



Midland School: A Generative Educational Model

Head of School Will Graham's remarks at graduation, Saturday, May 31, 2014

As bats flew over his head, Omavi Quadir, '14, held court when presenting his last chapel of the year. With arms flailing, legs kicking, and words firing in all directions, Omavi told us that he can't often hold on to all of his experience, and he regularly forgets most of the events that happen in his daily life. However, Omavi then went on to recall a few memories and the epic adventures from his time spent in the Upper Yard. He urged all of us to appreciate the Midland moments we can recall, and he suggested that those special times may be all that we have left when it is time to say goodbye.

As I listened, I wondered if he remembered wrestling with David Salehpour, '14, on the Mungers' floor while dressed in his coat and tie, or when he jumped into the conga line with other Munger-ites? I wonder if he and David remember the time they marched into my office as ninth graders, neither as tall as they are today. Stammering mad and full of righteous indignation, they sat down; their feet dangled, barely touching

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Phil Hasseljain's geometry class finished the year with a hands-on project—building a geodesic dome. Some of those who lent their hands and their learning include, from left to right: Nef Arbuckle, '17, Lona Dreyfuss, '17, Jaime Schuyler, '17, Jazzy Kelleher, '17, Angie Murillo, '17, Bernt Engebretson, '17, Ben Miller, '16, Tate Ewing, '17, Duncan McCarthy, '17, Roan Furmanski, '17, and Jack Pan, '17.

Midland Seniors Get Chromebooks; Technology Policy Beginning To Open

The following is an edited version of an assignment written by Omavi Quadir in early April when he was in the midst of working on his senior thesis.

The Thomas family, in memory of their son, Sumner, '07, donated sixteen Chromebooks to Midland School—enough for each senior to use during the research-intensive, second-semester thesis class and two for the library. Michelle Bone, Midland's librarian, utilized these computers in an attempt to create a "paperless" senior thesis class. Through sharing documents with seniors on-line and making all of the comments on our papers electronically, she hopes to significantly reduce the amount of paper we use. The school selected Chromebooks over other laptops partly because they have no hard drives, which means they can't be infected by viruses; they are also much less expensive than other laptops.

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Yuan Wanhong, Parent of International Student, Sunny Pang, Delivers Graduation Speech

Every year at graduation, Midland chooses a parent of a senior to deliver the commencement speech. This year, Sunny Pang's mom, Yuan Wanhong, traveled with Sunny's dad from China to see her daughter graduate and to deliver the speech below. This is the first time in Midland's history that a parent of an international student spoke at graduation.

Hello everyone. Nice to see you again. I am Sunny's mother. I am here with my husband Pang Haihong. We come from China. We are here to join the graduation ceremony. We are so excited. I want to say: Congratulations to you all!

I visited Midland during Sunny's freshman year, and I arrived here a day before your graduation. Sunny introduced me to the entire school at the assembly before work period. I felt nervous but happy for Sunny because I could see this was a welcoming and dependable community. Everyone was clapping and smiling to me. I truly felt at ease. I decided to be on the horse crew with Sunny so that I was able to learn more about the most important thing in her life at Midland—horses. Personally, I am not interested in animals and even a little bit afraid of them. Therefore, when I came to visit her, I could not understand why she had fallen in love with these animals at Midland. Perhaps, you all have heard more or less about how the animals are treated in China. They are not treated like companions, as they are here. And horses in China are always bony and smelly to me. They mainly serve a purpose for agriculture in the countryside. Nevertheless, I was surprised at the fact that the dogs and horses are as friendly and healthy as the people here. It's quite a harmonious picture to have when nature, the animals, and humans are in one frame. I started to understand why Sunny loves this place so much. Midland gives me hope that someday I could see this harmony in China as well. Sunny and all the Chinese students will be the generation to create a utopia like Midland and promote the Midland spirit in China.

During that work period, Celeste assigned Sunny and me to clean the horse pasture. It was a hot day and I felt like the smell of the horse poop would suffocate me. Apparently, Sunny was really used to the weather and the smell, while I was worried about getting myself tanned. I felt like a little kid exploring and adapting to a new environment, which is to say, I was full of excitement and anxiety at the same time. I wish I could have

had the same opportunity to study abroad when I was young. I loved the idea of "needs not wants" and "self-reliance" when Sunny told me. Technology is such a distraction for all people, and especially teenagers. When I was teaching English in China, my students would play with their phones all the time and ignore what's in the present. I have a feeling that Sunny likes the idea of not being able to have a cellphone because it's hard for me to reach her and nag her all the time.

When I was here, Jill Brady and Gloria [Murillo] hosted me. They are like Sunny's family in America. It was a pleasure to finally meet them. Without them, Sunny wouldn't have known how to ride horses or have a place to stay over the school breaks. Midland has a small community, but it allows a closer interaction and a more intimate relationship to happen between the students and the faculty. Sunny always wanted to come back to school early from summer break because there were people here who she cared about and missed. However, I even got jealous every time, and intentionally pre-ordered the airplane tickets so that she would spend more time with us. I have learned to appreciate every minute that I am with my daughter. After all, we only see her once a year.

After I went back to China, Midland website and Sunny became my major connection to Midland. I would read news off the website and wait for Sunny's call to share her adventurous life. I could see her gradually changing under the influence of Midland. She has been sunnier and more confident ever since she came here. She always gives herself compliments like, "Why am I so awesome and smart?" Or if you say, "Good job, Sunny," she would respond, "I know, right?" Being at Midland gives her a positive attitude towards how to live her life in the present and makes her stronger mentally and physically. Midland's schedule helps her utilize her time more wisely. She tells me that she uses her free period and lunch break to get as much homework done as possible so that she will have time to ride her horse, help in

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Seniors Honor Midland in Graduation Speeches

The following student graduation speeches given by seniors have been edited slightly for a reading audience and for space constraints. Emma Dreyfuss, '15, also spoke to the seniors on behalf of the underclassmen.

ALEX BAUDE'S classmates asked him to represent their class as a graduation speaker. He will attend Pitzer College next fall.

Hello, and on behalf of the class of 2014, welcome.

At the end of the movie, *The Dictator*, Charlie Chaplin says, "We have developed speed, but we have shut ourselves in. Machinery that gives abundance has left us in want. Our knowledge has made us cynical. Our cleverness, hard and unkind. We think too much and feel too little. More than machinery, we need humanity. More than cleverness, we need kindness and gentleness. Without these qualities, life will be violent and all will be lost."

I first heard this speech late one night freshman year. Since then, I try to listen to it every month or so. Why? Although this speech was made over 74 years ago, I still feel its message apply today. And, after having spent the last several months on a thesis that basically talks about the day human beings become cyborgs, this quote resonates for me now stronger than ever.

Actually, through the research I did for my thesis, I found, alarmingly, that the world is accelerating. I found one study done by eMarketer, an independent market research company, which said the average American in 2013 spent 5:07 hours on digital devices a day, up from 4:31 hours 2012 and 3:50 in 2011. The trend shows that people are spending longer and longer amounts of time connected, which is scary, right? I mean, the last thing we want is for our future generations to be an army of zombies constantly looking at and checking their devices. Oh wait...that army is already here...and they're called teenagers. That study by eMarketer referenced only adults, ages 18 and over. I imagine if the study included minors, that number would be up significantly higher.

Now, being constantly connected isn't necessarily bad. I mean, sure, you'll receive notifications about all kinds of things happening out there, but what you lose is the sense of here and now. Midland taught me that, taught us that. Before arriving two years ago, I was a part of that five-hour-a-day group. After the first two months or so of rehabilitation, without a phone or television, without Wi-Fi, everything took on a new light. I can remember, on a number of occasions,

walking to Upper Yard on a sunny day from Stillman thinking, were I at home, hooked up on the computer, how I would miss out on the beauty of being outside... a treasure so many teenagers today seem to have forgotten.

To again quote Charlie Chaplin: "More than machinery, we need humanity." Were he still alive today, to bear witness to this amazing place, I feel as though he'd say this school does a superb job teaching the values needed in a world increasingly digital. So, thank you Midland for staying true to your values and educating us few lucky ones to remain steadfast and grounded in our roots so as to not get lost in a sea of data.



OMAVI QUADIR, Head Prefect of the Class of 2014, future student at The College of Wooster, delivered the following speech at graduation.

