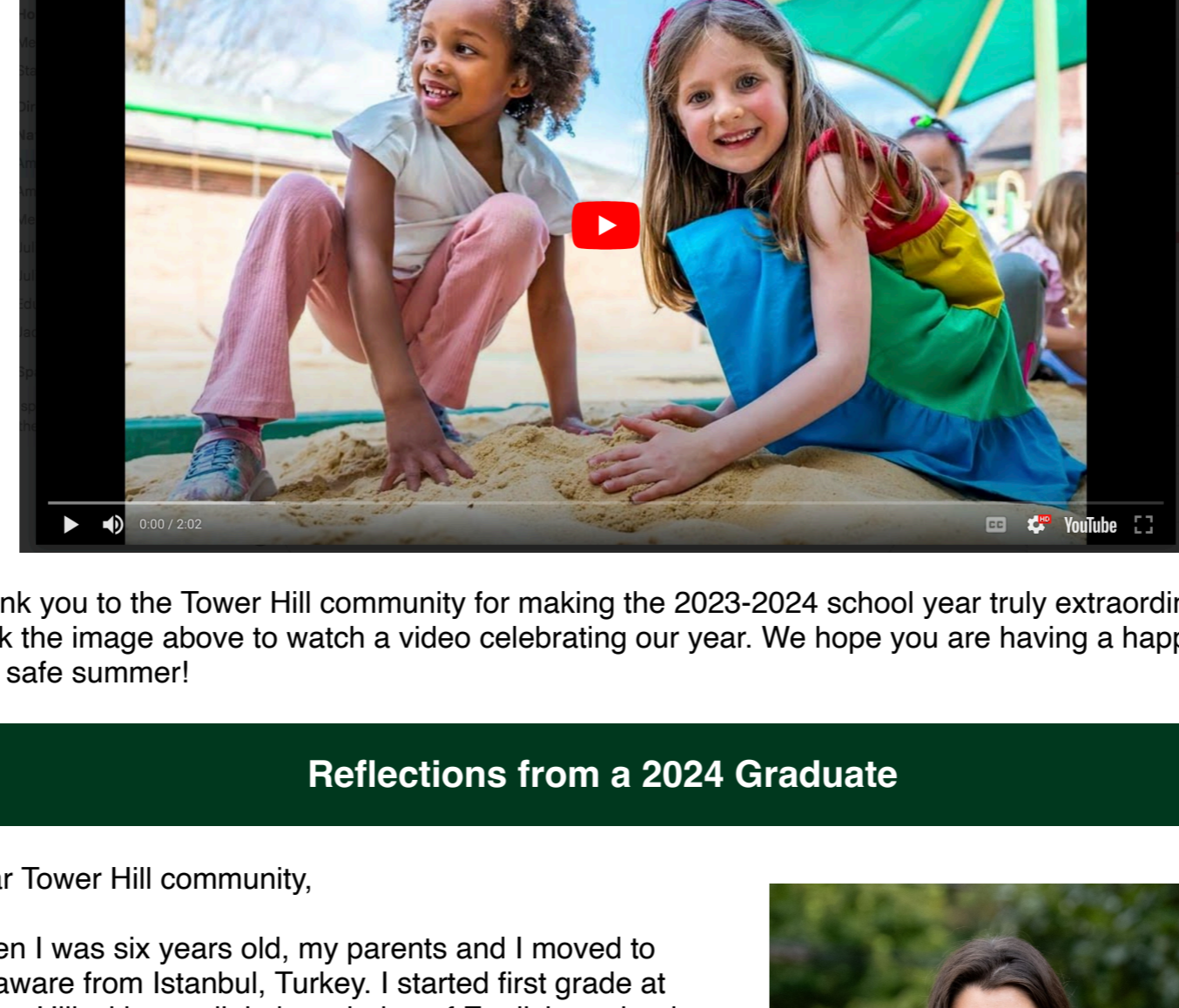


TOWER HILL SCHOOL

THE LOOKOUT

Thank you for a wonderful 2023-2024 school year!

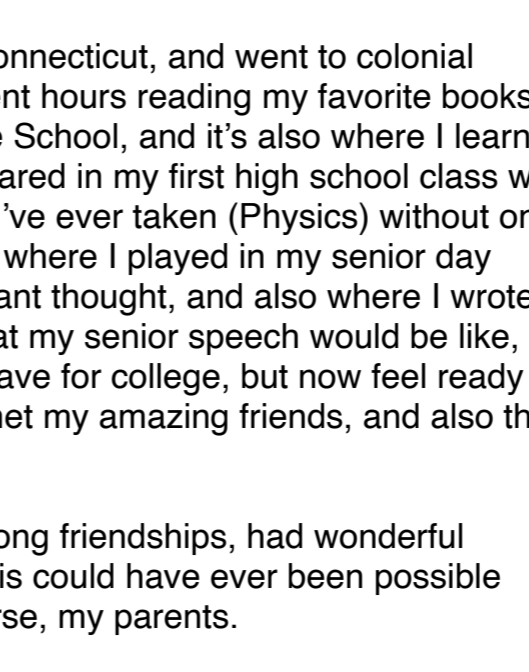


Thank you to the Tower Hill community for making the 2023-2024 school year truly extraordinary. Click the image above to watch a video celebrating our year. We hope you are having a happy and safe summer!

