

TOWER HILL SCHOOL

THE LOOKOUT

Dear Hillers,

As members of the 3,300+ Tower Hill alumni family, you are part of an exceptional group that is spread across six continents around the globe. I am so excited to have started my role here as Director of Alumni Relations, and my primary goal is to keep you connected to your *alma mater*, the place where you spent formative and memorable years of your life.

I can't wait to meet many of you at Homecoming and Reunion Weekend on Sept. 27 and 28! It will be a wonderful time full of reminiscing and celebrating. Please take a look at the calendar on our [website](#) and register for any or all of the events! Keep in mind that although we are celebrating milestone reunions for the classes ending in 4 and 9, we welcome ALL alumni to the reception on Saturday night on the Hayward House lawn.

We also have many exciting initiatives in the works! In addition to hosting a number of regional gatherings, we are looking to develop alumni affinity groups, an internship pipeline, an online network and multifaceted ways to connect with this diverse and talented group more than ever before. One easy way to join in this networking right away is to connect to our new LinkedIn page, [Tower Hill School Alumni](#).

As always, we appreciate your engagement, ideas, thoughts and contributions that support Tower Hill.

*O'er the hills our feet have wandered
Back we come at last...*

Looking forward to welcoming you home in less than two weeks!

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Homecoming and Reunion

Register for Homecoming Events



We are delighted to welcome our alumni back to campus this Sept. 27-28 for Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2024! This year we honor, in particular, classes ending in 4 and 9, who are celebrating landmark reunions.

Festivities are planned for Friday and Saturday for the entire THS community. On Friday, our Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented at Convocation. We invite you to attend Convocation at 10 a.m. on the Hayward House lawn. The event will also be [live streamed on Facebook](#). Events throughout the weekend include sports competitions, campus tours, picnic lunch, an alumni gathering for all and more! View the schedule for the weekend and find information about individual reunion class locations [on our website](#).

Register for events [here](#) and reach out to [Paola Stefan Smith](#), Director of Alumni Relations, with any questions.

Carmen M. Wallace '93 to Receive Distinguished Alumni Award

Carmen Wallace '93 (middle) with Hall of Fame finalist wide receiver Reggie Wayne (left) and Hall of Fame safety Ed Reed (right)

We are honored to present this year's Distinguished Alumni Award to **Carmen Wallace '93** during **Homecoming Weekend**. Please join for Convocation on the Hayward House lawn, Friday, Sept. 27, at 10 a.m., as we celebrate his remarkable accomplishments.

Carmen Wallace is a Tower Hill School "Lifer." Entering THS in preschool, Carmen lettered in basketball, earning the honors of 2-time Independent School Player of Year and in 1993, Delaware Gatorade Player of the Year. He also lettered in baseball, football and track.

An Academic All-American, he was recruited by Duke University for basketball, where he was eventually named a captain, and earned a degree in history and sociology in 1997. Carmen currently represents NFL stars, NFL coaches, NFL executives, college basketball and football coaches, and sports broadcasters as one of the founders of the agency Athletes First in Laguna Hills, California. His role includes recruiting, training and negotiating on behalf of these professionals with their respective teams, universities, networks or digital entities.

Carmen was inducted into the Delaware Basketball Hall of Fame in 2015. His dedication to Tower Hill School has been stellar and steadfast, serving as a THS Trustee for the past nine years.

Celebrate with a gift to The Hiller Fund!

As we gather to reminisce, reconnect and celebrate the Tower Hill spirit during Homecoming, there's no better time to make a lasting impact. **Honor the memories that shaped your journey by supporting today's students, faculty and programs through The Hiller Fund.** Your gift ensures that the Tower Hill experience continues to grow and thrive for future generations.

MAKE A
HOMECOMING
GIFT

Around School

First Day of School

Happy New Year! The 2024-2025 school year opened with 867 excited students, their joyful smiles, exuberant high-fives and lots of happy reunions for all in the community. Here's to a great year ahead.

