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GOW AT A GLANCE

A monthly news snapshot from The Gow School



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Heidi Baust – Chair of Applied Technology

Discover how blending technology and art in her classes inspires Gow students to unleash their creativity, explore fresh ideas, and find their sense of purpose through her innovative approach.



Alumni Spotlight:
John Remar '86 – BattleBots
VP of Marketing and Executive Producer

Learn how John and lifelong Gow friends have helped to bring robotics to the world in competitions, on television, and in live Las Vegas performances.





Upcoming Events

Fall Family Weekend	October 11-12
Gow Speaker Series Mary Ann Coulson	October 22
Gow School Open House	November 11
Spring Crimson and Navy Weekend	April 26
Senior Dinner	May 15
Commencement	May 16

For more information, please visit gow.org or call 716.687.2075.

THE GOW SPEAKERS SERIES

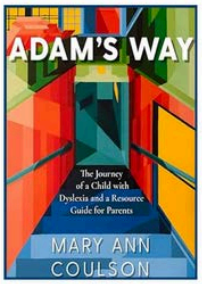
Informing and inspiring our community about learning differences

Meet our speaker



MARY ANN COULSON

The author of ADAM'S WAY, hear Mary Ann's story of her quest to find The Gow School and the life-changing education it provided for her son, Adam '04. Discover more about resources for families and students struggling with dyslexia and similar language-based learning differences.



Tuesday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m. (ET)

No charge to attend
Click on QR to receive the Zoom link
Please share this invite with others

Order your copy of Adam's Way on Amazon today!

For more information, please contact 716.687.2075 or development@gow.org

Student Council '24-25

Congratulations to our newly elected Student Council Officers and Class Representatives. They are busy planning and hosting events including movie nights, Winter and Spring Fest, Prom, helping with Fall Parents' Weekend activities, and more. We are excited for a great year!



President: Finley '25
Vice President: Jackson '25

Class Representatives:
Day Students: Donnie '29
Grades 5-8: Benj '29
Grade 9: Mihla '28
Grade 10: Elena '27
Grade 11: Anna '26
Grade 12: Anavey '25

Faculty Focus:

HEIDI BAUST

Chair of Applied Technology
Art and Video Teacher







Pictured: Heidi and her family; with Caroline '24, Will '24, and Jules '24; receiving the Lowell Lundell Award for Excellence in Teaching from Interim Director of Enrollment, Todd Avis

Since 1995, Heidi has been an integral member of The Gow School Community.

In addition to teaching for nearly 30 years, Heidi met her husband, Rick Hausauer, a longtime member of Gow's Buildings and Grounds team on campus. They have two children, Alexa and Ethan, and live in East Aurora.

Heidi serves as the Chair of the Applied Technology Department and a teacher of broadcast journalism, 3-D art, and audio and video production. In addition to teaching classes, she is the yearbook editor and coaches the girls' dance team. Two years ago, Heidi received the Lowell "Link" Lundell Award for Excellence in Teaching. Chosen by colleagues, this is the highest honor bestowed to a Gow faculty member.

With a B.S. from Nazareth College and an M.S. Ed. from Buffalo State University, she loves challenging her students to think creatively, explore new ideas, and plan for their futures. "I enjoy teaching my video classes because those students are visual and spatial learners. They think in pictures, and what is a movie but a series of pictures in motion? At Gow, we help students discover what inspires them," Heidi explains. For those drawn to the arts, this discovery helps them succeed in college and beyond. Heidi knows firsthand the impact art, creativity, and thoughtful teaching can have on Govians." Our students are creative and skilled at overcoming challenges. This problem-solving and ingenuity helps our students stand out in the classroom, on the job, and in their lives."

Keeping in touch with Gow has never been easier!

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John Remar '86
BattleBots Executive VP

JOHN REMAR '86 serves as Executive Vice President of Marketing, Head Referee, and Executive Producer of the Destruct-A-Thon and Face-Offs YouTube Series at BattleBots, the world's first daily robot-combat show.









