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We are delighted to report to the Midland School community on the 2015-2016 academic year and the many contributions made to the school. In the pages that follow, we make special note and salute those of you whose gifts to the Annual Fund made it possible for us to offer the unique Midland experience to a strong and diverse student body.

This year at Midland was one full of gratitude and celebration. As a community, we held many thanksgivings throughout the year, not just in November. We bid a fond farewell to Will and Marguerite Graham, who retired after ten years of leading the school, and we celebrated their many contributions at events during Alumni/ae, Parents and Friends Weekend and in May at a gathering at the Wildling Museum in Solvang. At both events, alumni/ae and other members of the Midland community, as well as educational leaders including Mike Mulligan, Head of School at Thacher School (who has known Will since college) and Mike Beck, Head of School at Dunn School, recognized Will's transformative leadership and commitment to the Midland vision. Lise Goddard, Dean of Studies, published and presented a book, "The Enduring Educational Model of Midland School" dedicated in part to Will and Marguerite, which ably sets forth the ideals and ideas behind the distinctive Midland educational model and why it remains a relevant and authentic educational model in the modern age.

Among the many wonderful student projects completed this year on campus, Midland's 10<sup>th</sup> grade class installed 3-kW grid-tied solar arrays in the girls' yard as part of the science curriculum, and students also added ground swales to better manage soil infiltration and groundwater recharge and to support landscaping, flood control, and the wildlife drinking water supply. We welcomed a series of impressive speakers to campus. Jane Woodward, CEO and Vice President of Energy Education at MAP and a Consulting Professor at Stanford University, and Karl Knapp, also a Consulting Professor at Stanford University, both spoke to the Midland community about the present and future of renewable energy in California, the United States, and the world. Dr. Louis Reichardt, '60, distinguished neuroscientist at UCSF and renowned mountaineer attended the Senior Awards Banquet and presented the Kunasz award, named in honor of his classmate Paul Kunasz '60.

Lastly, we continue to give thanks for the hard work that culminated in Midland's first campus plan in 2013, which seeks to maintain the integrity of the campus and to ensure that the physical plant continues to serve Midland's mission and its students. The plan, led by Ed Carpenter '64, (visit: <http://bit.do/midlandcampusplan>) has been warmly supported by many members in the Midland community. Midland has been fortunate to already have received significant capital gifts and pledges which will be used to support the campus plan and to secure Midland's future, including the largest single gift in Midland's history from former Board Chair Mason Willrich '50, and significant leadership gifts from the extended Schuyler/Kellogg families and from Warner Henry '55. We will be celebrating those commitments and sharing more news about the campus improvements those gifts will make possible in coming months.

The present is bright for Midland, and the future will be as well, with your help and participation. As Midland counts its blessings, at the top of the list remains the strength and connectivity of the larger Midland community. On behalf of Midland School, we thank each of you for your support.

Lorri Hamilton Durbin '85  
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 Nora Livingston '07  
 Renata Lozito '13  
 Fanrui Sha '15  
 Tenaya Storm '14  
 Colin Weaver '09

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 Please contact us at: [advancement@midland-school.org](mailto:advancement@midland-school.org).*

# DYNAMIC DUO

MARGUERITE AND WILL COMBINED

# UNDENIABLE

TEN YEARS OF HAIKU  
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TO BE STRONG YOUNG OAKS

PAUL SQUIBB IS HAPPY  
YOU NURTURED HIS LEGACY  
AND CRAFTED YOUR OWN

WILL AND MARGUERITE  
A MIDLAND EXPERIENCE  
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GRAHAM SEEDLINGS THRIVE  
THROUGHOUT MIDLAND'S WILD GREEN HILLS  
TILL THE END OF TIME

MIGHTY OAK GAVE ALL  
TEN HARD YEARS, STRONG LIMBS HELD HIGH  
LEFT BEHIND ALL HIS HAIR

OAK LEAVES GREW AND DROPPED  
KIDS ARRIVED, YOUNG ADULTS LEFT  
YOU WERE THERE – THANK YOU

Haikus by Midland School Board of Trustees



## WILL & MARGUERITE GRAHAM

# A FOND FAREWELL

"Will's strength of leading from his core principles has enabled Midland to, for a decade, offer students and their families a thriving close-knit community of mutually-supportive, thoughtful students. Will draws from the world beyond the ranch to enhance community, learning, and fulfill the potential of its students, while leaving behind the many distractions, short-lived trends, and destructive practices of 21<sup>st</sup> century life."

