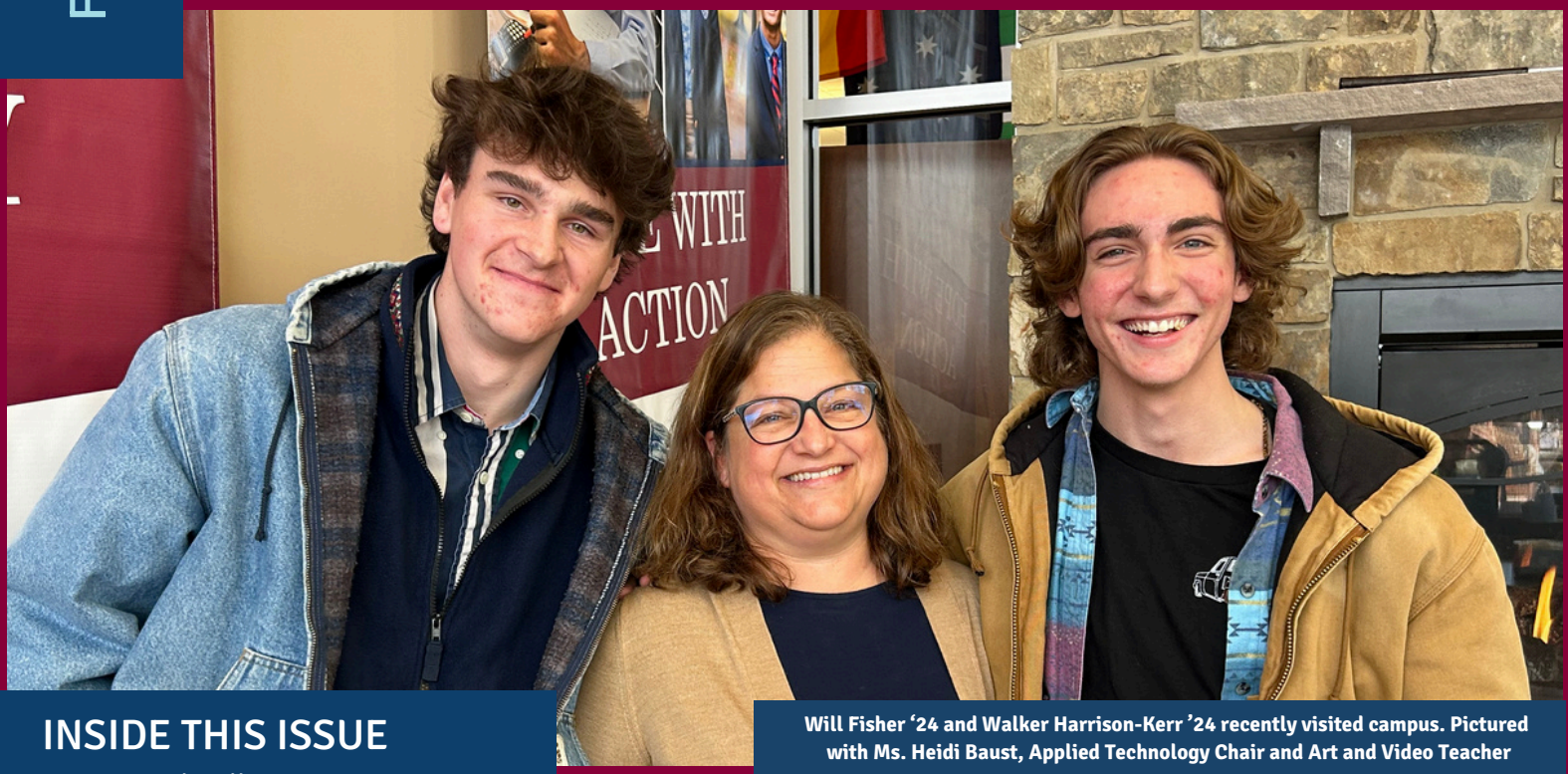
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GOW AT A GLANCE

A Monthly News Snapshot from The Gow School



Will Fisher '24 and Walker Harrison-Kerr '24 recently visited campus. Pictured with Ms. Heidi Baust, Applied Technology Chair and Art and Video Teacher

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Gow Spotlight

Magnus Hepburn '18

Sometimes, all it takes is passion and purpose—and Magnus '18 has both. Determined to make a difference, he laced up his running shoes and set out on a grueling 900-mile journey across the United Kingdom, to support Canadian veterans. Read how his incredible feat raised funds and awareness for those who served.

