

# Oak Leaves

NEWSLETTER FROM OAKWOOD FRIENDS SCHOOL • CELEBRATING OVER 225 YEARS OF FRIENDS EDUCATION IN THE HUDSON VALLEY

## Under the Eclipse: A Day of Wonder and Community Spirit



There's a unique sense of community that comes from witnessing something extraordinary together. Rarely do we find ourselves sharing such a momentous event, and we are so grateful to have experienced it as a community. On April 8th, we were treated to a wondrous natural phenomenon: the 2024 solar eclipse. It was a truly unforgettable day.

Our afternoon began with an all-school presentation in the theater, where students shared their creativity through poems, skits, and humor, while our amazing teachers provided history, context, and a scientific overview that set the stage for what was to come. Equipped with special eclipse glasses and snack bags—filled with Oreos, Sun Chips, and Orbit gum, a playful nod to the cosmic event—we made our way to the fields for the main event.

In Poughkeepsie, we were fortunate to witness a near-total eclipse, with 95% solar occlusion. One of the most fascinating aspects of this event was the transformation of shadows cast by the sun, which temporarily took on a crescent shape. To safely view these unique shadows, we created makeshift viewing tools using items such as a colander.

As blue skies opened up just 30 minutes before the peak of the eclipse, we were able to witness this breathtaking spectacle in all its glory. We even observed a dramatic 15-degree drop in temperature within 15 minutes, adding to the wonder of the day.

We extend our deepest thanks to the faculty members who made this experience possible and, of course, to the sun and

the moon for their cosmic dance. Today was truly a day to remember, and we couldn't be prouder to have shared this incredible moment in scientific history with our community. ☽





## Looking Towards the Light

By: Chad Cianfrani, Head of School



Our cover captures a moment from last April when the entire school community looked skyward as a solar eclipse transited campus. For a few brief moments the afternoon shifted from light to dark, casting crescent shadows, and recording double digit temperature fluctuations. This image also reflects moments of full community engagement, joy, and awe. As we move into the start of the new academic year, transition, gratitude, and opportunity are central to my thinking.

The cyclical nature of transition occurs within our school annually. After seniors celebrate commencement under the Copper Beech tree (gifted by the class of 1938), we embrace the summer, welcoming new students, families, faculty, and staff. This year, over 100 new and returning community members joined us for our July BBQ and more than 300 individuals attended orientation on Sunday, September 8th.

Transitions have also been visible in our community during the first week of September as we welcomed over 40 new students, including 20 new members to our boarding program. New vision and energy guides our Admissions team, while faculty in our Middle and Upper School academic, counseling, and residential life programs continue to strengthen our student supports. Our new Director of Community Inclusion and Social Justice is expanding programming on multiple levels with students, faculty, parents, and the Board.

Transitions are occurring in campus spaces as well. Students

returned to significant renovations in Craig Dorm with a new kitchen, lounges, student laundry rooms, and exterior patio gathering spaces. Expanded ADA access to the gym and theater are supported by new sidewalks and lighting throughout the west side of campus. Students are also gathering and connecting with each other and their dorm parents on the newly dedicated Parker Washburn Bench outside of Craig Dorm.

In this issue of Oak Leaves you will also read about transitions within the Board of Managers with new members joining and Annette Engler '87 assuming the role as our Board President. During my 10 years as Head of School, I have collaborated with and been supported by visionary Board leadership. I am excited to work with Annette, as she opens a new chapter of opportunity and growth for our community.

You will also read about Henry Brecher '51, a Board member and friend, who passed this summer. An active member of the Oakwood community for eight decades, it is difficult to see any aspect of this program that he has not impacted. A life dedicated to scientific research and education was informed by his teachers and time at Oakwood. Arriving as an 8th grade Austrian Jewish refugee without family in 1946, this became his home. His legacy speaks to the inclusive community we strive to uphold and continues to inspire my work daily.

As a community we are off and running! And speaking of running, I have the honor of walking in the shoes of former coaches Sean Thompson and Bill Doolittle as the Cross-Country coach again this year. If you need to find me this fall, look towards the course and trails each afternoon. (I will be the slow one.) There exists a unique energy and excitement heading into this academic year. Stop by and experience it! ☺

## Empowering Learning: Exciting Tech Upgrades

Since joining Oakwood in spring 2023, Jeff Stark, Director of Technology, brought a wave of innovation and efficiency to our campus. His tech expertise and dedication have already made a lasting impact, enhancing both the learning environment and our community's daily interactions.

Jeff focused on the school's computer resources, creatively repurposing and upgrading approximately twenty desktop computers and using eight of them to establish a much-needed computer lab in Collins Library. This new facility offers a blend of Windows and Linux systems, providing diverse learning opportunities for students. He also secured access to the entire Adobe Creative Cloud suite for the entire school community at a cost-effective rate, enabling everyone to utilize professional-grade creative tools including Photoshop, Premier and Firefly AI.

Jeff also launched the Oakwood Radio Station with students **Hayat Daqiq '25** and **Duke Gandin '24**, using repurposed equipment and open-source software LibreTime. This station offers a unique learning environment for student DJs, with plans for podcasts, soundscapes, and interviews. Curating music and developing radio gives students a creative outlet and a platform to advance their media skills.

He also revived our campus wide digital signage system, expanding it from three unreliable displays to eight fully operational ones, using Raspberry Pi Zero devices. These screens now play a key role throughout the day in sharing information



Director of Technology Jeff Stark in the new tech lab

from morning meetings, events, student photography and more.

His efforts didn't stop there. Jeff has been systematically upgrading the school's audio and video infrastructure, including installing ceiling microphones for better Zoom meetings, and enhanced sound for graduation with a new mixer and speakers providing clarity and impact. Additionally, he now has a comprehensive understanding of how to record student productions with top-notch sound quality, further enriching our school's artistic endeavors and guest speaker experiences.

Jeff's contributions in such a short time have been remarkable, and we are excited to see how his work will continue to elevate Oakwood in the years to come. His passion for technology and commitment to our community have already made a difference, and we are fortunate to have him on our team. ☺



## Welcoming New Board Members

**John Fargis '84** is an accomplished international executive with extensive experience leading operations in Asia for various U.S. and European software companies. Based in Beijing for much of his career, John is the Co-founder and Principal of BYG Advantage, where he focuses on guiding international technology firms into new markets across APAC, LatAm, and MEA regions.



In addition to his corporate work, John is an adjunct professor at the Hult International Business School's Shanghai campus, where he teaches courses on Emerging Markets, Leadership, and Chinese History.

John's journey to China began in 1993 as a Henry Luce Scholar, where he made history as the first foreigner in the modern era to receive permission to work in a Chinese specialized high school for students who had committed minor offenses, where they resided while receiving education and rehabilitation. Before this, he spent four years as a special education teacher in NYC in the Brownsville neighborhood of Brooklyn.

John holds a B.A. with Honors in Medieval Studies from Wesleyan University, a Master's in Special Education from Hunter College, and a Master's in International Relations, focusing on International Business and Chinese History, from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and Harvard University.

After decades in China, John now resides in New Paltz, New York, with his wife, Vida, not far from where he grew up. His daughters, including **Siena Fargis '22**, and stepson frequently visit their New Paltz home.

**Imani Schectman '08** is a community builder, tech founder, and educator passionate about bringing people together. With a deep understanding of the power of connection and collaboration, she is dedicated to creating spaces where individuals can celebrate their diverse cultures, discover mutual understanding, and take action on a better world for all.



Using the strength of diversity, equity, inclusivity, sustainability, and justice as her pillars, Imani built Open Market, a lifestyle marketplace featuring emerging BIPOC (Black Indigenous People of Color) and POC (People of Color) brands. As a Professor of Small Business Entrepreneurship, she combines personal anecdotes and theoretical knowledge to create a dynamic learning environment where aspiring entrepreneurs can thrive.

Imani is a graduate of Hobart and William Smith Colleges, where she majored in Studio Art and Media and Society. She has served on the Alumni Council for four years and is excited to join the Board of Directors.

**Dare Thompson** grew up in Cleveland, OH and has a BA in English Literature from Swarthmore College and a MAT (Master of Arts in Teaching) from Oberlin College. After beginning her work life as a teacher of secondary school English and sixth and seventh grade social studies, Ms. Thompson spent a quarter century as executive director of several small to mid-size arts organizations. They include the Kirkland Art Center in Clinton, NY (near Utica), Ohio Citizens for the Arts in Columbus, OH which worked closely with the Ohio Arts Council, and The Hudson Valley Writers' Center in Sleepy Hollow, NY.



Her primary volunteer activity since 1972 has been with the League of Women Voters, including service as the state president in Rhode Island, first vice president in Ohio, and two stints on the New York state board, most recently as president (2015-19). She has also been president of four local Leagues – Swarthmore, PA; Delaware County, OH; Utica-Rome, NY; and the Mid Hudson Region, NY -- and has served on several national League committees. She represented the League on the NY Women's Suffrage Commission chaired by then Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul (2016-20). The League grew directly out of the suffrage organization a century ago and is its living legacy.

Dare is also an active volunteer with the Quakers, both locally as a member of the Poughkeepsie Meeting and more widely through the New York Yearly Meeting. She is particularly proud of the role of Quakers in launching the U.S. women's suffrage movement right here in New York and for their civil rights and peace activism. She has lived in Marlboro in Ulster County with her husband, Doug, since 1998. They have two sons, Reeve (born 1974) and Court (born 1977). ☐

## The Power of Connection



(l-r) Willow Joffee and Nikki Winans

We are thrilled to welcome Nikki Winans, our new Director of Community Inclusion and Social Justice. Nikki and Willow Joffee, Dean of Students and Director of Community Wellness, recently hosted a DEI workshop: The Power of Connection: Exploring Identities and Building Community for new and returning families and shared what to expect for the year ahead. This important event was followed by our Annual Summer BBQ welcoming nearly 100 students, family members, and faculty for a fun chance to engage before meeting up again this September! ☐



## Sports

Congratulations to all of the recipients of the Spring Sports Awards! ►



**Boys Tennis** - With a string of impressive victories this year, the Boys Tennis team proved themselves a competitive force. Our opponents are sure to be looking over their shoulders the next time we meet.



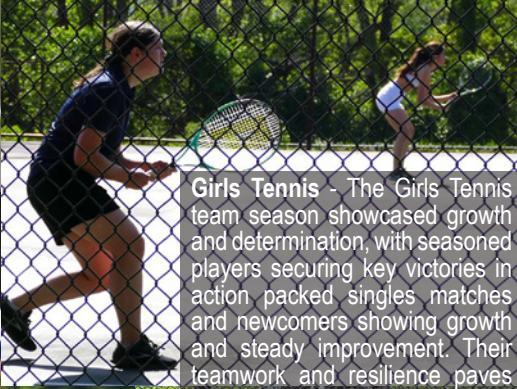
**Ultimate Frisbee** - The Ultimate Frisbee team capped off an undefeated season with a victory over NYMA in the HVAL championships! Congratulations to this hardworking, collaborative, fun team!



**Softball** - This season, the Softball team walked away with two wins. Every single person on the team improved significantly. Great attitudes, hard work and dedication to learning the game of softball made for a great team.



**Baseball** - The Baseball team played a best of 5 series vs. Storm King School as their competition in HVAL this year. The series showcased some great offensive production, totaling 40 runs over the course of the series. The team looks forward to continued improvement next season.



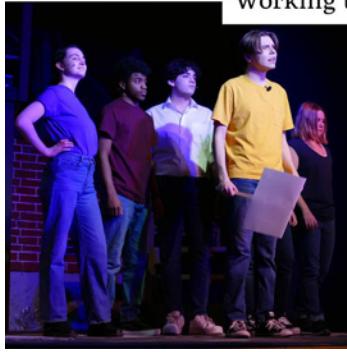
**Girls Tennis** - The Girls Tennis team season showcased growth and determination, with seasoned players securing key victories in action packed singles matches and newcomers showing growth and steady improvement. Their teamwork and resilience paves the way for a promising future.