—Tom Mone '72, Trustee

"Will and Marguerite: together, you've been CEO and mom and dad to our children for the past ten years and for that we will always be in your debt. You will always be in our hearts."

—Jim Dreyfuss '81, Parent and Trustee

## MIDLAND WILL MISS YOU



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# MIDLAND VISIONARIES

## IN THE ART DEPARTMENT

2015-2016 brought Midland's visual arts to new heights, and its classroom is currently expanding to a larger footprint to meet the needs of this vibrant department.

Midland's art program draws materials and inspiration from the natural world and embodies the idea that the essential ingredients of learning are a student and teacher working together to cultivate a sense of aesthetic and personal expression.

In its Foundations of Visual Art course, Midland introduces students to a variety of art techniques and builds confidence in their abilities to express themselves visually. Students learn the basic art elements, principles of design, and technical skills. Studio assignments are supplemented with readings, art history, and images of artwork by a variety of artists from many cultures. Students may take electives in painting, ceramics, metalwork, or drawing. Midland's faculty of professional artists teach students and encourage their talent and experimentation to cultivate talent and creativity.



TOP: Graceson '16 exhibits a metalwork creation at the Wildling Museum. While at Midland, Graceson began a blog and website: ([gracesonaufderheide.com](http://gracesonaufderheide.com)) to promote his goldsmith work and photography

MIDDLE: Midland Art Faculty Faith Nygren, Johnny Ninos and Ashleigh Rosa

BOTTOM: Art students showing their mixed media work in their spring 2016 Flora and Fauna exhibition and reception at Solvang's Wildling Museum



Jane Tobin, Julia Moore '17 and Dave Moore cheer for Midland past and present, during the Thanksgiving soccer match



Tim D'Attila '85, Aimee D'Attila and David D'Attila '18, celebrate Thanksgiving at Midland

# EVENTS

MIDLAND WELCOMED RECORD NUMBERS OF GUESTS ON CAMPUS TO THANKSGIVING AND FOR PARENTS, FRIENDS & ALUMNI/AE WEEKEND



The Lebow Family congratulates Sophie '16 during the Senior Awards Banquet



Dave Taylor '51 and classmates at a Midland reception in Santa Monica



José Juan Ibarra '87 celebrates with Deyanira Ibarra '16 after graduation



Bryce '04, Dan '68, and Ross Kellogg '09 on Kimpton Field after the Thanksgiving soccer match



# REUNIONS

Midland welcomed the return of many alumni/ae from the 80s at an April Mega Reunion during Alumni/ae weekend, where classmate and Alumna Jenny Stine '82 was honored with the John Dreyfuss '52 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

It was a fabulous three-day celebration filled with many rekindled connections, shared memories, and increased awareness of Midland's place in the educational landscape in 2016.

The Midland Alumni/ae Association is your link to Midland School. In collaboration with the Advancement team, the Midland Alumni/ae Association works hard to ensure that Midland remains relevant and meaningful for you throughout your life, by providing reunion support, and regional social and networking opportunities. The Midland Alumni/ae Association is a dedicated group that shares a commitment to keeping Midland a strong and vibrant community, today and tomorrow.



