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There's Hope Yet

ften, September marks a fresh start. There's a certain sense of hope that comes with a new school year. For many, the lead-up to that first day is a frenzy of shopping for new outfits, acquiring supplies and making other preparations. This fall, things look a little different. As students return to class—many of them virtually—certain rituals have been lost. Still, there's hope that a potential vaccine may signal a return to the classroom, freeing up the prospect for proms, graduation ceremonies and the minutia of everyday life we once took for granted.

Through these past six months, there have been so many reasons for hope in our region. As healthcare providers rose to an unfathomable challenge, armies of volunteers scrambled to create masks for frontline workers. And people from all walks of life have reached out to help those struggling, whether it's an ailing neighbor or a local business.

With their students ensconced at home, educators have made impromptu visits to boost the spirits of their students and monitor the quality of their lessons. More importantly, they've helped our kids feel safe and secure amid so much uncertainty. This year's Top Teachers feature (see page 34) spotlights five individuals who've far exceeded the call of duty. They represent the countless others who've done the same thing in their pursuit of some semblance of normalcy.

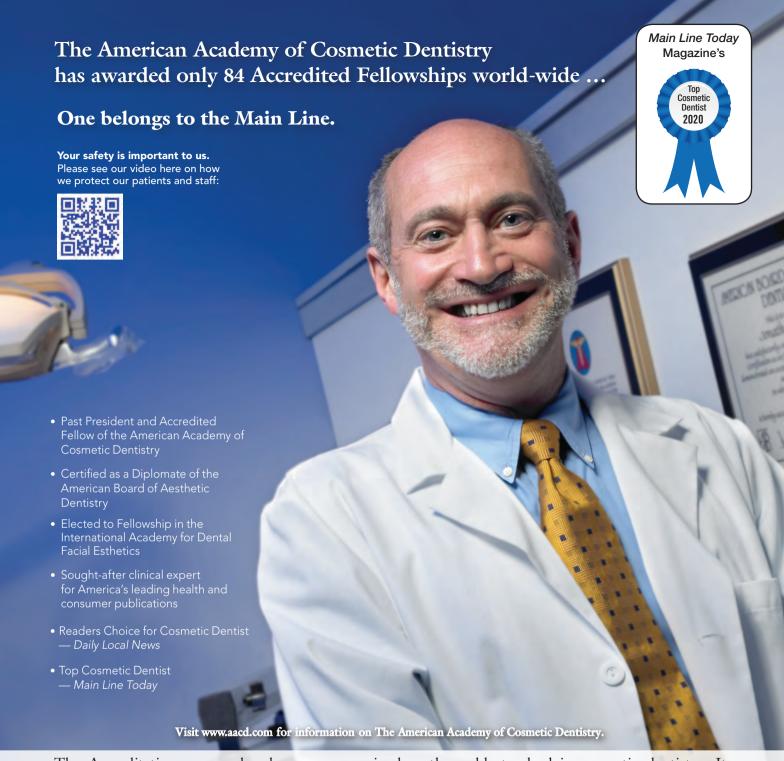
Elsewhere in this issue, you'll find our 2020 Top Dentists package (see page 46). It includes our annual directory, along with a look at the changes that have occurred in the field as a result of the pandemic. You should feel comfortable heading back to your dentist's office.

Feel free to raise a glass to all of our community heroes with one of the creative cocktails featured in our 2020 Drinking (and Eating) Guide (see page 28). We asked mixologists from some of the region's most popular local restaurants to offer recipes for their signature drinks. And while not all of them were willing to reveal trade secrets, several were more than happy to help you tame the dog days of a lingering summer by whipping up a drink (or two) at home.

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Frozen Dynasty

A Malvern family embraces an illustrious tradition in a low-key sport.

he Philadelphia Curling Club isn't your average ice rink. Its slippery patch measures roughly 150 feet long and 15 feet wide, with lanes marked at each end by what look like two giant bulls-eyes. There's no figure skating or hockey here. Its 250 active members gather for something else.

Dating back to 16th-century Scotland, curling is one of the oldest team sports in the world. Yet it remains a lesser-known entity here in the United States. Popular in the northern reaches of the country and Canada, it has been gaining a bit of a foothold in the mainstream thanks to its recent popularity at the Olympic Games.

The Dudt family has been on the ice at the Philadelphia Curling Club for decades, well before the sport gained its more recent Olympic status. The club was founded in Paoli in 1957 by Dr. Dwight Coons, a Wayne dentist who served as a brigadier in the Royal Canadian Dental Corps in World War II. He recruited a number of friends, including Al Hutchinson.

Two generations later, Hutchinson's grandchildren are curling aces, thanks to their enthusiastic parents and countless trips from their Malvern home to the club over the years. Nurtured by her father, Leslie Dudt's love of the sport naturally extended to her husband, Brian, and their children, Andrew, Daniel and Susan. Brian, who works in research and development for King of Prussia-based biopharmaceutical company CSL Behring, is now a board member at the Philadelphia Curling Club. He also coached his three

kids and, along with Leslie, ran the club's junior program. Though their children played other sports, curling quickly became a family tradition. "It's a whole new community, and you make friends through that," says Susan.

"[It's a] close-knit group, and they really become your best friends," Brian adds. "It's just a really fun environment."

First introduced to the Olympics in Chamonix, France, in 1924, curling remained on the fringes as a demonstration sport until 1998. Since then, men and women have vied for medals in what's affectionately known as the "roaring game"—in reference to the sound the massive granite stone makes as it whooshes across the ice. Two teams comprised of four players—in

lead, second, third and skip positions, respectively—use brooms to move the stone down the ice, with the goal of getting closest to those concentric rings. As they do, teams must formulate and execute plans to block opponents from doing the same.

The Philadelphia Curling Club has fostered some top talent. Twins Sarah and Taylor Anderson, who grew up in Broomall and played at the club, have earned numerous medals in the sport. Relocating to Minnesota, they compete nationally and internationally. Berwyn native Cody Clouser also grew up on the ice in Paoli, before going on to compete at Team USA's Junior National Championships, College National Championships (where he's won silver and gold) and National Championships. Clouser competes with Dresher natives Scott and Andy Dunnam—also products of Philadelphia Curling Club-alongside the Dudts' eldest son, Daniel, on the national level.

Graduates of Great Valley High School, the Dudt children have had their own success in the sport. The youngest, Susan, graduated from high school this past June. She's been competing nationally since eighth grade. Last year, she was selected for the Team USA Junior High Performance Program. This year, her team won gold in the Junior National Championships (under 21) in Eau Claire, Wis. The previous year, with Brian as coach, Susan's team won the Junior Nationals (under 18). "The program gives you a lot more opportunities to travel and play at the higher-level events you need to be invited to," says Susan, who's gone as far away as China to participate in the sport.

Because Susan's teammates are scattered across the country, they only meet at select times. With the help of trainers, coaches and sports psychologists, they practice, train and compete in Minneapolis.

With the season largely taking place October-March, off-ice training is equally important. For Susan, that means lots of independent workouts, with a focus on strength training. "Cardio is also a very important part, because the games are so long," she says. "Throughout the game, you get tired—especially mentally.'

A former rower in high school, Susan is used to putting hours in at the gym. "Nutrition is very important, too," her

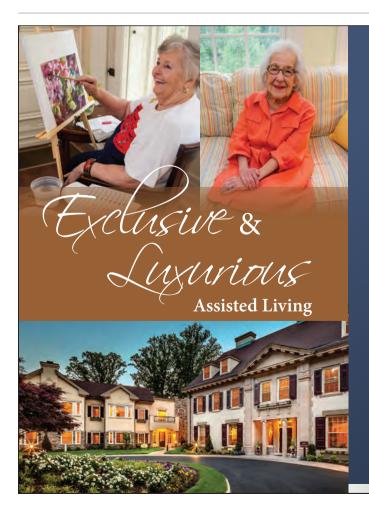
father adds. "You have to eat properly not just during the tournament but throughout the whole year."

As much as it is physical, "curling is such a mental sport," Susan says. Competitive national and international games last more than two hours and require extended periods of concentration and strategizing. "It's kind of like chess in that you have to keep on thinking forward," she says.

Riding their junior national championship, Susan and her team will try to earn a spot in the World Junior Curling Championships this fall (so long as the season goes forward). Susan is also beginning her freshman year at Bucknell University, where she'll study civil engineering. Like curling, engineering seems to run in the family. Both of Susan's older brothers studied it, one at Bucknell.

Long term, Susan has her sights set on playing for Team USA in the Winter Olympics. Whatever comes next, she knows curling will long play a part. "I'm hoping I can continue curling, even if it's at a more recreational level," she says. "It's a lifetime sport."

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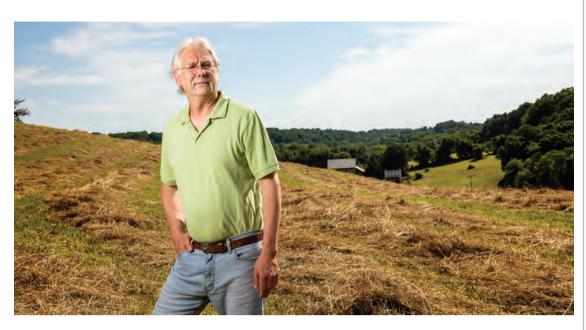


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KARL J. KUERNER

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Karl J. Kuerner was one of a select few who benefited personally from artists Andrew Wyeth and his sister, Carolyn. Kuerner studied under Carolyn for seven years, and a number of Andrew's paintings were made at or around his family's farm. Hoping to return the favor to artists the world over, Kuerner imparts wisdom, advice, life lessons and lots of spirit into his new book, Beyond the Art Spirit (Cedar Tree Books, 110 pages).

MLT: What inspired this book?

KJK: One of the people responsible for helping me following this through was West Chester artist Philip Jamison. We've known each other for years, and he said to me, "If you don't write this, it's going to be a whole lost era that people don't even know about." It took a lifetime so far to get this out, but it was a very unique situation—working with Carolyn Wyeth and seeing her brother work over at our family farm. I wanted this to be almost an extension of Robert Henri's book, The Art Spirit, and a simplified way to reach young artists.

MLT: Does any one memory stick out from that time?

KJK: The first time I ever met Carolyn, she looked at my work and said, "I've seen your drawings, now go home and I'll see you in two weeks." That really threw me. I'm thinking, "Well, your brother's been there, he's covered everything." I specifically went over to the farm when Andy was painting and asked if I could have permission to paint on my own property. He laughed at me and said, "If you have your own voice, you'll see it through."

MLT: How have those lessons influenced your own

KJK: You have to work with everyone as one creative

person to another. As a teaching artist, you always have to be an encourager. You never want to teach somebody to emulate what you're doing. You have to work with them to be a pioneer, to make some self-discoveries and [know] that there's no right or wrong way.

MLT: What about overcoming obstacles?

KJK: A painting can be very daunting. If you paint as if you have something to say, you'll get that point across, but there may be a lot of pitfalls along the way. You learn to succeed by making mistakes.

MLT: What is it about the Brandywine Valley that's such a draw to artists?

KJK: Andy certainly reached America at a time where the average person could relate to his work, and I think that probably still draws people in today. Other artists are attracted by the visual, and maybe not the soulful, knowledge. Growing up here, you learn a simple way of life, and the simple things can be very entertaining. Imagination as a young child can take you a very long way.

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New (Old) Music

At 102 years old, Alan Tripp finally gets his shot as a legitimate songwriter.

hose folks at New York City's legendary Brill Building are long gone. Otherwise, Alan Tripp might be tempted to locate some of them and let them know that, while it may have taken awhile, he finally became a songwriter. "I wanted to be one from the time I was very little," says Tripp.

So much so that he tried to find a way into the Brill, for a decades the nexus of American songwriting, nurturing the likes of Neil Diamond, Paul Simon and Carole King. He wasn't welcome. No matter. At the age of 102, he's released Senior Song Book with fellow Beaumont resident Marvin Weisbord. The collection of 10 tracks (eight originals and two remixes) features music from the 1940s and '50s, with lyrics for 2020.



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The primary lyricist, Tripp calls the 89-year-old Weisbord—who handles the music and arranging—his "junior partner." Though they've known each six years, their collaboration didn't begin until late 2017, when Weisbord took Tripp's poem, "Best Old Friends," and turned it into a song as a gift for his 100th birthday. Equally inspired, they worked to write, hone and record Senior Song Book. "I'd never written a song until I was 86 years old," says Weisbord. "I didn't think I could do it, so I went to my [piano] teacher and asked how to write one.

"Best Old Friends" is on the CD, along with "Never Too Late for Love," "Goodbye, Goodbye Forever" and a tune that's particularly germane to seniors (and plenty of the rest of us), "I Just Can't Remember Your Name." That one includes the classic lines: "I'm ready now to kiss you, but baby there's an issue. I just can't remember your name."

Tripp's mission was to match the old tunes with lyrics today's seniors can relate to. "We saw that the saccharine lyrics from that time don't fit today, when people are more acerbic and realistic," says Tripp. "We wrote about what matters to seniors.'

Decades ago, when Tripp received \$75 for his first jingle, it was "the most money I'd ever seen," he says.

After the Brill people shooed him away, Tripp continued to come up with ideas. One day, a jingle for Kool cigarettes came to him, so he found the ad agency representing the brand and brought the tune to its offices. They liked it. "I went into the advertising business," he says. "I wrote a lot of jingles."

Growing up in Kansas and Illinois, Tripp ended up in New York as a teenager. He spent some time there before marrying his "Philly" girl, Maggie. They moved to this area after getting married. "You see who won that discussion," he says.

