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The Gow School

GOW AT A GLANCE

A Monthly News Snapshot from The Gow School

Welcome Gow Families!







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Alumni Feature: Matt Kelly '94

Meet Matt Kelly, chef, restaurateur, community leader, and dedicated Govian. As the owner of four successful restaurants in Durham, NC, learn how Gow helped shape Matt's life and career.



Faculty Spotlight: Rebecca and Brad Rausch '95

As faculty members at Gow, alumnus Brad Rausch '95 and his wife, Rebecca, share more about their passion for Gow and helping students. We are grateful to the Rauschs for all they do for our Gow community!



IMPORTANT DATES - Join us if you can!

Grandparents' Day	September 20
Fall Parents' Weekend	October 11-12
Fall Break	October 12-20
Thanksgiving Holiday	November 23-December 2
Holiday Break	December 19-January 6
Spring Crimson and Navy Weekend	April 25-26
Senior Dinner	May 15
Commencement	May 16

For more information, please visit gow.org or call the Development Office at 716.687.2075. We are here to help!



Faculty Spotlight

Rebecca and Brad Rausch '95

Long-time faculty members Rebecca and Brad Rausch '95 know firsthand the importance of teaching students with language-based learning differences. "I've always wanted to give back to the school that gave me so much and taught me to overcome my difficulties," said Brad, an alumnus, Chair of Gow's Science Department, and Director of Gow's Outdoor Education Program. "It's important to me to share my experiences with future generations," he said.



Brad's path to Gow was similar to that of many current students. Originally from the Buffalo area, he attended The Nichols School, where he struggled until his father learned about The Gow School Summer Program. After a summer at Gow, he became a full-time student in 1990. "The structure and small classes suited me, and I took full advantage of the tutorial sessions and the opportunity to make new friends. I graduated in 1995 and went to St. Lawrence University, where I earned a biology degree with a computer science minor. I worked at Gow for five years and then got a master's in science education with a concentration in physics from Buffalo State University. I returned to Gow and have been teaching for 24 years," he said.



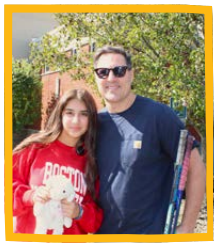
Pictured: The Rauschs on campus; Mr. Rausch in the front row of Kathy Rose's classroom in 1992; and the Rausch family.

Rebecca teaches Reconstructive Language and recalls how they started their life together at Gow. They planned an outdoor wedding on campus, but rain moved the wedding indoors to the Reid Arts Center, where they married in the theater. "Gow is meaningful to us on so many levels. It's a tight-knit community where faculty appreciate each other. It is a perfect place to raise our children Isabell (14), Penelope (12), and Finley (9)," said Rebecca.

The Rauschs appreciate how Gow is constantly evolving. "We are glad the school is co-ed and now serving fifth graders so more students can build their confidence and self-advocacy skills," said Brad. Rebecca is looking forward to teaching the newly established 5th grade. "Brad and I share the goal of ensuring that our students get the support and skills from Gow to thrive."

WELCOME TO GOW'S 99TH YEAR!

We are so glad you're here



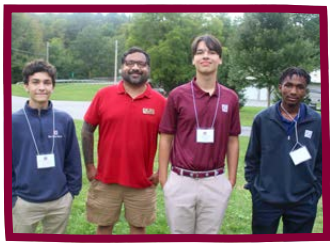













Welcome Message from John Munro



Head of School

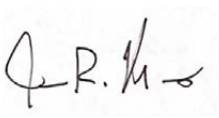
Dear Gow Friends,
As we embark on the new academic year, we're thrilled to see our students eager to learn, our faculty inspired, and our staff ready to offer their unwavering support. I am excited to welcome everyone back to campus this year,a year which marks a significant milestone for us—our 99th year of educational excellence.

We're excited to share that Howard Hall, our new state-of-the-art building, is taking shape with its foundation now poured. This new facility will enhance our educational offerings and support our expanding programs, with ten contemporary classrooms, a modern health care facility, and outdoor space. Should you want to know more about this project, please contact Gayle Hutton, Gow's Director of Development at 716.687.2074 or ghutton@gow.org.

At Gow, we are committed to providing opportunities in academics, athletics, and the arts that are truly unique to our school. Since our founding in 1926, we have been the pioneers in supporting students with learning differences such as dyslexia and auditory processing. This year, we are especially pleased to announce the addition of a fifth grade to our program.