## CLASS OF 1966

Ten members of the Class of 1966 gathered at Midland in June to commemorate the 50th anniversary of their graduation  
 L to R (back row): Harold Clumeck, Peter Woodworth, John Gaddis & Rich Hartzell  
 L to R (front row): John Martin, Peter Currer, Jim Poett, Karl Vogel, Ray Twiss, Kris Whitten

# 1980s MEGA REUNION



**The Midland Alumni/ae Association exists for you.  
We invite you to participate, contribute and have fun.**

- Make sure Midland has your most up-to-date contact information by going to the Midland website 'alumni' form, and/or emailing [alumni@midland-school.org](mailto:alumni@midland-school.org)
- Participate in Midland reunions, Alumni/ae, Parents and Friends weekend in April, or just stop by the school.
- Volunteer! Serve as a Class Representative and help network your class through individual outreach and social media. For more information contact [alumni@midland-school.org](mailto:alumni@midland-school.org)
- Give generously! Gifts to the Midland Annual Fund are used throughout the school year, so giving early helps to sustain the school. To make a gift, please visit our website [www.midland-school.org](http://www.midland-school.org) and click on 'Donate Now' or email: [donations@midland-school.org](mailto:donations@midland-school.org).
- Wear your Midland green and be an ambassador for the school!  
Visit Midland's online store at <https://squareup.com/store/midland-school> to stock up on your Midland gear!

L to R (top row): Ben Ventura '96, Lisa Lynch '96, Shelagh Baird '96, Anthony Broadman '96, Abby Tibbs '96, Michelle (Bissig) Blackburn '96, Jennifer (Ray) Price '96, Nell Warren '96, J. Sassaman '96, Tom Oretsky '95

L to R (row 2): Kevin Witherell '97, Rasta Sherman '94, Holly Otto '97, Jesse Monsour '95, Sherman Herrick '62 (former faculty), Gabe Zucker '96, Ben Claydon '96, Erin Mazzocco '96

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L to R (bottom row): Joanne Kresse, BJ Kresse '68 (faculty), Jenny (Petersen) Isaacson '97, John Isaacson ('94, faculty)



Members of the Class of 1996 and surrounding classes gathered on campus and reunited with current and former faculty for their 20 year reunion in June

# CALENDAR

## 2016-2017

### 2016

<b>September 6</b>	All Seniors Arrive
<b>September 7</b>	Senior Meetings/Work Days
<b>September 9</b>	New Students Arrive
<b>September 11</b>	Returning Students Arrive
<b>September 12</b>	First Day of Classes
<b>October 8-9</b>	Round-up for Parents
<b>October 22-30</b>	Fall Break
<b>November 4-5</b>	Fall Board Meeting
<b>November 24</b>	Thanksgiving at Midland
<b>December 17</b>	Holiday Break Begins

### 2017

<b>January 8</b>	Holiday Break Ends
<b>January 16</b>	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
<b>February 3-4</b>	Winter Board Meeting
<b>February 18-26</b>	Winter Break
<b>April 2-7</b>	Experiential Week
<b>April 8-16</b>	Spring Break
<b>April 29</b>	Alumni, Alumnae, Parents and Friends Weekend
<b>May 12-13</b>	Spring Board Meeting
<b>June 2</b>	Senior Dinner & Awards Banquet
<b>June 3</b>	Graduation

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT [OFFICE@MIDLAND-SCHOOL.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@MIDLAND-SCHOOL.ORG)  
OR CALL: 805.688.5114

# GIVING BACK

## ALLAN WENTWORTH '62

"My wife Heather and I made a planned gift to ensure the Midland mission will carry on after our lifetimes. We want to ensure the school that impacted our lives profoundly continues to be here for our own grandchildren and future generations of students unknown to us.

The impact of your future gift will be transformative for this small school, and will ensure Midland's unique academic program and educational model remains and its founding values endure in our rapidly changing world.

My brother and I have both made legacy gifts to Midland. Our parents would be proud we are continuing to help the school."