Welcome to the to graduation ceremony of the class of 2014. I'm glad you all could make it. I would like to congratulate all the seniors who are here today. I encourage all of you to remember this moment. This is the defining moment of our lives thus far. Today marks the end of one journey and the beginning of another. Our time at Midland has come to a close. We'll no longer have a schedule dictated by a rustic bell. Our time will be our own to an extent. No longer will we have to participate in required sports or Midland's job program. We're free. From this point forward, we need to carve our niches in the world and succeed. I think that Midland has prepared us for that and then some.

Midland has taught us how to deal with antics of others, given us a wonderful work ethic, and taught us how to value

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the little things. I've learned how to stifle my judgment of a person no matter how annoying he may appear to me. I can now get all of my homework done in a single 45-minute time period. I have also learned to appreciate doing the same thing day in and day out. I urge all of you not to forget what we've learned from Midland because it's helped us mature. Despite our strong desire to leave this place and move on with the rest of our lives, we will carry this place with us. Whether we enjoyed every minute of it or not, a place this unique can't leave your heart.

Regardless of how much Midland has taught us, it is now our time to fly the coop. We penguins have to spread our wings and fly. The other birds will give us some discerning looks, but we will out-soar them all. The seniors, me included, must now embark on our masterful journey into the unknown. We have nothing but the clothes on our backs and the determination in our minds to help us light the way. Wish us luck. We made it.

Yuan Wanhong

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the kitchen, and practice her instrument. During the summer break, she plans things on her own without parental control. She almost has no time to relax. My friends often complain, "Hi. We are waiting to visit Sunny. Or does Sunny have time to have dinner with us?" Of course, it is a joke. Nonetheless, Midland's busy schedule enables students to see how much they are able to accomplish in a day.

Four years have gone by so fast. As a parent, I want my child to have a safe and fun journey no matter where she goes. Midland prepares students to take on the challenges in their lives and overcome them. I am sure all Midland parents have seen their children progress and become more independent throughout the four years. They are our pride.

Last but not least, I would like to give our thanks to everyone in Midland. Thank you all very much for your help to Sunny. Thank you!



MADISON MAYHEW, Head Prefect of the Class of 2014 and future student at Wellesley College, delivered the following speech at graduation.



To put it into perspective, there are 3.2 million seniors graduating from about 37,000 high schools this year. That means there are approximately 37,000 valedictorians and 37,000 class presidents. Given all those numbers, our senior class is very accomplished to be admitted by some of the most selective schools in the country. Considering that more people have climbed Mount Everest than have graduated from Midland, our efforts and good decisions have put us into an elite group of graduates.

Midland is one of those good decisions. Our unique experiences and the lessons we have learned will set us apart from the rest of the pack in college. As we look back on our journey through high school, we remember our pride in completing work and in building trust between teachers and students. We remember the good times and moments with hiccups in between. However, without those mistakes, we wouldn't have learned right from wrong. Midland asks more of its students than any other school in the country. Midland has molded each and every one of us into independent individuals. Without Midland, we would not be the people we are today, anxiously waiting to be handed our long-awaited diplomas.

To all Midlanders, alumni, seniors, and current students, remember that you are some of the best and brightest in the world. You have been given a gift that is now your responsibility to nurture and grow. I know my senior class has the capacity and ability to succeed in whatever they put their minds to. This remarkable characteristic will propel you all forward in whatever it is you choose to do.

Congratulations to the class of 2014; I am honored to be part of this class and to call myself a Midland graduate.

2014 Awards

(Not all awards are given each year.

Any award not given this year is not listed)

Allan Wentworth, '62, presents the Class of 1962 Award for Outstanding Athletic Contribution to Girls' Athletics to Deyanira Ibarra, '16.



- **KENNETH A. BROWN AWARD**
for the student chosen by the faculty as an outstanding scholar
Akueze Nwakanma, '15
- **FACULTY MEDAL**
for achievement in Science and Mathematics
Fanrui Sha, '15
- **FACULTY MEDAL**
for achievement in History and English
Gabriella Rocco, '14
- **HAYMAN MEMORIAL LANGUAGE PRIZE**
Sunny Pang, '14
- **H.H. DAVIS BOOK PRIZE**
for highest scholarship in the 9th grade
Duncan McCarthy, '17
- **A.B. DUNN BOOK PRIZE**
for highest scholarship in the 10th grade
Graceson Aufderheide, '16
- **CARL E. MUNGER BOOK PRIZE**
for highest scholarship in the 11th grade
Fanrui Sha, '15
- **ERIC M. SWAIN BOOK PRIZE**
for highest scholarship in the 12th grade
Gabriella Rocco, '14
- **W.H.P. HAYMAN TROPHY**
for outstanding academic & athletic achievement
Sean Cummings, '15
- **BOB WHITTEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
awarded to a member of the junior class who has demonstrated a passion for history, superior sportsmanship, and an ongoing dedication to the Midland community
Miles Crawford, '15
- **E.W. LITTLE AWARD**
for outstanding athletic ability in boys' athletics
Isaac Hirata, '14
- **CLASS OF 1962 AWARD**
for outstanding athletic contribution to girls' athletics
Deyanira Ibarra, '16
- **CE MYERS BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY TROPHY**
David Salehpour, '14
- **COACH JILL REDL GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY TROPHY**
Sophie Baer, '14
- **GATES HORSEMANSHIP TROPHY**
Sunny Pang, '14, and India Salter, '14
- **SANFORD BALLOU AWARD**
for an outstanding camper
Ralph Best, '15
- **CLASS OF 1936 SPORTSMANSHIP CUP**
Alex Baude, '14
- **ROGER IRVING CITIZENSHIP AWARD**
Cruz Avendaño-Dreyfuss, '16
- **TED CHAMBERLIN TROPHY**
for Responsibility
Madison Mayhew, '14
- **BENEDICT RICH TROPHY**
for Outstanding Positive Leadership
Sunny Pang, '14
- **CLASS OF 1945 PERSEVERANCE TROPHY**
awarded by vote of the 12th grade to a member of the 11th grade
Root Wang, '15
- **RICH DREYFUSS BOOK PRIZE**
awarded to a member of the junior class for academic achievement and contributions to the general excellence of life at Midland
Fanrui Sha, '15
- **DAN KUNKLE AWARD**
for the student chosen by the faculty who displays the greatest sense of integrity, of compassion, and of ethical awareness
Gabriella Rocco, '14
- **PAUL SQUIBB SERVICE PRIZE**
awarded to the member of the 12th grade who has most consistently of her own accord used the materials at hand, by herself and by getting others to help her, to complete projects which have definitely benefited the school
Sunny Pang, '14

After 22 Years at Midland, Ian Cummings Gives His Final Chapel

On Awards Night, Will Graham presented Ian Cummings with a Midland Medal. He reminded the community that Paul Squibb created the award to recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond that which was asked of them in service to the school and that the Medal is awarded sparingly and with great cause. The following words, excerpted and adapted from Mr. Cummings' final chapel (which is too long to reprint in its entirety) remind us of why he will be so dearly missed. It picks up where he was showing the audience a photo of himself as a young man.

This was me near the end of my first year at Midland in 1988. Don't be fooled by the smile—if I was happy, it was only because I was leaving soon. I was really excited to come here, but by one evening in late October, I was lying on the floor of my house—the Art Guild—staring at the ceiling and thinking half-seriously about just throwing all my stuff in my car that night and leaving a note for someone to discover in the morning, by which time I'd be across the border or something. I called a friend back in Palo Alto who talked me down, and I made it through the year, but when this photo was taken, I thought I'd soon be done with Midland and with teaching. (For those of you who don't know, I've done two stints here: the first lasted a year, then I took a five-and-a-half-year break before returning with Lynda in January of 1994).

Anyway, one of the things that made that year difficult for me was that as a young man I had the same misgivings about being an authority figure that a lot of Midland seniors have, so I probably gave about ten laps all year, and five of those some student probably bullied me into taking back. Quite a few of the sophomores I taught that year recognized me as the boarding-school equivalent of a lame young wildebeest incapable of defending itself. They drew blood just about every day (all is forgiven, by the way), and I really didn't know what to do about it. The one thing I sure didn't do was show them that I was in charge. Okay, so here's the weird part: at the end of the year, I encountered one of those students right out here in Middle Yard shuffling along, head down, looking like her dog had just died or something, and she said to me in this miserably sad voice, "It's because of us that you're leaving isn't it?" Well, this was one of the greatest lessons in adolescent psychology I ever got: a student whom I thought had been trying to make my life unpleasant, to say the least, was just wracked with guilt that her behavior may have really affected me. As I thought about that moment later, I realized that my students were not in full control of themselves, and that I had let them down: determined to avoid being an authority figure, I hadn't loved them enough to protect them from their own demons.