Pictured: John and his family; with Tony Inksater '85; with Rob Middleton '87 and Sean Perrotti '95 in Irvine; and with Trey Roski '84

As part of the BattleBots team since it started in 1999, John has loved working with fellow Govians, founder and CEO Trey Roski ('84), and Tony Inksater ('85), one of the engineers. "Having been lifelong friends since Gow, we understand how to work together to get things done. My closest friends remain those from my five years at Gow."

After graduating from Gow in 1986, John earned a BA from California State University Long Beach and embarked on a career in business. He owned and operated ImagineNation, a commercial production company, and DirectBuy Long Beach. He's now sharing these experiences to help Gow rebrand. "I want to help more families learn about Gow so their children can benefit from the small classes, individualized attention, and dedicated programming that made such a difference for me. I give back to Gow by supporting the school, hosting events for alumni and families in Southern CA, serving on the Alumni Board, and being a member of Gow's Marketing Committee," says John.

"Gow helped me to understand my dyslexia and gave me the tools and confidence to know I can do anything. With nearly 100 years of experience in educating dyslexic students, Gow is a special place. Living with peers who understood my challenges, learning from a supportive and knowledgeable faculty, and having leadership roles like being the yearbook editor and serving on ski patrol prepared me for success in my life," says John.



Celebrating Grandparents' Day -September 20











Over 80 proud grandparents and family friends from across the country came to Grandparents' Day, ready to enjoy Gow life with their grandchildren. It was a perfect autumn day to attend classes, cheer for the soccer and volleyball teams, learn more about Reconstructive Langauge from Brian Thompson (Chair of the RL Department) and his students, take a campus tour, and attend a Q&A session with Gow's Head of School John Munro. Although Grandparents' Day was only on Friday, many students enjoyed time off over the weekend with their families. We want to thank our wonderful guests for helping to make Grandparents' Day 2024 a day to remember!









Gow in our community



We encourage Gow students to participate in community service, fostering a strong sense of responsibility and compassion. Through a variety of projects, students engage with local organizations, support meaningful causes, and have fun. This hands-on experience not only builds leadership and teamwork skills but also encourages empathy and a lifelong commitment to giving back.

In the past couple of weeks, Gow has participated in three events to help our local community. Middle school students cleaned a Lake Erie beach in Evans, and high school students served on the Green Team at East Aurora's renowned Borderland Music Festival where they also got to enjoy an afternoon of great music. Prior to the beginning of school, faculty and staff volunteered at Cradle Beach, a camp for students with disabilities, where they cleaned cabins, gardened and helped with special projects.











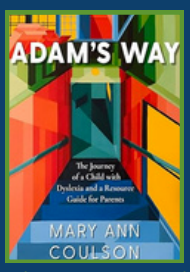
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Books to Explore

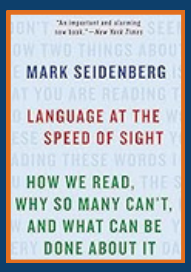
October is Dyslexia Awareness Month, and we asked our Reconstructive Language teachers for their suggestions about books to deepen understanding and support for those with dyslexia. From personal stories to expert strategies, these resources offer valuable perspectives for parents, educators, and advocates. Explore these titles to learn how we can empower students and create more inclusive learning environments. Together, let's raise awareness and help every student thrive.



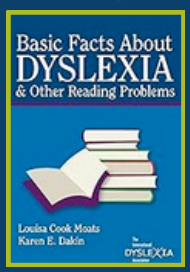
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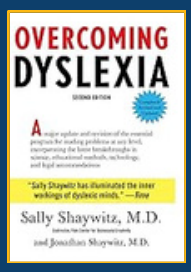
Adam's Way: The Journey of a Child with Dyslexia and a Resource Guide for Parents
Mary Ann Coulson



Language at the Speed of Sight
Mark Seidenberg



Basic Facts About Dyslexia & Other Reading Problems
Louisa Cook Moats and Karen E. Dakin



Overcoming Dyslexia
Sally Shaywitz