

Dear Alumni,

The Bronxville School community celebrated so much this year: the school's 100-year anniversary in September; the return of the Katie Welling Run as an in-person event in November; eight class reunions throughout the fall; and special tributes to Jerry O'Connor III '94 and 100 Years of Bronco Football.

While the school has experienced many changes in 100 years, the centennial was a reminder to reflect on those things that have not changed: our supportive school community, long lasting friendships and bonds, and a shared commitment to academic excellence. It was wonderful to see the smiles and laughter that filled the halls as community members, alumni, students, parents and faculty reconnected during the Foundation's student-led centennial school tours. Several attendees commented that the highlight of the tours was the student tour guides themselves who benefit from the Foundation's grantmaking work every day.

To help mark the centennial, we ask that you please consider a commemorative gift of any size to BSF's Alumni Campaign. Your contribution allows the Foundation to fund grants for facilities improvements and equipment, faculty training, curriculum development, and specialized programs. You may consider earmarking your gift for one of the two designated funds that were established in 2022: The Coach Bob McGrath Fund for Athletics and The L. Gordon Harriss Fund for History. We also ask that you please take a moment to update your contact information on file with the BSF so we can continue to stay connected. We are so grateful for your continued support.

Cheers to 100!

Sincerely,
Katie Shah, V.P. Alumni Committee

Farewell and Thank You, Dr. Roy Montesano

It's both an honor and challenge to pay tribute to a professional as beloved and accomplished as Dr. Roy Montesano. What is simple to say with resounding confidence is that during his five and a half years, Dr. Montesano's leadership and vision led the district through the pandemic and has contributed to making the Bronxville School one of the most highly-regarded in New York State. What is much more difficult is to say goodbye



Susan Conniff and Dr. Roy Montesano

On December 22, Bronxville residents, faculty and staff, and current and former students attended a celebration for Dr. Montesano at which they shared their memories and thanks, and wished him all the best in retirement. "My fondest memories of Bronxville are really all about the people," said Dr. Montesano. "This is such a special place and we are so fortunate to have amazing administrators, teachers and staff who care about the work they do which, at its core, is helping students achieve their dreams." He went on to praise the community for its unyielding support, noting the Foundation, PTA, BOLD and the Village administration. "But, mostly, when I reflect on my time here, I'll think about the students," said Dr. Montesano. "They are amazing and what they do on a daily basis is truly awe-inspiring. They also happen to be some of the most respectful young people I've ever seen - just really good people."

Dr. Rachel Kelly, who is currently serving as Interim Superintendent and worked alongside Dr. Montesano in the role of Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Pupil Personnel Services since 2017, praised him for his partnership and dedication.

During the event, Board of Education President Susan Conniff shared a surprise on behalf of the PTA and Foundation. "In honor of Dr. Montesano's time here and, in particular, for getting us through a historic time with the pandemic, we are thrilled to dedicate the outdoor classrooms to him," said Ms. Conniff. The outdoor classrooms, which will be constructed this year, were gifted to the school by the PTA and the Foundation.

By Jackie Burton, President, Concordant Communications & BUFSD Communications Consultant



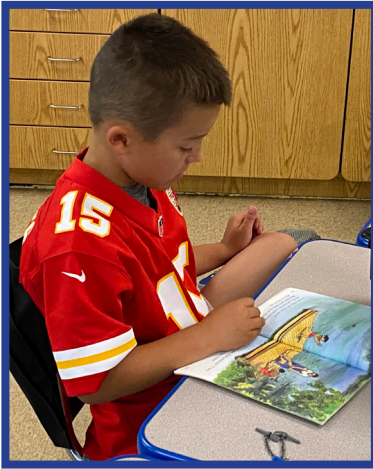
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International Thespian Troupe



STEM Equipment



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Food Scrap Recycling Program

The Bronxville School marked its 100th year with a special celebration for school families, alumni, and the larger community on Saturday, September 24, 2022. In preparation for the event, the Foundation compiled a photo retrospective of the Bronxville School's 100-year history, with special thanks to Claudia Keenan, author of *Portrait of a Lighthouse School: Public Education in Bronxville, NY*, and Bronxville Village Historian Raymond Geselbracht for their assistance on the project. The photo retrospective was displayed in the new Meadow Avenue Atrium throughout the fall and can be viewed electronically on the Foundation's website at www.bronxvilleschoolfoundation.org.

The Foundation also organized student-led tours of the school. Remy Bhatia, Rachel Conniff, Drew Doyle, Isabella Fenner, Ted Heraty, Michaela McSherry, Remi Mellinghoff, Natalia Metzger, Aarna Pal-Yadav, and Tony Tao-Guerrero led several groups of alumni, parents and grandparents of alumni and current students, former faculty, and community members through the original and newest parts of the building. As the student tour guides walked through the halls, they spoke about The Bronxville Promise as a way to explain how the Promise informed some of the significant changes to the building, such as the flexible learning spaces, the Design & Innovation Center, and Bronco TV's studio. Mary Taylor Behrens '79 and Helen Knapp '80 remarked on the newly designed spaces in the school, "A lot has changed, the school has clearly evolved through innovation."

