- Jason Cordero, Security Officer
- Tracy Crittenberger, Assistant Director of Admissions
- Alyssa Doherty, Middle School English Teacher
- Rachael Feola, Director of Auxiliary Programs
- Matt Gaston, Middle School Science Teacher
- Mary Lisa Geppert, Interim Director of Admissions and Enrollment
- Ifrah Hassan, LEAP Coordinator
- Ednerd Hernandez, Bus Driver
- Carla Kendall, LEAP Coordinator
- Amelia Krucoff, LEAP Coordinator
- Rob Lee, History Teacher and Middle School Athletics Coordinator
- Nicole Maggio, Educational Technology Specialist
- Mark McConnon, English/History Teacher
- Celvin Medrano, Buildings and Grounds Staff
- Alex Parker, Upper School History Teacher
- John Rayburn '02, Upper School World Languages Teacher
- Larry Thomas, Bus Driver
- Arron Thornton, Bus Driver
- Adele Xu, Middle School French Teacher
- Alice Yang, Middle/Lower School Chinese Teacher

**DEPARTING  
EMPLOYEES 2021 - 22**

- Matt Dougherty, Upper School English Teacher
- David Eusse '10, Middle School French Teacher
- Eliza Foster, Form I Dean and Middle School History Teacher
- Charles Harley, Assistant to the Director of Athletics (Facilities)
- Blake Hollinger, Associate Director of Admissions
- Alyssa Jackson, Upper School Science Teacher
- Nancy Osborne, Middle School Science Teacher
- Miracle Pearsall, Auxiliary Programs Manager
- Thomas Pipoli, Upper School History Teacher
- Chris Powers, Middle School Science Teacher
- Sarah Powers, Director of Admissions, Outreach, and Enrollment
- Jennifer Reed, Operations Support Coordinator and School Store Manager
- Beverly Sivaslian, Upper School Science Teacher
- Benjamin Thomas, Director of Auxiliary Programs
- Ibrahim Toure, Upper School French Teacher
- Destiny Welch, Assistant Director of Admissions, Database/Communications Coordinator
- Shirley Yang, Middle School Chinese Teacher
- Lynel Dock, HVAC Technician and Maintenance Technician

**NEW ROLES**

- Dijon Anderson, Form I Dean
- Dori Boyce, Grade 6 Dean
- Fred Haller, Chief Technology Officer
- Kevin Hetzel, Form IV Dean
- Andrew Lacroix, Upper School English Teacher
- Katie Lamade, Curriculum Manager and Form II Dean
- Loretta Menzen, Director of Development Operations

# Athletics



## FALL SPORTS

Seventeen student-athletes earned all-IAC honors for the 2021 fall season, the varsity soccer team won the IAC title, and Kris Fletcher '23 was selected as All-Met and IAC Player of the Year for boys' soccer.

## CROSS COUNTRY

The Bears finished second in team scoring at the IAC Championships, second in the Montgomery County Private School Championships, and sixth in the Maryland Private School State Championships in the squad's most successful season since 2017. **Asim-Hakim Florian '23** led the way with a string of stellar performances that included a 16:47 5K personal best at the Maryland XC Invitational, a third-place finish at the IAC Championships, a convincing individual victory at the Montgomery County Private School Championships, and sixth overall at the State Championships. First-time cross country runner **Owen Kelly '24** steadily improved each week to become the Bears' consistent number 2 runner. Also pitching in to help the varsity XC Bears on the road to success were senior captain



**Jack Mangino**, new-to-XC junior **Joel Brown**, sophomore standouts **Seamus McNamara**, **Ari Kalish**, **Brannon Hamilton**, **Nicolas Alway-Roza**, and **Dylan Furbay**, and hardworking freshman **Cyrus Bajoghli**. Another team captain was **Phil Strabo '23**.

## FOOTBALL

Head Coach **Paul Padalino** described a feeling of gratitude all season for having the opportunity to compete and be together after missing the entire previous season due to COVID-19. The group worked to overcome the disappointment of early difficult losses and finished the season with three wins in close games over IAC opponents. Their overall record was 6-3 with a league record of 3-2, and a second-place finish in the conference. Season highlights include winning at Bullis on a

Friday night and a come-from-behind victory over St. Albans which the Bears secured with a field goal in the closing seconds. After a physical and hard-fought game against Georgetown Prep, several players stepped up to fill in for injured teammates against the talented Episcopal team, and helped lead Landon to a 13-12 victory. On the All-IAC first team were: **Mac Albert '22**, **Alex Armour '24**, **DeAngelo Dickerson '22** who also received an honorable mention on The Washington Post's 2021 boys' football All-Met team, **Zak Oehlerking '22**, **Carter Phillips '22**, and **Hunter Taylor '22**. Second team selections include: **Aaron Hart '22**, **TJ Kim '22**, **Ethan Ming '23**, and **Chris Wells '23**. The following student-athletes were team captains: Dickerson, Kim, Oehlerking, Phillips, Taylor, and **John Wyatt '22**.

2021 BOYS' SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR | LONDON

## *Kristian Fletcher*



### **KRISTIAN FLETCHER '23:** *PLAYER OF THE YEAR*

**The Washington Post All-Met Honors in the fall of 2021 included Player of the Year recognition for Landon's Kristian Fletcher '23.**

Fletcher, a midfielder, totaled 26 goals and nine assists in 17 games. As The Post reported in December 2021, "A dynamic midfielder with plenty of speed and flair, Fletcher scored the lone goal in the Interstate Athletic Conference championship game, delivering Landon a share of the (IAC) league title. A week later, he flew to England for a two-week trial with Manchester United's under-19 squad."

## SOCCER

Head Coach **Bill Reed** and All-Met/IAC Player of the Year **Kris Fletcher '23** led the team to an IAC Tournament Championship, a 13-3-3 overall record and a league record of 7-1-2. During the season, the Bears beat Georgetown Prep twice, completed regular season sweeps of Bullis, St. Stephen's/St. Agnes, and Episcopal. The tournament title was sealed against St. Albans 1-0. Fletcher shattered two all-time Landon season scoring records: 26 goals and 61 points. He also had nine assists, just two assists shy of the all-time record. Other IAC first-team selections include: **Conrad Brady '23** (captain and pictured on p. 42) who received an honorable mention on The Washington Post's 2021 boys' soccer All-Met team, **Moshe Fishman '23** (captain), **Carlos Febles '22**, and **Zac Osmond '22**. **Ben Ellwood '22** also served as a captain.

## VOLLEYBALL

This was the third year of volleyball as a club sport at Landon. Head Coach **Beverly Sivaslian** welcomed 23 players, the greatest number of players yet. Highlights included the team's first unofficial game and competing in a grass volleyball four-man tournament. Team captains included: **Chike Nezianya '22**, **Henry Nichols '22**, and **Daniel Samuels '22** (pictured top right p.45).