In 1960, Tripp found his way into broadcasting, producing a TV show on the local CBS affiliate called Frank's Friday Night Party, where he worked with legendary songwriter Alan Bergman. At home, he and his late wife raised a family that included two children and has now swelled to three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Tripp's 102 years on this planet have provided him with a wisdom that he doesn't mind passing along. He delights 66

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"Nowhere is it written in God's Bible that you have to have a certain number of bars in songs."

in quoting renowned psychiatrist Henry Stack Sullivan about the secret to a happy life: "Happiness is something to do, someone to love and something to look forward to."

As one ages, "having all three in the same room can be difficult," Tripp says, adding that someone with two out of three can find satisfaction.

The creative process for the CD consisted of Tripp forwarding the words to Weisbord, who'd fit music around them. "Nine times of out of 10, that was it," says Tripp.

Tripp's lyrics often extended beyond the conventional 32-bar limit for most songs, challenging Weisbord—not that Tripp was too concerned. "Nowhere is it written in God's Bible that you have to have a certain number of bars in songs," Tripp says.

Weisbord is part of an 11-person band that has performed 70 times at Beaumont, playing selections from the *Senior Song Book* along with other standards. The CD has sold 2,500 copies, registered 4,000 downloads and is available on most platforms, including Amazon, iTunes and Spotify.

There will be no world tour or even a circuit through senior centers in the area, although there have been opportunities. Tripp and Weisbord have been featured on the *CBS Evening News* and NPR, among other outlets. And Kelly Clarkson invited the duo to fly to Hollywood to appear on her show. Alas, it didn't work out logistically.

Tripp reports that concepts for a second album are germinating, as is a murder-mystery he's writing titled, *The Weatherman*. His drive to move forward is part of his mantra: One should never retire *from* something—retire *to* something. "We're going to keep going," says Tripp. "If you stop, you never know what's going to get you."

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by Madison Duddy



Local Fashionista ...

TALENA MARTINEZ

Owner and Founder, Malena's Vintage Boutique, West Chester

PERSONAL STYLE: I love vintage bohemian items with a mix of hard-tofind designers. I like things that are a little bit more unique, like capsule collections or pieces from the early '60s and '70s.

GO-TO EVERYDAY LOOK: A long 1970s dress with a denim jacket and a bold necklace.

GO-TO LOOK FOR A NIGHT OUT:

A shorter dress with a tall boot and a cool scarf.

ON BUILDING HER BOUTIQUE:

I started collecting vintage items when I was about 12. I went to school for clothing design and worked at vintage stores. I opened the store about a month after my 23rd birthday.

WHY SHE LOVES VINTAGE: They're one of a kind pieces, so you're really able to showcase your individual style. Then

there's also the sustainability factor. We created a formula to see how much the store has saved from landfills by selling vintage, and we've hit over 37 tons.

FAVORITE DESIGNERS FOR BUYING

VINTAGE: Gucci, Pucci and Missoni.

NEWEST ADDITION TO HER WARDROBE: A hand-printed Zandra Rhodes dress. It's silk chiffon with smocking and big kimono sleeves. The print is handwritten positive messages.

SHE'LL SPLURGE ON: A good Gucci bag. My favorite one is from the 1960s. It's a suede fox purse with red and green ribbon down the front and a natural bamboo handle.

FAVORITE FALL TRENDS: Missoni knits-or a silk knit, because it breathes.

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For the Closet ...

Pretty in pink, Marco Bicego's African boules pink opal wire earrings are

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Living Well | by Melissa Jacobs

Back-to-School Jitters

Local experts weigh in with coping strategies for the COVID era.

hanks to COVID-19, back-toschool anxiety is off the charts. How to cope? Mental health experts around the region have ways to help kids (and adults) re-acclimate to the classroomwhether virtual or brick and mortar. First, validate children's emotions. "It's OK to be sad about not going to school like we normally do," says Elisa Nebolsine, a licensed clinical social worker, cognitive behavioral therapist and clinical supervisor for the Beck Institute in Bala Cynwyd. "It's OK to be worried, angry and

overwhelmed. Talking about feelings is a good thing."

Said feelings may be triggering some old behaviors. Faced with COVID-fueled uncertainty and danger, kids of all ages are regressing. "If they need an old stuffed animal or they want to watch a movie they haven't watched for years, let themthey're regrouping," says Kristen Bielecki, senior clinical director of Villanovabased Devereux Pennsylvania Children's Behavioral Health Services Center. "Parents may want to immediately try to correct that. Instead, acknowledge it.'



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Interestingly, some people already diagnosed with clinical anxiety are navigating the pandemic surprisingly well. "People with high pre-quarantine anxiety were forced out of their stressful work or school environments by the quarantine and had an almost complete resolution in anxiety," says Dr. David Danish of Philadelphia Integrative Psychiatry, which has offices in Wayne and Philadelphia. "The big fear is that this is a temporary reprieve."

People in treatment have another advantage: They know they have anxiety. Talking about that actually empowers patients, Nebolsine says, because it helps them put their feelings into context. "Anxiety is overestimation of risk and underestimation of resources," she says. "It amplifies the feeling that situations are much bigger and much worse than they really are. Knowing you do that can help you get through those difficult periods."

Facts can be a great antidote to anxiety, provide your kids with COVID-mitigation information published by science-based medical organizations, much of which is presented in easy-to-understand steps. Also review safety protocols instituted

by schools, sports teams and other organizations. "What seems overwhelming may not be after it's properly digested," Nebolsine says.

Wear masks for short periods of time and wash hands regularly. "And practice how to socially distance at school," Bielecki says. "If another kid is coming into your space, what can you say in a nice way? Limit the number of completely novel experiences your child will have.'

Danish suggests ramping up social interactions and slowly expanding kids' quarantine crews. "It's key that children have some social interaction with their peers on a daily basis," she says, "whether it's virtual, with other families who are safely quarantined, or through wellcontrolled, socially distanced get-togethers in someone's backyard or a park."

Don't be helicopter parents—but Danish recommends regular check-ins. Over dinner or in the car, ask kids how they feel about COVID-related situations. Don't fish for answers, but ask questions that require more than "yes" or "no" responses. "'How was that for you?' and 'Tell me more about that?' are great conversations starters with kids," says Bielecki.

Focus on building resiliency. "Remind children that they've already done things that they didn't think they could do," Nebolsine says. "Build a narrative of what they've accomplished and relate it to COVID."

Bielecki agrees. "We need to protect our kids, but we don't need to fragilize them," she says. "They can come through tough challenges.'

Adults can, too-and parents don't need to be superheroes for their kids. "I can't overstate the importance of parents teaching their children that fear is a natural emotion that can be managed constructively with the help of family," says Danish.

Parents also need their own selfcare strategies. "Be kind to yourself as a caregiver," Bielecki says. "Don't be judgmental about your parenting if your kid is regressing or exhibiting other behaviors."

Nebolsine suggests effective kid-friendly relaxation apps like Calm and Headspace. Exercise is also key, as is getting outside in safe places. Slivers of normalcy and moments of joy can be found, experts say. Now more than ever, it's important to treasure them. MLT

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HOTEL FAUCHÈRE

401 Broad St., Milford, Pa., (570) 409-1212, hotelfauchere.com

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38 Deborah Drive, Leola, Pa., (717) 656-7002, www.theinnatleolavillage.com

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Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square

boutiques and historic landmarks are just a short stroll away. The hotel recently celebrated its 10th anniversary with the grand opening of the new East Tower, along with the Exchange rooftop bar, and Plough, which boasts a sophisticated farm-to-table menu. The Mandarin Rose spa offers plunge pools, footbaths and a full menu of treatments. Rooms and suites starting at \$142.

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25 Jackson St., Cape May, N.J., (609) 884-5700, www.caperesorts.com

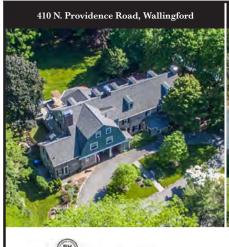
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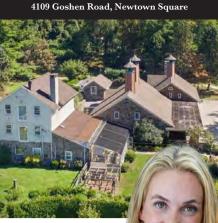


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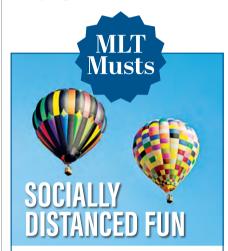
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These September events are moving forward, with precautions in place. A Labor Day weekend tradition for over 75 years, the Ludwig's Corner **Horse Show and Country Fair** brings eventing to the region across its 33 acres. Look for plenty of horsemanship Sept. 5-7. 1326 Pottstown Pike, Glenmoore, (610) 458-3344, ludwigshorseshow.com.

Moved from its usual early summer date, the Chester County Balloon Festival will take to the skies Sept. 11-13. It's being held this year at the Willowdale Steeplechase grounds, so attendees will have plenty of room to spread out while taking in views of hot air balloons in flight. 101 E. Street Road, Kennett Square, (610) 444-1582, www. ccballoonfest.com.

SIW Vegetables is bringing back its popular Field-to-Fork dinner series, Sept. 16 and 30, with a lineup that features renowned local chefs preparing farm-to-table meals on the Chadds Ford farm. 4317 Creek Road, Chadds Ford, (610) 388-7491, siw-vegetables.blogspot.com.

-Lisa Dukart

NOTE: Events were confirmed at press time. Call or go online for updates.





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CREATIVITY CONTINUES TO THRIVE AMONG MIXOLOGISTS IN OUR REGION, FROM FRESH TWISTS ON THE CLASSICS TO BOLD NEW CONCOCTIONS.

By Lisa Dukart • Photographs by Tessa Marie Images

The Desperado Margarita is an ornery combination of Olmeca Altos Plata Tequila, lime and raw sugar. Or cool off with the Tea Off, which combines Jim Beam, chamomile and citrus to land quite a kick. Slow Hand, 30 N. Church St., West Chester, (484) 999-8638, www.slowhand-wc.com.

TRY IT AT HOME ...

Desperado Margarita

- 1 1/2 oz. Olmeca Altos Plata Tequila
- 1 1/2 oz. freshly squeezed lime juice
- 1/2 oz. agave nectar
- lime wheel

In a cocktail shaker, combine tequila, lime juice and agave with ice. Shake and strain into a margarita glass, then garnish rim with a lime wheel.





The Emperor is rumored to be the very drink an American envoy served to the last ruler of the Qing Dynasty. For a slightly acidic bite, $\ \, \text{opt for the } \mathbf{pomegranate} \,\, \mathbf{martini}. \,\, \mathit{Margaret} \,\,$ Kuo's Kitchen, 1109 W. Baltimore Pike, Media, (610) 891-8880, margaretkuoskitchen.com.

TRY IT AT HOME ...

- 2 oz. Wild Turkey 101 Bourbon Whiskey
- 3/4 oz. Campari
- 1 oz. sweet vermouth

In a cocktail shaker, combine bourbon, Campari and vermouth. Shake and pour. Sprinkle with nutmeg before serving.





TRY IT AT HOME ...

Pomegranate Martini

- 2 oz. Absolut Citron
- 1/2 oz. Cointreau
- 2 oz. pomegranate juice

In a cocktail shaker, combine citron, Cointreau and pomegranate juice. Shake, pour and serve.

Brunch takes on a whole new meaning with the Big Daddy Bloody Mary, made with scrapple-infused vodka and a house Old Bay bloody mix. Topped with a grilled bacon and cheese, it doubles as a meal in itself. Stove & Tap, 329 W. Main St., Lansdale. (215) 393-8277; 245 Lancaster Ave., Malvern, (484) 450-8890; www.stoveandtap.com.



Made with bourbon, walnut, aromatic bitters and simple syrup, the Montreal Old Fashioned, is the perfect way to end the day in an elegant setting. The Bercy, 7 E. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore, (610) 589-0500, www.thebercy.com.

A nice match for its historic surroundings, the Honey Bourbon Old Fashioned is made with muddled oranges and cherries, club soda, orange bitters and bourbon for a silky, rich flavor that's easy to imbibe. General Warren, 9 Old Lancaster Road, Malvern, (610) 296-3637, www.generalwarren.com.

TRY IT AT HOME ...

Honey Bourbon Old Fashioned

- · 2 oz. Jim Beam Bourbon Whiskey
- 1/2 orange wedge
- 1 cherry
- · 2 dashes Reagans' OrangeBitters
- club soda
- · honeycomb wedge

In an Old Fashioned glass, muddle oranges, cherries, bitters and honey. Add ice, then top with bourbon and a splash of club soda.





A killer accompaniment to some great Mexican fare, this strawberry margarita is a sweet-and-tart blend of muddled strawberries, tequila, triple sec and house-made sour. Or toast the end of summer with a bold blackberry mojito. Al Pastor, 560 Wellington Square, Exton, (484) 341-8886, www.eatalpastor.com.





TAKE IT HOME

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, Gov. Tom Wolf temporarily signed into law Act 21. which allows for the sale of to-go cocktails-and local restaurants have been happy to oblige.

333 Belrose Bar & Grill is offering its Moscow Mule, pear martini and Carlo's Lemonade to go in cool keepsake mason jars. 333 Belrose Lane, Wayne, (610) 293-1000, www.333belrose.com.

Even as mocktails, you can't go wrong with the mixers from Brick & Brew. The Speakeasy is made with wildflower honey, hibiscus-infused lemonade and basil. 26 W. State St., Media, (484) 443-8441, www.bricknbrewpub.com.

The cocktail menu at Avenue Kitchen is just a click or call away. Opt for a strawberry basil mojito, a margarita, a cucumber mule or a Bellini. 509 Wilmington West Chester Pike, Glen Mills, (484) 800-8070, www.avekitchen.com.