Many of the innovative initiatives and advancements highlighted during the tour, including the school's extensive technology infrastructure, were made possible by the Foundation's grants program, which is funded by donations from alumni and the school and village community. As the students led their groups up and down the stairs of the connected buildings, they also spoke of community-based projects, such as the Bronx River Research program and the composting program in partnership with the Greenburgh Nature Center, as examples of unique learning opportunities in the school, both of which began as Foundation initiatives. As a gift to mark the centennial, the Foundation and the PTA have also partnered to fund an outdoor classroom project at the school, with construction planned for the summer of 2023.

Evan Haynes '70 attended the tour as part of his class reunion weekend and remarked, "This is my third time back to visit the school. There have been so many changes. The resources available to these students are remarkable. The Bronxville School is always changing and evolving, yet the community remains as supportive as ever!"

Other centennial-related events included the creation of artwork featuring the school's architecture and history, the composition and performance of an alma mater, the receipt of a Proclamation from the Westchester County Board of Legislators, and interviews with notable alumnae who reflected on their experiences in Bronxville.

By India Hammer, Senior Strategist, Concordant Communications & BUFSD Communications Officer



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



The final act of the centennial celebration was a spotlight event featuring two notable Bronxville School alumnae, Lis Smith '01 and Mary Cain '14. Irena Choi Stern, a Bronxville resident and parent of two alumni, produced the special event.

Mary Cain '14 & Marlow Stern '03

Mary Cain was interviewed by fellow Bronxville alumnus Marlow Stern '03, senior entertainment editor for *The Daily Beast* and an adjunct professor at Columbia Journalism School. Marlow and Mary quickly fell into an interview that was enlightening, touching, thoughtful, and funny. Not only was Mary an exceptional student during her time at the Bronxville School, she was also a record-breaking runner and the youngest American athlete to represent the United States at a track and field World Championships meet after competing in the 2013 World Championships in Athletics in Moscow. After high school, Mary attended the University of Portland Honors Program while pursuing a professional career as an athlete. Currently, Mary is the founder of Atalanta NYC, a non-profit that employs professional female runners to serve as mentors for young girls. Mary has dedicated her career to driving change in the sport, with an emphasis on athlete well-being and gender equity. During the many questions that Mary was asked, she acknowledged all of her physical education teachers at Bronxville for fostering her love and talent for running, and for being given an opportunity to truly put her talent to the test. Mary is now committed to educating and mentoring young female athletes, and prioritizes the reframing of messages to focus on their mental well-being and encourage training in a positive and healthy way. These include messages such as, "Practice makes progress" and "Effort in training, not winning."

Lis Smith '01 & Sissel McCarthy

Lis Smith was interviewed by Sissel McCarthy, Bronxville School alumni parent and Director of the Journalism Program at Hunter College. In her introduction of Lis, Sissel described her as a political strategist who has been an on-air commentator for MSNBC, CNN, Fox News, CBS, as well as published in *Vanity Fair* and *The New York Times*. Lis is a veteran of 20 political campaigns and the author of the book *Any Given Tuesday*, which was published in July. She has extensive experience in public affairs, media relations, and crisis communications at the local, state and national levels. She most recently worked as a senior advisor in communications to presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg. Marking the first time Lis has been back to the Bronxville School since she graduated, the visit was infused with nostalgia and appreciation. Lis said: "The Bronxville School has played a seminal role for me and my family. My grandmother, mother, and twin brother have grown up in this school. And now my nieces and nephews are students here, too. Bronxville is so special because it's a small and intimate community where the teachers can pay so much attention to the students and really foster their interests and passions." Lis shared memories of her time here and credits the school for her confidence to journey into the political arena.

The Bronxville School extends sincere appreciation to Mary and Lis, along with Marlow and Sissel, for sharing their memories and examples of how the district played such a pivotal role in their lives.

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ALUMS CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL

It was WONDERFUL to see so many classes coming together for reunions in the Bronxville School's 100th year! The PTA also organized a special alumni social for the centennial that was graciously sponsored by the O'Connor family in honor of Jerry O'Connor III '94.

The Foundation would like to help all Bronxville School alumni to stay connected. Did you recently move, change your email address, or do you have exciting information you'd like to share with us? The best way to stay in touch with the Bronxville School is to make sure we have your current contact information. Please fill out our Alumni Contact Information Form at www.bronxvilleschoolfoundation.org/alumni-2/ in order to receive the alumni newsletter, invitations to reunion events, and other important alumni news!