Reflections from a 2024 Graduate

Dear Tower Hill community,

When I was six years old, my parents and I moved to Delaware from Istanbul, Turkey. I started first grade at Tower Hill with very little knowledge of English; at the time my English vocabulary consisted of hello and goodbye, my name is, a shaky counting of the numbers 1-10, and maybe a list of your most average fruits. I initially struggled in school, as I couldn't understand what my teachers and classmates were saying, and it took a long time for me to be accustomed to the life and culture here. Eventually, though, somewhere along the way my English fell into place, and now I have arrived at the end of my senior year.



Although I initially struggled, Tower Hill is the place I developed speaking, reading, and writing in English. It's the place where I made my second grade state fair project on Connecticut, and went to colonial Williamsburg in the fourth grade. Tower Hill is the place I spent hours reading my favorite books with my closest friends in the back of the old library in Middle School, and it's also where I learned how to use Zoom for the first time in 2020. It's where I sat scared in my first high school class with a mask, and where I successfully finished the hardest class I've ever taken (Physics) without one. Tower Hill is where I played tennis for the first time, and also where I played in my senior day match. It's the place in which I felt like college was a far distant thought, and also where I wrote my college essays. It's the place where I dreamed about what my senior speech would be like, and also where I gave it. It's where I thought I could never leave for college, but now feel ready and confident in my decision. Most importantly, it's where I met my amazing friends, and also the place I will be graduating alongside them.

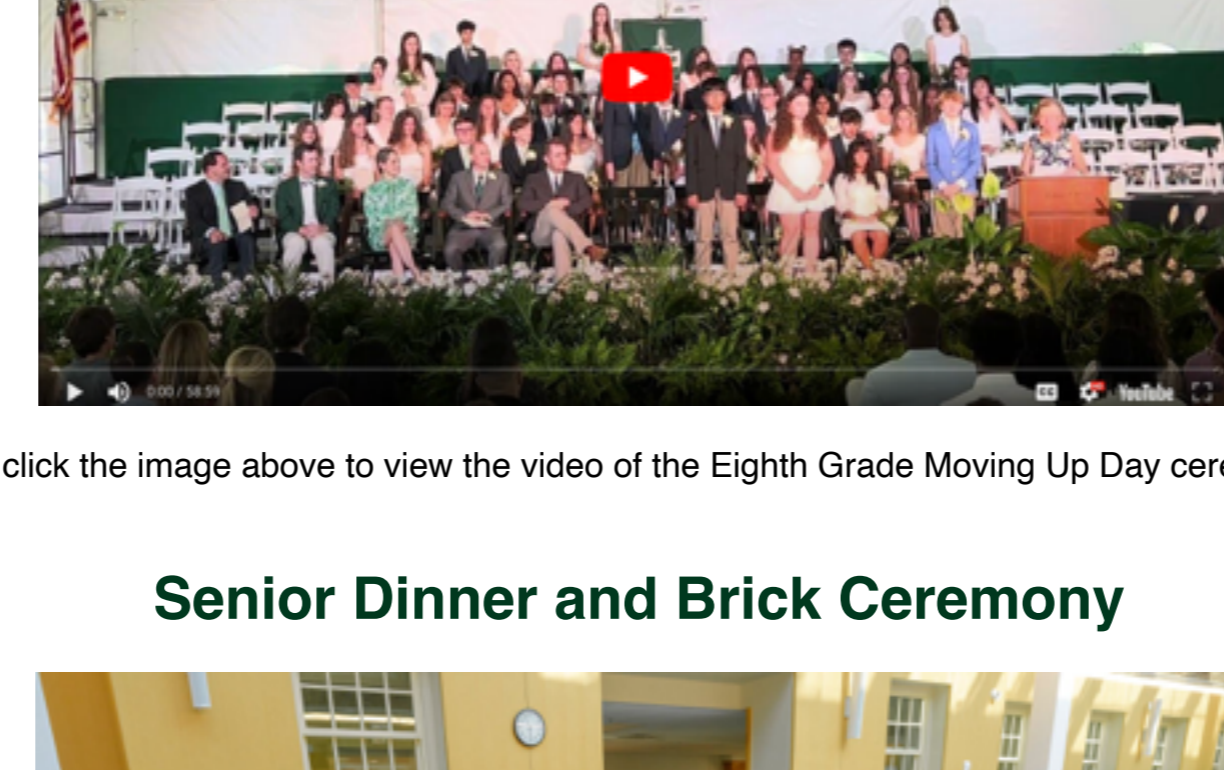
Over the course of my time at Tower Hill, I've developed lifelong friendships, had wonderful opportunities, and found new interests that I love. None of this could have ever been possible without the support of all of my teachers, friends, and of course, my parents.

