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Welcome
Mr. Mitch White
Lake Ridge Academy's
8th Head of School

Academics ◀ Community ▶ Opportunity

Mission

Our mission is to send into a changing world confident young people of integrity who think critically and creatively while embracing the joy of lifelong learning.

2018-2019

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A group of Upper School students traveled to Nicaragua over spring break as part of the Global Voyages: Service and Culture trip. The group dug foundations for a new school in Los Campos, and experienced the culture and sights of the country.

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Integrity, Respect, Scholarship and Personal Best

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A LETTER FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

Thomas Dresing, MD '83

Dear Lake Ridge Academy Friends:

As we kick-off the 2018-2019 academic year, there are more new things happening on our campus than the usual experiences of new teachers, books, and school supplies. This year, we welcome our eighth Head of School, Mr. Mitch White. In addition, I am assuming the role of Board Chair, taking the reins from Becky Ruppert McMahon who diligently served our community for the last three years.

Transitions of leadership offer exciting opportunities to bring new ideas and fresh energy. Equally important is assuring that the hallmarks of a Lake Ridge Academy education that have been built over the last 55 years remain true. As an alumnus, parent, and board member for the last 11 years (including serving as Vice-Chair), I bring a unique depth of experience gained from my 30+ year association with our school. I look forward to collaborating with Mr. White in our new positions and sharing our enthusiasm for Lake Ridge Academy as we identify ways that the Board of Directors can help to continue its growth.

Sincerely,
Thomas Dresing '83

Welcome New Board Member



Photo by Tanya Rosen-Jones

YUMI IJIRI, PHD
Yumi Ijiri (mother of Mia '24 and Kira '20) is a physics professor at Oberlin College. Yumi is a member of Lake Ridge Academy's marketing and enrollment committee and volunteers as secretary/treasurer of the American Physical Society Topic Group on Magnetism. She earned her bachelor's degree from Princeton University and her graduate degrees from Cornell University.

Farewell Celebrations for President Carol Klimas

Several on and off-campus events in May celebrated president Carol Klimas' retirement after 11 years of service. The festivities began with a surprise all school assembly where Mrs. Klimas received many gifts including an outdoor wooden bench decorated with the fingerprints of all students, faculty, and staff members. Soon after, an ice cream social was held in Rob Hall for all students, faculty, staff and community members. Tom and Janna Dresing hosted parents and alumni for a more formal gathering and toasted her many noteworthy accomplishments that have well-positioned the school for a promising future. Finally, handwritten notes from near and far showered Mrs. Klimas' office offering messages of thanks, admiration and best wishes. She was deeply touched by her send-off festivities and looks forward to remaining a part of our wonderful community as a proud parent of Kaili '21.



Highlights

Winter & Spring

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

In January, the annual Middle School science fair program showcased seventh and eighth grade students presenting their independent research projects to judges and other members of our community. Of the 32 students who earned superior ratings, ten advanced to regional competitions.

For the ten advancing students, the first competition was the Northeast Ohio Science and Engineering Fair (NEOSEF) held at Cleveland State University. For the first time in our school's history, all ten of our students earned superior or excellent ratings. Six middle school students moved on to compete at the Mohican District Science Day held at Ashland University, and five achieved a superior rating and qualified for the State Science Day. In addition, Lake Ridge Academy was named the School with the Most Superior Awards and the School with the Highest Percentage of Superior Projects (83%).

Following district competitions, four middle school students attended the State Science Day held at The Ohio State University. Each student either received a good, excellent, or superior rating on their projects. Our students also earned numerous individual awards and cash prizes.



Andrew '23, Gavin '23, Ren '22, Middle School Science Teacher Mr. Rob Robertson and Tyler '22 attend the State Science Day.

FOUR SENIORS NAMED NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS, TWO AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

Four Lake Ridge Academy seniors were named 2018 National Merit Finalists, which represents 8% of our graduating class! Elizabeth Coble, Ben Gwinnell, Noah Kawaguchi and Anjali Prabhakaran joined a pool of 15,000 finalists nationwide who were considered to receive one of the 7,500 Merit Scholarships awarded annually.

Two of our finalists earned National Merit Scholarships. Elizabeth Coble will be attending The University of Chicago and Noah Kawaguchi will be attending Oberlin College. Less than one percent of the nation's top high school students earn the prestigious title of National Merit Scholar.



Seniors Ben, Anjali, Elizabeth and Noah were recognized as National Merit Finalists.

CULTURE FEST



The 17th annual Culture Fest, hosted by the Upper School Humanitarian Aid Society, was an incredible success. Attendees enjoyed food and performances from various cultures. Over \$3,000 was raised for Global Giving, which is an organization that helps families recovering from the hurricanes last fall.

JAZZ FEST

The annual Jazz Fest took place on Friday, April 27. The night featured School of Fine Arts sophomore reviews, jazz performances from the Middle and Upper School Jazz Bands, and a K-12 art show. The campus was swinging with excitement!



MOCK TRIAL

This year, we sent four Mock Trial teams to the Lorain County district competition. Two teams advanced to the regional competition. At districts, six students received the prestigious Best Attorney award, and four students received the Best Witness award. The Blue team advanced from regionals to the state competition held in Columbus on March 8. This was a repeat visit to state competition for this team. Congratulations for all your successes in the courtroom!



HAPPY RETIREMENTS

In addition to President Carol Klimas, three of our longstanding and esteemed faculty and staff members retired at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. We wish them the best in their future endeavors!



Ann Bort, a cherished faculty member of 27 years, taught art and drama to every grade during her time at Lake Ridge Academy. Ms. Bort brought incredibly creative elements to her classroom while always encouraging an interdisciplinary approach to curriculum development. Her visionary ideas gave us the Colonial Reenactment, the Lower School

musicals, and the School of Fine Arts which began under her leadership as department chair. Ms. Bort touched the lives of all students whom she taught, and her extraordinary passion will be missed!

positive influence on all of her students, and the math department will continue to thrive because of her extraordinary leadership.



Fran Hamper made an incredibly positive impact in the math department during her 22 year tenure. Fran was the department chair for many years, turning the math department into one of the strongest on campus. She brought innovative advancements such as College Preparatory Mathematics (CPM), and also found ways to inspire students who were

struggling in math by creating new courses to give them the confidence to improve their math skills. Ms. Hamper truly had a



Paul Swasey was a beloved member of our community as a parent, but it is his expertise in managing facilities and assuring the safety of our campus that was crucial to the success of the school. Paul, a retired police officer and former construction industry expert, became Director of Facilities and Security in 2005, a position that eventually grew to a full-time job.

His accomplishments over the years include establishing a flood control program, working with Homeland Security and local police to continuously review campus safety protocols, managing the construction of Kemper Science and Engineering, and installing a new technology program to efficiently manage campus work orders and event set-up requests. Paul's commitment and leadership will be missed.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ONE OF THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 22, 2018
Opening Day

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018
Pre-Auction Event

OCTOBER 19-20, 2018
Upper School Fall Play
Rumors

NOVEMBER 9, 2018
School of Fine Arts
Student Showcases

NOVEMBER 15, 2018
Middle School
Winter Concert

NOVEMBER 17, 2018
Auction Gala,
Reunion Gathering &
Hall of Fame Celebration

NOVEMBER 23, 2018
Thanksgiving Game &
Alumni Gathering

DECEMBER 6, 2018
Upper School
Winter Concert



Congratulations to the Class of 2018

These 50 seniors were awarded over \$4.1 million in scholarships during their college searches.

FIRST ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Jordyn Spencer - Canisius College, NY
 Isabel Bouzاهر - Case Western Reserve University, OH
 Dionisia Ortiz - John Carroll University, OH
 Christina Hryshko - Johnson & Wales University (Charlotte), NC
 Anjali Prabhakaran - The Ohio State University, OH
 Jessica Toncler - Lawrence University, WI
 Halle Garbinski - New York University, NY
 Abby Esch - Boston University, MA
 Anna Therese Yoo - Colgate University, NY
 Yangqing "Gabrielle" Li - Wellesley College, MA
 Elizabeth Coble - University of Chicago, IL

SECOND ROW

Jada Whittaker - Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences, OH
 Emily Nusbaum - University of Maryland, College Park, MD
 Sydney Mayberry - Walsh University, OH
 Noah Whitman Kawaguchi - Oberlin Conservatory of Music, OH
 Kailee Rengel - University of Kentucky, KY
 Maihan Mahboob - The Ohio State University, OH

Humza Akbar - The Ohio State University, OH
 Eve Krislov - Brandeis University, MA
 Lily Sweeterman - University of Dayton, OH
 Allison Hamer - Millikin University, IL
 Alyssa Ruggles - Xavier University, OH

THIRD ROW

Benjamin Gwinnell - University of Rochester, NY
 Travis Jacobs - University of Cincinnati, OH
 Kening "Lexi" Liang - Pennsylvania State University Abington, PA
 Sarah Freeman - Rochester Institute of Technology, NY
 Hana Baran - Kent State University, OH
 Riya Lakkaraju - Emory University, GA
 Ian Ashby - Oberlin Conservatory of Music, OH
 Michaela Harrison - Mount St. Mary's University, MD

FOURTH ROW

Eli Shover - University of Cincinnati, OH
 Samantha Ho - Maryland Institute College of Art, MD
 Shengwei Zhang - Pennsylvania State University Abington, PA