Grab mixers to elevate your current bar stock from Aneu Kitchen & Juicery. It has quarts for cranberry cosmos, piña coladas, Arnold Palmers, margaritas, and cocktails like the Hibiscus Lemon Drop. 1556 Lancaster Ave., Paoli, (610) 251-9600, aneucatering.com.

Lucky's Last Chance kicks things up a notch with a bevy of to-go cocktails for three, including the Dark and Stormy. Kentucky Mule, Old Fashioned, Sazerac and more. 4421 Main St., Manayunk, (215) 509-6005, luckyslastchance.com.

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The azure shimmer in Nothing But Blue Skies comes courtesy of Curação and blueberry compote. Think of it as lemonade for grownups. A sweet sip you won't find anywhere else, the Peachy Cream Liftoff is a novel combo of schnapps, caramel vodka and ginger ale. Black Powder Tavern, 1164 Valley Forge Road, Wayne, (610) 293-9333, blackpowdertavern.com.





TRY IT AT HOME ...

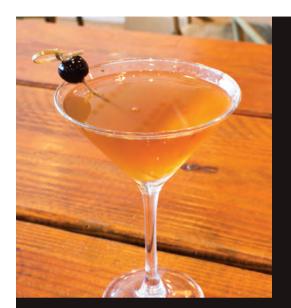
Peachy Cream Liftoff

- 1 1/2 oz. Faber Peach Schnapps
- 1/2 oz. caramel vodka (your choice)
- ginger ale

Mix peach schnapps and caramel vodka with ice. Pour mixture into a tulip glass, then top with ginger ale. Add a whipped cream tower and orange sprinkles.



Adopted as the official drink of New Orleans in 2008, the Sazerac will all but transport you to the Crescent City. It's made with absinthe, Sazerac Rye Whiskey Straight, sugar and bitters. The ultra-classy Clover Club combines raspberry, lemon juice, dry vermouth and gin, finishing with a flourish that's almost too pretty to sip ... almost. 118 North, 118 N. Wayne Ave., Wayne, (610) 971-2628, www.118northwayne.com.



Elevated yet smooth, the McGruff Manhattan makes Bluecoat Barrel Finished Gin the marquee ingredient in what's traditionally a whiskey drink. If fun and flirty is more your thing, try the Benjito, with Bacardi Lime Rum, agave, cucumber and mint. White Dog Cafe, 379 Lancaster Ave., Haverford, (610) 896-4556; 200 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne, (610) 225-3700; www.whitedogcafe.com.



TRY IT AT HOME ...

- 1 1/2 oz. Bacardi Lime Rum
- 1 oz. cucumber juice
- 3/4 oz. agave simple
- 3/4 oz. lime juice
- 1 dash saline solution
- club soda
- 8 mint leaves (smacked)

In a shaker with ice. add ingredients, shake, and strain over ice into a Collins glass. Top with soda, and garnish with a ribbon of cucumber.

TRY IT AT HOME ...

McGruff Manhattan:

- · 2 oz. Bluecoat Barrel Finished Gin
- 1 oz. Carpano Antica Formula Vermouth
- 1/4 oz. blood orange bitters

Add gin, vermouth and bitters to ice and stir. Strain into a martini glass and garnish with an Amarena cherry.

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Top Teachers

MEET FIVE STELLAR EDUCATORS WHO HAVE EXCEEDED THEIR DUTIES IN A TIME OF CRISIS.

BY LISA DUKART | PHOTOGRAPHS BY TESSA MARIE IMAGES

Brendon Jobs

DIRECTOR, DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION. THE HAVERFORD SCHOOL

Prendon Jobs' love of history was nurtured by his father. "Although I was told in my house that I was resting on the shoulders of ancestors, they'd never show up in any of my classrooms," says Jobs, a first-generation American. "In all of the curricula we'd be taught, Black people just didn't exist—let alone people from Trinidad.'

Jobs caught the teaching bug while tutoring in Harlem, N.Y., as a Columbia University student. For the past 14 years, he's taught at different schools mostly in and around Philadelphia, including Philadelphia High School for Girls and the Girard Academic Music Program. Now, Jobs is helping change the way students view history with "Modern Black Lives," his elective course at the Haverford School. Shaped by his students, the class hones in on African-American history from the civil rights movement to the present. "[It's become] a course that examines the moment we're living in, in relation to what's happened in our past," says Jobs.

Another elective, "Human Relationships," is a consortium course with the Baldwin School. There, Jobs and his co-teacher focus on other identity domains and relationships. The way he engages his students is as groundbreaking as his courses. Using an inquiry-based method, he brings them into the planning process. "Students are

investigators who are interested most when they get to formulate their own questions—when they get to shape what their learning looks like," he says.

When classes went virtual this past spring, Jobs made a concerted effort to bring recent national events into the conversation. "I've been leaning on reflection as a vehicle for helping us make meaning of what's happening in this moment right now," he says. "Then we started thinking about how these ideas—and what we're feeling in crisis—will influence modern history as it's developing."

Jobs is extending those conversations to the faculty as a co-teacher for Haverford's branch of the national SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) program. "Each month, we meet and think about race, class, gender, sexuality and our personal experiences of all these identity domains, so we can consider how who we are shows up in our classroom," he says. "In the early moments of this COVID crisis, it made it so we could really be intentional about how we're engaging with students and how we're engaging with ourselves."

To ensure that students still have places to connect and further flesh out these crucial issues, Jobs has worked to get the school's affinity groups online—including the Diversity Alliance, comprised of members of the Black Student Union, Jewish Student Association, Pan-Asian Student Association and Gay-Straight Alliance. "Thinking about this moment as a portal for reimagining what this can look like really excites me and motivates me," Jobs says.





Erin Rooney

KINDERGARTEN. SAINT MARGARET SCHOOL

n March 12, 20 minutes before the end of the school day, Erin Rooney got word that Pennsylvania schools would be closing for two weeks. "It was surreal,"

Along with a teaching aid, Rooney sprung into action, quickly formulating distance-learning lessons and putting packets in every backpack before students left. "Our goal was to get them as much material [as possible]," says Rooney.

A week later, she packed each student's belongings, bringing them home with her so parents could pick them up. The process was admittedly heartbreaking for Rooney, who's been teaching for 20 years.

Determined to make the transition to a virtual classroom as seamless as possible, Rooney began filming lessons. "I'd made a promise to [parents] on back-to-school night that I was going to be teaching their children for the year," she says. "No matter what was happening, I wasn't changing that."

Stationed in her living room, porch and dining room, Rooney created more than 260 lessons with content ranging from phonics and sight words to numbers and story time. A parent herself, she recognized that adults might be also working from home, so she wanted the

lessons to easily fit into their busy days. "I knew if I did it in a way that reflected our classroom, students would be able to step up and be more independent," she says.

The videos were delivered daily by email, along with her question of the day, a classroom tradition. These were augmented with live lessons three days a week, broken into two sessions. Birthdays and holidays were celebrated virtually. Rooney even coordinated a sing-along and an at-home crafting session for a Mother's Day gift.

When the school year came to a close, Rooney celebrated the only way she knew how-with her students. With her teaching aid and husband, she drove to students' homes to deliver diplomas and the scrapbooks she'd assembled. "It was hard not getting to hug," she says. "But it was very good to see them."

As a final gift, Rooney transformed individual shots of each student into a class photo. "This whole pandemic has robbed everybody of something, and this is a perfect test of resilience," she says. "You have to decide: Are you going to sit back and let it take everything, or are you going to fight back and take back some of the things in a different way?"

For Rooney, there was only ever one answer.

Sam Steinberg

SIXTH-EIGHTH GRADES, SOCIAL STUDIES, DELAWARE VALLEY FRIENDS SCHOOL

n a previous life, Sam Steinberg worked in finance in New York City. On a nightly basis, his wife would come home from her job as a special education teacher and share "these wonderful stories about her students, the progress they're making," he recalls.

Steinberg knew he needed a change. "Teachers were these perfect, saintly creatures," he says. "And from my outside perspective looking in, there was no way I could measure up."

He was wrong. For the past 16 years, Steinberg has used his new vocation to

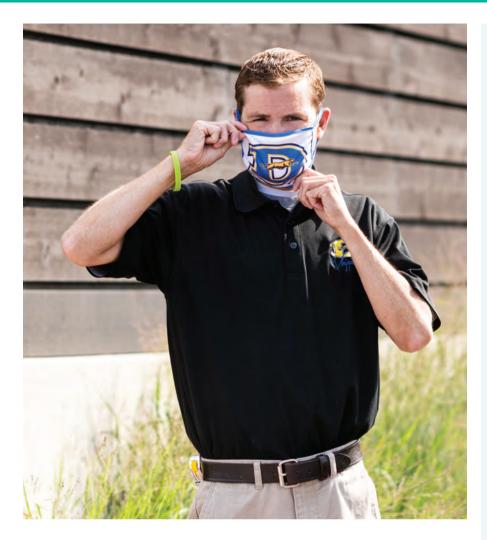
help students with learning differences, particularly those with language-based issues. He was inspired by his younger sister, who is dyslexic. Witnessing the struggles she faced put him in a unique position to help others. "LD students need new, creatively different ways to learn that often take them far more energy, struggle and time," he says.

Steinberg eventually found his way to Delaware Valley Friends School, where he teaches middle school social studies. "I am a history buff," he says. "I love it."

When classes went virtual, Steinberg didn't miss a beat. He'd already been filming his lessons for years as a way of sharing them with parents and students. He begins each virtual class with music, a fun visual backdrop, or something else to draw students in. "This transition became more about how I keep my classroom environment authentic," he says.

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Brian Hassel

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION. DOWNINGTOWN HIGH SCHOOL WEST

C chool traditions are important to Brian Hassel. It's why he helped students stage their end-of-year art show in a virtual format. "The seniors in that department have taken three or four years of art, and that's kind of their culmination," says Hassel. "That's their big event."

The art department isn't his everyday focus, though. A trained carpenter, Hassel has been teaching students at Downingtown West for 15 years. Under his tutelage, they learn the ins and outs of newspaper layout, yearbook design and furniture craftsmanship.

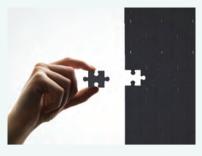
Since joining Downingtown West, Hassel has made a concerted effort to attract more interest in technology education programs. The increased demand for such classes has led to a second workshop space and two additional course levels to pursue. Enrollment in the program is now at more than 250 students annually.

When the pandemic hit, Hassel tailored his online lessons by interest. "Where we lost that hands-on [side], we did gain a little bit of a different perspective from the discussion side," he says. "As a way for me to become a better educator in the future, it was eye opening." When schools closed, Hassel and his English department colleague were less than two weeks from their yearbook production deadline. They finished with four days to spare. "Luckily, we only had about 30 pages left," he says.

With no spring sports or clubs, the yearbook's size had to be cut. So Hassel proposed using the money they saved toward mailing the yearbook directly to students. "Yearbooks have a big life for about two weeks when you get them, and then they just sit around and collect dust," Hassel says. "But 10, 15, 20 years from now, you're going to pick it up. It's a piece of history."

And after a tumultuous year, Hassel wanted to preserve that piece of history.

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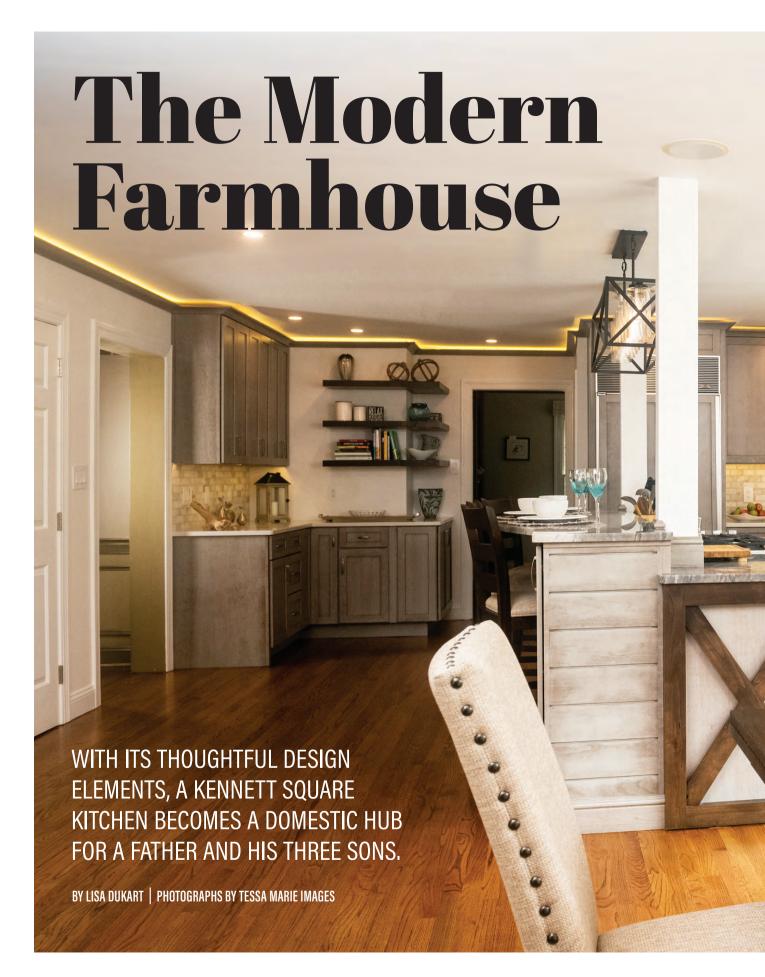
These days, it's about more than teaching diversity in local schools. Here's how anti-racist curricula compares in two districts.