This year I will face the biggest change in my life since I was six years old. A time that in first grade I thought would never come has caught up to us, as graduation is a few short weeks away. There's a part of me that wishes everything could stay the same, but although it's scary, this time I've decided to accept the change as it arrives and just live in the moment. Change has made me who I am today. It led me to this school, it's brought me my best friends, and most importantly it's taught me that home can be in more than one place. I hope that this next change will bring me even half as much joy as this one has. Thanks, Tower Hill!

Deren Kesen '24

End of Year Celebrations

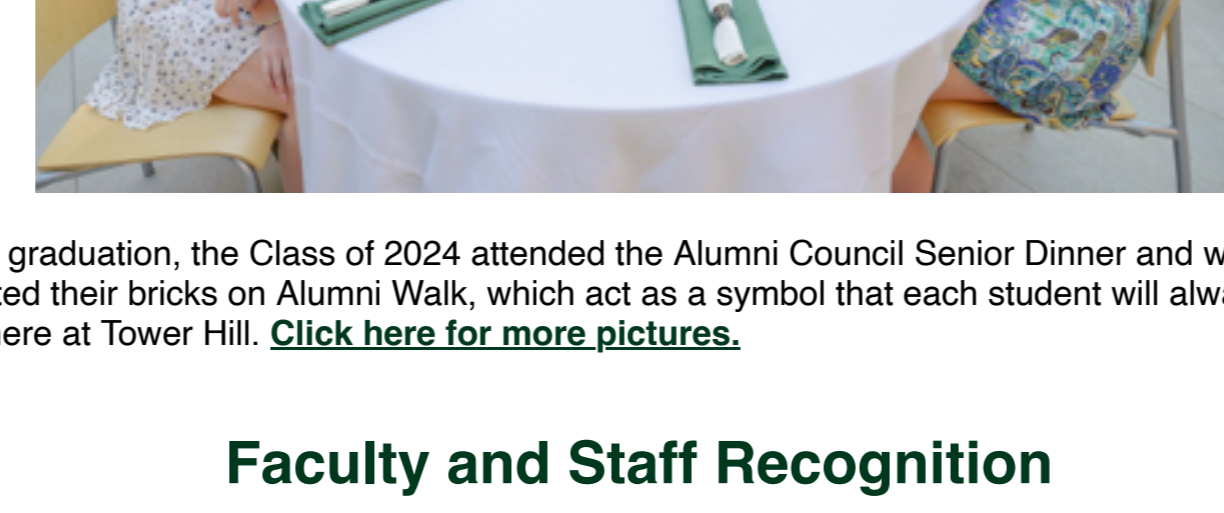
Congratulations, Graduates!



[Click Here for Pictures and Videos](#)

We had a joyous week at the beginning of June celebrating our Awards Ceremony, Eighth Grade Moving Up Day and Graduation. Congratulations to all of those moving on to the next chapter!

Moving Up Day Video



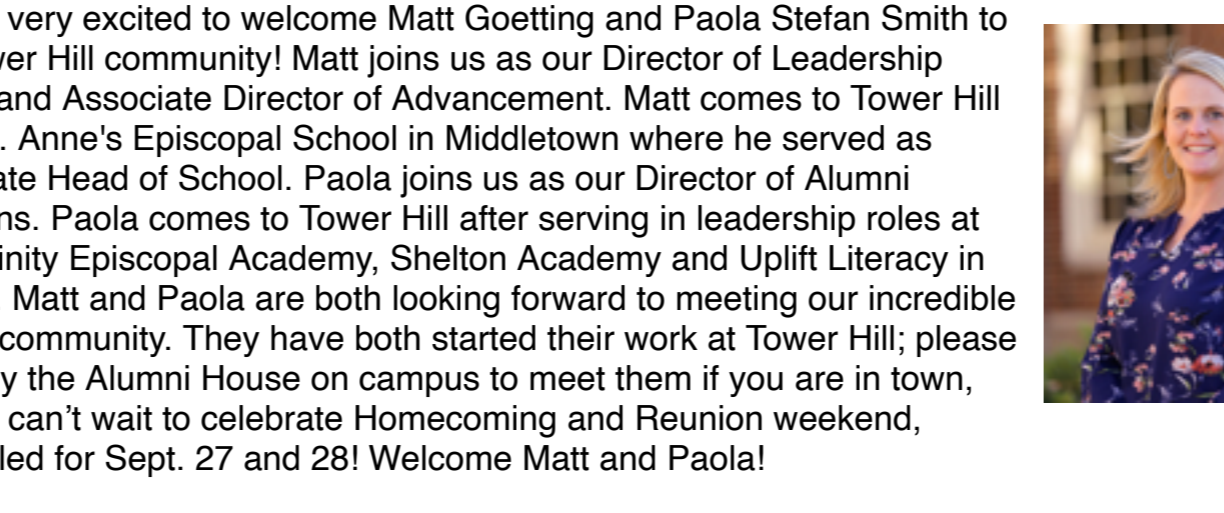
Please click the image above to view the video of the Eighth Grade Moving Up Day ceremony.