# Arts



Visual Arts Showcase



Our vibrant Arts Department truly shined this past term, culminating in a dynamic Virtual Arts Showcase. Highlights included an inspiring quilt project from the Middle School, as well as an impressive array of ceramics, drawings, paintings, and photography from our Upper School students. The season was also marked by a lively Spring Concert that showcased not only captivating music but also innovative sound mixing and vocal performances.

The Spencer Family Theater came alive with two remarkable productions: *Working: The Musical* and Oscar Wilde's classic *The Importance of Being Earnest*. These performances challenged our students with diverse genres, and they rose to the occasion with exceptional execution. Congratulations to all our talented student artists for their outstanding achievements! ☺



Spring Concert





## Spotlight on the Middle School



The new Costume Design class offered students the opportunity to creatively express themselves with a variety of materials. With a focus on the Met Gala, students followed the theme of "Above the Clouds", designing costumes that included space warriors, Greek goddesses, angels and more. 8th grader **David Lozada**, pictured above, created a Star Wars business suit for his final project. ☀



Collaboration was key with the spring art elective where students created a glass mosaic mural for the Stokes Middle School building. They agreed on a design that incorporated a monarch butterfly representing both the fragility and magic of nature, as well as support for migrants and immigrants. The mural is based on the colors of the Pride flag and includes representation of the Quaker testimonies of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality and stewardship. Students experimented with various methods of laying out the mosaic and translated their initial drawings into glass. From mixing mortar to tile application, the students worked collaboratively to create a rainbow followed by more intricate details such as flowers and butterfly wings. ☀



Getting hands-on experience during their Sports Medicine science elective students learned about and identified bones and muscles and took part in strength and conditioning exercises with Head Coach Ryan Mee of Vassar College's Mens Basketball team. They also received valuable information about sports injuries and took part in basic CPR & AED training from Amanda Alongi, former Assistant Athletic Trainer for Marist College. ☀

**Do you know someone who is ready to find their voice at Oakwood?**

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 (845) 462-4200

## Oakwood Goes to Peru!

Field Report by Tim Stanson



Oakwood's Director of College Counseling Haniya Mee organized a once in a lifetime trip for students to visit Peru during spring break! Ryan Mee, Haniya's husband and Head Coach of the Men's Basketball Team at Vassar College joined her and Tim Stanson, Middle School Academic Support Center teacher, in chaperoning the trip. Tim shared 'field reports daily' with us back in the States and we all were able to follow along on social media. Here is an excerpt from Tim's reports about their journey -

"Yesterday we had a lovely train ride to Aguas Calientes! The valleys and rivers seen on the train and bus were unbelievable. Today was the big day at Machu Picchu which means Mountain Home in Quechua, the native language for many Peruvians and other central Andes countries. There are not many words to describe the sights and scenes we experienced on "Mother Mountain." Some words that come to mind are breathtaking, unbelievable, and other-worldly when you are up there and see the Andes and these structures left by fellow humans nearly 600 years ago. A holy site for the Inca and Quechua peoples, our students maintained respect and admiration for the lands and buildings. Students got to enjoy so many things on this trip - local alpacas and llamas and how their hair is made into yarn and dyed, lots of local cuisine, hot springs to relax in (or a cold plunge for the brave!), visits to the Salt Mines, the Sacred Valley (Willka Qhichwa in Quechua), the Moray Ruins which were several levels, all having different temperatures depending on the level of the circle for different crops. Students explored marketplaces and tried a variety of different foods. Seeing local Cuzqueños in their element with their different customs was a welcome change of scenery for us Hudson Valley folk. There was even time for some fútbol, volleyball and learning to salsa dance!"

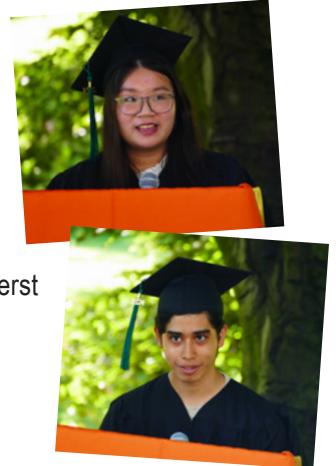


Siena Solis '24 at Machu Picchu

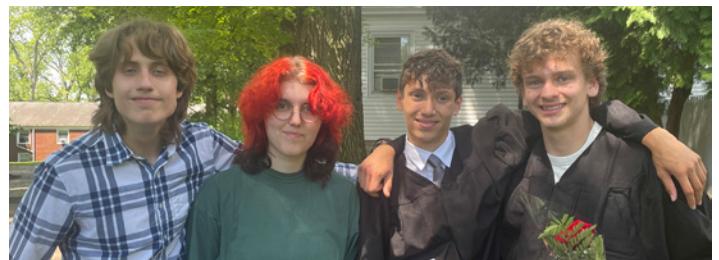
## College Bound

Wishing the Class of 2024 the Best in their Next Chapters!

American University  
 Bard College  
 CUNY Baruch  
 Binghamton University, SUNY  
 CUNY City College  
 Cornell University  
 Haverford College  
 Hobart William Smith Colleges  
 Loyola University Chicago  
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
 Occidental College  
 University of Redlands  
 Rutgers University  
 Skidmore College  
 St. John's University  
 SUNY New Paltz  
 Temple University, Rome  
 American Musical and Dramatic Academy  
 Universidad Anahuac, Merida  
 University at Albany, SUNY  
 University of Vermont



## Clerks 2024



Incoming clerks Oscar Schilling and Edie Strianese with graduating clerks Abdul Kablaoui and Charles Grenadier

Welcome to our incoming clerks, Oscar Schilling and Edie Strianese who shared what they are looking forward to doing most as clerks this year...

**Oscar** - I look forward to engaging and being a leading voice in the community. I hope to preserve its integrity and promote an atmosphere of openness, compassion and welcoming.

**Edie** - I am excited to meet new students and return to the routine of a school-day morning. The entrance into senior year with the added responsibilities of clerk is daunting yet simultaneously I look forward to the challenge and opportunity for growth!



## Alumni Weekend June 2024



Marian Amsen Finch & Tom Renouf



**Front Row:** Chris Galligan, Shari Hubner, Peter Wharton, Gloria Strauss Marmor  
**Back Row:** Peter Letson, Steve Halpern, John Hunter



**Front Row:** Carrie Ann Stern, Debbie Lynn, Caryll Pearlman Blount, Marcia Van Wagner  
**Back Row:** Becky Pasienzier Rothey, Montgomery Blair Sibley, Jeff Fitts, Barrett Nnoka, Vernon Wyley, Linda Strauss Koch, John Siegel, Karen Knowles



**Front Row:** Deb Bacon Wood '56, Allen Cooper '55, Charles Doskow '51  
**Back Row:** Peter Bittle '59, Jonathan Talbot '57



**Front Row:** Nancy Leopitz Wawrla '67, Sarah Lesser '61, Anne Wood '69, Gail Wild '69, Shari Hubner '64, Peter Wharton '64, Gloria Strauss Marmor '64, Judy Starr  
**Back Row:** Bob Hidell III, Bob Saling '67, Ed Hershberger '60, Peter Letson '64, Chris Galligan '64, Steve Halpern '64, John Hunter '64, Adam Starr '69



Judy Starr, Adam Starr, Bob Hidell III, Gail Wild, Anne Wood



Melissa Vivas '76, Yona Jimenez '73, Laura Ellsworth Gottardi-Litell '77, Anthony Heyward '75, Cathy Megan Oltman '77, Alan Ross '78, Heather Clark McMahon '78



1970-1974

**Front Row:** Vicky Phillips '73, Debby Lynn '74, Carrie Ann Stern '74, Caryll Pearlman Blount '74, Marcia Van Wagner '74, Vicky Baker '73, Fran Dunwell '70, Myra Koutzen '70 **Middle Row:** Harriet Gilbert Whitcomb '71, Robert Wilcox '72, Don Wauchope '73, Becky Pasiencier Rothe '74, Karen Knowles '74, Mary Lowrey Rose '73, Linda Strauss Koch '74, Raphael Hartzog '70, Rusty Mallery '70, Katherine Bruce-Clyne '73, Montgomery Blair Sibley '74

**Back Row:** Barrett Nnoka '74, John Siegel '74, Jody Mindell '72, Jeff Fitts '74, George Carrothers '70, Melissa Vivas '76, Gerry Ersken '70, Vernon Wyley '74, Jim Raker '70



1980s

**Front Row:** Beth Porter '87, Lynn Jordan '84, Elisabeth Gaenslen Lindsay '84, Augusta (Gussie) Wilson '84, Michere Feldstein Schott '85, Thembi Dube '85 **Middle Row:** Steve Brentari '87, Rachel Towle '85, Val Vogel Brey '87, Annette Ruswick Engler '87, Laura Fast Smith '87, Susan Rachel Balber Condon '80, Regina Helfant '86, Katie Settel '84, Abigail Golden-Vazquez '86, Tara Elseroad Erickson '86, Akiko Tamura '80, Sharon Marr Alexander '82, Eric Putter '82 **Back Row:** Peter Davidson '86, Hank Peirce '84, Ian Richards '84, Brian Dublin '83, Blair Collins '84, Justin Brown '86, Mel Russo '85, John Fargis '84, Christopher Ware '89, Steve Crews '84, Oona Younger '83, Rob Lipton '83, Erik Nelson '82, Clark Jones '82, Chris Galschjodt



1984

40th Reunion

**Front Row:** Lynn Jordan, Elisabeth Gaenslen Lindsay, Katie Settel, Augusta (Gussie) Wilson **Back Row:** Hank Peirce, Ian Richards, Blair Collins, John Fargis, Steve Crews



1990s

Loren Talbot '91, Jessica Kimelman '93, Garret Talbot '95



2000s

**Front Row:** Mauro Parra '07, Lillian Shad '07 (with their daughter Hazel), Jenine Tobias '23, Karen Swatson '15, Enid Swatson '17, Imani Schectman '08 **Back Row:** Parfait Bizimana '16, Matthew Voorhees '17, Zack Federbush '08

## Welcome Home!

Alumni Weekend 2024 showcased the true spirit of the Oakwood community. Alumni from the Classes of 1948 to 2024 reunited to catch up with old friends, meet new ones, and enjoy the campus amidst beautiful weather and fond memories. The weekend began with a special presentation, Q&A, and book signing by **Juan Williams '72**.

On Friday evening, friends shared stories and s'mores over a bonfire at Newlin. Saturday featured a dedication to former Dean of Students, Parker Washburn, with a bench now honoring her in front of Craig dorm. Meeting for Business followed, led by **Parfait Bizimana '16**, Board Member and Alumni Council co-president and **Annette Engler '87**, Board President and member of the Alumni Council, who honored Bill and Nancy Doolittle for their extraordinary impact on students during their decades long tenure at Oakwood. Meeting for Worship followed, featuring personal stories and how deeply rooted Oakwood experiences shaped many lives in the room.

The Class of 1974 celebrated their 50th reunion with a luncheon at the Head's house, followed by dancing in the theater with music from **Justin Brown '86** and his band Blue Plate Special. The evening ended with a delectable sit-down dinner, Oakwood trivia, and more songs and shared memories around the bonfire.

