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ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER TO BE HELD MAY 2 Jane Golden and Trang Do to Headline Event

Save the evening of **May 2nd** on your calendar for the Associated Alumni of Central High School's annual meeting and dinner!

The event will be held at the Sonesta Rittenhouse Square (1800 Market Street, Philadelphia), and will begin with a cocktail reception at 5 PM, followed by our program and dinner.

We're excited to announce that **Jane Golden**, founder and executive director of Mural Arts Philadelphia, and **Trang Do, 261**, a reporter at the Philadelphia CBS affiliate, will serve as our speakers.

Early-bird prices are available through March 31st: **\$60** for classes 274 through 278 and CHS Faculty and Staff; **\$85** for classes 273 and prior.

Last year's event brought over 400 alumni and friends together to benefit AACHS work on behalf of the Central students of today and tomorrow.

Read more about this year's event, purchase your tickets and learn more about sponsorships opportunities to benefit AACHS - including the popular class table sponsorship - at <https://centralhighalumni.com/2019/02/2019-annual-meeting>.

Hope to see you on May 2nd at the Sonesta!

ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER



JANE GOLDEN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MURAL ARTS



THE ASSOCIATED ALUMNI
OF CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL



TRANG DO, 261
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FROM THE EDITOR

Neil Deegan, 263

Editor, The Alumni Journal



Once again, Central High School has been recognized as the top school in Philadelphia!

In January, the School District of Philadelphia released the results of their School Progress Report, and the results demonstrated that Central ranked at the top of the class of 330 schools in the district. You can read the full report at https://webapps1.philasd.org/downloads/school_profile/spr_reports/SY1718/6010_HS_SPR_SY1718.pdf.

Central is an incredibly special place, and it's academic excellence is just the beginning. The environment and culture of the school, led by President McKenna and the faculty and supported by alumni like you, help to guide smart, ambitious young people into the world as well rounded adults.

I can't say it enough - if you haven't had a chance to come back to Central, it's worth the trip.

If you can't make it to school, come to our upcoming annual dinner and meeting on May 2nd. Come to hear from our exciting speakers, see your fellow Central graduates, and meet some of our current students and faculty.

You'll see that Central is just as special as this ranking suggests.

And, so much of that is thanks to the support of alumni like you.

We are in the midst of reimagining and renovating Central's campus. As alumni, there are many ways we can give back. Helping to bring this project to fruition is an opportunity to invest in the education of generations of future Central students. I hope you'll take a look at Lynn Norton Robins' column this month (on page 7), and reach out to her to learn more about how you can become involved in this incredible initiative.

There's so much to be excited about at Central - including the achievements of our students, our faculty and leadership, and our alumni, and what's inside this edition is just a sample.

Thanks for all you do.



AACHS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Steve Chappell, 209
president@centralhighalumni.com

Remember, it's all about the kids.

I've said these words any number of times. I've written these words any number of times. But who are these kids? What have they done or what do they do to warrant our investing time, effort and money to help them to achieve their goals? The answer - a great deal!

As some examples, always more than ably aided and guided by CHS faculty and staff, in the past year the kids have:

- Achieved the highest score in Philadelphia in the Pennsylvania School Performance Profile
- Performed so well as to have Central named as the top high school in Philadelphia in the School District's School Performance Profile
- Received 21 First Place awards at the Pennsylvania Junior Science Fair and one International Award for cancer research
- Been awarded the Chairman's Award for their Robolancers (Robotics) program
- Placed 17 award winners in the Scholastic Writing Competition, 53 award winners in the Scholastic Art Competition, and 7 National History Day Project Award winners

Beyond academics, the kids have:

- Won 7 Public League championships
- Been state qualifiers in Swimming and Cross Country, national qualifiers in Indoor Track
- Seen 63 of their fellow students named as All-Public athletes
- Contributed 25 orchestra members and a choir member to the All-City Music Program.

Could I go on? Yes. Need I? I hope not. I hope you will agree that the AACHS investment of time, effort and money in the kids is more than worthwhile, and that you will continue to support us. Doing so is very easy. Contact Director of Development **Lynn Norton Robins** at 215-400-3590 (ext. 3130) or via e-mail - development@centralhighalumni.com. She will be happy to help you.

Some kudos, some alerts, and some wishes.

Kudos to Past AACHS President **Jeff Muldawer (225)** and his student coordinators for another highly successful Career Day. A thank you to all the alumni who participated.

Another alert - the AACHS Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held earlier than usual this year; the date is May 2, 2019.

As for wishes - to all of our alumni and your families, on behalf of the Board of Managers I wish you all the Happiest and Healthiest of New Years.

Remember - it's all about the kids.

CENTRAL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Year after year, I am astounded by the total number of applicants who seek to be a part of the Central High School Community. We continue to receive more applications than any other school in our city and this year is no exception. Over **4,000** students from hundreds of Philadelphia schools have applied to join the **282nd** graduating class. Our admissions team spent countless hours reviewing all student applications and were thoroughly impressed with the crop of candidates. We accepted students from 167 different schools from every neighborhood in Philadelphia. Our tradition of excellence carries on because of the incredible support we receive from our parents, faculty and the Associated Alumni of Central High School.



Timothy McKenna
President, Central High School

During the fall months, over nine hundred students visited Central High School and spent a full day shadowing a current ninth grader. Our students are our best ambassadors. When we ask the 8th graders who visit to describe their day, they consistently reflect on Central's warm and energetic atmosphere and the student body's clear commitment to academic excellence. They were also impressed with the sheer number of clubs and athletic teams that we offer. Central High School is a unique school and our guests walk away wanting to be a part of our tradition. **Mr. Charles Steinberg, 221** tirelessly coordinates our shadowing program. He is a volunteer and works five days a week to make sure prospective students have the opportunity to visit CHS for one day and learn about the life of a student in our community.

During the **278** Honors Convocation, I shared with our senior class that their work in our classrooms ensured that we are again ranked the number one school in Philadelphia. I told them that we are more than a ranking; we are a school that produces future leaders that are committed to making our world a better place. Their legacy will be cemented when they become productive, successful members of society and join the ranks of countless other Central Alumni throughout the world. I thank the members of the **Associated Alumni of Central High School** for their continued support of our program of study. I look forward to seeing you at upcoming school events.

