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## Register today for Baker's First Alumni Weekend!

It's time to break-out the name tags! November 10-12, 2016 is our first Alumni Weekend at Baker. There is something for everyone!



*Alumni at the Time Capsule Opening in April.*

Click [here](#) to register\* at our website.

*\*Please note that if you plan to join us for more than one event you will have to register for each individually. We apologize for any inconvenience.*

- **Thursday, November 10**
  - Join us for our Alumni and Friends Cocktail Party hosted by current parents, Kendra and Jay Robinson, at their home in Evanston. Click [here](#) to register today!
- **Friday, November 11**
  - "Alumni Day" at Baker is an opportunity for members of the current 8th grade class to reconnect with recent graduates and learn about the transition to high school and beyond. Click [here](#) to register!
- **Saturday, November 12**
  - All are invited to attend our Fall Open House. We want to welcome you back and show you what has changed and what has stayed the same! Take a tour, chat with school leaders, and learn about the amazing things happening in our classrooms today! Let us know if you plan on attending [here](#).

Questions? Visit the [Alumni Weekend page](#) on our website, email the [Alumni Office](#), or call 847.425.5800 today!

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## Baker's New Head of School is Announced!

We hope you saw our exciting Head of School news! Baker is thrilled that Carly Andrews has accepted the position of our new Head of School.

She will begin her tenure at Baker in the summer of 2017, but she will also be visiting the school on these dates if you would like to take part in welcoming her to our community:

- November 12, 2016 - Fall Open House
- March 3, 2017 - Baker Benefit
- June 1, 2017 - Baker Graduation

Her first visit coincides with Alumni Weekend. If you would like to meet Carly you are invited to our Open House or we are hosting a special reception on **November 11 from 8:30-9:45AM in Baker Library**. All Baker community members are welcome to attend. Click [here](#) to read the full announcement.

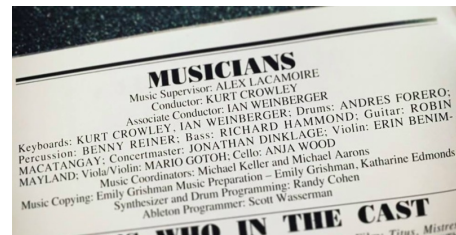


Carly Andrews

## Class Notes

- Alyssa Yokoto-Lewis '00 is a restorative justice specialist working with [Umoja Corporation](#). *Way to keep serving the world, Alyssa!*

- Ian Weinberger '01 has been named Associate Conductor and serves as a musician for the world-renowned musical, [Hamilton](#), which has now come to Chicago for an extended run. *Congratulations, Ian!*



- Margaret Hensley '08, daughter to longtime Baker drama teacher, Lizanne Wilson, began her MFT (Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy) at Northwestern University this fall. *Well done, Margaret!*
- Jack Miya '08 began law school this year at Loyola University Chicago. *Congratulatons, Jack!*
- Rena Newman '12 has written an interesting piece on transgender inclusivity entitled "[Transgender Inclusivity in Jewish Spaces](#)" for eJewish Philanthropy. *Well done, Rena!*

- Allison Grimsted '13 shared: "I just wanted to let you know that I made it to semifinals at the Yale Speech and Debate Invitational Tournament in congressional debate. This year I am president of the speech and debate team, and I am captain of Congressional Debate." In the note, Allison thanked Ms. Wilson for her unlimited support in "helping me to find my



Allison, right, pictured with her friend at Yale.

voice." *Congratulations, Allison! We look forward to seeing you use that voice to express your ideas for many years to come!*

- Sophie Haight '13 completed a summer internship at Northwestern University, in the [CIERA astrophysics lab](#). She worked on research led by Vicky Kalogera, one of the astrophysicists on the LIGO team that detected the existence of gravitational waves, first predicted by Albert Einstein a century ago. Sophie plans to study astrophysics next year in college. *Sophie, we look forward to hearing what you discover!*
- Simone Nagan '15 and Maia Bhattacharyya '15 both received Gold Key awards for photography from Scholastic. Both Simone and Maia traveled to Iowa in September for the ceremony. *Congratulations, Simone and Maia!*



*The plaque dedicating our music room to Charlotte, who loved to sing!*

## In Memoriam

**Charlotte Laadt Tyksinski**, 83, longtime Baker administrator, died on August 19, 2016. She was a part of the Baker community for 34 years as parent, teacher, Admissions Director, Assistant Director, Interim Director and Board Member. She retired from Baker in 2005. Charlotte graduated from National College of Education (now called National-Louis University) in 1955 with Bachelors Degree in Elementary Ed.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 5 at 1:00 pm at the Unitarian Church of Evanston, 1330 Ridge Ave., Evanston, IL.

*This piece contained excerpts from her obituary, published in a Chicago Tribune Media Group Publication from Sept. 3 to Sept. 4, 2016.*

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## Share Your Alumni News!

Baker alumni, do you have something you want to share with the your community? Have you moved? Changed careers? Achieved something you are proud of and want to share? Added a new member to your family? We, and other alumni, want to know!

## 4th and 5th Grade Students LiveChat with Science Editor



Students in grades 4 and 5 got a real treat on Wednesday when Lisa Grossman (sister of Ms. Phillips' Associate, Jenna Grossman), Physics and Astronomy Editor for New Scientists Magazine in Boston chatted live with them about new discoveries in the world of space. They learned about a wide array of topics from the smallest potential traces of life on Mars to the new knowledge of black holes. Thanks to Jenna Grossman and Anna Phillips for providing such a unique learning experience!

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*Storytellers include from left to right Emily Feingold-Fisher, Veronica Wagstaff, Alliey Cunningham, Elena Holtzman, Mira Littman, Laken Buehler, Abby Roman*

## Baker Storytellers Performed at Evanston Library Storytellers Festival!

Baker sent performers to the Evanston Library Storytelling Festival on October 8! The students told their original stories from last year's production of Totally True Tales. Following the Baker students' performance, Northwestern University storytellers told their stories. It happened that one of our former Baker grads, Noah Perkins '09, was one of the Northwestern storytellers and happily recounted his time at Baker when he introduced his story. The storytellers were received warmly for their outstanding work.

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## Do you keep in touch with your friends from Baker?

We are actively trying to build an alumni program for you, and **we need your help!** We are looking for email addresses to be able to invite alumni back to Baker or to alumni specific-events. We can't reach out if we don't know where to find you or your classmates!

Also, stay connected through our [Facebook alumni group](#). We have also recently launched the new face of Baker on Facebook, our dear founder, [Clara Belle Baker](#).

Email the [Alumni Office](#) to help us find your classmates!

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## Thank you for your support!

Please consider using [AmazonSmile](#) when you make any purchases throughout the year. It is a great way to give back to Baker. Click [here](#) to see all the "easy ways" to give back to Baker.

We are so grateful to our alumni, past parents, grandparents, and special friends whose contributions to our school and community make it possible for us to provide our students with a high caliber education. Consider making Baker part of your annual philanthropic contributions.

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