On Sunday, over forty alumni gathered for a goodbye brunch, with over twenty people attending Meeting for Worship at Nine Partners Meeting House or joining the Poughkeepsie Friends Meeting on campus. The weekend concluded with sunshine, smiles, and promises to reunite at Alumni Weekend 2025! We look forward to seeing even more faces next year! ☺

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Juan Williams '72  
Presentation



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Alumni Weekend Photos,  
Parker Washburn  
Dedication, & Remarks



## Oakwood Alums Coast to Coast



**Byung Kyu Choi '08**, his wife Soyoung and their 2 year old daughter Sia welcomed Head of School Chad Cianfrani and Director of Development & Alumni Affairs Julie Okoniewski during their April trip to Florida. Sia especially enjoyed going through the yearbook looking for pictures of her dad!



Many thanks to **Myra Koutzen '70** and her wife Kathleen McGahran for hosting our Florida gathering in their lovely home in Palm Beach Shores! Pictured from L- R: Chad Cianfrani, **Lew Weinsten '57** and wife Drue, **Jody Mindell '72**, Kathleen McGahran, Bill Ruplinger, **Myra Koutzen '70**, **David Lyons '71**, **Io Oakes Ruplinger '59** and Julie Okoniewski.



We appreciate **Joel Erlitz '68** and his daughter **Perri Erlitz '05** who co-hosted a gathering in Seattle in July at Duke's West Seattle! **Henry Brecher '51**, who sadly passed away shortly after this gathering, travelled all the way from Ohio to attend. Pictured from L- R: John Yergan whose father and two uncles attended Oakwood in the late 1930s/early 1940s, **Joel Erlitz '68**, **Perri Erlitz '05**, Julie Okoniewski, and Debra Paros with friend **Henry Brecher '51**.



# A Journey That Began with 4,970 miles, Two Suitcases and Two Sisters

By Karen Jessica Swatson '15

It's hard to believe that next year will be 10 years since graduating from Oakwood. It feels like it was only yesterday that I arrived from Ghana with my parents already setting up my room and unpacking my belongings in Newlin. I had never been a boarder before, but I was ready to take on this new experience and enjoy all the snow days I heard New York had to offer.

When I found out I was heading to Oakwood, I was elated. My first experiences at a Quaker school were truly eye-opening and rewarding; with one of the memorable aspects of my first days being Meeting for Worship. Though I was unfamiliar with sitting in silence, I was grateful for the moments I had not only to be introspective but to listen and connect with peers.

Oakwood has been more than just a school to me; it's been my second home. A place where I made great friends, could connect with my teachers and pursue my passion for International Relations. Oakwood thankfully fed this area of interest with engaging curricula, Model UN trips to Montreal and Quaker values of peace in a world fueled by constant conflict. Consequently, it didn't come as a surprise when I decided to pursue an undergraduate degree in International Studies at American University, which I later paired with a minor in Education.

After completing my undergraduate degree, I was fortunate to have interned at the World Bank Group in Washington DC where I worked in Communications (Africa Region) in one of its five organizations: The International Development Association (IDA). Having had the opportunity to gain first-hand experience and to see the many roles the Bank plays in improving lives and communities around the world, one takeaway I gained from the experience is that development is multifaceted, constantly evolving, and doesn't come in a one-size-fits-all solution. What works today, may not work tomorrow.

My experience at the Bank prompted me to pursue a graduate degree in International Development at American University. Currently, I work as an Associate at the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network (MFAN), a bipartisan organization that works to strengthen the effectiveness of U.S. development and humanitarian aid. Of the many events and briefings we've organized, perhaps one of my favorites is our recent Capitol Hill reception. The event was attended by several USAID Mission Directors and stakeholders in the development community; reaffirming dedication towards unwavering commitment to making a positive impact in the world.

I plan to continue working in development for as long as I can. However, I am looking to shift my focus to education in Ghana. In my spare time, I design educational materials, such as activity books and newsletters, for my parents' school in Ghana. I hope to one day have the resources to make a difference in the educational landscape of Ghana.



(l-r) Enid and Karen Swatson at Alumni Weekend 2024

By Enid Stephanie Swatson '17

My journey to Oakwood began when my parents encouraged me to join my sister. Unlike Karen, I had already been a boarder in Ghana but was eager to continue boarding life abroad. When I look back on my time at Oakwood, I am filled with so much gratitude to have found a nurturing environment that has molded me into the person that I am today.

Since setting foot on campus, I found community and friends that have lasted beyond the time I spent there. Oakwood's Quaker values have been instrumental in steering me towards my career path of service which is the reason I decided to pursue Public Health and Biology at Goucher College in Towson, MD. At Goucher, I found a great mentor who encouraged me to pursue a Master's in Public Health which led me to Emory University. Now I work in a research lab specifically focused on Alzheimer's disease prevention at Emory University School of Nursing. Our work focuses on risk factors associated with Alzheimer's and potential pre-clinical interventions designed to reduce cognitive decline.

I plan to continue working in research and hopefully have the opportunity to pursue a career in something that allows me to combine my interests in global public health and neurodegenerative diseases. As Anna Bertucci so nicely put it, I hope that I am continuously "challenged to put my learning in motion and lead a life of consequence and meaning". ☺

## Alumni in Action

Oakwood alumni give back to the school in so many ways - volunteering their time, presenting as guest speakers and working hands-on with our students. Thank you - we appreciate all that you do! [Contact the Alumni Office at development@oakwoodfriends.org](mailto:development@oakwoodfriends.org) or 845-462-4200 x 230 if you'd like to give back in any way!



Jonathan Talbot '57 served as an artist in residence this spring focusing on printmaking with copper plates using the Sturgis CP-4 press he donated to the school some years ago.



Jennifer Yee '03, an astrophysicist with the Korea Microlensing Telescope Network (KMTN), virtually visited our Astrobiology class and shared about her work and educational journey since Oakwood.



## Class Notes



**1954**

**Peter Mickelsen** - Nancy and I finally made the permanent move to Montana, leaving behind the Baltimore chapter. We celebrated our 55th, so we are still kicking. Very hot and dry on the ranch this year, but still beautiful. Oakwood friends are always invited to visit us and enjoy this part of the world.

**1956**

**Molly Lynn Watt** - Our play, George & Ruth, Songs and Letters of the Spanish Civil War, will be published on Amazon as an ebook and a paperback with a perfect spine on September 15, 2024. It has been produced in several places this fall and my husband and I traveled to NYC to see it performed at the ALBA headquarters. It was produced in a Quaker Meeting as a way to create conversations of how that war paralleled what is going on today. The last line in the play is, "The world can stop it, where is the conscience of the world".

**1957**

**Dave Burnett** - Joan and I moved from Panama City, Florida, to Warwick, Rhode Island, in June 2022. We have a modern (unusual for New England) waterfront house next to a bird sanctuary, which has two advantages: lots of fun watching the many species of birds and virtually no insects in the house. We are so glad to have finally left the unhealthy climate, swampy ecosystems and violent weather in Florida. I semi-retired in 2017 after a wonderfully enjoyable, intellectually exciting and productive half century in classical theoretical physics: almost 30 years at Bell Labs in New Jersey, 6 years at the NATO Undersea Research Centre in La Spezia, Italy, and 17 years at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Florida. I continue my physics work at home, now under contract with World Scientific Publishing for a university textbook entitled Computational Continuum Structural Acoustics: A New Unified Physics Paradigm. Hope to have it finished in about a year. Now that we can drive to Oakwood from Rhode Island, Joan and I hope to see many of you at our 70th (!) Oakwood reunion in 2027. In the meantime, here's a photo taken for a Navy magazine in 2013. And I'd sure love to hear from you before then (davidsburnett88@gmail.com).



**1958**

**Jerry Hoerner** - Watching the Olympics brings back Oakwood memories of our sports. We had a good time at the track meets, the football games and the basketball game. Our soccer team was one of the best in the area. The knife of time cuts all of us down but good memories outlast our ability to participate.



(l-r) F. Dewey Webster with Ed Hershberger

**1959**

**Jackie Barkan Stuart** - I am sad to report that my husband of 63 years Alan Stuart has died. I had planned for us to move from our home in Connecticut to a small house in a senior community in Walnut Creek, California in order to be nearer to our daughters who have all moved to the West. That move will be all the more salutary now. If any Oakwood classmates live in the San Francisco area, I hope you will get in touch. My years at Oakwood were one of the most important and formative experiences of my life.

**1960**

**Peter Ernster** - Retired, I live in southeastern Pennsylvania with my wife Catherine Grace and Mide, a Norwich Terrier. We finally left the horse farm. She writes novels; I'm all over the lot—six published, closing in on the seventh (available on Amazon). Visitors most welcome - ernsterp@aol.com. Dogs name: Mide



**1961**

**F. Dewey Webster** - A trip to New York State in July for the graveside service for my sister Cynthia Webster Coddington '59 put me in the vicinity of Cornwall, New York. Its Friends Meeting House was the home one for the Ruge family, and so its cemetery became their family cemetery. I enlisted assistance from Ed Hershberger '60 in the successful search for their monument stones: Bob Ruge '63 and his wife Juliette; Peter Ruge '61; their parents, Valice and Raymond Ruge (architect of the "new" gym).

**1962**

**Joe deGroot** - It's been a long time since I visited Oakwood. I am very grateful for the time I spent at Oakwood as the experience that shaped many of my life values. I live a quiet life in the beautiful northwest living on the Pacific coast in Coos Bay, Oregon. The temperature year-round is anywhere from 40° to 70°, which makes the summers most enjoyable. My health is good and so is life.



**1967**

**Bob Saling** - I'm still living in NYC with my wife Pat although since covid spending more time in our house in New Milford CT. Our son married a wonderful woman in 2021 and her grandfather and I became ordained and officiated over the wedding. I'm not doing any more whitewater canoe trips in the Arctic Circle nor riding motorcycles but keeping plenty active. Oakwood and its community taught me so much more than just "school stuff" the personal feelings of the environment of faculty and students was so much of who I've become. The fairness, open mindedness, and the kindness have taught me how to treat others and enjoy others. Wishing all well and good health.



This is Virginia Falls on the Nahanni River in the Arctic Circle 400 miles from any people and it's 50% higher than Niagara Falls. I'm the guy in the canoe.



1968

**Jonathan Kaplan** - I am still continuing my lengthy 56 year career in ceramics, always thankful to Mrs. Willis for introducing me to ceramics and John Streets mentioning that I need some arts credits to graduate in 1968. Who knew that ceramics would be my lifelong pursuit? The American Ceramics Society published my book "The Mold Making Manual" in January 2024. I will be attending the International Academy of Ceramics Conference this coming September in Portugal.



(l-r) Rusty Mallery with David Lyons and his friend Lauren

**Sara Simkowitz** - I'm enjoying my life in Montana. Everybody is welcome to come visit. My daughter lives in Ferndale, California with her three-year-old daughter and partner. My son is here in Montana and has a maple syrup business which is unique in Montana and nearly unique in the west; he's an urban syrup producer. He has two children, 11 and 9. I do art; I read. I enjoy the view out my backyard and I'm loving life. I have a significant other in my life and we're enjoying things.

1970

**Alan Tuttle** - I have become enamored with the allure of.... working for climate justice through direct action. What better way to spend retirement?! Recently I also enjoyed a visit with Mike Germain (1970) and family, which included a concert at Tanglewood. The first picture is of me holding my summons after being arrested for civil disobedience. We got pizza upon release from jail. The second is with my wife Lisa (on the right) and 2 friends from Philadelphia. Both pictures are from events at the Summer of Heat campaign in NYC.



1971

**David Lyons** - Retirement is going well. I'm keeping busy with the gym, travel, and helping several local nonprofits. I really enjoyed Alumni Weekend 2024. So thankful to be present for the bench dedication in honor of Parker Washburn. My friend Lauren and I went on from Oakwood to tour New England. Pictured here with Rusty Mallery '70 Our next trip is to the Dakotas in September, then skiing in Colorado. If we are friends on Facebook, you'll see all the pictures. Great to see everyone, and already thinking about next year's Alumni Weekend.