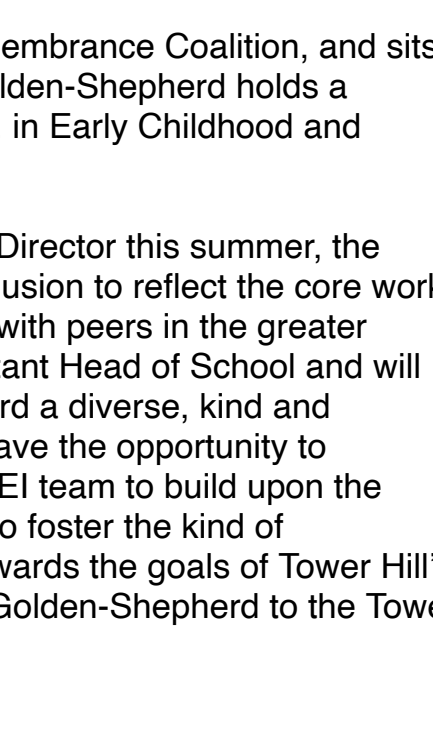


New Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

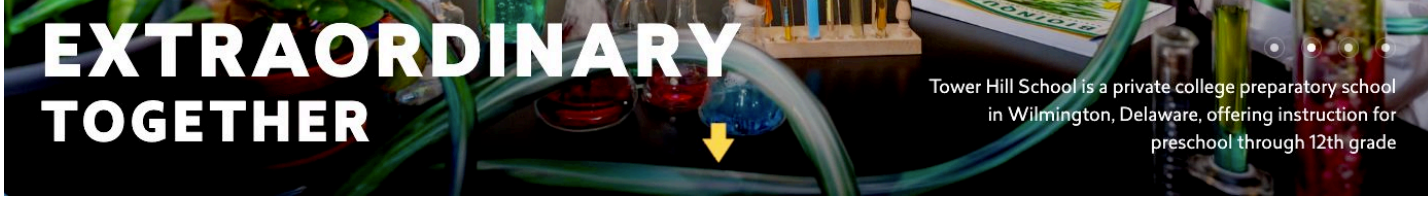
Tower Hill is pleased to announce that **Amy Golden-Shepherd** has been appointed **Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**. Golden-Shepherd joins from the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs at the Department of State, where she has served as Deputy Director since 2022. Previously, Golden-Shepherd spent 18 years at St. Anne's Episcopal School in Middletown, DE, where she served as Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Librarian. In her role, she introduced and implemented a robust DEI program for students, faculty and staff, and families including writing cross-curricular, school-wide curriculum.

During her impressive career, Golden-Shepherd has taught preschool through sixth grade, been active with community engagement, and presented on DEI at many conferences. She is a founding board member of the Bryan Allen Stevenson School of Excellence, a founding member of the Delaware Social Justice Remembrance Coalition, and sits on the African-American Heritage Commission of Delaware 250. Golden-Shepherd holds a Diversity and Inclusion Certificate from Cornell University and a B.S. in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from Temple University.

After the departure of Dr. Natasha Murray-Everett as Social Justice Director this summer, the school renamed the position as Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to reflect the core work of the role, mirror the title of our coordinator roles, and better align with peers in the greater independent school world. Golden-Shepherd will report to the Assistant Head of School and will lead initiatives and programming to help continue our progress toward a diverse, kind and inclusive community where all members are respected, thrive and have the opportunity to contribute fully. Tower Hill is excited for Golden-Shepherd and the DEI team to build upon the strong foundational work of the school's social justice program and to foster the kind of community-wide engagement that is a critical piece of advancing towards the goals of Tower Hill's strategic plan, *True to Tower Hill*. Please join us in welcoming Amy Golden-Shepherd to the Tower Hill community.



New Tower Hill Website



Please explore our school's new website at towerhill.org, **Extraordinary Together**.

Athletics

Delaware Online Rankings

Congratulations to our student-athletes in *Delaware Online's* ranking of the top 65 girls and top 65 boys in Delaware high school sports for 2023-2024: **Molly Pietlock '24**, **Ava Emrich '25**, **Meghan Mumford '24**, **Sawyer Brockstedt '25** and **Jamie Brnfield '25**!

#2 XC FREEMASON RANKINGS JULY 2024 MOLLY PIETLOCK '24	#33 XC FREEMASON RANKINGS JULY 2024 AVA EMRICH '25	#12 FOOTBALL FREEMASON RANKINGS AUGUST 2024 MEGHAN MUMFORD '24	#6 FREEMASON RANKINGS AUGUST 2024 SAWYER BROCKSTEDT '25	#22 FIELD HOCKEY AUGUST 2024 JAMIE BRNFELD '25	#16 VOLLEYBALL FREEMASON RANKINGS AUGUST 2024 MOLLY PIETLOCK '24
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With fall sports underway, *Delaware Online* recently announced its preseason rankings. Congratulations to our athletes who made the lists!

Cross Country: **Colby Twyman '25**, **Gaspar Iose '26**, **Izzy Daniel '26** and **Allison Chi '26**
Football: **Michael Wyasco '26** (Quarterback) and **Brian Adderley '25** (Offensive Lineman, Linebacker and Top Delaware Football Player Overall)
Field Hockey: **Ryan Spagnolo '25**
Volleyball: **Lydia Spencer '25**, **Lily Leung '26**, **Sydney Fischer '27**

Want a closer look at the graphics above? Check our Tower Hill Athletics on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [our new website](#)!

