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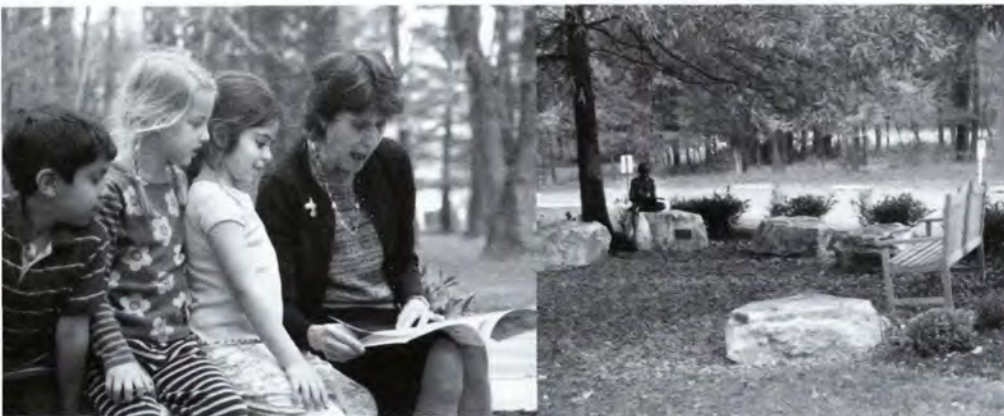
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News & Events



Dina Bray (above left) reads to students in the new reading garden (above right) dedicated in her honor.

Lower School Reading Garden Opens

Students, teachers and parents cheered the new Dina Bray Reading Garden dedicated in honor of the former Head of Lower School. Ms. Bray, who led Lower School for 10 years, was greeted with a song and lots of hugs.

"I can't believe how much everybody had grown," she said. "This is the nicest gift anyone has ever given me...And the gift you can keep on giving me is to keep on reading."



Organic Garden Yields Healthy Harvest

In April, the PDS community created an organic garden featuring raised beds for vegetables, bat houses, bird houses, flowers and butterfly bushes and compost areas.

During the summer, PDS volunteers and Garden Adventure Camp participants harvested, weeded and planted new crops.

This fall, we are enjoying organic produce for lunch and snacks.



Panthers Celebrate Blue & White Day

Panthers from Junior Kindergarten through Middle School vied for all-school bragging rights during the annual field day events at Pagoda Field. After two rain delays, students competed in a relay race and other events including a tug-of-war, water balloon toss and other games. This year, the Blue Team earned bragging rights – at least until May!



Lifelong Learning

PDS students and teachers welcomed grandparents and other special friends to campus in April (above photo).

Guests enjoyed performances in McAneny Theater before heading off to visit classrooms.

Whether playing chess, solving word puzzles or building the longest nose, children and guests enjoyed the opportunity to share time and see how much fun learning can be at PDS.



Lower School Art for Others

The artistry of Lower School students — and the compassion of art teacher Tina Dadian — has provided nine homeless Vietnamese children with food, shelter, clothing, medical care, counseling and education.

Last year, members of the classes of 2017, 2018 and 2019 created and sold hand-painted canvas bags and calendars to raise money for the Kids Earth Fund and its work helping children around the world. Proceeds provided sponsorships for children living in a Kids Earth Home in Ho Chi Minh City.

“The PDS children loved this project, learned many valuable painting lessons in the process, and expressed enthusiasm and a sense of pride that they could make a difference in the lives of other children,” Ms. Dadian said.



Author Angela Johnson visited PDS students as part of the *Imagine the Possibilities* program.

Favorite authors, artists visit PDS

Award-winning author Angela Johnson was the first of three artists who visited PDS for *Imagine the Possibilities*, the arts appreciation program created in 1996 by Lower School teacher Bev Gallagher and funded by the John D. Wallace, Jr. '78 Memorial Guest Artist Series Fund.

Each “teaching artist” spends two days with students from JK-12 discussing their work. Students prepare by studying each artist, discussing themes and imagery.

In 2008, PDS welcomed Ms. Johnson along with author/illustrator Chris Soentpiet and young adult writer Ann Turner. This spring, we look forward to hosting Kathi Appelt, Raul Colon and J. Patrick Lewis.



How can a hamster help teach about elections — just ask these kids from Ms. Vradenburgh's class.

Hamster Teaches Election Lesson

It all started when George Sanderson, chairman of the Upper School history department, bought a hamster for his children — and the “male” hamster had babies. Good thing Mr. Sanderson doesn't teach biology!

Next thing you know, the second graders in Jennifer Vradenburgh's class had a shy, new, furry classmate. But what to name him?

Lower Schoolers had lots of ideas. Since it was campaign season, they decided to vote on it. And “Theodore,” inspired by a chubby-cheeked chipmunk, won by a landslide.

PDS Embraces South American Visitors



PDS recently welcomed more than a dozen high school students and their chaperones from Argentina, in the first stage of a cultural exchange between PDS and Southern Cross School in San Isidro, a community outside Buenos Aires.

“They were greeted with a hug and kiss,” said Cecilia Marquez, chair of the US Classical and Modern Languages Department

“Immediately, they could see how caring our families are.”

Visitors stayed with host families in the Princeton area, joining PDS classes, challenging soccer and field hockey teams, sampling hoagies and sightseeing in NYC and Philadelphia.

“By building these bridges across cultures, our students will be better prepared to ‘lead thoughtfully’ and ‘contribute meaningfully,’” Ms. Marquez said.



Stellato Confident of PDS's Future

A few weeks after classes resumed, I sat down with Head of School Paul Stellato for a 30-minute interview, in which we discussed everything from his administrative and educational philosophies to his move to New Jersey.

by Spokesman Co-Editor-in-Chief Jake V. Felton '09

At this early stage of your headship here, have you seen anything that you feel stands out in need of reform?

I think the first goal is actually the most substantial goal—the way that I can honor and respect the traditions of the school. And that really is to take time to get to know the school. I'm going to take my time, I'm going to listen a lot, I'm going to be everywhere, I'm going to try to be everywhere and hear what people have to say, and then when the time comes to engage in some changes or modifications, then I will again go back to the people that I trust and who I listen to, to say, "Well how should we do this?"

When will that time come?

I think the answer to that depends less on me than it does on circumstances. And as you know, sometimes there are challenges that erupt immediately, and you've got to act on them, and then there are simply quality-of-life issues or process issues that need some time to percolate, and then changes are made. I will tell you, though, that one of the things that interests me a lot is learning more about how the school talks about student-life issues. And how do we bring students into that conversation.

I have heard you plan to teach some English courses at PDS, particularly in the Middle School.

I think that the head of school in a classroom says there is no more important endeavor than teaching, learning, and student experience. Is there anything more important that we do? The answer is absolutely no. For the head of school to be divorced from the most important part of school life is probably not great for him and not great for the school. As somebody who has been in schools, I understand the value of being in a classroom. That value has not changed for me over 29 years. It's still the value.

How do you define the job of a teacher?

We want to make sure that every one of our students leaves here and leaves each classroom having acquired a series of skills. And those skills I think are three or four: the ability to write well, the ability to read with comprehension, the ability to speak with confidence, and the ability to disagree with someone and remain friends and colleagues. And to that I would add ensure also that we value curiosity, that we really value curiosity. On the other side, I was getting ready to head off and get a Ph.D. in English and my goal was to be a professor in college until I got into a high-school classroom—and then later on in a junior-high-school classroom. What I realized was that I could play a role in helping and shepherding the students to find out who they were. The process of identity, of coming to identity, is the most thrilling, most satisfying, most enriching process for any teacher involved—whether it's in the junior kindergarten or in an AP English class.

There is a certain vitality to the discourse here—a vitality that has occasionally been met with resistance from higher-ups. ...How would you, as head of school, handle these types of disagreements?

If conversation represents an honest and respectful endeavor and is informed by a desire to find what is true and a desire to enhance the quality of life in this community, there's no issue that we can't tackle. There just isn't. We may end up not agreeing with one another, and that's bound to happen occasionally. But I have a feeling we will end up together more often than not. What I know of this student body and what I know of the history of this school is that there is always a forum for this discussion to take place in an open, honest, and respectful way.



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A New Chapter Begins at PDS

Princeton Day School began an exciting new chapter in the school's history with installation of Paul J. Stellato as Head of School during an outdoor celebration September 8, attended by more than 1,500 alumni, parents, faculty and staff, students, trustees and local dignitaries.

Mr. Stellato, a graduate of both Hamilton College and Columbia University, joins the PDS community following seven years as Headmaster of North Cross School in Roanoke, Virginia. Prior to guiding North

Cross School, Mr. Stellato spent 13 years at Millbrook School (NY) in a variety of leadership capacities including Assistant Headmaster.

Speaking to the school community, Mr. Stellato reflected on the rich history of PDS, a 21st century school with 19th century roots in Miss Fine's School and Princeton Country Day School. "At this moment, and for the rest of our lives, we are part of something much larger, much greater than ourselves," he said.

While Mr. Stellato arrived on campus in July, the installation ceremony provided the opportunity for the PDS community to formally welcome both him and his family and to commemorate this important moment for the school.

Treby McLaughlin Williams '80, Chair of the PDS Board of Trustees, recounted the school's many achievements in recent years, including the \$24 million in new and renovated library, arts, music and athletic facilities that opened in September 2007 and successful completion in June of the school's historic capital campaign that soared past the \$50 million goal.

"It is hard to imagine — for Paul Stellato and the entire PDS community — a more promising point from which to embark upon the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead," she said.



Installation speaker Drew Casertano, Headmaster of Millbrook School (NY), left, with his friend and former colleague PDS Head of School Paul J. Stellato.

"we are part of something much larger, much greater than ourselves"

— Paul J. Stellato



Mr. Stellato celebrates with his family, from left, daughter Lauren, brother Fred Stellato, wife Maureen, brother-in-law Kevin O'Connell, daughter Kate and, seated, mother-in-law Marian O'Connell.



Head of School Paul J. Stellato chats with a PDS student following the installation celebration.

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Singers from lower, middle and upper schools perform during the installation celebration.



More than 1,500 members of the Princeton Day School community welcome Paul J. Stellato.

New Perspectives

from John Weaver & Steven Hancock

Head of Lower School Shares Global Perspective

New Head of Lower School John Weaver is surrounded. Seated in the Lower School music room, he reads aloud from a favorite children's book while the entire Lower School – students and teachers – listen. As the plot takes a twist, he asks the children to discuss what will happen next with a neighbor. When he resumes reading, their discussions stop and everyone listens once again. Mr. Weaver, it seems, has always been part of this nurturing community.

In reality, Mr. Weaver joined PDS in July after serving as principal of grades PK-4 at the American School of the Hague since 2002. Mr. Weaver holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Central College, as well as a master's and doctoral degree in education from Drake University.

Mr. Weaver, a 20-year educator who has traveled extensively, talked about sharing a global perspective with teachers, parents and students at PDS.

What about PDS attracted you?

Mr. Weaver: I spent two and a half days interviewing on campus. I met teachers, administrators, and parents. I also had the opportunity to tour the community. It was obvious that both PDS and the wider community based much of their pride on the quality of education they provide students. Support for the high-

est quality of education was a first priority I looked for in my search for a new position. I wanted to work in a school where it was clear teachers had a high level of skill, where students wanted to attend, and where it was obvious parents and administrators supported the school's mission.

What do you enjoy about being an educator?

Mr. Weaver: The thread through those years has been participating in children's intellectual, physical, and emotional growth. I enjoy working with teachers and students as they build community in their classrooms. I enjoy observing as students grow in their ability to successfully think and problem solve. I like witnessing the self-satisfaction of a student applying those skills to a complicated, multi-step mathematics problem or to the uncovering of the con-

voluted plot in a challenging story. I enjoy seeing the pride in a student who creates a sculpture from found objects.

I enjoy being a part of students' growth from enthusiastic nonreaders to enthusiastic, proficient readers who find it almost impossible to put a good book down. I like being witness to the student who begins discovering the world of print in JK and learns how to masterfully put abstract ideas into words later in his LS experience. I enjoy being part of classroom life where a skilled teacher helps a reluctant reader get "hooked" on a great story because the teacher knows the student and can help him find the first of many just-right stories that allow him to see himself in the story, learn more about who he is, and learn more about the world.

I enjoy participating in classroom life as skilled teachers help students find meaning in whatever they are teaching. Those teachers know learning can be fun, but they understand it doesn't have to be fun to be meaningful. I enjoy observing teachers' careful nurturing as their students learn the value of perseverance and hard work. All of this is accomplished with a skill and grace that makes teaching look deceptively easy. We all know it is not.

How has your international travel experience affected your role as an educator?

Mr. Weaver: My international travel began when I accepted an invitation to travel to Beijing in the summer of 1996 to lecture and interact with Chinese educators who were as eager to learn more about American education, as I was to learn about Chinese education. My presentations at the Sino-American Seminar in Educational Leadership included topics on integrated curriculum practices in the middle school, local school governance, and teacher evaluation.

I left China with a better understanding of the importance of democratic values and diversity in enriching all of our lives. I learned that the common bonds between China and the US have much to do with our desire to understand one another and our similar goals of improving children's lives through education.

After the trip to China, I began traveling in Europe. Visiting European cultures left me eager to become a better world citizen. I felt I needed to live in a culture outside the United States to become that better world citizen. I accepted a principalship at The American School of The Hague in 2002. I thrived in the Dutch culture and remained for six years. I took advantage of living in the Netherlands by traveling extensively throughout Europe with trips outside the continent: Morocco, Thailand, and India.



John Weaver

*I enjoy working with teachers and students
as they build community in their classrooms.*

— John Weaver, Head of Lower School

Reflection on my travels has afforded me a broader view of my beliefs about learning, leading, and teaching. I believe that as educators we need to understand that all peoples' children, wherever or however they may live, are *our* children. They constitute our future as extensions of our society and ourselves. Educators, whether we are German, Chinese, American, Dutch, or Norwegian must ask the simple question of ourselves and of our societies: "How can we make a difference?" Toward that end, therefore, we must continue thinking and discussing with others, in all contexts, the question: "What knowledge is worth knowing?" The more in-depth our individual and collective understandings about the world, the better we can attempt a thoughtful response.

Head of Middle School Strikes Chord with Students

For years, middle schoolers have ended their first Focus gathering of the new academic year with a sing-along, led by teachers Jane Grigger and Jack Madani on guitar. This year, however, new Head of Middle School Steven Hancock changed all that.

He added an upright bass.

Mr. Hancock, an accomplished musician and orchestra director, played along with the middle school tradition, proving that he might be new to PDS but he's already right at home.

Mr. Hancock joined PDS in July from The Westminster Schools, an outstanding JK-12 coed independent day school of 1,800 students in Atlanta, where he served as Chair of an 18-member Performing Arts Department including drama and music. Mr. Hancock is a *magna cum laude* graduate of the Lawrence University Conservatory of Music and holds a master's degree in music education from the University of Illinois.