By Melissa Jacobs

ammi Florio isn't interested in diversity. That's an old educational milestone at West Chester Area School District, where Florio is director of teaching and learning. The diversity goal was achieved back in 2002, when Florio began her career at the district as a reading specialist. By 2004, the focus had widened to include equity. And while the words seem similar, they're not synonymous, "Diversity was about broader topics like culture, languages, food and dress, but it didn't dig into the issues of systemic and institutionalized racism," says Florio. "Equity is about seeing those unconscious biases-not ignoring color and gender but having conversations around them."

That equity factor seems to be in line with renewed calls for anti-racist curricula throughout the region. The movement gained momentum this past June during various informative, often uncomfortable conversations spurred by Black Lives Matters protests. Following the murder of George Floyd, a cross-section of Americans came face-to-face with their ignorance about the inherent racism that constricts the lives of people of color. "It's hard to understand antiracism without first understanding what it means to

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In looking for a larger house for him and his three sons, Paul Hutchison knew he wanted to remain in Kennett Square, where he's long been a resident. It's also home to his business, PSX, a parking and security integration company. Hutchison found what he looking for in one home, immediately sold on its sprawling backyard and large pool. "It's just a little oasis," he says.

The previous owners had added onto the house over the years, so it was spacious. But the style didn't suit his aesthetic. And the kitchen was anything but an oasis. It was "a little eclectic," says Hutchison. "Everything was oak."

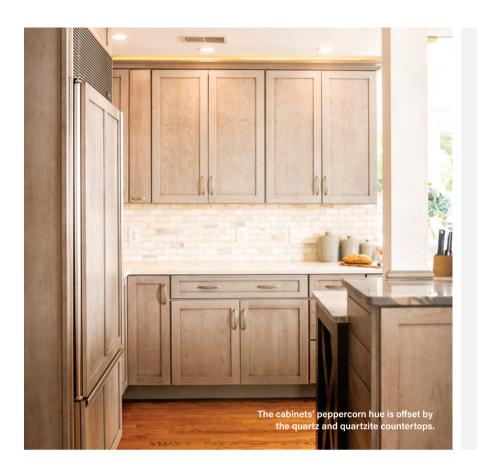
Oak cabinets and support columns gave the kitchen a dated feel, as did the oak details on the island light fixture. "I loved the layout," says Hutchison. "I just didn't like the style."

A makeover was definitely in order, so Hutchison tapped Kelly Clark of Tague Design Showroom. She designed a lighter, brighter space, with not a sliver of oak in sight. Her ideas were then executed by Brandywine Creek Construction.

For the Modern Man

With four men in the house, Hutchison wanted something a bit more masculine—a modern space with sleeker finishes that still fit the overall farmhouse feel of the home. Naturally, that meant getting rid of the oak cabinets, with its rope and gingerbread millwork.

They were replaced with sleek Medallion cherry wood finished in a peppercorn stain. Offering a lighter counterpoint, the Emerstone Borghini veined white quartz and Azzurro quartzite countertops came from Stone Masters of Kennett Square. "I just loved the color from the start," says Hutchison of the cabinets' gray finish.



The bilevel center island is topped with quartzite, adding further contrast and dimension. Here, Clark added X ends to either side, along with shiplap, to create visual interest. The higher side of the island is the first thing guests see when entering. Its height provides a perfect perch and disguises the cooktop.

Elsewhere in the kitchen, Clark converted an area once used as desk space, adding more storage and three floating shelves that offer both functionality and beauty. "I love it—it definitely helps make it pop," says Hutchison.

For this thoughtful addition, Clark used a knotty alder finished in a French roast shade. It's a perfect match for the home's farmhouse aesthetic. "[It] has a similar grain to cherry," she says. "But you get some knots and holes, which gives it a little more of a rustic feel."

Carrying that theme through the kitchen, Clark used the same wood for wine storage in the bar area and on

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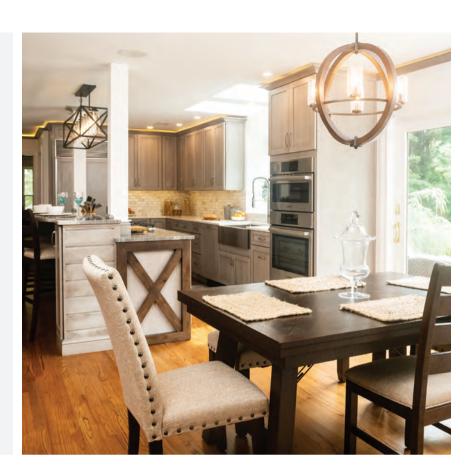






A former bar area is now a favorite spot for the owners. It's used for coffee in the morning and drinks at the end of the day.

the end of the island. The two large structural beams on either end of the island were once encased in oak. The wood was replaced with drywall, so they no longer catch the eye for the wrong reasons.



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During the day, natural light floods the kitchen. Two skylights and a three-pane casement window above the sink help bring the outside in.



Raising the Bar

Adjacent to the island, a former bar area is now a favorite spot for the owners. It's used for coffee in the morning and drinks at the end of the day. Clark designed the space to include an icemaker and an XO beverage refrigerator, each half optimized for mixers and chilling bottles of wine. Above the fridge, cabinets have glass fronts to showcase their wares. A storage space (in knotty alder) holds additional bottles of wine. An intricate backsplash in polished natural marble further jazzes up the space.

Situated across from the sliding glass door that leads to the backyard, the new bar area is a perfect spot for guests to help themselves to drinksor for the hosts to top off glasses on their way outside.







Light and Bright

During the day, natural light floods the kitchen. The sliding glass door affords unobstructed views, and two skylights above the kitchen sink help bring the outside in. A three-pane casement window frames the view of the yard like a living piece of art.

To elevate the space, Clark swapped an existing double-bowl sink for a stainless steel farmhouse version. "It's a little more commercial looking, but it suits that kitchen well," she says.

Above the island, an elegant fixture has replaced its oak-lined predecessor. A new chandelier suspended above the kitchen table adds an element of interest, its spherical shape subtly drawing the eye.

Undercabinet lighting was added throughout the kitchen, providing warmth. Hutchison wanted the same lighting above the wall cabinets. So



Clark's design dropped the crown molding to leave space for the lights, which give off a gentle glow come nightfall.

Serious Upgrades

Hutchison wanted a kitchen that would accommodate his cooking prowess. A home chef who enjoys entertaining, he went with topof-the-line appliances, including a Bosch double oven, a Fisher & Paykel cooktop and a Miele dishwasher, the latter paneled. "This way, it just blends with the cabinetry, which I think is a really nice, cohesive look," says Clark.

An existing Subzero refrigerator/ freezer is also paneled, and a spicerack cabinet hides pantry staples, leaving the countertops clear.

All of this combines for a kitchen that suits the family's aesthetic



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and lifestyle. "It's a focal point for entertaining and just hanging out," says Hutchison. "Right from the beginning, [Clark] understood what I was trying to accomplish." **MLT**





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HAPPY TO BE BACK TO WORK, LOCAL DENTISTS ARE ADAPTING TO THE COVID ERA.

By Melissa Jacobs

Dr. Hal Cohen is good at a lot of things, but elementary school math isn't one of them. "My daughter was in third grade, so I could do the work," Cohen says. "But I won't say that I enjoyed it."

When COVID-19 closed schools, Cohen and his wife found themselves in the same home schooling boat as many other parents. But as the owner and lead dentist at Downingtown Family Dentistry, Cohen had more than elementary school number crunching to worry about during the early days of the pandemic. Deemed nonessential services, practices like his were ordered by the state to close, and dentists were forced to furlough their staffs. Employees filed for unemployment, an unfortunate but necessary financial lifeline.

Available only for emergencies, dentists did their best to help patients. "If the situation could be delayed or managed with medication, that's what we did," says Cohen.

Managing orthodontia was a bit different. Care was minimal for patients with Invisalign aligners, but patients with traditional braces needed video consults. Dr. Catherine Foote and many of her colleagues used telemedicine platforms to consult with patients. "Those active wires need watching, and we can't let patients go without being checked for so long," says Foote, who has offices in Bryn Mawr and Wayne. "People were lobbying for orthodontics to be deemed essential so we could open, but that didn't happen."

Dental practices reopened in mid-June. By then, dentists had acquired the additional personal protective equipment needed to safeguard their staff and patients. Masks, gloves and protective eyewear were commonplace



before COVID-19, but full face shields had to be ordered, and shipments were delayed. "There was so much demand that suppliers were backlogged," says Foote.

Dentists also had to reassemble their staffs, which posed some challenges. "Fear of the virus has caused many employees—especially hygienists—to refuse to return," says Exton Dental Health Group's Dr. Jonathan Scharf. "Some dentists are being forced to reduce benefits resulting from the long-mandated closure."

Scharf predicts that staffing issues will persist through the fall and winter. "Parents of young children not going back to school now need to stay home,

and the \$600 unemployment bonus has disincentivized a significant number of employees from returning," he says.

But patients are returning, largely thanks to the safety measures instituted by dentists and their staffs. Scharf filmed a safety video and emailed all of his patients with a link to it. "We received great reviews, and I think that's why our patients have felt pretty comfortable continuing and initiating treatment," he says. "Believe me, I take this situation very seriously. I won't receive an Academy Award for the performance, but it came from the heart."

At Downingtown Family Dentistry, Cohen installed physical barriers around his front desk and instituted all of the American Dental Association's recommended protocols. "Patients see the safety measures we're taking, and most are OK to come in," he says.

Dr. Annie Creato notes that dentists have a lot of experience dealing with respiratory viruses. "We wear N95 masks, face shields, gloves, protective gowns and everything OSHA recommends," says Creato, who heads Kidsteeth Pediatric Dentistry in Swarthmore.

It's the same at all dental practices. There are pre-appointment telephone screenings that check potential symptoms, and office procedures and waiting rooms have been

revamped. At Kidsteeth, patients arrive with only one caregiver and no siblings. "They call us from their car," Creato says. "Then they enter the office and sit for only a few moments in the waiting room."

Foote's orthodontic patients are also children, but they tend to be older and a bit more independent. She doesn't allow parents or siblings in the operatories or in the waiting room. "If there's a highly anxious kid, we accommodate," Foote says. "Otherwise, parents wait in their cars while we treat their kids."

Parents actually seem quite happy in the parking lot, enjoying a few moments of quiet, Foote reports. "The kids have

been great and don't mind wearing masks," she says. "They're generally excited to start braces or Invisalign and get their teeth straightened, and we don't do drilling or even cleaning. So visiting us is less scary once we talk them through it."

Creato says her young patients haven't been unduly alarmed by the new procedures or added protective equipment. And she makes sure they get a token to use in the toy-vending machine. "All of them are individually wrapped, so kids get a clean toy to take home," Creato says. "We think it's important that they still get a prize, even with COVID-19."

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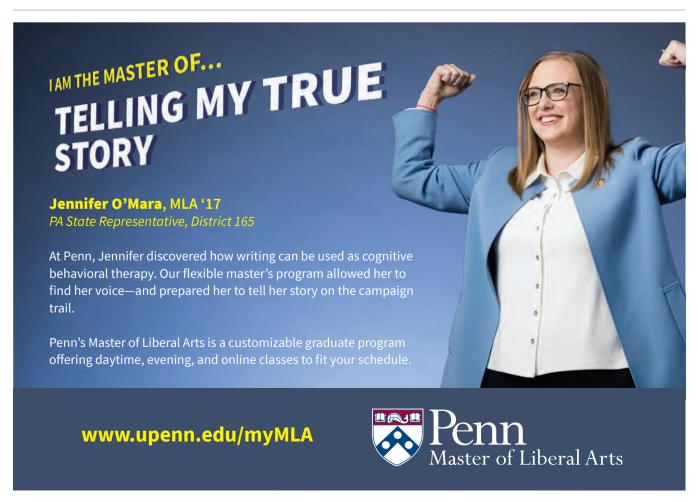
FOURTH GRADE, SAINTS PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL

From playing an imaginary teacher as a child to actually becoming one, Susan Pennacchia has always had a love for education. Now, she's 31 years into a rich career in Catholic schools.

Never straying from the elementary level, Pennacchia teaches fourth grade students at West Chester's Saints Peter and Paul School. "I love the nurturing that we get to do with that age group," she says.

Pennacchia admits she wasn't prepared for the virtual turn of events when schools shuttered earlier this year. "I realized that I needed to get more tech savvy than I've ever been," she says.

She did so with the help of her colleagues, opting for the Google suite, which allows students to interact before and after class.





"That's the part I enjoyed—listening to their laughter, realizing that they were feeling a little at ease and not as anxious."

Soon enough, the students and their teacher were logging on early. "That was our time to talk about who got a new puppy or whose aunt is expecting a baby," she says. "That's the part I enjoyed—listening to their laughter, realizing that they were feeling a little at ease and not as anxious."

Looking to provide structure and a sense of normalcy, Pennacchia maintained a rough approximation of a typical school day, balancing subject lessons with independent and group work. "I tried to pick topics that were different genres but also had some high interest that I expected would hold their attention," she says.

Taking things beyond the usual reading primer, Pennacchia introduced students to the novel Because of Mr. Terupt. The kids loved it, wanting to stay online longer so they could read more.

At the end of the school year, Pennacchia bought each student the sequel, which she hand-delivered, along with a treat.

Pennacchia also gave them a keepsake. Throughout the pandemic, she'd asked students to write one thing they liked about each of their classmates. She then assembled the responses in a picture frame for each child. "I thought that was a nice way to end the school year," says Pennacchia. "They weren't with their classmates until the end, but they saw the positive impact that they had on each other."