I hope that you remember your journey at Central High School and that it was a life changing experience for you. The members of the alumni association always speak with me about how Central shaped their lives for the better. If you fall into this category, I ask you to think about making a contribution to our **Leading the Way for Innovation & Creativity Capital Campaign**. Central High School needs your support as we work to expand and renovate our campus for the next generation of CHS Lancers. I thank all the members of the Associated Alumni of Central High School that have already stepped up to contribute to the campaign. Please contact **Lynn Norton Robins**, CHS Director of Development at lynn@centralhighalumni.com or visit centralhighalumni.com to make a contribution. Go Lancers!



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Three Degrees of Separation

David R. Kahn, Archivist/Historian , 220

Many of us have played the Kevin Bacon game. For the 224th Class it's easy, since Kevin's brother **Michael Bacon** is a member of that class. But this is not about the Bacon Brothers. Rather, it is about the mere three degrees of separation between myself (and obviously, many others) and **Alexander Dallas Bache**, the first President of Central.

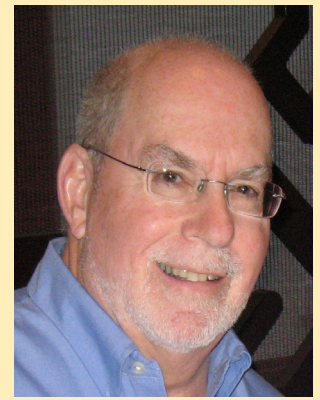
During my time at Central I had Latin and Russian classes with the department chairman, **Oswald R. Kuehne**. Dr. Kuehne was a member of the 122nd Class and a good-humored fellow. **William H. Cornog, 146**, and ninth President of Central, wrote in Chapter Two of his history of Central, School of the Republic, of comical remarks by the boys about their professors. The final professor mentioned is the "venerable and seemingly immortal **Zephaniah Hopper, 1st Class**". Dr. Kuehne said, "The 122nd Class was probably the last class to have this noted teacher as an instructor in solid Geometry. Professor Hopper, at that time close to 89 years of age, had a roster consisting of only 4 hours per week." Kuehne then talks about how, because Hopper's teeth no longer fitted him too well, "the students watched very alertly and with gleeful anticipation for the times that he might say 'isosceles triangle', because we knew that his upper set of teeth would descend with a click on the lower compliment". Professor Hopper served at Central 59 years, and was twice Acting President. He was Fourth Honor Man and received his diploma (on display in the Central Archives) from the hand of Dr. Bache. I might add that there are stories of a similar vein about Dr. Kuehne, who was near retirement when I knew him.

So, I had Dr. Kuehne, Kuehne had Dr. Hopper, and Hopper had Dr. Bache! Three degrees of separation!

"Time Marches On, part one"

February 1, 2019 marks the 80th anniversary of the opening of our fourth and current building. Central has called Ogontz & Olney home longer than any other location in its history. While the building shows more wear and tear than it did when I was a freshman 60 years ago, it has undergone a series of renovations and upgrades over the years. In recent times, it has received new windows, new and increased electric power equipment, fire alarm system, air conditioned classrooms and this fall, security cameras. As you

know, the AACHS rebuilt the Barnwell Library and created the King Media Center to house it, along with the Spain Conference Center. The AACHS is now holding a Capital Campaign to build a performing arts center, and renovate space in the original building to expand the science and technology programs.



"Time Marches On, part two"

June 10 last spring marked the 70th anniversary of the Levine-Lundy sound studio, given to the school by two alumni. I suspect most of you have no clue what or where it was. On the third floor, in the rear of the music department, a radio studio and engineering control room were built and Central's radio station WCEN began broadcasting within the school. For many years, special assemblies were broadcast live into homerooms, as well as DJ hosted music programs during regular homerooms. During my student days, the call letters were changed to WRCL, so that we could register them with the FCC. (For the record, I was an active member of the Radio Workshop., the club that ran the station.) We chose this combination to reflect our relationship with Temple's radio station WRTI. After the building renovations in 1968, when the music space was subdivided into its present configuration, the radio station stopped broadcasting and the studio space began to be used for individual instruction. The control room space was enlarged and became the department chairman's office. The dedication plaque for the studio was removed, and has disappeared. I would love to recover it, both for personal and archival reasons.

"The Work Continues"

The work of the Archives never ends. New history is made in the building every day, and new items and historical references come to us regularly. We constantly field calls and e-mails requesting information on graduates and historic events. We continue to reorganize our files and material. We work to protect and preserve our important records, and have just finished the restoration of one of our most important items, the Visitor's Book, which dates from 1842. Alumni are always welcome to visit the school and the archives. Just call or e-mail to schedule a mutually convenient time.

Crimson and Gold Forever!



EIGHT NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

George D. Mosee, Jr., Esq., 232

Since the initial ceremony in 1973, only a select group of Lancers has been inducted into the Central High School Alumni Hall of Fame. On October 17, 2018 eight very deserving alumni became the newest members of the Hall.

What a wonderful event! Although I know, first hand, how well planned the evening was and how hard the committee worked to prepare, I must admit that the end result exceeded even my expectations.

Held at the Philmont Country Club located in Huntingdon Valley, PA the company, food and venue were great.

Our MC, **Councilmember Helen Gym**, kept the evening moving while projecting a sincere appreciation for the school and the Hall of Fame and the inductees were engaging and entertaining. That's right, I said, "entertaining".

Below are the 2018 Inductees:

Herman Rush, B.B.A., 187 – Entertainment Industry Executive

Albert Fishlow, Ph.D., 199 - Economist

Marvin Corman, M.D., FACS, 208 – Professor of Surgery

David Soll, Ph.D., 213 – Professor of Biology

Lee Felsenstein, 219– Computer Engineer

Neal Kassell, M.D., 221 – Professor of Neurosurgery

Marc Brickman, 229 – Lighting Artist and Production Designer

Philip Freelon, M.A., 230 - Architect



From left to right: **Councilmember Helen Gym**; honoree **Herman Rush, 187**; Hall of Fame Chair **Stephen Burnstein, 222**; and Central President **Timothy McKenna**.

Photo credit: Centralizer co-editor in chief **Nancy Zhu, 278**

The high standards set for Hall of Fame consideration were easily satisfied by each of the inductees. Each is a star in their area of expertise and as the stars of our show they did not disappoint.

On an otherwise perfect evening I must, however, acknowledge one missed opportunity. I kicked myself all night for failing to publicly thank **Dr. Stephen Burnstein, 222**, the outgoing Hall of Fame

Committee Chairman, for his outstanding leadership and his generous contribution of time, talent and energy to our committee. Having failed to grab the microphone that night, I'll have to settle for using this article to say, "Dr. Burnstein, thank you for everything. We greatly appreciate you and your efforts."