—Allan Wentworth '62



TOP: Allan Wentworth '62 as a senior at Midland  
BOTTOM: Allan Wentworth '62 at Midland graduation exercises in 2016



You can ensure a vibrant future for Midland School. Individuals who provide for the school in their estate plans, either through a bequest, life income gift, life insurance policy, or other plan, are invited to join our Mighty Oaks Club. If you have already made a planned gift for Midland, please inform the school so that we may recognize your generous legacy gift.

Thoughtful estate planning is an important way for you to plan for the future — both for your family and for the organizations and institutions which have been important to you.

The Mighty Oaks Club recognizes these alumni/ae and friends whose planned gifts, when realized, will help to secure the future of Midland's timeless curriculum and values. These legacy gifts support diversity, accessibility, faculty and staff professional development and more.

## MIGHTY OAKS CLUB MEMBERS

Ian Anderson '94 and Rebecca Anderson 🌱  
Anonymous 🌱  
Nicholas Brownrigg '50  
and Valerie Brownrigg  
Ed Carpenter '64 and Lauren Sheehan 🌱  
Peyton Carr '62  
James Cooley '49  
Jonathan Cosby '63 and Kathi Gwynn  
Harry Cross '62  
Howard Cusic ★  
Oliver Dibble III '45 ★  
Greg Donovan and Amy Derryberry  
Jim Dodds '53 and Polly Dodds  
Jim Dreyfuss '81 and Beth Dreyfuss 🌱  
Katharine Rich Dreyfuss  
Sheafe Ewing '50 🌱  
Ronald Filbert '61 and Bernice Filbert  
Trip Friendly '74  
and Ana Zeledon Friendly  
Frederick Frye '52 and Joy Frye

Milton Frye '62 and Carolyn Frye  
Frank Frye '56  
Lise and Jeff Goddard 🌱  
Marguerite Graham 🌱  
Brack Hale '50  
Karen Harwell  
Mike Hermes '57 ★  
Dennis Holding '56  
Walter Hotchkiss '44 ★  
and Diana Hotchkiss  
Nickels Huston '72  
Dan Kellogg '69 and Lynn Kellogg 🌱  
Ethan Leavy Kernkraut '04  
and Matt Kernkraut  
Chela and Paul Kunasz '60 ★  
Peter and Maria Labahn  
Thomas and Catherine Lincoln  
Ned Little '55 ★  
Eric L. Malnic '64 ★  
Garry and Janamarie McAllister

Knox Mellon '45 and Carlotta Mellon  
David Mellon '49  
Elise Marvin Mudd ★  
R.J. Mueller '52  
and Marylynne Mueller  
Benjamin Nyce '50  
Scott Rayburn '72  
Steven Robinson '70 ★ 🌱  
Allen and Diana Russell  
Arent "Barry" Schuyler '41 ★  
Peter Schuyler and Lisa Stratton 🌱  
Robert E. Shafer '54 ★  
Charles H. Soley '63 ★  
David Vaughan ★  
Allan Wentworth '62  
and Heather Wentworth  
Frank Wentworth '62  
Katherine Whitten ★

★ deceased  
🌱 new member 2015-2016

For questions on how to make a planned gift, and to better understand tax advantages of making a deferred gift please contact Midland's wonderful and skilled volunteer advisor, Suzi Shomer, Vice President and Business Development Officer at Montecito Bank and Trust. Suzi can be reached by email at [sshomer@montecito.com](mailto:sshomer@montecito.com) or by phone at 805.560.3413.

# FOUNDATION PARTNERS SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



## SANTA BARBARA FOUNDATION LEAF\* GRANT AWARDED TO EXPAND MIDLAND'S FARM AND GARDEN HEDGEROWS

\*(LANDSCAPES, ECOSYSTEMS, AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS)

Midland School is honored to have received a Santa Barbara Foundation LEAF grant for the expansion of its native plant hedgerow to attract native insects, wildlife, and pollinators to benefit crop production in our 10-acre organic garden. The grant was made to make the Midland hedgerow accessible for educational and farming purposes, and to serve as a demonstration garden for our extended community as well as for our students and extended school network. The project has been a great success in its early stage, with the budding and blossoming plant life and the addition of many bees, moths, butterflies, wasps and ladybugs in our newly planted hedgerow and surrounding farm and garden.