All right, flash forward to 2000. Despite being unhappy that first time around at Midland, I came back, and within a few years I had a new advisee: a freshman girl named Gillian Kinnear, whom I could just tell was going to be a problem child. [Gillian graduated in 2004 and is a current faculty member.] And sure enough, early in the year, during a study hall in Stillman for all the freshmen, Gillian was in fine form, doing everything she could to draw attention to herself, including "accidentally" knocking over her bench. So I pulled her aside and told her I was giving her laps for her behavior. And I never had a problem with Gillian again. We had a great relationship. Her picture's still on our refrigerator, where she made sure to put it, and she never had to come shuffling up to me to apologize for giving me hell all year, because she never gave me hell: I didn't let her.

That kid who in 1988 so wanted to leave Midland and never look back was fortunate to get a chance to return and learn what the place had to teach him about love. You see, it's been my job to care for teenagers, and you can't really care for someone if you don't at some level love them, so I've learned to love teenagers, and believe me, that didn't come naturally. I've also learned something about *how* to love teenagers—and everybody else, I guess. I suppose that we all understand that love isn't always romantic. What's harder to grasp is that sometimes it isn't even "nice": I was tougher on freshman Gillian than I ever was on my students in 1988, but wasn't I also doing a better job of caring for her, of loving her, even? Don't get me wrong, at the moment I was disciplining her, I wasn't thinking that I loved Gillian; I was just thinking what a pain in my butt she was. The same goes for all of you: I don't love you all the time; sometimes I don't even like you. But a wise young woman named Phoebe Stokes, '12, stood right here two years ago and said, "You don't always have to like what you love," and she was right.

Phoebe learned that sooner than I did. Of course, she was lucky to be a Midlander at a younger age than I was. But I was lucky too: I got two chances to work in a place where it was my job to love people I didn't know I could love, and I'm grateful, so grateful, that Midland gave me twenty years to learn that I could.

An Alumna's Farewell to Ian Cummings

By Emma Duncan Went, '08

Your English 9 classroom was the first Midland thing I called my parents to talk about when I was a freshman in 2004. I wanted to tell them about your energy, your choice of *The Deluxe Transitive Vampire* as a primary textbook, the weird, dusty smell of Lowery House—I was psyched about all of it.

Over the next four years, you influenced me in a profound and indescribable way, as an artist, as a thinker, and as a person.

Ten years beyond that first classroom, in the way I interact with language and in all the theatre I make now, the things I learned in that room or in that amphitheater are what make me different than the people around me. What “needs not wants” turned out to mean for me was a love of sparseness, an indifference to spectacle, an easy laughter at the notion that more is more, rather than less. Artistically, I am interested in a good text, a good actor, and not a lot else. Turns out, this is a novel approach in the wider world, and when you strip away dependence on effects, it takes tremendous courage just to stand and

face a text. That is actually a lesson I learned at Midland, and I learned it because of you. Nowadays, I frantically evangelize to people, “It is a GIFT to have nothing, it leaves you only yourself to use. Try doing that.” When I was a graduating senior, I attempted to explain to you what exactly I felt I was losing. It was that culture of unpretentious rawness, and the way the tough, unflappable Midland spirit translated onto the stage (What do you mean “we need a set?” What do you mean “funding?”),

and you said, “Small potatoes. You’ll be on to bigger things soon.” I shook my head; I refused to downplay the importance of what those plays and classes had done for me. I knew all those hours on that concrete stage had mattered tremendously. I look back today, six years from

Midland and two years out of college, and I may conclusively report to you: artistic courage ain’t nothing. In a larger school, in a larger program, with a different teacher, I might never have learned it. Thank you.

You were the first person who ever thought of me as a serious artist, which is a big deal when you’re seventeen. The advantage of having someone believe in your ability at such a formative moment in your development cannot be overstated because it teaches you to recognize your own ability. I have grown and changed as an artist in myriad ways over the last several years, but the baseline of my belief in my own credibility has never wavered. I have had crises of one minor variety or another, of course, but,

because of you, I never had to have the BIG one, the crisis of self-doubt. Thank you for that too.

It is not often that a person fresh out of nearly 20 years of private education can look back over her scholastic career, at the many professors, hand-holders, and pointers in the road and say, “this person was the best.” I am fortunate in that such delineation is easy for me. You were the best there’s ever been.



Tuesdays with the College Counselor

The seniors asked Lynda Cummings to speak on their behalf on Awards Night. At the end of her speech, she offered the following advice for them.

1. College will be hard. It's school. You will have to study. But, you have the tools...everyone's been there before...you can get through it too...you've been in such a small pond that every single one of you has had the chance to shine and be known. No matter where you go, you will be in a bigger pool, and there will be students who, to your way of thinking, seem better prepared or have an easier time of it. But they don't. They don't have Midland behind them. They don't know how to work through problems with their peers. They have never had to juggle the demands of a shower fire, a job, an athletic event, and a Jill essay all in the same day. If you can do that, surely you can do college. Just remember to ask for help when you need it.

2. College will offer temptations. And not just for you, but for ALL the folks around you. Some of those temptations are fun. But, because I truly care about each of you, I want you to be smart about what you do, when and where you do it, and with whom. The May 15 issue of *Time Magazine* had a cover article about rape on college campuses. 1 in 5 women experience some degree of sexual assault on a college campus, and usually there is alcohol involved. Be smart. Look out for your friends. Impose some of Midland's rules on yourself. Be responsible. Be bold and step in to help others when you see something not going well.



Lynda Cummings with Alex Baude, '14

3. Make it your goal to get to know at least two professors by the end of each semester. Have lunch or a cup of coffee with these people. Make sure they know more than just your name—tell them about your family, your dreams, and where you went to high school. In the long run, your connections will be more important than the facts you learn in class.

4. Ask the upperclassmen whom the best professors are, then take those classes. The teacher is often more important than the subject.

5. Consider this from *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster: “The only thing you can do easily is be wrong, and that's hardly worth the effort.”

Maya Angelou, the renowned author and poet who died just two days before graduation, said: “Do the best you can until you know better. Then, when you know better, do better.” Great advice for all of us.

Midland seniors received offers of admission from the following schools:

Bard College (2)	Emory University	Pitzer College	UC San Diego
Boston University	Gonzaga University	Quest University Canada	UC Santa Cruz
Bradley University	Grinnell College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	U of CO Boulder
Butler University	Hampshire College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Denver
California Lutheran University	Hawaii Pacific University	San Francisco State University	University of San Francisco
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	Hendrix College (2)	San Jose State University	University of St. Andrews
Cal State, Channel Islands	Humboldt State University	Scripps College	University of the Pacific
Calvin College	Kenyon College	Seattle Pacific University	Warren Wilson College
Colby-Sawyer College	Knox College	Sewanee	Wellesley College
Colorado College	Lewis & Clark College (3)	Smith College	Whitman College (2)
Connecticut College	Loyola Marymount University	UC Riverside	College of Wooster (2)

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the floor. They reported that the entire ninth grade felt let down. It just wasn't fair to have the whole class off campus while the rest of the school enjoyed All Saints Day. They missed something; all classes are equal, and I had failed them. The damage was done; there was no going back. Although I tried to make things right, and Derek Harwell, '88, scheduled a ninth-grade beach day, there was no forgiving or forgetting in those early days, and these two have kept a close eye on me ever since.

So, what is the point, and what is the moral of each senior's Midland story? What is this simple-life school, full of Midland moments and a few memories, all about? What does it add up to? Beyond a college acceptance, there are inherent lessons taught in the daily routine that are now part of each senior's experience. Like the senior classes that came before them, they were asked, and expected, to carry more responsibility than any other senior class in the country; they shepherded the living yards, led the job program, carried a demanding academic load, and navigated the complexities of the college application process. They didn't complain (well maybe a little), and I hope they had some fun along the way.