I also appreciate that he plans to continue to serve on this well-oiled machine he's driven so well.

It will be time for next induction ceremony before you know it. Stay tuned.

Special thanks to Mr. Benjamin Blazer, and the student members of the Central High School Jazz Band for providing their musical talents for the Hall of Fame reception on October 17th:

Vincent Hua - Saxophone, 280

David Ortiz - Trumpet, 278

Owen Woodward - Trombone, 280

Alexander McPhedran - Piano, 280

Isabella Amada - Bass, 279

Dylan Allender - Guitar, 280

Prem Modi - Drums, 280

Katelyn Cyril - Violin, 278

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Lynn Norton Robins

AACHS Director of Development

This past November, AACHS successfully participated in Giving Tuesday!

With a matching gift from **Kyle Andeer, 251**, and gifts from 54 alumni, AACHS raised a total of \$42,902 in one day, and exceeded our \$40,000 goal!



And, we're excited to announce that **Elena Iwata, 273**, has joined our team, filling David's former position of Development Coordinator. Elena will create new opportunities to grow the development office so that we can continue to reach our extensive goals, and has

We have set the stage for 2019 to be our most ambitious year to date! With your support the AACHS will be able to:

- Reconnect with new alumni each year and grow our outreach initiatives,
- Mobilize alumni from around the world to reconnect with fellow classmates,
- Encourage support for the Annual Giving Fund, which is what allows AACHS to continue its work on behalf of the Central students of today and tomorrow, and
- Continue working toward the Capital Campaign's ambitious goal to fund Central's renovation and expansion initiative.

Comings and Goings

We'd like to thank our first ever Development Coordinator, **David Kesselman, 272**, as he moves on from AACHS to take on a new role as a paralegal. David has been an integral part of our team, helping to create a foundation for a more sustainable AACHS. We wish him great success in his future endeavors!

already helped to expand our reach in just a few weeks on the job (**check out our new Instagram - @centralalumni - to learn more!**).

There is a common misconception that philanthropy is about "asking". It's not. It's about telling.

Telling a story to which you can relate, a story that captures your interest. Connects with you. Engages you.

In addition to growing a sustainable and healthy philanthropy, the AACHS development office is in the business of making you **feel**.

It's important to feel connected, feel like you make a difference, and feel good about your individual and collective contributions to the AACHS.

I urge you to contact me, and tell me your story. Why is Central so important to you? We want to hear from you!

*People will forget what you said,
people will forget what you did,
but people will never forget how you made them feel.
– Maya Angelou*

TAKE YOUR SEATS, PLEASE!

Many alumni have availed themselves of the opportunity to dedicate the new, upholstered seats in Central's beautiful, renovated Auditorium. Opportunities remain to dedicate a seat "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" family or individuals you wish to honor. Classes can organize and purchase entire rows. A brass plate will memorialize each dedication. Seats are available for a \$300 tax-deductible donation per seat. Please use the form on this page, or donate at centralhighalumni.com/support.

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Name	Class
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Telephone	Email
Inscription (up to 3 lines; 30 characters per line including spaces):	
Single seats or rows, in groups of 9 to 23 seats, are available at \$300 per seat. Make check or money order payable to AACHS and mail to: AACHS, P.O. Box 26580, Philadelphia, PA 19141-6580	



COLUMN A

Bruce Yasgur, 216

Me? I'm a retired teacher, a semi-retired attorney, an old folkie, a part-time Downeaster, a husband and a dad (PA, ME). But my Central network? That brings me the world. In the past few months I've been in touch with a bunch of classmates, including, alphabetically, internist and new grampa (for the 5th time?) **David Abrams** (CA); erstwhile *Lancer* running back, inventor and retired business exec **Michael Bell** (NJ, FL); public health microbiologist emeritus **Richard Berman** (PA); retired Sarasota public defender and trivialist (along with his team of fellow PD retirees, The Habitual Offenders) **Paul Cherry** (FL); artist/illustrator **Don Dyen** (PA); historian/author/producer and 7th (Monty Python) **Mark Forstater** (UK); retired financial executive and current nonprofit consultant **Alan Frankel** (PA); senior attorney/public service volunteer and trustee **Ian Portnoy** (DC); retired research scientist **Alan Rothman** (PA, FL); peripatetic photographer/author/cultural historian and publisher **Laurence Salzmänn** (PA); class strongman/bon vivant and retired jewelry sales rep **Gary Sherman** (FL); radiologist/medical writer-correspondent **Eddie Soll** (NOLA); and ever-busy agriculturalist/social critic/political activist **Ivan Weiss** (WA). Anyone heard from Prez, CA cardiologist **Eddie Anderson** or Veep, NY lawyer **Eric Bregman**?

Other alumni we've heard from recently include *Mirror* and *Owl* griddier of yore/one-time attorney/transport biz CEO, university trustee/volunteer small-business mentor/"cyber grandparent," and international traveler/lecturer **Matt Molitch, 200**; indefatigable psychiatrist, father of trailblazing CHS co-ed/Israeli aliyah and psychotherapist **Jessica Bonn, 243**, and grandfather of many **Jerrold Bonn, 202**; West Coast-based professor emeritus and intrepid geezer adventurer/writer/photographer



Matt Molitch (200) in his CHS Varsity Football letterman jacket (played guard), with his wife, Marilyn

Don Mankin, 213; one-time banker and lifetime folkie and foodie **Charlie Miller, 215**; music producer/author and educator **David Spangenberg, 222**; attorney and CHS Alumni Association trustee **Ben Lipman, 224**; singer/songwriter and creative photographer **Andy Antipin, 229**; investment advisor/trailmaster and author **David Barol, 234** and broadcast pioneer/journalist and Temple adjunct professor **Vince Hill, 234**; engineer/social critic **Mitch Swann, 235**; cognitive rehabilitation specialist/sci-fi junkie **Mark Farber, 236**; CHS master booster/*Lancer* lover, healthcare communicator and Monty Python/Penn & Teller, 224 fan **Rudy Cvetkovic, 239**; South Philly chef extraordinaire **John Torres, 241**; DiBruno Brothers big cheese **Emilio "Mimi" Mignucci, 244**; retired senior army officer **Chuck McGarry, 244**, transitioning to family life in Texas; rocker/guitar collector **Jim Fogarty, 244**; Phillies great Del's grandson and Fogarty's fellow rocker/guitar guru **Eric Ennis, 246**; PPD Commander/Chief Inspector, CCP adjunct professor and Barack Obama photo buddy **Jerrold Bates, 246**; and NJ-based financial advisor/corporate VP and political pundit **Joe Daverso, 246**; coach and mentor **DeShawn Jones, 248**; UVA professor and mom