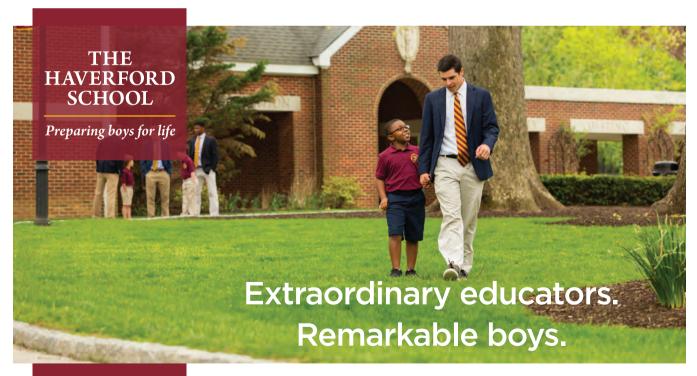
Sam Steinberg

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developed the R.U.N. process, a note-taking system that's been adopted school wide for ageappropriate students. He says it's the only note-taking system out there for those with learning disabilities. And while kids are tech savvy, Steinberg couldn't expect his middle schoolers to be familiar with all the ins and outs of virtual platforms. So he put together step-by-step instructions using words and images. "I'm constantly reminding myself that I have to see things through the eyes and the minds of these students," he says.

Steinberg has had a profound impact on his students—so much so that the grandparents of a DVFS alum have endowed a \$1 million scholarship fund in his name. "That is just so lasting," he says.

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be racist," writes Ibram X. Kendi, author of the bestselling book *How to Be an Antiracist* and director of the Antiracist Research and Policy Center at American University in Washington, D.C.

Antiracist discussions are part of Chris Reyna's 10th grade social studies classes at West Chester's Bayard Rustin High School. Using the social construct of race as a lens through which to view history, Reyna discusses the pseudoscientific eugenic theories of the early 20th-century that laid the groundwork for colonialism, imperialism and slavery. "We look deeply at the real basis of racism as a need for political and economic control," he says. "We have uncomfortable conversations about how people accepted that as truth."

Moving beyond the enslavement of Black Americans in the United States, Reyna looks at the institution in countries like Spain and Brazil. He does the same with other concepts, addressing the good, the bad and the ugly from ancient Greece up to now. "It's important to see things on a continuum," he says.

Inclusion is a critical curricula component in Lower Merion School District, where the shift away from diversity happened in the early 2000s. "Even then, we thought about representation and whose stories were told, the context in which they were told and what ways we should, can and do have the right and responsibility to tell those stories," says Leslie Pratt, the district's humanities supervisor for grades 6-12.

Classes like "Western
Civilization" and "African-Asian
Cultures"—which looked at history
from a Euro-centric perspective—
were replaced by two global studies
courses that take a more panoramic
view of world history, says Pratt.
To provide historical texture
and depth, the classes include
narratives written by women and
people of color. "When we're

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building curricula, we think about representation across a variety of races, gender, and all questions of identity," Pratt says.

Some say the evolution of antiracist curricula in schools isn't moving fast enough—or going far enough. This past summer's protests included widespread accusations of racist micro-aggression from teachers and students alike.

In June, Conestoga High School students and recent graduates formed Main Line for Black Lives, organizing a march from Wayne to Paoli, "This was another moment, another chance, for the community to act," says Conestoga senior Jeremiah Miller. "We've dealt with racial injustice at Conestoga. But when we decided to do the rally outside of school, it felt like we were speaking to everything."

Soon after, recent Lower Merion graduate Nva Jarbah joined with classmates to organize a rally and march that drew nearly 1,500 people to Ardmore's Vernon V. Young Memorial Park. "We wanted to uplift the voices of students of color," says Jarbah, who adds that the educational needs of students of color are often suppressed, misunderstood or simply ignored.

Pratt is familiar with such frustrations from students. "Questions of representation were crucial five years ago and will be five years from now," she says. "Building curricula is ongoing, incredibly important work. It's never done."

Pratt cites the foreword momentum in antiracist curricula at Lower Merion. In seventh and eighth grade, students will look at the Civil War and the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments, which granted civil rights to all Americans, touched off the Reconstruction and ushered in the violent Jim Crow era. "And we certainly will be talking to students about history in the context of current events," says Pratt.

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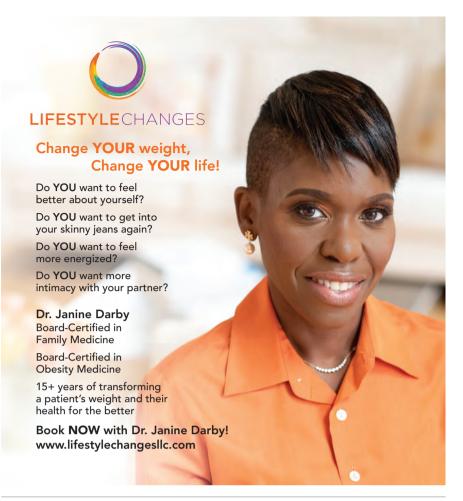
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written by ethnically and culturally diverse authors," says Pratt. The reading list includes Like Water for Chocolate, How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accent, Marjane Satrapi's graphic novel Persepolis, Toni Morrison's The Bluest Eye, and other conversation starters. New this fall: "Voices in African American Literature," a course three years in the making that will be one of nine English electives for 11th and 12th graders. It started as a class on the literature of the Harlem Renaissance before broadening its scope based on input from a student poll. The class combines classics like Zora Neale Hurston's Their Eves Were Watching God with such recent works as Ta-Nehisi Coates' Between the World and Me.

In West Chester, high schools already have African-American literature classes as electives. Michele Curay-Cramer features authors of color in her eighth-grade English class at E.N. Peirce Middle School. On the reading list are books by Jason Reynolds, Kwame Alexander, Nick Stone and Elizabeth Acevedo, and students watch videos of authors reciting their work aloud. "There's a rhythm and sound to their writing," says Curay-Cramer, current president of the West Chester Area Education Association. "Students can hear how authors intended their work to be heard."

While Curay-Cramer and her colleagues emphasize the social justice aspects of the novels, they are age appropriate. "So there is usually a romance going on, because that's part of middle school life," says Curay-Cramer. "But equity is embedded in everything we do."

The district is also considering the high school course "Race and Ethnicity in America." And though its curriculum is currently being written with input from teachers, parents and school board members. Florio recognizes that other opinions are important, too. "We're trained to look for voices that are missing, and students need to be involved," she says. "We'll start including them. I look forward to hearing what they say." MLT



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AMERICAN

A&M FACTORY

This eco-conscious breakfast-and-lunch spot serves an imaginative organic, gluten-free and grain-free menu. Signature items include a hearty breakfast burrito, and a delicious smoothie bowl, plus creative wraps and salads for lunch. 360 Lancaster Ave., Malvern, (484) 318-7537, www.theamfactorv.com, \$

BLACK POWDER TAVERN

Located near Valley Forge National Historical Park, this historic tavern, through various incarnations, has served as a meeting place for those looking to enjoy delicious comfort food and drink. 1164 Valley Forge Road, Wayne, (610) 293-9333, blackpowdertavern.com. \$

CEDAR HOLLOW INN

Chef Stephen Guiseppe of the Culinary Institute of America adds personal flair and imagination to a delectable menu of American Continental dishes. Daily chef's specials are creative, unpredictable and inspired. 2455 Yellow Springs Road, Malvern, (610) 296-9006, www.cedarhollowinn.com. \$\$

DULING-KURTZ HOUSE

An 1830 farmhouse sets the mood for a candlelit dining experience. The menu features rack of lamb, Chateaubriand for two, and seafood, 146 S. Whitford Road, Exton, (610) 524-1830, www.dulingkurtz.com. \$\$\$

■ EPICUREAN GARAGE

Chef Lee Krasley reclaims his culinary territory in the western suburbs with local farm-grown comfort food like poutine, burgers, cayenne-honey-dipped fried chicken and waffles, and his famous meatloaf. 570 Simpson Drive, Chester Springs, (610) 615-5189, www.epicureangarage.com. \$

■ FOUR DOGS TAVERN

This old favorite keeps the crowds coming with its well-executed comfort food and lively outdoor patio. 1300 W. Strasburg Road, West Chester, (610) 692-4367, www.thefourdogstavern.com. \$\$

GENERAL WARREN

An exceptional fine dining experience, this historic B&B also offers quaint lodging in elegant guest suites restored to their 18th-century charm. The General Warren also hosts weddings, private parties and corporate events. 9 Old Lancaster Road, Malvern, (610) 296-3637, www.generalwarren.com. \$\$\$

IRON HILL BREWERY & RESTAURANT

Consistent, family-friendly American cuisine and award-winning beer are the calling cards of this growing regional chain. Various locations, www.ironhillbrewery.com. \$\$

IIMMY'S BBO

Mouthwatering authentic barbecue. 309 Lancaster Ave., Malvern, (610) 879-8805, www.jimmysbbq.com. BYOB

LUDWIG'S GRILL & OYSTER BAR

Oysters of many varieties are among the offerings at this elegant mainstay. Also look for land-based fare like duck, prime sirloin steak and beef short rib. 2904 Conestoga Road, Glenmoore, (610) 458-5336, www.ludwigsoysterbar.com. \$\$

MALVERN BUTTERY

A unique eatery and coffeehouse combination, the Buttery offers rustic sandwiches, fresh salads, great coffee and more. 233 E. King St., Malvern, (610) 296-2534, www.malvernbuttery.com. \$

■ MEATBALL U

Dan Shea honors his stepfather's recipe with colossal beef, chicken, sausage and vegetarian meatballs, plus other Italian favorites. 30 S. High St., West Chester, (484) 394-8400, www.meatballu.com. \$

MCKENZIE BREW HOUSE

This local brewery chain specializes in award-winning handcrafted beer, sassy American cuisine and a family-friendly atmosphere. Various locations, www.mckenziebrewhouse.com. \$

NICK FILET

Great Valley High School grad Nick Kline's eatery ups the ante on quick-service cuisine, heaping fresh filet mignon onto a Kaiser roll. 111 E. Lancaster Ave., Paoli, (484) 318-8545, www.nickfilet.com. \$

NOOK & KRANNY KAFE

The kitchen at this cozy cottage serves enticing all-day breakfast fare. Lunch specials range from pork barbecue to a buttery Monte Cristo. 847 Valley Forge Road, Phoenixville, (610) 933-5393, www.nookandkrannykafe.com. \$

PORTABELLOS

Classic dishes and a homey setting complement a refreshingly old-school approach to cookery. 108 W. State St., Kennett Square, (610) 925-4984, www.portobellosofkennettsquare.com. BYOB \$\$

RIGHTEOUS TAP HOUSE

This unexpected gem offers a selection of wellexecuted bar fare with a decadent twist. Highlights include fish and chips, tasty tacos and hearty burgers. 1548 Shadyside Road, West Chester, (484) 593-0850, righteoustaphouse.com. \$\$

RON'S ORIGINAL BAR & GRILLE

Specialties include filet mignon, crab cakes, and slow-roasted beef and pork sandwiches. The bar offers an award-winning beer list. 74 E. Uwchlan Ave., Exton, (610) 594-9900, www.ronsoriginal.com. \$

ROOTS CAFE

At this farm-sourced eatery, the food is as honest as the menu's freshly sourced philosophy. 133 E. Gay St., West Chester, (610) 455-0100, www.rootscafewc.com. BYOB \$\$

■ SEDONA TAPHOUSE

A large patio, well-executed Southwest Arizona cuisine and over 250 brews give this classy franchise an indie feel. You can't lose with the succulent burgers and superb tacos. 131 Bridge St., Phoenixville, (484) 302-5714, sedonataphouse.com. \$\$

Retro vibes abound at this two-story gem, which serves an ever-revolving locally sourced selection of elevated bar food. Highlights include Nashville hot wings and slider-like Belly Bombers. 30 N. Church St., West Chester, (484) 999-8638, www.slowhand-wc.com. \$\$

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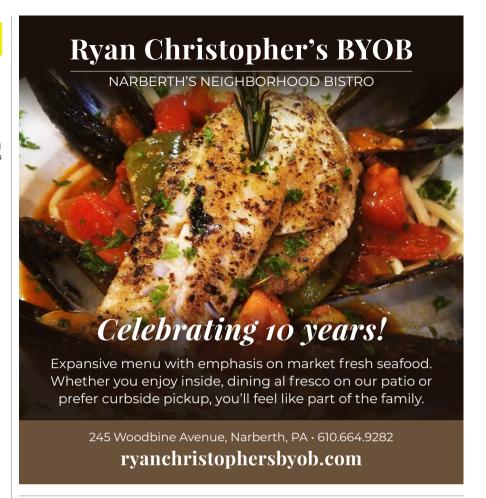
A hip, welcoming gastro-pub staffed by an eager young team serving carefully crafted cuisine and libations. 15 N. Walnut St., West Chester, (484) 999-8805, www.splitrailtavern.com. \$\$

STEEL CITY COFFEEHOUSE

This casual live music hub excels at a creative selection of flatbreads. 203 Bridge St., Phoenixville, (484) 924-8425, www.steelcitycoffeehouse.com. BYOB \$

STOTTSVILLE INN

A restored circa-1858 stayover destination with nine rooms and an enclosed private dining room. The kitchen offers a creative spin on chicken wings (charred), steaks, seafood, pan pizza and other comforting standbys. 3512 Strasburg Road, Coatesville, (484) 718-5121, stottsvilleinn.com. Ş





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Two concepts find success at this busy spot. On one side, there's a beer garden; on the other, creative upscale farm-to-table cuisine. 570 Wellington Square, Exton, (610) 458-2337, www.suburbanbg.com. \$\$

VERBENA BYOB

Seasoned chef Scott Morozin's cozy 36-seat eatery showcases his considerable talents in the kitchen. Starters like a creamless mushroom soup and vodkacured Ora King salmon are punchy and flavorful, as are second-course options like the Bristol Bay scallops. 102 State St. (484) 732-7932, Kennett Square, www.verbenabyob.com. BYOB \$\$

