



2024 Alumni and Faculty Celebration Event

Distinguished Alumni Award

Dr. Angela Singla '89

Dr. Angela Singla embodies the spirit of service and advocacy that defines the essence of the LCS Distinguished Alumni Award. Dr. Singla, is an obstetrician/gynecologist in Louisville and her background demonstrates a steadfast commitment to improving healthcare access and promoting social justice, both professionally and philanthropically.

After graduating from Northwestern University and the University of Louisville School of Medicine, Dr. Singla received her academic and clinical training at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, where her clinical research was published in peer-reviewed journals. Her first job as a clinical instructor at Loyola University in Chicago won her a national award for resident teaching. She eventually moved back to Louisville, where she worked in private practice and served as Gratis Faculty for the University of Louisville. She was also an Executive Board Member and the Treasurer of a large multi-practice group for several years. Her pro bono work has included providing medical services internationally in Belize, and locally in the Smoketown neighborhood.

Dr. Singla then seamlessly transitioned to nonprofit work, serving as a Founding Board Member of Impact100 Louisville. Her tenure as the Grants Committee Co-Chair has propelled Impact100 Louisville to new heights by spearheading initiatives that prioritize trust-based philanthropy and amplify the impact of grassroots organizations. Dr. Singla's unwavering commitment to educational and healthcare equity is further evidenced by her leadership roles on the boards of Educational Justice and the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky where she worked to empower marginalized communities and foster inclusivity.

Dr. Singla believes that Collegiate played a pivotal role in instilling a lifelong commitment to learning, leadership, and community engagement. She credits the transformative relationships she forged with her teachers, the school's rigorous academic curriculum, and diverse extracurricular opportunities as the foundation for her future success and unwavering dedication to service.

Dr. Singla's daughter, Shanti Satran, graduated from Collegiate in 2022. During that time, Angela volunteered in many capacities as both a proud alumna and parent. She served on Collegiate's Board of Trustees, the LCS Alumni Association Board, and the LCS Parents Association, where she founded and became its first Equity Chair. She and her husband, Dr. Aaron Satran, were also leadership donors for Collegiate's Second Century Campaign. Her brother, Amit Singla '97, received the LCS Young Alumni Award in 2014.

Because of her exceptional contributions to healthcare, social justice, education, and our community, Angela is a shining example of the transformative power of compassionate leadership and unwavering commitment to service. Angela's legacy of advocating for causes she cares deeply about and inspiring positive change in her community will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact, serving as a source of inspiration for future generations of Collegiate students.

Young Alumni Achievement Award

Emily Hawkins Heyde '04

Emily Hawkins Heyde is the recipient of the Young Alumni Achievement Award for her exceptional contributions to the community as a restaurateur. Alongside her husband, Executive Chef Geoffrey Heyde, Emily co-owns Fork & Barrel and Morning Fork, two acclaimed dining establishments in Louisville.

Emily's journey in the restaurant industry began with her passion for special events, catering, and management. After gaining experience with various establishments, including Derby City Café, Clements Catering, Edible Arrangements, and Nothing Bundt Cakes, Emily co-founded Fork & Barrel in 2017, followed by Morning Fork in 2020.

In early 2022, Emily orchestrated the merger of Fork & Barrel and Morning Fork, consolidating the two concepts under one roof to enhance the dining experience for customers. This strategic move has allowed the restaurants to optimize their brands and expand their offerings, including wine and cocktail dinners and themed brunches and dinners.

Throughout her career, Emily has navigated the challenges of being a woman in a predominantly male-driven field with grace and resilience. She is passionate about empowering women in the industry and providing opportunities for female professionals to excel in leadership roles.

As a recipient of the Young Alumni Achievement Award, Emily exemplifies the Collegiate traits of character, confidence, imagination, and excellence through her contributions to the culinary landscape of Louisville and her commitment to serving the community. Her entrepreneurial spirit and dedication to excellence serve as an inspiration to fellow alumni and aspiring entrepreneurs alike.

Collegiate Service Award

Louisa Rietze Lewandowski '90

Louisa Rietze Lewandowski's exemplary service and dedication to Collegiate have left an indelible mark on our campus and beyond. Louisa's journey with Collegiate began in 1977 when she first stepped foot into the halls on Glenmary Avenue as a kindergarten Legacy. Over the years, her connection deepened, and her lifelong affiliation has seen her wear many hats, including dedicated student, engaged alumna, devoted parent to two Collegiate legacy graduates, Smith '21 and Eliza '24, long-term Alumni Board member and Treasurer, and enthusiastic volunteer. Her commitment to Collegiate has been unwavering, reflecting her profound belief in the school's values and the strength of her loyal Collegiate friendships.