Senior Dinner and Brick Ceremony



Prior to graduation, the Class of 2024 attended the Alumni Council Senior Dinner and were presented their bricks on Alumni Walk, which act as a symbol that each student will always have a home here at Tower Hill. [Click here for more pictures.](#)

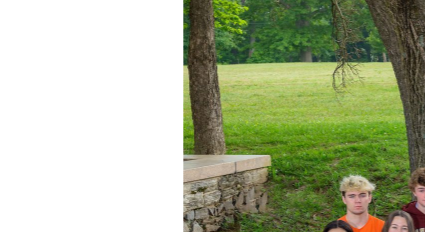
Faculty and Staff Recognition



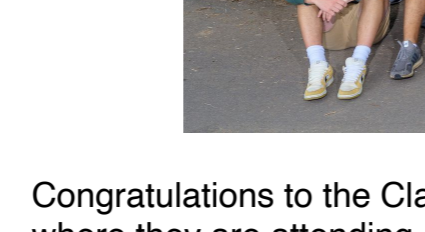
During the last week of school, faculty and staff gathered on the Hayward House lawn to celebrate the school year and to recognize members for their years of service milestones. Notably, **Wiz Montaigne Applegate '79** celebrated 40 years of service to the school. Kevin Wasco and Amy Cuddy celebrated 25 years and Chris Aiken celebrated 20 years. The William L. Kitchel II Faculty Chair, awarded to a faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in educational leadership and a love for students, was given to Rich Pierce. Lindsay Coleman was awarded the Timothy B. Golding Distinguished Chair in English.

Announcement

We are very excited to welcome Matt Goetting and Paola Stefan Smith to the Tower Hill community! Matt joins us as our Director of Leadership Giving and Associate Director of Advancement. Matt comes to Tower Hill from St. Anne's Episcopal School in Middletown where he served as Associate Head of School. Paola joins us as our Director of Alumni Relations. Paola comes to Tower Hill after serving in leadership roles at Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy, Shelton Academy and Uplift Literacy in Florida. Matt and Paola are both looking forward to meeting our incredible alumni community. They have both started their work at Tower Hill, please come by the Alumni House on campus to meet them if you are in town, and we can't wait to celebrate Homecoming and Reunion weekend, scheduled for Sept. 27 and 28! Welcome Matt and Paola!