## WATER POLO

Head Coach **Chris Ros** points to the homecoming game against McDonogh as a season highlight. When a key player fouled out, the rest of the team took on the challenge and stepped up to ultimately win the game 8-7, coming from behind in the last quarter and scoring three goals within the last two minutes of the game. Tournament play started slowly but progressed and ended very successfully this year. The first tournament was the Battle of the

Beltway. Next was the Beast of the East, during which the Bears beat three teams to make it to the semi-final game. The team then competed in the Gilman Tournament, in which they won two of three games. Finally, they ended the season by becoming the B-Division champions at Easterns. The team's overall record was 12-10, and team captains included: **Charlie Alberino '22**, **Spencer Durbin '22**, and **Reese Finnell '22**.



## WINTER SPORTS

Varsity wrestling went undefeated, and ice hockey were co-IAC champions and competed in the Mid-Atlantic Prep Hockey League finals.

## BASKETBALL

Head Coach **Hajj Turner** and captains **Mike Gray '22** (pictured right) and **Sammy Hemann '22** led the team to an 11-12 overall record and a fifth-place finish in the league. **Tyler Perkins '23** earned all-IAC honors. The Bears scored road wins against Potomac, Maret, and St. Albans and went 2-1 at a highly competitive Big Shots Showcase in Hampton, VA.





## Ricky Sears '99: Coach of the Year

Ricky Sears '99 served as interim head coach for the Varsity Ice Hockey team for the 2021-22 school year. As a bridge between two hires, Sears led the team to the Mid-Atlantic Prep Hockey League (MAPHL) finals and a regular season co-championship of the IAC. The league then rewarded Sears for his efforts, naming him MAPHL Coach of the Year.

“Receiving this award is an honor, but it is also a testament to the tireless effort of the players that the MAPHL coaches observed all season...each player on this team knows, what can be accomplished together is so much more than what any individual can do alone,” he said.

## ICE HOCKEY

The team powered through to the Mid-Atlantic Prep Hockey League finals, losing to St. John's 4-2. Led by Interim Head Coach **Ricky Sears '99**, the Bears were co-IAC champions and finished with an overall record of 13-4-1. Forward **Owen Calderone '23**, forward **Kevin Fou '22**, forward and captain **Michael Hardie '22** (pictured below), and goalie **Leo Quattrone '22** earned all-IAC honors. Quattrone earned second team All-Met, while Calderone and Fou received honorable mentions.

## INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

The Bears wrapped up the season with a second-place finish at the Hoxton Invitational, the highest in more than 20 years. They also scored a second-place finish at the Montgomery County Private School Championships. **Samuel Cohen '23**, **Deon Johnson '22** (pictured bottom left p.47), **Jack Mangino '22**, **Reed Phillips '25**, and **Asim Hakim-Florian '23** all received all-county honors. Hakim-Florian set a school record for the 3200-meter





race at 10:10.04 while Mangino, **Ben Ellwood '22**, Cohen, and Hakim-Florian set a school record for the distance medley relay at 11:46.95.

## RIFLERY

Head Coach **Troy Prinkey** fielded eleven members this year. The team had its first wins in several years against long-time riflery stalwarts, West Potomac and Wakefield. The team was led by captains **Derick Denecke '23** and **Jeff Duong '22**. **Vincent Barahona-Levin '23** is pictured bottom right below.

## SWIMMING AND DIVING

Head Coach **Chris Ros** and team captains **Charlie Alberino '22** (pictured top right below) and **Jerry Ji '22** led the team to a third-place finish in the IAC and a sixth-place finish out of 20 teams at the Washington Metropolitan Prep School Swim Dive League competition. **Zachary Fayed '25** qualified for sectionals in the 100 backstroke and **William Rook '25** qualified for National Club Swimming Association in 500 freestyle. Alberino, **Spencer Durbin '22**, **Jackson Evans '24**,

**Fayed, Ji, Deji Jones '24, Nathan Poulin '24, Rook, Matthew Sonne '25, and Harrison Tun '23** all qualified for Metros. **Willis Reed '23** took the top spot in the IAC championship diving event.

## SQUASH

Landon Varsity Squash took full advantage of its first season as a full-time team. The program accomplished several firsts this year, which included victories over Wakefield and Episcopal junior varsity. The team was led by captains **Ethan Udler '23** and **Caleb Wade '24**. **Charlie Lynn '23** is pictured top left below.



## WRESTLING

The Bears finished with a dominant 5-0 league dual meet record, a 9-0 overall record, and an IAC Championship with five champions. **Joel Brown '23** (pictured right) and **Will Levy '24** (pictured with Brown and coaches below) were also state champions, with Brown finishing third in nationals. Brown also received first team All-Met honors, joined the 100-win club and won the Outstanding Wrestler Award at the Mad Mats Tournament. Levy, an All-Met second teamer, won the Outstanding Wrestler Award at the Maryland Independent State Tournament. Head Coach Andy Katz and team captains Brown, **Anthony Savoy '23**, and **Daniel Robinson '22** led the team to a Magruder Tournament title and a sixth-place finish at Maryland Independent States, tying the highest placement in team history. All-IAC honors went to Brown, Levy, **Nate Furgeson '24**, **Ty Reyes '23** and Savoy. All-State Academic honors went to **Will Abramson '23**, Brown, and **Tiller Smith '25** (first team); **David LaPrade '23** and Levy (second team); Furgeson and Robinson (honorable mention).



**SPRING SPORTS**

Charlie Bundy '22 won the individual IAC title in golf and 12 Bears earned all-IAC honors in the spring.

**BASEBALL**

Led by Head Coach **Chris Powers**, the Bears finished second in the league with a 6-4 record and an overall record of 15-13. **Robbie Lee '22** (pictured below), **Henry**

**Prince '22**, **George Roggie '22**, and **Sam Rosand '25** earned all-IAC honors. Season highlights include a no-hitter by Lee against Bullis, Prince hitting five consecutive doubles to start his season at the plate, and three comeback wins against St. Albans, Episcopal, and St. Stephen's/St. Agnes to solidify second place in the league.

**FENCING**

Head Coach **David Ruskin** reports the team played well and had a very close match against Gonzaga.

Captain **Ryan Loev '24** led a group comprised of young players, mostly freshmen and sophomores.

**GOLF**

Head Coach **Andy Luther** and team captains **John Bates '23** and **Charlie Bundy '22** (pictured below) led the team to a 13-2 overall record and a 5-1 league record. Bundy set the all-time low for single season scoring average at 71.5 strokes. Bundy also won the individual IAC title, while **Charlie Lynn '23** placed second, and Bates placed eighth. All three were selected to The Washington Post's 2022 Spring All-Met boys' team for golf and earned all-league honors. The Bears took the top prize at the Freeman Memorial Tournament at Bear Trap Dunes against St. Paul's School, Mercersburg Academy, and St. Albans.