Huaiyu Xue - Pennsylvania State University Abington, PA
 Bingcen "Max" Ren - The George Washington University, Washington, DC
 Yuxiang "Sky" Chen - University of Massachusetts Boston, MA
 Andy Liu - University of California San Diego, CA
 Fiona Denihan - Concordia University, OR
 Brian Smith - Marietta College, OH
 Nanak Dhillon - Case Western Reserve University, OH
 Eric Stachowiak - University of Cincinnati, OH
 Michael Jacob Roach - Trine University, IN
 Yiming "Bruce" Liu - University of Massachusetts Boston, MA
 Jiexian "Jason" Chen - University of Connecticut, CT
 Bryce LeRoy - University of Cincinnati, OH
 Cole Bramhall - Haverford College, PA

NOT PICTURED

Jarrett Cromling - The University of the Arts, PA
 Madeline Kuentz - Denison University, OH
 Zhiyi "Hannah" Lin - Lander University, SC
 Christopher Waltz - The University of Findlay, OH

Our graduates were also accepted at these notable schools:

American University
 Berklee College of Music
 Bucknell University
 Butler University
 Duke University
 Furman University
 George Washington University
 Loyola University of Chicago
 Miami University of Ohio
 Purdue University
 Tulane University
 University of Arizona
 University of Michigan
 Vanderbilt University
 Washington University of St. Louis

Alumni- If you are able to reach out to these new graduates in your area in the fall, please contact Leannie McAllister in the Alumni Relations office to make a connection and receive a \$10 Starbucks card for your coffee chat!


THE NEW LOOK

for Lake Ridge Academy

Over the last year, the marketing department, in conjunction with the Leadership Team and Board of Directors, has been busily working on a branding refresh project for Lake Ridge Academy. As a result, you will start to see a new “look” on all of the school’s marketing materials, promotional signage, advertisements, website, and most noticeable to all – our new CRC lobby interior design made possible by Gifts from the Heart that were offered at the last auction.

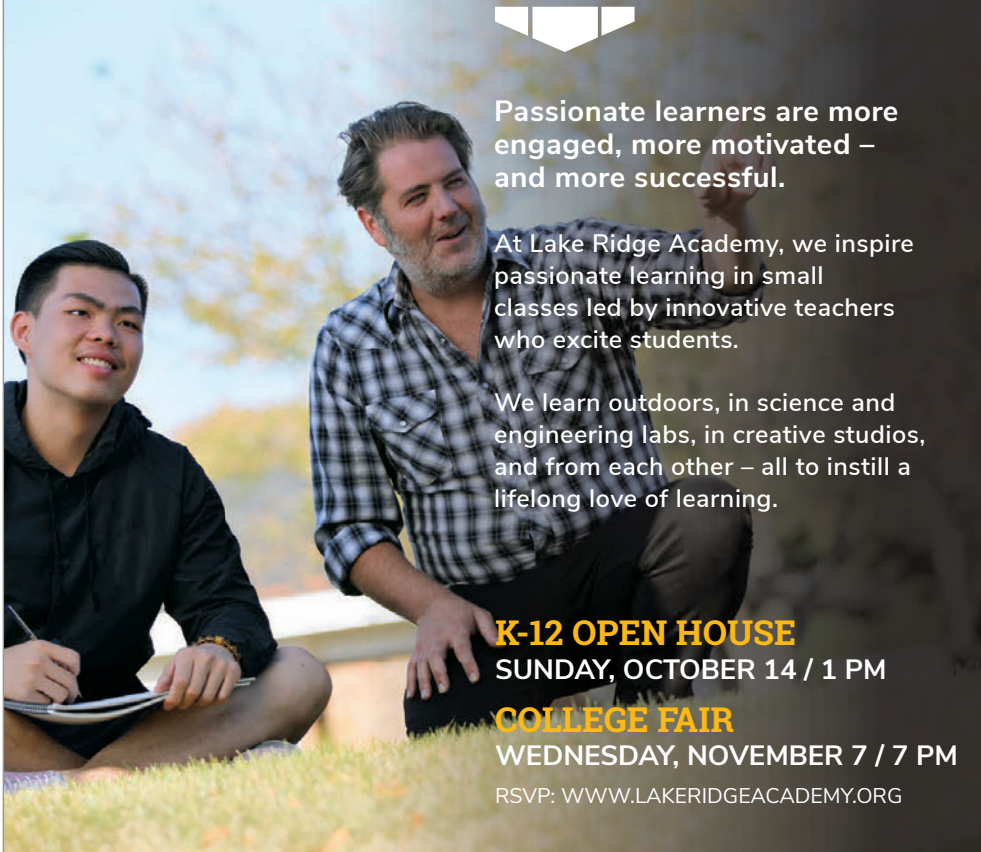
The year-long project began with several months of research, including focus group discussions and a robust competitive analysis of other local private and public schools. The information gained through the research process led to the formulation of a branding statement that positions our school in an authentic, unique, and relevant way.

The branding statement inspired the creative development process of defining voice, taglines, and graphic design, which appear now on all of our marketing materials. The new tagline, “Where Learning Is A Passion”, strongly reflects the manner in which our students approach learning, our faculty approach teaching, and our alumni approach their personal and professional lives. In addition, our Centers of Excellence and related graduation certificate programs allow students to pursue their passions throughout their years here.



where **LEARNING** is a
PASSION

The Fastest Growing K-12 Independent School in Northeast Ohio



Passionate learners are more engaged, more motivated – and more successful.

At Lake Ridge Academy, we inspire passionate learning in small classes led by innovative teachers who excite students.


We learn outdoors, in science and engineering labs, in creative studios, and from each other – all to instill a lifelong love of learning.

K-12 OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 / 1 PM

COLLEGE FAIR
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 / 7 PM

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LET'S "GROW" ROYALS!

Athletics Program Continues to Make Strides

Lake Ridge Academy athletes had a lot to be proud of in the 2017-2018 academic year. The department has continued to grow in terms of athlete participation and accomplishments every year under the leadership of Peter Eckendorf, who will begin his third year as Athletic Director this August.

Middle School athletics, in particular, reached new heights. Last fall, the Middle School volleyball team and co-ed soccer team had the largest participation numbers in the programs' histories. As enrollment has grown and athletic participation has increased, coaches have been able to be more strategic in forming competitive teams. The volleyball team had enough sixth and seventh grade girls to form two squads within the team. By splitting the team, coaches were able to give valuable court time by playing certain squads for certain matches. The soccer team also fielded two full teams, which allowed coaches the ability to build teams specific to the opposing teams' strengths and weaknesses.

Middle School cross country also had a large number of runners with some very competitive and experienced runners. "Pack running" is a method used during meets to maximize scoring, and the larger numbers allowed different "packs" the chance to compete both within the meet and within the team itself.

The Middle School girls basketball program had a younger but full team this year as well. Two squads were created within the team, which gave girls the opportunity for valuable court time against tough competition. More court time allows young athletes the "game speed" experience that is not always available in practice. Facing stiff competition from larger public schools allowed coaches to gauge our team's talent levels while competing and, in most cases, winning.

The Middle School boys basketball program faced its toughest competition in recent years. Playing schools like Strongsville, Brecksville-Broadview Heights, and other large public schools tested the teams. The team fielded full 6/7th and 7/8th grade teams, which gave coaches the chance to focus on the different strategies of each team. Though sometimes overmatched in size, the teams showed resilience and what it meant to be a Royal.

Finally, the Middle School track program continued the growing trend with 42 runners. In a sport where progress can be seen in the numbers, each athlete made significant advancements throughout the season. In fact, the boys and girls teams earned first place at the Old Trail Tri meet, and took home first and second places respectively in their final meet of the year.

The success of the Upper School programs are directly related to the success and intensity of Middle School teams. Increased participation at the Middle School level will result in more competitive teams in the Upper School. Peter Eckendorf states, "With more students on these teams, there is more talent to share with Upper School varsity teams. The coaches can train students at various levels, giving the experienced players more opportunity to gain confidence and teamwork skills, while also giving athletes who are newer to the sport a chance to build skills for their future growth. Essentially, we can now



better prepare these athletes for high school competition.”

By working closely with the Middle School coaches, varsity coaches begin to implement strategies and even plays with younger groups to better prepare them for the varsity regimen. The growth in both size and success of the varsity programs in recent years is a trend every Lake Ridge coach is looking to continue. Just this year alone, the program saw 20 All-County award winners, four team and one individual District nominations, and

three All-Ohio award winners. For a program of our size, these are tremendous accomplishments.

As we look ahead, the positive trend of athletics at Lake Ridge Academy reflects the success of the school as a whole. Our athletes are involved in many activities on campus, but they compete at the highest level no matter what the circumstances. While winning is a great reward, the journey these athletes take is most important and very impressive.

Six Seniors Sign Letters of Intent to Join College Athletic Programs

Lake Ridge Academy’s Athletic Department held two college signing ceremonies last year to celebrate six seniors who committed to joining college teams this fall. Congratulations to Ian Ashby (Oberlin College and Conservatory – Baseball), Cole Bramhall (Haverford College – Baseball), Michaela Harrison (Mount St. Mary’s University - Basketball), Sydney Mayberry (Walsh University – Basketball), Jake Roach (Trine University – Baseball), and Jordyn Spencer (Canisius College - Swimming).



Senior baseball players Jake, Cole and Ian with Coach Dimacchia.



Seniors Jordyn, Sydney and Michaela.