This grant allowed Midland School to expand our hedgerow by 6,284 square feet. In addition to bringing pollinators and beneficial insects, the hedgerows also promote an avian habitat. The Santa Barbara County Agricultural Commissioners' office staff entomologist and plant pathologist have made site visits to the Midland Farm and Garden and have provided input on the Midland hedgerows. The new Midland hedgerow is comprised of direct seeding, and plant material ranging in size from plugs, 1 and 5 gallon plants in containers, and several trees. Most of the new plants were purchased from a commercial nursery while some were sourced from the Midland nursery and/or the existing Midland hedgerow and the wider Midland School 2,860-acre property.

We are proud of our new affiliation with the Santa Barbara Foundation's LEAF initiative to preserve and enhance the landscapes and systems that sustain nature, human health and our economy, and are most grateful for their investment.



## EDWARD E. FORD FOUNDATION GRANT AWARDED FOR STUDENT-INSTALLED SOLAR

Midland is pleased to have received a renewed three-year grant award from the Edward E. Ford Foundation.

Midland students and faculty take annual and cumulatively consequential steps towards meeting the school's electricity needs, while putting the lessons directly into science classes. In our student-installed solar program, Midland's 10<sup>th</sup> grade classes install 3-kW grid-tied solar arrays each year during Experiential Week in the spring. Over the past decade this student powered installation has allowed Midland to meet 30% of our electricity use and 100% of our well pump electricity needs that will allow uninterrupted water pumping even when the utility grid shuts down. As a result, our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students learn first-hand about small-scale energy solutions around the world.

This innovative program has a history of support from the Edward E. Ford (E.E. Ford) Foundation. The first E.E. Ford Foundation grant enabled building our campus' energy infrastructure through our student-installed solar program with a challenge grant during the 2012-2015 academic years, contingent on Midland raising matching gifts. Midland has become a leader in this type of curriculum development; our program is currently being replicated by other regional independent schools.

Midland reapplied for continued program funding in 2015 and learned in November that the E.E. Ford Foundation trustees approved another \$50,000 three-year grant to continue this student-installed solar program and expand the program to the important area of water management for our campus. Midland has begun to work with restoration ecologists and horticulturalists to better manage rainwater through soil infiltration and groundwater recharge, swales and landscaping, flood control, and wildlife drinking water supply. In addition to our need to grow our renewable energy and on the heels of an intense drought, it's clear that California and the West need more comprehensive and failsafe plans for water management. This is precisely the type of challenge that Midland has always found and risen to – addressing a timely issue of resource management alongside our students, making the lessons real. With this funding, working alongside professionals, Midland faculty and students will help take Midland to the next level of self-reliance in our facilities for long-term energy and water security.

This new \$50,000 grant was awarded this summer, after Midland successfully raised \$50,000 in matching funds in the winter and spring.

## SPECIAL THANKS TO THE E.E. FORD FOUNDATION AND THE MATCHING GRANT DONORS:

Doris Adams  
Lawrence Butler  
Ed Carpenter '64  
Peter Coonradt '64  
Jim Dreyfuss '81

Katharine Dreyfuss  
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Milton Frye '62  
Bob Gillespie '57  
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Brian Marshall '80

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Karl Tunberg '78  
Ken Vadnais  
Dow Wieman '64

# HONORS & TRIBUTES

## THE ENDURING EDUCATIONAL MODEL OF MIDLAND SCHOOL

This year, Midland's Director of Studies, Lise Schickel Goddard, published a book to honor the service of Head of School Will Graham upon his retirement after a decade at Midland. She says, "It's about the good work of ALL of us in this era. All of us who were made better by Will Graham and by the ways that Midland calls us towards authentic leadership."