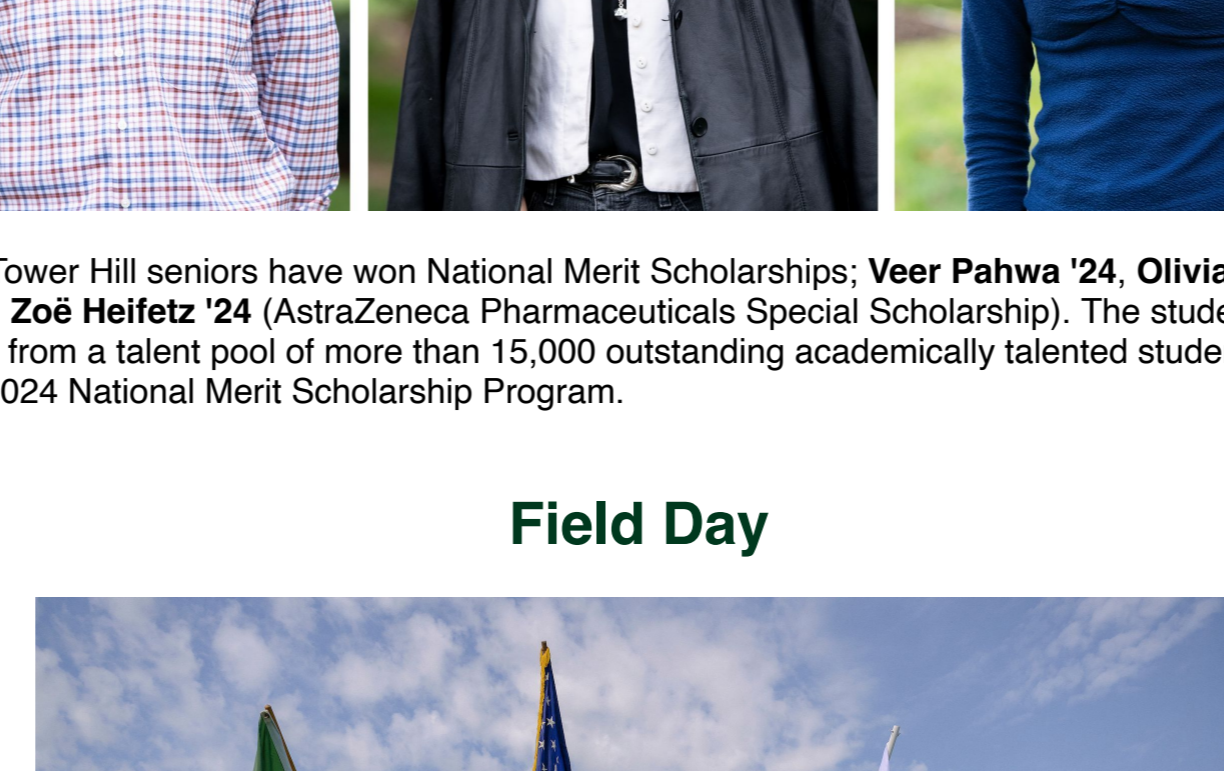
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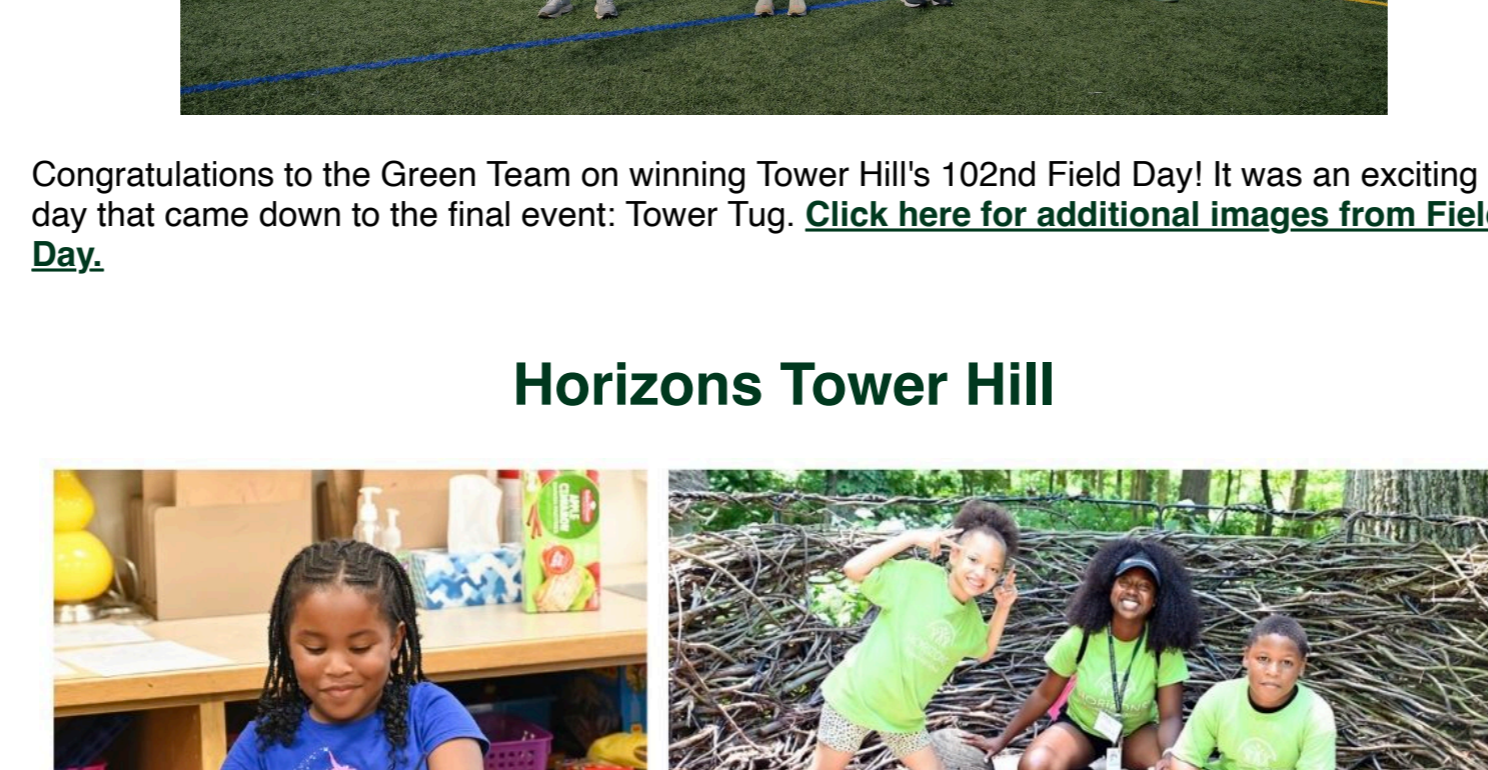
Around School

College Matriculation 2024



Congratulations to the Class of 2024 on your fantastic college decisions! [Click here](#) to view where they are attending college and distantly across the country and the world next year.

