A Letter from the HEAD OF SCHOOL

We are all familiar with the adage “it’s not what you know, but who you know,” yet how many college students put as much effort into forging relationships as they do into developing expertise in their majors? They join clubs and play sports, which develop teamwork skills and build friendships, but getting good grades is often their priority and many of their classes emphasize subject mastery rather than so-called “soft skills.” On the other hand, our featured alumni, reflecting upon their experiences, tell us that “a high GPA is not everything” (Haley Swanson TCS ’11), that “networking is extremely important” (Davi’el Stewart TCS ’13) and that “building relationships is truly what is most important in life” (Pamela [Foster] Albert TCS ’96).

The question is how do we get our students to heed this “real world” advice and understand the importance of developing skills in communication and collaboration, seeking out support and building networks. In The Clarkson School we talk about “social capital” as we prepare for the orientation trip to Camp Oswegatchie. We talk about networking during a workshop in our Personal and Professional Development Series, and, in our First-Year Seminar for Schoolies, we promote the three principles of interdependence in the “Seven Habits of Highly Effective College Students.”

I think we do make an impression, but I get the feeling that many of our students feel that they are too busy and that the “real world” seems to be a long way away, so they don’t take the advice as seriously as we would like.

But what if the message was personalized and came regularly from an individual alum, someone living in the real world, rather than faculty and staff at Clarkson? That might make all the difference. We are therefore considering developing an alumni mentorship program that would match every student in The Clarkson School with an alumni mentor who can provide valuable professional advice and informal career coaching. Contemporary technology provides many effective ways to communicate; mentoring video-conferences, for example, would be a wonderful way for our alumni to give back to The Clarkson School, as well as an opportunity for them to personally engage with our amazing young people. We are hoping that the upcoming 40th Anniversary and our reunion celebration in summer 2018 will provide motivation and opportunity to launch this initiative. I look forward to seeing a great many of you there!

Jon Goss, Head of TCS and Director, Honors Program
The Place to Be — Reunion Next Year

We are thrilled to be recognizing The Clarkson School's 40th Anniversary in Summer 2018! We will celebrate with an all-class reunion for “Schoolies” as part of the University’s Alumni Reunion Weekend, July 12–15, 2018. We hope that you will consider joining us to reconnect with friends and share in this time of reminiscing. While the schedule of events is still in the works, we anticipate hosting special events just for Clarkson School alumni, who also have the option of participating in University and local festivities that weekend.

TCS Alumni — The Place They Went

Garrett Kopp TCS '16

Originally from Tupper Lake, N.Y., Garrett attended our program to start pursuing a degree in business. After TCS, Garrett remained at Clarkson University. Last fall, Garrett traveled to Wake Forest University Retail and Health Innovation Challenge to pitch his company, Birch Boys Adirondack Chaga. He won second place, with a prize of $10,000. Chaga is a mushroom that is grown and harvested in the Adirondacks. When dried and ground, it is used to make a loose herbal tea that is used as a dietary supplement. "Working with Clarkson's Reh Center for Entrepreneurship has been amazing," Garrett said. "Their support reinforced my confidence and desire to make my community at Clarkson proud. I want to build a retail brand focusing on education, authenticity and sustainability and to incorporate my outdoor lifestyle into a viable career." His company will use the $10,000 prize to purchase equipment, build a website and hire employees. Garrett aims to expand to health food chains throughout the Northeast.

Joshua Parker TCS '16

Joshua Parker of Canton, N.Y., appeared on “Shark Tank” on October 21, 2016. Josh, who was at The Clarkson School in 2015–2016, decided to remain at Clarkson to pursue his undergraduate degree in business. He is the CEO and founder of Parker's Real Maple in Canton. Josh is part of the Reh Center’s Young Entrepreneur Award program. The Clarkson campus community was invited to watch Josh on the big screen in the Student Center Forum and cheer him on. While he was not funded by any of the “Shark Tank” cast, he felt it was an incredible experience and opportunity. Josh was at the viewing party to talk about his business and answer questions about his experience on “Shark Tank.”

