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Welcome to the winter 2019 edition of *Seasons*, the Woodinville Montessori School newsletter for alums, past-families and friends. We hope you will share your news and updates with us, at alums@woodinvillemontessori.org.

This is Bogda's big year

Bogda Zbyszewski, our dedicated bookkeeper, celebrated her 30th WMS work anniversary in August. We know you join us in congratulating her! Bogda plans to retire later this school year, when we plan to celebrate her again. *Click to enlarge the photos below.*



Maple for life!

In summer a group of former students who are now eighth-graders, and their families, gathered for dinner, games, catching up and reminiscing with Maple teacher Tara Chandler.

"I enjoyed seeing the young adults they are growing into," Tara says. "One of the parents has been known to use the motto 'Maple for life,' and with this group, who all still remain in contact, it's true!"

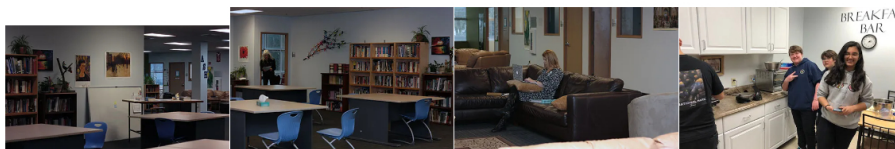
Those who could attend the little reunion—almost all of a Maple kindergarten class, some older siblings and parents— were **Alton (aka "Joe")**, **Annika**, **Ethan**, **Jacob**, **Kai**, **Kate**, **Lucy**, **Maggie**, and of course, **Tara**.



Woodinville Montessori High School is growing

This year, Woodinville Montessori High School (WMHS) welcomed 12 freshmen, for a total of 18 students. Last winter, WMHS moved to a new area in North Creek building 2 that was previously occupied by tenants. Students chose a world city theme for their new space, with each classroom named after a different city, in addition to the existing Ash classroom.

Students have made the space their own by adding posters and murals. This move has also allowed the Middle School to add additional classrooms as well. Stop by to see the new space!

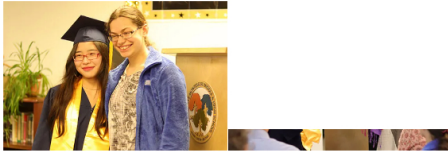


Class of 2019

Congratulations to our WMHS graduate, **Nancy Wang**. Nancy is now attending Occidental College in California.

Head of School Sunita Pailoor presented Nancy with the Washington State Honors Award in recognition of outstanding academic achievement which ranks in the top 10 percent of the Washington state high school graduating class of 2019.

Nancy's graduation marks WMHS's fourth commencement celebration, and the third from the completed four-year program. All WMHS graduates have been admitted to the colleges and universities of their choice, and all have been offered merit scholarships from various schools. A 2018 grad was named a National Merit Scholar, and in 2017 two students were commended scholars. *Click to enlarge the photos below.*



Where are they now?

- Anisha Chutani '18—Attending the University of Washington School of Engineering. Anisha tutored WMS students during her summer break.
- May Hong '18—Attending the University of Washington
- Isabel Canning '17—Attending Bellevue College
- Ivy MacDuff '17—Attending Willamette University, Ivy recently assisted a professor with research.
- Emery Armentrout '17—Attending Trinity University

Ariel Haynes (eighth-grade class of 2010), graduated in 2018 with a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Portland, and lives in Seattle, working as a recruitment coordinator for Facebook.

Livia Haynes (eighth-grade class of 2014) is in her sophomore year at the University of Portland, studying for a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

Congratulations to **Gannon Lewallen** (sixth-grade class of 2013). Gannon graduated from Archbishop Murphy High School and has since matriculated at Pacific University in Oregon. He is planning to study music therapy.

WMHS grad earned summer fellowship

Congratulations to **Emery Armentrout '17**, who was named a 2019 Field Fellow by Trinity University's East Asian Studies (EAST) Program Center for International Engagement.

In summer 2019, Emery attended the Ecological Civilization in China study abroad program, held on the modern campus of United International College in Zhuhai, China. He studied with Chinese students, conducted research and prepared an in-depth project on an aspect of Ecological Civilization in China.

According to the Trinity website, "Trinity's unique EAST program is a multifaceted program that prepares students for life in the Pacific century. Through a combination of language training, in-country experiences, internships and formal exchange programs, EAST grooms future leaders in business, government, science and education to be comfortable and confident in the global environment."

Emery, who first began studying Chinese less than two years ago at Trinity, has decided to double-major in Chinese and English.

Annual Report is now online

The [2018-2019 Annual Report](#) is posted here.

No college alum panel for this January

For the past couple of years, WMHS has hosted a college panel just after the new year, featuring some of our own graduates. This year the timing of students returning both to college, and to WMS after the holidays, precludes the holding of the college panel. But watch for details for next year!

Please send your updates to WMS at alums@woodinvillemontessori.org.

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