

## T-D ALUMNI

*Michaela Rogers '21* has applied early to UPenn. Michaela is an honor roll student and has engineering as her career choice. Both her mom and dad are Ivy League grads.

*Maya Dominguez '20* just returned from Memphis, Tennessee where she vied for the title Miss Teen USA. Maya entered the competition as the Ms. Teen New York State winner. Maya is now a freshman at St. John's University.

*Oumou Sarr '18* is very much at home as a Dean's List student at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. As a junior she is involved in lots of entrepreneurial activities and doing business with several countries in Africa. Her sister, Amy, is a junior at T-D and will graduate in 2022.

*Diale Takona '17* is continuing to pursue her interest in architecture through Virginia Tech. She is currently in Chicago, America's architectural Gem City. She also has made Japan and the art there a major focus. Her sister, Mabel, is now at N.Y.U. and one day will be an attorney.

*Nikki D'Annunzio '17* is finishing up at Manhattanville and will graduate with a degree in education and English. She may even teach at T-D following in her mother's footsteps. Jean D'Annunzio is a 25-year T-D lower schoolteacher. Also, at Manhattanville are Nicole Meyers '17 and Ciera DeVivo '18.

Femi "Gigi" Copeland '17 visited T-D to offer some news, sad as I must say. Her dad passed away at the end of November. The year 2020 continues to do its damage. Femi and her family live very close to T-D and just about a five-minute walk to the campus from her home.

*Michael Fanelli '16* graduated from Providence College with a degree in social science. As a former T-D lifer, Michael took dozens of Griffin classes. He is now working with his dad in physical therapy and was recently spotted at a New Rochelle polling booth, both doing some civic duties.

*John Ventresca '16*, son of Demi and Board Chairman dad, John Sr., received a Bachelor of Science degree from Manhattan College. John is now living in Endicott, NY and is working as an engineer for BAE Systems. John's sister, *Sophia '20*, also a lifer, is currently enrolled at Manhattan College as a freshman.

*Jane Yoo '15* attended Genevieve F. Berns' university in Ohio. Jane graduated from Case Western Reserve with honors. She is now living in L.A. and working there as a nurse. Jane, from South Korea, came to T-D with the help of Mansook Bae, who is now living in Ohio, and formerly Busan, South Korea.

***Jonathan Romano '15*** is now working in cyber security for Cohere Cyber Secure in Yonkers. He is serving as a Systems and Network Administrator. Jon received his Bachelor of Applied Science and information technology from the College of Westchester graduating with a 3.84 GPA. Jon was always wired right while at T-D. Like father; like son. Jon is a T-D lifer.

***Trent Shillingford '15*** received his B.A. in math from Dartmouth College. Trent is now serving as an Equity Research Analyst for a 100 percent black -owned and student-run equity hedge fund to promote education.

***Miguel Conkright '14*** continues to pursue his interest in engineering and remains a student at Swansea, South Wales. His goal is to be a mechanical engineer.

***Sederick Dawkins '13*** is now T-D's second alumnus to join the Board of Trustees. Sederick received his bachelor's degree from N.Y.U. with a focus on civic engineering. He is now a project engineer for Gianfia Corp. His baby brother, also named Sederick, is in grade 7 and has the same outstanding personal qualities as his proud Jamaican brother.

***Kikelomo Ogunfowora '12*** graduated American University in Washington, D.C. in 2016. While an undergrad at AU, Kike attended the University of Edinburgh in Scotland studying humanities and social science. She went on from American to Columbia University's School of Social Work where she earned her master's degree. Kike also has an MPH degree from Columbia in public health.

***Peter Soares '11*** graduated from Fordham University and is now pursuing a career in law within the City University of New York. His mother, Pat, is extremely proud of him.

***Sam Javitch '11***, living in Tarrytown, just released his sophomore album "People and Places." Sam graduated from the William Paterson University in New Jersey with a bachelor's degree in jazz. He also was awarded his Master's in Jazz Performance from the Manhattan School of Music.

***Suzann Pugliese '11*** is doing interior design. She is still living in New Rochelle and working with her mom and dad.

***Chen "Charlie" Xu '11*** graduated Emerson College as a dean's list student. His specialty was studio TV production and began his career working for Sony.

***Justin Pizzo '10***, a T-D lifer and valedictorian, has returned to his alma mater, only this time to teach. Justin is a T-D polyglot and is teaching world languages and a little world history as spice. He is a great faculty addition and is now residing in the White House. His brother, Dylan, is still dancing on the west coast pursuing his doctorate in math .

**Harry King '10** is employed by Cion and works as well as lives in Dallas, Texas. He is vice president in charge of raising capital for investments. Both his mom and dad still live in New Rochelle.

**Zubair Khan '10** is now studying robotics at Arizona State University.

**Sami Rauf '10** recently stopped by T-D to drop off Samira's textbooks. Sami, who graduated from T-D, went on to Saint John's University in Queens and did additional scholastic work in Chicago. Sami is now a very successful and still young entrepreneur. Sami is a T-D lifer and honor roll student. Sayrah, his older sister and a T-D alumna, is now healing patients in Scranton, PA. Sayrah did her undergraduate work at St. Peter's in Jersey City and her medical school work at Columbia University.