## LACROSSE

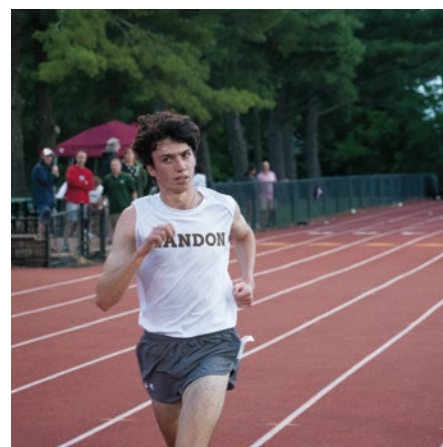
Under the leadership of Head Coach **Will McGettigan**, the Bears finished 11-7 overall and went 3-2 in league play. The team reached the semi-finals of the IAC tournament. Season highlights include beating Georgetown Prep 6-5 in the regular season and beating Severna Park, the winners of the Maryland 3A championship. **Cullen Brown '22**, **Jackson Galiani '22**, **Kevin Miller '24**, **Anthony Panetti '24**, and **Hunter Taylor '22** earned all-IAC honors. Brown and Taylor were selected to The Washington Post's 2022 All-Met second team for boys' lacrosse.

## OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

The Bears finished with an overall record of 23-18. **Asim Hakim-Florian '23** (pictured above right) earned all-IAC and all-State honors. Led by Head Coach **Addison Hunt** and team captain **Brian White '23**, the team won the Rice Relays for the first time in school history.

## TENNIS

Led by Head Coach **WT Miller '86** and captains **Thomas Eusse '23** (pictured above right) and **Cormic McNamara '22**, the Bears ended the season tied for third place in the league with a 2-3 record and 6-5



overall record. The team defeated Georgetown Prep 7-0 to advance to the semi-finals of the IAC.

## ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Coaches **Bryan Calloway** and **Kevin Hetzel** took pride in the leadership from captains **Zac Osmond '22**, **Daniel Samuel '22**, and **Benny Starks '22**. The team finished with a 1-2 record.

## RUGBY

Head Coach **Keith Oberg** credits great recruiting by captains **Jack Farber '22** and **George Nasr '22** and coaches for the roster reaching



the highest number in team history with 36 players. The team had an overall record of 5-1. The boys won five league games in a row, including a 28-12 win over Gonzaga Black in the league tournament final at Gonzaga's stadium. They claimed the MAVRC Division 2 Championship.



## SEVENTEEN SENIORS WILL PLAY *COLLEGE ATHLETICS*

Seventeen members of the class of 2022 have committed to play college athletics. They join the 88 students in the last five graduating classes to play sports at colleges and universities around the country. The student-athletes from the class of 2022 are:

**Mac Albert**

FOOTBALL, FURMAN UNIVERSITY

**Cameron Brown**

LACROSSE, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

**Cullen Brown**

LACROSSE, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

**Charlie Bundy**

GOLF, COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY

**Carlos Febles**

SOCCER, OBERLIN COLLEGE

**Colin Flood**

LACROSSE, COLBY COLLEGE

**Jackson Galiani**

LACROSSE, HOBART COLLEGE

**Aaron Hart**

FOOTBALL, INDIANA UNIVERSITY

**TJ Kim**

FOOTBALL, U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

**Robbie Lee**

BASEBALL, DENISON COLLEGE

**Preston Lugar**

LACROSSE, U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

**Jeremiah Peebles**

FOOTBALL, BROWN UNIVERSITY

**Carter Phillips**

FOOTBALL, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

**Zak Oehlerking**

LACROSSE, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

**Zach Osmond**

SOCCER, EMERSON COLLEGE

**Hunter Taylor**

LACROSSE, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

(Not pictured: Febles, Galiani)

# Arts



## THEATER ARTS

Landon and Holton-Arms returned to in-person productions for the 2021-22 school year. Performances included *Sister Act*, *Guarding*, and *Puffs* in the Upper School, *Descendants Jr.* and *One Acts* in the Middle School and *Lion King Jr.* in the Lower School.





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## 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF *DIRECTOR'S WORKSHOP*

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**This year, Director's Workshop marked a milestone of 50 years. In this Q&A, Director's Workshop Coordinator and Upper School English Teacher Matt Dougherty, who retired this year, explains the evolution over the years and what he hopes students learn from participating.**

### ***What is the Director's Workshop?***

Ever since the early 1970s (1972 by my estimation), Upper School students at Landon and very soon thereafter students from Holton-Arms School have put together an evening of original works and tried-and-true skits and sketches from Monty Python, Kids in the Hall, Goon Squad, and, much more recently, 10-minute plays found on the internet. In the beginning, these workshops were held in the Buchanan Library at Landon and in the dining hall at Holton-Arms. Now the Workshop is held in the Mondzac Performing Arts Center at Landon. Lately, participation has averaged about 40 Landon and

Holton-Arms students – acting, directing, and serving as crew for the booth and backstage.

### ***How has it evolved over the last 50 years?***

Originally, students used scenes cut from lengthier plays (“The Importance of Being Earnest,” for example). Holton-Arms did not participate in the first few, but by the time **Fred Zirm**, former drama director and English teacher, arrived in the mid-1970s, it was something both schools participated in. By the time I arrived in 1989, theater at Landon and Holton-Arms had evolved to comprise four productions: two full-length plays to bookend the year (with a musical rotating each year; in between were One-Acts and Director's Workshop, both of which also rotated each year.) One-Acts would feature three plays, not skits. Over time, Director's Workshop began to lean almost exclusively toward briefer (10-minute) and original plays of students and faculty.

***What has it taught participants over the years?*** Perseverance and teamwork, certainly. And that theater is hard work (especially that last week), but there's a great payoff!

### ***What is your favorite story from the workshop?***

There cannot be only one! The actor **JJ Meka '16** stepping out of character (well, maybe not) in “The Actor's Nightmare” to repeat his line to the audience that “I really don't know my lines!” and thereby winning over the audience utterly. The Gilbert family each acting in the same play as seniors.

**Justin McCarthy '08** and **Derek Defensor '08** and classmates writing a journey through “Dante's Inferno,” the main character (Derek) having fallen asleep in Humanities class; Fred Zirm's halftime pep talk piece. And of course, the help of faculty over the years supporting, directing, acting, rescuing me from disasters. Too many to name, but current Landon faculty: **Alyssa Jackson, Laura John, Anna Vice, Michael Wu, Karina Gershowitz,** and **Brian Seeman.**

### ***What's a fun fact about the workshop?***

***Are there any famous names that came through it?*** Fred Zirm recalls **Julia Louis-Dreyfus** undertaking a “Saturday Night Live” sketch. And 50 years is something. A personal tidbit – my four daughters participated during their years at Holton-Arms!