Valerie Adams Bass, 250 and Seattle real-estate development planner/consultant and Ultimate Frisbee freak **Aubrey Daniel Cohen, 250**; Philadelphia super litigator **Frank Dante, 251**; U of Maryland administrator/lecturer/consultant and superdad **Mike Noll, 252**; attorney/investment counselor and Philly sports enthusiast **Chris Fried, 255**; Family Court hearing officer and party mom **Michele Jackson, 255**; business analyst/social commentator and home-appliance diagnostician **Jennifer Knapp, 255**, Google designer/Judaica wit, poet and publisher

Matthue Roth, 255; DC-based/Mars-directed NASA engineer/photographer and coffee aficionado - Seattle-bound to design and build spaceships (*continued on page 18*)

TWENTIETH ANNUAL CAREER DAY A GREAT SUCCESS

Neil Deegan, 263

Nearly 90 alumni and friends of Central High School came out on the Monday before Thanksgiving to talk with today's Central students about their career paths and experiences in the world of work at this year's Career Day.

Jeff Muldawer, 225, along with student coordinators **Molly Bevenour, 278**, **Ma'ayan Kaplan, 278**, **Viktor Kagan, 279** and **Anya Rainwater, 280**; work through the year to organize the event, which this year celebrated its twentieth anniversary.

This year's assemblage included physicians, attorneys, judges, non-profit executives, academics, marketing leaders and business owners. In sum, this year's volunteers spoke in front of 258 classrooms filled with students over the course of the morning.

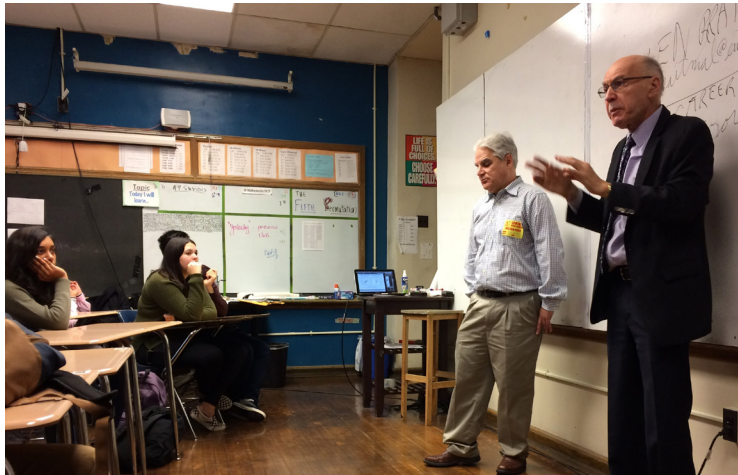


For the volunteers, it's an opportunity to inspire, to help steer a student in a new direction, or perhaps demonstrate that the path to a fulfilling career is often not a straight line.

It's also a great opportunity for alums to meet or reconnect with fellow Central alums over bagels and coffee in the Spain Conference Center.

For students, it's a break from the normal day to day classroom experience, and a chance to meet and hear directly from some of Central's most notable alums.

Next year's event is scheduled to take place on Monday, November 25th. Those interested in participating are encouraged to contact Jeff Muldawer at jeffmuld@comcast.net.



Bottom Left: Dr. Ken Goldberg, 237 and Dr. Lent Braitman, 209, discussing their profession as statisticians (Photo Credit: Ernesto Estremera, 278, Photography Editor for The Centralizer). Top Right: Chloe Moore, 258, talks about a career in urban planning (Photo Credit: Nancy Zhu, 278, Co-Editor in Chief for the The Centralizer).

Want to get involved?

The **Alumni Journal** and **centralhighalumni.com** are looking for alums interested in contributing their time, knowledge and creativity! We are seeking new contributors, as well as those interested in providing editorial and layout support.

Contributors are welcome on a one-time basis, or as a part of the team creating content around specific events and activities.

No specific experience is required, just a desire to become involved and work with the AACHS communications team to get the word out about great things happening at Central and with our fellow alums.

To learn more, contact Neil Deegan at alumnijournal@centralhighalumni.com.

Thank you!

REUNIONS

- 192** - The 192nd class will hold a reunion on June 9, 2019 at the Doubletree Plymouth Meeting (640 Fountain Rd, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462) from 12 PM to 4 PM. For more information, please contact samahoffman32@gmail.com.
- 198** - The 198th class will hold its first quarterly meeting of 2019 on April 2, 2019 at 12 PM at Devon Restaurant (225 S 18th St, Philadelphia, PA 19103). For more information, please contact Bernard Gross at 215-561-3600.
- 199** - The 199th class will hold a reunion on June 5, 2019 at the City Tavern (138 N 2nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106). For more information, please email Robert Rosenstein at 199thclass@comcast.net.
- 201** - The 201st class will hold their 65th year reunion on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 12:30 PM at the Cedarbrook Country Club (180 Penllyn Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422). For more details, contact Ed Taylor at ed.taylor@yahoo.com.
- 202** - The 202nd class will hold a series of reunion events during the weekend of May 3-5, 2019, beginning with lunch at Central and a 6 PM dinner at the Racket Club on May 3rd, a visit to the Constitution Center and Museum of the American Revolution on May 4 at beginning at 10 AM, followed by a cocktail party that evening, and Sunday brunch on May 4. For more information, please contact Robert Becker at robertbecker34@yahoo.com.
- 212** - The 212th class will hold its 60th reunion on May 3, 2019 from 10 AM to 2:30 PM at Central High School. Those assembled will enjoy lunch and conversation, tour the building and participate in a ceremony commemorating the occasion. For more information, please contact Otto Mills at otto@ohmills.com
- 213** - The 213th class will hold a reunion on October 19, 2019 at the Bala Golf Club (2200 Belmont Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19131). A cocktail reception will begin at 6 PM, followed by dinner from 7:30 to 11 PM. The event will be preceded by a visit to Central on October 18th. For more information, please contact Jeffrey Weiner at jawlaw@sprintmail.com or (609) 230-6628.
- 221** - The 221st class will hold its 55th reunion on May 3rd. The day will begin with breakfast, a tour of Central High School, and lunch, and continue Friday evening with an event at the City Avenue Hilton. For more details, please contact Chuck Steinberg at cssteinberg221@gmail.com.
- 247** - The 247th class will hold a reunion on October 19, 2019 at Penns Landing Caterers (1301 S Christopher Columbus Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19147). For tickets or more information, contact 247CHS@gmail.com.
- 253** - The 253rd class will hold its 25th reunion on June 29, 2019 at 7 PM at the IATSE Ballroom (2401 S Swanson St, Philadelphia, PA). Tickets are available for \$75 (plus service fee), \$85 (plus service fee) after 12 PM on May 16th. For tickets, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/central-high-school-of-philadelphia-253rd-class-reunion-tickets-56536335702>. For more information, email chs253reunion@gmail.com.