2024 National Merit Scholarship Winners



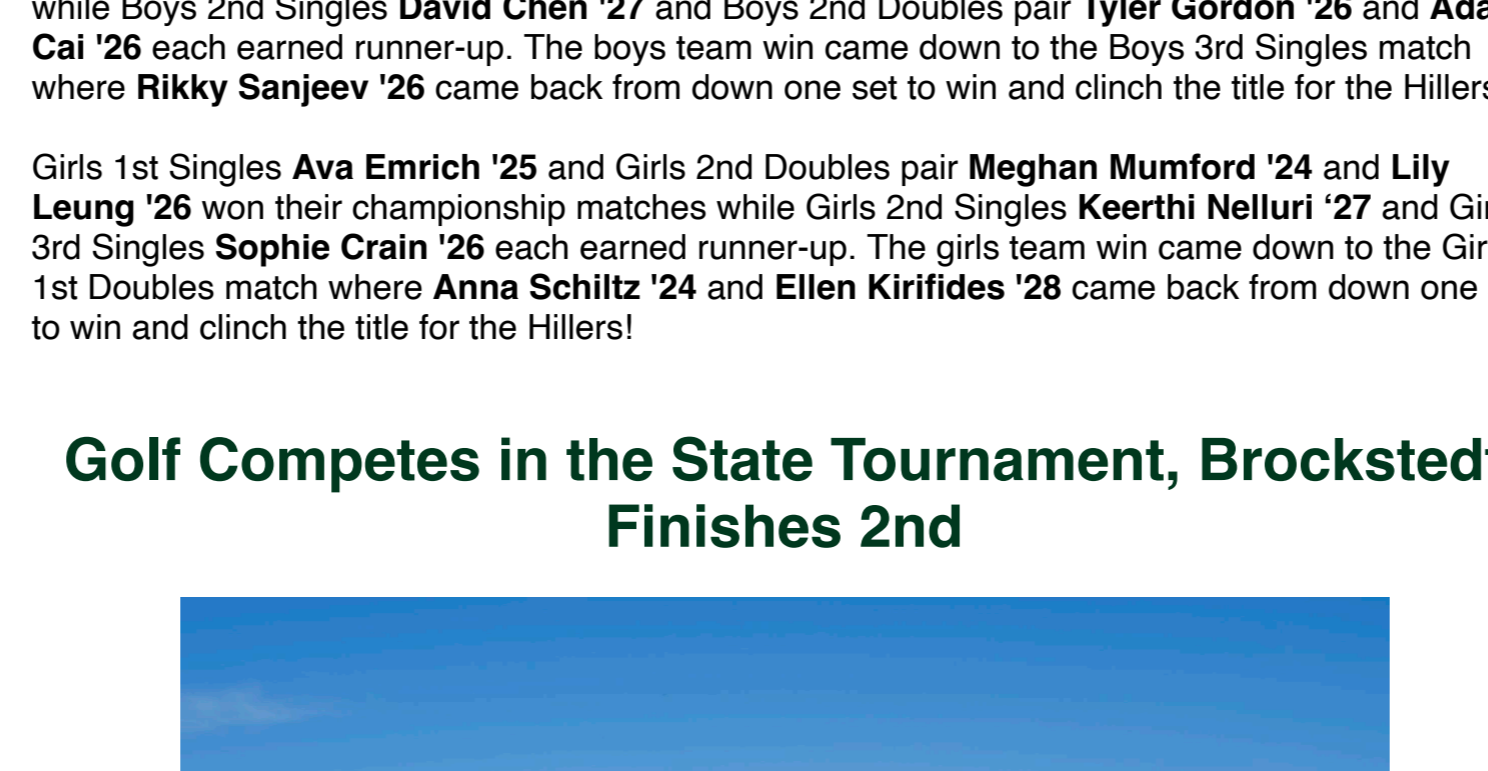
Three Tower Hill seniors have won National Merit Scholarships: **Veer Palwa '24**, **Olivia Jordan '24** and **Zoe Helfetz '24** (Aspen Zeeva Pharmaceuticals Special Scholarship). The students were chosen from a talent pool of more than 15,000 outstanding academically talented student finalists in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Field Day



Congratulations to the Green Team on winning Tower Hill's 102nd Field Day! It was an exciting day that came down to the final event: Tower Tug. [Click here for additional images from Field Day.](#)

