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GOW AT A GLANCE

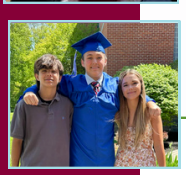
A Monthly News Snapshot from The Gow School



CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2025!







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ENJOY THE SUMMER



Mark your Calendar

June 29-August 2	Gow School Summer Program
September 1	Gow School Year Begins
September 14	Gow School Trip: Camp Pathfinder
September 19	Grandparents' Weekend
October 10-11	Fall Parents' Weekend
October 11-15	Fall Break

Commencement 2025

Commencement Weekend was a memorable celebration of student growth and achievement across all grades. The festivities began with the presentation of athletic and academic awards, recognizing the exceptional talents and hard work of our students. We then honored our middle schoolers during the 8th Grade Moving Up Celebration, marking their exciting transition to high school.

The Senior Dinner at The Columns in West Seneca brought together students, families, and faculty to reflect on shared accomplishments and enjoy the premiere of the 2025 Senior Video. Friday's Commencement ceremony featured a warm welcome from Head of School John Munro and heartfelt speeches from each graduate, highlighting their personal journeys and future aspirations.

Thank you for celebrating Gow and the achievements of all our students during this unforgettable weekend!

Ula Zolet Receives Lowell "Link" Lundell Excellence in Teaching Award

Ula Zolet was recently honored by her colleagues with the Lowell "Link" Lundell Excellence in Teaching award in recognition of her outstanding teaching and dedication to The Gow School. The award was presented by fellow Reconstructive Language teacher Lynn Chafin during Commencement.



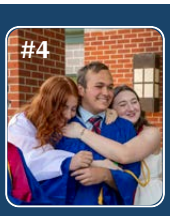
Ula Zolet with RL colleague Lynn Chafin

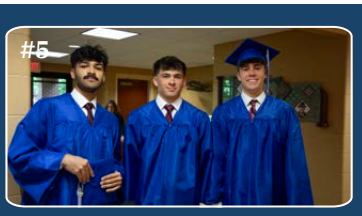
A graduate of the University of Warsaw, Ula has been teaching Reconstructive Language at Gow since 2014. She lives on campus with her husband, Brian, Gow's counselor and science teacher, and their two children.

























1. Jooyoung '25 and Jinhyung (mother) 2. Luca '25 and family 3. Makenna '25 and Mr. Rothfuss (Science Faculty) and Family 4. Carter '25, Tessabell '25 and Finley '25 5. Karim '25, Cailum '25, and Jack '25 6. Gianna '25 7. Head of School Mr. Munro and Finley '25 8. Nathan '25 and Friend 9. David '25 10. Anavey '25, Amelia '25, Jooyoung '25, Sarah '25, and Jackson '25 11. Cailum '25 and Eliana '25 12. Ella '25 and Grace '25

The future has never looked brighter!

St. Lawrence Saints · The College of Wooster · Boston College · University of Connecticut 1881 · Youngstown State University · Savannah College of Art and Design · Canisius University · High Point University · Lynn University · RIT Rochester Institute of Technology · Manhattanville College

Congratulations graduates and good luck on your next journey!









1. Ella '25, Alana '27, Sarah '25, Silas '26 2. Mr. Clancy (English Faculty) and Benj '29 3. Karim '25 and Nathan '26 4. Lena '27 and Elena '27 5. 8th Graders 6. Mrs. Baust (Art Faculty) and Hailey '28 7. Silas '26 and family 8. Jack '25, Mr. Szafnicki (Athletic Director) and Sonny '25.









Message from the Head of School

John R. Munro

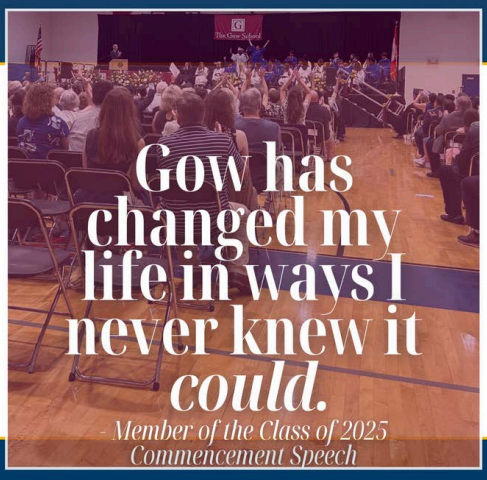


As we bring the 2024–2025 academic year to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly wonderful and rewarding year at The Gow School. Our students have grown not only academically, but also as individuals of character and compassion—and that is something worth celebrating.