Notable Team Victories:

- Middle School Volleyball 8th Grade Team Wins SWC Non-Conference Championship
- Middle School Girls Cross Country Wins Open Door Invitational
- Middle School Boys Cross Country Wins Open Door Invitational and Oberlin Opener
- Varsity Volleyball Reaches District (Division IV) Semi-Finals
- Boys Varsity Baseball Finishes Season Ranked Third In State Division IV Polls, Reaches District Semi-Finals, Wins Conference
- Girls Varsity Basketball Reaches District Semifinals (Division IV)

Notable Individual Accomplishments:

- Jake Roach '18 earns All-Ohio Selection for Baseball
- Ben Gwinnell '18 reaches Division II Districts in Tennis as #2 Seed
- Michaela Harrison '18 named Lake Ridge Academy All-Time Leading Scorer, All-Ohio 2nd Team (Division IV), Played in All-Ohio All-Star Basketball Game, Scored 1,000 Career Point in Girls Basketball
- Sydney Mayberry '18 named All-Ohio Special Mention (Division IV) in Girls Basketball
- Girls Varsity Basketball Coach Lisa Medvetz and Baseball Coach Jason Dimacchia earn Lorain County Coach of the Year Awards



Welcome Lake Ridge Academy's **New Head of School**

Mr. Mitch White

On July 1, 2018, Mr. Mitch White assumed leadership of Lake Ridge Academy as the school's 8th Head of School since our founding in 1963. Mr. White joins our community after serving as a Dean at The Weber School, a grades 9 through 12 independent Jewish school in Atlanta. We sat down with Mr. White to learn more about him, his family and his goals as he settles into his new position and town.

Q Welcome to Lake Ridge! How are you feeling?

A I'm feeling an incredible mix of emotions, naturally, starting with **gratitude and humility**. Carol and the Leadership Team have done a tremendous job over the last decade, and I have big shoes to fill. I'm feeling **confident** because it's clear to me that I have the support of many diverse constituencies, including the search committee, the board, faculty and staff, students, parents, and donors. When I was younger and had more spare time, I used to run for distance; I even finished three marathons—New York was my favorite—it was fantastic. I am feeling the same kind of **nervousness** I experienced before a marathon—not driven by uncertainty (because I knew I was prepared), but because it was a big undertaking and would be difficult as well as rewarding. This was also a very **values-**

driven decision for Shelby and me; my kids will be attending Lake Ridge Academy, and my professional life will directly connect me to my family.

Q You mentioned that you feel prepared, but this is your first position as Head of School. How has your background prepared you for this role?

A In many ways, I have been preparing for this job my entire life. Most recently, I've dedicated my work life to education as a Dean at The Weber School and as Board Chair at the Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School, which serves grades Kindergarten through 8. These roles have given me relevant experience in teaching, connecting with students and parents, curriculum design, developing teachers, and setting policies in a

school environment. In addition, I had a 19-year business career that included senior roles in marketing, technology, and general management. During this time, I gained significant experience in budgeting and financial management, human resources, strategic planning, and marketing. I've supplemented my work experiences with formal education, a law degree (misspent youth!) as well as masters degrees in independent school leadership and teaching.

Q What were your initial impressions of Lake Ridge Academy?

A Two words came to mind after my initial visit to campus: thoughtful and generous. Carol Klimas included Shelby in our initial conversation, which went a long way to making us both feel comfortable. Barb Ridel made sure I had coffee for my 7:15 a.m. meeting in Bettcher. Wade Zwinger brought me donuts, but only after asking the previous day if I like them. (Who doesn't, really?) Rachael McCray assured me that if we ended up at the school, she and Kate Ptacek would take good care of my daughter, Ava, in 3rd grade. Becky McMahon spent an entire morning with Shelby, showing her Cleveland.

While these gestures were important to me as an individual, they revealed something more than my comfort as a candidate. Lake Ridge Academy is a community that values emotional intelligence—a place that recognizes, hires, supports, and nurtures individuals with high empathy and strong interpersonal skills. These attributes are critical to developing the kind of environment necessary for strong academic achievement. Students learn best when they feel they are genuinely known, loved, and enjoy school. It's clear to me that Lake Ridge is such a place. As a result, we can support kids to do their best, within a supportive and caring environment.

Q How do you plan to spend your first year? Do you have immediate goals?

A My primary goal for the first year is to understand what makes Lake Ridge Academy special and unique. I plan to listen. A lot. As someone new to the community, there is no way I can come in and immediately prescribe changes—I don't know the school yet. I plan to intentionally create formal and informal opportunities to hear from parents, students, board members, donors, teacher, staff, alumni, and community partners.

At the same time, the day-to-day operations of the school can't stop for me to get my bearings. Based on the goals laid out in the Strategic Plan 2020, I expect I will be spending a lot of time working to further develop our campus and K-12 STEAM program, working closely with Edie Sweeterman and her team on enrollment, working with Cindi Seidel and the business office on finances, working with Susan Haas on our brand, working closely with Michelle Robertson and the development team and



collaborating with Mike Shaulis and the academic leadership team to support and develop our tremendous faculty. A new head brings the opportunity for renewed energy, increased urgency, and new ideas, all of which I plan to bring to the table within the context of honoring the culture and values of the school and the fantastic work that took place before my arrival.

Q What is your vision for the future of Lake Ridge Academy?

A As Head, I think of myself as the steward of the vision, not the owner. The vision ultimately comes from the board, informed by all of the other constituents over time, and shouldn't change with a new head. I love the mission and the philosophy of the school, especially the five beliefs listed under the philosophy. Principles such as "Social, emotional, and academic development are interconnected and equally important" are critical to educating our children. I would not expect them to change just because Carol has retired and I have started. I do hope we can continue to grow the reputation of Lake Ridge Academy locally, regionally and nationally, as an innovative school engaged with the larger community.

Q What is your leadership style or philosophy?

A I aspire to model those attributes I value in others: transparency, collaboration, enthusiasm, and empathy. I expect to be a **highly visible** Head who will frequently visit classrooms, regularly attend co-curricular activities, and be personally available to students, teachers, and parents. I believe in a **distributed leadership model**, where the person who possesses the most knowledge on a given issue has the primary role in shaping the decision. This model sounds great to most, but can be difficult to implement. As the Head, I need to ensure we have talented and qualified people in the right positions, that the parameters of the distributed leadership model are clear, and that I'm willing to let them guide big decisions.



“This or That” with Mitch White



- Coke or Pepsi? **Coke**, of course!
- John or Paul? **Paul**. But I think Ringo is underappreciated.
- Michigan or Ohio State? Oooh. **Ohio State**. But my nephew is a Michigan grad.
- Apples or oranges? I love **apples**. I like orange juice more than actual oranges.
- Dogs or cats? **Dogs**.
- Steak or salad? **Steak** (medium rare, please).
- Coffee or tea? **Coffee**. And more coffee.
- Eastside or Westside? **Westside**, naturally.
- Facebook or Twitter? **Facebook**.
- Google or Bing? **Google!** Do people really use Bing?
- Music or podcasts? **Music**, for sure.
- Foosball or Ping-Pong? Toughie. I'm better at **Ping-Pong**, so I guess I'll go with that.
- iPhone or Android? **iPhone**.
- Sneakers or sandals? **Sneakers**. I am always on my feet!
- Retro or antique? Definitely **antique**.
- Morning or evening? **Evening**.
- Superman or Batman? **Superman!**
- Pool or ocean? **Pool** to swim, beach to walk.
- Book or eBook? Mostly **eBook** these days.
- Alaska or Hawaii? Wow. They are both great. **Hawaii**, if forced to pick.
- Beatles or Stones? **Beatles**. Definitely.
- Chocolate or vanilla? If I have to choose one, **chocolate**. But I like them mixed.

Q What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

A Shelby and I both love to travel. She speaks French and has lived in France and Italy. I have visited all 50 states and speak a little Spanish. As Ava and Jackson get older, we hope to show them more of our country and eventually the world. I like to read, and I do the *N.Y. Times* crossword puzzle every day. I aspire to construct a puzzle one day that is published in the *Times*. I love playing card games, and Ava has started to share my enthusiasm for them, which is fun. I play pretty good ping-pong; we plan to add a table in our new home, which is just around the corner from campus, in North Ridgeville.

A few years ago, I attended a professional development session that featured Carol Dweck speaking about her research on the “growth mindset,” the idea that individuals with a belief that they can develop their talents have more success than those who believe talent is innate. As a result of that training, I decided to challenge my belief that I wasn’t musically inclined. I bought a guitar and taught myself to play one song well enough to showcase it at an all-school event. It was a blast! Unfortunately, after that I let the skill lapse and haven’t been keeping it up. I would love to find another beginning guitarist (or two, or three) to learn with!

Q In addition to your new position and school, your family is also getting to know the Cleveland area. How are you enjoying your new home?

A We’re still settling in. Our number one criteria for the house was to be close to school, so we bought a great home that will allow me a 2.2 mile commute door-to-door. I was spending up to 2.5 hours a day in my car in Atlanta, and I knew I wanted to live as close to campus as possible. We also have a large finished basement for the kids (and me) to play in, and we are hoping to have both formal (and informal) school events at the house after we get settled. I know Cleveland pretty well, at least I used to, having lived here for three years in the 1990s. I’m still an Indians fan and I love the vibe of the city. Shelby is still exploring, looking for all the best antique stores and flea markets, and adjusting to being a stay-at-home mom, after almost two decades of teaching in public schools.