## SCHOLASTIC *ART AWARDS*

**Four Upper School students have been recognized for their exceptional work at the 2022 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.**

**Jeff Duong '22** earned a Silver key for a piece entitled “Canoe” and honorable mention for his “Girl in the Foliage” painting. **Dylan Furbay '24** was recognized with honorable mention for his “G-Flat Major” drawing and for a poem he wrote called “Wrinkles.” **James Moncur '23** received a Silver Key Award for his “S(tear)” drawing. **Pierce Ryan '22** was recognized with honorable mention for his painting entitled “The Last Dance.”

Students are judged on their originality, technical skill, and emergence of a personal voice or vision. The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is the nation’s longest running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens.

## FANTASTICAL CREATIONS TAKE SHAPE

Lower School students used their imagination, creativity, and fine motor skills during a three-month Alebrijes project in art class.

Alebrijes are brightly colored Mexican folk art sculptures of fantastical or mythical creatures, generally carved from wood or made of papier-mâché. Lower School Art Teacher **Megan Rains Mercado** challenged her students to sculpt their Alebrijes out of air-dry clay.





The boys first learned about the renowned Indigenous Mexican artist Pablo Linares and his magical creations. Before they began their sculptures, they created detailed designs to serve as blueprints for their animals.

The final creations combine a minimum of two animals. The animals can be real or mythical, extinct or living. Insects, amphibians, reptiles, and/or marine life can also be represented. The final Alebrije designs must also be brightly colored and covered in various patterns. Students learned

several drawing and painting techniques for this portion of the assignment.

Next, they began work on their sculptures. “The boys practiced sculpting using a workbook that helped them learn to make ten basic shapes and animals and other sculpture techniques like making slabs, coils, applique, and relief sculptures. Once the boys grasp the basic sculpture techniques, they make a maquette or miniature model of their Alebrije,” Mercado explained.



**JAMES MONCUR '23 IS RUNNER-UP FOR CONGRESSIONAL ART AWARD**

Moncur was one of 25 runners-up out of 130 entrants for U.S. Representative Jamie Raskin’s (MD-8) annual Congressional Art Contest. Moncur’s painting is titled “City of Earth and City of God.”



## STUDENT ART AT THE SMITHSONIAN

For the first time in its 40-year history, the Smithsonian Craft Show featured student artists, including seven from Landon.

The ceramic pieces were exhibited at the Craft Show as part of the “Next Generation” booth alongside those of students from Holton-Arms School, Alexandria City High School, and Jackson-Reed High School. The students from

Landon were: **Jackson Evans '24, Will Heiss '24, Jeremy Hutton '22, Deon Johnson '22, Gabe Johnson '23, Ben Kreindler '23, and Kendall Skeete Ridley '24.**

“The Craft Show is the premier event in our area for professional artisans and craftspeople,” said Studio Art Department Chair **Ricky Sears '99.** “The theme of this year’s show was ‘Future Focus,’ and the students’ hard work was on display as the public enjoyed what they have created in class with Ms. Laura John. Landon ceramics has a reputation for excellence, and the students are contributing to this legacy with their efforts in and out of the studio.”

“It’s a huge privilege to have Landon student ceramics featured in the Smithsonian Craft Show,” John agreed. “Seven advanced ceramics students have created pieces for the show. The boys have worked hard to live up to the honor of being invited to participate.”

The pieces were on display at the show from April 20-24 at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C. The show included 120 professional artists in addition to the student work.



## MUSIC

In-person concerts returned in 2021-22 for Landon's music program: band, strings, and chorus in all three divisions demonstrated they had not lost a beat during the pandemic.

# Alumni News

SPOTLIGHT: OKORIE JOHNSON '93

## Storytelling Through Song

**Okorie Johnson '93** began playing the cello at age six and has been playing it ever since. However, he's much more than a cellist; he is an improviser, storyteller, teacher, facilitator, performance and film producer, and writer/thinker. Rather than performing classical music in traditional concert formats, he uses his cello to actively engage his audiences in a show experience unlike anything they have likely encountered before.

Johnson's original songs and albums can be sampled at his website ([okcello.com](http://okcello.com)) and on YouTube.

Johnson's live shows, however, are a fuller expression of his work and his art. He uses storytelling and audience participation to create what he describes as "a richly layered and transcendent experience inspired by African Diasporic melodies and narratives and their intersection with people's perceptions and

assumptions about classical and European nature of the cello."

Johnson started at Landon in fourth grade. He played throughout school in the string ensembles and in Richard Weilenmann's Beethoven Pops program in his middle school years.

At Morehouse College in Atlanta, Johnson majored in English and continued playing cello in an orchestra for non-majors. Through friends he expanded to contemporary music when he connected with musicians in what he described as, "Atlanta's afro-hippie scene." When he met India.Arie very early in her career, she invited him to record on one



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“Improvisation lets you develop your own relationship with the instrument. What does your ear want to hear, what do your hands want to play? That's the foundation of songwriting.”

of her songs, and “the ball started rolling,” he recalls.

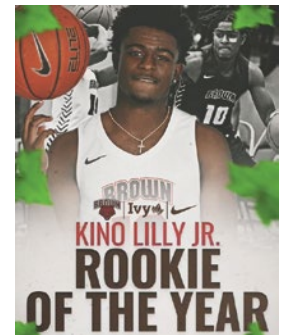
After graduating from college, Johnson performed as a contemporary rock cellist until “reality set in” and he sought a steady income. He began teaching English while continuing music on the side via session work, occasional performances with bands, and teaching cello.

Johnson taught in the classroom for 10 years, including six years at Landon from 2001 to 2006. This past March as part of the Kennedy Center’s “Office Hours” program, he workshopped the process for a sound installation he will create in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.



## SACHIN DAS '19 WINS NCAA DIVISION III *TEAM TENNIS* TITLE

Sachin Das played doubles to help University of Chicago’s men’s tennis win its first NCAA Division III Championship. He was The Washington Post All-Met Player of the Year and the IAC Player of the Year in 2018.



## KINO LILLY '21 NAMED IVY LEAGUE *ROOKIE OF THE YEAR*

Kino Lilly was named the Ivy League Rookie of the Year after concluding his first season at Brown University. Lilly was Brown’s second leading scorer at 13.3 points per game, which ranked ninth for all scorers in the Ivy League.

SPOTLIGHT: ANDREW BURMAN '98

# ELEVATING A CRAFT



**Andrew Burman '98** has always believed that everything can be improved upon and there is always more to learn and explore, but perhaps never more than when he created Other Half Brewing with two partners in 2014 in Brooklyn.

