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In the past year, many of us have come to recognize the importance of community and the value of reconnecting with people from throughout our lives. **Please take a few minutes to update your contact info and tell us what you're up to in our online form.** Your Stanley classmates will thank you!

What's Up at Stanley



While things may look a bit different this year at 350 Quebec Street, the same Stanley can-do spirit permeates the school. Our students, cohorted in groups of 15 with 2-3 teachers, are using every bit of campus space as classrooms, including the Head's office, the Ballroom, the library and the gym.

Before school started last year, our staff went to heroic efforts to make sure every child was comfortable and safe. While we're not sure what next year will bring, we are sure that our kids are happy and ready to learn each day.



Our recent Fun Run brought a deejay, six race tracks, colored powder thrown at our middle schoolers, and unrelenting enthusiasm from our K-8 students and staff all to raise much-needed funds for our school. Various staff and teachers got to throw the powder -- we hope the kids had as much fun as they did!



Stanley support was in full force at the Bulldog Fest, a virtual evening of community and music. We were entertained by several musical acts, including **Tim Barrier** and **David Marais**, who brought back memories with their immense talent, forged by 25 years of friendship. We were also treated to a beautiful performance of *Stand By Me* by K-1-2 Head **Simone Brackett '90** and her brother **Stephen Brackett '88**. Thanks to all of you who performed, volunteered on, and supported this magical event.

Alumni Spotlight:

Kelia Anne McCloskey '08

In 2018 **Kelia Anne McCluskey '08** packed up her car, left for Los Angeles, and never looked back. Since then, she's been working as a freelance photographer, making images for well-known publications such as TIME, Playboy, Vanity Fair, Variety and PAPER. She has also photographed advertising campaigns for brands such as Apple, Nike and Adidas.

But her true love is portraiture, which has granted her opportunities to photograph Joe Biden, Amanda Gorman, Pharrell Williams, Billie Eilish and a host of other celebrities.

"My favorite part of my work is making images that ultimately represent a significant moment in time, while also trying to make a positive and optimistic statement with each portrait. My goal is to capture each unique identity and energy with a sense of joy that transcends screens and print. I also find great joy in art directing for all of my shoots – I love playing with a sense of nostalgia and timelessness," she says.

A 2016 graduate of Savannah College of Art & Design with a BFA in photography, Kelia Anne adds, "Each portrait I make is a different experience – the intimacy and trust I get to establish with these iconic, recognizable humans is surreal. It hasn't gotten old – I still get nervous."



Kelia Anne McCloskey



Billie Eilish
(Kelia Anne for Variety)



Poet Amanda Gorman (Kelia Anne for Rolling Stone)



Joe Biden
(Kelia Anne for Time)

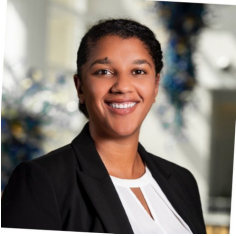
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We'd love to include many more of you in our next edition, so **please go to our online form and let us know what's happening in your life.** Your Stanley classmates will thank you!

What You've Been Up To



Forbes Magazine reported on **Andrew Myers '08**, the founder and CEO of RippleMatch. The startup builds relationships with the best students on over 1,000 college campuses to help employers that care about building diverse, high-performing teams source the right candidates automatically. If you're a job-hunting college student, take note.



We're proud of **Francesca Sally '09**, who was elected as the first African American president of the Graduate Business Council at Scheller College of Business (Georgia Tech) in Atlanta. A graduate of the College of Engineering at Northeastern University where she was a captain of the Women's Basketball team, Francesca is pursuing her MBA at Scheller after distinguishing herself as an electrical engineer with Jacobs Engineering.



Meredith Neid '16, a first year student at Grinnell College, is sharing some of her work on Native histories with Stanley middle school teachers. Meredith has been developing a lesson to contribute to the Native History Project website on the interaction between Native cultures and the founding of mainstream feminism.



Nathan Mackenzie '04 is currently the Interim Executive Director of The GrowHaus, a nonprofit in north Denver that cultivates community-driven food justice through education and food access. He has been with The GrowHaus for five years, and previously served as Director of Development. Need a colorful pick-me-up this summer? Nathan and his wife Kate have turned their West Highlands yard into Lily's Flower Farm, an urban cut flower farm.



Kacey Godwin '12 reports that she is pursuing her PhD in chemistry at Duke University. Crediting Stanley as "the place that fostered my curiosity and helped me fall in love with science," Kacey is working on producing functional biomaterials that can be used in the medical field, including bone repair, targeted drug delivery and soft tissue regeneration.



Congratulations to **Sophie Cardin '14**, who was recently named a Truman Scholar, the premier graduate scholarship for aspiring public service leaders in the United States. Currently a third-year Boettcher Scholar at Colorado College studying political thought and philosophy of law, Sophie intends to continue studying political thought and then pursue a law degree, focusing on constitutional law and civil rights.