Q You’ve got a big job ahead of you. What can our readers do to help you?

A Thanks for asking. Names are important to me. When I taught, the main thing I accomplished on the first day was to make sure I had names down. I’m pretty good with names, but at the beginning of the school year, I am going to meet hundreds of people within the span of a few weeks. I’m going to work hard to get everyone’s name right the first time, but if you could introduce yourself to me, even if we’ve met before, that would be very helpful. And when I invariably mess a name up (I’m looking at you, Dana Cunningham) please bear with me.

f Mr. White invites the Lake Ridge Academy community to follow him on Facebook.

Centers of Excellence

ACHIEVEMENTS

Lake Ridge Academy's Centers of Excellence began eight years ago, first with the launch of the Center for Fine Arts in 2010, followed by the Center for Scientific Research and Exploration in 2013, and finally the Center for Global Citizenship in 2016. As the pillars of our academic programs, these centers give our curriculum greater focus and depth, while providing our students a meaningful and unique continuum of learning that begins in Kindergarten and builds every year until the senior year.

Many exciting curriculum developments and noteworthy student achievements have occurred within each center over the last year that exemplify the success of our centers as a premier academic model.

Center for Fine Arts

School of Fine Arts Graduates Its Largest Class

The School of Fine Arts celebrated the graduation of eight of its seniors—the largest class to date. Many of these talented students will study the arts at prestigious art colleges across the country including the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, The University of The Arts, Maryland Institute College of Art, and Lawrence University.

Thespians Perform at State Conference



Over spring break, the cast and crew of the fall play, *The Imaginary Invalid*, recreated their performance at the Ohio Thespian State Conference. Selected as one of only four high school productions in the state to perform a full-length play on the main stage, the group had only nine rehearsal hours for a play that they had not performed since October, and they rebuilt the set in under an hour on an unseen stage. Our thespians met the challenge and received a standing ovation!

Nine Students Compete in National Scholastic Awards; Evan Robertson '22 Wins National Medal

On March 13, the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers announced the 2018 National Medalists of the Scholastic Awards in New York City. Eighth grader, Evan Robertson, earned a National Silver Medal for his sculpture, *Head*. The sculpture, made entirely from paper, was created as a project in Evan's art class.



Nine Lake Ridge Academy students earned the opportunity to compete in the National Scholastic Awards after receiving Gold Keys in the local Lorain County competition. Our students earned 23 Silver Key awards and 49 Honorable Mentions, which is an incredible number of awards for a school our size!

Nearly 350,000 works of art and writing were submitted to the 2018 National Scholastic Awards, and only 2,800 received a National Medal. Hundreds of jurors across the country judged the works in 29 categories of art and writing, such as poetry, sculpture, short story, painting, critical essay, and video game design.



Upper School Jazz Band Participates in Disney World Jazz Workshop

The Upper School jazz band successfully auditioned and was accepted to participate in the Disney World Jazz Workshop in Orlando in June. The four-day workshop offered many exciting experiences including a recording session during which the group performed pieces that will be used in future film clips. The group performed Spain, a song they also played at the spring Jazz Fest. The organizers stated that our band had “strong sound,” and “our rhythm section was tight.” They were also recognized as the first jazz band to ever know “Bernie’s Tune” just from hearing it played and give the right definition of improvisation.

Center for Scientific Research and Exploration

Upper School Engineering Certificate Program Added

Starting in the 2018-2019 academic year, Upper School students with a passion for engineering can apply to become an Engineering Apprentice in the Institute for Engineering and Innovation. Led by Upper School engineering teacher, Mr. Todd Morrison, this new graduation certificate program introduces students to the methodology and procedures used in academia to conduct world-class research, along with the production and project management skills used by industry professionals to complete multi-million dollar projects.

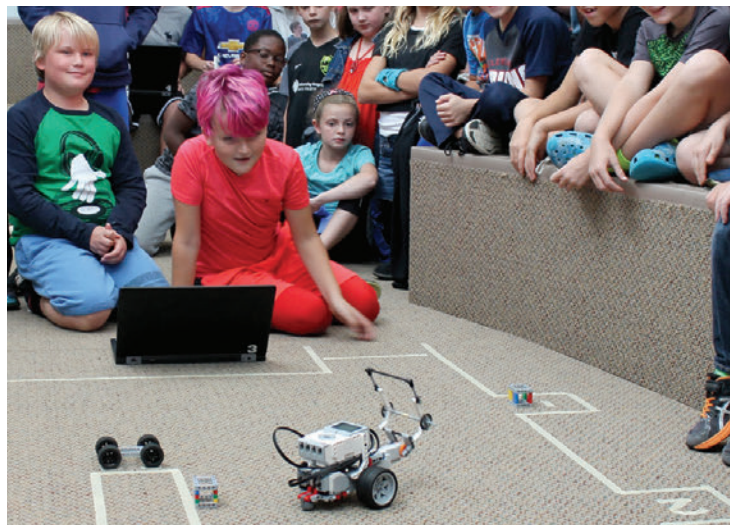
Interested students can apply to become an Engineering Apprentice at the end of their sophomore year by submitting a project proposal and contract that signifies their dedication. Once accepted, Engineering Apprentices will use a set of procedures that mimic the design and fabrication process used by industry and academic professionals. At the onset of their junior year, Engineering Apprentices will work with a client and the program director to establish project guidelines such as a cost estimate, project schedule, and timeline including milestone client meetings to pave a path towards project completion.

Every Engineering Apprentice will have access to our robust engineering workshop and lab to design and construct sophisticated projects. Lake Ridge Academy is equipped with an incredible variety of quality equipment, ranging from hand tools to an engine lathe, top awarded safety equipment such as a SawStop table saw, and a computer network controlled Tormach mill and Shop Sabre router for extreme precision.

Once the project guidelines have been established, the Engineering Apprentice will begin to research and design the project aspects. Apprentices will be paired with mentors who possess the knowledge and expertise to guide their work and will be held accountable for their scheduled progress. The program will culminate with a public display and presentation of their work at a Lake Ridge Academy hosted Maker Faire, which will be attended by the public and industry professionals.

This program will give the student an invaluable experience beyond the classroom and provide insight into a future career in engineering.

K-12 Robotics Program Launches



Last school year, a formal robotics program launched in the Middle School to overwhelming levels of student interest and support. Now, the robotics program will expand this academic year to all of our K-12 students.

Following the FIRST LEGO® program, our students use LEGO®-branded kits or metal kits to design, test, and potentially compete with their robots. The program develops emerging skills in teamwork, critical and innovative thinking, communication, and resiliency.

FIRST LEGO® League Jr. is the non-competitive Lower School program that utilizes the LEGO® We-Do robotic kits to accomplish goals and complete missions. Offered as a course in the Center for Creative Thinkers after-school program, student teams will gather to prepare their presentation, build their robot, and program simple functions.

The Middle School program will continue its FIRST LEGO® League (FLL) structure where teams build and program robots to accomplish missions laid out on a game mat. There are two ways for students to get involved. The FLL Club gives members the opportunity to compete regionally and nationally on one of three grade-specific club teams. Participants must complete presentation materials and solve a project related to a theme in order to compete. Students who do not wish to participate in the FLL Club will have the opportunity to build and program a robot of their own during school and compete internally using the same missions as the FLL Club.

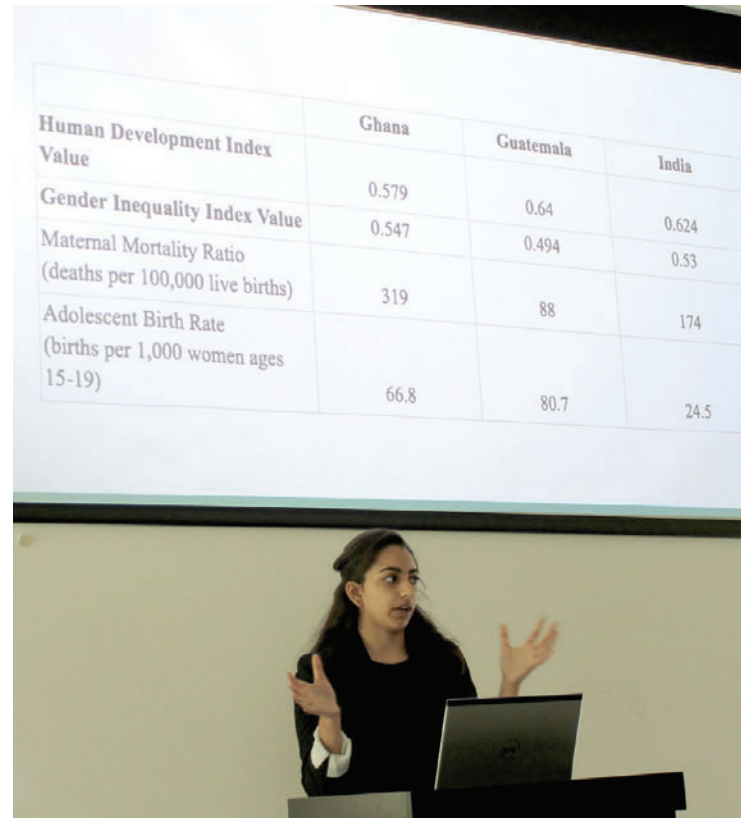
The Upper School robotics program will participate in FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC), in which up to 15 students form one Lake Ridge Academy team that will compete against outside teams with the goal of advancing to state or national level competitions. FTC teams receive communication kits, modules, and metal part kits in order to construct full metal robots and then program them with a coding language such as Java. Competitions are direct, head-to-head challenges with an alliance format where points are earned by completing missions and combating the opposing team. The program extends beyond the game. Team fundraising, brand development, logo design, marketing, and community outreach aspects are also evaluated and awarded.