One of Louisa's most notable achievements is her transformative stewardship of the Alumni Association Glenmary Shop. Initially a modest endeavor, she has cultivated it into a thriving and indispensable resource for the Collegiate community. Louisa's innovative approach, including soliciting student input and introducing personalized merchandise, enhanced the shop's profitability and cultivated stronger connections among its patrons. Her efforts extend beyond the storefront, as she dedicates countless hours to ensuring the success of back-to-school sales and pioneering pop-up shops at significant events, all while balancing a full-time job.

Louisa continues to serve as a compelling spokesperson for the school as she encourages families who may not have considered the school before to take a closer look and discover the transformative opportunities it offers. Louisa's authentic and enthusiastic endorsement makes her a trusted ambassador for Collegiate, inspiring others to explore the possibilities it provides for their children.

Louisa's impact transcends campus boundaries as she volunteers within the broader community. She is very involved in Impact100 Louisville, serving on the Sponsorship Committee and recruiting and supporting the Membership Committee. Whether rallying support for children's sports programs, championing school fundraisers, or welcoming new and prospective families with a smile and a sweatshirt, she embodies the ethos of selfless service. Her unwavering dedication to and enthusiasm for Collegiate make her a true asset to the institution.

Faculty and Staff Legacy Award

Joyce Gerwing

Joyce Gerwing has been a cornerstone of the Collegiate community for over three decades in the Lower School. She is known for her innovative teaching methods, unwavering compassion for students, and active involvement in professional development programs. In 2001, her commitment to excellence in teaching was recognized with the prestigious Katherine McCracken Davis Distinguished Teaching Chair, a testament to her dedication to Collegiate's mission of lifelong learning and academic excellence.

Known as Miss G., her passion for nurturing young minds, combined with her innovative curriculum development and commitment to professional growth, have made her an exemplary recipient of this esteemed award. Her tireless efforts not only enhance the classroom experience but also foster a supportive and compassionate environment for students and colleagues alike. Miss G.'s remarkable ability to build professional relationships and friendships with the faculty and staff has left a lasting impact, creating a strong sense of community that endures even as individuals move on.

Parents and students hold Miss G. in high esteem. Her genuine care and dedication to each student's academic and personal growth resonate deeply within the community, forging strong bonds of trust and admiration. The countless expressions of gratitude and praise from parents and students underscore Joyce's profound impact on their lives, solidifying her role as a beloved and cherished member of the Collegiate family.

Beyond the classroom, Joyce's commitment to service extends globally, as evidenced by her trips to The School of St. Jude in Tanzania, Africa. There, she engaged in initiatives that brought educators from LCS and other independent schools together to collaborate with local teachers and leaders, fostering partnerships and enriching educational experiences.

Joyce's enduring love for Snoopy adds a playful touch to her legacy, reflecting her playful and endearing humor. Meanwhile, there is a tradition of teaching at Collegiate, which is deeply ingrained, with her mother, Joan Gerwing, dedicating over 20 years to educating students within these halls. Through her unwavering dedication and lasting impact, Miss G. continues to enrich the Collegiate community and inspire excellence in education.

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee

Alexander (Sandy) Taft

Alexander "Sandy" Taft, revered coach of the Amazon Crew team at Louisville Collegiate School, is posthumously honored as the newest inductee to the Collegiate Athletic Hall of Fame. Sandy's legacy as a transformative figure within the Collegiate athletic community is unparalleled. His dedication to the sport of rowing and unwavering commitment to his athletes left an indelible mark on generations of students, shaping their character, instilling values of teamwork, and fostering a deep sense of camaraderie.

Sandy's impact extended far beyond the confines of the boathouse. He served as a passionate ambassador for Collegiate rowing within the broader rowing community. His tireless advocacy and promotion of the sport not only elevated the profile of the Collegiate rowing program but also provided invaluable opportunities for student-athletes to excel and develop new interests and passions. Sandy's profound dedication to his team was evident in every aspect of his coaching, from the early morning practices to the countless hours spent nurturing individual talent and fostering a culture of excellence.

When the varsity boat visited him in hospice, Coach Taft gently chastised one rower for using the past tense when she said she was glad that she "had" him as a coach. He told her, "I will always be your coach." Indeed, this sentiment rings true for every athlete he mentored and supported throughout his tenure, spanning numerous years.

As a coach, mentor, and friend, Sandy Taft's influence transcended the sport of rowing, leaving an enduring legacy of resilience, determination, and sportsmanship. His commitment to his athletes, even in the face of adversity, exemplifies the true spirit of Collegiate Athletics and serves as an inspiration to all who had the privilege of knowing him.