IN MEMORIAM

Please note that while some of those who've passed are known globally, others are known within smaller circles, all are listed here by name, class number and nothing more. We are all Central High alumni

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165 Morris Cherry	188 Morton L. Weinberger	209 David Kelberg	233 Paul Gilstrop
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Dr. Marshall Freedman (230) was listed incorrectly in the last edition of the Journal as Marshall Dean. We regret the error.

If you learn about the passing of a fellow alum, please forward information to alumnioffice@centralhighalumni.com so that we may keep our records updated.

ALMA MATTERS

194- Jerry Kates reports that **Herb Snitzer** is still working as a professional photographer and would like to hear from any of his classmates. He can be reached via email at herbsnitzer@aol.com or by phone at 727-692-7646. His photo masterpiece, **Jazz A Visual Journey**, is a gem as are all his other books. To learn more about his latest book, **Glorious Days and Nights: A Jazz Memoir**, and his other work, visit <http://www.herbsnitzer.com>.

205 - Matt Levine was inducted into the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame on Sunday, September 16, at a ceremony held at the Four Seasons Hotel in San Francisco, CA. Levine earned a BA in English Literature at Trinity College in Hartford, CT. After serving in the U.S. Coast Guard, he earned an MBA in Finance from Columbia University. After working at Citibank and McKinsey & Co. in New York and Scott Paper Company in Philadelphia, Levine and his wife moved to San Francisco where he started a consulting practice. There, he applied his work in marketing to the world of sports, helping 60 professional sports teams to increase attendance, media and merchandise revenues. Called "the father of pro sports marketing", he was recruited to help launch the NHL's San Jose Sharks. He's worked with organizations ranging from the NFL and United States Polo Association to horse and motor race tracks, equine polo, mixed martial arts and theme parks. Matt currently lives in Los Altos, CA with his wife, Diane.



A Movement of Minds

Nine American Poets of the Late Nineteenth Century
edited and introduced by
Warren Hope

218 - Warren Hope recently edited a poetry anthology titled **A Movement of Minds: Nine American Poets of the Late Nineteenth Century**. The volume includes one former member of the Central faculty, Ernest Lacy, and one alum, **Donald Evans, 107**. Lacy, Mr. Hope says, was "a poet and playwright, was recruited by **Albert Henry Smyth, 78** to teach English at Central in 1893. He pioneered public school debating and public speaking as well as being remembered for his Shakespeare courses. At the time of his death, Lacy had become the head of Central's English Department." Evans, "was a student at Central who eventually went on to Haverford College and served in the U.S. Army in France in World War I." Warren notes, "If Lacy was considered 'the last of the Elizabethans,' Evans was among the first of the modernists - praised by both E.E. Cummings and Wallace Stevens." Warren earned a Ph.D. in Literature at Temple University, and while retired, he serves as an adjunct instructor of English at Holy Family University.

222 - Brian D. Engler completed a five-year term as Chair, Fairfax Library Foundation, in June, 2018, and subsequently was appointed to the Fairfax County Public Library Board of Trustees to represent the Braddock District of Fairfax County, Virginia. Brian has lived in Burke, VA since completing his 20-year career as an officer in the US Navy in the 1980s, and has worked as a government contractor and as Executive Vice President of the Military Operations Research Society. Upon retirement from paid employment, Brian has focused on several volunteer leadership positions in the northern Virginia area and nationally.

228 - Richard Schwartz reports that his book, "The Man Who Lit Lady Liberty: The Extraordinary Rise and Fall of Actor M. B. Curtis", was chosen by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Margret Herrick Library for inclusion in their collection. The book received the Bronze Medal for Biography by the Independent Publishers Book Awards, and will be released in paperback this fall. For more information, visit <http://richardschwartz.info>.

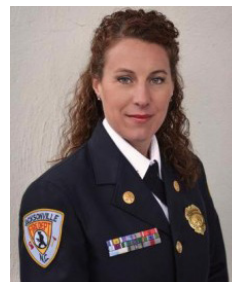
231 - Bob Croce, responding to an article by Archivist **David Kahn, 220** article on notable moments in Central history, notes another important occurrence - the 1970 Central football victory in the City Title game, defeating Bishop Egan High School by a score of 13-6. That victory was the "first outright Public League victory in 19 years".

231 - This fall, a book detailing the art of **Stephen Talasnik** was released. *Unearthed* details Talasnik's work over the last decade, in a variety of media, including a serpentine installation Stream at Storm King Art Center, NY and his new monumental sculpture, *Satellite #5: Pioneer* at Tippet Rise Art Center in Montana. The book is available at Barnes and Noble, through Amazon or your chosen bookstore.

246 - Ken Maminski served as Captain of the Aqua String band in this year's Mummers Parade. Aqua, according to their website, is "one of the oldest, but also one of the most consistent bands in the Parade." For more information on the Aqua String Band, visit <https://aquastringband.com>. Thanks to **Mark Lipshutz, 224** for sharing this information!

249 - John Baron, longtime Captain of the Hegeman String Band, participated once again in this year's Mummers Parade. For more information on the Hegeman String Band, visit <http://www.hegemanstringband.com>. Thanks to **Mark Lipshutz, 224** for sharing this information!

252 - Susanna Schmitt Williams, the Fire Chief of the Carrboro, North Carolina Fire-Rescue Departments reports that the "252 celebrated their 25th reunion on September 8, 2018. Even after 25 years this group still knows how to throw it down!" Susanna recently completed an intensive four year program, leading her to receive her Executive Fire Officer designation from the United States Fire Administration National Fire Academy (USFA). Susanna is one of only approximately 50 female fire chiefs in the country, and each of her four research projects for the program have been published in the USFA library.