“We thought we could make it work and simply do it better than others,” he recalls. They knew it wouldn’t be easy, but the founders had a straightforward mission: to create beers they wanted to drink from a company they wanted to

Other Half CFO  
Dave Burman '99 and  
Founder Andy Burman '98

be a part of. As the owners lead the company in its eighth year of business, Other Half is growing and thriving today.

The confidence Burman had to start the business may have originated from the happy and comfortable life he enjoyed growing up in Bethesda. He's the third of four Burman brothers who all went to Landon – **Ed '92, Stephen '96, and David '99**, who today is Other Half's chief financial officer (CFO). The entire family was very involved in the school community, through sports, activities, and family friendships with many members of the faculty and administration.

"I always felt comfortable and had a great time at Landon," Burman recalls. "Landon had a big influence on my life, my family, and my purpose. We were given a lot and a lot was expected of us."

He played lacrosse and football, and remembers the simple pleasure of hanging out with family and friends.

"I learned about friendship and the value of education at Landon," he says. "The Landon Honor Code and work ethic also sort of spoiled me, and I went off to college and into business expecting everyone I came across to be trustworthy and hardworking. It was hard to

realize that's not always the case, but Landon also taught me lessons in extending kindness and patience to others."

Burman played lacrosse at the University of Maryland while earning a degree in government and politics. He followed an interest in food by volunteering at L'Academie de Cuisine. Before long, he was working at L'Academie and taking classes, and subsequently went to work at a food importing company in Gaithersburg.

"I got very interested in learning about where our food came from and how governmental policies influenced eating habits," he says, and enrolled at New York University for a master's in food culture and food systems.

After receiving his master's, Burman worked in a number of kitchens in New York City restaurants and markets until friend **Matt Monahan** approached him with an idea.

Matt Monahan (another native Bethesdan who went to Bethesda-

Chevy Chase High School and St. Andrews Episcopal School) worked at a brewery and had become interested in home brewing. Monahan thought the two of them should start their own business, and "he was very convincing," remembers Burman. Soon, the pair met Sam Richardson, who became the company's brewmaster, and, in 2014, Other Half Brewing was born. Monahan would serve as CEO and Burman would manage daily operations as chief operating officer (COO).

"At that time, IPAs weren't as good as they should have been," Burman explains, "so we started there, creating really hoppy double IPAs." Today the company has a

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"I wanted to understand how huge corporations, climate change, and laws dictate how, what, and who gets food around the world."

wide array of lagers and other brews, with more than 300 beers in their product line, including, as the Philadelphia Inquirer described, "hazy IPAs, pasty stouts, and fruit-packed sours, carrying such names as Laid Back Peach Sour IPA, Double Forever Cashmere, and More Simcoe Than All Simcoe."

The Other Half Brewing in Washington, D.C.



Other Half opened brewpubs in Brooklyn, Manhattan, upstate New York, Philadelphia, and in Ivy City in Washington, D.C. While most of their beer revenue came from over-the-bar sales, the COVID-19 pandemic flipped that ratio, and today the company is focused more on distribution, delivering products from Connecticut to Virginia. Other Half employs 176 people, and while the company took a second hit from the pandemic during the Omicron outbreak, they are looking forward to a good fall of 2022. “Good weather is key,” says Andy.

Living in Brooklyn, Burman values family time with wife Lee and daughters Beatrix and Harriet.

In his role as COO at Other Half, Burman focuses on the day-to-day operations of Other Half, and enjoys that he still learns new things every day. “Growth is critical and requires pushing, but everything can always be improved.”

Burman credits Landon for teaching the value of having goals as well as appreciating the path along the way. “Everything you do builds to who you are, and how you do starts with who you are. Take every responsibility, every job small and large, seriously.”

“Oh, and if I can offer current students any advice,” he says, “it’s just to have more fun. Always!”

Do you have news to share?

Send class notes to [alumni@landon.net](mailto:alumni@landon.net).



SPOTLIGHT: VINCENT SANTILLO '87

# A Life-Changing Experience

Many people dream of changing careers, but **Vincent Santillo '87** has done it. At 33, after a prostate cancer diagnosis and surgery, he made a sudden decision to follow the inspiration of his doctors, leave a successful career in finance, and enroll in medical school. “My doctors got me through this ordeal physically and emotionally with skill and empathy, and I wanted to help people in the same way.”

Once he made the decision, he never looked back as he made his way through years of post-baccalaureate courses, medical school, and residency. Today, Santillo is a primary care physician with New York City Health + Hospitals and an assistant professor of medicine on the faculty of NYU Grossman School of Medicine and NYU-Bellevue.

The career shift was not in response to unhappiness in his prior job. “I loved it and was on the cusp of

a big promotion,” Santillo recalls. “I enjoyed building relationships, negotiating, helping people, translating complex information to help people make decisions, and treating everyone with respect, no matter what the role or situation was. That was also what I realized my doctors had done for me during my cancer treatment, and what I now love about medicine.”

As a professor, he teaches medical students in the Practice of Medicine course: how to observe, listen, and infer, deliver difficult news, or convince patients to make necessary lifestyle changes. “It’s not as much science as it is communication,” he says.

Santillo acknowledges that this kind of life change requires determination, courage, and stamina, saying “I have firm goals but focus on the near-term to avoid freaking out. You have to remain

“I adore my patients, love this job, and would still do this even if I won the lottery.”



flexible to change your mind, but I always knew this was the right path for me.”

Working on the frontlines during the COVID-19 pandemic challenged this self-described “social animal,” especially in the early days of the virus when medical treatment options were few. Today every day offers challenge and great satisfaction.

# Class Notes

## 1950s

After 25 years of cleaning up the city, especially Capitol Hill, **Tim Temple '54** decided to sell his car wash, Splash, and retire at the age of 85!

Landon School received a gift from the estate of **Alban Forcione '56**, an internationally renowned Cervantes' scholar and respected Princeton University faculty member. This generous gift will support capital needs in the implementation of our Campus Master Plan. The sitting steps in the central commons of the new Boehly Upper School will be named in his honor.

## 1960s

**Christopher Dunne '66** received the Haverford College Alumni Association Charles Perry Award for exceptional service in fundraising. He was elected permanent class president at his Haverford 25th Reunion and currently chairs his 50th Reunion Committee. Dunne is a giving advocate and has served on the Board of Managers, as president of the Alumni Association Executive Committee, and as a campaign committee member and admission volunteer.

**Bob Tupper '65** was pictured on the cover of Holton's monthly magazine. Tupper retired in June from classroom teaching at Holton after 51 years, a school record. A longtime History Department Chair, conceiver of the innovative core curriculum, early supporter of global education, and legendary AP Government teacher, he is revered for his idiosyncratic approach to life and learning. It was common to hear the accomplished folk musician strumming his guitar and singing songs in class to make an important lesson more memorable.