REGISTER NOW!

Join us for a weekend of Gow fun!

May 2-3, 2025

Alumni Weekend



Special Event Update

Gayle Hutton will be recognized for her upcoming retirement during Saturday dinner, see page 3 for details!

For a schedule, hotel information and registration, visit gow.org or click the QR code

February 15 - 23	February Recess
March 13	Gow Speaker Series - NYS Attorneys, Michael Masterangelo and Greg Cangiano
April 20	School Open House 9:30 am
May 2-3	Alumni Weekend with Career Conversations
May 15	Student Awards and Senior Dinner
May 16	Commencement



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Step into Howard Hall



Imagine walking into the lobby, where a cozy fireplace invites you to relax, study, or chat with friends, surrounded by the convenience of the bookstore, conference room, and administrative offices—a natural hub for students and faculty. Upstairs, the second floor buzzes with academic energy, featuring Gow's signature Reconstructive Language program and flexible classrooms designed for collaboration, guest speakers, group projects, and college preparation, alongside a dedicated Speech and Language classroom. On the lower level, you'll find a modern health suite offering privacy and care, a counseling office, and Little Seniors, home to the school's entrepreneurship program. Step outside to unwind in Adirondack chairs, taking in the breathtaking view of Gow's Lower Forty and the serene Cazenovia Creek, one of the campus's most picturesque spots.

Thanks to the generosity of many, we have raised more than 80% of our $10.5 million Howard Hall fundraising goal.

Please consider a gift or multi-year pledge to help us cross the finish line! To give, scan or click the QR Code. Thank you.

Why a new building?

- Ten spacious classrooms will encourage learning and creative programming. Each room has the latest technology, with desks and chairs designed to promote natural movement and collaboration.
- A Health Office with three infirmary rooms for students to rest and recover, a spacious reception area, and a counseling office.
- A versatile Little Seniors, space for Admissions and Development events, Student Council and activity club meetings.
- Designed with our community in mind, indoor and outdoor seating areas will encourage conversations and solo and group study.
- With an elevator and ramps, this building is ADA-compliant and accessible for all.

Gow Students On The Road

Student Diversity Leadership Conference

MEETING THE MOMENT
ANCHORING & ENRICHING OUR EDUCATION FUTURES







Four Gow students were selected to attend the NAIS Student Diversity Leadership Conference (SDLC) in Denver, CO in November. Mr. Brian Jimenez and Mrs. Jen Cannon chaperoned and attended the People of Color Conference.

SDLC conference is a multicultural gathering of student leaders from independent schools. The conference teaches students about cross cultural communication skills, how to design effective strategies for social justice practice through dialogue and the arts, and learned the foundations of networking principles. The POCC conference provides a safe space for leadership, professional development, and networking for people of color and allies of all backgrounds in independent schools. Gow was represented by Makenna '26, Nathan '26, Owen '27 and Finley '25.

Student Feature: Sira '26

Sira, a student from Devonshire Bermuda, has fully embraced life at The Gow School—both in and out of the classroom. She's a dedicated athlete, competing in volleyball, skiing, and track and field, but what she loves most is the sense of community. "I have amazing friends, and we have so much fun on trips like ziplining and going to the movies," she shared.



Sira '26 receiving the Student Activities Award from Mr. Jody Cendrowski

Sira is grateful to The Gow and her teachers for her academic progress & achievements. "Back in Bermuda, I struggled with math, but at Gow, my teachers worked closely with me, and now I excel in a subject I once found impossible," she said. With "Hope with Action" as her guiding principle, she's determined to keep working hard and get into the college of her choice.

Alumni Weekend

REGISTER TODAY

Please join us for Alumni Weekend on May 2-3, a special opportunity for alumni and former faculty to reconnect, create new memories, and this year, honor Director of Development Gayle Hutton for her 20+ years of dedication to Gow. The weekend's highlight will be a special tribute to Gayle's upcoming retirement during Saturday's dinner. Other events include a Meet and Greet at 42 North, Career Conversations, planning for Gow's 100th Anniversary, and an inside viewing of the new Howard Hall building.