Center for Global Citizenship

Global and International Studies Program Graduates First Global Scholar

The Global and International Studies Program, the graduate certificate program of the Center for Global Citizenship, proudly graduated its first Global Scholar, Riya Lakkaraju '18. The elective program requires students to conduct an in-depth, two-year research project on a self-selected Area of Study that is supported by their academic study of world history, world literature, political and economic realities, health and environmental factors and foreign language. Students must participate in cross-cultural opportunities such as extracurricular clubs and travel and/or travel-equivalent opportunities. Each Global Scholar prepares a significant thesis paper describing their topic, research findings, and recommendations to address their topic.

Riya's thesis topic, *Women's Decision-Making Autonomy and the Reproductive Health of Child Brides*, investigated the co-relation of a woman's age at marriage and her access to reproductive healthcare in the impoverished countries of India, Ghana, and Guatemala. Working with a Harvard statistician, her thesis required her to compile and analyze raw data that she gathered from governmental sources, giving her an introduction to college-level statistical analysis. Riya offered public policy recommendations to combat child marriage when she defended her thesis to a nine-member panel.



**Welcome
New
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Valerie Grossman
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Funding Excellence and Opportunity

Lake Ridge Academy's 50th Anniversary Campaign Far Exceeds Fundraising Goals

December 31, 2017 marked the last day of the 50th Anniversary Campaign, which began on July 1, 2010 and was publicly announced at the anniversary celebration in September 2013. At the time, Lake Ridge Academy hoped to raise \$12,000,000 – and did. Not so many months after the campaign kicked off, donors surpassed the original goal and ultimately gave \$17,521,608 – an incredible sum that far exceeded past fundraising initiatives.

Like other non-profit educational institutions, Lake Ridge Academy tuition

funds just 75% of its educational program. The remaining 25% of funding must come from other sources. That means that every student at Lake Ridge Academy receives support from non-tuition resources and generous donors who believe in education.

After tuition, independent schools rely heavily on interest income from their endowment funds to help complete the funding gap. Generally speaking, organizations can typically count on \$40-50,000 in annual sustainable funding for every \$1 million that is invested in endowment (during positive markets).

However, at just \$2.2 million, Lake Ridge Academy's endowment is relatively small and only produces an income to support the equivalent of just one full-time teacher.

When you consider the campaign's attainment in this context, the campaign's 1,471 donors transformed Lake Ridge Academy's ability to offer new levels of educational excellence to our students. We celebrate and thank each one of them for their generosity that made a life-changing difference for each of our students.



The Annual Fund, Our Highest Priority

The large majority of the campaign donors gave to the Annual Fund and offered other unrestricted gifts. In funding the most mission-based priorities at the school, these donors brought continued excellence to the school.

Every donor who gave to the Annual Fund advanced our long-term Vision Beyond 50 by helping to create our three centers of excellence – years ahead of schedule. Annual Fund dollars sustain small class sizes (by funding greater numbers of teachers as needed when enrollment grows), support our athletes, preserve our campus, and bring new technology to campus.

In nearly every year of the campaign, 100% participation came from the Board of Directors, Alumni Council, full-time administrative staff members, and teachers. Parent participation more than doubled during the campaign and now represents a majority of families. Alumni support also continues to grow and comes close to the national average.

“We didn't know that when our first daughter started in 2003, but it has become evident to us over the years that an investment in Lake Ridge Academy, is, in fact, an investment in the holistic education of our youth. We feel the impact of our gift to the Annual Fund as 1963 Society members is significantly multiplied by the educators, administrators and entire Lake Ridge Academy community.”

– Parent of '09, '16, '18 Alumnae

Scholarships and Special Funds

In addition to generous Annual Fund support, many donors opted to designate their gifts to specific scholarships and programs. Sometimes gifts were utilized in the years in which their gifts were made while other times, donors preferred to create endowment funds to invest their gifts for future growth. Some donors chose to honor family members by giving generously to name endowed funds.

Donors' gifts to scholarships attracted talented students, offered financial assistance to families who could not otherwise consider a Lake Ridge Academy education for their children, and grew our enrollment faster than any other school in the State of Ohio. Overall, enrollment grew by more than 30% since the 50th Anniversary Campaign began, and the resulting tuition dollars then brought about positive changes for all students.

- Aspire Scholarship Program
- Blaha Endowed Fund for Entrepreneurial Thinking
- Carol Klimas Endowed Scholarship Fund (25% of gifts were directed to the endowment)
- Founders Scholarship Program
- General Endowed Scholarships
- J.A.G. Endowed Scholarship
- Kemper Science and Engineering (25% of all gifts were directed to the endowment to sustain its operating costs)
- Yanna Voutsiotis Endowed Scholarship Fund

“Having financial assistance takes a considerable burden off of me as a single mother. We would like to thank each and every donor for their generosity!”

– Parent of '19 Student



“Thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving my daughter one of the greatest gift of all...a wonderful education!”

– Parent of '16 Alumna

Centers of Excellence

- Center for Fine Arts
- Center for Scientific Exploration and Research
- Center for Global Citizenship

The creation of three Centers of Excellence has given students incredible new opportunities to work with teachers across our 93-acre campus in ways that challenge students to consider topics that cross disciplines and grades. These Centers of Excellence utilize Lake Ridge Academy's distinctive strengths to prepare our students in focused ways and help them stand out as exceptional applicants for college.

The addition of Kemper Science and Engineering as a hub for the Center for Scientific Exploration and Research has been a transformational addition to campus in every way (see the 2016 Summer/Fall Issue of *ByLine* for a complete overview of the new building). Donors' gifts to the three Centers have given our students amazing new learning opportunities and global experiences (read about more Center outcomes on page 13).



Technology

Donors offered significant investments in technology to make it possible for even our youngest students to learn computer coding concepts on iPads, make fully animated PowerPoint presentations by third grade, and have opportunities to learn digital arts, engineering and computer coding in the Middle and Upper School. Teachers have access to mobile laptop and iPad carts for all of their students to complete classroom exercises in all grades.

The campaign brought Wi-Fi to campus, SmartBoards to classrooms, and new servers and switches to our aging infrastructure. Thanks to ongoing donor investments, each division's computer laboratories are updated every three to four years.



Teachers

Since Pat Hemmer taught the first Kindergarten class in 1963, our teachers have set a standard for Lake Ridge Academy education that continues to the present day. The Andrea C. Brown Educators Fund and other funds made it possible for the school to offer professional development opportunities to at least 20% of the faculty every year (and often, many more).

Investments in our faculty also keep our class sizes small – a competitive 8:1 student-to-teacher ratio.

Gifts of books, computers, maps, musical instruments, art supplies, and financial gifts allow our teachers to deliver their own personal best while challenging their students to deliver in kind.

“Lake Ridge Academy has done nothing short of shaping me to be the person I am today. I will forever be grateful to the amazing faculty who, from Kindergarten to Senior Year, have shown [other students and me] unwavering support.”

– Alumna '17

Laboratories

New equipment, technology and other learning resources have given our teachers new opportunities to challenge students in creative ways to solve problems, think critically about the results of their experiments, and work in teams to complete more complex projects.

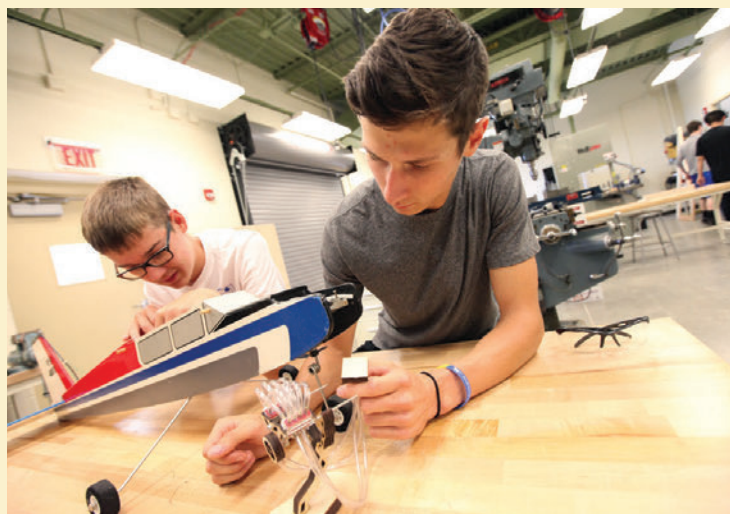
Inside the Spellman Science Suite where the Kaatz Chemistry Lab, Gwinell Chemistry Prep Room and Yoo Research Lab are located, and across the hall in the Navratil Engineering Fab Lab, Lake Ridge Academy has more modern laboratory spaces than many comparable college spaces. These classrooms allowed our teachers to fully utilize their expertise to bring new coursework that had never before been possible.

As students graduate, they are well prepared for their college-level courses and have sometimes earned paid research assistantships in their first year of college. In one case, a student even taught his professor how to use a piece of engineering equipment.