The book describes the ideals captured in the school's founding and articulates Midland's evolution into a relevant, authentic, and important school in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Midland School has been well-tended by a deeply committed faculty, board, and a distinguished group of long-term, mission-aligned Heads of School: Paul Squibb, 1932-1952; Ben Rich, 1952-1969; Carl Munger, 1969-1979; Eric Swain, '63, 1979-1990; Dan Kunkle, 1990-2000; Kevin Michael, 2000-2001; David Lourie, 2001-2006; and Will Graham, 2006-2016. To order a copy of the book please email: [alumni@midland-school.org](mailto:alumni@midland-school.org) for details.



The book was unveiled as a surprise to Will Graham and was gifted to attendees of a reception in his honor during Alumni, Parents, and Friends weekend.

From a mission of working as a community to meet basic needs intentionally for decades and from spartan beginnings, Midland is a unique and important school with an authentic environmental ethic. Living what it means to distinguish needs from wants and striving for simplicity in our equipment, surroundings, and facilities puts us in an interesting position. On one hand, Midland is on a leadership edge as an academic institution, defining a unique educational model in a landscape that needs this school's particular experiences and values. On the other hand, although Midland is positioned in a spectacular and ecologically important natural setting, its lean facilities tend to raise a number of questions about appearances for those who cross the bridge for the first time. These tensions require us to reflect and ask: What is Midland's role in the educational landscape of American independent schools?

—Chapter Six: *"Right Where We Want To Be."*

## MIDLAND FROM STRONG ROOTS GROWS A MIGHTY OAK



Author Lise Goddard



Dr. Louis Reichardt '60 presents the Paul Kunasz '60 Perseverance Award to Graceson Aufderheide '16 at the Senior Awards Banquet

## PAUL KUNASZ '60 PERSEVERENCE AWARD

On May 27 at the Senior Awards Banquet and Ceremony, Midland was pleased to welcome alumnus Dr. Louis (Lou) Reichardt, '60, to Midland to remember his classmate and roommate Paul Kunasz '60 and dedicate the Perserverence Award in his honor. Paul's brother Peter Kunasz and wife Diana, and Paul's widow Chela Kunasz were present at the event, and worked together to plan this special visit to Midland.

Head of School, Will Graham, introduced Lou, who is director of the Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI) in New York. He is also the former Jack D. and DeLoris Lange endowed chair in cell physiology at UC San Francisco. Lou is a Fulbright scholar with an undergraduate degree from Harvard University and a Ph.D. from Stanford University and was a research fellow at Harvard Medical School and an investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Lou is also a noted mountaineer who climbed both Mount Everest and K2 by new routes 30 years ago. He is an honorary member of the Appalachian Mountain Club and American Alpine Club and is past president of the latter. For the past 30 years he has been on the board of the American Himalayan Foundation, which promotes educational and economic opportunity, cultural preservation and environmental restoration in Nepal, Tibet and Tibetan communities in India.

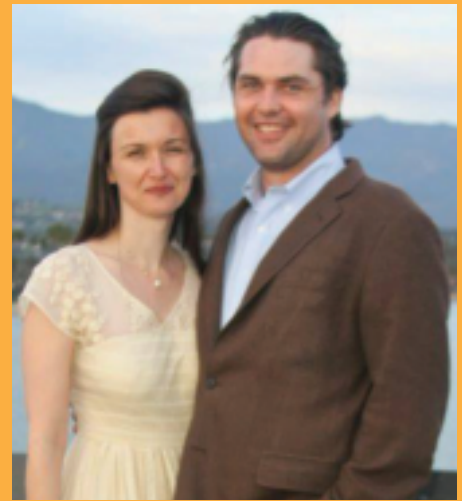
Lou spoke with appreciation for the lifelong friendship with Paul that developed at Midland and continued for decades, and presented the award to Graceson Aufderheide '16, as this year's recipient. The Perseverance Award recognizes a student who is passionate about what he or she loves to do, needs to do, and wants to do; and a person who does not give up and inspires others by demonstrating self-discipline, inner strength, commitment, and a positive attitude while remaining focused on a worthy goal and the completion of a task.