**Rob Bordley '66** had a busy year! Rob, Donna and their sons, **JR '00** and **Austin '03**, established the Bordley Family Endowed Fund through an estate bequest of \$100,000. Rob was inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame on October 2. Later in the year, he spoke with DCSportsFan on its podcast, *Pillars of the Community*. He was also recruited as a Landon Lower School coach, and now even coaches the grandchildren of some of his former players!

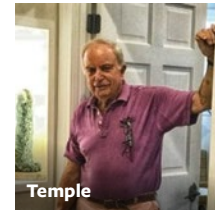
The law firm of Boies Schiller Flexner announced the opening of its new office in Milan, Italy. **Jonathan Schiller '65** is the managing partner.

Former Congressman **Rush Holt '66** received honorary degrees from both Princeton University and Rutgers University this year.

**Tony Katz '68** retired after 45 years of advocating for clients. He now lives in Florida doing pro bono, cause-related initiatives, including leading the Confronting Anti-Semitism Network.

**George Wenchel '65** established the Wenchel Family Endowed Chair for STEM at Landon. George explained that he was inspired by Brooke '65 and Rosemary Seawell's gift that will create a center for science, technology, engineering, and math as part of the new Upper School.

On March 31, the Washington Airports Task Force (WATF) presented **Robert E. (Bob) Buchanan '60**, principal of Buchanan Partners, the 2021 Williams Trophy for being a local champion for regional cooperation in every aspect of our region's transportation needs, including our airports and air service.



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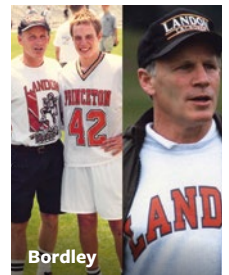
Dunne



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Rosemary and Brooke Seawell '65 committed \$2 million to establish the Brooke and Rosemary Seawell STEM Center at Landon School. "With this new center, we hope to give them as much opportunity as possible to build a world-class STEM program," said the Seawells.

READ MORE IN OUR CAMPAIGN NEWS.



Nicholas Hammond '67 was featured in the Landon alumni newsletter in April and visited campus in May to meet with Upper School acting students. Read more about his acting career, beginning as the oldest son in the film, "The Sound of Music," in 1964, on our website.

READ MORE IN OUR ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS.



## JACOBY CUP

**Congratulations to Shani Weerakoon '07 and Thomas Eusse '23 for beating out nine other alumni/student teams to win the 2022 Jacoby Cup.**

This is Shani's second win and Thomas first win. The Jacoby Cup honors the memory of **Mac Jacoby**, who was a Landon icon and longest-serving tennis coach. Many thanks to all the alumni and current students who came out to honor Mac Jacoby's memory on Sunday, including Landon Alumni Board members **Patrick Guarnieri '00**, **Nick Barquin '97**, and event organizers **Tim Watson '07**, **Omeed Assefi '07**, and teacher-coach-mentor **W.T. Miller '86**.

## ALUMNI HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Great to see our alumni back in the Bear's Den. "It was a fight until the last minute! White 10, Brown 9," said Ricky Sears '99.



**Martin West '67**, father of **Derek '98** and **Marty '94**, was named as one of the inaugural class inductees for the newly-formed Maryland Golf Hall of Fame. He was the winner of 22 MSGA titles including nine Amateurs and three Opens and participant in 40 USGA Championships.

Family Lecture Hall in the renovated Banfield Academic Center and Tom Dixon Reading Room adjacent to the Buchanan Library. The Eachos recognized the importance of a comprehensive campaign gift, and their gift provides continued support to the Landon Fund while also making a significant contribution to support the new and renovated buildings.

## 1970s

After a successful 35-year career in the business world attending to spreadsheets and project plans, **Jesse O'Neal '73** now tends hearts and souls as a chaplain for Emergency Services at WakeMed Health & Hospitals.

**Dr. Michael Van Ness '71** was excited to release a biography of his father entitled *General in Command*.

**John Zamoiski '70** and **Randy Bloom '87** were inducted into the Circus Ring of Fame in February. The Circus Ring of Fame recognizes those persons who have made a significant contribution to the art and culture of the circus over the span of a career.

Ambassador **Bill Eacho '72** and his wife, Donna, have committed \$1 million to The Campaign for Landon. The Eacho Family Foundation gift will support the Landon Fund and capital needs, including the Eacho

**Calvin Cobb '76, Paul Adkins '77, Mark Adkins '72, Shep Burr '77, and Chuck Walser '79** met for pickleball and fun in Naples, FL.

Plastic surgeon and author **Mark Richards '75** released a book, *Nobody Wants You Healthy*, that shines a spotlight on how unbalanced hormone activity caused by our exposure to endocrine-disrupting chemicals leads to chronic diseases.

**Jim Bullion '74** and his wife, Ellen, have been living in Hanover, NH for the past two years – back to his other alma mater, Dartmouth College. He is still working in M&A and taking trips to see their kids who are in California, Utah, Florida, and Oregon. His mom will turn 100 in November, lives on her own in Oxford, Mississippi where she grew up, and is doing great. She remembers his Landon years, and some classmates (**Hal Kramer '74**) fondly. **Jeff Georgia '74** occasionally comes over the mountains from Maine to civilization! Jim

Kenny Jenkins '78 and Dwight Bostwick '79 were spotlighted in the February issue of the Landon Alumni newsletter for their work on a lawsuit related to the NFL, concussions, and race-norming. They share a history and a friendship that dates to their time together on Landon's 1976-78 baseball teams. "We were a formidable pair up the center. Dwight was at shortstop, and I was at second base," Kenny said.

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SPOTLIGHTS.





**HOMECOMING**

More than 200 alumni attended the Alumni BBQ and cheered on the Varsity Football Bears and other varsity teams that competed across campus.

encourages, “anybody coming up this way, give a holler.”

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**Ted Riederer '88** launched his newest song set called “Transfigurations.”

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association announces the hiring of **Neil Phillips '85** as its first Chief Diversity Officer. Neil was featured as the Alumni Spotlight in the May issue of the Landon Alumni Newsletter. Read more on our website.

**Dr. James Gilbert '81** was the featured Alumni Spotlight in the January issue of the Landon Alumni Newsletter. He left his thriving orthopedic sports medicine practice in Potomac, MD, to embark on a dream he had since before medical school. Read more on our website.

In July, **Michael DeVaughn, Ph.D. '82** became the new Dean of the Dr. Robert B. Pamplin, Jr., School of Business at the University of Portland.