The seniors also learned that life doesn't always work out, and we all need to own the choices we make and not blame others. Wood gets wet, and shower fires do fail. At times, life does not seem fair because it isn't. People make mistakes. However, we can learn how to do the right thing when we know it is the right thing to do. Each of us must keep showing up and sign-in to our lives every day. Quitting is not really an option, and someone always has to do the dishes if everyone is going to eat. Midland is not designed to be easy, and there are no short cuts or guaranteed outcomes. Midland is a process, and each senior, in his or her way, has made the effort to make the school year work, and I thank each of them for trying.

These seniors have also witnessed a few surprises over the years: owls appear to have serious and long conversations; the moon is a great street light; water balloons are fun to throw no matter how old you are; fresh carrots and beets can taste sweeter than candy; sliding down a mountain, running a trail, riding a horse in the dark, camping under the stars, telling your roommate a story—only to find that he or she fell asleep before you finished—are all memories for safe keeping and retelling. If and when these seniors lose their way, each has honest and authentic experience to ground them and reset the course. They know how to use a compass, and they can find true north.

Omavi had it right: to forget, maybe forgive, accept, move on, and to remember a few things is to appreciate what this life has given us. Together we sit in this place, well fed, well taught, well tended, well supported. As we move forward, it is our responsibility to appreciate and remember all that has been passed on to all of us.

Franciscan Friar Richard Rohr cites psychologist Erik Erikson, who calls us to be “generative” people, “people ready and willing to generate life from his or her own abundance and for the benefit of following generations.”

I believe Midland is a generative educational model where we all learn to leave things better than we find them. Generative Midlanders are taught to consider what will be left for others when they are gone. They care about the future of the school, the future of the world, the future of the environment. Generative people wish for all people to be safe and healthy. They care for one another, and, when they lead, they learn to reach for kindness, dependability, initiative, fairness, and equality for each classmate and equality for all people. In Paul Squibb's words, Midland teaches us that “It matters what we do.” Let's own those words with confidence and know that the class of 2014 has learned that lesson well, and today there simply is no doubt that they are all right where they want to be.



This summer the Lowery House is getting a bit more attention. In 2012 when Eve Southworth (who teaches English and history) moved in, the house had been divided into a duplex, but the second part of the duplex, a small studio apartment, had not been finished until now. Nurse Donna Williams will move into the space later this summer; she and Eve will get to share a lovely new porch.

Great Turnout For Class of 1964 50th Reunion; Coonradt Given Dreyfuss Distinguished Alumnus Award

By Ed Carpenter, '64, and Jonathan Andrews, '64

As often happens on Parents, Alumni/ae, and Friends Weekend, Midland was treated to an influx of doctors, lawyers, professors, fighter pilots, Midland trustees, artists and musicians, some from as far away as Athens, Greece. But this time, they were all part of the Class of 1964 celebrating their 50th reunion.

Ten of the fourteen locatable alums attended, along with two of their wives and three of their children, dazzling the Midland community with their wit, wisdom and charisma.

Documentary film maker Peter Coonradt, '64, was presented with the Dreyfuss Distinguished Alumnus Award (and with a baseball autographed by his classmates commemorating his brief high school glory as a shortstop and pitcher).

Will and Marguerite Graham hosted a Friday evening reception for the class (at which Development Committee Chair and Trustee Ruth Fisher gracefully refrained from asking anyone for money).

The group had Friday dinner at the Los Olivos Café, Saturday breakfast at the Alisal Golf Course, and the rest of the weekend's meals at Chez Kresse on the Midland campus.

In the interest of maintaining the class at its present size, the eagerly anticipated Grass Mountain forced march was replaced with a leisurely walk around the Bowl.

John Eliel admitted that he is sometimes mistaken for Oliver North. As far as we know he is still working on his book contracts and TV specials.

Jonathan Andrews introduced Peter Coonradt at the Dreyfuss Award ceremony by displaying for the Midland

community the latest technology of 1964: Clipboard (laptop); Abacus (calculator).

Peter Mooock regaled his classmates with tales of various fowl-hunting expeditions and the gourmet extravaganzas that followed.

Charles Wright was as overbearing, strident, and boastful as ever, but still well-loved by his classmates.



Jonathan Andrews, Peter Coonradt, Ed Carpenter, John Martin, & Will Graham

Dick Hahn showed up late and left early, the kind of entitlement you'd expect from a Second Prefect and Outstanding Scholar from the 60's.

Ed Carpenter was generally well behaved except when he made everybody move furniture after dinner Saturday night, nearly causing fisticuffs with a classmate higher up the rank sheet.

Dow Wieman brought his son Daniel,

generating plenty of speculation on how Midland could snag Daniel for the class of 2017. Dow and his older brother Howard, '60, are still annoyed that their younger brother Carl, who went to public school, won the Nobel prize in Physics, when they were the smart ones.

Tom Hazlet straightened his classmates out on various pharmaceutical misconceptions, rarely mentioning the two PhD's underlying his pontifications.

Jim Whittle came all the way from Greece looking jaunty and without the slightest trace of jet lag.

Peter Coonradt impressed everybody with his witty extemporaneity in his Dreyfuss acceptance speech, but later confided that he had actually rehearsed the whole danged thing, and added a quote from Bob Dylan: "Know your song well before you start singing."

C'mon Alumnae...Let's Play Soccer!

By Kim Dreyfuss Linse, '82

Thanksgiving Day soccer games are a Midland tradition. However, two things are missing from the girls' game: alumnae players and recognition. We need one before we can have the other.

As a student, I remember looking forward to this game with intimidation and excitement. Alumnae participation in the past few Thanksgiving games has been dismal. This year ONE alumna, Nora Livingston, '07, played with a

combination of current students and their siblings to fill the team. Friends and family pitched in for a full, co-ed team to play against the Midland girls.

The winning team of the boys' game has been recognized by the Peter Mack Memorial Trophy for many decades, and, in 2013, a new award, to honor the Player of the Day (male or female), was established in memory of Jack McCurry, '89.

Midland has been co-ed for more than 35 years. It's long overdue that we

provide a trophy for the girls' game. But we can't have the trophy without the team. Rally your classmates for Thanksgiving 2014! We need to show that we can still dance across the field at the foot of Grass Mountain.

Let's give Midland girls one more thing to strive for!

Please contact Kim directly at wklinse@gmail.com if you would like to play in the 2014 game or if you would like to help her rally the troops.

As the Pasture Turns Midland's Herd in the Summer

By Celeste Carlisle

There's some mild arguing. And scratching of itchy sides against oak trees. Oftentimes there's a fair amount of fly swatting. Sometimes a nap. But while it seems as though the long, slow, simple days of summer are without a care in the world for a Midland horse, the herd and pastures get prepped and ready for the return of students and routine.

During the summer, the horses receive their yearly veterinary visit from Dr. Chris Pankau. Vaccinations are administered, the horses are wormed, and they each get a thorough dental check and float (filing to level and smooth the teeth—and, no, they don't seem to like this much). Regular summertime pedicures occur; Joe Brown, '74, our loyal farrier trims hooves and replaces shoes. The herd is groomed and bathed; paddocks are mucked; water troughs get cleaned; fly masks are put on in the morning and removed at night; the bigger fence and gate repair projects take place; pasture and



herd management plans are updated; and a few lucky equine students attend "summer school" and get a little care and attention directed at their troubled training spots. (Thank you India Salter, '14, for your assistance in Equine Summer School!)

New Point of Interest on Campus Map

The Frye Family Farm Building

By Ben Munger, '79



Fred Frye, '52, at the ceremony

There is a new building on the farm, and we have argued whether it is a barn or a big shed. In either case, it certainly has a spacious porch—big enough to cover the largest tractor from heavy rain if needed. It also has room for everything we need to store: tools, supplies, and the harvest from crops like onions and butternut squash. In May, it served as a social venue—the junior class hosted its dance in the new space during Dance Weekend, and most of the students fit inside the building or on the porch. A few faculty members have even eyed the building as a potentially new, cool residence. Jim Quick, '68, whose construction crew built the Frye Family Farm Building, was so proud of the work that he flew a drone over the building to take spectacular aerial photos of the finished project.

The building went up quickly during the dry winter; the crew didn't need to rush to roof it because we had no rain until after February. When it finally did rain, the red tin roof gave us a preview of how well it will protect the building from water for years to come. Built of 2" x 6" framing, the heavily insulated walls and roof maintain a steady temperature and provide protection from the summer's heat and winter's freezing cold. Workers poured a large cement pad on three sides of the building to create an extensive porch that wraps around the one-room building. The new porch provides excellent shade and channels the northwest breeze blowing across the farm on the hottest days. We need this shade even more now that the Monterey pines, which have lined the driveway and provided shade for many years, have started to die and are being removed.