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EXPERIENCES: THOMAS KRANZ

Neil Deegan, 263

Author, communications professional, executive producer. **Thomas Kranz (231)** has had an illustrious career spanning the region and the globe since leaving Central's halls in 1972.

Kranz recently published his second novel, "Killer Competition", drawing on his experiences in television news - with a healthy dose, he promises, of fiction. He took time to answer a few questions from the *Journal*.

Q: Your writing bridges your experiences in television news and politics. The description of your most recent book, "Killer Competition", reads, "One villain is a psychotic news photographer who will stop at nothing to get an exclusive. Another is a corrupt governor hell-bent on taking Maggie's job away from her and use it as a patronage perk for his connected friends." One might hope that a great deal of creativity is at work there, but how much of the story in "Killer Competition" is informed by your experience, and how much is great creativity?

A: My experience in the TV news business informs much of the story, though I caution that the story is, indeed, fiction. I've taken some liberties to keep it interesting. For example, the assessment by the newsroom matriarch that all the young people in the newsroom are poor journalists doesn't necessarily reflect today's reality, but more about that character's crotchety personality. There are lots of young men and women learning to be good journalists today and God knows, we need champions of truth now more than ever. As for the politics, although I am a local elected official, I'm not a fan of organized politics per se. Unfortunately, New Jersey and Pennsylvania have had their share of corrupt politicians over the years, so it wasn't a stretch to come up with a character in that image for the sake of my story.

Q: Your first book, "Liveshot" tells the story of those who told the story of the tragic MOVE disaster in 1985. You were on the scene as it happened, and experienced it first hand. What led you to decide to write the story of those who covered this incredible event in our city's history?

A: The effort over many months that WCAU staffers put into researching and covering that story truly impressed me. It still does. I witnessed teamwork at its very best that day and it was a story I thought needed to be told. Every other aspect of the MOVE disaster had been told in excruciating detail. This was a story of true journalistic excellence and I was, and still am, proud to have been a part of it. Even those who've read it who aren't from Philly or in the news business found Liveshot to be a compelling story.

Q: During your three-decade career in television news, you worked in local and national news, covered MOVE, the Olympics, political conventions and NASA, and traveled the world. What led you to leave the industry?

A: I was shown the door at CBS in 2007 after several years of tension. During the process of going on interviews, I found that at age 52, even with a great resume and decades of experience, potential employers were reluctant to hire me. I spent the following year working a number of part-time jobs, all of which were very enriching. I spent that summer as the resident EMT at a day camp for people with developmental disabilities, an incredible experience that has shaped my interactions with that population to this day. I taught broadcast writing at Stonybrook University for two semesters, another rewarding job. I finally landed my current job, which happens to be five blocks from my home in Fanwood, NJ, and it's worked out great.



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Q: What led you to seek elected office?

A: I had been a volunteer EMT in Fanwood for 15 years. I believe strongly that everyone should do something for other people without getting paid. I had friendly relationships with the local Democrats including our Mayor and they asked two years in a row if I would run. I said yes the second time. Elected office pays \$1 a year in my town, so I see it as a kind of an uber-volunteer gig.

Q: Elected officials and journalists seem to be at odds in ways they haven't in generations, broadly. Each occupies a critical role in our society. You have occupied both roles. What's your take on the current state of affairs?

A: The most recent Forbes survey of America's most/least trusted professions lists journalists and local politicians among the bottom five, so I've been in both places. Demonizing the press is now a sport thanks to our president. I actually think people in general have more respect for journalists than the surveys and our president suggest. It would help if the public exercised some news literacy, meaning do some due diligence on where you get your news the same way you research a new refrigerator. Politics has become so tribal now. We're too busy figuring out what to label people and conflating values with those labels. Voters in my little New Jersey town have demonstrated the ability to vote for people, not for parties, and I wish this were more the norm everywhere else.

Q: Did a particular experience, set of experiences or educator at Central help you set your career course?

A: There was a career day in my senior year and the late John Roberts, a legendary news anchor, spoke about broadcast journalism. I was already interested in writing. I saw journalism as a way to write a lot, to tell stories and make a living. I got accepted into KYW's News Studies program, which at the time was a kind of internship, and I was hooked.

Q: If you've been back to Central since graduating, what are your thoughts about today's Central High School compared to the Central High School you experienced as a student?

A: I have not been back to Central since I graduated. To be honest, I didn't particularly care for the high school experience for a number of reasons that I won't bore you with, though I did have several teachers who were inspiring and who shape my writing to this day. I will say that I was really happy when Central was opened to girls. The school's already-diverse student population had finally gone where it should have gone years before. Today, from what I understand, public schools in Philadelphia are struggling under horrible budget constraints. I hope Central can continue its mission of turning out college-ready students under those conditions.

Q: For a student or young alumni thinking about a career in journalism, what advice might you offer?

A: Learn to write well! Everything comes down to writing, every word that's read online, every word that's spoken on TV. And don't ever be afraid to report truth to power.

Editor's Note: This interview has been lightly edited for clarity and length. We thank Mr. Krantz for his time and hope he'll come back for a visit soon!

President McKenna Honored

In December, Central President Timothy J. McKenna received the coveted **Martin L. Glassman Commitment to Education Award** from the **Schoolmen's Club of Philadelphia**. The award was given to President McKenna during the organization's Annual Awards and Holiday Dinner.

"I'm honored to be recognized by my peers for the work I've accomplished over my 23-year career in education," said President McKenna. "As a lifelong Philadelphian, I'm proud to lead Central High School, an historic education institution in our city."

The Schoolmen's Club of Philadelphia dates back to 1902 and its mission is to promote the social and professional aspects of educational life in the city of Philadelphia and to aid in the betterment of educational conditions. The Schoolmen's Club has a rich history of service to educators and children in Philadelphia.

Adapted from article which first appeared at Centralhighalumni.com.



Central High School's 14th President, Timothy McKenna receives Martin L. Glassman Commitment to Education Award! Photo Credit: The Schoolmen's Club of Philadelphia

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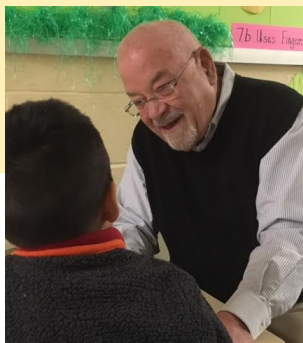
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I just saw an email from **Neil Deegan, 263**, saying that the deadline for submission to the *Alumni Journal* was due by next week.