Alums from the Classes of 1990 and 1991 at the centennial social in celebration of Jerry O'Connor III



Class of 1992



Class of 2002



Class of 1970



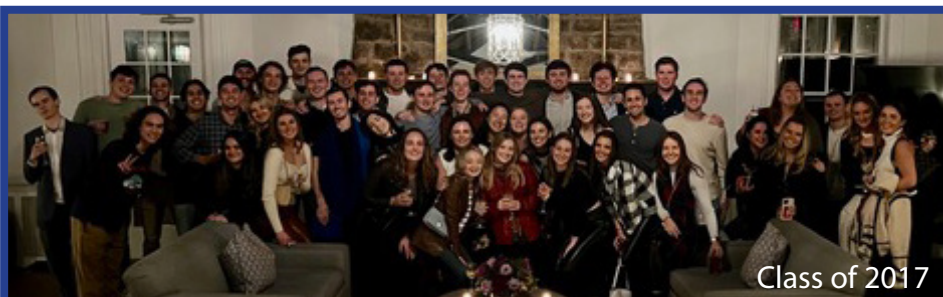
Class of 1972



Class of 1976



Classes of 1965-1969 and former teachers Ron Catena & Anne Wharton Ferrante



Class of 2017

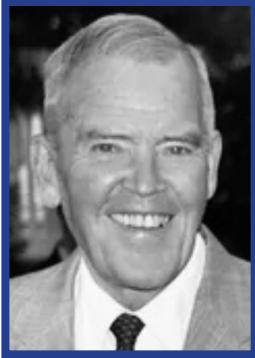


Class of 1961



ALUMNI WALK/TRIBUTES

Foundation Establishes New Designated Funds for Beloved Alums



The Coach Bob McGrath Fund for Athletics: Robert W. McGrath '45, lifelong resident of Bronxville, passed away in November '22. Bob's passions were his family and all things Bronxville, especially Bronco Football. For over 25 years, Bob helped coach the Varsity Football team leaving an indelible mark on many of his former players who still referred to him as "Coach" when they would call or visit him some 40-50 years after graduating. After coaching, he became a fixture at home games, sitting in the end zone, because that's where coaches always watch games. The McGrath family very generously worked with the Foundation to establish a designated fund in Bob's name for athletics-related grants that will benefit the Bronxville School.



The L. Gordon Harriss Fund for History: After Gordon's passing in October '22, the Class of '64 established this fund in honor of their beloved classmate, an unusually open and warm individual whom many considered the heart of the class. Returning to Bronxville in 1985, Gordon and his wife Elizabeth raised their sons Christopher '95 and Matthew '97 here, and Gordon was honored to be the speaker at Matthew's graduation. With his friendships throughout the class and his hosting of reunions, he kept alive his classmates' connections to BHS and the town. Gordon enjoyed a distinguished 36-year legal career at Davis Polk & Wardwell. A voracious reader, his greatest love was history, and he extensively explored subjects like European history and WWII. He undoubtedly would have been delighted to have this fund advance the study of history.

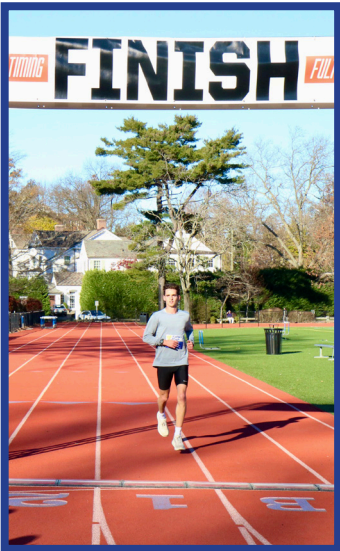
If you would like to make a donation to the McGrath or Harriss Funds, please visit www.bronxvilleschoolfoundation.org/donate/ and select the name of the fund from the dropdown menu.

Buy a Brick in the Alumni Walk to Mark the Centennial



Please consider buying a brick for a special staff member or alum and think how much fun it will be returning to the Bronxville School for a visit to find the name "written in stone" in the Alumni Walk. Created in 1994, the Alumni Walk has grown through brick purchases by graduates of all ages. More than 2,300 bricks have been placed in front of the flagpole and in the new section in front of the auditorium terrace. To buy a brick, please visit the Foundation's website at www.bronxvilleschoolfoundation.org/alumni-2/buy-a-brick/.

Photographed left: Dr. Rachel Kelly holding her brick generously purchased by Maureen & Donald McAllister, Jr. in appreciation of Rachel's leadership in the Bronxville School's special education programs. The McAllisters' daughter Margaret is a member of Bronxville's Class of 2019.



This beloved Thanksgiving tradition, which honors the memory of Katie Welling '02, returned this year as an in-person event with a virtual option for out-of-towners. This year's event also honored Tom Welling, Katie's wonderful dad who passed away in March '22. More than 300 people participated, and the event raised over \$17,000. Beyond the Bronxville area, people showed their support from California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., and Nicaragua. Thank you to all of the participants for making the event so special!



Alumni gifts include donations to our Annual Alumni Campaign, Alumni Brick Walk, Class Gifts, and the Katie Welling Memorial Run. Our donor list includes gifts for the period between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022. Alumni donations to the Foundation benefit every aspect of current Bronxville School students' experience.

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