GOW ALUMNI AND FRIENDS HELP US HONOR

GAYLE Hutton



FOR HER YEARS OF SUPPORT TO GOW

WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

FRIDAY, May 2:

Alumni and Former Faculty Mingle at 42N in East Aurora

SATURDAY, May 3:

- Alumni Mingle in East Aurora
- Career Conversations
- Spring Carnival - Games and Fun with Students and Faculty
- Alumni Association Meeting: 100th Celebration Discussions
- Main Building Farewell
- Alumni Dinner at Pearl Street Brewery in honor of Gayle Hutton

For a schedule and to register: click the QR code or visit: gow.org/spring-weekend

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Magnus Hepburn '18

Running To Change Our World



Carrying only a backpack of clothes and eating food he picked up at gas stations along the way, Gow alumnus Magnus Hepburn '18 embarked on an extraordinary endurance running journey across the United Kingdom to raise money for Canadian veterans. Magnus, a Toronto native who attended The Gow School Summer Program for three years and the boarding school in grades seven and eight, took on this challenge to advocate for improved services for veterans.

"Inspired by my grandfather's service in the British Army, I wanted to honor veterans and raise awareness for mental health," Magnus said. "In doing this, I have learned so much more about myself. It has raised opportunities for me to have conversations with new people and has added a whole other dimension to my life," he added.

At 22 years old, Magnus set out in September 2022 to raise funds for the Veterans Transition Network (VTN), a Canadian organization supporting veterans' mental health services. He began his run at Land's End on the southeastern tip of England, and after 36 days of enduring rain, injuries, and fatigue, he successfully reached John O'Groats in Scotland. He ran for 29 days, averaging 30 miles daily and covering more than 900 miles. Magnus spent the remaining seven days recovering from injuries or illness.

"I am proud that I was able to raise nearly $25,000 (CDN) for veterans. What often kept me going was my passion to bring attention to the armed services and mental health," he said. "Two years before I did this, I wasn't even a runner."

Magnus is the son of Claudia and Graeme Hepburn '84, a Gow alumnus and Trustee. Magnus graduated from Queens University in Toronto with a degree in geography and is already planning his next adventures. His next challenges include a 24-hour race in the fall and the Toronto Marathon. He hopes his story will inspire Gow students like him to imagine and conquer new challenges.

"I have such great memories of Summer Program trips to Cedar Point, camping, canoeing, and the guidance of teachers like Mr. Salerno and Mr. Simms. If I could share a message with today's students, I'd say, completing this run proved to me that when you put your mind to something, you can do it," he said.

The Gow School



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INSPIRING STUDENT SUCCESS SINCE 1926

Every gift to Gow's Annual Fund, no matter the size, makes a meaningful impact. Please consider making a one-time donation or setting up a monthly gift to support our students and programs.

Why Donate to Gow's Annual Fund?

- Small Class Sizes 4:1 Ratio
- Robust Athletics and Arts Programs
- Individualized Student Attention and Mentoring
- Dedicated Faculty Who Understand Students with Learning Differences



We support the Annual Fund because it's a small way to give back to a place that gave so much to Rick and helped him reach his full potential.

~ Ellie and Rick Thompson '72

Gow on the Road..

and meeting friends along the way













Want to catch up with Gow's Development and Enrollment Teams?

Please contact us at development@gow.org or 716.687.2075

To learn more about our travels, please visit gow.org

PICTURED: Kathy Rose, Andrew Thompson '85, and Paul Rose at a Sabres game; Brian Slosson '02 and his daughter with Jennifer Cannon; Ursula and Parker McComas '74 in Boston; Will Fisher '24, Heidi Baust, and Walker Harrison-Kerr '24 at Gow; Gow Trustees Adam Kendrick '04, Bob Warner '64, Shanaysha Sauls, Paul Rose, Andrew Thompson '85, Tammy Baker, Kathy Rose, Tim Wells '07, Gayle Hutton, Graeme Hepburn '84, Sarah Hoiland, Chris Massey '01, and Tim Madigan at a Buffalo Sabres game; Owen McMullen '14 and his wife, Samantha in Calgary; Jon Chafin and Adiyta Najasure '17 in Boston; Gib McIlvain '66, Sarah Hoiland, Bob Warner '64, Andrew Thompson '85, Chip Wilkinson '87, and Tim Wells '07 on campus; Todd Avis with Fraser Hamilton '91; Andy Rodgers '97, Gayle Hutton, and Russell Pearlman '79 in Raleigh, NC

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