Running out of time has been going through my head for some time now. Sometime during 2019, most of my 208 classmates and I will celebrate our 80th birthday.

I worry about becoming 80 when I realize that I should not be driving at night, or when I know there's something I shouldn't forget, but no matter how hard I try, I can't remember what that thing is.

I appreciate Neil's allowing me to vent a few hundred words in the *Journal*. It's always fun to write this little column, even when my fingers hurt to type it.

And when it hurts to type, I am again reminded of running out of time.

Now, don't get me wrong, I have no thought of going anywhere anytime soon. There's a lot left to do, and it's seriously fun to go through life with so little responsibility.

My reluctance to drive after dark led me to resign from the AACHS Board of Managers. I told **Steve Chappell, 209**, current AACHS President, and dear friend that I would still help while not a Board member. Who knew he would take my shallow offer seriously? He gave me an assignment that clearly, no one else wanted to take on. Thanks Steve.

I didn't get to know several Board members, but that's on me. I miss seeing those I do know and miss not getting to know the others. I also miss

TIME TRAVEL

Merrill Freedman, 208, Columnist at Large

walking the halls of Dear Old High as often because they remind me of my youth. I also hope, and in fact, expect to walk the halls of the new addition. The current CHS building shares an 80th birthday with my Class, and the new one will breathe new and welcomed life into our wonderful school.

Volunteer activity can, despite sometimes being hard work, be very uplifting. Helping kids in Camden with homework, and with their writing skills is work, and sometimes frustrating, but oh my gosh, it feels so good. It makes me wish I had training as a teacher before starting my volunteer career. I have a lot of wishes that will, most likely, go unfilled.

Here's a mistake I wish I could undo: When we took my kids off to college, I sat each one down in their dorm room and said, "Remember that home we left this morning? Well, you don't live there anymore. Mom and I are paying for school, and your job is to learn all you can, and then start making a life." Big mistake! They took me seriously. My dear wife (who was cringing at my solo lecture) and I were planning to travel in our retirement, and not just to Oregon and Southern California. The choice of seeing European nations or spending time with grandchildren became a no-brainer. As I write this, I'm beginning to re-think this issue.

Oh, and before I finish, I should mention stairs; there are 13 of them in my house, and I've tumbled down them a few times. There's a perfect indentation in the wall opposite the bottom of stairs the size of my head. I leave it there as a reminder to be extra careful. In any event, I still love our house. We're happy here. Besides, moving is such a pain in the butt.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We hope you will join us for these exciting events. Stay tuned for more events to be scheduled, details will be posted at centralhighalumni.com!

April 23, 2019 - Holocaust Remembrance Event at Central High School. For more information, please contact **Dr. Lester Wurtele, 202**, at punnims@comcast.net.

May 2, 2019 - AACHS Annual Dinner and Meeting. Visit <https://centralhighalumni.com/2019/02/2019-annual-meeting> for more details and to register!

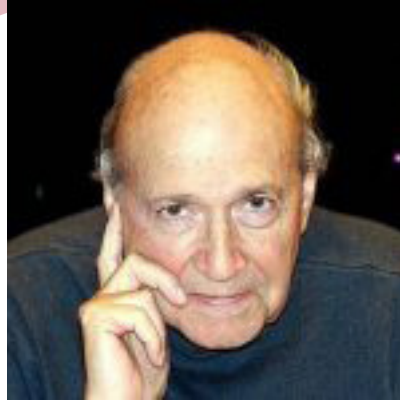
May 17, 2019 - Central Night at the Phillies! Join students and alumni to see the Phillies take on the Colorado Rockies. Game begins at 7:05 PM. Tickets are \$25 each at bit.ly/phillies19.

CENTRAL ALUMNUS DONATES PERSONAL PAPERS TO CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Brad Segall, 237

Editor's Note: The following was published at CentralHighAlumni.org in December.

Central alumni, faculty and students now have the opportunity to get a glimpse into what it was like to be on the front lines of the world's financial markets over the last half century. Central alumnus **Eugene (Gene) Rotberg, 188** has gifted selected speeches and articles to Central High School.



Mr. Rotberg, a lawyer and international investment banker, served as Vice President and Treasurer of the World Bank from 1968 to 1987. Prior to that, he served 11 years with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

Mr. Rotberg chose Central to house these important documents for several reasons. "I benefited from the diversity of my fellow students at Central and that opened my eyes to different cultures from around the world," said Mr. Rotberg who also said the diversity of Central High School was immeasurably enhanced by the addition of women to the student body. "I would not have made this donation to the school had women not been admitted," Mr. Rotberg added.

Mr. Rotberg said Central had a very accomplished faculty that facilitated his understanding of literature, history and the humanities. He said they are inseparable and provided a solid foundation for what he would achieve in his professional life working closely with developing countries.

The materials are in four parts. The first part is "Globalization, Poverty and Protectionism," which deals with the economic conditions in the developing world. In particular, these articles/speeches describe the forces at play in developing countries which account for the trade imbalances between industrialized and developing countries and why these forces are irreversible. The second part is "Finance, Capital Market and Systemic Risk," which deals with the world of finance over the last 50 years. These articles/speeches describe how and why the financial savings of the industrialized

world will continue to be channeled into developing countries to support their economic development. The third part is "Emerging Countries and the Debt Crisis," which deals with the debt crisis of the 1970s/1980s which put the world banking system at risk. The fourth part includes published articles that primarily describe Mr. Rotberg's role as Vice President and Treasurer in the Bank's financial operations.

Mr. Rotberg, who was inducted into the Central High School Alumni Hall of Fame in 1979, said these subjects are not typically taught in the high school classroom and it's important for high school students to understand the effects and links between globalization and domestic economic policy.

He hopes his donation sparks other alumni to consider making gifts to Central. The materials can be accessed at www.generotberg188.com or by hard copy at the Central High School library.



FROM CENTRAL HIGH TO TOP NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE EXEC

Since the inception of The Associated Alumni of Central High School (AACHS) Hall of Fame 46 years ago, only two women have been inducted. One was **Quiara Alegría Hudes, 254**, 41, who won the 2012 Pulitzer Prize for Drama for her play, "Water by the Spoonful," and wrote the book for the musical, "In the Heights." Hudes was profiled in the Local on July 30, 2015.