1972

**Robert Wilcox** - Like many of us who were able to make it back to our other home for Alumni weekend, I have been mulling over just how much Oakwood Is Home for all of us, however long we had to grow there. I came to realize that the concept of Oakwood as Home was more truth than poetry. We were given the room to heal and grow, with the limits set close enough to preserve the health and safety of the Oakwood family while far enough out to let us know, grow, stumble, fall, get back up, try our wings and fly.

So many of the Faculty contributed so much to all of us. I know that I am speaking to my own time when I name the ones that informed and influenced us, starting with Parker and Artie Arthur Washburn, who were, basically Mom and Dad to a family of 200. They had, and needed, help from a great bunch of young grown up faculty who were not so far removed from what we were going through to be unable to understand us. John Jennings, David Bournes and the office kept things organized enough for the family to run. Nanette Koch, Ginger Grab, Joy Karp, Roz Hoffman, Rick Swigart, Dennis "Frito" Friedman, Bob Wilson, Pete Messimer, all were like grown up siblings with authority who knew where and when to use it without cutting into the spirit of the family, but not afraid to prune if it had to be.

More seasoned adults, like Richard Mullen, Marion Jones and Subhash Janji fired our imaginations while not allowing "Too much of junk". Before I go further, I know I've left people out. My memory is good, sometimes too good, but I know I've forgotten some folks who helped us grow. They are still loved and cherished as family. Adolf Karmelik was unique. He was firm enough to drill the sciences into us but he kept us laughing as he did it. Mme. Lapeyre and Sophie Polgar were grandma and great grandma, respectively. Their gentle wisdom was there at just the right moments and I still remember the twinkles in their eyes.

We were a rowdy, wild and crazy, but loving, caring and appreciative bunch. Oakwood was exactly what we needed, each in our own ways, and our successes are also its success. Oakwood is Home and it is Family. It has been very good at continuing that Spirit. We had the honor and privilege of honoring the husband and wife who were successors to Artie and Parker, even as we dedicated Parker's Bench as a place to think, to share problems and to be loved as family. I'm sure the current parts of the tree are equally strong and will grow the family even more, with Chad's able help. It was great to be home.

1977

**Laura Ellsworth Gottardi-Littell** - So thankful for Oakwood and all it helped me accomplish and become as a person!

1983

**Brian Dublin** - It was great to see everyone at the reunion. I'm still loving life in Switzerland, but it may be that I'm often in the Poughkeepsie area over the next months. Keep in touch: bdublin@sterlingeast.com

1988

**Jennifer Elizabeth Brunton** - We have happily settled in Northampton, MA, and have our two-year-old (Wren Merlin Brunton) and eight-month-old (Eleanor Beatrice Brunton) granddaughter living with us, along with their parents. My daughter, Xiaohan, is starting at my alma mater, Bryn Mawr College, in the fall! I continue to work as a writer and editor, and am the co-author, with Jenna Gensic, M.A., of *The #ActuallyAutistic Guide to Advocacy: Step-by-Step Advice on How to Ally and Speak Up with Autistic People and the Autism Community* and the forthcoming *The #ActuallyAutistic Guide to Building Independence: A Handbook for Teens, Young Adults, and Those Who Care About Them*, out this September. Every topic in these empowering, affirming books was chosen, shaped, and informed by perspectives and insights from more than 100 #ActuallyAutistic people. I also consult around neurodiversity inclusion, and regularly give keynotes and other talks, workshops, and classes, based on these books. I keep in regular touch with Dwight Wilson (my Dean at the time, but now a longtime friend and "adopted Dad") and Lucas Thorpe (besty) and try to keep up with other lovely people from my Oakwood years.

**Lara Koopmans Hiller** - Greetings! It was great to see so many familiar faces at alumni day this year! I have been teaching at Poughkeepsie Day School, and this fall will be making a transition to Middle Way School in Saugerties. I am really looking forward to teaching Kindergarten there! My husband, Todd continues to work in global marketing/asset management for Prudential. My son, Aiden graduated from University of Toronto and will be attending the University of Heidelberg this fall for a Master's program in infectious biology, following in the footsteps of his scientist uncle, my brother, Dirk Koopmans, who is working at the National Oceanographic Center in Southampton, England. Many of you may remember my mom, Janie Koopmans, who was the Director of the Learning Center, is also planning many trips abroad in the near future. Looking forward to reading all about my fellow Oakwood alumni's adventures!

1990

**Karla Morales** - Becky Locke '89 & I have crisscrossed NY and NJ enjoying many hiking trails from Bear Mountain to South Mountain Fairy Trail this past year. We hope our classmates are well and friendships enduring!

2009

**Mariah Purcell** - Greetings from the mountains of Montana! My husband, Brandon, and I just welcomed our first child, our daughter Eloise, on Valentine's Day. Two months later we finally got



to move into the house that we've been building ourselves for the past two years. It's been a very busy but exciting time in our lives. I can't wait to bring Eloise to Oakwood on my next New York trip. Much love to all.



#### 2011

After a lengthy stint in the Peace Corps in Zambia, **Clara Wilkenson** is living and working at Choshen Farm, an NGO in Fimpulu, Zambia advising local farmers on planting strategies to raise household incomes while pursuing a Masters degree in Global Food Security and Nutrition from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

#### 2015

**Kate (Aurora) Wilkinson** has been learning about US fiber production from the ground up while working at alpaca farms, spinning mills and hand weaving studios in the Western US. She is starting a new job in Chapel Hill, North Carolina as assistant handcraft teacher in the fall.

#### 2016

**Jason Yang** - Very happy to announce that I will start pursuing a PhD in Composition and Theory at University of California, Davis, starting Fall 2024!

#### 2022

Congratulations to **Aidan Cook** who will be in Washington, D.C. from mid- October through mid-December working on a project for the Coast Guard as a student/civilian. He just passed the FE (Fundamentals of Engineering) Exam and hopes to work in nuclear energy after graduation.

#### Faculty

Congratulations to Arts Department Chair **Ted Messerschmidt** who presented with Dr. Tobias Wunderle at the 27th IGEB Conference focusing on research and promotion of wind music in Valencia, Spain this summer!



(l-r) Burkard Zenglein, Dr. Tobias Wunderle and Ted Messerschmidt.

Humanities Chair **Stephen Miller** traveled to Rome this summer with his wife, Associate Head of Oakwood **Anna Bertucci** and sons **Soren '25** and **Oskar '27** to participate in the World Congress of Philosophy. He presented two talks, "Considerations about Diversifying Curricula" and "What-if: Children and the Development of Adult Moral Imagination" making important contributions to the global philosophical discourse. Both talks are based on forthcoming articles in the Journal of Didactics of Philosophy and the Journal of Philosophy in Schools, showcasing his ongoing scholarly work. Additionally, Stephen moderated two roundtables at the event which attracts thousands of philosophers from around the world every five years. Congratulations Stephen!



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## Remembering Winifred Antoinette Jordan Simmons



Winifred Jordan Simmons, also known by her nickname "Numpity," passed away on July 4, 2024. She was born on September 26, 1936 in Rochester, N.Y. to Ruth G. Jordan, a teacher, and Anthony L. Jordan, a physician. Winifred was a member of Oakwood's class of 1954, and went on to earn a B.A. in Zoology from Vassar College. She went to medical school at Howard University and successfully pursued a career as a psychiatrist.

na in 2013 and attended the Friends Meeting in Chapel Hill, serving in its ministry for the reintegration of correctional residents.

Throughout her life Winifred spoke fondly of her years at Oakwood and the profound influence that it and Quakerism had on her life. Her experience inspired family members **Lydia Micheaux Marshall '67**, **Anne Micheaux Akwari '69**, **Meredith Arrington '73**, and **Michael Jordan '73** to follow in her footsteps at Oakwood. If you would like to be in touch with her family, please reach out to her son Bobby Simmons at [simmons.bobby@gmail.com](mailto:simmons.bobby@gmail.com). She will be profoundly missed. ☮



During her medical training, Winifred met Robert Leo Simmons, an orthopedic resident and Georgetown graduate, and they married in 1964 in Washington, D.C. They had 3 children; Karen (1965), Beth (1967), and Bobby (1968) and moved to Kailua, Hawaii in 1970. There, they practiced medicine, raised their children (and many dogs), played a fair bit of tennis, and were integral, beloved members of their community.

After retiring in 2000, Winifred got more deeply involved with the Honolulu Friends Meeting, and she and her husband served for many years on its Peace and Social Concerns committee. She enjoyed long morning walks around the lake in Kailua, reading and collecting books on subjects ranging from history to the fine arts, and any game that challenged her already expansive vocabulary. Winifred and Robert moved to Pittsboro, North Caroli-



# My Interview with Henry Brecher '51

by Matthew Voorhees '17

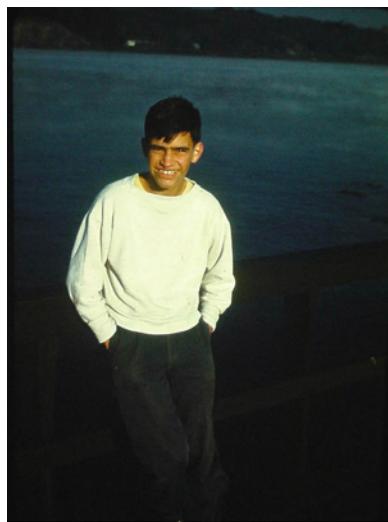
This past April, Oakwood welcomed back a familiar face. Henry Brecher '51 first stepped foot on Oakwood's campus 78 years ago, in September 1946. Ninety-one year old Henry, who lived in Columbus, Ohio, was visiting friends in New York City and made a special visit to campus to sit for an interview with me as school archivist.

During the interview, Henry was shown original documents from his file kept in Oakwood's archives. These documents revealed a different name: Henry Rosenthal, along with an incorrect date of birth. Born in Graz, Austria in 1932, his childhood was disrupted when Nazi Germany annexed the country. Being Jewish, his family feared for their safety and immediately sent Henry to relatives in Yugoslavia. His parents planned to join him but were unable to as the borders were closed shortly after Henry arrived.

In 1941, as Nazi forces invaded Yugoslavia, nine-year-old Henry was sent to the city of Split, which was under Italian occupation. He lived with the Rosenthal family, friends of his parents. As Nazi forces advanced, they fled to Bari, Italy, where they were housed in a refugee camp. To stay with the Rosenthals, Henry adopted their surname, and his birthdate was adjusted to fit the family, as they had a son just seven months older than Henry.

In 1944, Henry and the Rosenthals were among 1,000 refugees permitted entry to the United States. They were sent to Fort Ontario in Oswego, New York. Henry recalled how, as refugees, they were not initially considered legal immigrants. The government arranged for the refugees to take a bus over the Canadian border and then immediately return through customs to obtain legal immigration status in the United States.

Henry then went to live with a relative, Mr. Rendi, a businessman in New York City. Henry's original application to Oakwood bore Mr. Rendi's signature. A letter from Mr. Rendi to Oakwood's headmaster at the time, William Reagan, expressed his hope that Henry would find a home and happiness at Oakwood. Henry's previous education had been inconsistent due to the war, and he was enrolled as an eighth grader. Still under the name of Rosenthal, Henry was fondly nicknamed "Rosie" by his peers. He excelled at Oakwood, being elected class secretary his sophomore year and class president for both his junior and senior years. He played on multiple sports teams, including basketball, baseball, soccer, and track, and served on the student council.