# WELCOMES

## CÁITRÍN MCKIERNAN '98

Midland Board of Trustees welcomes Cáitrínn McKiernan '98. As a student at Midland, Cáitrínn served as a school prefect and captain of the cross-country, soccer and lacrosse teams. As a trustee, she brings many talents to our Board, including fluency in Mandarin and keen understanding of Chinese culture and society.

Cáitrínn was a Fulbright Fellow to China and a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar to Taiwan. She holds a B.A., with Honors in Chinese History from Stanford, and a J.D., with a Certificate of Specialization in International Law from UC Berkeley School of Law. After law school, she practiced for almost three years in the New York and Hong Kong offices of an international law firm, where she received the Senior Partner's Volunteering Award for the US for her pro bono work. She then clerked for a federal judge in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.



Cáitrínn is a newlywed, pictured here with her husband Andrew

# APPRECIATES

## JONATHAN ANDREWS '64

Midland thanks Vice Chair Jonathan Andrews for his two decades of service to the school. Jonathan was a past Midland Alumni/ae Association President, and served for many years as the Vice Chair of the Board. Jonathan and his wife Laureen are parents of two Midland graduates, Amy Darnielle '93 and Zachary Andrews '02. Jonathan served as Chief Deputy Attorney General of Nevada and is now a mediator in the Nevada Supreme Court. Midland thanks Jonathan for his exemplary service to the school and in appreciation awarded him a Midland medal at his final meeting in May. Midland sincerely appreciates Jonathan's sage advice and leadership, shared with the Board over the past two decades. We reflect on Jonathan's top ten rules for a good life, originally shared in his speech at the graduation exercises of the Class of 2002.

**Rule One: Things change**

Planets turn, galaxies explode, people die, dirty socks get moldy if you leave them in the bottom of the closet too long. Savor the moment, because nothing is forever. Don't put things off too long, because opportunity moves on.

**Rule Two: Never ruin a good story by sticking to the truth**  
—Mark Twain or M.F.K. Fisher

This doesn't mean you should lie or mislead people, but a little embellishment can occasionally make life more interesting.

**Rule Three: Things are not what they seem.**

No one sees the world quite the way you do, no matter how well they know you or how much they care about you. Don't depend on other people's opinions for your view of what is real or right. Trust your instincts; be yourself. If you try to be what others want you to be, you will probably disappoint them, and you will surely disappoint yourself.

**Rule Four: Beware of enterprises that require new clothes** —Henry David Thoreau  
Whenever you buy new suit or dress or a really expensive pair of shoes, make sure you understand why you're doing it. It doesn't mean you shouldn't do it, just be clear about why you're doing it.

**Rule Five: The journey is more important than the destination**

Whatever you are working towards, the experience and information you pick up along the way is what makes a difference in your life. Getting where you are going isn't nearly as important as how you got there. [Hiking] Grass Mountain would be a very different experience if there was a tram to the top.

**Rule Six: Neither a borrower, nor a lender be** —Polonius

Give without expecting anything in return; accept only if there are no strings attached.

**Rule Seven: The Oyster Fork Goes on the Right** —Emily Post

This is the rule that says you have to know what the rules are before you can break them. Most rules have a reason behind them, so you need to understand a rule in order to make an informed decision to ignore it. It's okay to be a rebel, but you need to have an understanding of what it is you're rebelling against.

**Rule Eight: Whatever you do may be insignificant, but it is very important that you do it** —Mahatma Gandhi

Don't avoid doing the right thing, just because you think it won't make any difference. Speak out against injustice. Stand up to ignorance and prejudice. Throw your popcorn container in the trashcan after the movie, even if everyone else leaves theirs under the seat. You have to apply common sense to this rule. If you're confronting a redneck bigot, it's probably better to do it midday in front of city hall, then at 2 AM in a cowboy bar.