Just before students arrived on campus this fall, Mr. Hancock shared what he loves about being an educator, how music influences his life and why he is so happy to be at PDS.

What do you like most about being an educator?

Mr. Hancock: I love the opportunity to work with students, teachers and parents. As an orchestra teacher, I have taught students to love music and to build the technique necessary to perform at a very high level. My work with teachers has centered on

identifying learning styles, creative approaches to differentiated learning, and discovering new ways to support their creativity in the classroom. I have enjoyed a great relationship with parents as we work together to create an exciting learning experience for their children. These three unique areas of teaching make my days full and exciting.

What about PDS attracted you?

Mr. Hancock: Many things attracted me to the position at PDS. I was interested in working with a dedicated faculty in a place where middle school education was valued. During the interview process I had the opportunity to visit many classes. I found the teachers to be engaging and creative. The students were excited to be in class and the energy was contagious. Once I met with Paul Stellato, I learned that he has a deep understanding and respect for the learning that takes place during the middle school years. After that meeting I knew I had found a new home here at PDS.



Steven Hancock

What lessons did you learn at The Westminster Schools that you will apply here?

Mr. Hancock: I have learned many lessons at Westminster. My nine years as orchestra teacher, tennis coach, musical director, and performing arts department chair solidified my great appreciation and admiration for independent school education. I was given the opportunity to be creative in my classroom and pursue my dreams in a very supportive atmosphere. I hope to mirror this approach with the teachers and students in the Middle School.

How does your love of and experience with music inform your current role?

Mr. Hancock: Music has been my passion over the past three decades. I continue to make music with my family at home and will look for ways to connect my talents with the PDS community and beyond. For me, music continues to help me recognize beauty, gives me the opportunity to pursue perfection, teaches me patience, helps me work together with others, and gives me the opportunity to interpret the work of great masters. I think each of these relates perfectly to my current position as Head of the Middle School and I look forward to drawing on this experience on a daily basis.

The Work of Inclusion

From Sharanya Naik

I was honored and happy to be offered the position of Diversity Coordinator at PDS, and all the people I have met so far have only made me more certain that I made the right decision to be here. The school's commitment to the principles of inclusion and acceptance is obvious and compelling.

The word "diversity" implies variety, and the role of the faculty diversity committee will be to ensure that variety is understood to be enriching, whether it comes in the shape of race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, socio-economic status or in the shape of learning styles and points of view. If education is a conversation, then the more voices participating in the conversation, the more each participant will be enriched.

The work of inclusion is everyone's work; a community agreeing that inclusion is its guiding force learns to maneuver difficult pathways and to see itself through many eyes. This work broadens horizons, opens minds, fights against our prejudices and figures out what must change, and what we must keep as it is. It is the work of kindness and caring despite instinctive fear and learned mistrust; it is the work of the intellect that seeks a truth that goes against what has been ingrained, and the work of the heart that opens despite terror of the unknown.

"The work of inclusion is everyone's work; a community agreeing that inclusion is its guiding force learns to maneuver difficult pathways and to see itself through many eyes."

A school teaches, and our children need to learn — now more than ever before — to thrive in a world in which religion, politics, and economics may encourage them to fear the "other" at the same time they are brought closer to those they might fear by a global economy and universe-shrinking electronic communications. Identity is a slippery thing these days, and power



Sharanya Naik

changes hands in complicated ways. More and more, PDS students will be asked to collaborate with people from far ends of the planet, and their success will depend on their ability to respect and include. In this first decade of a new century, the question we must ask ourselves is: *how can we provide our children with the tools they will need to live a life we cannot even imagine?*

Diversity work is the work of character education in which respect for others and oneself, generosity of spirit, and intellectual

seeking for wisdom are of paramount importance. This work must be done in the classroom, on the playgrounds, and in the hallways of our school by administrators, teachers, students, staff, and parents.

As we transition from the industrial to a techno-centric model of education, we realize that we must notice each student and give him or her a safe space in which to thrive and a supportive forum for self-expression.

Among these beautiful trees and grounds, inside this light, airy building, I have no doubt that we will all give our best to these very precious messengers we send into the future. What an honor it is to be called upon to do so!

Sharanya Naik joined the PDS community in July after 17 years at Montclair Kimberley Academy, where she worked with students, faculty and parents. She also has led workshops at the annual National Association of Independent Schools People of Color Conference.

ArtNotes



PDS Anne Reid '72 Art Gallery 2008-2009

Gallery Showcases Qing Dynasty Treasures

Princeton Day School proudly hosted an exhibit displaying decorative arts from China's Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) featuring more than 70 artifacts, including lacquerware, ceramics, jewelry, furniture, textiles and embroidery from the period, as well as a collection of bound foot shoes and accessories gathered by PDS parents Isabella de la Houssaye and David Crane during visits throughout the region.

The exhibit, beautiful for its artistry alone, also enhanced ongoing classroom explorations of Asian culture and language at PDS. Text accompanying the pieces on display detailed not only the function of the items but also the history and symbolism of the decoration. In addition, Ms. de la Houssaye talked with students from primary, middle and high school grades about the collection.



Qing Dynasty
artifacts exhibited in
the Anne Reid '72
Art Gallery.



Abstracts Exhibited

Princeton Day School proudly opened the 2008-09 gallery season with the exhibition "Journey Repose," an installation by Adam Stanforth, a Brooklyn artist whose last show was featured on the front cover of *The New York Times Arts* section.

Jody Erdman, a PDS alumna and director of the Gallery, first encountered Mr. Stanforth's work in the artist's gallery in the Chelsea section of New York City. "The artist carefully reconfigures his paintings into large-grid installations," she said. "I was impressed with his spontaneous gestures and the freshness of his seemingly free strokes. I am thrilled that he will be sharing his work with our students."

Mr. Stanforth, a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, works on individual panels of Masonite and other materials covered with wet paint the he pours, blows and moves to evolve into interpretive abstract forms. He describes his work as "metaphorical Petri dishes of macro/microscopic bodies of matter."

"The process becomes more meditative when the panels are combined with others to form worlds of relationships," he said. "Then the paintings are given freedom and life by being assembled on a wooden structure spanning the space."

Mr. Stanforth lives and works in Brooklyn NY. His work has been featured at Honey Space and the Bowery gallery in NYC and AS220 and Hera gallery in Rhode Island.



November - December: "Nibbling the White Cube"

*featuring work by nine Princeton area artists,
including PDS Upper School art teacher Jerry Hirniak*

The "white cube" of course is the gallery space itself and this exhibition, curated by Movis, a Princeton artists' group — including PDS art teacher Jerry Hirniak — focuses on new concepts in the visual arts, including fabric, music, sculpture, images, string, drawing, and video.

The artists say they have created work "that cannot be tamed and relegated to predictable locations within the neat confines of the Gallery... Each artwork seems to be passing through the gallery on its way from and to a place marked by the contingencies of real space and time."

Artists participating in the PDS exhibition Berendina Buis, Susan Hockaday, Eve Ingalls, Jerry Hirniak, Rita Asch, Frank Magalhaes, Margaret Kennard Johnson, Marsha Levin-Rojer and John Goodyear.

MORE TO COME...

January 6 - 30
Ceramics Exhibition

March 30 - Apr 24
Illustration exhibition

February 6 - March 6
Architecture Exhibition

April 28 - June 6
Student Exhibition and
Senior Thesis Show

Performing Arts Updates

Looking Ahead to the 2008-09 Season

PDS Performing Arts Program recently performed "The Crucible," a drama by Arthur Miller, to standing-room-only crowds in McAneny Theater.

The 1953 play is based on events surrounding the witch trials of 1692 as accusations of witchcraft created an atmosphere of hysteria and vengeance that spread from Salem, Massachusetts throughout New England. The PDS production, directed by **Stan Cahill**, PDS Upper School Theater Director, features an engaging set designed by Technical Director **Jeffrey Van Velsor** that places the audience in the forest where the alleged witchcraft occurs.

In addition, this production included a dance prologue, choreographed by PDS Artist-in-Residence **Ann Robideaux**, portraying the gathering of village girls with Tituba, the reverend's slave and target of accusations.

Ms. Robideaux holds certification as a yoga teacher, is co-artistic director of a highly acclaimed dance company in NYC

in choreography for unusual spaces such as a WWII Lightship, The Eldridge Street Synagogue, and city fire escapes. Most recent credits include teaching at the Russian Contemporary Dance Festival, choreographing for Sesame Street productions, and receiving an OOB for Excellence in Choreography.

Ms. Robideaux holds an MFA in dance from Mills College (CA) and a BA in psychology from the University of Colorado. She also is the founder of Asana Alphabet, a project devoted to bringing the health benefits of yoga to today's youth.

"Though my contact thus far with the students at PDS has been limited to a short visit, it is clear that they are not only smart but open-minded and willing to learn while also enjoying themselves," Ms. Robideaux said. "Upon seeing PDS for the first time, I knew it would be an amazing place to teach and create... I feel very lucky and excited to be a part of enriching this program."

Desire" (spring '09) both on the McCarter Theatre Center's Berling stage — and Westminster Choir College, including "The Music Man" (spring '07) and "Oklahoma" (spring '08). Mr. Van Velsor also serves as Technical Director/Scenic Designer for Acting Manito, a very popular performing arts program in Maine.

"I am looking forward to working with both of these talented artists," Mr. Cahill said. "They know their way around a theater and are dedicated to the performing arts."

MS Drama Director Deb Sugarman recently announced "A Midsummer Night's Dream" as the 2008 Middle School Fall Play to be performed in December. She's eager to tackle this classic, noting "This is the first time for Shakespeare in the Middle School!"

In the Music wing, **Kristen Acker** has joined PDS as Upper School music teacher from The Peddie School, where she served as director of music since 1996.

Ms. Acker, who also served as Acting Arts Department Chair at Peddie, received the "Above and Beyond" Faculty Award in 2005 from the Peddie Parents Association and in 1998 was conductor for the New Jersey association of Independent Schools All-State Chorus.

In addition to teaching music theory at PDS, Mrs. Acker will be conducting the concert choir and Madrigals, as well as overseeing the *a cappella* groups and private lesson programs.

For up-to-date Performing Arts news, tickets and photos, visit www.pds.org

"The Crucible" "Sweet Charity" "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

and has considerable experience as a musical theater choreographer, Mr. Cahill said. Most recently, she served as Chair of the Theatre Department at Claremont Preparatory School in Manhattan.

In New York City, Ms. Robideaux co-directs "ann and alexx make dances," a site-specific dance company specializing

Mr. Van Velsor, who also will be scenic designer for upper school and middle school productions, comes to PDS from McCarter Theatre where he worked as main Props Carpenter/Artisan. He has done design work for Princeton University — "A Winter's Tale" (fall '07) and the upcoming "Streetcar Named

Photography, Woodshop Dedications Honor Faculty

PDS Permanent Art Collection Expands

Each year, a panel of outside judges surveys Middle School art work and selects outstanding examples to be added to the PDS Permanent Collection.

Student work — from ceramics to paintings, drawings and sculptures — serve as a visible reminder of the creativity and quality of our Middle School art program. Artists whose work was recently added to the collection include:

2008-2009

Emily Janhofer '13
Alexander Zink '13
Natesa Bland '14
Henry Drago '14
David Crane '14
Corinne Urisko '14
Waylen Glass '15
Georgia Wong '15
Robert Cooleen '16
Isabella Crane '16

2007-2008

Caylin Brahaney '11
Cason Crane '11
Ashley Hudson '11
Alexa Manley '11
Andre Danko '12
Merritt Harlan '12
Julia Miller '12
Walker Ward '12
Selena Anjur-Dietrich '13
Bobby Madani '13
Sarah Spencer '13
Obi Ferguson '14
Liz Gudgel '14
Hadley Jacobson '14
Julie Zink '14

Alumni, students, parents and friends of PDS gathered May 16 in the Matthews Arts Wing to dedicate the photography studio and woodshop in honor of Eileen Hohmuth-Lemonick and Andy Franz.

Interim Head of School Lila Lohr welcomed the crowd into the Edward and Marie Matthews Arts Wing, alive with student work from floor to ceiling. The arts wing, as well as expanded libraries and athletic facilities, are tangible results of the school's *Investing in Excellence* Campaign.

"I can think of no better way to end the campaign than to honor two master teachers — Eileen and Andy," Ms. Lohr said.

"All of us here this evening have benefited from Eileen and Andy's teaching and from their passion for their craft," she said. "They are truly master teachers and no one here could imagine any other names on either the photography studio or the woodshop."

Inspired by Mrs. Hohmuth-Lemonick's dedication to students and her craft, former PDS Trustee Lynn Johnston, parent of Cord '92, Brad '94, and Ali '97, led efforts to honor the legendary photography teacher. "Mrs. H" has inspired students to view the world differently and creatively, inspiring Ali to choose a career in photography, she said. Dedicating the state-of-the-art studio to Mrs. Hohmuth-Lemonick is a long-lasting way to "recognize how very special a teacher, mentor and friend Eileen has been to hundreds of students over her lifetime of teaching at PDS," Mrs. Johnston said.

Today, a plaque outside the studio expresses the fondness and respect students and families share for Mrs. Hohmuth-Lemonick, stating the space is named in

honor of "a master teacher whose love of her craft and unwavering devotion to her students have served generations of Princeton Day School students."

Upper School teacher Howie Powers '80 worked with alumni volunteers Mike Bracken '98, Jim Burke '80, Jill Goldman '74, Jud Henderson '92, Matt Henderson '89, Jim Laughlin '80 and Andy Smith '86 to contact alumni and past parents about participating in the effort to honor Andy and provide a new woodshop for the next generation of PDS students.



Honorees Andy Franz and Eileen Hohmuth-Lemonick

Speaking about Mr. Franz, Mr. Powers recalled students having to sand smooth even the bottom of their work. "He taught pride in your work, discipline and determination," he said. "He developed character and instilled values in you."

In recognition of the lifelong influence Mr. Franz has had over students, a plaque now forever links the new studio and the former teacher "whose twenty nine years of dedicated teaching and passion for his craft continue to inspire Princeton Day School students long after they have left the woodshop."

Have a story to share about Mrs. H or Mr. Franz? Send it to mrueess@pds.org

SportsNotes

From the Desk of John Levandowski, Director of Athletics

I'm sure that many of you have heard the adage, "if you need something done, ask a busy person to do it!"

Though one may argue there is ultimately a limit as to what we can successfully manage, the general tenet of this statement has merit. In fact, according to a number of studies conducted by the National Federation of High Schools, this adage certainly holds true in the world of high school athletics — even among schools with the highest of academic standards, such as PDS!

One study in particular that was recently published in *High School Today*, an education based high school journal, linked student grades with the number of sports they played during the school year. The results over three years confirmed that students involved in athletics performed better in the classroom than students who were not involved. The survey also indicated that a student's GPA improved with each additional extracurricular activity. In other words, a two-sport athlete generally achieved better in the classroom than a one-sport athlete; and a three-sport athlete performed best of all! Those students involved in no activities shared the lowest GPA.