Campus Developments and Special Projects

Since tuition dollars must first be devoted to the academic program, special projects are typically funded by donors through Gift from the Heart at the annual Auction Gala or by donors who have specific interests. The Board of Directors and other lead donors spearheaded larger projects during the campaign, and students have taken the lead to support sometimes less popular projects such as water fountains, furnaces, and driveway potholes. Caring volunteers and skilled craftsmen have actually performed the work themselves, and all have helped to bring beauty and function to our extraordinary learning environment through these and other campus projects.

- Acquisition of the Gower Property
- Landscaping
- Carpeting, Lighting and Sound Improvements in Bettcher Convocation Center
- Flood Control
- Donald W. and Linda L. Kaatz Gallery
- Galleries for our Independent Scholars, Institute Fellows & Varsity Teams
- Kemper Science and Engineering
- Paintings, Sculpture and Other Gifts of Art
- Playground Hoops and Courts
- Renovations to the Community Resource Center Lobby
- Renovations in the Middle and Upper School
- Resurfacing Driveways for the 50th Anniversary Celebration
- Solar Panels and Solar Carport
- Tennis Court Resurfacing and New Nets
- Track Resurfacing
- Upper School Furnace and Air Conditioning Unit



50th Anniversary Campaign Donors of \$50,000 or More

The 50th Anniversary Campaign's top donors made Lake Ridge Academy one of their philanthropic priorities by funding more than 80% of the campaign's \$17.5 million total. These donors inspired more donors to follow their leading example during the life of the campaign. Many of these donors made gifts to many designations, and these are some of their favorite projects that have made a meaningful difference for us in so many important ways.

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Honor Roll of Donors

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Even as they are living and learning at Lake Ridge Academy, students are also making a difference for others. In the past year, our students offered thousands of volunteer hours through school-wide and individual service projects, raised thousands of dollars for local and global causes, and actively served their churches and other local organizations.

Charitable gifts to Lake Ridge Academy certainly help our own students to thrive in our excellent educational environment. But donors' gifts also help our students to become responsible global citizens who serve others. As such, gifts to Lake Ridge Academy extend far beyond our campus borders.

In this honor roll, we gratefully recognize donors whose gifts between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018 totaled \$1,168,898. Thank you, donors, for your investments in our talented young global leaders!

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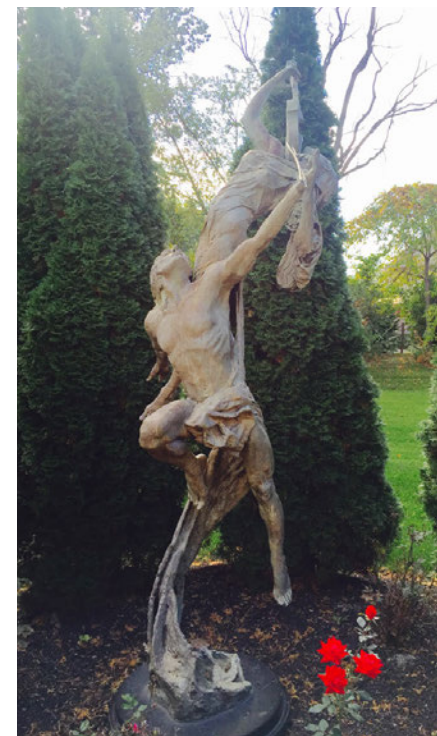


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Marinel and Debbie Rosu
Alyssa Ruggles '18
Aisha Saaka '99
Jillian and Matthew Scarvelli
Justin and Michele Schafer
Jerry and Annette Schwartz
Dennis and Cindy Scott
James and Cynthia Seidel
Julia Bilz Sertich '01 and
 Michael Sertich '01
Neilay Shah '10
Jennifer Shaw and Gregory Phillips
Eli Shover '18
Dana Taylor and
 Carolyn R. Simmelink '73
Ed and Nyree Skimin
Brian Smith '18
Brian and Jenny Smith
Jason Smith '02
Patrick Smith
Kyle Snyder
Jordyn Spencer '18
Eric Stachowiak '18
John and Rickie Stachowiak
Christy Ragg '81 and Chuck Stormes
Sara and Jim Svoboda
Lily Sweeterman '18
Jutta Swoboda
Jeff and Jen Szwagulak
Kusha Tavakoli '02
Robert Temkiewicz '02
The Estee Lauder Companies
The Fields Galley Private Foundation
The Rock Pile
Lauren Thome
Jessica Toncler '18
Neil and Jennifer (Moore) Tramer '84
Adela Tremp
Tim and Erin Unger
Sarah Vandevender
John and Mary Ann Vargo
Howard and Marissa Velie
Lloyd and Deborah Wakefield
Christopher Waltz '18
Lisa Waltz
Michelle Waltz
Brady Weinstock '91 and
 Gaetano Putignano
Mitch and Shelby White
Jada Whittaker '18
Valerie Whittaker
The Williams Family
Ed and Cindy Wolff
Andrew and Carol Wright
Matthew Wright
Hui Xue '18
Serena Yang '17
Trixie Yoo '18
Joseph and Karen Yost
Scott and Rebecca Young
Charise Zablotzky
Joe and Andrea Zepernick
Shengwei Zhang '18
Wade and Janice Zwingler

* deceased

Carol Klimas Scholarship

As President Carol Klimas retired from Lake Ridge Academy in June 2018 after eleven years of service, the Board of Directors and other donors in the school's community generously created the Carol Klimas Scholarship Fund to support students who model the school's core values – scholarship, personal best, integrity and respect. One quarter of the funds were directed to an endowment fund to sustain the scholarships in perpetuity and continuously honor President Klimas for her longstanding devotion to students and their families.

Students who are new to Lake Ridge Academy and entering grades 6-11 may apply for the Carol Klimas Scholarship. Preference is given to students who have financial need, and strong candidates will exemplify actions, community service or other leadership qualities that suggests a high degree of integrity and respect for others.

Alumnus '04
Anonymous
Kimberly Nazarian and Jay Ashby
Maryam (Nasr) '87 and Sabry Ayad
Amy and Chris Babiuch
Laurie and Vance Behringer
Alison Bilz '03
Jihad and Sandra Bitar
Holly Holsinger and
Raymond Bobgan
Annie Tan and Albert Chan
Charles Schwab
Shuijun and Jeffrey Coble
Shannon and Steven Conway
Kate and Tom Dake
Margaret and Peter Dobbins
Janna and Tom Dresing '83
Meredith Dresing '17
Sam Dresing '22
Sarah and Bob Dresing
Deanna and Rollin Edgar
Abby Esch '18
Emma Esch '16
Megan Esch '09
Sherry and Don Esch
Cindy and Bob Fairchild
Jenna Fairchild '15
Fairchild Family Foundation
Amelia and Michael Farago
Cole Fauver '79
Yumi Ijiri and Stephen FitzGerald
Katarina Gardner '07

Megan Gardner '03 and
Dave McNamee
Bing Gaspar-Yoo and Bo Yoo
Laurie and Jon Gatten
GE Foundation
Jackie and Rob Gerberry
Stacy and Tony Gleason
Betsy and Kenyon Glor
Linda and Ron Gordon
Keeon and Traci Gregory
Susan and Sean Haas
Cynthia Brown-Harrington and
Patrick Harrington
Chris and Jim Heusinger
Dina and Tom Holm
Jo Ann and Lee Howley
Colleen and Jon Hyman
Intel
Paula and Bob Janmey
Kayleen Kaatz '19
Linda and Don Kaatz '70
Price and Joe Kasl
Betty and John Kemper, Sr.
Jenny and John Kemper, Jr.
Karen Kemper
Carol and Dan Klimas
Amy and Jeff Kolbay
Jennifer Zinn Lagasse '86 and
Luc Lagasse
Rebecca Lasky
Daniel Latham '90
Andrea and Gerald Manning

Leannie and Kurt McAllister
Becky Ruppert McMahon
Marie and Joe Mclat '90
Karen and Jim Miraldi
Miraldi Family Foundation
Susan and Bob Moore
Chandana Mozumdar and
Ravi Vedula
Liz Navratil '20
Phil and Clare Navratil
Denise and Ed Neugebauer
Jessa and Blake New
Ben and Brenda Norton
Benjy Norton '22
Gretchen Norton '17
Katie Norton '20
Deborah and John O'Neill
William O'Neill '07
Everett Palache and Tara Bowen
Kimberly (Kemper) Parrish '87 and
Peter Parrish '86
Christine Weiss Pfeil '70
Marie and Paul Pirozzola
Donna and Fred Plecha '79
Joe Raj '89
Fae Audre and Harold Rice
Barbara and Jim Ridel
Michelle and Rob Robertson
Kristin (Kemper) Roshkowski '84
and Mark Roshkowski
Dustin Roth
Leigh Roth

Michelina and Dean Rozar
Nancy and Joseph Scarpitti
Julia Bilz Sertich '01 and
Michael Sertich '01
Michael Shaulis and
Sarah Durn Shaulis
Carol and Mike Sherwin
Michelle and Michael Sherwin
Nyree and Ed Skimin
Rachel Smith '15
Susan and Bob Smith
Chann and Ed Spellman
Barbara and Paul Swasey
Edie and Mark Sweeterman
Jutta Swoboda
Sheri and Rick Terens
The Benevity Community Impact
Fund
The Burton D. Morgan Foundation
The CBC Foundation
The Char & Chuck Fowler Family
Foundation
Cathy Thompson '70
Mona and Christopher Thompson
UBS
Cindy and Jay Viskocil
Betty Weiss
The Williams Family
Lisa and Michael Zidar



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Charly Culberson '11 debuted her first feature film on PBS in February. The film was titled *In Tune: The Ben Tucker Story*. Charly says that through documentary film, she has found a powerful outlet for storytelling that has become a way to educate, inspire and affect change.