**Malion Hoxhallari '09**, a former Albanian exchange student, is now IT Director of Intimus International in Germany. He graduated from Manhattanville and has a master's from the University of Glasgow. He manages IT operations for a company of 250 people.

**Steven Nelson '08** has found a new residence in Austin, Texas. He is a graduate of Champlain College in Vermont. He's working in software development and web design.

**Darya Vasendin '07** continued her studies at Sanford Brown Institute and is now an Ultrasound Technologist at the University Diagnostic Medical Imaging Center. She is residing in Poughkeepsie, NY with her husband and two children, Branden and Skyler. The Vasendin family, Alex and Olena, are extremely proud of their four grandchildren. Olena is a 20-year T-D math and Russian teacher. Alex manages the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Fishkill, NY.

**Zach Wechsler '07** is now living in Boulder, Colorado and has his law degree to practice there.

**Steven Glinert '06** is the founder of Kinta AI, an artificial intelligence platform which empowers the dynamic and digital factory of the future. He graduated from George Washington University with distinction. He holds an MS in Economics from Stanford. He is working and residing in the Bay area of San Francisco.

**Zuri Regisford '06** is now an attorney working for Morgan Stanley. Her undergraduate degree was from SUNY New Paltz and her law degree from Touro College in NYC.

**Michael Giacobello '06** is living near St. Petersburg, Florida. He is employed by Champs in finance and in-house marketing. Michael graduated from St. Leo University. His dad, Steven, known for his corrective lenses, has taken over 30,000 pictures of T-D's activities throughout the years. Michael

just recently got engaged.

*Dr. Alex Abadir '06* is now associated with U.C. Irvine Medical Center in Orange County, CA. His specialty is internal medicine.

*Lev Trubkovich '05*, whose undergraduate years were spent at George Washington University, is now doing graduate studies at Harvard University.

*Jared Fuchs '04* is now the senior software engineer at Fitbit in Boston, MA. Previously he worked for the Happy Cloud as a video indexer. Jared is now married, and he and his bride are residing in BeanTown. Jared did his undergraduate work at Washington University in St. Louis after graduating from Simon's Rock at Bard College.

*Victoria Miningham '04* is still very active in promoting the arts and launched the Victoria Opera House as a placement service for artists in need of a stage and an audience. Vicki's dad was an ardent T-D traveler and surfed the world with our school. Regretfully he is now deceased. Vicki's mom, also an opera lover, always has T-D in her thoughts. The Mininghams are still residing in Hastings-on-Hudson.

*Yuriy Vasendin '04* is now living in Reno, Nevada with his bride and two children, Liam and Bruna. He is currently working as an architect and project manager at the VA Sierra Nevada Health System.

*Benjamin Ehrenreich '03*, a native New Yorker, is a lighting designer who seeks to foster theatre that is deeply meaningful. He most recently worked on "As You Like It" at the Yale School.

*Alana Tierney '03* continues her law career at the Kings County District Attorney's office. Alana is a St. John's alumna, undergraduate and law school. She continues to thank her deceased dad, Donald, for discovering T-D.

*Andrew Cusack '02*, who lives in London and is attached to the House of Lords, continues to fascinate with his website which has Dr. Nat Kernell as a most frequent visitor. Andrew graduated from the University of Edinburgh with distinction.

*Rachel Berlin Benjamin '02* is a partner at Buckley Beal LLR in Atlanta, Georgia. After T-D she moved on to Sarah Lawrence College and got her law degree from Pace University.

*James Feddeck '01*, who graduated from Oberlin specializing in music education and went from Ohio to dozens of special cities around the world directing orchestras. James was just appointed as the principal conductor of the Orchestra I Pomeriggi Di Milano. The orchestra has attracted the world's best musicians, composers, and conductors for over 75 years.

**Russell William Twiss '00** headed to Tulane after his T-D experience. Inspired by the G-Man (Eric Griffin), Russ majored in history at Tulane. He still remembers fondly T -D's trip to New Orleans. Russ is now living in Vero Beach, Florida and he and his bride are enjoying their 19 - month old son, Wells Hamilton Twiss. Russell's dad, Donald Twiss, is the proudest grandpa in all of Florida. Russ is working in financial services.

**Jennifer Dryer '00** made a short visit a while ago. She is a graduate of Northeastern in Boston, MA.

**Angela Flemister's '00** name popped up as one of her relatives from the Chapel School is now a ninth-grade applicant. Angela went on to Manhattanville and is now living in Tampa, Florida.

**Dr. David Kudlowitz '99** is an Internal Medicine Specialist. His undergraduate degree was from Tufts and his medical one from N.Y.U. He's now officially attached to NYU Langone.