The old garden shed had a long, noble history. The building, formerly the New Old Studio, had been lifted and transported from Middle Yard to the farm in 1996. I remember it as David Anderson's office by the Pink Palace, and later Ian Cummings resurrected the space for his office, but even they had a cement floor. On the farm, the shed was a plywood-on-dirt building with windows that didn't close properly. Even the most fastidious farmer could not have cleaned this shed. Ground squirrels, mice, and raccoons all found easy access to whatever produce we attempted to store.

Milt Frye, '62, came to us and said, "Let's do something." He wanted to help the farm-to-kitchen connection at Midland. The new Frye Family Farm Building is all that we could hope for and more. Thanks to the generosity of Milt Frye, '62, and his family, including Frank Frye, '56, and Fred Frye, '52, we now have proper shelves and work spaces, and we rest assured knowing that our crops will be protected, that our tools and supplies can be stored well, and that we have a new place for learning at Midland School. The building proudly displays a CCOF certification, issued this year, which means that our farm meets the USDA National Organic Standards.

We may even have a new metaphor for Midland's philosophy of "needs not wants." During construction of the Frye Family Farm Building, an expensive cell phone was lost under the building pad, most likely compacted in the process and undoubtedly destroyed. We certainly could debate the merits of cell phones, but no one can question the necessity of the Frye Building and the farm it supports to provide essential nourishment for us all.

Teens Value Food More Than Learning on Geology Camping Trip

By Isaac Hirata, '14

As the 2013-2014 school year came to an end and all of the seniors began to make their final decisions on college enrollment, they became lazy. Laurie Munger, who was well aware of this situation, decided to take her geology class on a little camping trip to Midland's property in the Los Padres National Forest near the confluence of the Sisquoc River and Manzana Creek. Sophie Baer, '14, David Salehpour, '14, Jack Moseley, '14, Sunny Pang, '14, and I got our packs on and were ready to leave the school for a necessary break.

The first day of the trip began with an eight-mile hike towards Midland property starting from the Nira trailhead. Jack, David, and I put on the jets while Sunny straggled behind, barely keeping up with Sophie and Laurie. Around noon, we hit the halfway point at Horseshoe Bend and ate lunch. My salami-and-cream-cheese bagel never tasted so good. The fluffy cream cheese combined with the finely-cut salami, complemented by the freshly baked Costco bagels, was a mouthwatering experience. The hike then resumed, but after realizing that our initial camping area was bone-dry we decided to relax at John Cody's (parent of Talei Cody, '15, and long-time Midland friend) property instead. As we made our final dreary steps toward Cody's gate, the barks of two seemingly aggressive dogs jolted us awake. They turned out to be friendly, which was a relief. After taking our packs off and getting settled down, we had fajitas with chicken, peppers, cheese, onions, and salsa for dinner. After stuffing our faces, we all lazily sat in our chairs. Looking for something to do, Jack filled up a mini hot tub—the water was heated through a fire tank underneath. We had to build our own fire to heat up the water—how original! Although I was clean afterwards, I had the worst time sleeping. The sleeping pads did nothing to soften the ground. I moved around and got up every hour to relieve the aching pains on my back and sides. All in all, the day was great, but the night was not.

I arose from my night's rest and ate my oatmeal and a bagel with cream-cheese for breakfast. The whole group went out to the Sisquoc and sketched out a map of some channels and alluvial fans. Initially, people were interested, but as

the sun rose higher and the heat intensified, everybody's mentality changed. Jack and Sophie looked exhausted, and Sunny became grumpy; it was all bad. After a couple hours of baking in the sun, we made our way back, had lunch, and began our journey back to camp at Horseshoe Bend. Once again, David, Jack, and I picked up the pace and hiked four miles in under 45 minutes. While waiting for the slugs behind us, we ate some beef jerky and took a dip in the river. By the time the slower group came around, we were refreshed and ready for supper. That night we had mac'n cheese because, according to Laurie, the key to camping is to keep things simple and pack light (which I personally don't agree with). If packing were up to me, I would have stuffed my sack with soda cans and potato chips. After we satisfied our bellies, Laurie began telling stories about prior students, which made us all laugh. Then we said good night and slept. The next morning we hiked back to the car and went home to resume our normal routines.

Laurie Munger's note: I took the geology class camping so that they could draw a detailed cross-section across the confluence of two major streams. It was very hot that day, but we were finished in the dry stream bed by noon, so the boys could make it back to Cody's for lunch – yes, starvation was a distinct possibility.

The hot tub event at Cody's our first night was typical behavior for Midland students – many students have soaked in that hot tub, burned their feet on the hot metal bottom of the tub, and been covered with the poison oak film that always collects on the top of the water (after all, the students were covered with poison oak prior to entering the tub!)

When we unpacked after the trip, Isaac discovered that no one had opened the Nutella. He gladly took it off my hands and carried the jar around all week in his backpack so that whenever he made toast between classes he could spread the Nutella on his bread. Did he share this chocolate goodness with anyone else at the toaster? Not a chance!

Oh, and Sunny had a sprained ankle, which was the reason for her lack of speed on the trail.

Student-Initiated Camping Trip a Success

By Deyanira Ibarra, '16

In the final term, eight students, Jack Moseley, '14, Alex Baude, '14, Lupita Valle, '15, Ralph Best, '15, Madison Weatherford, '16, Graceson Aufderheide, '16, Deyanira Ibarra, '16, and Emma Struebing, '16, and two trip leaders, Eve Southworth and Adele Schopf, set foot on a two-night-three-day backpacking trip. We started at Nira campground and hiked upstream about six miles on rolling terrain to a secret campsite. For most of the trek in, we saw little water, but when we reached Ray's camp, we dunked our heads under a mini waterfall, filtered water, and lounged on rocks in the riparian zone. The campsite we had planned to use was hidden from easy view; luckily we chose to stop and look for it at the perfect time. To get there, we had to go off the trail, down a small ledge, and rock-hop across a creek.

As soon as we separated our group gear, many of us went for a dip in the stream. There, Adele introduced us to an activity we would repeat many times on the trip. It was called "butt damming." Basically, you get as many people as it takes to sit in crevices to prevent water flow; one person sits downstream so that when everyone stands up, all the water gives the person a sort of massage. Also, Eve and Adele set up an Easter egg hunt for us on both nights.

The next day, we woke up early in order to try to beat the heat on our anticipated long and steep day-hike to Hurricane Deck.



As we walked on poison-oak-infested trails, we saw several inviting swimming holes. Because it was hot, every cool stream we saw seemed to take away our motivation to hike the whole seven miles to Hurricane Deck. So, instead, we went up to the mouth of a dried waterfall. After, we continued to hike up and explore massive rock plateaus.

The best part of the trip was the hike back because we pond-hopped the entire way. We hit four different spots and, of course, "butt dammed" at every one. During the evenings, we would prepare dinner and then gather around the campfire for dessert and conversation. Since it was Alex's first trip, he was automatically elected to be the dummy in the improv games. We also played a game brought to us by Jack that involved eye contact, a funny sign to deflect it, and seizing for those who didn't.

This student-initiated trip was a great success, and there are many more to come.

Editor's note: The author of this article initiated this camping trip.

Students Show Active Enthusiasm for Midland's Outdoor Program

Midland students had the opportunity to participate in 17 different outdoor trips this year.