Henry (Rosenthal) Brecher  
by the Hudson River



Matthew and Henry on campus in April 2024

## IN MEMORY

**LTC Raymond F. Frasier '48**  
December 9, 2023

**Janet Van Siclen Baines '49**  
October 27, 2023

**Harvey Seymour '49**  
February 24, 2023

**Henry Brecher '51**  
July 27, 2024

**Sarah Collins Frias '51**  
September 17, 2023

**Dorothy Finkelstein Finell '52**  
May 7, 2024

**Charles Lane '52**  
July 10, 2024

**Arthur Saltford '52**  
December 23, 2023

**Mildred Oberkotter '53**  
May 9, 2024

**James Johnston '54**  
October 24, 2023

**Winifred Jordan Simmons '54**  
July 4, 2024

**Caroline Christman Bady '55**  
April 10, 2024

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July 18, 2024

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April 17, 2024

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August 23, 2024

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May 14, 2023

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July 23, 2024

**Former Faculty  
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November 1	Parents' Day
December 17	Holiday Concert
Dec.18 & 19	Parent Dinner & Middle School Drama Production
January 10	Winter Reunion

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## Class of 2024



Front row: (l-r): Samarra Dottin, Kate Williams, Sula Dunwoody, Ada Onyeani, Paulotta De Chiara-Saffer, Camila Lizardo-Kramb, Siena Solis, Anh Do and Han (Rachel) Le.  
Middle row (l-r): Logan Cosgrove, Duke Gandin, Qingxi Yang, Charles Grenadier, Tyler Landsman, Jonathan De Silva, Bo Nemec and Abdul Kablaoui.  
Back row (l-r): Ethan Borress, Mario DeBord, Peter McArdle, Levi Gray, Joseph Robinson, Armando Diaz Castillo and Luke Henry.

## ANNUAL GIFTS REPORT

JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024

Dear Friends,

The importance of the torch that has been passed and entrusted to me as the incoming board president is not lost on me. It is with the utmost humility and respect that I accept this responsibility. I am grateful for the faith and confidence the administration, faculty and board has placed in me.

The Oakwood community has been immensely meaningful and impactful on so many lives, including mine. I deeply appreciate being a part of this extended family. All of humanity is facing uncertain times in society, politics, and education. Civility has suffered and division is at an all-time high. Locally and globally, current events make me pause, reflect, and muse about the future of the planet, society and developing young minds. I am hopeful that communities such as ours will help build a better planet and a stronger society by continuing to provide a safe place for diversity, equity, personal growth and inclusion.

Oakwood has always been a safe space for developing minds. Through thoughtful, deliberate planning, action and intention, Oakwood supports each student while they explore, define and experience their



own path and find their own voice. I hope to be able to share the dedication of the administration, faculty and board with the greater Oakwood community. It is clear that each of them demonstrates their commitment and integrity; through word, deed and by example, to ensure that this safe place continues in perpetuity. This is no small task, and it does, in fact, take a village. I am very proud of our village.

We are in a wonderful place of stability and security that allows us to strategically plan for a strong future in which Oakwood continues to be the beacon of hope, light, education and lifelong connection we know it to be. Your ongoing support through financial donation,

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Deborah B. Wood '56

time investment, mentoring, outreach, campus cleanup or any other demonstration of support of the school is paramount to our success. I welcome your ideas, participation and input, so please share! In the words of one of our classmates #Oaksgrowtogether. That is a message I hope continues to spread.

Looking to the coming years, in addition to carrying on the legacy and foundation laid forth by Beth Porter and the board presidents before her, I am asking the administration, board and faculty to actively work together to revitalize the boarding program. Additionally, important goals include increased alumni engagement, increasing outreach and hosting more alumni

activities on and off campus. I am a believer in effective communication and collaboration and will work to help the Development Office to keep alumni informed of their support in action. We are also continuing to connect with New York Yearly Meeting and Poughkeepsie Friends Meeting to have a Quaker presence on campus to continue with the long-standing Quaker principles that are the foundation of the school.

Thank you all for your continued support of Oakwood. I am excited to share this journey with all of you.

In Peace and Gratitude,  
Annette Ruswick Engler  
Class of '87





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## ALUMNI

## 1942

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## 1946

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## 1947

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## 1948

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## 1951

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## 1956

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## 1957

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## 1959

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Io Berberelly Oakes Ruplinger  
Deborah White Schaack

## 1960

Paul Adams  
Jean Eddy Edwards  
Marc L. Flaster  
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Mary Hendricks  
Carol Cober Reid  
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## 1961

Robert A. Blackman  
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Rosalind Buck Lewis-Smith  
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Edward O. Noyes  
Karen Drucker Omahen  
Peter Reich  
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Jonathan Wheeler

## 1962

Carole Darden-Lloyd  
Robert C. Hirning  
Peter R. Longini  
M. Margit Winckler

## 1963

Jane Rahl Apson  
Peter H. Clarke  
Joe A. Clayton  
Michael G. Mickelsen  
Judith Chapman Purvis  
Martha P. RichdaleJesse A. Rieber  
Lewis A. Shepard  
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## 1964

Anita Saffer Corvin  
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Linda B. Saltford  
Charles C. Spaulding  
Dilys Merriss Staaterman  
Richard G. Starr  
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## 1965

Fredrique Bentley Boire  
Walter H. Effron  
Steve L. Root  
Norman Tacktill

## 1966

Stephen D. Courtney  
Judith Ebenstein Grose  
Carol Jennings Guay  
Tina Mills Schenk  
Jerome E. White

## 1967

John C. Anderson  
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Patience Eves Killen  
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David R. Silberstein  
Barry B. Smith  
Carl R. Tannenbaum  
Janet E. Tenney  
Barbara Spark Wachs  
Nancy Leopizzi Wawrila

## 1968

Gabor J. Csordas  
Joel S. Erlitz  
Ellen Huberman  
Jonathan D. Kaplan  
Ellen D. Lewis  
Joyce Tuttle Ollman  
Richard M. Powell  
Sarah A. Seitz  
Sara M. Simkowitz  
Charles F. Turner

## 1969

Rupert R. Abramson  
Anne Micheaux Akwari  
Lara Wright Alberti  
John W. Csordas  
Lisa Getman Ellis  
Mark E. Engelberg  
Adam L. Starr  
Gail E. Wild  
Anne C. Wood

## 1970

Theresa Riley Baron  
Mark D. Bertles  
Geoffrey B. Carter  
Helen A. Claxton  
Lucia McMillan Cleveland  
Frances F. Dunwell  
Barbara Bogle Feingold  
William C. Graff  
Raphael V. Hartzog  
Myra Koutzen  
Rusty Mallery  
James H. Raker  
Joanna Goldberg Rohrback  
Jane Shapiro

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Edna and Rudy Abramson '69, Adam Starr '69, Raphael Hartzog '70 and Jim Raker '70 at Alumni Weekend 2024



Gary S. Slutsky \*  
 Mark W. Stephens  
 Joseph L. Stoll  
 Alan K. Tuttle  
 Antonia T. Wilson

**1971**  
 Judith Kaufman  
 Andi Green Lynch  
 David P. Lyons  
 Alexander MacLeod  
 George A. Vos  
 Debby Emanuel Weidmann  
 Harriet Gilbert Whitcomb

**1972**  
 James T. Ashe  
 Debra F. Johnston Bernard  
 Eric S. Hoffman  
 Karen Lebergott  
 Charlene Coleman Mann  
 Jody Mindell  
 Laurie Mufson  
 Drew L. Proctor  
 Samuel Spritzer  
 Robert C. Wilcox  
 Juan A. Williams

**1973**  
 Reginald Carreker  
 Yona Jimenez  
 Julie Bogle Kratchman  
 David Livshin  
 Victoria L. Phillips  
 Mary Lowrey Rose  
 Donald A. Wauchope

**1974**  
 Jeffrey W. Fitts  
 Karen E. Knowles  
 Linda Strauss Koch  
 Barrett Nnoka  
 Rebecca Pasiencier Rothey  
 Montgomery Blair Sibley  
 Carrie Ann Stern  
 Marcia J. Van Wagner  
 Vernon Odell Wyley

**1975**  
 Caryll Pearlman Blount  
 J. Randall Detwiler  
 Edwin S. Wood

**1976**  
 William F. Bogle Jr.  
 Kathleen A. Russell

**1977**  
 David H. Buckley  
 Laura Ellsworth Gottardi-Littell  
 Barbara L. Hartman  
 Cathy Megan Oltman

**1978**  
 Melissa Rosenblum Dunsmore  
 Heather Clark McMahon  
 David H. Miller  
 Alan D. Ross

**1979**  
 David A. Ahmed  
 Ellen Oltman Kellner

**1980**  
 John A. Beale  
 Henry V. Hayes

**1981**  
 Neal A. Ostberg  
 Lisa Ferguson Uchrin  
 Sarah Uram

**1982**  
 Erik N. Nelson  
 Eric T. Putter  
 Daniel J. Schack

**1983**  
 Amanda Junquera Downing  
 Amy Brenner Kaufmann  
 Jennifer Anne Kuntz Kiernan  
 Allyson D. Wingate  
 Anne McCord Wrublewski  
 Karen (Oona) Younger

**1984**  
 Blair B. Collins  
 Stephen W. Crews  
 Lynn Jordan  
 Elisabeth Gaenslen Lindsay  
 Hank I. Peirce  
 Katherine S. Settel  
 Augusta Wilson

**1985**  
 Samuel Arfer  
 Thembi D. Dube  
 Melissa C. Russo  
 Rachel L. Towle  
 M. Holly Trott

**1986**  
 Justin Brown  
 Seth Cooper  
 Douglas E. Davidson  
 Peter J. Davidson  
 Tara Elseroad Erickson  
 Abigail Golden-Vazquez  
 Daniel S. Lovins

**1987**  
 Stephen C. Brentari  
 Annette Ruswick Engler  
 Elizabeth B. Porter  
 Andrew J. Rutledge  
 Laura Fast Smith  
 Ravi Varanasi

**1988**  
 Jennifer E. Brunton  
 Lara Koopmans Hiller

**1989**  
 Keith D. Bunin  
 James R. Inskeep  
 Saskia I. Kim  
 Christopher J. Ware

**1990**  
 Kwaku Adeigbola  
 Estare Alston  
 Jason Kimelman-Block

#### Fact Sheet 2023-2024

Enrollment	174
Middle School	48
Upper School	126
Faculty & Staff	72
Alumni (active)	1858
Tuition 2023 - 2024	
Middle School	\$ 31,565
Upper School	\$ 38,700
5-Day Boarding	\$ 58,770
7-Day Boarding	\$ 68,805
Students receiving aid (% of students)	65%
Operating budget	\$ 5,625,969
Tuition & Fees	84%
Annual Gifts/Grants	9%
Miscellaneous	7%
Voluntary Support	
Unrestricted	\$ 320,922
Restricted	\$ 92,300
Endowed Funds	\$ 89,827
Capital Projects	\$ 10,600
Total	\$ 513,649

**1991**  
 Nicole Coleman Freeman  
 James P. Humphrey

Sabra Kelley  
 Loren N. Talbot  
 Georgia K. Tetlow

**1992**  
 Kristin Bunin Poshkus

**1993**  
 Jessica L. Kimelman

**1994**  
 Vanessa K. Mieles

**1995**  
 Forrest E. Rohde

*"We are eternally grateful for our time at Oakwood; our hope is that other inner city youth find their way to the lush land and supportive community."*

Clara '03, Claribel (Bela) '04  
 and Clarissa Baez '07

\*deceased



Hank I. Peirce '84, Beth Porter '87 and Estare Alston '90 back on campus in June

**2003**

Clara Baez  
Michael A. Holdsworth

**2004**

Claribel Baez  
Alexandrah F. Deffaa  
Sasha Skulsky

**2005**

Perri Erlitz  
Daniel L. Robbins

**2007**

Clarissa Baez  
Emily B. Bogle  
Nicholas Currie  
Richard Distel  
Mauro Parra  
Julia M. Patten  
Jon Pesner  
Chryselle Simmons  
Lillian Shad

