



From the Hill | April 2026

Welcome to our second edition of From the Hill (reimagined). There has been a great deal of activity on the Sunny Hilltop since we last wrote. We hope you enjoy reading about all of the latest happenings!

York Enrollment Spotlight



Welcoming Future Falcons

This year, York School introduced a new and meaningful way to celebrate one of the most exciting moments in a student's journey, acceptance to our community.

After a season filled with campus visits, conversations, and connections with prospective families, we were proud to unveil our newly designed York acceptance boxes.

Thoughtfully curated and beautifully branded, each box was delivered directly to our newest students as a personal and memorable way to share the news and reflect just how excited we are to welcome them to campus this fall.

Throughout the admissions season, it has been a joy to host so many visiting students, each bringing curiosity, enthusiasm, and a desire to find the right academic home. Our incoming class represents a wide range of schools and backgrounds, and with that

comes a vibrant mix of perspectives, talents, and aspirations that will strengthen and enrich the York community.

The response to our acceptance boxes has been filled with excitement and celebration, marking not just an admission decision, but the beginning of a meaningful connection to York.

To our newest Falcons, congratulations and welcome. We look forward to all that you will bring to our community in the year ahead.

York Student Spotlight

York Seniors See Strong College Admissions Success

York's Class of 2026 is off to an impressive start in this year's college admissions cycle, reflecting both their individual dedication and the strength of the school's college preparatory program.

To date, 32 seniors have submitted a combined total of 331 applications to more than 150 colleges and universities across the country. Their efforts have already resulted in 29 students receiving college acceptances, with admissions offers spanning 90 institutions.

Even at this early stage, six seniors have made their college decisions, an exciting milestone as they begin to envision the next chapter of their academic journeys.

These early outcomes are a testament to the ambition, preparation, and perseverance of York students, as well as the personalized guidance they receive throughout the college counseling process. As the admissions season continues, we look forward to celebrating even more achievements from the Class of 2026.

York Faculty Spotlight

Excellence in Education: Mr. Michael Borrowman

At York School, exceptional teaching is defined not only by what happens in the classroom, but by the lasting impact educators have on their students and community. Few embody this standard more fully than Mr. Mike Borrowman.

A dedicated member of the York community for many years, Mr. Borrowman has shaped the student experience in meaningful and lasting ways. In the humanities classroom, he challenges students to think critically, engage deeply, and develop a strong sense of perspective. Beyond the classroom, his leadership extends across campus, from coaching field hockey to serving as 9th grade class dean, where he helps guide students through one of the most formative years of their academic journey.



Mr. Borrowman has also played an instrumental role in fostering thoughtful dialogue and community engagement through the organization of programs such as Native American Heritage Month and Women's History Month forums. These experiences reflect his

commitment to creating a learning environment that is both academically rigorous and deeply thoughtful.

When York recently highlighted Mr. Borrowman on social media, the response was immediate and overwhelming. Alumni, families, and colleagues shared messages of appreciation, reflecting on the profound and lasting influence he has had on their lives. It is a powerful reminder that the true measure of an educator lies not only in what is taught, but in what is felt.

York is proud to be home to educators like Mr. Borrowman, whose excellence leaves a lasting imprint on generations of students.

York Alumni Spotlight

Marisol Chiu '44 - Update

Marisol (and her parents Harry Chiu '08 and his wife, Chantal), recently had a few visitors who flew to Singapore just to meet her! York alumni Nina Kooroshfar '08, Ben Estrada '08, and Carlos Jimenez '08, all made the trek to welcome our Future Falcon!

We'd love to feature your alumni story in future publications. Please share with us [here](#).



Carnegie Hall Debut - Correction

Maggie Finnegan '02 will be making her solo Carnegie Hall debut on **April 5, 2026**, singing Mozart's *Coronation Mass* and *Missa Brevis in d minor* and Vivaldi's *Gloria*.

Here is a [link](#) to the event.

Here is a [link](#) to Maggie's website..

York Philanthropy Spotlight



Welcoming Maureen McCrone: Advancing a Culture of Philanthropy at York

York School is pleased to welcome Maureen McCrone as Director of Philanthropy, where she is already making a meaningful impact in advancing the school's mission and strengthening its culture of giving.

In her role, Maureen leads York's advancement efforts in close partnership with the Head of School, Board of Trustees, and senior leadership. She brings more than fifteen years of experience across private banking and nonprofit relationship management, working with philanthropic families, foundations, and organizational leaders to support mission-driven

institutions.

At York, Maureen is focused on building strong, lasting relationships with our community while aligning philanthropic support with the school's highest priorities. Her work spans major and annual giving, alumni and parent engagement, and partnerships that expand opportunities for students and programs. Known for her collaborative approach, she is working closely across departments to enhance engagement, increase participation, and ensure that every act of giving is meaningful and impactful.

Maureen is available to connect with members of the York community and welcomes conversations with anyone interested in learning more about supporting the school. She can be reached at mmccrone@york.org.

We are grateful to have her leadership and expertise as we continue to grow and strengthen York's future together.

Supporting York's Mission — Today and for the Future

York's mission is sustained by the strength and generosity of our community. Philanthropic support ensures that current and future students continue to benefit from the exceptional academic programs, student experiences, and opportunities that define a York education.

We welcome all who wish to support York through their time, talent, or treasure — whether by volunteering, sharing professional expertise, serving in the community, or making a philanthropic gift.

To make a gift, please visit our [website](#).

For questions about York Philanthropy or ways to get involved, please contact us at giving@york.org.