FALL

Hard Luck trips

- 9th grade class to Grassy Knoll
- Training trip (students got checked out to lead hard luck trips)
- Chemistry class water testing trip
- Volleyball end-of-season trip
- Horse camping trip to Sedgewick

Camping trips out of the area

- Geology class to the Eastern Sierra
- Outdoor Leadership backpack trip in the Sierra
- Outdoor Leadership/Cross Country trip to Joshua Tree

SPRING

Hard Luck trips

- Outdoor Leadership to Senior Cabin
- Eve Southworth's 9th grade constellation/story-telling trip

Camping trips out of the area

- Outdoor Leadership trip to Big Sur
- Juniors in the Central Valley during Experiential Week
- Water and the West class trip to Central Valley and Southern Sierra
- Senior end-of-year trip to Big Sur

Local trips

- Geology class trip down the Manzana to the Midland inholding property
- Student-initiated open trip backpacking up the Manzana
- 9th graders 3-night backpack trip on the immediate property during Experiential Week

Protecting a Delicate Past

By Celeste Carlisle

Midland's heat and cold, dust and insects, and wet winters and dry summers do not make it easy to protect and maintain the paper pages that record Midland's history. Thanks to generous support from the Dreyfuss Family, Jane Wilgress's important archival work has been updated, cleaned, and stored anew. Midland Mirrors, interesting student projects (some bound in handmade wooden covers), photos, and a myriad of documents about Midland's buildings, activities, and stories have been cleaned, processed, and safely stored by summer intern Julia Brandreth. Julia is a fine art photographer and a friend to Midland's horse herd. She has spent the summer doing a monumental amount of work getting the archives to where it needs to be.



Boxes full of archival treasures fill the Archive room in the Rich Arts building; by September order will be restored.

Chromebooks

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The computers also have good batteries, which allows students to use the computers in the outdoors.

Through the introduction of Chromebooks, a cultural shift at Midland has begun; these little computers have opened the door to the touchy subject of student access to Wi-Fi. The Chromebooks can access several wireless connections: Stillman, the Library, and Long House. The laptops were distributed for academic purposes; however, seniors can check their email at any time, no permission needed. Phil Hasseljian, who manages much of Midland's information technology, installed basic parental filters and blocked certain websites like Facebook to limit unnecessary screen use. He also disabled all flash drive ports so that seniors can't download anything from their Chromebooks. However, there is an application on the Chromebooks that allows seniors to work on a document that is then automatically uploaded to a Google Doc as soon as the computer connects to Wi-Fi. This allows students to use the Chromebooks productively even in their cabins at night.

As a senior, I feel that next year's seniors should receive Chromebooks as well. However, they should receive them at the beginning of the year because these computers would help seniors in the college application process. No senior would have to rush right before a deadline to find a computer in the library's often noisy computer lab, and the flexibility seniors would have to log-on outside of the library would give them more privacy when working on sensitive issues like filling out the FAFSA [Free Application for Federal Student Aid]. This year's seniors have taken good care of the Chromebooks and have upheld their contract, so, with luck, the current juniors will experience the same freedom that we did while we had this privilege.

Editor's note: The Chromebook experiment was such a success that the class of 2015 will indeed receive laptops to use at the beginning of their senior year to help them complete college applications and study for standardized tests.

Despite Losing Season, Oaks Basketball Had Shining Moments

By Isaac Hirata, '14

This year, the theme of the Midland boys' basketball team, which had a win-loss record of 4-11, was about re-building for the upcoming years. The team only had two seniors, and the rest of the team consisted of first year underclassmen. Nevertheless, what we lacked in skill, we made up in heart. The team had a burning passion for the sport and practiced hard every day. Evidently, the boys' ambition and dedication paid off, and they were able to pick up a couple solid wins against teams such as Thatcher's JV and Ojai Valley.

Tate Ewing, '17, Cameron Mayhew, '16, and Johnny Wang, '15, were all great additions to the team. Each one of these players stepped up and played key roles that contributed to all of the wins. Tate, a petite young fella, broke a couple ankles and made clutch untelegraphed passes to his teammates. Johnny had his signature fade-away shot that no one could block, and it worked every time. Cameron was our main guy down low. He fought hard for the rebounds, and he had an exceptional touch that allowed him to score easily in the paint.



Although the three newcomers made contributions, the team wouldn't have been as successful without the returning veterans: Omavi Quadir, '14, Isaac Hirata, '14, and Crawford Cooley, '15. Together, they scored 80% of the team's points. They each took on the role of being a captain and leading the team. Omavi's screens were flawless, Crawford's rebounding could not be matched,

and Isaac's shot left the crowd speechless. He even scored 50 points against Calvary Christian, which annihilated Alan Johnson's, '02, previous scoring record of 33 points. He also scored the most three point shots in a game, a total of 10.

The two graduating seniors will be greatly missed next year, and

it will force the younger players to step up. However, after observing the 2013-2014 season, coach Tom Rogowski has confidence that this squad will bring wins to the Oaks' basketball team next year. The younger players will grow, and, with proper practice and experience, they show a promising future for the basketball team for the upcoming years.

Girls' Basketball Plays First Varsity Season

By Emma Thorpe, '15

Last year was the first year of a solid girls' basketball team, and I am grateful that it continued this year with many new girls willing to try out the sport. I am proud to say that we went from seven girls last year to 13 girls this year. As a result of our growing numbers, coach Tom Rogowski decided that our mixed-bag team was up to the task of playing a full varsity schedule. This proved to be a challenge, not only because of the varying experience levels among the players, but also because of injuries and a harsh wintertime sickness that took out at least one starting player for the majority of the games.

Despite our struggles during several of the games, the girls who had never played before got a chance to challenge themselves and make their place on the team. By the end of the season, everyone had adapted to each other; the more experienced girls helped everyone else out, and the new girls brought their basketball skills to a new level. Our hard work helped us develop into a strong team, and I'm looking forward to seeing the growth in next year's team.

This year, I had the pleasure of co-captaining with the very talented and hard-working Lupita Valle, '15, and Talei Cody, '15. Lupita, an excellent point guard and 3-point shooter, is an enthusiastic and driven leader, someone who the new girls could learn from and look up to. Talei is the rebound queen and always thought of new strategies and tactics to make us a better team. Madison Mayhew, '14, our 6-foot-tall secret weapon, was also an excellent rebounder and gave us an edge at the basket. Unfortunately, due to an ankle injury, Madison was out for a big chunk of the season, but she came back strong in the last couple of games of her career. Jordan Swidenbank, '15, was probably the hardest-working girl

on the team and will be very missed next year. She came to the team her sophomore year having never played, but her intensity and natural skill on the court made her seem like a veteran player. Sylvia Nwakanma, '15, along with Talei and I, has been playing since her freshman year, when we had no team and practiced with the boys. Her dedication has shown through, and she's now a starting player and crucial rebounder. Jingya Xun, '15, surprised everyone this year when she joined the team as a newcomer to both Midland and the sport. Throughout the year, I have learned that Jingya is a natural athlete, and I'm so thankful to have had her on



the team. Hanqi Ran, '14, and Sophia Su, '14, both decided to try basketball for their last year at Midland. While they didn't always want to be there, I appreciate their dedication and perseverance, and I'm glad they never gave up. Grace Kelley, '17, Anneliese Silveyra, '17, and Olivia Ciani, '17, are our strong freshman foundation, and I always had fun watching them play and advance their skills. I'd especially like to point out Anneliese's arm-flailing defense tactics that always brightened up a game. And of course, special thanks to Tom Rogowski, the finest basketball coach around. Thank you for your nicknames, mother-in-law jokes, for having faith in us, and for making us better players. I am looking forward to next year with Tom and all the returning girls!

Boys' Soccer Team Rebuilds for Next Season

By Sean Cummings, '15

With the graduation of the class of 2013 last year, Midland boys' soccer suffered a substantial blow. The graduating class contained the varsity team's three captains, as well as several other strong contributors to the team. Coming into this year's season, I and the other remaining members of the team had our share of worries about what the soccer season might hold for us now that so many of our strongest teammates had gone.

In some sense, our fears were legitimate. Our record for the year consisted of mostly tied games, with a final triumphant win at the season's conclusion. However, considering that about half the team had little to no soccer experience prior to this year, this is not a bad record. With the departure of old teammates came the arrival of many new ones, each of whom worked hard to make the team stronger as the season went on. Duncan McCarthy, '17, and Miles Crawford, '15, both in excellent shape after the cross country season, established themselves as solid athletes on the soccer pitch this year. Bernt Engebretsen, '17, and Root Wang, '15, both entirely new to the sport,

stepped up for goalkeeper training, with the former making a save against Ojai Valley School towards the end of the season.

New junior Ralph Best, '15, quickly found glory as a powerful, quick, and aggressive striker, ending the season as the team's second top scorer.

