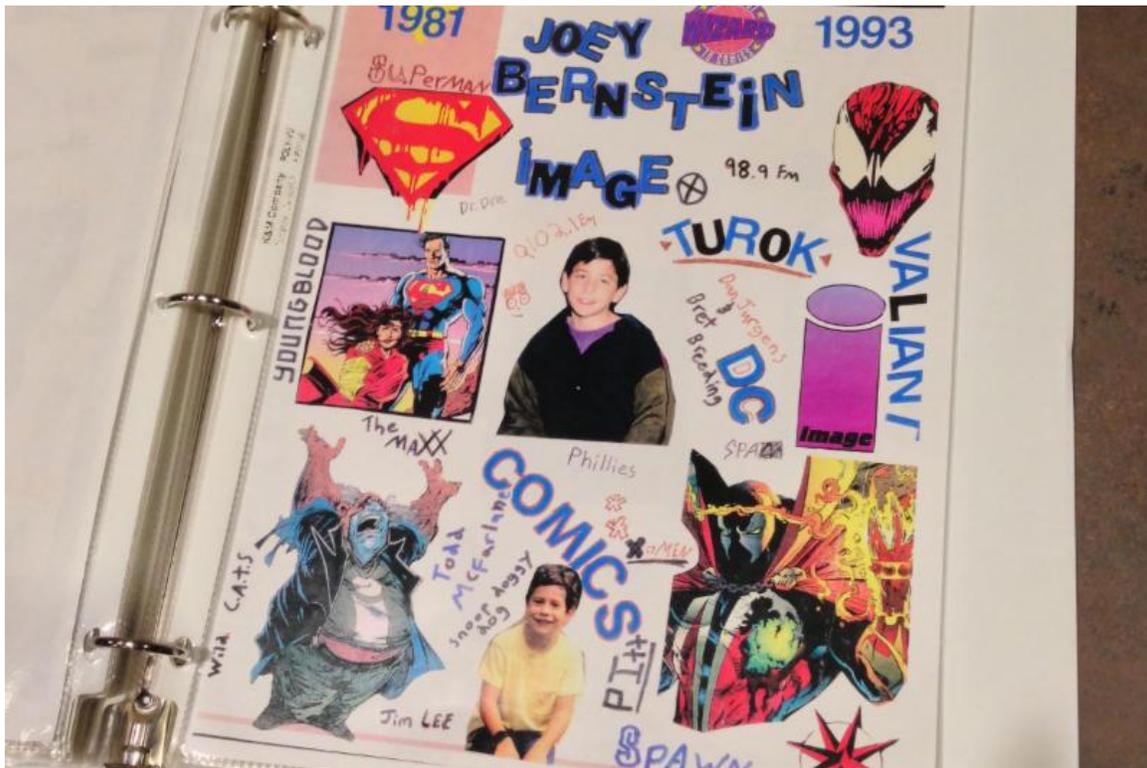


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Learning to Follow His Path

After graduating, alumnus **Joe Bernstein '93** attended Masterman School for a few years and finished high school at Friends Select in Philadelphia.

“But my most critical educational experience—and enjoyable—was Miquon, hands-down,” he says.

Bernstein remembers the level of self-responsibility instilled at Miquon was greatest, in his opinion, because report cards didn’t come with letter grades, lessening the sense of competition and comparison between the students.

“You wanted the satisfaction of having the answer when you were called on. You didn’t need to get all As to please your parents or teachers. That level of self-responsibility has propelled many of my successes because it means there are no shortcuts, and [shortcuts] don’t lead to the right answer anyway. It’s a marathon, not a sprint,” he adds.

Today, Bernstein is a partner in a property management firm in Philadelphia. He is aware that his chosen field can be challenging and requires a certain awareness.

“Miquon taught me a level of fairness and justice that makes playing in challenging arenas worthwhile and knowledge that I can outwork anyone if I just buckle down.”

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Progressive Education Come Full Circle

The student-centered, progressive education **Gabriel Kuriloff '90** enjoyed at The Miquon School laid a strong foundation for his career and current position as principal of Vaux Big Picture High School in North Philadelphia.

The original Vaux High School closed in 2013 and reopened, transformed as part of a massive half-billion-dollar plan put in place by Philadelphia's Housing Authority (PHA) to reinvigorate some of the neighborhoods struggling the most.

“The school is profoundly student-centered, and all learning is project-based around traditional subject areas,” Kuriloff explains. For example, as freshmen, students visit a wide range of professional sites around the city, talking to those who work there and learning from them. Based on their interests, students choose areas in which they will spend more time, so by the time they are sophomores, they will work two days a week with an onsite mentor and accomplish meaningful projects.

Two of the school's guiding principles sound as if they came straight from Miquon's playbook: Students who are encouraged to follow their passions as they find meaningful places in the community and the insistence on strong, nurturing and mentoring student-teacher relationships.

“My Miquon education is incredibly relevant to the work I'm doing now,” says Kuriloff.

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Annual Giving: Thanks for Your Support!

Thank you so much to all who made gifts to our Annual Giving Campaign in 2018! If you haven't done so yet, consider making a gift today. Thank you!

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Your gift to Miquon does so much to support children--including helping to provide financial aid for nearly 50% of our families, and classroom materials for all ages. We appreciate all of the love and support you gave us in 2018!

Alumni Happenings



The First Fifty Years Reunion

Any student or staff member at Miquon during the years 1932–1982 are invited to a party on Friday evening, May 17, 2019!

Also, **Spring Fair** is the next day, May 18, and all alumni, friends, and family are welcome to attend!

Grapevine: Alumni Notes

We want to hear from you! To be included in Alumni Association communications, please email alumni@miquon.org.

Check out the latest installment of Grapevine to hear what's been happening with your fellow alumni, including:

Liz Isaac–Herzog

Sandra Perloff Morris '56

Carmen '96, Gabe '98, & Johanna Winant '94x

Parker Vanderslice–Lamas '03

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Winter Assembly: Oh–so–sweet

Miquon celebrated the season on December 21 with our annual Winter Assembly, featuring performances from every classroom group.

If you haven't seen them yet, click the image below to view the [photos](#).



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