Thank you for your continued partnership in advancing York's mission.

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York Upcoming Events Spotlight

York School Presents *Hairspray*: A Celebration of Music, Movement, and Meaning

York School's Performing Arts Department is proud to present the beloved Broadway musical *Hairspray*, a high-energy production that brings together music, storytelling, and powerful themes of inclusion and social change.

Set in 1962 Baltimore, *Hairspray* follows Tracy Turnblad, a spirited teenager who dreams of dancing on The Corny Collins Show. After earning a spot, Tracy quickly rises to local fame, but also confronts the show's segregation. Determined to make a difference, she joins forces with friends to challenge injustice and advocate for a more inclusive stage. Through humor, heart, and resilience, Tracy's journey highlights the impact of standing up for what is right.

Filled with memorable songs, dynamic choreography, and vibrant characters,

Hairspray is a joyful and meaningful production that celebrates courage, community, and the power of young voices.

Performances run from Friday, April 24 through Saturday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m., with additional shows scheduled throughout the week. Community members are encouraged to attend and support York's talented student performers.

Tickets are available [here](#).



Save the Date: York Scholars Program Showcase on May 15

The York community and beyond is invited to attend the York Scholars Program Showcase on Thursday, May 15 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the theater. This culminating event highlights the exceptional work of students completing their capstone projects.

Through the York Scholars Program, students engage in an in-depth, interdisciplinary process that includes research, mentorship, data analysis, and thesis development. Each project reflects not only academic rigor, but also a meaningful connection to real-world issues and community impact.



The showcase offers an opportunity to experience these projects firsthand as students present their findings, share their journeys, and demonstrate the depth of their scholarship.

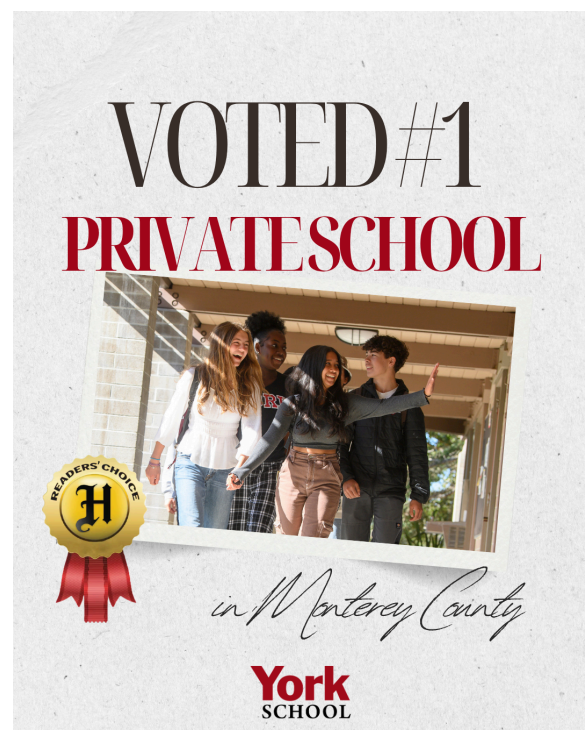
York Community Spotlight

Have you heard the news?

York School was voted the 2025 #1 Best Private School in Monterey County by the readers of the Monterey County Herald.

This recognition reflects the collective effort of our entire community. Our dedicated teachers who provide a world class education. Our students who help foster a safe, inclusive, and diverse environment. Our families who place their trust in us each day. Our community partners who engage with and support our mission. And our donors whose generosity makes so many opportunities possible for our students.

Thank you for being part of what makes York such a special place to learn, grow, and discover.



In Memoriam

Eileen Anne Lang '74

September 9, 1956 - September 14, 2025

Eileen attended York School. For the past 30 years, she lived on Maui and worked as a substance abuse counselor. She leaves behind a rich legacy in the lives of countless men and women around the world who are living hopeful lives in recovery due to her love and

dedication. Her life was important and consequential because it was driven by her love of humanity. It was a life very well lived.

Emmett Andrew Linder

November 30, 1958 - March 16, 2026

Emmett, the husband of Ana Toledo who served on the York School Board of Trustees, had an innate ability to connect with people and his gentle and compassionate soul touched many. The void left by his passing is immeasurable and felt deeply by all whose lives he touched.

Robert Alexander Long

October 26, 1928 - March 7, 2026

Bob led quite a remarkable life. He was well educated, served his country in the Army during the Korean War, and worked for many years where he earned the moniker "unflappable" due to his successful negotiation skills. Bob and his wife, Sherry, were great supporters of York School. During their 50 years of marriage, they traveled together extensively. Bob's cleverness and his sense of humor made life so much fun for all of those who knew him.

Karen Rossum

January 12, 1943 - February 23, 2026

Karen lived a most adventuresome life. She traveled to all seven continents, led an all-woman climb up Mt. Whitney on her 50th birthday, was a certified SCUBA diver, and even learned to pilot an airplane. She was also a great volunteer who devoted time to York School and other local organizations. Her son, Nick, graduated from York in '02 and her husband, Dave, served on York's Board of Trustees. Karen will be remembered most for her brilliant smile, her supportive attitude, and her compassionate and loving heart.

Carol Wilhelm

August 6, 1948 - February 2, 2026

Carol served on the York School Board of Trustees. Her life was a testament to the power of grace in action - to strength alongside gentleness, to determination guided by integrity, and to a love that endures. Her legacy lives on in the family she nurtured, the friendships she cherished, and the beauty she so naturally brought into the world.

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