



Gilder Center

DEDICATED OCTOBER 16, 2021

In tribute to his beloved alma mater,
Northfield Mount Hermon,
generously given by
Lois C. Chiles and Richard Gilder '50

Onward and Upward

NMH

Northfield Mount Hermon

In Memory of Richard “Dick” Gilder ’50

MAY 31, 1932–MAY 12, 2020

Northfield Mount Hermon celebrates the legacy of Richard “Dick” Gilder ’50, whose commitment to education, service, and philanthropy has resulted in the development of the Gilder Center and a lasting impact on the way we interpret the past and look toward the future.

Gilder was a lifelong supporter of the school, contributing to financial aid, capital campaigns, lecture programs, and his reunions. He served as a member of the NMH Board of Trustees from 1968 to 1976, and proudly received an Alumni Citation in 1976 and NMH’s Distinguished Service Award in 2000.

“Dick Gilder epitomized the NMH mission of living and acting with humanity and purpose,” Head of School Brian Hargrove said. “Dick’s love of country, extraordinary business acumen, and commitment to serve others offer each of us a collective shining example of civic engagement, scholarship, and philanthropy.”

In addition to his lead gift for the Gilder Center, he supported the creation of the Rhodes Arts Center theater, named the Lois C. Chiles Theater in honor of his wife, an actress. *The Wall Street Journal* called this gift a tribute to his “two loves”— Northfield Mount Hermon and Lois Chiles.

Gilder was a four-year NMH student and earned a bachelor’s degree in history from Yale University in 1954. In 2005, President George W. Bush honored him with the National Humanities Medal for his contribution to the understanding of history. He was a trustee of the Central Park Conservancy, the American Museum of Natural History, and the New York Historical Society; and co-founder of the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. He supported the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation, Historic Hudson Valley, and the Pierpont Morgan Library.

When asked about his dedication to the school, Gilder proudly noted that “four years at NMH changed my life and I wanted to repay the school.” We are grateful for his generosity that furthers the NMH mission of educating the heads, hearts, and hands of our students.

Gilder Center Dedication

6 PM

Opening Remarks and Welcome

Brian H. Hargrove

Head of School

Mariah D. Calagione '89, P'18 '20

Board of Trustees Chair

Reflections

Beatriz Garcia P'09

Assistant Head for Academic Programs and
Dean of Faculty

Britt-Louise Gilder and Family

Ribbon Cutting

Reception

7 PM

Dinner in Alumni Hall

Gilder Center

New Home of the Math and Science Departments

THE GILDER CENTER PROJECT began in 2014 with a study of integrated science and math curricula commissioned by the NMH Board of Trustees and coauthored by Wilhelm B. Gauster, Ph.D. '57 and Stephen W. Gauster, J.D. '88, Trustee.

Northfield Mount Hermon acknowledges Henry F. Cutler, who led Mount Hermon School for 42 years, from 1890–1932, and for whom Cutler Science Center was named. Cutler Science Center served the school for more than 55 years, from its dedication in the fall of 1966 through the fall of 2021.