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# Back on Campus

The year 2020 has been a year like no other and we hope you are all well and safe throughout these challenging times. Our fall edition of *Polycam* is usually dedicated to back to school news and this one shares stories of Poly's unprecedented return to school. Read on for more details of Outdoor Poly, student news, alumni updates, and events.

We look forward to sharing more alumni updates and stories - let us know what you've been up to! You can also keep in touch by reaching out to the alumni office. Our virtual door is always open!

#### Poly Thinks 'OUTSIDE' the Box!

Faculty and Students Return to Outdoor Poly



Our Head of School Audrius Barzdukas P'20 shares how Poly is returning together as a vibrant learning community. Watch the video <u>here</u>.

For more news about our reopening, read here.



Alumni serving as faculty assistants and substitute teachers have been an important part of getting Poly back to school outdoors.

Read the feature story here.

#### **Poly Alumni on the Front Lines**



"In the United States at that time, despite clear warnings about what was happening elsewhere, there seemed to be little preparation or education aimed at the public about what might happen and how to prepare."

- Dr. Neil Schluger '77

Read the full story



Above: Poly Alumnus Max Rose '04 helps build an emergency COVID-19 hospital capable of providing lifesaving care for 260 people in the 11th Congressional District.

Read <u>here</u>.



#### **Students Affecting Change**



Kadyn Liburd '21, daughter of Jeanine Smartt Liburd '88, fights for equality, joins Black Students Demanding Change.

#### Read full story <u>here</u>.

### Students and Alumni Reflect on a Summer in Quarantine



This summer was different. Check out how our students and alumni spent theirs <u>here</u>.

#### Poly Remembers 9/11



Poly honored the memories of those lost on 9/11 in a virtual ceremony commemorating the 19th anniversary.

Read the full article here or watch our remembrance video.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Mark your calendar for these opportunities to engage with Poly.

October 7, 2020 - <u>Young Alumni Invite: Career Speaker</u> <u>Series</u>

October 13, 2020 - BOG Networking & Mentoring Virtual Event

October 14, 2020 - Poly Community Forum on Anti-Racism

October 24, 2020 - Alumni Association 2020 Spirit Award Ceremony

November 17, 2020 - Alumni Volunteer Summit

#### Alumni Association Board of Governors News

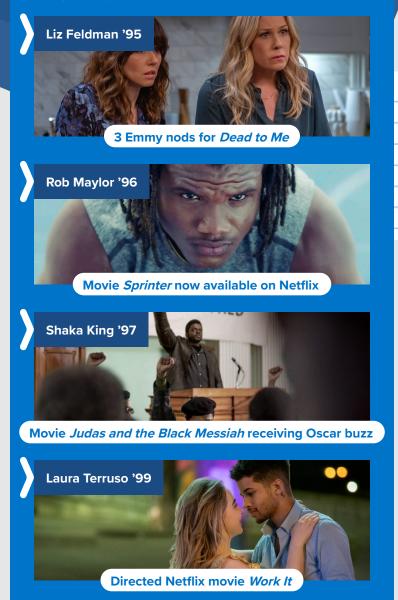
On July 28, the BOG hosted a virtual forum for alumni to hear from Head of School Audrius Barzdukas P'20 on plans to address systemic racism at Poly. The BOG is grateful to alumni who shared their experiences and is committed to continuing efforts to ensure alumni voices are heard. Be sure to check your inboxes and the events section of this issue for more communications on future BOG hosted events. We welcome thoughts and suggestions on future events.

Email bog@polyprep.org





The '90s gave us this popular music CD series. The '90s also gave us Poly grads with notable news in the entertainment industry! Totally awesome!



#### **Alumni News & Notes**

Renowned Marine Biologist Dr. Hugo Freudenthal '48 Is Honored

Class of '76 Zoom Chats for 22 Consecutive Weeks

Jon Krasner '95 Opens Rockaway Hotel

Emily Hochman '10 Be Well with Wellory App guides users to make affordable and accessible nutrition choices

Play by Hallie Stephenson '20 Accepted into Theater Festival

Class Notes are now live and online! Click <u>here</u> to see what's up with Poly Alumni and tell us YOUR story.

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