There are a number of reasons why students involved in sports perform better academically:

- Athletes tend to be well connected to the school and develop great pride in their performance as evidenced both on the athletic field and in the classroom.
- Effective coaches develop strong connections with their players. The overall development of the student is promoted and encouraged.

- Athletic participation teaches students a strong work ethic, how to set goals and how to better manage their time.
- Athletes tend to be self-assured and not as susceptible to peer pressure.
- Athletes learn how to shift their attention from material goals and focus more on life accomplishments and personal development.

It's encouraging to learn that despite the growth of club sports and elite travel teams, high school athletic participation is at an all-time high nationwide with 7.5 million participants; and that 50 percent of all high school students participated in sports at some level.

Did you know that at Princeton Day School we *exceed* the national norm? Over the years we have enjoyed a participation rate of more than 80 percent in Upper School and 90 percent in Middle School! I am very proud of that and want to thank all our athletes and parents for supporting our program and recognizing the many benefits associated with interscholastic athletics.

Go Panthers!



John Levandowski,
Director of Athletics

Beyond PDS

Nine members of the Class of 2008 — more than 10 percent of the senior class — are continuing their sports careers in college, including four playing at the most competitive Division I level.

Katie Brossman (crew) Johns Hopkins University
Hannah Epstein (lacrosse) Middlebury College
Nick Ford (crew) Johns Hopkins University
David Holland (tennis) Duke University
Antoine Hoppenot (soccer) Princeton University
Trevor Hummel (fencing) Johns Hopkins University
Alexa Maher (soccer) Roger Williams College, RI
Clinton O'Brien (football & baseball) Gettysburg College
Mike Shimkin (football) Dickinson College



Erin Burns '08 was named Academic All-America Team by U.S. Lacrosse. To be selected, a player must be a starter or significant contributor, carry at least 50 percent of her course load in all college preparatory courses of honor or advancement placement level, have a cumulative weighted grade point average of at least 3.6 and make significant contribution to the school and community beyond campus, beyond athletics.

For the second time, U.S. Junior International Hard Court Champion **David Holland '08** has been named a national tennis All-American.

Fall Weekend 2008



Varsity Soccer Wins 10th Title

PDS Girls Varsity Soccer (pictured at right) captured the Prep B State Championship with a 2-1 victory over Montclair Kimberley Academy. Playing on Bill Smoyer '60 Field, the Panthers won when **Erin Cook '09** scored the winning goal with a 30-yard free kick — with no time remaining in the first overtime. Congrats to our athletes and Coach Pat Trombetta for capturing our 10th Prep B girls soccer title!



Class of 2006 pals gather for the Williams vs Tufts lacrosse game, from left, **Becky Gallagher**, **David Blitzer**, **Shira Concool** and **Marissa Carberry**.

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Katie Briody '07, standing third from left, smiles with her Colby lacrosse teammates, 2008 NESCAC champs.



PDS Captures Prep B Championship

Congratulations to the Varsity Girls Tennis team and Coach Patty Headley for capturing the 2008 Prep B State Championship!

The Panthers served up a wonderful season, with PDS capturing First Place finishes in Prep B competition and a Second Place team finish in the Mercer County Tournament.

Every player made it to the Prep B finals round, including **Sami Lieb '11**, **Lauren Constantini '10**, **Nicole Keim '12**, **Elena Bowen '09**, **Sam Schaeffer '11**, **Brittany Christian '09** and **Ariel Multak '11**. Sami Lieb captured the First Singles title and PDS doubles teams — **Brittany and Ariel**, **Elena and Sam** — swept the flight to defeat runner-up Ranney.

Patrick Kerney '94 Fitness Center Transforms PDS Athletics

When Patrick Kerney '94 left Princeton Day School, he was a 5'10" sophomore nicknamed "Beanpole." Returning for Alumni Weekend, the 6'5" 272-lb Kerney now towered above the crowd of classmates, teachers, coaches and student athletes celebrating dedication of the new 2,600-square foot fitness center named in his honor.

Like its namesake, the *Patrick Kerney '94 Fitness Center* is three times bigger than it used to be. The previous weight room in the Lisa McGraw '44 Skating Rink was too small to accommodate the numbers of student-athletes on PDS teams. The new facility features an expanded collection of treadmills, cross-trainers and exercise stations — as well as two framed football jerseys, courtesy of No. 97.

Kerney attended PDS from fifth through tenth grades, earning the Silver P as best middle school athlete and playing varsity football as an underclassman. After graduating from Taft, he joined the University of Virginia team and was a first round draft pick with the Atlanta Falcons and, most recently, a Defensive End with the Seattle Seahawks and Pro Bowl Player. In 2004, Kerney was inducted into the PDS Athletic Hall of Fame.

Kerney has returned the goodwill, taking time from his busy schedule to speak to PDS athletes about the importance of sportsmanship, conditioning and perseverance. His visits mean a lot to students, said Mark Adams, Mr. Kerney's former coach and chair of the PDS PE Department.

"For our kids to see someone who comes from the same place they come from and who has made something of himself in professional athletics is great," Coach Adams said. "And even more than what he is today, it's the way he made something of himself — through hard work and dedication — that means the most."

Justin Hillenbrand '94 agreed that his classmate models the kind of dedication and confidence needed to succeed. Even



though Kerney was not recruited to play football at UVA, that didn't deter him from believing he could play at a high level for a nationally ranked football program, he said. He worked hard to get strong and quicker — and to achieve his goal.

"I think it was important to name the fitness center after Patrick as there is no one who represents a more dedicated and focused approach to achieving one's dream," he said. "He was able to achieve his remarkable success with the help of the facilities at PDS as well as a loyal group of friends that kept him grounded. No one deserves the success that he has been able to achieve in the NFL more."

Just a few hours before the dedication ceremony, Kerney was surrounded by student athletes from middle school to seniors, as well as coaches, who looked to him for advice. Demonstrating stretching and lifting techniques, he urged PDS athletes to take conditioning and strength-building seriously as the best way to prevent injury.

Kerney, the son of Janet and John Kerney PCD '53, also urged student-athletes to pursue challenges in the classroom as well as on the field. After all, he said, even he won't be playing professional football his entire life.

Later in the day, Kerney once again found himself surrounded by family, friends and fans in the fitness center. Only this time, he was wearing a suit and signing autographs. With a sheepish smile, Kerney listened as former teammates, coaches and



teachers took turns praising his achievements, his work ethic and his character.

Coach Adams explained how "incredibly proud" the PDS community is of Kerney's "accomplishments in life and on the football field..."

Kerney epitomizes "what can happen when a person works hard, pays their dues and maintains a great attitude," Coach Adams said. "I want other PDS students to learn from your example."

Kerney, in turn, thanked PDS for focusing his efforts in a positive way and setting a standard for conduct and character that he continues to follow. He recalled how Coach Adams would require extra laps from anyone heard cursing and reminisced about how all those hours spent working out built not only muscle and determination, but also camaraderie and lifelong friendships.

Since opening in January, the Patrick Kerney '94 Fitness Center has become a place for students to pursue their unlimited potential by working hard and keeping a positive attitude, said PDS Athletic Director John Levandowski. Working together on fitness encourages camaraderie that carries into competition.

The fitness center "has transformed the nature of our athletic program overnight," Mr. Levandowski said. "Kids are much more dedicated to their teams — during season and off season. They have a lot of pride in the room — it's a high-energy place and they're giving a solid effort and motivating each other."

PDS Notable

Thank you Mrs. Stadulis!

*Taking Care of Hearts while
Taking Care of Business*

WITH JUST A COUPLE weeks remaining before starting a new job at Dwight-Englewood School, longtime PDS Business Manager Cindy Stadulis had managed to clear her walls and shelves – but not her desk.

Blueprints, Excel spreadsheets, calendars, agendas, memos and sticky notes covered the surface. The financial world was reeling and Mrs. Stadulis was right where she has always been, hunkered down with a calculator, assessing the effect on PDS budgets and providing key information to school administrators.

During the course of her 22-year PDS tenure, Mrs. Stadulis has managed an increasingly complex budget, overseen a variety of capital projects, and served as counsel to heads of school, faculty, parents, and trustees; she has done so with patience, discipline, and care.

If you want to keep score, Mrs. Stadulis has worked with seven heads of school, five trustee board chairs and nine finance committee chairs. Head of School Paul Stellato recently described Mrs. Stadulis as “a valued friend and colleague, (who is) deeply respected within our community.”

Others compare her role to a campus “mom” who takes care of everything and everyone, from lunch menus to \$24 million construction projects.

“I think most people have no idea of much of what she has done over the years to deal with problems all day and night and most week-ends,” said former Head of School Lila Lohr, who led PDS from 1995 to 2000 and again as interim from 2007-08.

“Problems involving angry neighbors, difficult issues with the Township, all types of issues involving our rental properties, numerous employee issues involving every kind of problem known to man, issues with buses, with people who rent the school, not to mention issues that involve alarms, fire and police departments —

absolutely endless. I was always 100% confident that Cindy would manage the problem, whatever it was.”

Former Head of School Judy Fox, who retired in June 2007 after 41 years as an educator, considers Mrs. Stadulis “the best business officer and most supportive administrative partner with whom I’ve been privileged to work.”

“Cindy’s recommendations to the Administrative Team, the Board and faculty committees always derive from the question, ‘How can my office and I help make it possible for teachers to provide a better experience for students?’”

Mrs. Stadulis has helped shape the campus, overseeing renovation of the PDS campus center and construction of the Lisa McGraw ’44 Rink and Bill Smoyer ’60 Field. More recently, Mrs. Stadulis supervised implementation of a security system to improve student safety and completion of a complex \$24 million facilities project including 70,000 sq. feet of new and renovated space including our new arts wing, athletic facilities and expanded libraries.

John Peach P’01, ’04 worked with Mrs. Stadulis on several projects during his tenure as chair of the Trustee Buildings and Grounds Committee. “She went from a learner to a leader,” he said. “It’s fun to watch someone make that transition.”

Mrs. Stadulis has introduced innovative policies, including an early-retirement plan, a tuition remission formula and a computer model for five-year financial and budget projections. In 2006, the Board created an Audit Committee, in part as a result of her recommendation. Last year, her achievements earned Mrs. Stadulis the

2008 Kenneth A. White Jr. Distinguished Business Officer Award from the National Business Officers Association.

Her actions influenced student life, as Mrs. Stadulis served as liaison for auxiliary programs including the school store, vending machines, food service, after-school programs, facility rental,

summer programs – and as advisor to the *Link* for more than a decade.

Head of Upper School Carlton Tucker has worked closely with Mrs. Stadulis since he arrived more than 16 years ago. While her job focused on finances, he said, she always considered how a decision – whether security badges or architectural plans – would affect the culture of PDS.

“One of Cindy’s great strengths — and what her

leadership is all about — is recognizing the need for some change but being sensitive enough not to want to tamper with what’s successful here,” Mr. Tucker said. “The job description is one thing – but she’s done much more than that.”

Indeed, Mrs. Stadulis has considered PDS her home and she has cared for the community like a family. Not only did she live on campus – the better to deal with late-night and weekend emergencies, my dear — but her mother also worked at PDS for a number of years. In addition, Mrs. Stadulis is a PDS parent: mother of graduates Leslie Shapiro ’06 and Meghan Shapiro ’08, and stepmother of Philip Stadulis ’08, Ben Stadulis ’09 and Sara Stadulis ’12.

“I’ve loved working here because you’re not going to have a bad day in the office,” Mrs. Stadulis said. “You just walk into a classroom and see exactly what it’s all about.”



Cindy Stadulis, in 1992, with her daughter Leslie at the groundbreaking for the Lower School.

Faculty Notes



Notes from Manchuria: It's A Small World

Watching thousands of Chinese school children exercise one morning in Manchuria, Upper School History Department Chair George Sanderson was not so much awed by the perfectly straight lines stretching to the horizon as he was amused by the hijinks of a couple boys who thought no one was looking.

"What we saw obviously was pretty highly structured," Mr. Sanderson said. "At the same time, it was clear to all of us that children around the world share many more characteristics than differences."

Mr. Sanderson, selected by the College Board as a delegate to China, spent ten days over the summer traveling in both Beijing and Jilin Province, in the Manchuria region. Delegates, including educators from throughout the US, visited a high school and a K-12 school where they met students, faculty members, and administrators.

"It was a wonderful way to learn about the Chinese education system," Mr. Sanderson said. "Plus there was the potential for forging some ties between their students and ours, their teachers and ours."



China is eager to teach English and for US students to learn their language and culture, Mr. Sanderson said. He hopes the connections he developed during his trip, coupled with those forged by other PDS teachers who have visited in recent years, will lead to regular contact between PDS students and their counterparts in China.

"I was able to bring back materials for the language department as well as ideas for interdisciplinary work involving economic and history perspectives."

— George Sanderson

While visiting schools, Mr. Sanderson was struck by the size of the classes, which often included 55 students in the same room. Classes are "very much test-driven" and teachers employ a variety of strategies, all within the limitations imposed by the crowded classrooms, he said.

Modern China shares little resemblance to the isolated culture promoted by years of communist rule, Mr. Sanderson said. "China has changed so much in the last 20 years," Mr. Sanderson said. "It's really a capitalist economy. In so many ways, they are tied into the rest of the world's economy."

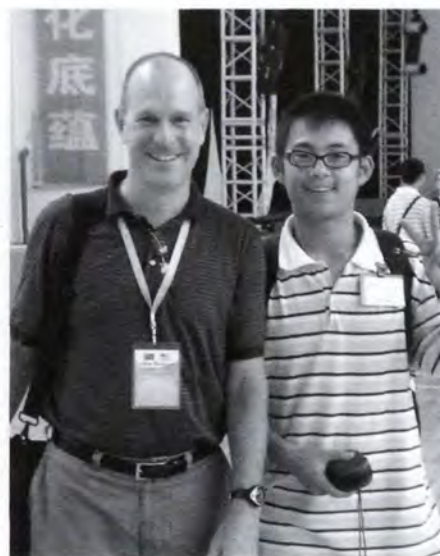
To that end, China is eager to teach English – requiring classes every day even in lower grades – and for US students to learn their language and culture. Mr. Sanderson hopes the connections he developed during his trip, coupled with those forged by other PDS teachers who have visited in recent years, will lead to regular contact between PDS students and their counterparts in China.



"They're really promoting the teaching of Chinese in America," Mr. Sanderson said. "I was able to bring back materials for the language department as well as ideas for interdisciplinary work involving economic and history perspectives."

The desire to expanding his own perspective prompted Mr. Sanderson to explore some Chinese marketplaces, where he confronted such tasty snacks as "snake-on-a-stick," "silkworm-on-a-stick," and "scorpion-on-a-stick."