Haley Swanson TCS '11

Haley came to The Clarkson School after her small, private, all-girls school closed down for financial reasons at the end of her junior year. She heard about TCS from her brother, who graduated from Clarkson. Haley said she wanted to attend The Clarkson School because she was looking for academic and personal challenges. He pursued AP classes, was president of his junior class, won a New York State Basketball Championship and was a marching band section leader. After TCS, Dav’eeel attended SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) in Syracuse, N.Y., where he obtained a B.S. in Bioprocess Engineering. Dav’eeel served as president of SUNY ESF's American Institute of Chemical Engineers student chapter. Dav’eeel completed internships with Knollton Technologies, RockTenn and Sonoco. Upon graduation, he worked as a process engineer for International Paper in Springfield, Oregon.

Hale lives in Boston, Mass., where she is working as a substitution design engineer. She has some advice for students; she strongly suggests using the support services provided by the Clarkson University Career Center. She attributes the success she had getting her internship and her current position to their assistance. She says that they highlight the best parts of your experience and helped her realize that having a high GPA is not everything. She also suggests mentioning The Clarkson School during job interviews; most companies are not aware of early college programs and it demonstrates both motivation and leadership skills. She states, “It makes you stand out among your competition!”

Pamela (Foster) Albert TCS '96

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TCS Alumni — The Places They Stayed

Davi’eeel Stewart TCS '13

Since Dav’eeel’s father was in the Army, his family moved frequently. Prior to TCS, he attended Sackets Harbor Central School in Sackets Harbor, N.Y.

Dav’eeel applied to The Clarkson School because he was looking for academic and personal challenges. He pursued AP classes, was president of his junior class, won a New York State Basketball Championship and was a marching band section leader. After TCS, Dav’eeel attended SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) in Syracuse, N.Y., where he obtained a B.S. in Bioprocess Engineering. Dav’eeel served as president of SUNY ESF's American Institute of Chemical Engineers student chapter. Dav’eeel completed internships with Knollton Technologies, RockTenn and Sonoco. Upon graduation, he worked as a process engineer for International Paper in Springfield, Oregon.

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"I knew The Clarkson School would definitely give me a competitive advantage when applying to colleges, and indeed it did.”

— Amanda Horne, TCS '17, CU Honors Program, attending MIT

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Class of 2017 — The Places They’ll Go!

Shirley Liu TCS ’17

Shirley Liu is from Beijing, China. Shirley says that in China competition starts early, and, like a lot of children, she started studying first-grade Chinese and phonetics when she was still in kindergarten. During high school, she decided she wanted to attend a school in America to further her interests and pursue her goals. In the fall of 2015, she started her first year in a private high school in Utah, as a junior. Life there was more fun and less stressful than in China. Shirley had the opportunity to meet new people and learn about a completely different culture. Without her parents, she became more independent and learned more about herself. She attended The Clarkson School last fall to challenge herself further by studying business.

Shirley recently said, "When I think about my schooling until now, I feel thankful for the challenges that shaped me to become a better person." She will eventually pursue a master’s degree and hopes to become an accountant like her parents.

What The Clarkson School does for you:

- Complete 35–37 college credits instead of returning for your senior year of high school.
- Average class size at TCS: 60 students
- On-campus support: low student-to-advisor ratio; staff located in the same building as your dorm.
- Diverse student body: 40% of our students come from across the U.S. and around the globe, while 60% live in New York State.
- Staff support throughout the application process for students applying to other institutions. (Students are automatically accepted to Clarkson University when they are accepted to The Clarkson School but have the option of moving on to another institution after The Clarkson School year.)
- Ability to join on-campus clubs, sports and other activities.
- Gain real job experience through early internship opportunities; employers recruit on campus during fall and spring job fairs.