**Jennifer Feder '99** and **Jennie Mead '99** have something in common – November 7<sup>th</sup> is their birthday. Jennie Mead now lives in Virginia and Jen Feder resides in Braintree, MA. Both also obviously graduated together.

**Joseph A. Rossi '99** graduated cum laude from the Thomas M. Cooley Lane School in '06. Joe did his undergraduate work at St. John's in Queens. Joe is now a partner at Kammholz and Rossi, PLLC.

**Joshua Charan '98** has two children at T-D. One, a senior, named Jaylin and the other, a middle schooler, Janiah. Josh works in a Bronx hospital close to T-D.

Both **Rich Filiberto '98** and **Jenny King '98** were back on campus for a memorial tribute delivered by Don Johnson on behalf of **Anthony Alvarez '98**. No student at T-D was liked more than Anthony.

**Amine Ould-Ibat '98** is a financial advisor with Citigroup Global Markets. He works out of Larchmont, NY.

**Shannon Aronin '97**, who graduated from John Hopkins University in Maryland, owns her own consulting firm ARO. She is living with her family in Temple City, California and always keeps in touch with T-D.

**Jeremy Turk '97** continues to serve as a recruiter for the U.S. Coast Guard.

**Jason D'Amore '96** graduated T-D and went on to Five Towns in Long Island and majored in music

and communications. He is now an award-winning Westchester videographer.

*Nina Tamburello '96* continues to write lots of self-help books. She is a prolific writer. She was always grateful for all the help and advice given to her by Mrs. Petrosino, her upper school English teacher.

*Chris Pasquale '96* is close to retiring from the New York City Police Dept. Chris graduated from Fordham University and lives on Long Island with more children than I can remember. He never misses any T-D alumni reunions and loves spending time with Don Johnson, math chair.

*Kevin K. Jones '94*, known as Kacey, spent his earlier years in classrooms working as a teacher. He now is working in courtrooms as an Assistant District Attorney in New Rochelle. His brother *Courtney '92* lives in Chicago.

*Melissa Nelson Slater '93* has worked for the Wildlife Conservation Society since '08 and is also serving as Assistant Curator of Behavioral Studies at the Bronx Zoo. Melissa's college career began at the University of Tampa.

*Kurt Capalbo '93* is now living in Santa Fe, New Mexico. As an artist he splits his time living in America's foremost artist colony, Santa Fe and Brooklyn, NY. Kurt graduated from Santa Fe University in '99 and the University of New Mexico in 2014. He was one of three T-D students to create and complete the Spanish Steps mural located just outside of Freedom Hall. It still can be seen and enjoyed today. Kurt studied under Alton Tobey, a T-D faculty member and artist-in-residence in his senior year.

*Wayne Nadorf '92*, who graduated from Rider College in New Jersey, has a son, Josh, who is a T-D senior. Josh lives in New Rochelle with his family and is just five minutes away from our campus. *Laurie Fleming Telesco '84*, whose children *Dominick '14* and *Andrew '15* are T-D lifers and alumni, lives in New Rochelle. Laurie is a vice president for T-D Bank managing its wealth division as a human resource director. She graduated from Fordham University and holds a master's degree from Manhattanville in Purchase, NY.

*Dr. Anthony Njapa '81* is a family medical doctor servicing those who are in the Wilmington, North Carolina area. After he graduated from the New York Institute of Technology in '92, he graduated with honors from the New York College of Osteo Medicine. He still remembers with fondness T-D's motor coach excursions to Walt Disney World.

*Tina Embich Fiorelli '81* is currently residing in Maryland. Her son, Nicholas E. Fiorelli, is an undergrad at the University of Pittsburgh. Her dad, Dale, served on T-D's Board of Trustees for well over 25 years. Tina graduated Hartwick with a magna cum laude designation.

**Pam Cakouros Schlitten '80** sold her house in New Rochelle. Her husband, Alex, a former T-D upper schooler, is now deceased. Both her progeny, *Kristene '01* and *Steven* are T-D alums. Steven is a Connecticut resident and has begun his career as a police officer.

**Wayne Alan Root '79** is penning a book with President Donald J. Trump as the subject matter. Wayne graduated from Columbia University as a history and poli sci major. He lives right outside Las Vegas and has made hundreds of television appearances. His daughter, who was homeschooled, graduated Harvard with a 4.0 index. Wayne used to reside in Scarsdale, NY.

**Guy Austrian '74**, who manages his own tech firm, is ailing somewhat and facing surgery. Guy, who designs websites, received three prestigious awards for his design work for David Copperfield's website. Winning the three was pure magic.

**Gary Gotto'73** graduated T-D a year early and four years later graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, cum laude. Gary is a practicing attorney working in Phoenix, Arizona. He was awarded his degree in law from Arizona State University.

**Stewart Stogel '72** is a reporter for the Miami Herald. After graduating from T-D he went on to the University of Alabama. He is now living in Windermere, Florida. While at T-D he was a Mount Vernon resident. For the Herald he serves as a special correspondent with the UN as his focus.