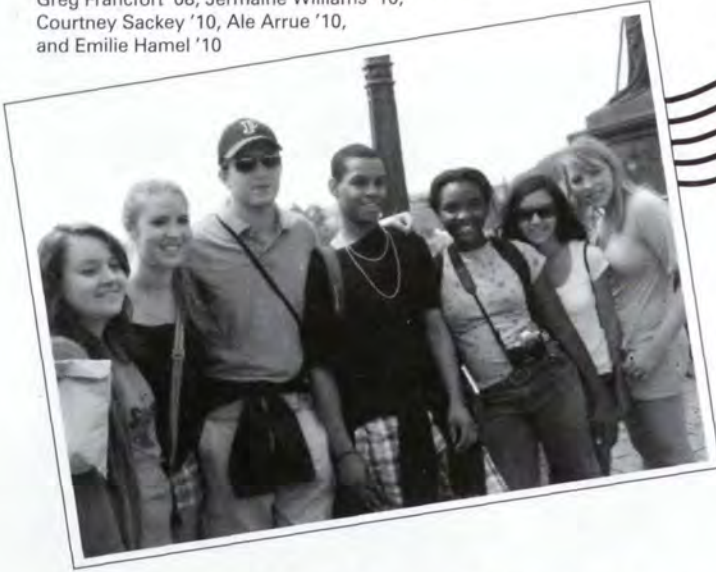
After sampling the scorpion, Mr. Sanderson seemed satisfied with his culinary adventure, likening the taste to "burnt popcorn – with legs."



Upper School teacher George Sanderson spent ten days in China as a delegate selected by the College Board. Along with other educators from throughout the US, he visited a high school and a K-12 school, as well as a market where he sampled "scorpion on a stick. (at left)"



PDS students Svitlana Lymar '11, Tess Glancey '08, Greg Francfort '08, Jermaine Williams '10, Courtney Sackey '10, Ale Arrue '10, and Emilie Hamel '10



Eastern Europe

In June 2008, a group of PDS Upper School students and faculty chaperones traveled to eastern Europe. Their two-week itinerary included some of Europe's most cultured cities, as well as visits to sites where civilization unraveled. These pages showcase photos and excerpts from the blog PDS Team Europe posted during their trip.

June 28: Auschwitz

When I walked through the camp, my main thoughts were from the book *Night* by Elie Wiesel. I had just read it so seeing Auschwitz in front of me helped me to view it on another level. I could clearly picture the horrible events that took place by the way that he described them and having the actual buildings in front of me. Seeing the pictures of the prisoners in Auschwitz also hit me hard. Putting faces and names to these people and picturing them walking around the camp made it all the more real, as if the powerful rooms filled with hair, shoes, eye glasses, and more did not do the job well enough.

Eerie. The wired fences, the plain brick buildings, the paint-chipped walls. I walked up the stairs of Block 12 with my Coach sunglasses on, my long blonde hair blowing in the light wind. Cases of spectacles stolen from victims were piled high in a shiny display case. Only hair, gray with ashes, remained of those who were gassed. I walked through a hallway of pictures. Young men my age stared back at me, fear captured in their eyes. Frozen. I saw my own reflection in the glass. I began to cry silently. Their lives were stolen from them by one man, one man powerful enough to inspire all to hate.

Dark, walled, and minimal air supply. This building has showers for those who need to rinse off all the dirt. But the shower didn't rinse them with soap, instead it drowned them in poisonous gas. While walking into this building you get this suffocating feeling as you realize what happened in these rooms. It was just... so... hard... to... breathe... in...



Top of page: Students traveling in Prague. Above: The entrance to Auschwitz. Below: Barbed wire at the Auschwitz camp.

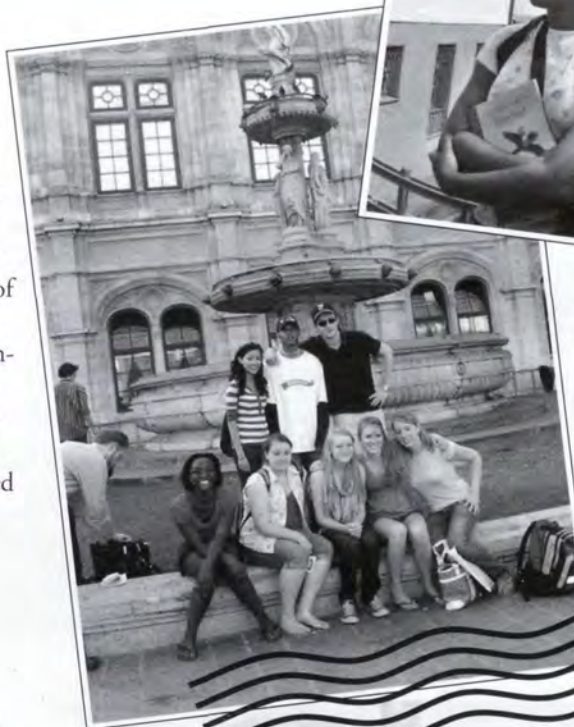


June 30: Budapest

Matthias Church was the next stop on the tour. Taken over by the Turks, the faces of all figures were destroyed, as the Qur'an states clearly that no religious figures can be portrayed in houses of worship. Today you can see the faces of the figures were replaced by brown stone. When we entered the church, if anyone had bare shoulders, he or she would receive a shawl to cover him or herself. We also visited the world-famous Marzipan Museum, filled with sculptures created from marzipan, ranging from Disney cartoon characters to a life-size Michael Jackson.



Above: Courtney Sackey '10 in Prague. At left: students in front of the Vienna State Opera.



Their travels took the students to Berlin, Germany. At far left: In front of the Reichstag. Below: Remnants of the Berlin Wall

July 7: Missing Europe

This trip is one that I will never forget and talk about forever! I got to know some of the kids from PDS a little more and met wonderful people from Minnesota and Virginia. Berlin was different than what I imagined. I thought it would be a very busy and loud city, kind of like New York. Instead, Berlin was composed of Smart cars, grand buildings, bikers, over 400,000 green trees and people walking. I am originally from Ukraine and going to places where people have similar cultural and religious views was quite amazing!

The Czech Republic was very much like Ukraine. Prague reminded me of Kiev because there were little shops everywhere and the people in the stores spoke Ukrainian and Russian. I felt at home.





Aarti prayer service at night, Parmath Niketan Ashram, Rishikesh, India, a holy city on the Ganges.



Danni Callier '09 assisting a woman with prosthetic legs at Parmath Niketan Ashram.



Ben Fisch '08 meditating in the Ganges.

Notes from Dharamsala

In March, an eager group of students embarked on the trip of a lifetime – spending 14 days traveling India guided by PDS photography teacher Eileen Hohmuth-Lemonick and David Freedholm, who teaches Sacred Traditions in Upper School.

The itinerary included sightseeing in Delhi, the capital of modern India, and a visit to the Raj Ghat, resting place of Mahatma Gandhi, as well as time in Rishikesh where students stayed at the Parmarth Niketan ashram on the banks of the sacred Ganga River and Dharamsala, residence of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and home of a large Tibetan community, where PDS visitors participated in peaceful protests supporting Tibet.

"It's about experiencing the culture of India and understanding its religions," Ms. Hohmuth-Lemonick said. "It's not about becoming a Hindu – it's about becoming aware of how other people live."

At the ashram, students participated in yoga and meditation classes, visited schools or explored the community.



Tibetan nuns protesting in Dharamsala.



Lovika Kalra '10 at Aarti prayer service, Parmath Niketan Ashram, Rishikesh, India, a holy city on the Ganges.

Ben Fisch '08 said he embraced a new philosophy about striving and achieving after spending time at the ashram. "It's about not having so many expectations in your life," he said. "Everything in life is a benefit and can be an opportunity...It's about not expecting that your goals must be realized...If it doesn't work out, it's okay. You'll find your way."

However, the experience can be challenging. Transportation can be tedious over washed out, narrow roads and accommodations are less than luxurious. "It's not an easy trip," Mr. Freedholm said. "It takes courage, fortitude and patience."

This was the third time Ms. Hohmuth-Lemonick and Mr. Freedholm led a PDS expedition to India. "Many of these students have never been in a developing nation before," Ms. Hohmuth-Lemonick said. "The biggest thing they learn is that people are people."

Editor's note: Were you on the 2001 or 2005 trip? Did the journey leave any lasting impressions? Share your experience. Email comments to mruess@pds.org



Allie Pike '08 and Emily Exter '08 passing an offering at Aarti.

"The biggest thing they learn is that people are people."

— Ms. Hohmuth-Lemonick



Katie Brossman '08 holds child at Tibetan Children's Village, Dharamsala, India, home of the Dalai Lama.



Danni Callier '09 contemplates a cow.



PDS students and Rishikumars (orphans at Parmath Niketan Ashram) pose for a group photo after playing a game of cricket.



Emily Exter '08 and Cady Otis-Osgood '08 in yoga class at Parmath Niketan Ashram.

Princeton Day School Honors Doug McClure

Longtime Princeton Day School Headmaster Douglas O. McClure would have enjoyed the recent gathering of colleagues, friends, family and alumni to commemorate dedicating the school's administrative wing in his honor.

Mr. McClure, who led PDS from 1966-82, took delight in banter among colleagues and wide-ranging conversations with students. He appreciated excellence, whether in woodworking or mathematics, and nurtured the intellects of all those around him.

And while he wasn't technically the first Headmaster of PDS, Mr. McClure did shepherd the merger of Miss Fine's School with Princeton Country Day School in a manner that managed to blend the two academic cultures, maintain cherished traditions and create opportunities for a new identity to develop.

"I think he was significant in making certain the two schools really became one," said Sandy Bing, longtime Head of Upper School and former interim Head of School. "Doug set the standard very high and recruited faculty to meet those standards."

Mr. McClure, who died in August following a battle with cancer, joined the PDS community after serving as Headmaster of Rockland Country Day School. A graduate of Hotchkiss School, Mr. McClure earned degrees from Yale University and the University of Connecticut. He also served as a lieutenant in the Navy during the Korean War.

Announcing the decision to name the administrative wing in Mr. McClure's honor, new Head of School Paul Stellato said the honor "recognizes the 17 years of leadership at PDS and the profound effect Mr. McClure had on its development into the remarkable institution it is today."

A plaque dedicating the office wing as "The Douglas O. McClure Administrative Offices," will serve as both a permanent and public reminder of the essential role Mr. McClure played as "the leader who established the rigorous standards of academic excellence that continue today," Mr. Stellato said.

Mr. McClure prodded assimilation of the two school cultures, said Carl Reimers, a retired faculty member and current PDS Trustee. Although "he had two faculties that really didn't want to be put together," Mr. McClure established a shared faculty room. He ruled the faculty by consensus, "which made faculty meetings interminable," and if there wasn't consensus the issue was laid aside. Mr. McClure also instituted a pay scale for faculty, responding to concerns about equal pay for female and male teachers.

"He charted the way of how this school would be," Reverend Reimers said.



Mr. McClure's tenure included some of the nation's most tumultuous years, spanning the Vietnam War, the civil rights movement, the women's movement, Watergate, and Reaganomics. Mr. McClure was a steadfast supporter of Community Council at a time when the phrase "generation gap" was coined to describe a widening cultural chasm. Yet he supported the Council's decision to abandon the jacket and tie requirement as well as the rule requiring short hair for boys – much to the consternation of some parents.

Former PDS Trustee Rebecca Bushnell '70 remembers Mr. McClure "as a man of great intellectual curiosity and respect for the students of PDS."

"PDS strongly shaped me in the three years I was there," wrote Ms. Bushnell, now dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania. "It encouraged the life of the mind, and I believe that Doug McClure had a lot to do with setting the tone of the school at that time..."

"He was always open to talking with students," she said. "And while we knew that he was in charge of the school, he made us feel like equals in the pursuit of knowledge."

Mr. McClure's own children attended PDS, including Kathleen McClure Lowell '71, Ann McClure Noel '76, Douglas O. McClure, Jr. '82 and Peter Q. McClure '85.

Expressing her gratitude to PDS, Ms. Lowell told classmates "Just after the cancer returned, (Dad) found out that PDS had decided to name the Administrative Wing in his honor and, as a friend of mine, who was visiting him in the hospital when he got the call from Mr. Bing, told me, he was 'over the moon' when he heard the news!"

When Mr. McClure left PDS to lead Sewickley Academy in Pennsylvania, the *Journal* was filled with compliments from his colleagues. "How important it has been to all of us to have a leader who could look beyond the traditional way and make us do the same," said Alison Shehadi, as chair of the math department.

Elizabeth Fine, classics teacher at both Miss Fine's School and PDS, recalled that "when Doug McClure came to PDS after all the alarms and aberrations of the first years of the amalgamation of Miss Fine's School and Princeton Country Day, he seemed like a White Knight to the beleaguered faculty, and we have seen little in the intervening years to alter our view of him."

Mr. McClure, whose vivacious smile is captured in his portrait, left a legacy of excellence, an appreciation for students and faculty as individuals and a spirit that continues to energize Princeton Day School. He will be missed.

'Each day is a new day'

*Whitlock Award Honoree John Howe
Embraces a Middle School Mindset*

John Howe graduated from Harvard University with a degree in psychology, convinced "the one thing I never wanted to do was become a teacher."

But the students at Princeton Day School changed his mind. And after more than



John Howe

35 years in a PDS classroom, Mr. Howe still appreciates – and shares – their love of learning. Since arriving on campus in 1972, Mr. Howe acknowledges that much has changed. Yet, he added, "the most important thing about PDS has remained constant: The school is filled with students who can get excited by learning."

"Students at PDS know how to be good students," Mr. Howe said. "As a teacher, it's always been nice to have peers to work with as excited about learning as the kids."

That mutual respect and nurturing attitude prompted his colleagues to recommend Mr. Howe for the school's highest honor for faculty. This annual award is presented to that Princeton Day School faculty member who best demonstrates the exceptional teaching skills, devotion to students, courtesy, zeal for knowledge and pursuit of excellence, and the qualities of gentleness, patience, dedication, and professionalism that were the hallmarks of Bob Whitlock's 42-year teaching career. The award includes a stipend for professional study, travel, or other work that contributes to the recipient's continuing excellence as a teacher.

Announcing this year's Whitlock recipient during the annual end-of-year

reception, former Director of Academic Affairs Warren Gould said Mr. Howe "understands the wonderful messiness of middle schooling, treats students with respect, is always ready to pitch in, continues to develop new approaches to teaching mathematics, and, with a wry smile, models a calm, patient presence."

Quoting some of Mr. Howe's colleagues, Mr. Gould described the honoree as "gentle, professional, intellectual, creative in problem-solving, and a valued mentor to students and adults alike." Faculty appreciate his "calm and thoughtful" way of "thinking about how best to understand and respond in any given situation" and note that Mr. Howe "reminds us to consider the overall life of a middle school child and the continuum of growth that varies from child to child."