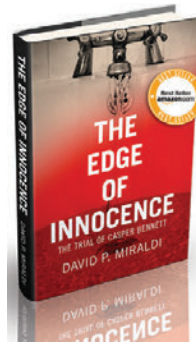
In 2016, Charly earned her BFA in film and television from the Savannah College of Art and Design. Since graduation, she has been directing and producing documentaries from short to feature-length films. Currently, she is the executive producer and producer on her second film, an international feature-length documentary that hits close to home for her. The story centers on a grassroots community of retired Indian-American doctors from Cleveland, Ohio, who have for the past 18 years organized a Yatra, Hindi for “pilgrimage,” into India’s tribal lands to provide free medical care to their home nation’s most underserved citizens. Charly says, “From the beginning of my time at LRA, the concept of service and giving back was a seed planted. Since my time there, I have sought outlets to serve humanity, nature and my community.”

In January 2018, Charly had the opportunity to join the medical aid mission as a filmmaker and experienced first-hand the life-saving, life-changing impact of the Yatra. “These retired Indian-American doctors have been quietly serving over 100,000 tribal patients in the span of 18 years, and we are the first filmmakers to ever capture the entire medical aid mission.” To learn more about Charly’s work, visit <https://yatradoocumentary.com/>

Alumni News



1971



David Miraldi recently published his first book *The Edge of Innocence: The Trial of Casper Bennett*, which is a work of historical fiction based on the 1964 murder trial of Casper Bennett, a man accused of drowning his wife in a bathtub of scalding water in Lorain, Ohio. The book was selected as the Rubery Book Award 2018 Book of the Year. In addition to being an author, David is also a civil trial attorney. To learn more about David and his book visit www.davidmiraldi.com.

1978

Dorothea Markakis, MD was named Chair of the Department of Pediatric Anesthesiology at the Cleveland Clinic where she has been a staff member for over 20 years. In addition to her clinical training, she completed Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management Executive Leadership Program in 2017.

1980

Eric Sutherland is a managing director and President of PIMCO Investments LLC. He and his wife, Celia, have four children and live in New York where he is co-head of PIMCO’s New York office.

1983

Jeff Knapp and Annette Wasem Knapp '84 are happily living in Los Altos, CA where Annette manages the office at a foundation and Jeff is the COO of Aimmune. He led the biotech company’s and world’s largest examination of oral treatment for peanut allergy to support the company’s development of desensitization treatments that help protect people with food allergies by potentially reducing the risk of allergic reactions, making accidental exposures to allergens less dangerous.

1984

Linda Khym manages internal communications among 350 people in Genentech’s regulatory unit, which is responsible for documentation (sometimes thousands of pages long) that accompanies each new drug as it works its way through the international public launch process. She is a former editor at *New England Journal of Medicine* and looks forward to connecting with other alumni in the San Francisco area.

1992

Nitesh Sharan is the treasurer and director of investor relations at Nike. He and his family live in Portland, OR where he welcomes other Lake Ridge alumni and students to connect with him.

1994



The Uses of the Dead: The Early Modern Development of Cy-Près Doctrine



Caroline Sherman lives in the suburbs of Frederick, MD with her husband and their three children. She just published *The Uses of the Dead: The Early Modern Development of Cy-Près Doctrine*, which explains how a striking

common law judicial power to unilaterally redirect property emerged out of the secularization of church lands during the English Reformation. Cy-près has expanded rapidly in the modern era, and in the fall the Supreme Court will take up *Frank v. Gaos*, a case about the application of cy-près power to class action settlements.

1997

Kristen Thiesen was recently appointed as the Chief Development Officer at The Florida Center for Early Childhood in Sarasota, FL.

1999

Travis Crawford is a software engineer at Slack in San Francisco. The company has dozens of open positions, and he encourages alumni to consider exploring an opportunity to work at one of the fastest-growing tech companies in Silicon Valley.

Tim Soliman is a senior data analyst at Glenview Capital. He serves on the board of directors for Teach for America and lives with his wife, Jennifer, in New York City.

2000



Kenny Moore and Sarah Moore welcomed their son, Winston Andrew Moore, on September 25, 2017. Kenny and Sarah have enjoyed every minute of parenthood and look forward to introducing him to the LRA community.

Brett Oley and his wife, Melissa, welcomed their first son, Magnus Oley, on March 21, 2018. Brett and his family reside in Florida where he recently started his own wealth management practice, Oley Kinser Concierge Wealth, LLC.

2001



Michael Sertich and Julia Bilz Sertich welcomed their daughter, Katherine Margaret, on April 22, 2018. Big brother Anthony is now 2 years old and remains enthusiastic about his new sister. While the Sertich household is growing, Michael continues to expand his Jimmy John's franchise throughout Lorain County. Locations are open in South Elyria and Amherst with a North Elyria store in the works.

2002



parents' ability to function without sleep.

2003



Marissa Sertich Velie and her husband, Howie, welcomed their second daughter, Berklee Elizabeth, on November 10, 2017. Their three-year-old, Beatrix, is thrilled to be a big sister.

Marissa and her family look forward to moving in July from San Antonio, Texas back to Ohio where they can be close to family.

2005



Lee Pfeil is a free-lance technology consultant who developed the "Wag" app, which is designed to help pet owners find people who can walk their dogs on an as-needed basis.

2007

Drew Sykes is an independent film producer in Hollywood. Some of Drew's independent films include *Take Shelter*, which was filmed in Grafton and featured at the Cannes Film Festival, and *Kings of Summer* and *The Land*, which were both featured at the Sundance Film Festival.

Have you nominated a former teacher, alumnus, or friend for the 2018 Lake Ridge Academy Hall of Fame?

Nominate someone for the Lake Ridge Academy Hall of Fame whose professional success or dedication to Lake Ridge Academy makes them stand out. Visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018LRAHOF to nominate someone today!

Don Kaatz '70 Alumni Award - for dedicated alumni who continue to make a difference for Lake Ridge Academy.

Wilfred Hemmer Headmaster Award - for deserving teachers who are no longer working at Lake Ridge Academy.

Founders Award - for people in the Lake Ridge Academy community whose extraordinary professional, volunteer or philanthropic success has had a substantial impact on others in the school's community.

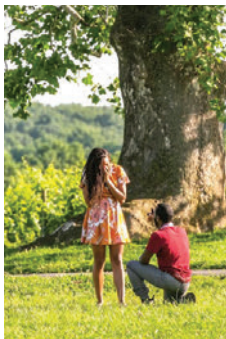
2010



Kathryn Moreno graduated with a master of arts in art therapy from New York University in May 2018. She currently works as a pre-licensed art therapist at a private practice in

NYC. Her clinical focus includes working with children and adults who have survived complex trauma. Kathryn is excited to explore future career and education opportunities as an emerging art therapist. She also recently got engaged to Richard McMahon.

Neilay Shah recently co-founded a non-profit organization in Philadelphia that supports youth through baseball, tutoring and mentorship. He is a free-lance writer and successful humanitarian who is working to make a difference for people in need.



Jordan "JT" Thomas is recently engaged to Jordan Only. JT is a graduate of Elon University and is now working in the Executive Office at the Urban Institute in Washington, DC. Previously, he spent a year and a half

working for the Obama Administration. JT received a full scholarship to pursue his

master of science in public policy & management at Carnegie Mellon and will be moving to Pittsburgh this fall. Jordan Only, who also graduated from Elon University, is a former Teach For America Corps Member and just finished her fourth year of teaching 3rd grade. She will be pursuing her master of education policy & management at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education this fall. A fall 2020 wedding is being planned for Austin, TX.

2012



Samantha Elise Potoczak was recently engaged to Eric John West. Samantha, a graduate of Lafayette College, is now a junior account executive at the brand

communications and talent agency Kovert Creative in Manhattan. Eric, who also graduated from Lafayette, is currently living in Greenville, North Carolina. He is finishing his third year of medical school at East Carolina's Brody School of Medicine where he hopes to specialize in orthopedic surgery. A September 2019 wedding has been planned in Cleveland, Ohio.

After two years of working at KeyBank in Downtown Cleveland, **Ryan Thomas** is moving to DC to study at Howard University School of Law. Ryan plans to study litigation and constitutional law while at Howard.

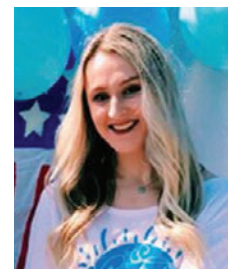
2014



Kaci Gregory recently graduated from Muhlenberg College where she double majored in media & communication and French & Francophone studies. Kaci served as a student tour

guide, studied abroad in Aix-en Provence, France (honors immersion program), interned in Washington, D.C. as a marketing communications assistant at the French Academy, and competed as a collegiate track & field athlete. Kaci was accepted into graduate programs at American University and Quinnipiac University for Journalism. She also received offers from three different AmeriCorp programs. After considering her options, Kaci decided to accept a position as an inside sales representative at Automatic Data Processing (ADP). Kaci says "At Lake Ridge Academy, I learned how to think critically. This is why I thrived as a student at Muhlenberg College. My desire to learn and push the limits is what encouraged me to create my website, She's Débonnaire (shesdebonnaire.com)." Kaci's blog is about women's issues that focuses on "Beauty with Substance." She is looking forward to starting her new career and continuing the development of her website.