Returning players made their mark as well. In the traditional Thanksgiving alumni vs. varsity match, Cameron Mulberry, '16, became the first ever recipient of the Player of the Day award, given to a the student, male or female, who contributes most to the game. On the wing, David Salehpour, '14, ran opponents into the ground with his unceasing speed and stamina. Alex Baude, '14, who had joined the junior varsity squad as a new student last year, was deservedly chosen to be one of the three team captains this season. And no one will be forgetting the footwork of team captain Jack Moseley, '14, anytime soon. Undoubtedly one of the most skilled players the school has ever seen,



Jack ended the season as the team's top scorer. His shots combine the accuracy of a sniper with the power of a cannon. He will be missed.

With its wide range of skill and experiences levels, this mismatched team from this awesome, tiny school battled through the season against foes as large as Cate and Thacher (who, needless to say, were just as strong as ever). Even after the unfortunate leg injury of assistant coach Roddy Taylor during one practice, we played on. Head coach Derek Harwell implemented a more rigorous fitness program this season to help us get stronger, and his endless enthusiasm as a former Midland player motivated the team through every game.

Great job this season, boys. I can't wait to don my goalkeeper gloves again next season, and I can't wait to see more new faces on the field next year.

Girls' Soccer Team Undefeated

By Deyanira Ibarra, '16

For the first time in recent memory, the girls' soccer team, which played a junior varsity schedule, went undefeated this year. Despite many illnesses and injuries, which meant that there wasn't a single practice where all the players were present and that we played many games with no substitute players on the bench to relieve tired girls on the field, the team was motivated and determined to stay on top. We played eight games this season, and nine out of our 14 players scored a total of 50 goals. Emma Struebing knocked in 10 goals, and Deyanira Ibarra put in 23. This young and developing team is looking forward to playing the next season at a varsity level.



Girls' Lacrosse Ends With a Win and Raucous Cheers

By Laurie Munger

The 2014 girls' lacrosse season marks the end to girls' lacrosse at Midland—at least for the foreseeable future. Between Cate and Thacher leaving the Condor League and Dunn, OVS, and Laguna dropping lacrosse for softball, Midland decided to call it quits after the 2014 season.

This year's team was a good mix of experienced and new girls. All the girls had a great attitude during the entire season, which helped keep spirits high and gave us a healthy momentum throughout our five-game season. We played Thacher JV twice and Cate JV three times. Thacher won both games and Cate won the first of our two games, with Midland beating Cate in our third and final game at home in front of raucous fans. Three of the four games we lost ended with very close scores, all within 2-3 points, and the girls truly played together as a team; that's about all you can ask for as a coach.



Because this seems to be the end of girls' lacrosse at Midland, I decided to give our girls the much coveted kilts donated by Allan Wentworth, '62. Apparently these kilts are the newest fashion statement around California. At least the "look" of Midland lacrosse lives on.

Midland Boys Lose Ax...and Lacrosse

By Isaac Hirata, '14

Oh lacrosse, what a beautiful sport. This year, the team definitely had its ups and downs. Injuries and illnesses became our greatest enemies. One day, the whole team would show up to practice, pumped and juiced ready to play hard, and the next all but four lay in bed sick—and those four dragged themselves lazily out of their rooms. The instability of our team caused us to forfeit once, but when we did play, we always gave it our all.

On the opening day against Dunn, the Midland lacrosse team sprinted out to the field ready to play a hard, yet clean, game. Tate Ewing, '17, put Midland up on the board by scoring the first three goals as one of the starting attackmen. Although there were some communication errors on the defensive side, Cameron Mulberry, '16, made a number of clutch saves, keeping Dunn's score to a minimum. Cameron Mayhew, '16, had a goal. Isaac Hirata, '14, also came out big, scoring three times as well. Unfortunately, the boys' team lost by a couple of points. However, like Mr. Graham says, winning is not all about the score. It is about how much each player can push

himself and each other to rise to the competition. From that perspective, the coaches saw this game as a win, and they were proud of how the team played.

Midland has had an on-going rivalry with Dunn since the 70's. To symbolize the rivalry, there is a sacred ax that both schools fight for each year. Midland has held the ax for the past eight years. In my memory, Midland has always stomped on Dunn when it came to lacrosse. Sadly, this year was not like the others. We lost to them the first game (11-7), and got destroyed (13-3) the second game. What makes this even sadder is that, at least until we enroll enough boys who desperately want to play again, Midland won't have another chance to win back the ax.

With a rough season, Midland boys' lacrosse is coming to an end—at least for the foreseeable future. We simply don't have enough people to form a team that can compete at the same level as the teams within a reasonable driving distance. As fun as this sport is, it is just not the right fit for Midland right now.

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Class of 1943

Bill Winterhalter visited campus with his family and friends to celebrate his 90th birthday with a picnic on Kimpton Field. Speaking fondly of his time at Midland, Bill recalled that incredible team with the undefeated baseball season and, of course, chopping wood. Bill lives in Dana Point and enjoys visits with his daughter in Santa Barbara.

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Class of 1950

Benjamin Nyce takes his Midland education through life and writes, "I'm finally publishing poetry in my old age—a new poem in California Quarterly."

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Class of 1953

Edward L. Hoyt, Ph.D. attended the annual San Francisco alumni/ae gathering with his wife, Terry. Many years ago, Ben Rich encouraged Ed to return to Midland as a teacher. Ed declined the invitation to pursue his interest in economics. In 1964, he received his Ph.D. in International Economic Relations from MIT and then went on to hold a variety of positions and responsibilities in corporate finance and management, including Managing Director at J.P. Morgan & Co. serving as President of Asia-Pacific advising J.P. Morgan's US based clients. He is the Honorary Chairman of United Med-Health International Corp. Ed and his family lived in New York, Miami, Amsterdam and Singapore before retiring in 1995. He and Terry recently relocated to San Francisco.

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Class of 1956

Harry Madsen visited campus in June and enjoyed campus tours by Will Graham and BG Kresse, '68. He reminisced about his time at Midland and remains in contact with many of his Midland friends. Harry has been a stunt man most of his adult life and is strong, fit, youthful, and filled with energy.



Bill Taverner, Cate School Class of '45, on left and Bill Winterhalter, '43, on right

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Class of 1960

As **Nick Alexander** enjoys more opportunities to spend time at his ranch in the Santa Ynez Valley. Will Graham and the Midland Board of Trustees are grateful for Nick's willingness to serve on the Board for another term, guiding Midland into a future of continued fiscal responsibility and stability. **Louis Reichardt** moved to New York City to direct the Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative. Louis received the Jack D. and DeLoris Lange Endowed Chair in cell physiology at UCSF where he has directed the renowned neuroscience graduate program since 1988. A Fulbright Scholar with an undergraduate degree from Harvard University and a Ph.D. from Stanford University, Louis was a research fellow at Harvard Medical School and an investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute for more than twenty years. Louis is an honorary member of the Appalachian Mountain Club and American Alpine Club and past president of the latter. For the past 30 years, he's served 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. Louis' Midland contemporaries share particular pride for his records climbing both Mount Everest and K2 by new routes over 30 years ago.

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Class of 1963

Jeff Kelleher enjoyed a career as a Naval officer, a practicing lawyer, and a law professor. He recently completed a two-year teaching stint at American University in Bosnia & Herzegovina.

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Class of 1964

Ed Carpenter accepted the Midland Board of Trustees' nomination and invitation to serve another term as a Midland Trustee. Ed chairs the Campus Committee and is responsible for guiding the Campus Plan. When Ed isn't traveling to Midland from Oregon, he can be found in his Portland studio—check out Ed's large scale public installations at www.edcarpenter.net.

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Class of 1967

Timothy Tibbits writes, "As a graduate of '67 most of my Midland teachers have passed. I would like to note that Brian Davis and wife Nancy are doing very important social work in Nicaragua where they have designed a stove, opened a clinic and [support] school aid."

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Class of 1969

Christopher Salmon received recognition for 30 years as a volunteer EMT on the Antrim, NH Ambulance Team. He writes, "Any New Hampshire travelers please call and visit!"

Class of 1973

Tom Mone recently accepted the Midland Board of Trustees' nomination and invitation to serve another term as a Midland Trustee serving on the Finance and Development Committees. Professionally, Tom is the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President of OneLegacy, the largest organ and tissue recovery organization in the U.S. Prior to joining OneLegacy in 2000, Tom was president and CEO of San Gabriel Valley Medical Center. He began his career as a PR management intern and a budget analyst for the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Class of 1985

Rob Adams accepted the Midland Board of Trustees' invitation and nomination to serve another term as a Midland Trustee. As Treasurer of the Board, Rob works with Head of School Will Graham to present the budget to the trustees for approval each year. **Captain Eric D. Rodrigues** leads the Infantry Brigade in Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Class of 1988

Derek Harwell, Midland's Director of Outdoor Programs, and his wife, Emily, welcomed their new baby, Ellie Borden Harwell, into the world and the Midland community in June. It will be so much harder to keep up with two-year-old Noah now.