Mr. Howe still seems a bit amused to find himself an educator after all these years. Growing up with his father as headmaster of Charlotte Country Day School in North Carolina, Mr. Howe said he never envisioned himself as a teacher. After college, however, Mr. Howe found himself looking for work in Princeton, where his wife-to-be was a graduate student at Princeton University. He was willing to teach math, to teach middle school students and to coach — and he promptly received a job offer from PDS. The students soon won him over.

"The students I met made me want to come," Mr. Howe recalled. "They were the same as they are now — happy and excited about being at school, which I thought was pretty neat."

Algebra often is an opportunity for students to enjoy math, Mr. Howe said. Rather than rely on lightning speed calculations, he said, algebra requires good reading comprehension, connecting infor-

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mation, thinking and solving puzzles. Students in his classroom often work in groups, enabling them to recognize that each of them brings strengths and weaknesses to the math classroom.



"Middle schoolers are changing," Mr. Howe said. "They are open to change and open to possibilities — including possibilities in math class."

Yet math can prove challenging. "There is something about math where everybody seems to reach a barrier at some point," Mr. Howe said. "For some, it's Middle School and for others it's Upper School or college. The trick is to recognize that you can't just plow through that barrier..."

To succeed, he said, students need to keep working and be patient enough to explore alternatives.

Math curricula provoke strong feelings among parents, Mr. Howe said. But he argues that titles of courses — algebra, ge-

ometry, etc — should not be used to gauge the level of math work occurring in any given classroom. “You can do a lot of math whatever you’re studying,” he said.

“Kids know whether they’re learning,” Mr. Howe said. “If you provide them opportunities to learn, they’re usually pretty happy.”

One of the best lessons Mr. Howe learned was shared during his first year teaching. Having some “ups and downs” in the classroom, Mr. Howe turned to Mike Merle-Smith, former head of Middle School, for some wisdom. After observing the class, Mr. Merle-Smith urged the new teacher to have some sheets of paper on his desk for students who need them. That’s it? Mr. Howe thought. Later, he realized students who are busy scrambling for paper get lost and have trouble keeping up with the class.

“At the time, it didn’t seem like such profound advice,” Mr. Howe said. “But I realized over the years, that the little things matter.”

For example, each of Mr. Howe’s math students receives a special math notebook from him at the beginning of the school year. And there is a certain ritual involved. Mr. Howe has expectations about precisely how his students will keep notes and organize these notebooks. By providing each student with a notebook — rather than simply telling them to buy one, Mr. Howe begins to establish a partnership with each child. Handing them a notebook is a way to show that they are on this math journey together.

Indeed, Mr. Howe said he considers himself a fellow traveler with his adolescent students. While the tween years can be

confusing, Middle School students have not yet defined themselves. They are still discovering who they are and are still open to what the new day will bring. Adopting that mindset has enabled Mr. Howe to remain as enthusiastic as his students.

“Part of the reason I keep doing it has

to do with the fact that for middle schoolers, each day is a new day,” Mr. Howe said. “It doesn’t matter what happened yesterday. They come in fresh and ready for a new day, even if they had a bad one yesterday...The older I get, the more I appreciate their viewpoint.”

Grants for Inspired Education

PDS faculty are awarded grants for innovative ideas.

David C. Bogle Award

Susan Ferguson, Heather Maione, and Donna Zarzecki

These teachers are building on the PDS commitment to educate the whole child, academically, socially, emotionally and globally; for the present and the future by developing a “character education/community building” initiative.

After gathering information, ideas and materials and identifying potential speakers, they plan to present findings and ideas to the Head of School and Division Heads and to work with administrators, colleagues and parents to build a community that fosters the growth and well-being of all of its members.

Ostro Grant for Interdisciplinary Programs

Mary Williams and Liz Ransom

These Upper School teachers plan to develop a curriculum reflecting the interconnected themes and core PDS values of diversity, sustainability, and service learning that are inherent in the content of their respective English and Spanish courses.

The result will provide students with a bilingual, bicultural perspective on multicultural literacy and increase awareness of and knowledge about an immigrant group that numbers more than 1.1 million in the US (83% in NE) and more than 200,000 in New Jersey.

Johnston Enrichment Award

Eileen Hohmuth-Lemonick

Photography teacher Eileen Hohmuth-Lemonick will accompany *TIME* magazine’s former senior medicine writer, Christine Gorman, to Malawi in Southern Africa to create a multi-media presentation that tells the story of what Malawi, a small, landlocked country in southeastern Africa, is doing to hold on to its nurses.

Such work is vital to teaching students to know the power of photography and how it can be used to help others, Ms. Holmuth-Lemonick stated in her grant application. “It is critical that I remain a working photographer - not just a teacher - to inspire my students.”

Rosenberg Science Grant

Lisa Webster

Upper School Science Teacher Lisa Webster plans to use the new PDS organic garden to broaden the range of science education. Science teachers will purchase equipment for formal instruction in the garden, including experiments and field studies run by both Biology and Environmental Science classes.

In addition, Ms. Webster will support informal, student-directed learning as advisor for the new PDS Garden Club. She plans to compile a collection of gardening books, field guides, poetry, and prose that club members can use for both inspiration and reference in pursuit of their own interests. The effort will encourage and motivate students with a diverse set of interests in the garden.

Whitlock Award Recipients

2008	John Howe
2007	Aaron Schomburg
2006	Arlene Cohen
2005	John Baldwin
2004	Cindy Peifer
2003	Todd Gudgel
2002	Denise Bencivengo
2001	Betsy Rizza
2000	Susan Reichlin
1999	Judy Michaels
1998	Barbara von Mayrhauser
1997	Jim Walker
1996	Bette Soloway
1995	Nancy Miller

In Her Own Words

Upper School English teacher Susan Stein was missed during the 2007-08 academic year. Instead of sharing her love of literature and theater with students, Ms. Stein was using a yearlong sabbatical to adapt the diaries of Esther (Etty) Hillesum into a one-actor play.

Etty Hillesum was born in The Netherlands and was killed in Auschwitz during World War II. She kept diaries and wrote letters from

1941-43. Her writings were published in *The Netherlands* in 1981 and translated into English in 1983.

Ms. Stein's play, "Etty," is based on

those diaries and letters. Sharing the stage with a suitcase, Etty weaves music from Westerbork's Cabaret into her sharp accounts of the transports, the fields of lupins and the barbed wire. Etty's story is a struggle against despair. By confronting the truth of what is happening she creates a new form of resistance that poses a larger question and ultimately liberates her.

Inspired by Etty Hillesum's rejection of hatred and bitterness, Ms. Stein writes on the website about the project that "Etty's words, insights and beliefs reach out from the Holocaust and allow us to see the power of hope and individual thought in the most extreme circumstances..."

"In her gentle yet forthright way, Etty asks us not to leave her at Auschwitz but to let her have a bit of say in what she hopes will be a new world."

Ms. Stein performed "Etty" this fall at the Paramount Center for the Arts in Peekskill, NY and the HB Studio, 120 Bank Street in New York City and in Belgium in November. For more performance dates and times, please visit www.ettyplay.com.



PDS Celebrates a Long-Term Relationship

Sara Schwiebert began her love affair with Princeton Day School as a substitute teacher. Thirty-five years later, her relationship with PDS has changed – from a substitute to faculty, mentor and, eventually, Head of Lower School – but friends and former students proved the affection is mutual during Alumni Weekend 2008 with dedication of the Head of Lower School's office in her name.

Mrs. Schwiebert, who retired from PDS in 1997 after more than 20 years of educating our youngest students, was remembered as a valued mentor for grown-ups and children alike.

"It was an honor to be a part of recognizing Sara Schwiebert and what she has contributed to PDS to make it the school it is today," said **Natasha Jacques Nolan '00**, who joined **Justin Revelle '03** and Susan Ferguson in presenting Mrs. Schwiebert with a commemorative plaque.

Alluding to her "special relationship" with Mrs. Schwiebert, Ms. Nolan joked about visiting her office "more than any normal parent would want their child to have visited..."

Yet her special status did have its benefits, Ms. Nolan concluded. "Because of my weekly visits I was really able to get to know the kind-hearted, caring person that she is."

Indeed, anyone whose life is touched by Mrs. Schwiebert is better for it, colleagues and former students say.

"Through interactions in the hallways and classrooms, reading their report cards, talking with teachers and parents, and watching them grow, Sara came to know and care deeply for every Lower School child," said Karen Pike, LS Learning Resource Center Coordinator.



Sara Schwiebert at PDS in May '08.

Mrs. Schwiebert presided over a transformation of Lower School, leading redesigns of curriculum, facilities and professional development for faculty. During her tenure, PDS added new teachers in art, music, computer and science. Her leadership style reflected the "There's no I in Team" philosophy, as she patiently nurtured consensus.

"Sara cared so much about PDS, especially its history and traditions," said Judy Williams, Learning Resource Center Coordinator for math. She understood that schools are different from businesses and she added a great deal of humanity and compassion to the environment."

Despite the many demands on her time, Mrs. Schwiebert took time to write many operettas and help direct holiday concerts and final assemblies. "She had a good eye for what would look good on stage," Ms. Williams said.

Kindergarten teacher **Jim Laughlin '80** recalls his first boss – Mrs. Schwiebert – as a big fan of Ohio State football who enjoyed sharing laughs with faculty. She also had a knack for knowing what kind of support someone needed, whether that someone was a child or a grown-up, he said.

"When (my wife) had our baby, Sara sent (fellow LS teacher) Aaron Schomburg into the hospital to hang out with me," Mr. Laughlin said.

As she prepared to retire, Mrs. Schwiebert told the *Journal* the part she "loved the most" about teaching and guiding the Lower School was "the challenge of observing each aspect of a child, and fitting the unique pieces of each puzzle together."

Even though Mrs. Schwiebert is no longer an official member of the Lower School faculty, she returns to share PDS history with teaching interns, helping them appreciate school traditions and culture. She still wants to know what's going on in Lower School classrooms and how the children – some the children of students she taught – are growing and learning, said Susan Ferguson, second grade teacher and math curriculum coordinator.

"To Sara, every child was special," Mrs. Ferguson said. "She was very much the heart of PDS."

Former Faculty

From California to Dubai our past faculty is on the road

Arthur Aaronson wrote in an email: "My long career in education has brought me to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. I went in August 2007 as a consultant to the Ministry of Education and will return for another year with my wife, Kristina, who is teaching research skills at a prominent women's university. My work involves mentoring principals at two public high schools as well as teaching school administration to Emirati Principals who are completing their certification in administration. It is especially gratifying to share my knowledge and years of experience with school administrators in the United Arab Emirates. I am also studying Arabic and exploring other countries in the Middle East. Our son, Hayden '95, is working as an Economic Advisor with Emerging Markets Group in Uganda."



Jan Baker called to report that Alberto Petrella (rink meister) and his wife Vera celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a special Mass at St. Ann's in Lawrenceville on June 8th with a reception held by their children. Alberto also celebrates his 80th birthday this year. A photo from their 1958 wedding is shown above.

Holly Fewkes sent an email update: "After 6 years at PDS, I moved to Buffalo, NY in July 2007. I am the Associate Director of

Athletics at Nichols School. Nichols is very similar to PDS...it's a co-ed, 5th-12th grade, independent school. I enjoy my new job and have met many great people up here. I am also coaching varsity softball and JV girls soccer.

I miss everyone at PDS! In March I saw Paul Lano, Doug McLane, Harry Rulon-Miller and Lisa Webster in town. In June, John Levandowski, Ted Harrington, Harry Rulon-Miller, Carol Koiro and I all got together for dinner at Teresa's. Great to see all of them and catch up!

I enjoy getting emails from any of the students or faculty. I hope everyone is doing well. Send email to hfewkesnj4@comcast.net

Carroll Kane wrote that "we moved to Windrows last October" but "the high point of the Kanes' winter was a trip to Ireland for the wedding of a granddaughter at Powers Court, a castle and fantastic garden near Dublin...There were drummers, flame throwers and Irish dancers; also a band wearing masks of the M2."

Matt Levinson/Pri Alahendra sent this email message: "Hi al, we have made a successful transition to the Left Coast. We landed in Mill Valley after living in San Rafael for close to a year. We are much happier with our new location, close to the city and much closer to both of our schools. Maya begins Kindergarten in September and she will join Pri and Sanjay at Marin Country Day School. We are growing more accustomed to the eco-friendly lifestyle and are working to do our part, though it's taken some getting used to — living roofs, stainless steel water bottles, composting, compactors, hybrid vehicles and the list goes on. Hiking has become part of our daily ritual, as we have the Golden Gate National Reserve in our backyard. We miss PDS dearly and send our regards to

all. If you are ever out in the Bay Area, please do give us a call. We love having visitors.

On a random note, I ran into **Greson Torchio '01**. He's working for Camp Galileo at Nueva and he poked his head in my office. He'll be teaching at San Francisco Day School in September and he shared that **Charlie Denby '00** will be teaching PE at Marin Horizons. All the best, Matt and Pri.

Abbie Mullaney writes: Although I only taught at PDS for one year (06-07, Middle School, 5th grade Drama/Homework Club/Permanent Sub), I thought it might be of interest to the community that I am currently enrolled in a Master's of Education program at Pepperdine University, with a PDS alum, **Amanda Suomi '99**. We bonded immediately over how fantastic and unique PDS is and how lucky we felt to be a part of the community while we were there.

Peter Sears writes: "After lung cancer surgery and preventive chemo treatment in 2005, I am back at teaching and writing. I teach in, among other places, the writing program at Pacific University, outside of Portland, Oregon. The Oregon coast is the site of the program's winter residency. I just had a chapbook released — *Luge* — and due in 2009 is *Green Diver*, a book of poems. My wife and I live in Corvallis, Oregon.

Frank Walter writes: As of July 1, 2008 I have retired from teaching (most recently at Somerset County Vocational and Technical High School). Delores and I hope to spend more time with our children and grandchildren. **Wendy '95** has two boys, Andrew and Alan, and **Randy '87** has two girls, Carina and Natasha.

The State of the School

Report from the Chair of the Board of Trustees

As a graduate of Princeton Day School and parent of two current students, it is my honor to serve as chair of the Board of Trustees and to report to you on the state of the school. By any measure, 2007-08 was an historic year for the school, with trustees focused on a variety of important tasks and challenges that will shape the future of our school.

Last fall, the Facilities Steering Committee, chaired by John Peach, and the Buildings and Grounds Committee, chaired by Mark Samse, oversaw the completion of a \$24 million construction project that included expanded upper and middle school libraries, a dazzling new arts wing, new and renovated athletic facilities and a renovated lobby for McAneny Theater. The project was completed on time and on budget. These exciting spaces were opened last year and have already had a profound impact on our programs and the opportunities for students to learn and grow.

The successful conclusion of the \$50 million *Investing in Excellence* Campaign last June stands as an incredible statement about the loyalty of our school community members and their broad endorsement of the importance and quality of the teaching and learning that occurs every day on our campus. Special appreciation goes out to the dedicated members of the Campaign Steering Committee and Campaign Co-Chairs Barbie Cole '78 and Bob Wilson who, along with dozens of campaign volunteers, reached out to so many alumni, parents and friends of the school to make our dreams for the school become reality.