As we look ahead, we are proud of our history and excited for the future. Our dedicated faculty and innovative programs continue to lead the way in helping students discover the tools to untap their gifts and confidence. We look forward to seeing all that our students will accomplish, joining the ranks of successful Govians who have come before them.

Warm regards,



John R. Munro
Head of School

Pictured: Mr. Munro with Owen '27

ALUMNI FEATURE



MATTHEW KELLY '94
Noted Chef & Restaurateur

Gow alumnus, award-winning chef and restaurateur Matt Kelly '94 loves to bring friends and family together for fabulous food. As the owner of four restaurants in Raleigh-Durham, NC, Matt says, "My passion for food has helped me understand cultures, be creative, and develop a passion for agriculture and farming," he said.

A proud Govian, Kelly is from Rochester, NY, and attended Gow for four years, graduating in 1994. While attending Appalachian State University, he worked at a restaurant and fell in love with cooking. He attended the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) and worked in top-rated restaurants, including The Inn at Little Washington in Virginia, before moving to the NC Triangle in 2002. With over thirty years of restaurant experience, Matt is the chef and partner of four acclaimed restaurants (Vin Rouge, Mateo, Nana's, and Mothers & Sons) in Durham. His accolades include the James Beard Award nominations and write-ups in The New York Times and Food & Wine.

"Gow gave me the opportunity to learn and live in an environment designed to provide students with as many opportunities as possible. I loved Outdoor Education and mountain biking, and living with students from around the world fostered strong relationships with faculty and staff that go beyond academics," he said.

Kelly lives with his wife, Elizabeth, and 18-month-old daughter, Maple, on a farm with 300 chickens and 100 pigs, and he uses much of the produce he grows in his restaurants. He works with many charitable organizations, including the Frankie Lemmon School and Developmental Center and Families Moving Forward, and helps other restaurateurs start businesses.

Matt remains an avid supporter of Gow, hosting events and contributing to the Gow auction. "Hosting events for Gow and supporting the school are important ways for me to give back and something I love being a part of. I'm always eager to tell potential students about my Gow experiences and to share this advice: maintain a positive attitude, work hard, and take advantage of all the activities. Make the most of being in a special place with dedicated teachers and a beautiful environment."

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GOW ON THE ROAD

Development and Enrollment Management Travel

Join us if you can!

September
9/10-12 Portland ME, Boston
9/11-12 Grand Rapids, MI
9/13 NYC
9/18-20 Boston, MA
9/24 Grennwich, CT

October
10/2-4 Bermuda
10/4-5 Orlando, FL
10/7-10 Chicago, IL
10/8-12 OR/WA
10/12 Pittsburgh
10/15-16 NYC
10/18 Somerset, NJ
10/22-26 Dallas, TX
10/22-29 KY, GA, FL West

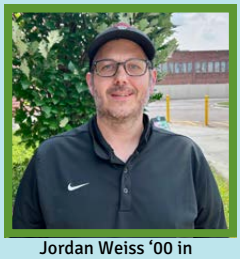
November
11/20-22 Philadelphia, PA

December
12/3-5 Baltimore/DC
12/10-12 NYC

Want to catch up with the Development or Enrollment teams while we're in town?
Let us know so we can make it happen!
Development@gow.org or 716.687.2075

THANKS FOR VISITING WITH US!

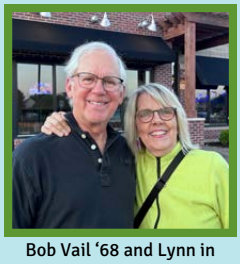

Jeffrey Spoon '65, Terri Ginsburg and their granddaughter in Ann Arbor


Jordan Weiss '00 in Bloomfield Hills, MI


Jon Siegel '79 and Stuart Lipp '65 in Chagrin Falls, OH


Chris Arzoomanian (GSSP alumnus) in Troy, NY


David Underdown '61 and Linda in Birmingham, MI

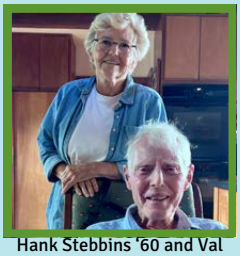

Bob Vail '68 and Lynn in Moreland Hills, OH


Paul Allen '89 in Avon Lake, OH


Rett Walker (Parent of Jordan '08) in Erie, PA


Karl Krafft (Parent of Colin '09) in Ann Arbor, MI


George Wislocki '54 and Alice (Parents of Stash '86) in Pittsfield, MA


Hank Stebbins '60 and Val in Scotia, NY


Tiffany Olis (Parent of Tony Tewes '16) in Birmingham, MI



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