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Trinity “Friend” Dickinson TCS ’17

Trinity hails from Lake Tahoe, California. He came all the way to New York once he was accepted to The Clarkson School and Honors Program after his junior year of high school. He did so because, in his own words, “I was excited for a chance to challenge myself and ready to get started with the rest of my life.” At TCS, he found a community of people who valued hard work and academic dedication and quickly realized how lucky he was to be among “his people!” Trinity quickly found several things to get involved with. He sang and danced in Clarkson’s production of the musical “Catch Me If You Can” and he served as a Clarkson School Ambassador, a mentor in Google’s igniteCS program and a biometrics security research assistant at the CIoT lab with Dr. Stephanie Schuckers, where he now works an average of seven hours a week. Trinity also took two international classes/trips during the year — UNIV349 Global Business Program to Berlin, Germany, and Florence and Rome in Italy during spring break. He also took UNIV349 Service Learning Experience to the Dominican Republic for two weeks, a trip sponsored by the Honors Program.

After his year at TCS, Trinity will remain at Clarkson University, in the Honors Program, to pursue a degree in computer science. His goal is to earn a doctorate in computer science, do postgraduate work, and then work at Google. After that, Trinity hopes to become an astronaut and plans to work toward his pilot’s license this summer in preparation for this far-off goal.

“Trinity believes that he would be in a worse position, academically, without The Clarkson School. “I’d be out of AP classes, eating bad cafeteria food, dealing with teachers that don’t care about my success and taking standardized tests,” says Trinity. “But instead, I’m working toward my bachelor’s degree with some of the most inspiring people I’ve ever met.”

If you feel like you want to get the most out of your senior year and jump-start the rest of your life in a big way, I’d definitely recommend applying to The Clarkson School. And we’ve got better cafeteria food.”

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The Clarkson School Class of 2017
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Drew Jarosh TCS '95
is two years into his first four-year
term as the elected treasurer
of Saratoga County. As
a county treasurer, Drew
is responsible for administering
the county’s accounting
and finance operations,
receiving all county tax
revenue, issuing all county
expenditures, maintaining a
certified true accounting of all cash
flows, and managing all of
the county’s investments.

Roeb Bramhall TCS ’82
and his family are doing well.
He moved to Carolina Beach
three years ago after being in Atlanta for 22
years. “I’m working full-
time for myself, still doing
development and database
architecture for anything and
everything on the Internet
and in the Cloud,” says Rob.
“My wife, Chrissy, has moved
from the hospital floor
to working with the Cape
Fare Cancer Specialists here in
Wilmington. Our three boys,
Jake, Connor and Nicholas,
are busy at middle and
elementary school
with their band, scouts and
basketball. We
got to take the boys on
their first big ski trip to
Steamboat this winter,
and they loved it. We
recently bought our
second ocean-front
rental here in Kure
Beach and have been
busying it up to
perfection. If anyone is
nearby or wants to get
together for a drink or to
take a break and stay
at the beach, let us know! We
would love to hear from some
of the other folks.”

Amanda Dalton TCS ’10
graduated from law school
in May 2016 and joined
the firm Conboy, McKay,
Bachman & Kendall, LLP,
as a domestic relations
associate in August.
She took the bar exam in
February 2017. Amanda
serves as the national risk
management officer for
Kappa Delta Chi Sorority,
Inc. and has been in that
position since July 2015.

Sara Feduski TCS ’12
transferred to the University
at Buffalo where she
received her bachelor’s degree
in 2014. She then
enrolled in a dual law/
social work program at the
University at Buffalo and
received her J.D. in May 2018. She also
got married in May, the
first week after her graduation!

Rosemary Bloodnick
TCS ’16 is pursuing a B.S.
in Environmental and
Sustainability Sciences,
with a minor in Sociology,
at Cornell University. On
campus, she teaches
climbing courses in Cornell’s
Outdoor Education Program,
works at the Lindsheight
Climbing Wall and is the
president of the Cornell
University Outing Club.
In her free time, she
continues to hike, climb and ski
as frequently as possible.

A Clarkson alumna, Pua (AhYo) Hoops TCS   ’96
lives in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and runs a
non-profit group that has
organized the annual 4
July celebration in Saratoga
Springs, N.Y., as an
active member of Saratoga’s
Committee, providing citizen
oversight of federal taxpayer
expenditures, issuing all county
of revenue, maintaining all county tax
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of the Clarkson School Leadership
Team and PTA Executive
Board. Ion is training for the
Chicago Marathon; Ion and
Brooks are gearing up to start Suzuki classical guitar
and the whole family is going
to Idaho for the solar eclipse
(And Gordon’s fifth birthday!) in
August.