Class of 1989

Gabriel Lipman and his fiancée, Livy, welcomed their first child, Remi Leo Jacob Lipman, on December 18, 2013. They recently purchased a home in Hayward, California and report they are enjoying life immensely!

Class of 1991

Jim Dillingham earned a master's degree in civil engineering with a structural emphasis from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo after graduating with a degree in Earth Science from UC Santa Cruz. He lives with his wife and three children in Cameron Park, CA, where he owns and operates his structural engineering firm, D&Z Structural Engineering.

Class of 1993

Megan McGrath Gates continues to make award winning wine at Lucas and Lewellan (www.llwine.com) while raising her son Benjamin in the Santa Ynez Valley. Megan generously gifted her wine for the alumni/ae reception for the Classes of 1994 and 1999 hosted by Will and Marguerite Graham in June.

Class of 1994

Michael Balloni lives in San Diego with his wife Yvette and six year old daughter, Madeline. He graduated from Harvey Mudd. Michael manages a small group of software engineers, and continues his work coding. **Ellene Friedlander Donaldson** returned to Midland for her 20th Class Reunion in early June. Ellene lives in Ojai, CA, with her husband, Jason Donaldson, and their children, Hudson (8), Sawyer (5), Thatcher (2), and Presley (2). Other schoolmates in attendance included: **Stephanie Anderson** with her twin sons, Luke and Solomon (13); **Rachel Bissig**, a Santa Barbara realtor; **Frank Anderson** and **Gina Zimmerman** and their new baby, Sebastian, born in April; **Ian Anderson** with his family; **Dorien Davies** with her husband, Kenny Stevenson, and their one year old daughter, Poppy; **Maya Davis** with her family; **Justin Herrick** with his wife, Alison. **Chris King** and his wife, Deanna, who gifted wine for the festivities from their Santa Ynez Valley winery and farming business, De Su Propria Cosecha (www.desupropriacosecha.com), came with their kids, Chris and Adi. **Camille**

Klimek drove from her home in Chester, California. **Justin Miller** and his wife, Karin, brought their children, Elsa and Leif, and gifted wine for the festivities from their winery, Garden Creek (www.gardencreekvineyards.com), in the Alexander Valley, California. **Rasta Sherman** traveled with his wife, Sandy James, from Boise for the festivities and a west coast tour.

Class of 1996

Mathias Craig and his wife, Lorelei, together with their son, Damien, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Amora, on March 19th. Mathias has served as Executive Director of Blue Energy (www.blueenergygroup.org) since founding the organization in 2003.

Class of 1999

Classmates and their families joined the Class of 1994 in early June for a wine and cheese reception. **Katie Thrash**, along with her husband, Shane Mihelic-Booth, and their young son, Thatch, rallied a strong show of classmates for their 15th Class Reunion. Those who came included: **Celeste Jochim-Johannson**, **Lora Grevious**, **Sara Plowman**, **Ira Bowen**, **Nick Christianson**, **Marc Holden**, **Patrick Walker**, **Sonia Corona** with her husband and two children, **Barron Sawyer** with his wife and three children, and **Geoff Thornhill**, who generously gifted wine for the festivities from his family's Mendicino Parducci vineyard (www.parducci.com). In other class news, **Robin Baral** recently joined the Yolo Land Trust's Board of Directors (www.yololandtrust.org). Robin became involved in sustainable agriculture as a teenager and helped develop a pilot organic gardening curriculum while he was a student at Midland. He later obtained his undergraduate degree from UC Berkeley and a law degree from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. Working as an environmental

and land use lawyer at Churchwell White LLP in Sacramento, Robin represents cities, water districts and other public agencies throughout California. **Jonathan Lee**, who lives in Seattle, WA, still gravitates towards physical objects. Although he has a background in industrial design, Jon enjoys designing user interfaces for the web as a member of Microsoft's Office Team. He hopes to connect with other Midlanders when the Grahams travel north this fall to host Midland gatherings in Portland and Seattle.

Class of 2000

Justene Hill looks forward to completing her graduate studies at Princeton University and earning her PhD in August.

Class of 2002

This past April, **Lucy Whitridge** visited Midland from Ashland, Oregon. Touring her friends around the campus and visiting with faculty, Lucy explained how she has woven the Midland experience into her professional life by earning a graduate degree in environmental education and a teaching credential for middle and high school science from Southern Oregon University. Most recently, Lucy and her boyfriend, Sam Scott, traveled through Southern Africa and Madagascar to deepen their knowledge of ecosystems and cultures.

Class of 2004

Amelia Adams drove from Oakland to attend Parents, Alumni/ae, and Friends Weekend with her husband and fellow professional clown, Michael Cavanaugh.

Class 2008

Zeph Colombatto attended Sarah Lawrence after Midland. He is a photographer, writer, stylist and model living in New York City.

Class of 2010

Congratulations to **Hyemin Lee** on her acceptance to the graduate program at Teachers' College, Columbia University. Hyemin graduated from Pitzer College in May. **Yuchen Zhao** was honored to have his proposal accepted to the 2014 IvyPlus Symposium (www.ivyplussymposium.com), enabling him to attend and present at the conference hosted at Harvard and MIT this past March. Yuchen graduated from Colorado College earning degrees with honors in both History and Religion and will pursue his interest in Tibetan Studies as he applies to graduate programs. Visiting Midland with his parents this spring, he shared his goal of earning a Ph.D. in Tibetan/Chinese history in order to teach at the college level, and he said, "When I reach the day that I enter academia, I will be thankful and know that it all started at Midland School."

Class of 2012

Meghan Brown graduated from the honors program at Santa Barbara City College. She heads off to finish her bachelor's degree at UC Berkeley next fall.

Class of 2013

Diego Marcogliese attends Bates College. He earned an EMT license this year, has been working in admissions and advancement, and has been doing landscaping on campus. This summer, he is interning at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco in the Human Resources department in their LA district office. **Pebbles Gonzalez** attended Parents, Alumni/ae, and Friends Weekend. She currently studies biology and hopes to be a future medical student.

In Memoriam

Carl H. Murray, '51, died June 6, 2014 in Los Angeles. After Midland, Carl attended the United States Naval Academy, graduating with a degree in engineering. After military service, he received an MBA degree from UCLA Anderson School of Business. Capt. Murray served as an Air Force pilot who later joined Hughes Aircraft Co. as engineer/program manager and developed FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared). After retiring, he formed The Fortis Group, Inc., an independent advisory firm. He spent his "golden years" involved in angel venture capital and as a member of Tech Coast Angels of Southern California. Carl was a past Director on the boards of four companies and was the current President of Stockmen II. He was deeply committed to philanthropic work and generously supported Midland School. Carl was buried with military honors at Forest Lawn in Glendale, California.

Michael Mihalas, '83, died April 22nd, 2014 in Pueblo, Colorado. He was working as an artist and street muralist, and he had a particular fascination with Andy Warhol's work. A master chess player, he delighted in teaching the game to youth. He spent much of his time working with the homeless and helping others manage addiction recovery.



Members of the Classes of 1994 and 1999 and their families reunite in June 2014.



Calling all Alumni and Alumnae* - We need your help!

You can support Midland in many ways:

- Follow us on Facebook
- Invite a Midlander to intern at your business
- Volunteer to capture class notes and organize reunions and networking events
- Make a gift to help today's students attend Midland
- Host a regional gathering of Midland friends
- Speak with prospective families about the enduring value of your Midland experience
- Visit Midland and present to students in your area of expertise
- Write about a Midland memory for the next edition of the Mirror

Let us know how you'd like to become involved! Email personal and professional updates and current contact information to alumni@midland-school.org or by mail to **Alumni/ae, c/o Midland School, P.O. Box 8, Los Olivos, CA 93441.**

** We would like to honor our female and male Midlanders by using both alumnae and alumni.*

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Phil Hasseljian 2001-03; 2004
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Lise Goddard 2003
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Jill Redl 2004
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