**Mike Cole '84** sold a single ticket for a Chicago Bulls game for \$468,000!

Many friends and family from the Landon community gathered to celebrate the life of **Pat Boler**, mother of three alumni,

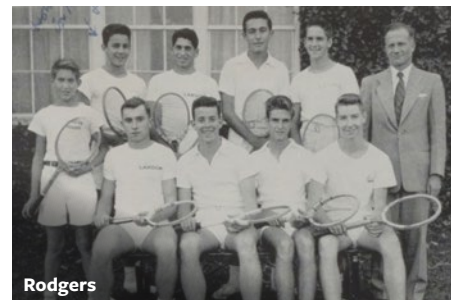
**James '85, Brendan '90, and Kevin '92,** and aunt of **Sean Falvey '80** and **Con Falvey '82.** Pat passed away in February at the age of 82.

**George “Ted” Rogers III '87** made a transformational leadership gift to the capital campaign. “This campaign is going to serve as a launching pad for a new, very successful era at Landon and will help future generations of boys. I’m excited about that,” Ted said. “Landon provided both my father and me a discipline and rigor that pushed us to be the best we could be. I’m extremely grateful for the high expectations and values that shaped our characters, and I want that to continue for Landon students.”

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**Mac Hooks '92** and his wife, Wendy, welcomed daughter Rachel on September 11, 2021. Proud grandmother Susan Hooks worked in Landon Middle School for many years!

**Todd Boehly '91** was named Interim CEO of Hollywood Foreign Press Association and purchased the English professional football club, Chelsea F.C. Todd and his wife Katie made a transformational gift toward the construction of a new Upper School, which will formally be named the Boehly Upper School in honor of their generosity.



**Mark Mhley '92**, Navy veteran and founder and CEO of Re4ormed, is helping fellow veterans in the private sector.

**Brian Haney '99** was named the NAIFA 2021 Young Advisor of the Year. He also started a podcast, interviewed **Robert Fogarty '00**, and talked all things cars.

**Chris Cox '95** assumed the role as Head of School at St. Anne's Episcopal School in Denver, CO in July 2022.

**BJ Coleman '98** was appointed Head of Communications & PR at Ebony Media in the U.S.

**Josh Hettermann '09** remembers **Evan Bliss '96** on the anniversary of his passing 10 years ago: After graduating from Landon, Evan played lacrosse at Kenyon College and fronted the popular surf-rock band The Low Life. The Low Life were so popular in the mid-Atlantic that LaxPower used their music for the introduction to all their high-school lacrosse recap videos, where Landon was frequently featured. Evan passed away suddenly in August 2012 of a blood clot after completing a humanitarian mission in Africa.

## 2000s

**Elliott Bisnow '04**, along with three others, founded the Summit event series and community in Utah. Their book, *Make No Small Plans*, tells the story of their journey and the lessons learned along the way.

**Brandon Goodwyn '05** and his wife, Natasha, welcomed their new daughter, Virginia, on October 9, 2021.

**Mark Kovler '05** was selected to the Potomac Chapter of the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

Mark attended Princeton University where he won first team All-American honors. He will become a chief resident in pediatric surgery at Children's National in July 2022.

Congratulations to **Michael Grossman '08** and Kelsey on their marriage on April 24, 2021. The ceremony was held in Arizona, and the couple currently lives in California.

**Nick Freeman '09** and Sophia wed on November 6, 2021 at Tusculum Farm, surrounded by many Landon classmates! Carl M. Freeman Companies announced that Nick will be assuming the role as the new Vice President, Commercial and Hospitality for the Rockville, Maryland-based company.

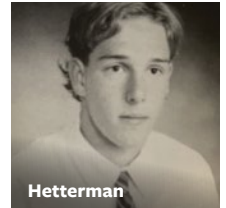
**Stoddie Nibley '05**, his wife, Elizabeth, and son, Parker, welcomed baby Charles on April 15, 2022.

Congratulations to Caroline and **Justin Duffie '00** on the birth of their son, Duke, on March 4, 2022. Duke joins brothers Dallas and Hawkins, and sister Sailor.

**Dr. Thomas Sanders '00** had the honor of acting as the USA Rugby National team doctor as they took on the New Zealand All Blacks. It was a dream come true since he had played on the same team years before!

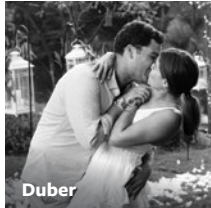
**Drew Doggett '02**, released his latest art book titled, "Wild: The Legendary Horses of Sable Island," featuring more than 110 large-scale images, as well as a personal collection of writings from nearly a decade of documenting these extraordinary horses.

**Reed Dunn '03** earned a World Series ring as East Coast Cross Checker for the Atlanta Braves.





Korengold



Duber



Harris



Kennedy



Lynch



Bednar

## 2010s

**Will Korengold '10** and his wife, Kathryn, welcomed their daughter, Margaux Lynn, on October 4, 2021. Izzy is their Golden Retriever.

**Jake Harris '14** graduated from Boston College School of Law. He passed the Bar and is working in Prince George's County Circuit Court as a law clerk for Judge Peter Killough. He spearheaded the Landon Toy Drive and delivered a carload of toys to victims of tornadoes in Kentucky.

Congratulations to **David Duber '10** and Lily who wed on September 11, 2021.

**Connor Lynch '13** caught a huge striper while fishing near Fletcher's Boat House!

**Garland Kennedy '14** is the sports editor for the Sitka Sentinel in Sitka, Alaska and does a sports podcast on Raven Radio. Garland also finished in fifth place out of 82 men in the Sitka Alpine Adventure Run endurance race.

**Morgan Egloff '15** is following his dream of becoming a professional golfer.

**Randy Bednar '17** lasers a double in a Seattle Mariners minor league game.

**Trey Armstrong '18** and **Will King '18** starred in a short film titled "Shovel Worthy."



Adam Rashid '05 was featured as the Alumni Spotlight in the February issue of the Landon Alumni Newsletter. Many of us have only a vague idea of what a "smart city" is, what digital infrastructure might allow, or understand what a metaverse is, but this is the world he works in every day.

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Alumni from the class of 2008 got together for a Washington Capitals game against the Seattle Kraken. Left to right: John Mufarij, Scott Williams, Gus Umanzor, Nick Rhoads, Conor Law, Will Ruppe, and Nick Pohanka.

# In Memoriam

FROM FEBRUARY – AUGUST 2022  
(WITH ADDED NOTICES FROM 2021)

Harold R. Pollin, grandfather of  
**Mason Pollin '28**. August 24, 2021.

Kelly Bates, mother of **Donald  
"Brett" '17, Darren '17, and  
William '19 Bates**. September 2, 2021.

Barbara Ann Libbey, mother of **Scott '71 and  
Chase '73 Libbey**. October 27, 2021.