Horizons Tower Hill



We are halfway through our summer of Horizons Tower Hill Horizons Tower Hill includes a six-week summer learning and enrichment program. The program aims to provide access and advance educational equity by closing the opportunity and achievement gaps that can widen during the summer break and by building long-term partnerships with students, families, communities and schools. This year, we welcomed back our inaugural class, now rising second graders and welcomed a new class of rising first grade students. We are fortunate to have incredible alumni returning to campus for Horizons Tower Hill including **Elizabeth Stefane '06** in her second year as our First Grade Teacher, **Janel Hall '16** as our Assistant Teacher, **Stephanie Rutkowski '06** as our Reading Specialist and **Robby Saunders '24** as our Volunteers Coordinator.

Athletics

Boys and Girls Tennis Win State Championship!



Congratulations to both our boys and girls tennis teams on winning the state championship! Boys 1st Doubles pair **Jack Allen '24** and **Samuel DeSantis '26** won their championship match while Boys 2nd Singles **David Chen '27** and Boys 2nd Doubles pair **Tyler Gordon '26** and **Adam Cai '26** each earned runner-up. The boys team win came down to the Boys 3rd Singles match where **Rikky Sanjeev '26** came back from down one set to win and clinch the title for the Hillers! Girls 1st Singles **Ava Enrich '25** and Girls 2nd Doubles pair **Meghan Mumford '24** and **Lily Leung '26** won their championship matches while Girls 2nd Singles **Keerthi Nelluri '27** and Girls 3rd Singles **Sophie Chen '26** each earned runner-up. The girls team win came down to the Girls 1st Doubles match where **Anna Shiller '24** and **Ellen Kirfildes '28** came back from down one set to win and clinch the title for the Hillers!

Golf Competes in the State Tournament, Brockstedt Finishes 2nd



The golf team competed in the 2024 DIAA Championship and earned 6th place overall as a team. **Sawyer Brockstedt '25** shot -3 overall to earn 2nd place in the Girls Individual Championship, and her second round score of 68 was the second lowest round of the tournament!

For the Boys Individual Championship, both **Michael Dignazio '24** and **Nate Zehner '24** made the cut after the first round and finished in 12th place and 53rd place respectively.

Team Results:
Brockstedt: +1 | -4
Dignazio: +9 | +4
Zehner: +15 | +22
Evan Zakielarz '26: +19 | MC
Sam Maroney '24: +26 | MC

Spring Athletic Honors

Congratulations to our spring athletes on all of their honors! Four students earned All-State honors. Eight tennis players won their state championship match. Two students earned USA Lacrosse All-Academic honors, which is awarded to players who exhibit exemplary lacrosse skills, good sportsmanship and leadership in the field and represent high standards of academic achievement in the classroom. Our impressive 73 Hillers were named to DISC All-Conference and/or New Castle County All-County teams. Read the complete list of our student-athletes achievements [here](#). Go Hillers!