ASIAN

BUALOY

Chef Bualoy Phengmisouk serves authentic Laotian and Thai dishes that are as flavorful as they are affordable. Standouts include the tapioca noodles, satays, curries and stir-fries. 300 W. Lancaster Ave., Devon, (610) 341-8162, www.bauloycuisine.com. BYOB \$\$

MOMMA WONG

Chef Hongbin Luo offers superior dim sum and triedand-true favorites like General Tso's chicken. For the adventurous, authentic dishes include pork intestines and pig kidney. 268 Eagleview Blvd., Exton. (484) 713-8888, www.bestmamawong.com. BYOB \$\$

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Nui Kullana's revamped

Asian fusion eatery offers poke bowls, Pad Thai, curry dishes and standouts like General Tso's Chilean sea bass. 301 Bridge St., Phoenixville, (484) 302-5141, www.nuinuikitchen.com. BYUB \$

OORI

Ramen (with braised pork belly, chicken or kelp) and other trendy Korean-inspired dishes shine at this South Coventry newcomer. Be sure to try the double-fried chicken wings, served in sauce or dry rubbed. 2228 Pottstown Pike, Pottstown, (484) 985-8071, www.oorieats.com. \$

VEEKOO ASIAN CUISINE

Grab a seat at the sushi bar, or try any of the Chinese, Thai and Japanese specialties. 564 Lancaster Ave., Berwyn, (484) 318-7655, veekooasiancuisine.com. BYOB \$\$

EUROPEAN

- ANDIARIO

Reservations are a must at this acclaimed spot, which has just 34 seats. An open kitchen gives diners a behind-the-scenes look at the sumptuous offerings—everything from guinea hen to decadent pastas to a delicate Pocono trout. 106 W. Gay St., West Chester, (484) 887-0919, andiario.com. BYOB \$\$\$

■ ANTHONY'S CUCINA FRESCA

Chef Danilo Angelucci and his wife, Katherine, preside over a welcoming trattoria that serves delicious antipasto, tempting meat-and-cheese boards, handmade pizza, build-your-own pastas, and hearty entrées like veal, filet mignon and baked salmon. 78 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, (610) 873-5544, anthonyscucinafresca.com. \$\$

AVOLA KITCHEN + BAR

Highlights from Avola's well-crafted menu include the undeniably Greek Shrimp Saganaki and gnocchetti with tender braised lamb in a rich red-wine-and-caper sauce. 625 N. Morehall Road, Malvern, (484) 328-8584, www.avolakitchenandbar.com. \$

DOLCE ZOLA

Pastas are the real standout here. Especially good are the angel hair and tonnarelli, with hearty sauces like ragu, Bolognese, bacon-flecked carbonara and jalapeño-infused puttanesca. 134 E. Gay St., West Chester, (484) 887-0760, www.dolcezola.com. BYDB \$\$

■ HEARTH KITCHEN

Bryan Sikora's latest stellar contribution to the suburban culinary scene boasts playfully upscale standouts like ricotta gnocchi and chopped-clam-andbacon toast. 847 E. Baltimore Pike, Kennett Square, (484) 732-8320, www.hearthkennettsguare.com, \$\$

LA FAVA RESTAURANT AND BAR

One of Glen Mills' more recent culinary entrants offers a menu of authentic Mediterranean-accented dishes like chargrilled Spanish octopus tendrils, grilled langostino and some of the best pastas around. 1102 Baltimore Pike, Glen Mills, (484) 840-8603, lafavaglenmills.com. \$\$

LA VERONA

Among the menu standouts at this Kennett favorite are antipasti classics like bruschetta and mussels marinara, along with escargot and other French staples. The house-made pastas are exemplary. 114 State St., Kennett Square, (610) 444-2244, www.laveronapa.com. \$\$

LIMONCELLO

Both popular locations specialize in rustic and rich Southern Italian cuisine, with a vast and diverse menu and a lively bar scene. 499 E. Uwchlan Ave., Chester Springs, (610) 524-3112, 9 N. Walnut St., West Chester, (610) 436-6230; www.limoncellorestaurant.com. \$\$

MALVERN PIZZA

A casual pizza parlor serving traditional and specialty pies, plus strombolis, burgers, sandwiches and salads. 19 E. King St., Malvern, (610) 644-8888, malvernpizza.com. \$

OPA TAVERNA

At this prime corner spot, the Mediterranean coastline is evoked in everything from the citrusy hummus to the ample gyro platters. The lamb chops shine, as does the fish—much of it flown in from Greece. 40 E. Gay St., West Chester, (610) 696-4100, opatavernaphilly.com. BYOB \$

TIRAMISU

This low-key 65-seat eatery delivers Roman-Jewish cuisine with a twist. 720 Lancaster Ave., Berwyn, (610) 906-3299, www.tiramisuberwyn.com. \$\$

VICKERS RESTAURANT

Serving traditional Continental cuisine with a French influence, Vickers offers tableside cooking and flambé in a historic landmark, 192 E. Welsh Pool Road (at Gordon Drive), Exton, (610) 363-7998, www.vickersrestaurant.com. \$\$

INTERNATIONAL

BYRSA BISTRO

Ahmed and Christine Chraga wow diners with traditional paella, chicken tagine, seafood linguini, cavatelli and lamb. The restaurant has a full liquor license, but offers BYOB with no corkage fee. 128 Glen Mills Road, Glen Mills, (610) 444-3277, byrsabistro.com. \$\$

■ LOUETTE'S BYO

Louette's international array of creative small plates are the centerpiece of a menu that changes almost daily-save for delicious constants like charred broccolini with marcona almonds and goat cheese. 106 Bridge St., Phoenixville, (484) 924-9906, louettesbyo.com. BYOB \$\$

LATIN AMERICAN

MÁS MEXICALI CANTINA

Mexican favorites dominate the menu at this vast corner eatery, with an expansive rooftop dining-anddrinking area in warm months. 102 E. Market St., West Chester, (610) 918-6280, www.masmexicali.com. \$









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333 BELROSE BAR & GRILL

Carlo deMarco's seasonal, sophisticated New American cuisine is made with the best local products and ingredients. 333 Belrose Lane, Radnor, (610) 293-1000, www.333belrose.com. \$\$

AVENUE KITCHEN

The menu at this hip eatery trends toward simpler fare and uncomplicated ingredients, yet it still delivers a polished, chic ambiance. 509 Wilmington West Chester Pike, Glen Mills, (484) 800-8070, www.avekitchen.com. \$

AUTOGRAPH BRASSERIE

Offering quality ingredients and an upscale bar scene, this Marty Grims creation succeeds equally in celebrating pop culture and first-rate cuisine. 503 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne, (610) 964-2588, www.autographbrasserie.com. \$\$\$

BRICK & BREW GASTROPUB

The handiwork of Havertownie Tom Kane and beerand-spirits aficionado Mike Grubb, Brick & Brew doesn't skimp on its impressively executed pub fare. Various locations, www.bricknbrewpub.com.

■ EDGEWOOD CAFÉ & BYOB

With its well-executed Italian-American cuisine and friendly service, this mom-and-pop sleeper has earned a devoted following. 1304 Edgewood Road, Havertown, (484) 453-8851, www.edgewoodrestaurant.com. BYOB \$\$

FIREPOINT GRILL

Showcasing an open kitchen with a wood-fired grill, Firepoint offers an eclectic menu filled with rich, natural flavors, fresh cocktails, seasonal craft beers and a diverse wine selection-all in a warm, inviting atmosphere. 3739 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, (484) 428-3093, www.firepointgrill.com. \$\$

THE GABLES AT CHADDS FORD

The Gables' redesigned menu spotlights fresh, local, seasonal ingredients. Stop by for happy hour and try the award-winning sangria. 423 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford, (610) 388-7700, thegablesatchaddsford.com. \$\$

GLENMORGAN BAR & GRILL

Located in the Radnor Hotel, Glenmorgan has a contemporary atmosphere perfect for enjoying classic cocktails, spirited American cuisine and monthly chef's specials. 593 E. Lancaster Ave., St. Davids, (610) 341-3188, glenmorgan.com. \$\$

HARVEST SEASONAL GRILL & WINE BAR

Prolific restaurateur Dave Magrogan's farm-to-table concept features an organic seasonal menu, with most items under 500 calories. Various locations, harvestseasonalgrill.com, SS

LOCAL WINE & KITCHEN

With its citified feel and inventive menu tailored for shareable dining, the Local is a foodie favorite. 39 W. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore, (610) 896-4740, www.localwineandkitchen.com. \$\$

Just a stone's throw from Villanova University, this Northern California-style bistro is no student hangout. But it should impress discerning parents with its tuna tataki, truffled Camembert, bucatini with baby clams, and other sumptuous fare. 789 E. Lancaster Ave., Villanova, (484) 380-3688, mainandvinebistro.com. \$\$\$

MEGHAN'S RESTAURANT BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

All salads-including the egg, tuna, and popular chicken salad—are made on the premises. Pies, cakes and muffins are baked fresh daily. 1117 Smithbridge Road, (610) 459-3022, www.facebook.com/meghanspa. \$

THE ORIGINAL THUNDERBIRD

Celebrating its 63rd year in business, the familyowned Thunderbird offers an extensive menu, including cheesesteak egg rolls, stromboli bites, chicken piccata, hoagies, wraps, breakfast pizzas and sandwiches, and more, 2323 West Chester Pike, Broomall, (610) 356-8869, theoriginalthunderbird.com. \$

PINNOCHIO'S RESTAURANT

Recognized as the first pizzeria in Delaware County, this family-owned restaurant sets the standard for fresh homemade pies. 131 E. Baltimore Ave., Media, (610) 566-7767, pinpizza.com. \$

■ THE REFECTORY

An appealing and sleek concept on the Villanova University campus. The menu features American comfort food, steak and seafood, plus Italian, Pacific Rim and Asian options. 862 E. Lancaster Ave., Villanova, (610) 519-5786, www.therefectorygrill.com. \$\$\$

RIPPLEWOOD WHISKEY & CRAFT

This speakeasy-inspired tavern offers impeccably crafted comfort fare, including pretzeled Parker House rolls with truffle butter, fries awash in a decadently cheesy sea of fontina-cheddar and brisket chunks, and a heavenly charred octopus, 29 E. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore, (610) 486-7477, ripplewoodbar.com. \$\$

STERLING PIG BREWERY

This open, airy spot with two locations offers wood-fired pizzas, hearty signature barbecue and eight rotating taps. 609 W. State St., Media, (484) 444-2526; 113 W. Market St., West Chester, (484) 999-8026; sterlingpig.com.

TAP 24

Gastro-pub cuisine, 24 rotating craft beers, craft cocktails and more make this a great place to get together with friends and family. 36 W. State St., Media, (484) 442-8839, tap24media.com. \$\$

TAVOLA RESTAURANT & BAR

Springfield Country Club's stylish American eatery is open to the public seven days a week. It offers a spacious dining room and an outdoor patio with a fire pit. 400 W. Sproul Road, Springfield, (610) 543-2100, tavolas.com. \$\$

TIRED HANDS BREWING COMPANY AND FERMENTARIA

The focus may be on award-winning beer, but the sandwiches, cheeses and charcuterie are also noteworthy at Tired Hands. Fermentaria expands the brand and elevates the menu. 16 Ardmore Ave., Ardmore, (610) 896-7621; 35 Cricket Terrace, Ardmore, (484) 413-2983; www.tiredhands.com. \$\$

WHITE DOG CAFE

Consistent execution, a sustainable mindset, local ingredients and a lively atmosphere have all come to define this highly regarded-and busy-eatery. Various locations, www.whitedog.com. \$\$

ASIAN

ASIANA GARDEN

Exceptional Thai cuisine prepared by experienced chefs. 232 W. Wayne Ave., Wayne, (610) 293-7500, asianagarden.us. BYOB \$

Pan-Asian favorites get an upscale twist in Azie's modern setting. 217 W. State St., Media, (610) 566-4750, www.azie-restaurant.com; 789 E. Lancaster Ave., Villanova, (610) 527-5700; www.azieonmain.com. \$\$

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1501 Baltimore Pike. Springfield, (610) 544-1131, ambiancesalonspa.com services: hair care, nail and skin care, body treatments, makeup, spray tanning.

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111 Waynewood Ave. Wayne, (610) 995-2631. www.amesalonandspa.com services; hair care, nail and skin care, waxing, makeup, body treatments, spray tanning.

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FLISE SPA & NAILS

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FLORIS SPA & NAIL

Various locations, www.elisenailspa.com services: nail and skin care. waxing.

137 N. Narberth Ave., Narberth, (610) 668-0590, www.fuzionstyle.com services: hair care, skin care. body treatments, waxing, makeup.

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78 Rittenhouse Place, Ardmore, (484) 416-3665, www.j2salon.com services: hair care, nail care, waxing.

JAY MICHAEL SALON

The Radnor Hotel, 595 E. Lancaster Ave., St. Davids, (610) 964-0800, www.jaymichael.com services: hair care, nail care, waxing, makeup, hair extensions.

IOHN ANDREWS SALON

27 West Ave., Wayne, (610) 688-6811, www.johnandrewssalon.com services: hair care, nail care, waxing.

821 W. Lancaster Ave. Bryn Mawr, (610) 527-1770, www.judeplumsalon.com services: hair care, waxing, nail and skin care, makeup, wigs and hair pieces, body treatments

KIKI'S SALON CHÂTEAU

Various locations, www.kikissalon.com services: hair care, waxing, nail care.