**Rule Nine: Never fight a land war in Asia**

This is ancient advice, but it's still good. If you get overextended, your supply lines will break down. The variation of this rule is: learn from mistakes of others.

**Rule Ten: Always use more garlic than the recipe calls for**

This means exactly what it says; recipes never call for enough garlic. It also means: extra effort never hurts; don't be boring; and just because you never heard of it before, it doesn't mean you won't like it.



# HEROES DEDICATED TO THE CAMPUS PLAN

## JIM QUICK '68

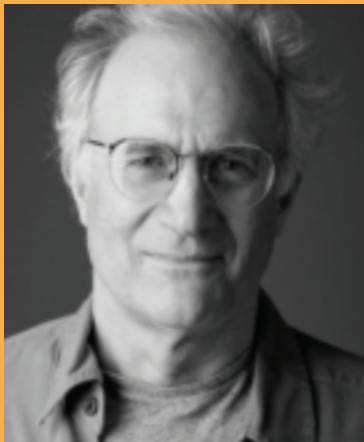
Jim Quick '68 returned to the Santa Ynez Valley in 1983 and to Midland with his family in 1984. He and his wife Elizabeth raised their young daughters on campus while she served as school nurse until 1991, at which time they moved to Santa Ynez. He incorporated his construction company, Coastal Builders, Inc., in 1992. Jim has maintained a relationship with Midland as its primary builder over the past decades as well as a volunteer Hero instructor, working with students to restore, repair and reconstruct existing buildings and benches.

Jim can often be found at Midland during Sunday work periods, where he mentors students in the art of woodworking and construction. He will have even more of a presence on campus in future years as he will serve as a consultant/coordinator of new Campus Plan improvements.



Midland's Senior Class of 2016 restored a fire pit adjacent to the Willrich Wing of the Library, and a beautifully constructed permanent table and benches as their class gift. Jim helped with the materials and design, and students built the outdoor area in their free periods at the end of the year. This Summer, he and his crew are doing improvements on the Ireland (Headmaster's) House, and several other repair and remodel projects.

Special thanks to Jim Quick '68 for his volunteerism, dedication to Midland's mission and for teaching students appreciation for working with their hands to improve the campus. Jim was the recipient of Midland's John Dreyfuss '52 Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2012.



## ED CARPENTER '64

Ed Carpenter is a Trustee, and is the Chair and fearless leader of Midland's Campus Plan. Ed and his wife Lauren Sheehan are parents of Luke Carpenter '12. When he's not busy volunteering for Midland, Ed works professionally as an artist specializing in large-scale public installations ranging from architectural sculpture to infrastructure design. Since 1973 he has completed scores of projects for public, corporate, and ecclesiastical clients. Working internationally from his studio in Portland, Oregon, USA, Carpenter collaborates with a variety of expert consultants, sub-contractors, and studio assistants. As part of its strategic planning, Midland's Board of Trustees formed a campus planning committee in 2012, and charged the group with creating a long range plan that surveys existing conditions, establishes priorities and proposes guidelines for the upkeep and further development of Midland's campus. Trustees contracted with a planning firm and personally underwrote the expenses to undertake the first comprehensive campus planning process

in its more than 80-year history. The Campus Plan offers a general framework against which to make good decisions in the future. It will take decades to address the issues raised in the plan, and no doubt many of them will be redefined along the way. Virtually all of the ideas in the plan came from the Midland community itself, including faculty, staff, students, trustees, and alumni/ae, in a year long series of workshops and interviews on campus. Today, the Board of Trustees is in the early stages of efforts to realize elements of the Plan with Ed's guidance and passion. Midland is grateful for Ed's vision and leadership through our planning process.

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"I believe the student who has learned not to take the material blessings of life for granted will live a more vivid and interesting life and will be the better citizen."

—Paul Squibb

PAUL SQUIBB, MIDLAND'S FOUNDER  
AND HEAD OF SCHOOL  
FROM 1932-1952