The Finance Committee, chaired by Andy Okun, worked closely with the school's administration in planning for and overseeing a balanced budget while providing top quality programs and keeping the tuition increase among the lowest in the state. As you will note in the accompanying statement of revenues and expenses, the school once again concluded the year with a balanced budget. While the economic downturn has brought the school new challenges, I am confident that our Finance Committee has the experience and the expertise needed to manage our response to these challenging circumstances.



With particular pride and enthusiasm, Trustees concluded the year-long national search for a new Head of School with the appointment of Paul Stellato. The Search Committee followed a process that was thorough, inclusive and benefited enormously from the participation of faculty, staff, parents, alumni and student representatives.

The entire PDS community also shared the excitement last November when we announced that Paul had accepted our invitation to lead the school in the years to come. Since his arrival in July, each day underscores the correctness of that

decision as we experience the benefits of his wisdom, vision and enormous enthusiasm for Princeton Day School.

The Trustees look to build upon these accomplishments and support Paul Stellato as he and the school begin this new and exciting chapter together.

— C. Treby McLaughlin Williams '80
Chair, Board of Trustees

Princeton Day School Board of Trustees Goals 2008-09

- Support Paul Stellato in his leadership of our school community.
- Support and guide the Diversity Steering Committee as it develops, with the school administration, a strategic plan for diversity and inclusion aligned with the school's mission.
- Continue the momentum of the *Investing in Excellence* Campaign through enhanced attention to – and performance of – the Annual Fund; identify and fund specific capital projects.
- In the budget process, respond carefully to the immediate demands on the school's financial resources while supporting the institution's ability to achieve its mission over the long term.
- Design a process that enables members of the board to understand the school's efforts in fulfilling its stated mission and its success in meeting the objectives enumerated in the mission statement.



New Trustees

Princeton Day School is pleased to welcome new members to the Board of Trustees. These distinguished members, elected in June 2008, bring to their trustee roles a long-standing history of community service, leadership and management expertise.

(left to right) Frederick Hargadon, Deborah McCourt, and Lisa Stockman



Deborah McCourt is president-elect of the PDS Parents Association and the parent of two upper school students, David-Tyler '09 and Alexandra '11. Ms. McCourt, a graduate of Salem College, is a longtime volunteer at PDS, as a member of Auction Committee, Angels, Booster Club and Parent Partnership as well as a class parent. She also is a member of several golf and yacht clubs, and a former board member for the Princeton Girl Choir and Princeton University Art Museum. Her husband David is CEO of Granahan McCourt Capital.

Frederick Hargadon is the retired dean of admission at Princeton University. A graduate of Haverford College, Mr. Hargadon has served as a member of the Swarthmore College Board of Managers, as Chair of the Trustees of The College Board, as well as former chair of the Blue Ribbon panel reviewing admissions to West Point. He has been a faculty member of the Harvard University Summer Institute of College Admissions and the Peace Corps Training Programs at Cornell University. Mr. Hargadon also has participated on the California Association of Independent Schools Board of Standards, and the California State Scholarship Commission's Advisory Committee for College Opportunity Grants.

Lisa Stockman is director of Youth Foundation Inc., a New York-based nonprofit scholarship organization awarding grants to "exceptionally worthy, financially needy" secondary school seniors for undergraduate college education. She is the parent of four PDS students, Isabel '01, Hope '03, Phoebe '06 and Elizabeth '09. Ms. Stockman has been active in the PDS community, including serving on the school Nutrition Committee, and as a room parent, class parent and a member of PDS Parents Association committees focused on the auction and gallery. She is a former trustee of the D&R Greenway Land Trust, Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space, Miss Porter's School Alumnae Board and former co-head of the St. Paul's School Parents' Association.

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Report from the Head of School

I recall the words of an advisor of mine in college, a young writer who had grown up in North Carolina and been educated at its university (at a time when the University, as they call it, was held in a bit less esteem but prided itself on producing scholars, writers, and thinkers) and who, for a brief time, I very much wanted to emulate. Sad and sardonic, pensive and prim, he turned out to be my pathway to some of the great loves of my life: Homer (he of the *Odyssey*), Milton (he of the sonnets), Swift and Pope, Robert Lowell and Henry Adams (he of *The Education of...*). When his very young charges (were we all just 19 then?) would put their pens to paper and endeavor to emulate Coleridge's meter and Keats's rhyme, he would turn to us and quietly say, "Write what you know; write only what you know." Good advice.

In one way or another, we all write what we know, even as we regard the necessary change that looms before us. By writing what we know, we anticipate and prepare for change, grounding ourselves in the things we love and of which we are sure; and steeling ourselves against the waves that threaten to unmoor us and cast us away. "Change is good," said the gap-toothed golfer Tom Watson in a commercial for a set of irons he was hawking, and I must imagine that, for him, change was very good, indeed, for he was the master of his own change, able to mark time and tempo as he saw fit. This is a rare luxury that few of us enjoy.

And yet change – self-imposed or thrust on us from some source we had not imagined – becomes the single feature of our lives. We may feel so today, as the economic rock upon which we have built our lives seems much less stable than we need it to be. In such circumstances, the temptation is to question each and every facet of who we are and what we hope, as if somehow dividends are destiny. But they are not. We need only look into our children's eyes to be reminded of that simple truth.

Thus, as you prepare yourself to devour this most recent edition of the *Journal*, in which a number of key players assess the state of the school, you may want to leave this article until you have finished each and every morsel herein, for my capacity to address the question at hand is bounded on all sides by the



brevity of my tenure: four months and counting to the fifth, I occasionally have to wrestle to account for my own state, let alone that of the school I have the privilege to lead. And yet, in those few short months, the school I hoped I would find and which, for months and months, I aspired to lead, is, indeed, everything I anticipated, and so much more. Life on this beautiful campus is lived fully and joyfully. Our children's appetites for knowledge, wisdom, and experience are sated for a time and then increase once more. Fed by a gifted faculty, they are nourished by both challenge and opportunity

– academic, artistic, athletic – and grow strong and sure right before our eyes. Thus, we bear witness to who they are and yet can hardly contain ourselves from imagining who they will become.

So, when it comes to assessing the state of the school, I must confess a significant bias: I think it is a truly remarkable place, unlike any school community I have encountered. Yet, were I encountering the school for the first time, having only this fat volume to guide me, I would say the school is in very good shape and in very good hands, and is guided by the values and virtues that have shaped and defined it since its founding.

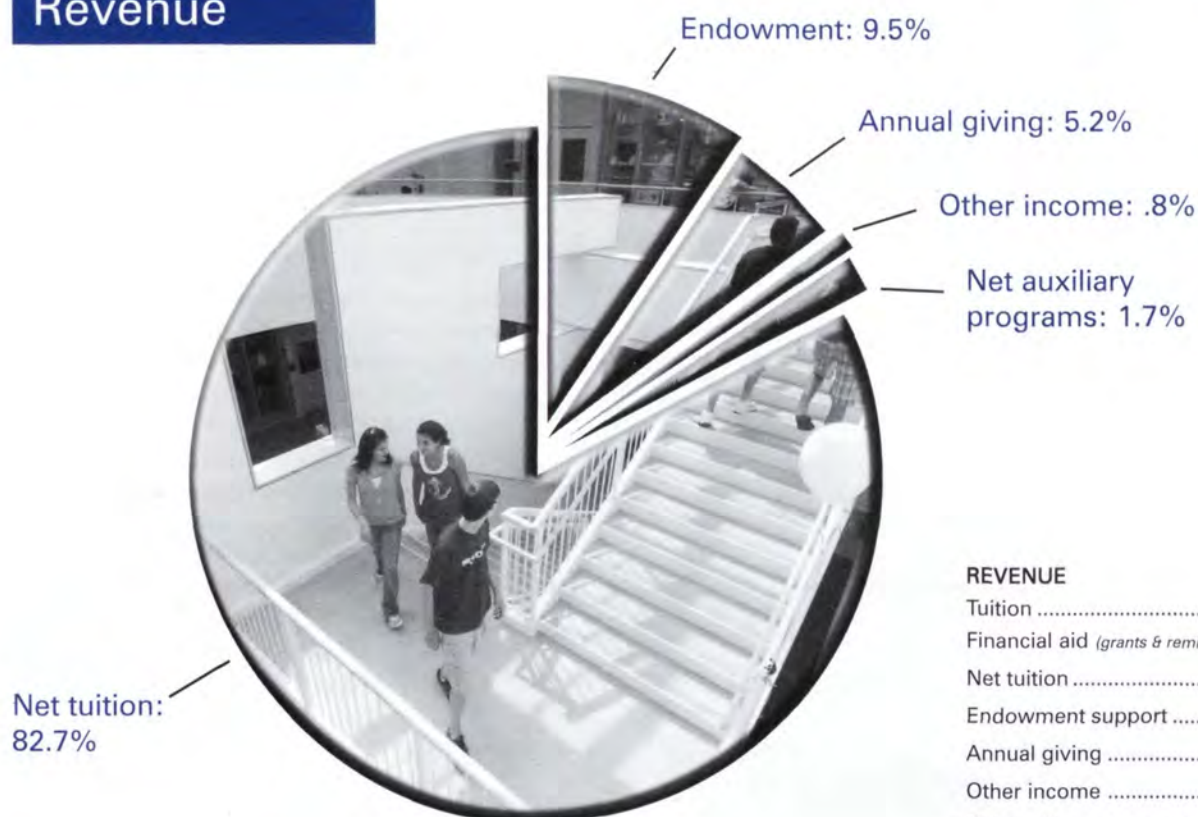
I don't know that there is more I would need to know. In a time of dire concern (economic, that is) unlike any we have faced in our collective lifetimes, Princeton Day School remains proud, prepared, and confident in the knowledge that its past and present strengths will inform and ensure its future prosperity.

As I come to the end of my first *Journal* article, I am pleased to say that I have heeded my teacher's caution: I have written what I know. In some small way, I think I have written what you know, too: Princeton Day School is an essential school, one which enriches both the local and national educational landscapes. None of us would have it any other way!

— Paul J. Stellato
PDS Head of School



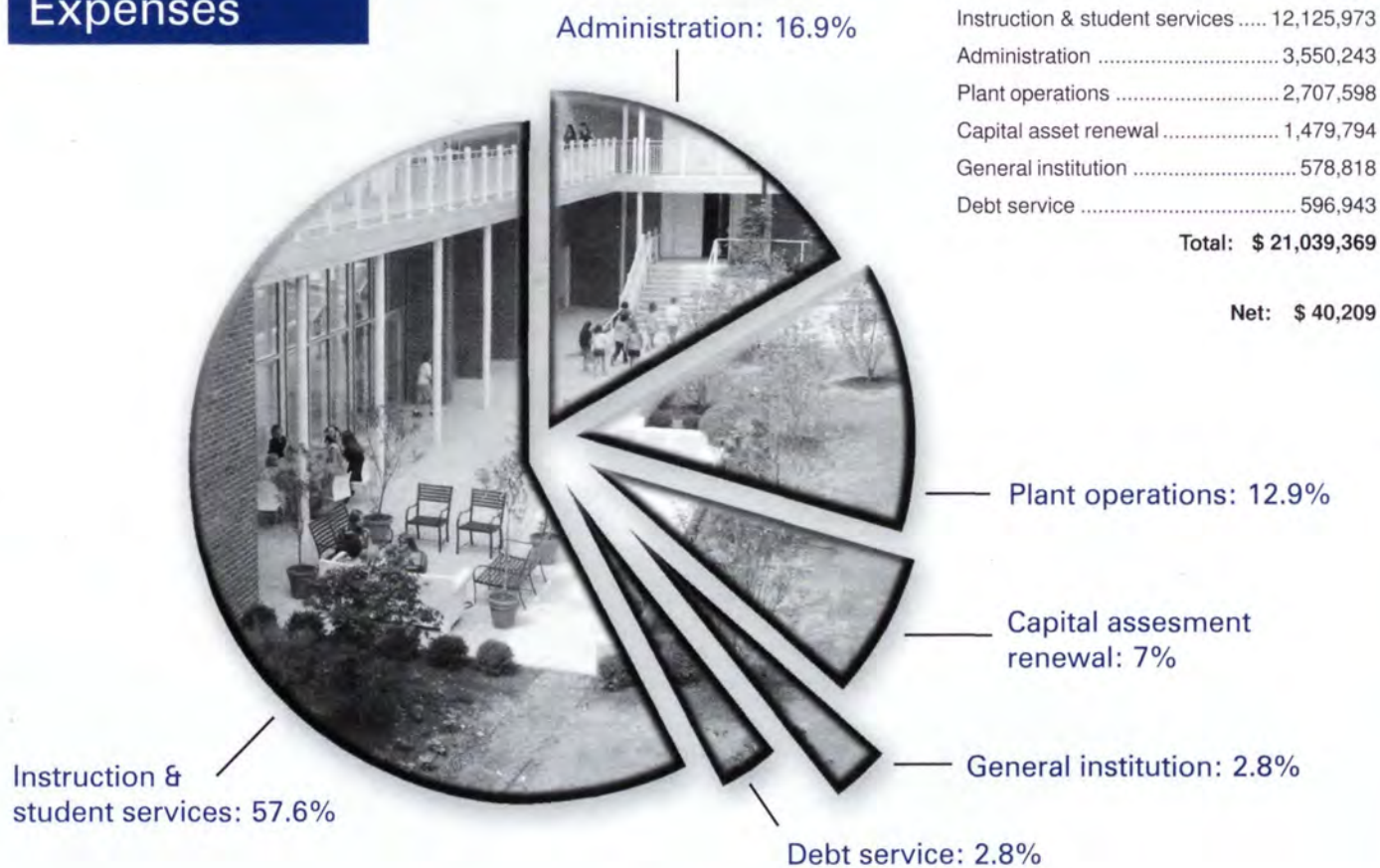
Revenue



REVENUE

Tuition	22,271,718
Financial aid (<i>grants & remission</i>)	(4,832,725)
Net tuition	17,438,993
Endowment support	2,004,467
Annual giving	1,098,695
Other income	172,525
Net auxiliary programs	364,898
Total:	\$ 21,079,578

Expenses



EXPENSES

Instruction & student services	12,125,973
Administration	3,550,243
Plant operations	2,707,598
Capital asset renewal	1,479,794
General institution	578,818
Debt service	596,943
Total:	\$ 21,039,369

Net: \$ 40,209

Report from the Parents Association

What an exciting time to be President of the PDS Parents Association! The enthusiasm and pride parents feel for our school was obvious at our first meeting of the year, which drew a standing-room-only crowd to hear from our wonderful new head of school, Paul Stellato, as well as our division heads Carlton Tucker, Steve Hancock, and John Weaver.