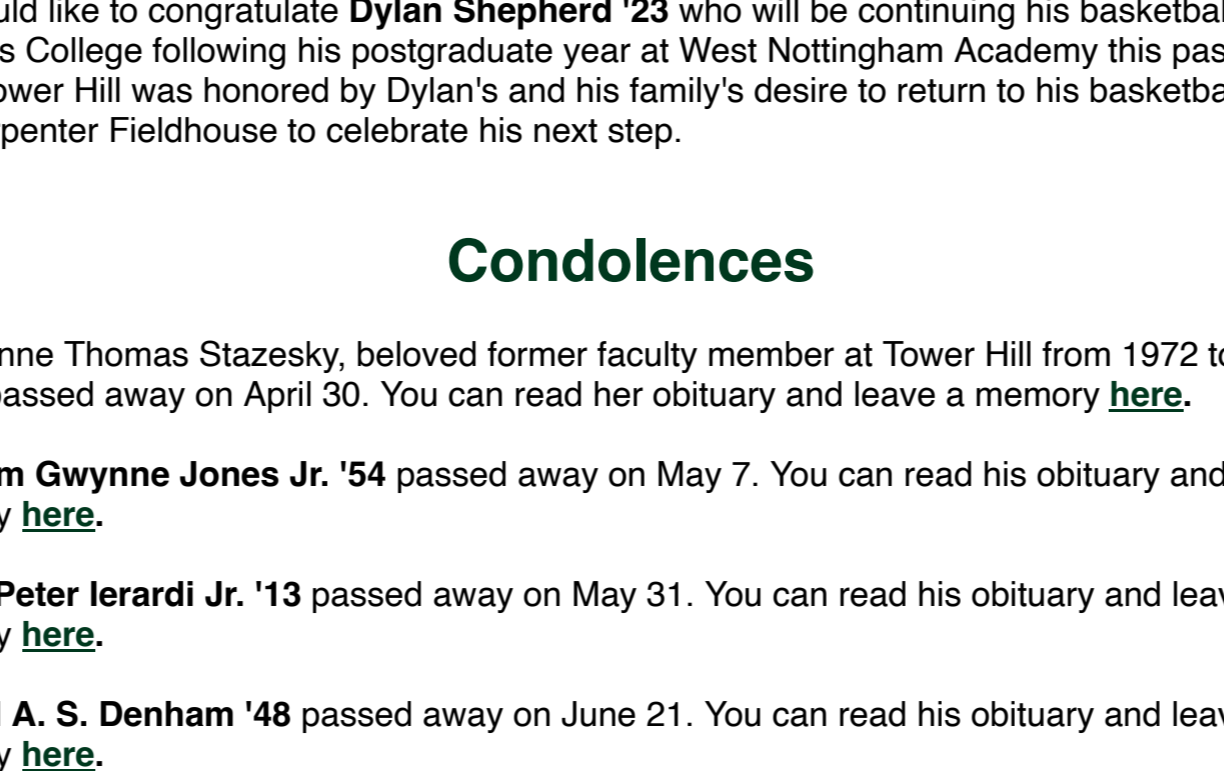
Stay Involved

Golf Outing Recap



Thank you to all of those who joined us and supported our Annual Golf Outing! Please find pictures from the event [here](#).

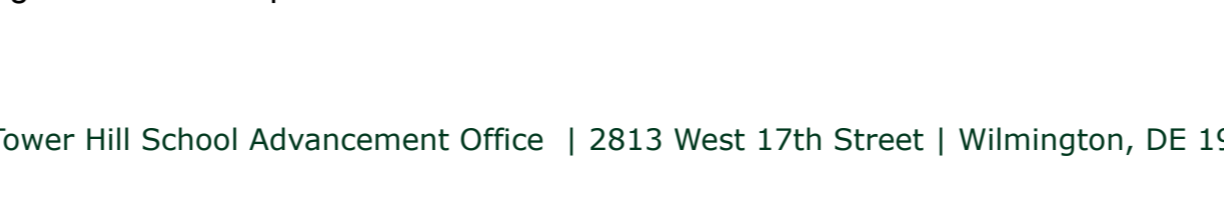
Homecoming - Save the Date



We are delighted to welcome our alumni back to campus this Sept. 27-28 for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2024! This year we honor, in particular, classes ending in 4 and 9, who are celebrating landmark reunions.

Festivities are planned for Friday and Saturday for the entire THS community, including sports competitions, the presentation of our Distinguished and Young Alumni Awards, campus tours, picnic lunch, an alumni gathering for all and more! If you are interested in hosting a reunion gathering for your class, please email Linda.Osgden for more information.

Annual Fund



Congratulations to the Field Day Giving Challenge winners... **the Green Team!** With 207 donors, the Challenge raised an impressive \$108,000 with Green winning by just nine donors and \$9,000. This friendly competition supports our students and faculty through the Annual Fund. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

Class Notes

Congratulations **Lisney Mullins '23** on competing in the 200-meter butterfly and the 400-meter freestyle at the U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials at Tower Hill. Mullins won 20 state championship titles and was a five-time First Team All-State member.

We would like to congratulate **Dylan Shephard '23** who will be continuing his basketball career at Williams College following his postgraduate year at West Nottingham Academy this past school year. Tower Hill was honored by Dylan's and his family's desire to return to his basketball home in the Carpenter Fieldhouse to celebrate his next step.

Condolences

Mary Anne Thomas Stazesky, beloved former faculty member at Tower Hill from 1972 to 1991, passed away on April 30. You can read her obituary and leave a memory [here](#).

Malcolm Gwynne Jones Jr. '54 passed away on May 7. You can read his obituary and leave a memory [here](#).

Ralph Peter Ierardi Jr. '13 passed away on May 31. You can read his obituary and leave a memory [here](#).

Willard A. S. Denham '48 passed away on June 21. You can read his obituary and leave a memory [here](#).

A Call for Class Notes

What's new? Have you changed careers? Won an award? Gotten married or welcomed a child into your family? Been published or promoted?

Hillars, we would love to hear what you or members of your class have been up to! Email Linda.Osgden and it will be featured here in *The Lookout* and in our *Bulletin* magazine. Photos are welcome! Please send high-resolution .jpg images that are at least 1 megabyte in size.

Stay Connected with Alumfire Networking Platform

Several Hillers have already joined our new alumni networking platform, Alumfire! There is no cost to join other than your time. Through Alumfire, you can be a mentor, provide informational interviews and/or offer career advice to current Tower Hill students. Alumfire also serves as a way to connect with fellow alumni and Tower Hill's professional community, and discover the advantages this network provides.