The other Hall of Famer is **Betty Liu, 250**, 45, who was both the first female and the first Asian student to be inducted into Central's Alumni Hall of Fame. Betty's meteoric rise in the business world has been staggering. A former *Bloomberg TV* anchorperson and author of the book "Work Smarts," Betty is now Executive Vice-Chairman of the New York Stock Exchange.

Liu was born in Hong Kong, moved to the U.S. when she was three years old, and from age 12 was raised in Northeast Philadelphia. Her physician father, who still lives in Philly, is a retired internal medicine specialist, and she has one sister, who lives in Edison, NJ, and is a dental hygienist. "My parents, being Chinese, told me I had to have a 30-year plan," Betty told us last week in a phone interview, "but I could not have anticipated where I am today, although I do think everything I have done has prepared me for where I am now."

Betty is indeed on the business mountain top. After graduating magna cum laude in 1995 from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in English, she started her career in financial journalism as a Hong Kong-based regional correspondent and the youngest-ever Taiwan Bureau Chief for Dow Jones Newswires.

After leaving Dow Jones, she worked for several years as the Atlanta Bureau Chief for the *Financial Times*, where she broke stories on top corporate and political leaders such as Coca-Cola ex-chief executive Douglas Daft and former Home Depot CEO Bob Nardelli, among many others. Returning to Asia as an anchor and correspondent for CNBC Asia, Liu covered the daily market action in the Greater China region for all of CNBC's morning shows, including for CNBC's *Squawk Box*. Over the course of her career, she has also written for *The Wall Street Journal* and *Far Eastern Economic Review*.

Liu's consummate professionalism at every step on the ladder elevated her to Bloomberg Television, where she was the anchorperson for "In the Loop with Betty Liu" from its inception in 2007 until the show's cancellation in June, 2015. Betty interviewed countless boldface movers and shakers in the corporate world. Who was her favorite? "Warren Buffet," she said. "He really is down-to-earth, just like he

Len Lear, 209 (*The Chestnut Hill Local*)

Editor's Note: The following was published in the Chestnut Hill Local on September 20, 2018. Special thanks to the author, Len Lear, for allowing us to reprint his work here.

seems off-camera, although he is one of the five richest people in the world. I also grew close to his son, Howard, also very down-to-earth."

In 2016 Liu founded RadiateInc.com, a subscription website offering business micro-lessons from top CEOs and other heavy hitters. When Betty was interviewing corporate CEOs for her Bloomberg TV show, she would often keep asking questions after the cameras were turned off, like "How did you get to where you are in the company?"

"Their comments were so interesting that I thought it would be a good idea to put them on video, so I wound up with a library of lessons from CEOs. They are two-and-a-half minute bite-sized, entertaining doses of wisdom. We now have over 2,000 of these videos in our library. We began making them available to businesspeople on a subscription basis. (Betty would not say how many subscribers they have.) We are not taking any new subscribers, but eventually I would like to make the videos available to everybody. The sky is the limit with it."

A sampling of the CEO videos includes those of John Foley of Peloton, Mindy Grossman of Weight Watchers, Hamdi Ulukaya of Chobani, as well as Jack Welch, Ariana Huffington, Gary Vaynerchuk and many others.

Some of the issues they deal with are: "How Do You Find Great Talent?" "What Do You Do When You Go From Friend to Boss?" "What's an Effective Perk to Attract Top Talent?" "What Is Your Must-Ask Job Interview Question?" "How Do You Help Employees Adapt To Fast Changes?" and "How Do You Fire Someone?"

In June of this year, Radiate became a part of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), and Betty was named Executive Vice-Chairman of NYSE, its first female chief, as of July 9. Liu has been charged with building the NYSE leadership network, cultivating connections through live events and creating opportunities for organizations to connect across the NYSE's listed community of 2,400 companies.

But Betty has not forgotten her Philly roots. "I was at the Super Bowl (in February) rooting for the Eagles," she said, "but they did not need me. About 80 percent of the people in the stands were Philly fans!"

For more information, visit bettyliu.com or radiateinc.com. You can reach Len Lear at lenlear@chestnuthilllocal.com.

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for Blue Origin - **Joseph Gruber, 257**; and Philly teacher/social-service volunteer/violinist and runner: Go! **Harriet Go, 259**. Do we get around or what?!

So, ever hear friends and neighbors complain how unfair it is that so many DACA recipients and immigrants are becoming class valedictorians, winning academic awards and scholarships, and being admitted to top universities? Think I'd choose to have the best and brightest treat me, operate on me, litigate my legal matters, teach my kid, fly and land my plane, grow and handle my food, and design, create and build my house and car and the structures, infrastructures, machines, media and medications that I live in, work in, and travel on, in and over, and consume and use every day. No idea what most of them look like, where they're from or whether they're US citizens; nor do I care, so long as they're the best at what they do and contribute to the quality of my life and the lives of those I care about, including you.

Even before I attended and later taught at Central, I was part of a global community. My older relatives - many of whom defied restrictive immigration laws and slipped in through our "back door" - had strong Russian, Polish or Hungarian accents. They talked about everything, including us kids, in Yiddish. So, of course, I studied German so that I could follow the dialogue. But I digress, so back to my main point. As a *Mirror* and, alas, a *Lancer*, I became friends with boys of all racial and linguistic backgrounds for the very first time. Some of my teachers - mostly men - spoke with

foreign accents. As a teacher, my colleagues and students brought a rich array of sounds and hues to my daily palette. I learned about the mores, folkways, expectations, rewards and challenges of nations and cultures as distant and diverse as Russia and Haiti, Korea and Romania, Vietnam and Egypt, South Africa, Mexico, India, Brazil and others that have long since faded into the widening cavity between my ears. I heard first-hand accounts of escape from Southeast Asian wars, African and South/Central American poverty, and Eastern European tyranny, much as my forebears had run for their lives from Cossacks, Czars, Stalinists and Nazis. I learned about the respect that other societies showed to elders, especially parents and teachers. And when the co-eds arrived at Central like newly-minted citizens, I had to unlearn old customs and relearn the new ground rules. Are we as a nation going through the same challenge of having to unlearn old trigger points and relearn the basics of democracy and civility as forces fueled by fear and confusion resist every step that extends the promise of freedom to those they see as "others?" Like our forebears, haven't these brave expats faced enough obstacles to get here to lead fuller lives and contribute to our greater good?

Hey, you're already one of us, so you can't be an other. What do you think? What have **you** learned lately? Have a story to share? What about you Gen X,Y and Z-ers? E me at byasgur216@gmail.com. Thanks to my editor, Janice. A Prosperous and Happy Year, All!



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