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## Laboratory School

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### FALK NEWS



#### Class of 2025 Graduation

On June 4, Falk celebrated the Class of 2025 with [a joyful and bittersweet graduation ceremony](#) at Rodef Shalom Congregation.



#### Creativity at Play

In June, 6th graders [hosted an arcade showcase](#) with handmade games and challenges created in Falk's WonderLab.



#### Grading for Equity

Faculty members Benoni Outerbridge and Matt Picklo are [taking a closer look at classroom grading practices](#) to reduce subjectivity, support growth mindsets and more accurately reflect student understanding.

## ALUMNI FEATURE



**Bonnie (Baird) Mitchell** attended Falk from 1938 to 1944 and [shared a stunning collection of photos, documents and written memories](#) with the school this spring. “I remember Falk School in everything,” she says, “and to the school, I am indebted for my early education and art appreciation.”

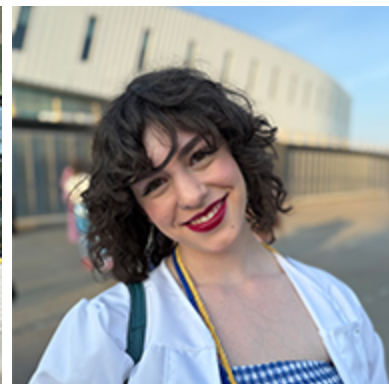
## ALUMNI UPDATES



**David Shapira**, Class of 1955, an accomplished civic leader and former CEO and chairman of Giant Eagle, was [named the inaugural Wonder, Care, Act Alumni Award winner](#).



**Tom Lafe**, Class of 2000, a former marketing professional for the National Hockey League, [launched a combination dog park, café and bar](#) in Pittsburgh's East Liberty neighborhood in June.



**Camille Brenner**, Class of 2021, is [attending the University of Pittsburgh on a full-ride scholarship](#) as a Stamps Scholar.



**Matte**, Class of 1992, **Hallie**, Class of 1994, and **Lindsay Zeleznik**, Class of 1998, [enjoyed a walk down memory lane](#) when they visited the school with their father in April.



**Kellsey Medsger**, Class of 2012, moved to western New York with her husband and is [serving her local community as a primary care provider](#).



Earlier this summer, [Falk welcomed back alumni and families](#) from the **Class of 2021** for a celebratory four-year reunion.

## FOCUS ON GIVING



In June, **Harsha and Kanchan Rao** attended the Class of 2025 graduation ceremony, where they presented the Rao Family Student Excellence Award to this year's recipient. First established in 2009, the award [honors artistic and academic talent and serves as an expression of gratitude](#) for the unique experiences Harsha and Kanchan's daughters received as Falk students.

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