**2008**

Zachary E. Federbush  
Sunita Graham  
Imani Schectman  
Natalie Varrallo

**2009**

Byung Kyu Choi  
Ana Nichols Orians  
Daniel Schwarz

**2010**

Bruce J. Martin III  
Najah I. Muhammad

**2011**

Justin W. Bogle  
Jacob A. Leach

**2012**

Jesse Bernz

**2013**

Rui Gao  
Alyssa N. Spencer

**2014**

Christian Rurangwa

**2015**

Karen J. Swatson

**2016**

Parfait Bizimana

Nora Sackett

**2017**

Enid Swatson

Matthew A. Voorhees

**GIFTS IN HONOR****2003 Boys Varsity Soccer Team** – Nathan Wright

**Bernhard Claus & Black Mountain Academy** – Tina Claus

**American Friends Service Committee** – Frances F. Dunwell '70

**Jesse Bernz '12** – Mai Jacobs & David Bernz

**Shane Calliste '18** – Diana Jessamy-Calliste

**Adam Carl '03 & Tracey Carl Fenton '00** – Joan Carl

**Aradell Charles** – Diana Jessamy-Calliste

**Kasia Clark** – Solange Muller

**Class of 1954** – Ann Patricia Bliss Burke '54

**Class of 1964** – Gloria Strauss Marmor '64

**Class of 1974** – Barrett Nnoka '74

**Class of 1984** – Hank I. Peirce '84

**Class of 2003** – Paul Lockwood

**Celia Contelmo '08** – Robert & Marie Straub

**Aidan Cook '22** – Amy & Bob Cook

**Douglas Davidson '86 & Amy Tuckman** – Ravi Varanasi '87

**William DeTorres '16** – Frank & Carole Salluzzo

**Liza Estony '21** – Kathleen & Frank Estony

**The Federbush Family** – Zack Federbush '08

**For underserved community members** – Claribel Baez '04, Clara Baez '03

& Clarissa Baez '07

**Chris Galschjadt** – Nancy & Bill Doolittle

**Dorothy L. Glusker '92** – Stephen & Marjorie Glusker

**Sam Gutierrez '28** – Julie Okoniewski & Gerardo Gutierrez, &

Patricia A. Vigliorolo

**Members of the Hurd and Weaver family who came before me** –

Donald Wauchope '73

**Simon and Florence Lewis** – Ellen D. Lewis '68

**Nancy McGraw** – Alison Jarvis

**Elaine Miles** – Michael Sklaroff, Gail E. Wild '69

**Model UN** – Joel Erlitz '68

**My second great-granddaughter, Mia Eden, born April 2, 2023** –

Anita Paternack Finkelstein '50

**Julie Okoniewski** – M. Alicia Armbrester

**Gus O'Neil '28** – Don and Betsy Straszheim

**Jonathon Pesner '07** – Richard Distel '07

**Elizabeth B. Porter '87** – Elaine Miles

**Joseph J. Robinson '24** – Reoni Mapp, Elena Robinson

**Oscar M. Schilling '25** – Emy & Jerry Helland

**Daniel Schwarz '09** – Catherine Comins & Raymond Schwarz

**Mina Serdoud '26** – Alice Ginandes

**Jareth Stokum '22** – Jennifer Swantz

**Robert Suphan** – B Hammarstrom & Lynne Graham

**Jonathan Talbot '57** – Joel Erlitz '68

**Loren N. Talbot '91** – Joel Erlitz '68

**Nicolas Ugarte** – M. Alicia Armbrester

**Connie Wharton** – Peter E. Wharton '64

**Dwight Wilson** – Saskia Kim '89, Andrew J. Rutledge '87

**Peter Yoder** – Lara Wright Alberti '69



Peter Letson and Shari Hubner, Class of 1964, celebrating their 60th Reunion



## OAKWOOD FRIENDS SCHOOL MISSION

*Oakwood Friends School, guided by Quaker principles, educates and prepares young people for lives of conscience, compassion and accomplishment. Students experience a challenging curriculum within a diverse community, dedicated to nurturing the spirit, the scholar, the artist and the athlete in each person.*

### NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING

Oakwood Friends School is under the care of New York Yearly Meeting which generously contributed funds from its operating budget and from its endowment to the school.

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Peg Keiser  
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Judith C. Purvis '63  
Rahway & Plainfield Monthly Meeting  
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John Scardina  
Jonathan Talbot '57  
Dare Thompson  
Marcia J. Van Wagner '74  
Alice A. Vedova  
Deborah Bacon Wood '56  
James Wood

\*deceased

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Peg Keiser  
Ellen E. Kellner '79  
Jessica L. Kimelman '93  
Myra Koutzen '70  
Peter R. Letson '64  
Linda Keiko-Yamane Merrell  
James M. Olson  
Michael Quinland  
Peter Reich '61  
Deborah Reinckens  
Philip J. Richmond '67  
Margery Rubin  
John Scardina  
Jonathan Talbot '57  
Loren N. Talbot '91  
J. Arthur Taylor '50  
Peter Van Kleeck '52  
Stephanie Ross von Reigersberg '58  
Arthur Washburn  
Lewis J. Weinstein '57  
James Wood

\*deceased



Oil Painting By: Maiko Nishikawa '04



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Krisken Lewis  
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Robert & Deborah Reinckens  
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Catherine Comins  
Estate of Donald Spencer  
Deborah Stone '58  
Jennifer Swantz  
Laurel & Timothy Sweeney  
Marsha & Jonathan Talbot '57  
Clark & Joan Wagner  
Edith Warg \*  
Karen & Donald A. Wauchope '73  
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Lauren Wolff  
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Tim Stanson  
Ray Valentin  
Matthew A. Voorhees '17  
Dominga Wolfenden  
Xiuli (Julie) Zhang

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John Brown  
Joan Carl  
Hannah Wasserman Cobin  
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Stephen Currie  
Tamara Devine  
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Dennis G. Friedman  
Raphael V. Hartzog '70  
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Peg Indermill  
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Barbara B. Kirby  
Nanette Koch  
Janie Koopmans

Patricia Meade  
Elaine Miles  
Kathy M. Moyer  
Mauro Parra '07  
Katherine Perkins  
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Arthur Washburn  
Nathan Wright

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Berg + Moss Architects  
Bottini Fuel  
Clearwater Counseling Associates  
Cosimo's, Poughkeepsie  
Dutchess Pro Print  
The Dyson Foundation  
The Gutierrez Law Firm  
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***"We are so appreciative of everything an Oakwood education enabled our children to accomplish."***

*Jeff & Natalie Wilkinson, parents of Clara '11 and Kate (Aurora) '15*




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## ANNUAL FUND GIFT CIRCLES

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### 21ST CENTURY CIRCLE

Gifts of \$10,000 or more:

Robert M. Collins '48  
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Perri Erlitz '05  
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Elizabeth B. Porter '87  
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Debbie & Jason Silbergleit  
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Adam L. Starr '69  
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Amy Grice  
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Patience Eves Killen '67  
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John Underhill  
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Peter Van Kleeck '52  
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Gail E. Wild '69  
James Wood

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Ellen Stein Gross '56  
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Fatima Pena Hightower  
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Maria Bohm Jacobson '42  
Rita Muckenhoupt James '52  
Jean Kantambu E. Latting '61  
Jacob A. Leach '11

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Jesse A. Rieber '63  
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James F. Davis '58  
Estate of Benjamin A. Dent '53  
Thembu D. Dube '85  
Betsy G. Eschallier  
Caroline & Jim Fenner  
Anita Pasternack Finkelstein '50  
Dennis G. Friedman  
Moraima Garcia  
Abigail Golden-Vazquez '86  
William C. Graff '70  
Barbara L. Hartman '77  
Christine T. Herrick '67  
Rosalind Williams Humes '54  
Lucy & Roman Kalantari  
Jonathan D. Kaplan '68  
Melissa Gatling Kaufmann-Buhler '58  
David F. Kehlenbeck  
Saskia I. Kim '89  
Karen E. Knowles '74  
Linda Strauss Koch '74  
Nanette Koch  
Janie Koopmans  
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Krisken Lewis  
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Melissa C. Russo '85  
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Nathan Schilling  
Daniel Schwarz '09  
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Laura Fast Smith '87  
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Richard G. Starr '64  
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 Laurel & Timothy Sweeney  
 Walkway Over the Hudson  
 Yuling Zhang

*"Thinking fondly of my days at Oakwood and of all the wonderful folks who remain near and dear to my heart; especially my favorite teacher, mentor and friend, Marian Jones."*

- Charlene Coleman Mann '72

**GIFTS IN MEMORY**

**Angela G. Ayer '62** – Jean Kantambu Latting '61  
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**Barbara Mahone Brown '62** – Jean Kantambu Latting '61  
**Charlie Butts** – Robert R. Butts, Annette Ruswick Engler '87, Chris Galschjodt, Kristin Bunin Poshkus '92  
**Elisabeth B. Chapman** – Judith Chapman Purvis '63  
**William W. Clark** – Judy Sarnoff Koppel '58, Molly Lynn Watt '56  
**Classmates of '54 no longer with us** – Sara Jane Benson Victor '54  
**Classmates of '56 no longer with us** – Carol R. Stokes '56  
**Bernhard Claus** – Tina Claus  
**Cynthia Webster Coddington '59** – Deborah White Schaack '59  
**Ruth E. Craig** – Marion Cunningham Twichell '57  
**Sonya Cramer '83** – Elisabeth Gaenslen Lindsay '84  
**Patrick J. Crowley '50** – Eric E. Wohlforth '50  
**Irene M. Csordas '48** – Robert R. Butts, Gabor J. Csordas '68, John W. Csordas '69, Nancy & Bill Doolittle, Christopher & Elizabeth Schellhorn, Ravi Varanasi '87, Nathan Wright  
**Benjamin A. Dent '53** – David S. Dustin '53, Elaine Miles  
**Andrew Dott** – Peter B. Dott '64  
**Susannah Stone Eldridge '57** – Deborah Stone '58  
**Pauline Eves** – Patience Eves Killen '67  
**Lila A. Gordon** – Barbara B. Kirby  
**Jane Hildebeitel Gould '64** – Helen Nelson Ramsey '64  
**Ginger Grab** – Ravi Varanasi '87  
**Wesley R. Hanson '67** – Barbara Spark Wachs '67  
**Emmet Hayes '51** – Elaine Miles  
**Mertis Hightower & Alicia Pena** – Fatima Pena Hightower  
**Alf Hildebeitel '59** – Helen Nelson Ramsey '64  
**Jean Erick Joassaint** – Saskia Kim '89  
**Marian Jones** – Charlene Coleman Mann '72  
**Michael Jordan '73** – Winifred Jordan Simmons '54  
**Seth L. Kammerer '67** – Daniel A. Shurman '67  
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**Miriam Stone Leavitt '62** – Deborah Stone '58  
**S. Peter Liebmann '60** – Joan D. Liebmann-Smith '61  
**Silvia Roberts Lowrey '43** – Mary Lowrey Rose '73  
**Dolores Martynek** – Ravi Varanasi '87  
**Barry Morley** – Michael D. Beecher '58, Judy Sarnoff Koppel '58  
**Libby Levinson Moroff '54** – Elaine Miles  
**Joan & Jim H. Oltman** – Ellen Oltman Kellner '79  
**Alicia Pena** – Fatima Pena Hightower  
**Donald Puretz** – Anne Botsford Puretz  
**Steven E. Pusey '86** – Walter & Betsy Ann Pusey  
**Linda Smith Quandt '67** – Barbara Spark Wachs '67  
**Yoshiro Sanbonmatsu** – Molly Lynn Watt '56  
**Joshua Paul Satterthwaite** – Patience Eves Killen '67  
**Deborah Satz Scheer '46** – Elaine Miles, Peter Scheer and Morry Cater  
**Mary A. Seitz** – Sally Seitz '68  
**Debbie Starr Sessions '64** – Richard G. Starr '64