It has been inspiring to watch our community embrace the values of kindness, courage and resilience. Whether in classrooms, dorms, on the athletic fields, or in the arts, our students have shown what it means to be part of something greater than themselves. They've challenged themselves, supported each other, and built lasting friendships along the way.

A special congratulations to the Class of 2025—you did it! As you move on to new adventures, I hope the pillars we hold dear—kindness, respect, honesty, and hard work—will continue to guide you in all that you do.

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Here on campus, we'll continue the momentum with our Gow School Summer Program, welcoming a new group of students for a transformative experience of learning, growth and fun. And soon after, we'll begin preparing for the 2025-2026 school year with great excitement and our continued commitment to serve students with language-based learning differences.

To all our students and families: I hope this summer brings rest, joy, and time to reconnect. Thank you for being part of this incredible community. Enjoy the time with friends and family, and we look forward to welcoming you back to South Wales in just a few short months.



ALUMNI WEEKEND





During Alumni Weekend this past May, Gow alumni returned to campus to reconnect with fellow Govians and former faculty, and share career insights with current students during our Career Conversations program. The day continued with laughter and fun at the Student Spring Carnival, where alumni also started planning for the Centennial Celebration scheduled for October 1–3, 2026. The weekend closed with a heartfelt farewell to recently retired Director of Development, Gayle Hutton to honor her 23 years of dedicated service to the Gow community.













1 Skip Wilday, Bob Vail '68, Bob Warner '64, and Andrew Thompson '85 2. Neil Howe '91, Dave Maier'92, and Carson Jones '92 3. Jeffrey Sweet, Joe Shanahan (and girlfriend), and Steve Higgins 4. Andrew Rich and John Hatcher '70 5. John Siegel '79, Gayle Hutton, and Marianne Parker 6. Stu Lipp '67 and Aditya Nijasure '17 7. Chris Massey '01, Bob Warner '64 and Andrew Rodgers '97 8. Jeffrey Sweet and Kengar Dongatron '15

Gow on the Road: Toronto

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent Gow event in Toronto on May 29. A special thank you to Graeme Hepburn '84 for graciously hosting the evening! We are grateful for your presence and continued support which made the evening truly memorable. Head of School John Munro and new Director of Development Kim Ruppel look forward to meeting more members of the community at future events. Stay tuned!

If you're interested in hosting a Gow event in your area, please reach out to the Development Office at 716.687.2075 or development@gow.org.

Thank You for your dedication

The Gow School Trustees play a vital role in shaping Gow's vision for the future and managing the school. We are grateful for their belief in Gow and its mission. We want to thank three Trustees, Edward Knight '70, Paige Payne, and Lawrence Ross, who will complete their terms this month. Thank you for your commitment, talent, and visionary insights, which have helped to strengthen our school!

TRUSTEES



EDWARD (TED) KNIGHT '70 is an attorney in West Virgina and operates his families historic Tuscawilla Farm with his wife, Anne.



PAIGE PAYNE (PA DAVIS '21) works with her husband at their family salt farm in West Virginia, J.Q Dickson Salt-Works. They have two children, daughter, Cameron, and son, Davis, a member of the Class of 2021.



LAWRENCE ROSS is an attorney with Hurwitz & Fine, who served as Gow's Chair of the Compensation Committee. He is a gifted photographer and enjoys traveling overseas to see his family.

Weston Lorenz '90, Alumni Association President, and Sarah Hoiland (PA David '25), President of the Parents' Association, will also complete their terms. Weston and Sarah have led their respective organizations and helped to engage and inspire our community. We are truly grateful for their creative ideas, enthusiasm, and unwavering belief in Gow's life-changing mission.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



WESTON LORENZ '90 lives in Wisconsin, where he works as the SVP of Mergers and Acquistions for an industrial cleaning company. He enjoys motorcycles and running with his adventure running group.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



SARAH HOILAND (PA David '25) lives in New York, NY and is an Associate Professor of Sociology and author. Her recent monograph was released in 2024 titled "Righteous Sisterhood." Her son David '25, will be attending the Rochester Institute of Technology this fall.