All PDS families are members of the Parents Association and our role is to work with school administrators and teachers to promote a strong sense of community by facilitating communication, cooperation and involvement throughout the school.

Through monthly meetings and special events, we provide a forum for parents to hear updates about the school and discuss topics of interest. In the year ahead, the Parents Association looks forward to continuing the tradition of supporting our students, the faculty, and school.

The Parents Association supports PDS in many ways, helping teachers in each division and hosting events that build our community. From the annual auction, which raises money for professional development, to middle school fun nights and lower school musical performances, the Parents Association strives to do all we can in support of Princeton Day School.

Our Garden Raising project has helped create a permanent educational resource already enriching the curriculum in all three divisions. The Beyond Books program provides "learning after hours" experiences for PDS parents, introducing them to our wonderful faculty.

Our success relies on a fleet of intelligent, talented, organized, and friendly volunteers who are the heart and soul of the PDS Parents Association; and to each of them I can only say, over and over, "Thank You!"



As a graduate of Princeton Day School, as well as the mother of an alumna, an Upper School student and a Middle School student, I am more excited than ever to be associated with this school. As we move forward, your Parents Association will be finding new ways to make a difference in the PDS community and support the school we love!

— Jill Goldman '74
President, PDS Parents Association



Report from the Alumni Association

As graduates of PDS, Princeton Country Day School or Miss Fine's School, alumni play a key role in both the history and the future of Princeton Day School.

The Alumni Association, led by a board including representatives from each school, strives to encourage a close relationship among classmates and to celebrate the traditions and history of our school community.

Today, the alumni of all three great schools return to the Great Road campus throughout the year to reminisce and renew ties with this vibrant community of learners.

You will find alumni volunteers involved in virtually every aspect of the school; from the Board of Trustees, to the Alumni Board, to reunion volunteers and class correspondents. Alumni share career advice and life lessons with juniors and seniors during Career Day, while second-graders proudly perform the Maypole Dance for MFS alumnae whom they have come to know through the pen pal program.

The *Journal* magazine, published twice a year, strives to keep alumni informed about their alma mater through photos, articles and class notes. Between editions, the Alumni Relations Office uses new technology to connect with alumni, including email, an alumni webpage at www.pds.org and a Facebook page devoted to the PDS Alumni Association.

Alumni accomplishments are spotlighted for the community during Alumni Weekend, with special awards for Achievement, Service and inductions into the Athletic Hall of Fame. And this year, the Alumni Board is proud to introduce the Outstanding Young Alumni Award recognizing achievements of our youngest alumni.

As president of the Alumni Association, I love being around PDS! It's gratifying to see firsthand how the school continues to maintain the same strong values and standard of excellence I experienced. It is so great to see the same exemplary care continued to be taken today to empower students to be their best and to encourage them to follow their dreams. Each time I step onto campus, I am surrounded by



laughter and learning – the very elements that made my years at PDS so special.

If you haven't been back lately, I encourage you to come see what's new – and what's remarkably the same – at PDS. I hope to see you on Alumni Weekend, as we celebrate the lives we have created and those who helped us along the way.

— Sally Fineburg '80
President of the PDS Alumni Association



Annual Fund

The Annual Fund is a mighty force for Princeton Day School, contributing income equivalent to roughly \$24 million in endowment each year. This year, our Annual Fund goal is \$1.2 million – funding needed to ensure Princeton Day School continues to be as great a school tomorrow as it is today.

We remain committed to providing the best education possible for our students. And we depend on support from each member of this dynamic community of learners to maintain and enhance the educational experience of our students.

Special thanks to members of this community who have stepped forward to lead our Annual Fund campaign. We hope you can show your support for Princeton Day School by joining our effort this year.

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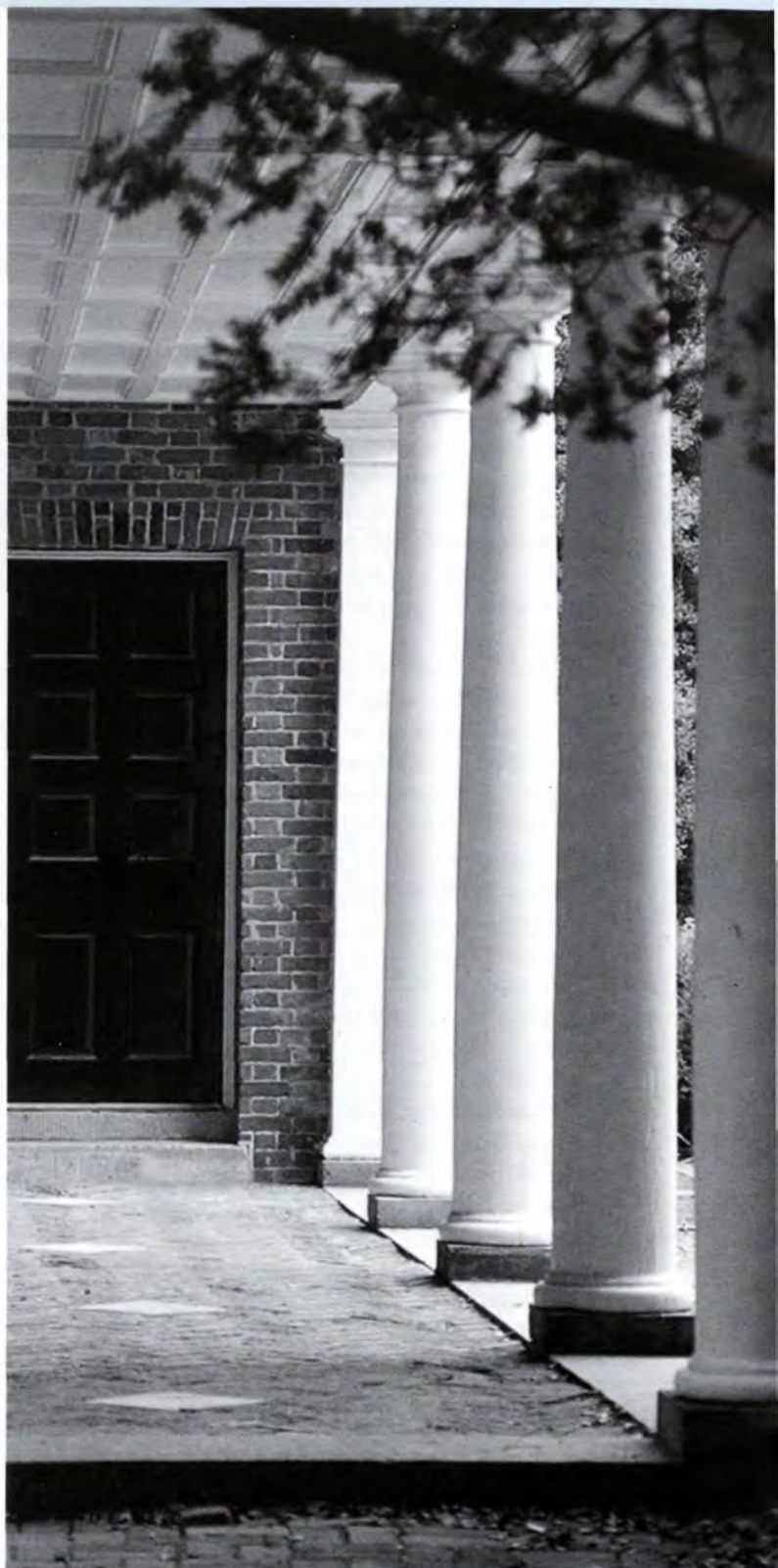
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One reason for great optimism, especially in these difficult economic times, is the great number of loyal alumni who support PDS every year. Those listed below have contributed to the Annual Fund for ten or more years in a row. Nearly 100 of them have given for *twenty* or more years in a row.

On behalf of the students, teachers, and coaches at Princeton Day School, I send my profound thanks to each and every one of you, and to all those who so thoughtfully and regularly support our important work here on campus.

Sincerely,
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AlumniNews

Hello Alums!

Greetings from PDS! The new year is off to an exciting and dynamic start. The beginning of September was especially energized as we greeted our new Head of School, Paul Stellato, as well as our new Heads of the Middle and Lower Schools, Steven Hancock and John Weaver, respectively. All three have quickly become welcome fixtures on campus for the students, parents, faculty, administration and alumni. If you haven't already had a chance, feel free to stop by and say hi!

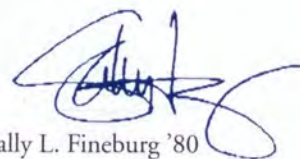
PDS and the Alumni Association have never been stronger. This was evident when, thanks to all of you, we broke attendance records at Alumni Weekend 2008. Alums, current students, parents, grandparents as well as current and past faculty packed the tent at the Grand Gathering of Classes on a beautiful Saturday this past May. Everyone enjoyed catching up with former teachers, coaches as well as class and team-mates and celebrating with the many award winners including our Alumni Award recipients and Athletic Hall of Fame honorees. Afterward, athletes young and 'not as young' filled the fields and courts participating in softball, lacrosse and our newest edition, a tennis round robin (*see photos page 48*). Plus the Reunion class parties rocked to name just a few of the many highlights of the weekend – check those photos on pages 46-47. Don't miss out on the fun this year; make your plans now to attend Reunion Weekend 2009 this May 15th and 16th!

You don't have to wait until May to come back to PDS, we have plenty planned between now and Reunion Weekend! Our goal as an Alumni Board is to help you stay connected and we have an enthusiastic and energetic Board including alums from MFS, PCD and PDS all of whom have been having a great time planning events we hope will entice you to stay in touch. So, whether you've just graduated or haven't been in touch for a while we encourage you to mark your calendars with the following dates! Family Skate Day is January 1 and Career Day takes place Friday, April 17. Watch your mail; we'll be sure to let you know as we plan more events.

And remember, you can stay connected between events through issues of the *Journal* and the PDS website. Visit our virtual Alumni Community at www.pds.org to access an up-to-date Alumni Calendar, or look for the Princeton Day School Alumni group on Facebook.

We look forward to seeing and hearing from you. Please feel free to contact us with questions, thoughts or ideas.

Come join the fun!!



Sally L. Fineburg '80
 Alumni Board President

A New Face in the Alumni Office

Princeton Day School proudly welcomes **Tracey Gates** as Director of Alumni Relations and Reunion Giving, responsible for nurturing the school's relationship with alumni from PDS, as well as from Miss Fine's School and Princeton Country Day School.

Tracey, a St. Lawrence University alum, is married to PDS Class of 1978 alumnus Tom Gates. Their daughter, Sheridan, is a junior at PDS; their son, Ren, is a sophomore at St. Lawrence University.

Tracey, who lives in Pennington, brings to PDS years of experience as a volunteer event organizer and fundraiser throughout the community. She recently co-chaired the 310th Anniversary Gala for the Presbyterian Church



of Lawrenceville and has served as president of the Stony Brook Garden Club and as a board member of both Trinity Counseling Service (including chair of the annual Bastille Day Ball) and SAVE, A Friend to Homeless Animals.

She is looking forward to working with the Alumni Board, organizing regional and local alumni activities and coordinating class reunions, reunion class support and Alumni Weekend.

"I see the influence PDS has had on my husband and my daughter and how much they value the relationships with both classmates and teachers," she said. "I am eager to help other alumni sustain those kinds of special connections with the school."

PDS alumni on the Web

Read about Alumni news

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Alumni Events Calendar

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Friday - November 28, 2008

☐ Alumni Thanksgiving Games
1:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Friends and family come work off that pumpkin pie and play in a pick up game of soccer, basketball, or hockey. Cheering sections welcomed and encouraged!

Schedule of Games:

- Frankie K. Basketball - 1:00-3:00 PM - Lower Gym
- Men's Ice Hockey - 1:00-3:00 PM - McGraw Rink
- Soccer - 1:00-3:00 PM - Smoyer Turf Field
- Family Skate - 3:00-4:45 PM - McGraw Rink
- Alumni Reception - 3:00-5:00 PM - McGraw Rink
- Women's Ice Hockey - 5:00-6:30 PM - McGraw Rink

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Recognizing Excellence

Nominations being accepted for Alumni Service Award, Alumni Achievement Award, Outstanding Young Alumni Award, and Athletic Hall of Fame

Nomination Form

I would like to nominate:

Class of _____

For the: ☐ Alumni Service Award

☐ Alumni Achievement Award

☐ Outstanding Young Alumni Award

☐ Athletic Hall of Fame

Reason for nomination:

Your name, class year, address and phone:

Please attach additional paper for multiple nominations.

Thank you.

Selection Criteria

Alumni Awards

- The **Alumni Service Award** is given to an alumna/us whose efforts to give back to the community and/or Princeton Day School reflect the highest ideals of the school. The recipient is someone who inspires others by his or her example of sensitivity or generosity.
- The **Alumni Achievement Award** is given to an alumna/us who has achieved excellence in his or her chosen field and who has made a commitment to helping others. The recipient is someone who inspires others by his or her achievement.
- The **Outstanding Young Alumni Award** will honor an alumna/us who graduated within the past 10 years, who has made significant contributions to civic or professional organizations, whose life is characterized by creativity, curiosity and community service and who reflects the highest ideals of Princeton Day School.

Athletic Hall of Fame

- **Athletes:** Player nominees must have attended Miss Fine's School, Princeton Country Day School, or Princeton Day School for a minimum of two years. Athletes become eligible for consideration five years after the graduation of their class. Inductees will have compiled an exceptional interscholastic athletic career or otherwise distinguished themselves through outstanding athletic achievements and exemplify the highest ideals of the school. Selection is based primarily on athletic accomplishments while at Miss Fine's School, Princeton Country Day School or Princeton Day School. Subsequent achievements in athletics and other areas are also taken into consideration.
- **Coaches:** To be eligible for consideration as a coach, nominees must have retired from coaching at PDS after working at the school for a minimum of five years. Selection is based upon an exceptional coaching career, which brought great credit to the school.
- **Extraordinary Achievement:** The Selection Committee also considers for induction those nominees:
 - a) who have achieved extraordinary success in athletic endeavors or programs not offered by the school;
 - b) whose distinguishing athletic achievements occurred subsequent to their time at school;
 - c) whose example of uncommon commitment, dedication, and support of our athletic program is worthy of special recognition.

Please send nominations to the Alumni Office,
 PO Box 75, Princeton, NJ 08542 or you may
 submit nominations online at www.pds.org/alumni

Introducing the Princeton Day School Award for Outstanding Young Alumni

The Princeton Day School Alumni Board is pleased to recognize achievements of our youngest alumni with the introduction of The Outstanding Young Alumni Award at Alumni Weekend 2009.

This award will honor an alumna/us who graduated within the past 10 years, who has made significant contributions to civic or professional organizations, whose life is characterized by creativity, curiosity and community service and who reflects the highest ideals of Princeton Day School.

"This award is our way of saluting the achievements of recent graduates," said Alumni Board President Sally Fineburg '80. "Young alums are integral to the vitality of the Alumni Association, and the talents they share inspire the entire PDS community."