**Patricia Walker Shaw '56** – Jean Kantambu Latting '61, Molly Lynn Watt '56, Martha Ullman West '56  
**David J. Sitomer '65** – Walter H. Effron '65  
**Albert Keith Smiley '62** – Nina Smiley  
**Hugo F. Sonnenschein** – Marty Betts Shaw '57, Elizabeth Sonnenschein  
**Donald Spencer** – Alyssa N. Spencer '13  
**Ida B. Stokes** – Judy Sarnoff Koppel '58, Barbara Tresler Zarchen '47  
**Sean F. Thompson** – Bill & Nancy Doolittle, Christianne Eason, Marlboro Central High School  
**Betty Beard Tjossem** – Norman Tjossem  
**Eleanor Tomlinson** – Laura Ellsworth Gottardi-Littell '77  
**Shirley Van Wagner Tuttle '35** – Alan K. Tuttle '70  
**Kenneth W. Vogt** – Anne Vogt  
**Suzanne L. Wagner '79** – Clark & Joan Wagner  
**Antonio M. Walker '63** – Jean Kantambu Latting '61  
**Stephen R. Warner '50** – Lucia Bacon  
**Parker Washburn** – Caryll Pearlman '74, Reginald Carreker '73, J. Randall Detwiler '75, Barbara Bogle Feingold '70, Jeffrey W. Fitts '74, Dennis Friedman, Raphael V. Hartzog '70, David & Emily Howland, Yona Jimenez '73, Debra Johnston Bernard '72, Karen E. Knowles '74, Linda Strauss Koch '74, Nanette Koch, Julie Bogle Kratchman '73, David Livshin '73, Andi Green Lynch '71, David P. Lyons '71, Rusty Mallory '70, Charlene Coleman Mann '72, Heather Clark McMahon '78, Jody Mindell '72, Barrett Nnoka '74, Victoria L. Phillips '73, Meredith Powell, Drew L. Proctor '72, Mary Lowrey Rose '73, Kathleen A. Russell '76, Montgomery Blair Sibley '74, Samuel Spritzer '72, Carrie Ann Stern '74, Marcia J. Van Wagner '74, Debby Emanuel Weidmann '71, Harriet Gilbert Whitcomb '71, Robert C. Wilcox '72, Edwin S. Wood '75  
**Amanda Webb '85** – Samuel Arfer '85, Lynn Jordan '84, Henry T. Webb  
**Stephen A. White '70** – James H. Raker '70  
**Barbara & Richard Wild** – Gail E. Wild '69  
**Nicole Wiley** – Amy Grice  
**Arthur D. Willis '54** – Jeffrey J. Mandel '67  
**Geri Wilson** – Augusta Wilson '84  
**Dawit M. Zeleke '81** – Sharon and Henry V. Hayes '80, Corinne Ong, John Scardina, Lisa Ferguson Uchrin '81



*Kathleen and Julius McClain (Wilton '10) with cousin Suzanne Litner '54 and her husband Jerry at the 10 Year Honor Roll luncheon held on campus in May.*



## DESIGNATED GIFTS

### Endowment Funds:

An endowed fund is a permanent, self-sustaining source of funding. Endowment assets are invested. Each year, a portion of the value of the fund is paid out to support the fund's purpose, and any earnings in excess of this distribution are used to build the fund's market value. In this way, an endowed fund creates a permanent legacy of support for Oakwood Friends School. We are grateful to the following donors who established these funds and to those who make contributions to the funds each year.

#### ***The Gordon H. Beckhart Fund***

Established in January 2013 with an inspirational gift from Gordon H. Beckhart, class of 1940, the fund was created to support Oakwood Friends School faculty. Gordon appreciated the influence of his own teachers at Oakwood and had a lifetime commitment to Friends' education.

*The value of the fund as of 6/30/24 was \$400,094*

#### ***Gloria G. Bogle Scholarship Fund for Day Students***

The Bogle family has established the Gloria G. Bogle Scholarship Fund for Day Students in honor of their mother who passed away on December 30, 2019. Gloria was a member of the class of 1943, parent of Barbara Bogle Feingold '70, Julie Bogle Kratchman '73, and Bill Bogle, Jr. '76. She had the pleasure of seeing her grandchildren, Emily Bogle '07 and Justin Bogle '11, follow in their footsteps. All were day students. Gloria was also a faculty member at Oakwood for 16 years and knew the school from every angle. She remained an active and generous member of the Oakwood community throughout her life.

*The value of the fund as of 6/30/24 was \$43,844*

Carol & William Bogle, Jr. '76, Emily Bogle '07, Barbara Bogle Feingold '70, Julie Bogle Kratchman '73

#### ***The Hoke & Grace Wilkie Brissenden Fund***

Established in 2013 by Sarah Brissenden Kinlaw and Margaret Brissenden, the fund honors their parents, Hoke and Grace Wilkie Brissenden, class of 1943, and continues their lifetime commitment to Oakwood and Friends' education. The fund will strengthen Oakwood's endowment and provide annual income to support Oakwood students.

*The value of the fund as of 6/30/24 was \$163,562*

#### ***The Rebecca Charwat Hispanic American Scholarship Fund***

Established in 1995 by Rebecca Charwat '95 and Martin and Eleanor Charwat, the Rebecca Charwat Hispanic American Scholarship Fund seeks first to provide financial support to a deserving student who comes from a Spanish speaking Latin American country. In the absence of such a candidate, income from the fund may be used for faculty professional development in the areas of Latin American literature and culture or for related educational purposes.

*The value of the fund as of 6/30/24 was \$64,155*

#### ***The Jeffrey Connor Fund***

The Jeffrey Connor Fund was established in 1993 in memory of Jeffrey Connor, nephew of longtime friend and benefactor of Oakwood Friends School Ralph Connor, and brother of Linda Connor '63. The fund was established to support faculty professional growth and development.

*The value of the fund as of 6/30/24 was \$108,478*

#### ***The Ruth E. Craig Scholarship Fund***

Established in 1962 with a bequest from Ruth E. Craig, class of 1909, the fund supports students who have demonstrated extraordinary ability and commitment to learning.

*The value of the fund as of 6/30/24 was \$626,407*

Jane Rahl Apson '63

#### ***Ann M. Crowley Scholarship Fund***

In June 2021, board member Patrick Crowley, Class of 1950, established the Ann M. Crowley Scholarship Fund in memory of his wife. The purpose of the Fund is to support rising seniors who would not be able to continue at Oakwood without financial assistance. Preference will be given to female students. Ann Crowley was a devoted member of the Oakwood community, attending reunions and supporting the mission of the school over many years.

*The value of the fund as of 6/30/24 was \$59,836*

#### ***The John DeBolt Ernst Memorial Scholarship***

Established in 1979 by Albert E. Ernst in memory of his son John DeBolt Ernst, class of 1954, the purpose of the fund is to provide aid to a returning student who has shown the most overall improvement in citizenship and scholarship during the past year.

*The value of the fund as of 6/30/24 was \$51,475*

#### ***The Susan Lare Finke Fund***

Established in 1989 to honor the memory of Susan Lare Finke, class of 1962, the purpose of the fund is to provide financial support to Oakwood's Counseling Office, specifically in the areas of teenage emotional disorders and suicide prevention.

*The value of the fund as of 6/30/24 was \$21,213*

M. Margit Winckler '62

#### ***Emmet McFadden Hayes and Virginia Wickham Hayes Scholarship***

Established in December 2021 by Virginia Hayes in memory of her husband Emmet Hayes, Oakwood class of 1951, income from this fund will be used to support scholarship assistance to students with financial need. Emmet was a loyal donor and active participant in the life of the school until he passed away in 2015. Ginny recognized the pivotal role that Oakwood played in Emmet's life, especially following a difficult childhood. Emmet treasured his Oakwood classmates and the nurturing environment that helped unlock his potential and set the stage for a happy and successful life as an adult. Ginny is delighted to help provide the same opportunity to current and future Oakwood students.

*The value of the fund as of 6/30/24 was \$56,708*

Virginia Hayes

#### ***Charles and Margot Soley Janeway Scholarship Fund***

In May 2021, Charles and Margot Janeway, both members of the Class of 1955, established the Charles and Margot Soley Janeway Scholarship Fund to provide tuition assistance to students with financial need. Charlie and Margot met as students and describe their Oakwood experience as transformative in their lives. With this scholarship, they hope to offer a similar opportunity to future students at Oakwood.

*The value of the fund as of 6/30/24 was \$53,533*

Charles and Margot Soley Janeway '55

#### ***The Clayton and Marion Jenkins Scholarship Fund***

In 1995, the school became the beneficiary of the estate of Marion S. Jenkins, a member of the Clintondale Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. In accordance to the provisions of her Will, income will be used for scholarship with preference to a deserving student from Clintondale Meeting. In the absence of such a candidate, income will be directed to another deserving Friend.

*The value of the fund as of 6/30/24 was \$85,811*

#### ***The Anthony and Ruth Jordan Fund***

This fund was established by Lydia Micheaux Marshall, class of 1967, in honor of her grandparents. The fund supports financial aid for African American students at Oakwood Friends.

*The value of the fund as of 6/30/24 was \$77,070*

Anne Micheaux Akwari '69





### **Norm Keiser Legacy Fund**

In the fall of 2020, a group of friends from the Class of 1967 started a conversation about honoring their former teacher, Norm Keiser, who played a pivotal role in their education at Oakwood and helped activate their social consciousness as students. By spring 2021, they decided to establish the Norm Keiser Legacy Fund to further the education of Oakwood students and the community in an historical and current understanding of Civil Rights in the United States. The purpose is to extend Norm Keiser's vision and work towards social justice through special programming and faculty-student initiatives.

*The value of the fund as of 6/30/24 was \$78,253*

John Anderson '67, Lee Blask '67, Walter Effron '65, Christine Herrick '67, Bob Hidell III, Nancy Leopizzi-Wawrla '67, Jeffrey Mandel '67, Lydia Micheaux Marshall '67, Richard Powell '68, Bonnie Raitt '67, Barry Smith '67, Carl Tannenbaum '67, Janet Tenney '67, F. Dewey Webster '61, Gail Wild '69

### **The John Hudson Knapp & Richard Knapp Scholarship Fund**

In 2000, the school became the beneficiary of the estate of John Hudson Knapp, class of 1953. In accordance with the provisions of his Will, Oakwood established the John Hudson Knapp Scholarship Fund to provide for students with financial need. In 2019, John's brother Richard passed away and left a bequest to be added to this scholarship fund.

*The value of the fund as of 6/30/24 was \$535,775*

### **The Myra Koutzen Fund for the Arts**

Established in March 2022 by Kathleen McGahran in honor of her wife, Myra Koutzen, Oakwood class of 1970, income from this fund will be used to enhance students' experience and exposure to the arts. A life-long enthusiast for the performing arts, Myra was an early participant in the school's Lighting the Way campaign with its focus on upgrading the school's arts facilities and the renovation of its historic theater. The fund is a tribute to Myra's dedication to Oakwood, her passion for theater and performance arts, and her deep care for the quality of our students' education. Myra served on the Oakwood Board of Managers for 20 years, bringing her energy, keen intellect, and professional expertise to every area of school life.

*The value of the fund as of 6/30/24 was \$83,432*

Kathleen McGahran

### **The Libby Moroff Leadership Program**

The Libby Moroff Leadership Program was initiated through a grant from the Phyllis and Howard Schwartz Philanthropic Fund and generous gifts from family and friends in 2016. The endowed program will create a permanent tribute to the life and work of Libby Moroff '54, former Board President and devoted friend of Oakwood. Libby was an exemplar of good leadership in her volunteer work at Oakwood and devoted her adult life to furthering the principles of social justice and equality for all.

