



February 24, 2023

Greetings MVA Alumni,

Mountain View Academy rejoices as we celebrate our yearlong centennial celebration! In 1922, we officially had our first class of seniors and were able to graduate our first class in 1923! We are so blessed to be a beacon of light, right here in the heart of Silicon Valley!

Our first centennial celebration took place on November 5, 2022, with a traditional birthday party with cake, ice cream and food booths. We also held a formidable auction and hosted a Mustang basketball game against the current MVA basketball team vs. Alumni.

Our second celebration will take place on **alumni weekend, April 7 and 8, 2023!** It would not be a celebration without you, so, YES! You are all invited to attend! Friday evening vespers begin at 6:30 with a light dinner, followed by traditional vespers at 7:15 P.M. Alumni Sabbath will begin at 9:00 A.M. with registration and a continental breakfast, followed by "MVA Today" and the "Main Session". Lunch will be provided afterwards! We will be honoring the classes of: 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2013, 2018.

To ensure our campus is in tip-top shape, we need to undertake a few salient projects that will significantly enhance our Academy's landscape and will afford a community outreach opportunity. This includes:

Refurbish Gym Floor: \$50,000 Gym Redwood Siding: \$20,000 Replace Smartboards: \$40,000

It truly takes an Alumni Village to make this happen and I am thrilled to have you as part of our community! For those of you who would like to donate to MVA, streamlined donations can be made through our website at: <https://mountain-view-academy.square.site>
Or simply mail to: Mountain View Academy | 360 S. Shoreline Blvd. | Mountain View, CA 94041

MVA Alumni Highlights:

Monica Swirdoff-Foulston '81 started painting on canvas in 2016. In 2021 her art was taken in by Laguna Gallery of Contemporary Art. Monica has not stopped working as a teacher (10 years @ our SDA Schools & 10 years at public schools) because it feeds her soul to create and learn with kids, and her artistic side allows her to grow and bring full expression to life. MVA was blessed to be able to auction off one of Monica's beautiful pieces of art at the birthday celebration. Proceeds from her work are going towards the gym flooring. Monica is deeply grateful to so many of you who have purchased and shared her art, and to those who have nurtured her enthusiasm by your ongoing support of her fundraisers to show love to the world!

Monica can be quoted as saying “Never say never”. Monica, thank you for reaching for the stars and making MVA proud!

Isaac Chan '92 graduated from Andrews University with his BS in Anatomy and Physiology and his MSPT. Isaac has dedicated his life to helping and serving others as a Physical Therapist (licensed in California & Texas) and Firefighter Paramedic. Isaac has been awarded the “Life Saving Award” from Medical City Las Colinas Hospital and the City of Farmers Branch, Texas a few times, with the most recent recognition taking place on December 15, 2022 for saving a woman’s life! Isaac, thank you for your services as a first responder for the past fifteen years and your commitment to excellence!

Your continued prayers for the health and growth of our beloved school and the many lives we impact-from the students to the larger community are deeply appreciated.

In closing, please mark your calendars for this year’s **Centennial alumni celebration- April 8, 2023!**

Warm regards,

Rose Shimizu '82
MVA Alumni President