LA DIFFERENCE SALON & DAY SPA 830 Paoli Pike, West Chester, (610) 429-1808 www.ladifferencesalon.com services: hair care, nail care,

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30 Rittenhouse Place Ardmore (610) 649-8600, www.lallihair.com services: hair care, makeup waxing.

MAIN LINE NAILS

Various locations, www.mainlinenails.com services: nail care, waxing.

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29 Morton Road, Bryn Mawr, (610) 525-0110, www.massageworks-mainline.com services: sport, senior and prenatal massage

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50 E. Wynnewood Road. Wynnewood, (610) 649-4977, www.millenniumhairanddayspa.com services: hair care, nail care, waxing.

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12 W. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore, (610) 645-0600, pageboyhair.com services: hair care.

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1009 West Chester Pike, West Chester, (610) 436-6464, www.peterssalonandspa.com services: hair care, nail and skin care.

PLATINUM HAIR SALON

129 Turner Lane, West Chester, (610) 692-2887, www.platinum4hair.com services: hair care, nail care, spray tanning, makeup.

POLISHED SPA & HAIR DESIGN

221 Conestoga Road, Suite 100, Wayne, (610) 688-4181, thepolishedspa.com services: nail and skin care, waxing.

PRESTIGE SALON

841 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne, (610) 687-9192, prestigesalons.com services: hair care, waxing.

PRIVÉ SALON AND STYLE BAR

4933 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, (610) 356-6565; 167 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne, (484) 654-0500; privesalonandstylebar.com services: hair care, nail care.

RAYA COIFFURE & BOUTIQUE

25 Haverford Station Road, Haverford, (610) 645-0707, rayacoirffure.com services: hair care, waxing.

SALON

1385 Boot Road, West Chester, (610) 696-2211, www.salon-7.com services: hair care, nail and skin care.

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31 Rittenhouse Place, Ardmore, (610) 642-8600, www.salon-31.com services: hair care.

SALON 555

555 Lancaster Ave., Berwyn, (610) 647-5655, www.salon-555.com services: hair care.

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912 W. Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr, (610) 527-3315, www.thesalona.com services: hair care, nail care, makeup.

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2 Town Place, Suite 105, Bryn Mawr, (484) 380-3853, salonabrynmawr.com services: hair extensions, wigs, makeup.

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930 E. Boot Road, Suite 250, West Chester, (484) 887-0150, www.salondigian.com services: hair care, nail care, waxing.

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827 W. Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr, (484) 380-3513 services: nail care, massage.

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12 Cricket Ave., Ardmore, (610) 291-3274, www.studiomainline.com services: hair care.

STYLE MASTERS SALON AND SPA

549 Lancaster Ave., Malvern, (610) 640-0677, www.stylemastersonline.com services: lash and brow tinting, hair care, skin care, waxing.

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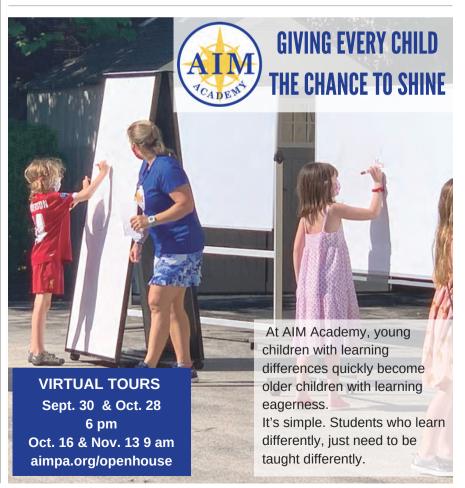
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200 E. Gay St., West Chester, (610) 430-1400; 832 W. Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr, (610) 527-7730; zazennailspa.com services: nail care, facials, waxing.









International Inspiration

Dare to go global with these 15 local eateries.

ALDAR BISTRO Lebanese favorites include the kafta kebab and the chicken (with apples, raisins, pineapple, squash and zucchini) in a sweet curry sauce over couscous. 281 Montgomery Ave., Bala Cynwyd, (610) 667-1245, aldarrestaurant.com.

ASIANA GARDEN Among the signature items: jasmine soup, drunken noodles, and

Panang curry (with coconut milk, green beans, bell peppers and kaffir lime leaves). The dumplings are delicious, too. 232 W. Wayne Ave., Wayne, (610) 293-7500, asianagarden.us.

CAFE BALADI A hidden gem for Lebanese favorites like baba ghanoush, kebbeh, and tabbouleh. The succulent lamb burgers are prepared three ways.

235 Lancaster Ave., Malvern, (856) 272-6339, cafebaladirestaurant.com.

DESERT ROSE Israel, Morocco and Iraq are well represented here. The menu features kebabs of all kinds—plus short ribs, sabich, and various dishes spotlighting eggplant, lamb, tahini and harissa. 305 W. State St., Media, (484) 442-8012, desertrosemediapa.com.







DANDAN Favoring flavor profiles from Taiwan and China's Sichuan region, specialties include cumin lamb with house-made noodles, spicy-sour rib-eye steak, and chicken with sweet soy sauce. 214 Sugartown Road, Wayne, (484) 580-8558, www.dandanrestaurant.com.

ESTIA GREEK TAVERNA Regulars swear by the grilled octopus, pan-fried Kefalograviera cheese and eggplantzucchini chips (with tzatziki). The swordfish souvlaki is a dark-horse favorite. 222 N. Radnor Chester Road, Wayne, (484) 581-7124, estiarestaurant.com

EKTA Vegetarians rave about the smoked eggplant (with onion, tomato, green peas and ginger) and paneer cheese (cooked numerous ways). And there's a dozen varieties of naan. 10031/2 W. Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr, (610) 581-7070, www.ektaindianrestaurant.com.

FATTOUSH Fattoush deftly juggles Mediterranean and Middle Eastern cuisines and nails the basics. The chicken shawarma, lamb gyros, hummus and tabbouleh are all spot-on. 182 Lancaster Ave., Malvern, (484) 568-4465, fattoushhealthydining.com.

LOURDAS This Main Line institution continues to lure devotees with its grilled lamb chops, braised lamb shank (in tomato Marsala wine sauce) and a whole grilled fish. 50 N. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr, (610) 520-0288, lourdasgreekrestaurant.com.

MAKI-SAN Sushi, pad Thai, spare ribs, Szechuan beef, Chengdu lamb—Maki-San does it all well. Delicious vegetarian options include moo shu tofu and a mock kung pao chicken. 138 Montgomery Ave., Bala Cynwyd, (610) 668-2100, www.makisanpa.com.

MARGARET KUO'S From sushi to its signature Peking duck, this Asian cornerstone offers an array of pan-Asian delicacies. The seafood-filled Shinchaku Rice Bowl is a customer favorite, as are the Shanghai meatballs and Chilean sea bass (in ginger sauce). Various locations, www.margaretkuo.com.

PHOLOSOPY The lotus root salad is a great starter, before transitioning to an aromatic bowl of pho or vermicelli filled with goodies like rotisserie chicken, grilled meat, shrimp, egg rolls and more. 226 Haverford Ave., Narberth, (610) 881-5111.

RASA INDIAN CUISINE Northern and southern Indian specialties share the menu at Rasa. Loyalists swear by the masala, biryani, chaat and tandoori-marinated meats. 1201 Wilmington Pike, Chadds Ford, (484) 800-8109, www.rasaus.com.

RITTENHOUSE DELI Ardmore's bestkept secret makes killer Korean barbecue tacos. Fillings also include tofu bulgogi and traditional beef and pork. 68 Rittenhouse Place, Ardmore, (610) 642-3183.

XOLO TACOS Along with superior tacos, burritos and enchiladas, signature dishes include salmon, grilled chicken and carne asada. Save room for the churros with melted chocolate. 14 N. Merion Ave., Bryn Mawr, (610) 527-7777, www.xolotacos.com. MLT



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This intimate Rittenhouse Place nook has just 12 tables, where diners can prepare their own combo platters of marinated center-cut short ribs or spicy chicken, thinly sliced pork belly or tender beef brisket on an electric grill. 66 Rittenhouse Place, Ardmore, (610) 642-3184, BYOB \$\$

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Christine and Nick Kondra's market offers local cheeses, gift baskets and hard-to-find beers and wines. The restaurant, with its 14-seat chef's counter, offers finesse from start to finish. 1 West Ave., (610) 688-1888, www.cornerstonewayne.com. \$55

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LA BELLE EPOQUE BISTRO

Enjoy specialties like French onion soup, crêpes and seasonal entrées. The bar offers craft cocktails and a selection of wines. 38 W. State St., Media, (610) 566-6808, labellebistro.com. \$\$

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Nick and Kayla Amoroso's welcoming neighborhood restaurant and bar specializes in modernized Italian-American classics like thick-cut veal Parmesan and bone-in Marsala. The seafood is top-notch, too. 100 State Road, Media, (484) 445-4445, lapadellamedia.com. \$\$

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DIEGO'S CANTINA & TEQUILA BAR

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Tasty basics like enchiladas and tacos are standouts. along with grilled ahi tuna, tilapia, Mexican-inspired pork chops and more. 113 S. Olive St., Media, (610) 565-7794, www.dosgringosmedia.com. BYOB \$

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A contemporary American restaurant known for its wood-fired cuisine. J. Alexander's offers a wide selection of classics, including prime rib, steaks, fresh seafood, sandwiches, and entrée salads. 256 Mall Blvd., King of Prussia, (484) 322-2000, jalexanders.com. \$\$\$

BODEGA BY LA CABRA BREWING

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■ EDDIE V'S PRIME SEAFOOD

Opulence abounds at Eddie V's, as does high-quality food like USDA prime steaks and fresh seafood. Highlights include black cod steeped in miso and twin South African lobster tails. 670 W. Dekalb Pike, King of Prussia, (610) 337-7823, www.eddiev.com. \$\$\$

This popular bar and restaurant features high-quality food and an extensive wine, liquor and beer selection. 863 W. Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr, (610) 527-5870, thegroggrill.com. \$

■ IASPER'S WESTSIDE

The second iteration of Jasper's Backvard offers the same cool neighborhood vibe and elevated American bar food. 101 Ford St., West Conshocken, (484) 368-3529, www.jasperswestside.com. \$\$

LUNCH BOX

This tiny eatery dishes up simple breakfast and lunch items like pancakes and chicken salad. 951 Youngs Ford Road, Gladwyne, (610) 642-9608. BYOB

RYAN CHRISTOPHER'S

This neighborhood favorite offers American bistro fare. 245 Woodbine Ave., Narberth, (610) 664-9282. ryanchristophersbyob.com. BYOB \$\$

= TANGO

Contemporary American offerings include creamy white-button-mushroom and four-cheese onion soups and an extensive appetizer selection, 39 Morris Ave., Bryn Mawr, (610) 526-9500, www.tastetango.com. \$\$

TAPHOUSE 23

This cool neighborhood joint features classics like beer-soaked mussels, pierogies and wood-fired pizzas, along with 35 beers on tap and a killer patio. 266 E. 4th St., Bridgeport, (610) 277-2323, www.taphousew23.com. \$\$

TIN LIZARD BREWING COMPANY

A two-story barbecue joint and microbrewery offering small-batch brews and smokehouse specialties. 1000 W. Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr, (610) 525-1100, www.tinlizardbrewingco.com. \$

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LEVANTE BREWING COMPANY

Known for its Cloudy and Cumbersome IPA, Levante offers a bevy of unique brews. The now-permanent Levante Stables is the perfect summer hangout. 208 Carter Drive, West Chester, (484) 999-8761, 160 Park Road, Chester Springs, (484) 202-0622; www.levantebrewing.com.

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Named after the street where the owners met. Locust Lane offers four staples, plus a selection of seasonal and experimental brews. 50 Three Tun Road, Malvern, (484) 324-4141, www.locustlanecraftbrewery.com.

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MCKENZIE BREW HOUSE

With locations in Chadds Ford, Devon and Malvern, McKenzie offers award-winning brews and a New American menu. Various locations, www.mckenziebrewhouse.com.

REBEL HILL BREWING COMPANY

A seven-barrel brewpub specializing in small-batch ales. The IPAs, saison and stout pair well with the sharable plates, sandwiches and salads. 420 Schuylkill Road, Phoenixville, (484) 924-8044, www.rebelhillbrewing.com.

ROOT DOWN BREWING COMPANY

Graffiti-adorned walls, classic arcade games and ample beer hall-style seating make this awardwinning 13,000- square-foot brewpub exceptionally cool. 1 N. Main St., Phoenixville, (484) 302-5407, www.rootdownbrewing.com.

SLY FOX BREWING COMPANY

Since debuting in 1995, Sly Fox has produced more than 100 craft brews, earning numerous awards. Headquartered in Pottstown, this local institution also operates a brewhouse and restaurant in Phoenixville. 520 Kimberton Road, Phoenixville, (610) 935-4540; 331 Circle of Progress Drive, Pottstown, (484) 524-8210; www.slvfoxbeer.com.

STABLE 12 BREWING COMPANY

Started by three high schools friends, this smallbatch brewery offers 10 beers and tasty pub fare. 368 Bridge St., Phoenixville, (610) 715-2665, www.stable12.com.

STERLING PIG BREWERY

Loic Barnieu and Brian McConnell's small-batch brewery runs the craft-beer gamut, from IPAs and porters to stouts and pilsners. 609 W. State St., Media, (484) 444-2526; 113 W. Market St., West Chester, (484) 999-8026; sterlingpig.com.

STICKMAN BREWS

You'll find a wide variety of small-batch brews, including the award-winning Cousin Stoopid Grand Cru. 861 Kimberton Road, Chester Springs, (484) 202-8576; 326 N. Lewis Road, Royersford, (484) 938-5900; www.stickmanbrews.com

STOLEN SUN BREWING AND **ROASTING COMPANY**

This family-owned operation brews great beer and small-batch Colombian coffee, both of which pair perfectly with its pub fare. 342 Pottstown Pike, Exton, (484) 879-4161, www.stolensun.com.

