



45 Amazing Alumni To Celebrate 45 Years Of Exceptional Epstein Education - #45at45

This year, The Epstein School is turning 45 years old. To celebrate this, we are highlighting 45 amazing alumni in honor of 45 years of Exceptional Education at Epstein. Our school has hundreds of wonderful and talented alumni and we love to share their successes!

45 at 45 - The Countdown Continues!

Throughout this year, we are recognizing 5 alumni via email, until we reach a total of 45 alumni. **View previously highlighted alumni:** [#1-5](#) [#6-10](#) [#11-15](#) [#16-20](#) [#21-25](#) [#26-30](#) [#31-35](#)

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Dina Pinsky (Class of 1985) - Dina lives in Philadelphia with her husband and two children and is a sociology professor at Arcadia University. Dina attended Barnard College, where she majored in sociology, and earned her Ph.D. in sociology at CUNY Graduate Center. She has published widely on topics related to the sociology of gender. [Her first book was about Jewish activists in the 1970s feminist movement.](#)

She is currently writing a book about how high school and college students communicate with cell phones and social media for flirting and courtship. She has published several journal articles on a range of subjects, such as research methodologies, working women and online behavior. Being a student at The Epstein School was foundational in sparking Dina's interest in learning and the development of her Jewish identity. Her children have followed in her footsteps by attending Philadelphia's Solomon Schechter School -- Perelman Jewish Day School.



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Josh Covin (Class of 1987) - Since 1999, as Owner and Executive Producer for Essential Group, Josh has developed and led creative and production teams in the execution of a wide range of live event initiatives ranging from product launches and headline entertainment to

international sales conferences and shareholder meetings, in venues from ballrooms to arenas.

Josh's extensive travels to over 40 countries and production work on five continents has helped him to establish a global network of production resources and partners for a client list that includes DellEMC, InterContinental Hotels Group, United Healthcare, Panasonic, Bloomberg and Walmart.

Josh is a graduate of The University of Georgia and resides in Atlanta with his wife Felissa and children Jessica (Epstein, Grade 7) and Zachary (Epstein, Grade 4).



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Bruce Miller, PhD (Class of 2001) - Dr. Bruce Miller is a Manager in the Biomechanics Practice at Exponent, an engineering and scientific consulting firm. His expertise includes human kinematics, dynamics and injury mechanics. His work includes the analysis of injuries occurring in vehicular, pedestrian, occupational and recreational accidents. Prior to joining Exponent, Bruce was a post-doctoral researcher in the Scansorial and Terrestrial Robotics and Integrated Design (STRIDE) Lab at Florida State University where he completed the Intelligence Community (IC) Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program. His research projects focused on analysis of human and animal locomotion for rapid and robust movement on level, vertical and inclined surfaces.



This included modeling and simulation to understand and optimize gait stability and efficiency, as well as robot design, fabrication and experimental testing.

Bruce stated, "The Epstein School instilled in me a love of learning and inquiry." After graduating from The Epstein School, he attended Wheeler High School's Center for Advanced Studies in Science, Math and Technology where he graduated Salutatorian. Later, he attended Boston University as a Trustee Scholar and graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. in biomedical engineering in 2009. He went on to receive his PhD in mechanical engineering from Florida State University in 2013. Bruce now lives in Phoenix with his wife Emily, and two-year-old daughter Aria, with another child on the way!

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David Sirzyk and Mike Toltzis-Class of 2002 - Growing up together in Sandy Springs, David Sirzyk and Mike Toltzis never imagined they'd one day partner in business. They formed a tight bond during their school days at Epstein, building the foundation for what would become a lifelong friendship. "We learned so much from attending Epstein."



We're still very close to some of the faculty and staff and many of our classmates," says Toltzis. "We both attended different colleges and had different career paths, but always remained best friends."

For **David Sirzyk**, real estate runs in the bloodstream; his mother also works in the industry and his father is a luxury home builder who owns Renaissance Development. After high school, David headed up to Athens, earning his undergraduate degree in real estate from The University of Georgia before coming back to Atlanta for a Master's in Construction Management from Georgia Tech. His real estate career took off as his industry knowledge and client communication strengths fueled professional growth. Actively involved in the Atlanta Realtors Association Young Professionals Network, Sirzyk holds membership in the Atlanta Board of Realtors' Multi-Million Dollar Sales Club, and was featured by Realtor Magazine as one of 2016's "Top 30 Under 30" realtors.

Mike Toltzis spent his college years in Tuscaloosa completing a degree in business marketing and sales from The University of Alabama. Diploma in hand, he jumped into experiential marketing, joining the the HangOut Music Festival production team and garnering impressive experience as he managed relationships with corporations such as Viacom, Coca-Cola, Anheuser-Busch, and Chevrolet. He credits HangOut founder Shaul Zislin as an esteemed mentor who modeled the hard-working, creative entrepreneurship that influences Toltzis today. Toltzis developed a signature expertise in superior client management that piqued the interest of his childhood friend David Sirzyk. When Mike decided he was ready for a career shift, David urged him to consider real estate, where he quickly discovered that his skills translated seamlessly into the new venture.

Last year, in 2018, Mike joined forces with David and Inna Eidelman to form the [SET Real Estate Group](#). They focus on resale of single-family properties from condos to homes and maintain a strong presence in new home construction — including a high volume of inventory around The Epstein School. They approach their business motivations with the dedication and loyalty they learned back in their Epstein days. *"Achieving extraordinary results for our clients is at the forefront of our agenda,"* Sirzyk confirms, *"and our attention to detail helps us create the best-individualized approach for each property. We work hard to cultivate lasting and meaningful relationships. We want to make the buying and selling experience a seamless and enjoyable one."*



Developing Future Leaders

Today's Epstein students, like our 2019 graduating class who are currently enjoying the culmination of their Epstein education in Israel, are fortunate to receive the value of a high-quality education. We prepare our students for success in high school, college and beyond. This is [evidenced by the caliber of the colleges our alumni attend](#) and the fact that our recent

graduating classes have had a 100% acceptance rate to Atlanta's premier private high schools, public school magnets and honors programs. Many enter high school with advanced standing in mathematics and foreign language as well as eligibility for honors classes. Epstein graduates are academically lauded by high school administrators and faculty as academic stars, peer leaders and successful student athletes.



Do You Have An Exciting Story/Accomplishment To Share?

We Want To Hear From You! We are very proud of our alumni and enjoy sharing alumni success stories with our community. If you have any personal news (marriage, baby, engagement etc) or a story you would like to share, please let us know and [update your information](#). Or, perhaps you or an alumnus you know is deserving of being nominated for the Alumni Hall of Fame or Alumni Spotlight. If so, please fill out the appropriate nomination form ([Alumni Hall of Fame](#)) and send to Alumni Relations Coordinator [Marni Bekerman](#) or 404-250-5649. And, don't forget to join our [alumni association on Facebook](#).



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