2015



Hannah Guidish will be starting her senior year at West Liberty University where she is studying music technology with a voice concentration. At West Liberty, Hannah is a member

of the NCAA Division II volleyball team and chapter president of her sorority, Alpha Xi Delta. This summer, Hannah is conducting her senior project in Nashville, TN, where she is completing a 10-week internship at the recording studio, The Record Shop. She is observing in the studio with the potential of working as an assistant engineer. Hannah says, "I am so excited about this incredible opportunity, and I am looking forward to

IN MEMORIAM

Edward A. Planisky, of Oberlin, passed away on February 21, 2018. Ed was the cleaning supervisor at Lake Ridge Academy from 1987-2001.



Scribner L. Fauver passed away on June 6, 2018 at the age of 87. He was one of the three founders of Lake Ridge Academy in 1963. Scrib served on the Board of Directors the first nine years of the school's formation, eventually filling the position of Board President for three. He also wrote the school's initial governing bylaws. Scrib attended the school's 50th anniversary celebration in 2013 with his wife of 61 years, Ann, son Scrib '77 and his wife Susan, son and Board of Directors Member Cole '79, and daughter Grace '82.

Scrib spent 45 years using his legal training and his generous spirit to serve his community. He co-founded the Community Foundation of Greater Lorain County, which now dedicates its over \$136 million in assets to enriching the lives of those living and working in Lorain County, Ohio. From 1969-1974, he served on the Elyria City Council, and from 1975-1978, he served as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives. He was a 58-year member of the Rotary Club, an organization whose mission mirrored his own: to make the world a better place by taking action on its most persistent challenges. His lifetime of community service was recognized in 1999 when Scrib received the Heart of Ohio Distinguished Citizen Award. For all his civic achievements, he was above all a man who loved nothing more than celebrating his beloved children and grandchildren. He was a well-travelled, well-read family man who gave more than he took.

2017



Ami Ishikawa is a rising sophomore at Harvard College concentrating in economics and global health and health policy, as well as language

citations in French and Spanish. This summer, Ami will be interning at the Office of the State Treasurer of Massachusetts as a Women in Finance fellow. Following her summer internship, Ami is excited to help direct the production of the 48th annual "An Evening with Champions," which is held in Boston in September. The public charity figure skating event has raised \$2.8 million for Boston's renowned Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and includes the participation of over 25 Olympic gold medalists.



Dhanya Rao just finished her freshman year at American University as an international studies major with a public health minor.

This summer, Dhanya is working as an intern at United States Senator Sherrod Brown's office in Cleveland. In this role, she fields constituent calls and concerns, handles casework applications, and conducts research on federal issues affecting Ohio. Furthermore, since Senator Brown's seat is up for re-election, she is working closely on campaign events and press.

learning as much as possible about the professional recording process in the commercial music industry, and how a professional studio functions as a whole."

Henry Lin is enjoying his time at Stanford University where he is an engineering major with a specialty in artificial intelligence systems engineering. Henry predicts that in less than a decade, some surgeries will be performed by robots!

2016



Sachi Gosain just began a new position at St. John Medical Center as an OCT technician in the ophthalmology department.

Sachi is currently in her third year of college at the University of Pittsburgh where she is majoring in bioinformatics and statistics. After graduation, Sachi plans on going to medical school. Sachi still plays soccer and swims, and dances on a team called First Class Bhangra. She volunteers with MedLife, a non-profit that manages student and staff volunteers to deliver medical aid through mobile clinics and health education to people in need across the world.



Megan Williams was given the prestigious honor of being a 2018 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar. This award honors Megan's achievements in the classroom

and on the court. Megan is a student at Washington & Jefferson College where she plays basketball and is involved in various clubs and Greek life. Megan is thankful for the love and support from the Lake Ridge Academy community, the Washington & Jefferson College community, and her loved ones.

CAREER DAY

In February, Upper School students gathered in the Bettcher Convocation Center for Career Day. The students had the unique opportunity to meet with and learn from six Lake Ridge Academy alumni in very different professions. The day began with alumni interacting with students of all ages in classrooms. Our speakers enjoyed lunch with faculty and Alumni Council members before participating on a panel discussion where they shared personal stories from their college and career paths. Following this, our Upper School students had the opportunity to speak with the panelists to discuss specific college and career paths, job shadowing opportunities, internships, and future job options.



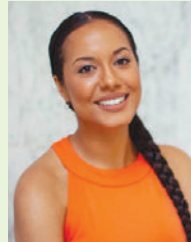
If you are interested in returning to campus for Career Day 2019, or can offer a career experience, please contact Leannie McAllister, assistant director of alumni relations at alumni@lakeridgeacademy.org.

Next year's event will be held on March 8, 2019.

2018 Career Day Speakers

Samantha Joy Fay '09

Legislative and Communications Staffer in the U.S. House of Representatives



Samantha is the legislative assistant for Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-13). In this role, she advises and drafts legislation for Rep. Ryan on issues related to appropriations, criminal justice, immigration, homeland security, and tax reform. Prior to working in Congress, Samantha interned at the White House, Philadelphia City Hall, Cleveland City

Hall, the U.S. Department of Education, and for Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (OH-09). She graduated with honors from Haverford College in 2014 with a degree in political science and from George Washington University's Graduate School of Political Management in 2017. Samantha was among The Hill's 50 Most Beautiful for 2016 and was named a 2017 Trailblazer in Politics by the Virginia Leadership Institute.

Lee Howley '07

Director of Information Technology at Howley Bread Group, Ltd.



Lee received his B.S. in Management Information Systems from the Rochester Institute of Technology with a Minor in Entrepreneurship. In 2011, Lee worked for Edifice Information Management, a boutique reporting firm that specialized in sales and logistics reports for sports and apparel companies. He developed in-house reporting

that streamlined the company's sales pipeline and forecasting. In 2014, Lee joined Doherty Enterprises where he converted the half-billion-dollar company's HRIS system and assisted in the day-to-day technology operations of over 200 restaurants. Lee now works as the Director of Information Technology on behalf of three Panera Bread franchises in 60 locations across the eastern half of the United States.

Karen Kim '95

Assistant Professor of Cardiac Surgery, University of Michigan



Karen graduated from Harvard University and attended medical school at Tufts University. She completed her fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery at the University of Pennsylvania followed by a specialty fellowship in aortic and endovascular surgery. She joined the faculty of the University of Michigan Department of Cardiac Surgery as an Assistant Professor of

Cardiac Surgery in the fall of 2015. She is also working on a

master's degree in Clinical Research Design and Statistical Analysis through the School of Public Health to augment her interest in health outcomes research.

Samantha Potoczak '12

Junior Account Executive at Kovert Creative



After graduation, Sam attended Lafayette College where she pursued her degree in both International Affairs and Film and Media Studies. During her college career Sam secured internships at Zeke Zelker Film Studios, PMK*BNC Public Relations and Major League Soccer. After graduation, Sam was accepted into the Content Associate

Program at the ESPN headquarters in Bristol, CT. After a year of working as a production assistant for SportsCenter and ESPN FC, Sam returned to the field of public relations and now works at a boutique bi-coastal PR and Communications agency in New York City called Kovert Creative. Sam develops PR and marketing strategies for key accounts including Cadillac, Howler Media and Disney. She also assists with event production and on-site logistics for the Grammy Awards, NY and LA Auto Shows and New York Fashion Week.

Callie Sullivan '13

Song Writer

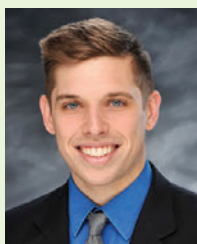


Callie graduated from Lake Ridge Academy as the first Musical Theatre graduate of the School of Fine Arts program. She then went on to study Songwriting at both Belmont University and Berklee College of Music. She has performed with artists such as Pat Benatar, STYX, Jefferson Starship, and recently John Mayer. Since receiving her

Bachelor of Music degree in May of 2017, she is pursuing a career as a full time songwriter in Nashville, TN.

Mark Vandevender '07

Chemist, Product Salesman, and Instrument Analyst



Mark became interested in the sciences at Lake Ridge Academy and pursued his passion for Chemistry and Forensic Science at Defiance College. After graduating with a B.S. in Forensic Science and Chemistry with a minor in Biology in 2011, he began his career as a Lab Tech at chemical companies and at the EPA. He worked as a Forensic Scientist at

the Ohio State Highway Patrol performing analytical testing on illicit substances and has been called as an expert witness in the court systems. Currently he is a Chemist, Product Salesman, and Instrument Analyst for Columbia Chemical in Cleveland.

Are you or your company looking for an intern? Do you have a job opening? Or, could you host a student or young alumnus for a shadow day?

The Alumni Relations Office matches students and alumni in job shadowing, internship or summer job opportunities. Lake Ridge Academy alumni, current parents, and friends are welcomed and encouraged to participate as hosts in the program.

If you have interest, please contact Leannie McAllister in the Alumni Relations Office at 440.387.5381 or alumni@lakeridgeacademy.org.

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