Talia Raggs TCS ’90
lives in Los Angeles and continues
to work as a television
writer and producer. Her
most recent work includes
“Switched at Birth,” that
premiered on Freeform in
January 2017, and “The
Originals,” that premiered on
the CW in March.

Andrew White TCS ’90
moved to Seattle this year
to work for Amazon’s Web Services division on its
Route 53 DNS team.

Dawn-Marie Turner TCS ’91
lives in Hemmingford,
Quebec, with her two sons,
ages 12 and 14. She is the
human resources manager
and co-owner, along with
her mother and sister,
of their family business,
Hemmingford Aerospace.
Her committed, 93-person
team manufactures
high-precision parts
and assemblies for aircraft
engines. Working with
designers and doing what she
can to enhance the quality of
their lives is what she enjoys
most about her position.

The Clarkson School — The Places They Are

TCS ALUMNI — The Places They Are

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After The Clarkson School, Drew attended
college at the University of New Hampshire, earning
a bachelor’s degree in finance
in 1998. Drew also has an
M.B.A. from the University
at Albany and a Master’s in
Financial Engineering & Risk
Analytics from Rensselaer
Polytechnic Institute. He
is nearing completion of a Master’s in
Public Administration from Marist
College and has completed
coursework for a Ph.D. in
Public Policy and Finance.
Drew married his wife, Kate,
in 2007, and together they
have a newborn son.

Maria (Castro) Dorsey TCS '93
is a program manager at
Hilite International, a tier-
one automotive supplier.
She manages new product
development programs for
vending systems.
Maria lives in Webster N.Y.,
with her husband and
three-year-old daughter.

Kathleen (Jones) King
TCS ’05 graduated from
Clarkson University in 2008
with a B.S. in Civil
Engineering and has
since become a licensed
professional engineer
in three states. She enjoys
a career managing design
and construction projects
at the University of New
Hampshire, and, in 2016,
completed her Master’s
of Science in Project
Management at Granite
State College. Kathleen
married fellow Clarkson
graduate Ryan King ‘09 in
February 2017.

Neil Mandalaywala
TCS ‘05 completed his
undergraduate education
at the Albany College of
Pharmacy and Health
Sciences in 2009 and
then medical school at
Albany Medical College
in 2014. He is now in
Residency Training in
Physical Medicine and
Rehabilitation, serving as
the chief resident for the
NYU School of Medicine’s
Physical Medicine and
Rehabilitation Program at the
Rusk Institute of Rehabilitation
Medicine.

Ben Clicquennoi TCS '06
owns a restaurant in
Parishville, N.Y., called The
Timber Tavern...and still
takes his dog to work.

Kathleen Chapman TCS ’09
graduated from Clarkson
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**ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE CLARKSON SCHOOL**

Your contribution to these scholarships helps students who meet the rigorous requirements of The Clarkson School but lack the financial means to attend. By sustaining these scholarships, you’re giving deserving students the opportunity to learn and do more — and to start now, when they’re ready.

**Alumni Family Award**

Students with a brother, sister, aunt, uncle or cousin who attended The Clarkson School or Clarkson University can qualify for a $500 award.

**Alumni Legacy Award**

Students with a mother, father, grandfather or grandmother who attended The Clarkson School or Clarkson University can qualify for a $1,000 scholarship.

*Only one award will be granted, regardless of the number of legacy connections.*

**The Clarkson School Alumni Referral Award**

This award will be given to a student who has been referred to The Clarkson School by an alum. This $1,000-per-year award is good for four years of study at The Clarkson School and Clarkson University.

*A student can only receive one award, regardless of the number of referrals.*

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**Save the Date!**

**TCS Turns 40!**

The Clarkson School turns 40 years old in 2018! We’re planning a big reunion on **July 12–15, 2018**, and we’d like you to join us! If you’d like more information — or to let us know you’re coming — send us an email at tcs@clarkson.edu.

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