Tower Hill Kids Day



This fall, each team will host a Kids Day! Young Hillers are invited to meet the players and cheer on our Upper School student-athletes. Please join us for these incredible community building events!

Stay Involved

Tower Hill Alumni on LinkedIn

Join our new [LinkedIn](#) group! You can connect with fellow alumni and Tower Hill's professional community. [Alumni](#) will no longer be available after Oct. 1.

Regional Alumni Gatherings

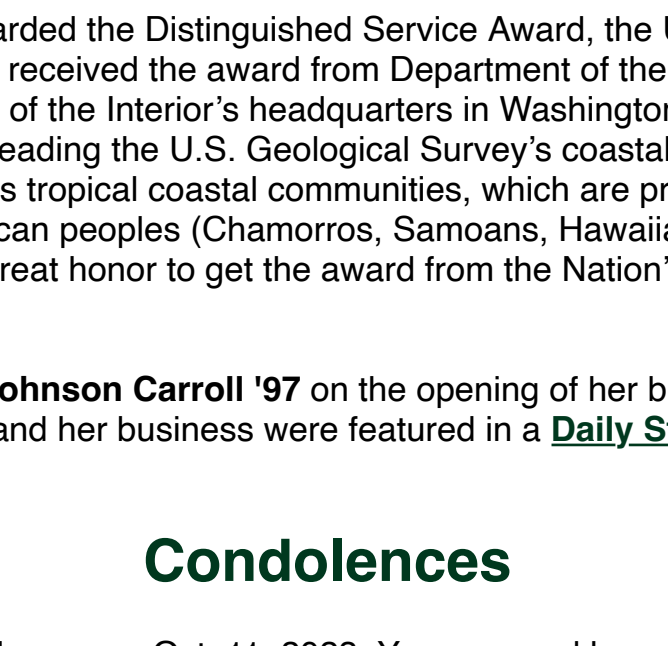
Please contact the [Advancement Office](#) if you would like to attend either of these alumni gatherings. We would be happy to email an invite to you:



Class Notes



Ashley Hoopes Wilks '86 was with Director of Advancement and Enrollment Management Kristin Mumford '24, '27 and US Open 2011 Women's Doubles Champion, Lezi Huber at the 2024 US Open.



Curt Storlazzi '91 was awarded the Distinguished Service Award, the U.S. Department of the Interior's highest honor. He received the award from Department of the Interior's Secretary Deb Haaland at the Department of the Interior's headquarters in Washington, D.C. on May 7 (pictured). With Storlazzi leading the U.S. Geological Survey's coastal hazard and ecosystem scientific efforts in the U.S.'s tropical coastal communities, which are predominantly (>74%) underserved, Native American peoples (Chamorro, Samoans, Hawaiians, Puerto Ricans and Virgin Islanders), it was a great honor to get the award from the Nation's first Native American Secretary.

Congratulations to **Devin Johnson Carroll '97** on the opening of her business, The Cottage by Monarch. Johnson Carroll and her business were featured in a [Daily State News](#) article.

Condolences

Sarah R. Flynn '74 passed away on Oct. 11, 2023. You can read her obituary and leave a memory [here](#).

Ford Bowman Draper Jr. '60 passed away on June 22. You can read his obituary and leave a memory [here](#).

Cari David Storlazzi '81 passed away on July 2. You can read his obituary and leave a memory [here](#).

Pat Williams '58 passed away on July 17. You can read his obituary and leave a memory [here](#).

Robert A. Coerver Jr. '51 passed away on April 8. You can read his obituary and leave a memory [here](#).

Nicholas P. Skladas '94 passed away on Sept. 13. You can read his obituary and leave a memory [here](#).

Tower Hill has partnered with [LifeWeb 360](#) to provide a digital community where alumni can reconnect and commemorate the lives of beloved classmates and teachers who have passed away. Within our community, we find stories of lives that were lived to the fullest and of unique individuals who left an indelible mark on the world.

A Call for Class Notes

What's new? Have you changed careers? Won an award? Gotten married or welcomed a child into your family? Been published or promoted?

Hillers, we would love to hear what you or members of your class have been up to! [Use this link](#) or email [Linda Ogden](#) and it will be featured here in *The Lookout* and in our *Bulletin* magazine. Photos are welcome! Please send high-resolution .jpg images that are at least 1 megabyte in size.