Betty Smith, grandmother of  
**Jacob '21, William '23, Alexander "Mack"  
'26 Cohen**. January 15, 2022.

**Luke W. Finlay Jr. '52**. February 14, 2022.

Anne Patricia Boler, mother of **James '85,  
Brendan '90, and Kevin '92 Boler**,  
aunt of **John "Sean" '80 and Cornelius  
"Con" '82 Falvey**. February 19, 2022.

Eileen Levine, grandmother of  
**Spencer '23 and Oliver '27 Hotchkiss**.  
February 22, 2022.

**Samuel W. Bogley III '60**. March 10, 2022.

**Charles Schnell '24**. March 26, 2022.

**William Bush Gess Jr. '51**. April 5, 2022.

Norman "Joe" Roddy, father of  
**Michael "Buzz" Roddy '80**, stepfather  
of **Scott Johnston '82**, grandfather of  
**Matthew '14, Bradley '13, and James '11  
Johnston**. April 9, 2022.

**E. Michael Heid '60**. April 13, 2022.

Richard I. Burnham, father of  
**John Burnham '95**. April 26, 2022.

Ruth M. Grant, grandmother of **Grant L.  
Verstandig '08**. May 14, 2022.

Carol Peters Duncan, mother of **Peter '76  
(dec), David '78, Christopher '79, and  
Edward "Ted" '84 Duncan**. May 16, 2022.

**Richard Lee Kirkpatrick '72**, brother of the  
late **Allen Kirkpatrick '66**. May 30, 2022.

Aidan Happ, brother of **Colt Happ '26**.  
June 13, 2022.

**Douglass R. Yale '79**. June 14, 2022.

Frank R. Goldstein, father of **Andrew '04  
and Matthew '02 Goldstein**.  
June 19, 2022.

Aurelie F. Miller, spouse of **William T.  
Miller '86**. July 11, 2022.

Chesney Sprague Eden, mother of **Timothy  
"Charlie" Eden '16**. July 29, 2022.

**Lawrence K. Bou '83**, father of **Stephen  
'21 and Edward "Teddy" '19**, brother of  
**Stephen '78** and the late **Christopher '76  
Bou**, and uncle of **William Bou '19**.  
July 31, 2022.

Jillian Rose and Lindsay Eliza Wiener, sisters  
of **J. Zachary Wiener '16**. August 1, 2022.

**Albert Wayne Coy Jr. '55**, brother of the  
late **Stephen C. Coy '49**. August 8, 2022.

**N. David Povich '54**, former Landon  
Trustee, brother of **Maury Povich '57**, father  
of **Andrew '86** and **Douglas '78 Povich**,  
grandfather of **Alex Povich '12** and **Samuel  
McDonough '10**. August 19, 2022.





# CLASS REUNIONS



One of the special traditions of Landon homecoming and reunion weekend is the time individual classes get together away from campus to connect. Reunion classes celebrated throughout the weekend with gatherings held around town.



The classes of 1970 (postponed from 2020 due to COVID) and 1971 celebrated their Reunion Weekend. The voices of the Clef Dwellers from the classes of 1970 and 1971 could be heard around campus on the evening of their dinner on campus.



# ALUMNI HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

## BANFIELD AWARD 2022

To the alumnus who has selflessly devoted himself to the development of Landon School and the well-being of its boys. The award is named in honor of Dr. W. Landon Banfield '50 for his tireless dedication to the preservation of the Landon tradition.

Joseph A. Kenary, Jr. '82 has spent his entire career in finance. He currently serves as an independent advisor to several specialty finance (non-bank) businesses.

Previously, he was an EVP at Alliance Partners, an asset manager that provides commercial loans for a network of community banks. Prior to joining Alliance Partners, he was one of the founding employees of CapitalSource. CapitalSource grew to become a publicly traded non-bank lender with more than \$10 billion in assets. Prior to CapitalSource, Mr. Kenary worked in various specialty finance and private equity roles in New York, Boston, Los Angeles, and Baltimore, before returning to the Washington area in 1997.

Mr. Kenary entered Landon in 1976 as a Form I student and graduated in 1982. Since 2009, with his wife Cecilia Bonanni, he has been an enthusiastic Landon parent of Nico '18, Tommy '20 and Sebby '23. In addition to his three sons, he is the proud father of his daughter, Sofia.

Mr. Kenary served as a Trustee of Landon from 2007-2017. He served as the Board Chairman from 2014-2017. During that time, he was actively involved in the leadership transition that led to Jim Neill becoming our sixth Head of School and oversaw Landon's first Strategic Plan in twelve years. Since 2018, he has served on the board of the Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart.

Mr. Kenary received his AB from Harvard College and his MBA from the UCLA Anderson School of Management.



## KUPKA AWARD

The Anthony Edward Kupka '64 Distinguished Alumnus Award is presented each year to an alumnus who has demonstrated the ideals for which Landon stands for through service to Landon, his community, his profession, or his country. The award was established in 1981 in memory of Buddy Kupka, who was killed in the Vietnam War.

Lynn Wilson '80, MD, MPH, Executive Vice Chairman and Director of Clinical Affairs of Yale Medicine's Therapeutic Radiology Department, cares for patients with cutaneous lymphoma and breast cancer at Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale New Haven.

Dr. Wilson also serves as Deputy Chief Medical Officer for the Smilow Cancer Hospital and Smilow Cancer Hospital network (radiation oncology).

In addition to providing clinical care, Dr. Wilson is also a professor of therapeutic radiology and dermatology. His primary research focus is related to outcomes and treatment-related factors for patients receiving care for cutaneous lymphoma and breast cancers.

Dr. Wilson has served on the board of trustees for the American Board of Radiology and is a former member of the American Society for Radiation Oncology board of directors.

Dr. Wilson's awards are numerous, including being named to America's Top Doctors twelve times and one of America's Top Doctors for Cancer fourteen times.

After graduating from Landon School in 1980, he attended Denison University, received his MPH from Yale University School of Medicine in 1986, and his Doctor of Medicine from George Washington University in 1990. He completed his internship in internal medicine at Yale in 1991, his residency in radiation oncology at Yale in 1994, and was chief resident. He then joined the Yale faculty in 1994.



**Kenary and Wilson with their awards.**



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## UPCOMING DATES

**October 13–15, 2022**

Homecoming and Reunions

**May 5–7, 2023**

Azalea Festival

**June 9, 2023**

Landon Golf Classic



## RUN, MR. D., RUN!

Congratulations to Tom DiChiara, Upper School English Teacher and Head Varsity Cross Country Coach, who finished 17th overall in the masters division and 262nd overall out of 28,000 runners at the 2022 Boston Marathon with a time of 2:35:15. Way to go, Mr. Deech!