*The value of the fund as of 6/30/24 was \$110,759*

Margaret Moroff

### **The Native American Fund**

This Fund was established in 2017 by Jonathan Flaccus '58 who was inspired by Oakwood's celebration of Lakota Culture and the activism of Shai BlackBird '18 from the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. A leadership donor to Oakwood over many years, Jonathan demonstrated his life-long interest and concern for the rights of indigenous people with this new initiative. The purpose of the Fund is to support Native American students at Oakwood and to strengthen our community's understanding of Native American culture and heritage.

*The value of the fund as of 6/30/24 was \$71,540*

Jane Shapiro '70

### **The Powell Endowment Fund**

Established in 2010, The Powell Endowment Fund was started with an inspirational gift from Richard M. Powell, class of 1968. The purpose of the fund is to strengthen Oakwood's financial position for the future while providing a new source of income for the operating budget today.

*The value of the fund as of 6/30/24 was \$642,301*

Chad Cianfrani, Richard Powell '68

### **The Donald Spencer Fund for Oakwood**

Established in April 2023, the Donald Spencer Fund for Oakwood was initiated with an exceptional gift from former Board President, Donald Spencer, father of Alyssa Spencer '13. The purpose of the fund is to support any purpose deemed to be of benefit to Oakwood at the sole discretion of the Trustees.

*The value of the fund as of 6/30/24 was \$1,768,261*

### **The Eric Springer Scholarship Fund**

Established in 2014 with a grant from the Falk Foundation of Pittsburgh, the fund honors Eric Springer, class of 1946, a distinguished alumnus with an exceptional record of supporting education and service to the community. Income from the fund will be used to help provide scholarship to students with financial need.

*The value of the fund on 6/30/24 was \$105,730*

Thomas Renouf '48

### **The John E. Taylor Memorial Fund for Academic Excellence**

Established in 1993 by Emily Lane Taylor, class of 1923, in memory of her husband John E. Taylor, income from the fund may be used as needs of the school are perceived by the head of school. John E. Taylor was a member of the Board and served as Oakwood's Chief Financial Officer.

*The value of the fund as of 6/30/24 was \$51,740*

J. Arthur Taylor '50

### **The Weekend Enrichment Fund**

This fund was established during the 1999-2000 academic year by an anonymous donor from the class of 1979. The purpose of the fund is to support programs and activities directly related to weekend life at Oakwood Friends. The fund supports opportunities for cultural and personal enrichment both on and off the campus which stimulates students' imagination, spirits and connections to the larger world.

*The value of the fund as of 6/30/24 was \$62,685*

### **The Frederick M. Yergan Scholarship Fund**

In the spring of 2016, Oakwood Friends School became the beneficiary of the estate of Frederick M. Yergan '38 who died in January. Fred demonstrated his caring nature and devotion to Oakwood throughout his life as a leadership donor to the Annual Fund and a participant in regional alumni gatherings. He chose to extend his philanthropy into the future by including Oakwood in his estate plans. In discussion with his family, the School established The Frederick M. Yergan Scholarship Fund to continue Fred's legacy of supporting Oakwood Friends School students with financial need.

*The value of the fund as of 6/30/24 was \$114,613*

### **General Scholarship**

Rita Muckenhoupt James '52  
New York Yearly Meeting  
Estate of Janet Stone '46

### **Summer Youth Advocacy Program/ VOTE**

The Dyson Foundation  
The Awesome Foundation - Poughkeepsie  
Moraima Garcia  
Elaine Miles

### **Model UN Program**

Joel Erlitz '68  
Perri Erlitz '05

### **Capital Projects**

Linda Laqueur



Carrie Ann Stern '74, Linda Koch '74, Mary Rose '73 and Becky Rothery '74 enjoying Alumni Weekend



## ANNUAL FUND HONOR ROLL

*The following individuals have contributed to Oakwood Friends School for ten or more consecutive years:*

Rupert Abramson '69	Lowell Croll '55	Gordon Hough	Michael McGinnis '56
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James Ashe '72	Alexandrah Deffaa '04	Charles & Margot Soley Janeway '55	Elaine Miles
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Lewis Benedict '54	Frances Dunwell '70	Kaufmann-Buhler '58	Linda Gita Rahl Nadas '54
Mark Bertles '70	David Dustin '53	Richard Keil	Susan Brown Nebeser '62
Anna Bertucci & Stephen Miller	Jean Eddy Edwards '60	Sabra Kelley '91	Sarah Robinson Newcomb '56
Linda Betz	Walter Effron '65	Ellen Oltman Kellner '79	Barrett Nnoka '74
Robert Blackman '61	Lisa Getman Ellis '69	Jason Kimelman-Block '90	Doug & Mechelle Nobiletti
Lee Canter Blask '67	James Eng '61	Jessica Kimelman '93	James O'Barr
Emily Bogle '07	Mark Engelberg '69	Barbara Kirby	Mildred Oberkotter '53
Carol A. & William F. Bogle '76	Annette Ruswick Engler '87	Karen E. Knowles '74	Julie Okoniewski &
Justin Bogle '11	Joel S. Erlitz '68	Judith White Komar '62	Gerardo Gutierrez
Dika Bentley Boire '65	Perri Erlitz '05	Dirk Koopmans '91	Joyce Tuttle Ollman '68
Michael Bradbury '58	Peter Ernster '60	Judy Sarnoff Koppel '58	James Olson
Henry Brecher '51*	Betsy G. Eschallier	Kathryn Korostoff '81	Karen Drucker Omahen '61
John Brown	Ellen Lovell Evans '47	Myra Koutzen '70	Hank Peirce '84
Jennifer Brunton '88	Charles & Denyse Federbush	Joanne & Ron Kowalczyk	Ellen Morosoff Pemrick '81
Gail Jones Buckley '55	Barbara Bogle Feingold '70	Elizabeth Nunn Kramer '46	Gerald Pollack
Charles Bullard	Anita Pasternack Finkelstein '50	Julie Bogle Kratchman '73	Elizabeth Porter '87
Roger Bullard '52	Mathew Firman '68	Charles Lane '52*	Kristin Bunin Poshkus '92
Keith Bunin '89	Emily Fisher	Peter O. Lane '57	Susan Rose Potter '51
Patricia Bliss Burke '54	Jeffrey Fitts '74	George Langer '48	Richard Powell '68
Beatrice Scherf Campione '48	Marc Flaster '60	Linda Laqueur	Anne MacDougall Preuss '52
Henry Canby '67	Laurence Fogelson '61	Jean Kantambu Latting '61	John C. Purdy '82
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Holly Clarke-McAlary '58	Nancy Griffiths Giblin '55	Alice Lindsley '84	Carol Cober Reid '60
Helen Claxton '70	Stephen & Marjorie Glusker	Suzanne McClain Litner '54	Robert & Deborah Reinckens
Joe Clayton '63	Abigail Golden-Vazquez '86	David Livshin '73	Thomas Renouf '48
Lucia McMillan Cleveland '70	Sheila Wolper & Joseph Gosler	Roger Locke '49	Gwendolyn Mackel Rice '57
Hannah Wasserman Cobin	Paul Grant '53	Paul Lockwood	Diane Andrews Richardson '59*
Laurel Norris Coccio '70	Henry Greenberg '57	Peter Longini '62	Martha Richdale '63
Penelope Betts Colby '54	Suzanne Greene '67	Pamela Tinnes Lord '64	Philip Richmond '67
Richard Collins '55	Judith Ebenstein Grose '66	Deborah Killen Lothian '67	Timothy Rittenhouse '67
Robert Collins '48	Ellen Stein Gross '56	Marian Louis	Daniel Robbins '05
Richard & Susan Rachel	Carol Jennings Guay '66	Lynn Heiman Lovett '55	Richard & Judith Robbins
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Margaret Meckes Conrow '50	Raphael Hartzog '70	Katrina Voorhis Mabon '52	Rose & Kiernan
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Allen Cooper '55	Louise Hayes	Elizabeth DiCesare Madison '75	Robert Saling '67
Paul & Carol Cooper	Virginia Hayes	Lawrence Mallery '70	Arthur Saltford '52*
Seth Cooper '86	Mary Hendricks '60	Jeffrey Mandel '67	Linda Saltford '64
Roland Coppock '72	Christine Herrick '67	Nikki Marone	John Scardina
Sarah Fabricant Corbin '65	Eric Hoffman '72	Lydia Micheaux Marshall '67	Elan Schultz '79
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Marty Betts Shaw '57	Deborah Stone '58	Ravi Varanasi '87	Augusta Wilson '84
Lewis Shepard '63	Clara Henderson Stratton '51	Alice Vedova	Phyllis Wilder Wilson '46
James Sheridan '55	Jacqueline Barkan Stuart '59	Gay Vervaet '61	M. Margit Winckler '62
Betheda Rosenfeld Shuman '63	Terry Rosenfeld Sturke '60	Sara Jane Benson Victor '54	Allyson Wingate '83
Winifred Jordan Simmons '54*	Norman Tacktil '65	Clark & Joan Wagner	Eric E. Wohlforth '50
David Sitomer '65*	Marsha & Jonathan Talbot '57	Parker * and Arthur Washburn	David Wolpert '63
Judith & Ralph W. Skeels '60 *	Loren N. Talbot '91	Karen & Donald Wauchope '73	Deborah Bacon Wood '56
Michael Sklaroff	Carl Tannenbaum '67	Nancy Leopizzi Wawrla '67	James Wood
Craig Smith '63	J. Arthur Taylor '50	Henry Webb	Nathan Wright
Michael Spahn '66	Janet Tenney '67	Barbara Webster '60	
Charles Spaulding '64	Georgia Tetlow '91	F. Dewey Webster '61	
Vickie Riccardo & Donald Spencer *	Michael Thomas '89	Sue Ross Wehner '62	
Nancy Lynn Squier '52	Norman Tjossem	Lewis Weinstein '57	
Richard Starr '64	Alan Tuttle '70	Martha Ullman West '56	
Mark Stephens '70	Lisa Ferguson Uchrin '81	Harriet Gilbert Whitcomb '71	
Elisabeth Fuglister Stewart '60	Sarah Uram '81	Gail Wild '69	

\*deceased

*"So thankful for Oakwood and all it helped me  
accomplish and become as a person!"*

- Laura Ellsworth Gottardi-Littell '77

**ACORN SOCIETY**

Have you thought about providing for Oakwood Friends School in the future? One way that members of our community help secure the School's future is by including Oakwood in their estate plans. Over the School's long history, Acorn Society members have made important gifts that continue to provide critical resources for the School, building endowment and enhancing programs and campus facilities. Each gift has strengthened the School and benefits our students every day. Consider supporting Oakwood's mission into the future with a legacy gift.

The Acorn Society was initiated with a gift from the estate of Louis S. Bock, honoring his wife, Caroline Reagan Bock '29, and her parents, former Headmaster William J. Reagan and his wife Florence. Reagan was Head of School from 1916 to 1948.

We are grateful to the following for including Oakwood in their estate plans:

**Members:**

Jane Rahl Apson '63  
Don W. Badgley '67  
Robert M. Collins '48  
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Joel S. Erlitz '68  
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Taffy Thunick Hoffman '53  
William Homans '51  
John Hunter '64  
Janice Ayer Jackson '64  
Rita Muckenhoupt James '52  
Jonathan D. Kaplan '68  
Patience Eves Killen '67  
Elaine Kimpel '59  
Myra Koutzen '70  
Rosalind Buck Lewis-Smith '61  
Suzanne McClain Litner '54  
Katrina Mabon '52  
Peter D. Mickelsen '54  
Richard M. Powell '68  
Marilyn Reagan

**Peter Reich '61**

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Gail E. Wild '69  
M. Margit Winckler '62

**Memorial Gifts:**

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Benjamin Dent '53  
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