SUBURBAN BREWING COMPANY

A novel collaboration between Suburban Restaurant & Beer Garden and Fancy Camper Home Brew Supply, this small-batch, all-grain brewery offers up to a dozen rotating beers, plus locally made spirits, wine and snacks. 2536 Conestoga Ave., Honey Brook, (610) 273-3106, suburbanbrewingco.com.

TIN LIZARD BREWING COMPANY

A two-story barbecue joint and microbrewery offering nine rotating beers brewed on site. 1000 W. Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr, (610) 525-1100, www.tinlizardbrewingco.com

TIRED HANDS BREWING COMPANY

This internationally-ranked, six-barrel brewery specializes in American hop-forward, Belgian and French ales. Find three locations in Ardmore-the 150-seat Fermentaria, a general store and the original Brew Café. Various locations, www.tiredhands.com.

TUNED UP BREWING COMPANY

This nano-brewery's taproom features a rotating lineup of IPAs, stouts and ales, plus open mic nights and live music. 135 N. Main St., Spring City, (484) 374-2671, tunedupbrew.com.

VICTORY BREWING COMPANY

With taprooms in Downingtown, Kennett Square and Parkesburg, this Chester County standout has earned national acclaim since opening over 20 years ago. Victory crafts 17 brews, including year-round staples like the Golden Monkey Belgian-style tripel and seasonal favorites like Summer Love golden ale. Various locations, www.victorybeer.com.

WORKHORSE BREWING COMPANY

Workhorse spans 70,000 square feet. Visitors can book brewery tours, nosh on grub from a rotating lineup of food trucks, and take part in weekly Quizzo and fitness classes. 250 King Manor Drive, King of Prussia, (484) 681-9928, www.workhorsebrewing.com.

WINERIES

1723 VINEYARDS

Established by fifth-generation farmers, this 11-acre vineyard is open to the public on weekends, with food trucks every Saturday afternoon April-October. 5 McMaster Blvd., Landenberg, (888) 330-0526, www.1723vineyards.com

A'DELLO VINEYARD AND WINERY

Each of the red, white, semi-sweet and fruity wines at A'Dello are produced from a family recipe passed down from the owners' Italian ancestors. The tasting room is open on weekends, 21 Simmons Road, Perkiomenville, (610) 754-0006, adellowines.com.

BLACK WALNUT WINERY

The tasting room here is in a charming 200-year-old bank barn. There's a second location in downtown Phoenixville, with a tasting room, a wine bar and live music. 3000 Lincoln Hwy., Coatesville, (610) 857-5566; 260 Bridge St., Phoenixville, (484) 924-8740; www.blackwalnutwinery.com.

CARDINAL HOLLOW WINERY

Visitors will likely find something they've never tasted before, thanks to uniquely flavored wines like spicy strawberry, blueberry, jalapeno, and agave nectar. More traditional red and white varieties are also available. 1830 West Point Pike, West Point, Lansdale, (215) 801-2227, cardinalhollowwinery.com.

CHADDSFORD WINERY

With a focus on dry reds and whites, and sweet wines that pair well with meals, Chaddsford offers daily tastings and flights, plus a host of fun events. 632 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford, (610) 388-6221, www.chaddsford.com.

FLICKERWOOD WINE CELLARS & TWISTED TREATS

This winery's creations are inspired by the owners' passion for rock 'n' roll. You'll find over 30 whites, reds, blushes and specialty sweet wines. 920 Market St., Oxford, (610) 932-9498, www.flickerwood.com.

GALER ESTATE VINEYARD & WINERY

Over 70 percent of the grapes used at Galer Estate come from its own vineyards. The arty tasting room is open on weekends. 700 Folly Hill Road, Kennett Square, (484) 899-8013, www.galerestate.com.

GRACE WINERY

Located in a transformed 1750s barn, the tasting room is open daily. 50 Sweetwater Road, Glen Mills, (610) 459-4711, gracewinery.com.

J. MAKI WINERY

The only winery in the U.S. to win a gold medal for champagne from the prestigious Vinalies Internationales, J. Maki makes red, white and ice wines, plus champagne. 200 Grove Road, Elverson, (610) 286-7754, www.jmakiwinery.com.

KARAMOOR ESTATE VINEYARDS

The vintage wines made here include Cabernet Franc, chardonnay, meritage, merlot and sauvignon blanc. The tasting room is open by appointment only. 40 E. Skippack Pike, Fort Washington, (215) 641-0233, www. karamoorwines.com.

KREUTZ CREEK VINEYARDS

This vineyard specializes in dry and semi-dry red and white wines. Look for evening concerts and other events. 553 S. Guernsey Road, West Grove, (610) 357-0294, www.kreutzcreekvineyards.com.

PATONE CELLARS

This Italian-style winery's output is heavily influenced by European blends. 1051 Wickerton Road, Landenberg, (302) 545-7388.

PARADOCX VINEYARD

Each weekend, this winery offers custom or selected flights at its tasting room, which offers sweeping views of 100 acres. Run by four physicians, find red, white, rosé and sweet wines. 1833 Flint Hill Road, Landenberg, (610) 255-5684; www.paradocx.com.

PENNS WOODS WINERY

This family run, Italian-inspired establishment features a selection of over 20 white, red and rosé wines. All can be sipped in the tasting room or an outdoor patio with views of the winery's 30 acres. 124 Beaver Valley Road, Chadds Ford, (610) 459-0808, www.pennswoodsevent.com.

STARGAZERS VINEYARD

Overlooking the Brandywine Creek, Stargazers encourages guests to walk the vineyards where its owners have been planting grapes for their traditional-style wines since 1979. 1024 Wheatland Drive, Coatesville, (610) 486-0422, stargazersvineyard.com.

STONE BARN CELLARS WINERY

The environmentally friendly Stone Barn Cellars resides in a 100-year-old bank barn that features an indoor tasting room and an outdoor deck. You can sample over 20 dry and sweet wines, or cool down with a peach or strawberry wine slushie in the summer. 3050 Pottstown Pike, Spring City, (484) 985-8077, stonebarncellars.com.

STONE & KEY CELLARS

Create a your own custom wine by choosing and crushing the grapes and designing and filling the bottles. Stone & Key also has a tasting room that features wines made from grapes in California, Washington and Chile. 435 Doylestown Road, Montgomeryville, (215) 855-4567, stoneandkeycellars.com.

VA I A VINEYARDS

Specializing in four signature wines made from a blend of Northern Italian and French-inspired grapes, this Chester County winery resides in a charming 19th century barn. 8820 Gap Newport Pike, Avondale, (610) 268-2702, www.valavinevards.com.

WAYVINE VINEYARD AND WINERY

With over 12,000 grapevines in 11 different varieties, Wayvine has been developing its own the red, white and rosé vintages for nearly a decade. You can sip varietals at the tasting room, open Friday evenings and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. 4374 Forge Road, Nottingham, (610) 220-0128, wayvine.wine.

DISTILLERIES

BLUFBIRD DISTILLING

Bluebird produces a wide array of spirits, including bourbon, gin, vodka, dark and sugarcane rums, and single-malt, wheat, rye and white rye whiskeys. Sip them straight, or try them in a number of creative cocktails. 100 Bridge St., Phoenixville, (610) 933-7827, bluebirddistilling.com.

BOARDROOM SPIRITS

Boardroom has quickly gained a loyal following thanks to extraordinary creations like its funky "periodic table" spirits made with fruits and vegetables, which are classified as brandies. Flavors include apple, beet and carrot. You'll find more traditional options like vodka, rum, gin and triple sec, too. Try them at the Lansdale tasting room, open Thursday-Sunday. 575 W. Third St., Lansdale, (267) 642-9961, www.boardroomspirits.com.

BRANDYWINE BRANCH DISTILLERY & BISTRO

Located in a converted barn near French Creek State Park, this craft distiller is known for its botanical gins and bourbons. Grains are fermented on-site in fermenters made from the wood of oldgrowth Douglas firs. Grab a bottle, or sit down for a cocktail at the bistro. 350 Warwick Road, Elverson, (610) 901-3668, revivalistspirits.com.

FIVE SAINTS DISTILLING

This Norristown distiller runs the gamut, from vodka to white whiskey. But Five Saints' true standouts are its award-winning Tuscan-style gin and blood-orange liqueur. Unique offerings include a raspberry-lavender absinthe and maple-bourbon butter-pecan rum. 129 E. Main St., Norristown, (610) 279-5364, fivesaintsdistilling.com.

MANATAWNY STILL WORKS

Named after a native Lenape tribe, Manatawny derives from a word that means "the place we meet to drink." At its industrial-chic location, visitors can find award-winning aged, un-aged and seasonal spirits, including whiskey, rum, gin and vodka, along with specialty collaborations with local food purveyors. 320 Circle of Progress Drive, Pottstown, (484) 624-8271, www.manatawnystillworks.com.

MERMAID SPIRITS

Founded by a trained research scientist with a degree in food biochemistry, Mermaid Spirits produces vodka, white and aged rums, and bourbons. 2052 County Line Road, Huntingdon Valley, (215) 355-5304, mermaidspirits.com.

PENNSYLVANIA DISTILLING COMPANY

Harkening back to the spirits that were made when Pennsylvania was still a colony, this distiller produces rye whiskies, vodka, white and gold rum, and gin. To match the historically inspired names, bottles feature iconic Pennsylvania symbols like the keystone, the Liberty Bell and the Betsy Ross flag. 50 Three Run Road, Malvern, (484) 568-4920, www.penndistilling.com.

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ASIAN

At Coco, orchids, philodendron, lavender and daisies abound. The menu is equally colorful, thanks to standout dishes like spicy quinoa, shrimp and crab served with Massaman curry. 231 Haverford Ave., Narberth, (610) 667-7634, www.cocobistro.com. BYOB\$

EUROPEAN

THE BERCY

Joe Monnich and Justin Weathers' French-style brasserie offers an approachable bistro menu. 7 Lancaster Ave., Ardmore, (610) 589-0500, www.thebercy.com. \$\$\$

CITRON & ROSE TAVERN & MARKET

Glatt kosher meets gourmet at this sleek spot, which puts a modern spin on Eastern European Jewish classics. 261 Montgomery Ave., Bala Cynwyd, (610) 257-7577, www.citronrosetavern.com. \$5

LOURDAS GREEK TAVERNA

The consistently excellent fare at this family-owned institution includes classic Greek dishes like gyros, moussaka, souvlaki, fresh seafood and more 50 N. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr, (610) 520-0288, lourdasgreekrestaurant.com. BYOB \$\$

SAVONA RESTAURANT

This well-heeled establishment continues to excel at classic Riviera-inspired dining. Signature dishes include the Scottish salmon. 100 Old Gulph Road, Gulph Mills, (610) 520-1200, savonarestaurant.com. \$\$

ZAFAGEN

Kosher cuisine and cocktails, with sublime fish dishes, pastas, grilled pizzas and more. 370 Montgomery Ave., Merion Station, (610) 667-7777, www.zagafen.com. \$\$

INTERNATIONAL

SAFFRON INDIAN KITCHEN

Blended spices are the true stars at Saffron, which offers an exceptional array of nouveau and traditional Indian cuisine. Various locations, www.saffronofphilly.com. \$\$

LATIN AMERICAN

COYOTE CROSSING

This Conshy institution features authentic Mexican food and the best mezcal bar in Philadelphia. 800 Spring Mill Ave., (610) 825-3000, coyotecrossing.com. \$\$

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What Now?

Fall is here—and so is COVID-19. One school is sticking to its plan.

s educators, elected officials, parents and students prepare to reopen our schools, COVID-19 is still hanging over our heads. Like every other institution around the country, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania remains focused on keeping its students, faculty and staff safe at all times.

This past spring, virtually every university across the nation switched to remote instruction, closing their campuses and requiring all but a small number of students to vacate their dormitories. Our administration took a different approach: We gave our residential students the choice to remain on campus or return home for the rest of the spring semester. We felt it was important for us to provide our students—especially those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds—with access to the resources necessary to continue their education.

Compared to other regional universities, we have a smaller student and staff population. It's allowed us to manage and mitigate health-and-safety risks. Since March, we've been screening for COVID-19 infection, distributing and requiring personal protective equipment, and practicing social distancing. We've also modified campus services and provided additional sanitization in high-use areas. This summer, we were able to move forward with our five-week residential program designed to assist participants in making the transition from high school to college.

The primary objective over the last five months has been to support our students. But we've also gained first-hand experience in creating a safe campus environment in the midst of a pandemic. As a result, Cheyney University hasn't had a single coronavirus case on campus so far.

Meanwhile, enrollment continues to increase. This fall, we're welcoming our largest group of new students since 2013, and our on-campus corporate partnerships continue to thrive.

In addition to the COVID-19 crisis, we've faced a series of tragic events in this country. The deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery were unconscionable and unnecessary. Many of us realize that this can and should be the moment to move America forward into an era of social and economic justice, equity and stability. As a nation, we can—and we must—do better.

We've called on our students to focus their energy on bringing constructive change to our society, asking them to use technology and resources as a means to adapt, overcome inequities and change our communities for the better. However they choose to make their voices heard, we want our students to stay safe at all times.

As the first historically Black university in our nation, Cheyney has always stood against racial injustice. America's HBCUs are in a unique position to be at the forefront of this effort. Our institutions exist because there was a time when universities didn't accept African Americans into the ranks of their student populations—so we created our own. Now more than ever, our vision and our voices must be heard.

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