Nominations for the Outstanding Young Alumni Award may be submitted to the PDS Alumni Office with the form on page 40 of this *Journal* or by emailing Alumni Director Tracey Gates at tgates@pds.org.

Nominate!

Alumni Awards are awarded each Spring. Nominations are currently being accepted for Alumni Service Award, Alumni Achievement Award, Outstanding Young Alumni Award, and Athletic Hall of Fame. Please use the form at left to nominate an alumnae/i you know who deserves our recognition.

Keep in touch...

To keep up with classmates between issues of the *Journal*, join the **Alumni Online Community!**

Just go to www.pds.org and select the Alumni and Development page. Click on "Login" from the left navigation bar and then "Register Here."

Questions?

Contact the Alumni Relations office at 609-924-6700 x1265 or e-mail Tracey Gates at tgates@pds.org



Calling all Peer Group Leaders!

Plans for the spring edition of the *Journal* include a cover story about the Princeton Day School Peer Leadership Training Program – but we need your help!

Through skits, challenges and conversation, peer leaders help younger students embrace the PDS culture while adjusting to life in Upper School. The program touches every student who attends Upper School, influencing attitudes and relationships for years beyond graduation.

If you have fond, funny, or frightening stories from your days in Peer Group, we want to hear from you!

Please email your comments to
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Deadline is February 1, 2009

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUNG ALUMNI

*Alumnae Team Up to Tell Story of Microfinance*by Hilary Parker '97 for *Princeton Weekly Bulletin*, with photos and updates by Molly Jamieson '04

PRINCETON, NJ — Just six months after being introduced to the idea of microfinance — providing the poor with extremely small loans to start businesses — (Princeton) senior Molly Jamieson traveled around the world to assess it in action, visiting lending organizations in seven countries on three continents.

Jamieson's senior thesis project for the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs was inspired by a December 2006 *New York Times* profile of Muhammad Yunus of Bangladesh, who shared the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize for inventing microfinance with the Grameen Bank, which he founded 30 years ago.

The goal of microfinance is simple: provide the poor with small loans, typically averaging around \$345, to support their business endeavors and help them rise out of poverty. Jamieson's research took her to seven countries, where she met with both microfinance institutions and their borrowers, interviewing some clients in Klong Toei slums of Bangkok.

"I liked the idea that it wasn't a handout," said Jamieson, who received a certificate in environmental studies. "This is about business, not charity. It's about giving people capital and tools."

Jamieson learned about a funding opportunity from the Circumnavigators Club Foundation shortly after reading the *Times* article. The organization provides support to rising college seniors to do research for 10 weeks on a subject of their choosing, as long as they literally circumnavigate the globe — crossing the appropriate meridians in the proper order — as they do so.

Jamieson wrote one of four winning proposals in the nation,

detailing her plan to assess the success of microfinance institutions by meeting with staff members and borrowers at a diverse group of organizations throughout the developing world.

In Summer 2007, Jamieson traveled to Peru, Ecuador, Egypt, Ghana, Bangladesh, Thailand and China. Staying in hostels, she spent between four days and two weeks in each country, meeting with microfinance organizations and visiting their clients, many of whom live in sheer destitution.

But nothing compared to Khlong Toei, the largest slum in Bangkok, where 120,000 people live in a network of dark, lethargic alleyways and two-story buildings of plywood and tin sheeting.

"Everyone argues about the definition of poverty, but I found it there," Jamieson said.

She also found insight.

It came in the form of a conversation with one of Step Ahead Micro Enterprise Development's borrowers, a woman by the name of Jai, who started a business with her husband to prepare and deliver meals. By all traditional measures, microfinance had been a stellar success for Jai. Her business had grown; she had paid back her loan, taken out a larger one and was depositing savings. But when Jamieson asked her if she would be leaving Khlong Toei, Jai looked at her quizzically and said she and her husband would never leave.

"What struck me about that wasn't that she should leave, but the fact that, according to traditional microfinance assessment,



Molly (Jamieson '04) is looking at the crucial question of how to measure and demonstrate the social performance of microfinance institutions.

everything about her story would say that the organization was doing a great job," Jamieson said. "But she was remaining in poverty. There needed to be a way to measure if people's lives were actually changing."

The experience prompted Jamieson to focus her thesis on the evaluation of tools used to assess the impact of microfinance institutions. She uses case studies such as Jai's to illustrate her claim that social performance metrics need to be used in conjunction with traditional financial benchmarking tools to evaluate the success of microfinance institutions and prove their effectiveness to potential donors and investors.

"The field of microfinance holds great potential to promote more secure livelihoods for the poor and to reduce their vulnerability," said Jamieson's faculty adviser Karen McGuinness, assistant dean for graduate education in the Wilson School and lecturer in public and international affairs. "Molly is looking at the crucial question of how to measure and demonstrate the social performance of microfinance institutions. Of course, it's not only reaching the poor that's important, but also ensuring that this intervention helps them to move out of poverty. One of the features of Molly's thesis that's so distinctive is that she had the opportunity to observe many microfinance programs last summer in a number of countries."

The proper assessment tools, Jamieson argues, will be able to address the two major critiques of microfinance as a means to end poverty: that it doesn't serve the very poor, and that it allows



borrowers to persist in a life of poverty without ever really escaping it. In situations where microfinance institutions aren't found to be improving people's lives, the tools will help identify the need for changes in the services provided or alternatives to microfinance in a given area.

Increasingly, the microfinance world is becoming aware of the need to measure success in terms beyond the financial. In her thesis, Jamieson evaluates a variety of the social performance indices that have been proposed, ultimately recommending a series of low-cost assessment tools — known as poverty scorecards — that measure a small number of observable and verifiable indicators of poverty. Jamieson argues that these inexpensive and easily replicable tools have the most potential for quick and effective deployment to microfinance institutions around the world. She proposes that these tools could be used to assess a borrower's status upon joining an organization and annually thereafter to assess change in the borrower's living situation.

Jamieson plans to provide copies of her thesis to the organizations she worked with last summer in hopes that it may help them more accurately assess their success. After graduating in June, she began work in New York City as a Research Fellow at the Rockefeller Foundation. She works on the Foundation's Global Health and Urban teams, helping to develop long-term intervention strategies to improve the lives of the world's poorest and works with international organizations to enhance the quality, affordability, and accessibility of their programs.

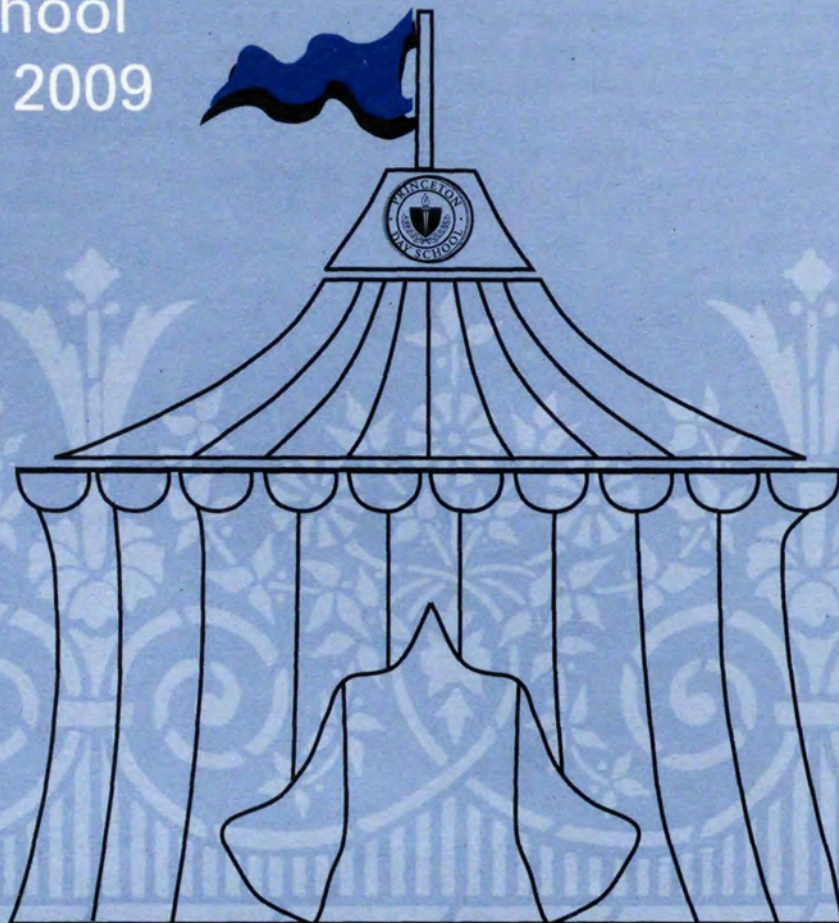
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The classes of 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999 and 2004 will be celebrating benchmark reunions. Don't miss the chance to relive memories with friends, teachers and coaches.

Enjoy activities including: Annual Alumni Faculty and Staff Reunion, Moment of Remembrance, Grand Gathering of Alumni Classes, Meet our new head of school Paul Stellato, Alumni Lacrosse, Alumni Tennis Round Robin, Children's Fun Festival, Athletic Hall of Fame and Class Parties.

REUNION CHAIRPERSONS

Information will be mailed to reunion classes in the fall and invitations to all alumnae/i will be mailed in the spring. For further information, contact your class reunion chairpersons listed below.

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Alumni Games



Alumni Weekend 2008 provided many opportunities for athletes past and present. Alumni golfers gathered at Bedens Brook Country Club for lunch followed by the Blue & White Cup competition. The Alumnae/Alumni Softball Game (at left) drew a good crowd to Pagoda Field, while others enjoyed a new tradition – the Alumnae/Alumni Tennis Round Robin (below).

The Kim Bedesem Alumnae Lacrosse Game and Bob Krueger Alumni Lacrosse Game at the Bill Smoyer '60 Field gave varsity athletes a chance to play alongside former teammates (top photos).

Thanks and congratulations to all alumni who played, cheered, and rekindled their Panther pride!



Alumni Spring Fling

Alumni Celebrate Spring

The annual Spring Fling party draws alumni throughout the Princeton area, as well as those returning to campus to share advice with juniors and seniors during Career Day.

Special thanks to **Jud Henderson '92** and **Matt Henderson '89** for hosting the gathering and welcoming everyone.

If you'd like to volunteer for the 2009 Career Day on Friday, April 11 please contact Tracey Gates, Director of Alumni Relations and Giving, at 609 924-6700 x1265 or tgates@pds.org



(above) Amy Venable Ciuffreda '88 poses with her mom and former PDS science teacher Pat Venable and Robyn Ultan '78



(right) Alumni Board members and '96 classmates Galette Levin and Stephen Nanfara



(above) Alumni Board President Sally Fineburg '80 chats with Kathryn Jennings '85 and Lynch Hunt '85.



(above) Longtime faculty member and PDS Trustee Rev. Carl Reimers visits with Alumni Board Members Sara Cooper '80 and Tony Dell '80.



(above) PDS Trustee Rev. Carl Reimers, a former faculty member, catches up with Tom Gates '78



(left) Alumni Board President Sally Fineburg '80 shares a laugh with host and past-president Jud Henderson '92 and Alumni Board Members Tony Dell '80 and Stephen Nanfara '96.

BookNotes

Never Too Late

Anne Martindell '32
Boxed Books

Reflecting on a life that led from The Plaza Hotel to the New Jersey Senate, to New Zealand and back, Ms. Martindell shares her "carpe diem" philosophy and can-do spirit in this memoir, published just a few weeks before her death in June 2008.

She once told a reporter "I didn't do anything real until I was 50," according to *The New York Times*. Yet Ms. Martindell "carved out a career in New Jersey politics, serving as a state senator in the 1970s, and held posts in President Jimmy Carter's administration, including that of ambassador to New Zealand." She also returned to Smith College, more than six decades after her freshman year, and became at age 87 their oldest graduate in 2002.

Former President Jimmy Carter, recalled the "exceptional job" Ms. Martindell did as the first female US Ambassador to New Zealand and recommended the book as "the description of a remarkable career."

Carol T. Christ of Smith College described this autobiography as "stirring." The eventful story "demonstrates the human capacity to repeatedly reinvent oneself...The tale she tells not only reflects the major historical events from the 1930s to the 21st century, but epochal changes in women's lives."



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Leisureville: Adventures in America's Retirement Utopias

Andrew Blechman '87
Grove Atlantic

When his next-door neighbors in a quaint New England town suddenly picked up and moved to a gated retirement community in Florida called "The Villages," Mr. Blechman decided to investigate. He found a community larger than Manhattan "with a golf course for every day of the month, two downtowns, its own newspaper, radio, and TV stations, The Villages is a city of nearly one hundred thousand (and growing), missing only one thing: children," according to his website www.andrewblechman.com

He "delves into life in the senior utopia, offering a hilarious first-hand report on all its peculiarities, from ersatz nostalgia and golf-cart mania to manufactured history and the residents' surprisingly active sex life....(and) traces the history of the trend, and travels to Arizona to show what has happened to the pioneering utopias after decades of segregation."

The book earned a starred review from the *Library Journal*, which stated, "Reading Blechman's book is intriguing, appalling, but always engaging. His description of The Villages reads like a science fiction novel. Highly recommended."

Dirty Words: A Literary Encyclopedia of Sex

Ellen Sussman '72
Bloomsbury

On her website, www.ellensussman.com, Ms. Sussman's latest work is described as a collection of "the most outlandish and often unspeakable sexual terms, as defined and explained by some of today's most exciting writers" including Antonya

Nelson, Phillip Lopate, Martha McPhee, Jonathan Ames, Thomas Beller, Maud and Nell Casey, Pagan Kennedy, Stephen McCauley, Elissa Schappel, Katharine Weber, and many others. *Publisher's Weekly* calls the collection of essays and fiction defining 94 sex-related terms as "often riveting, and occasionally shocking...."

Oprah Winfrey's magazine, *O*, describes the "encyclopedia" as a compendium of highly personal definitions running the gamut from "A, Adultery to W, Wet Dreams" that are "juicy or unpalatable, depending on your point of view."

25 Under 25: Up-and-Coming American Photographers

Selected and introduced by Sylvia Plachy, Edited by Iris Tillman Hill
powerHouse Books and the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University
<http://cds.aas.duke.edu>

Eleanor (Eli) Oakes '03 is one of the young, talented photographers featured in this third edition of *25 Under 25* competition winners. Every five years, CDS publishes a collection of work showcasing the talent of twenty-five of America's most promising photographers, twenty-five years old and younger. This volume features photographs selected by renowned photographer Sylvia Plachy that explore the theme "transitions": what it means to be in-between, in flux, at odds, in a new state of being—personally, locally, nationally, or internationally," according to the CDS website.

This collection includes a wide range of approaches to photography: straight photography; documentary essays; highly personal and expressionistic stories; staged, spontaneous, or experimental images; and surreal tableaux.

ClassNotes

Miss Fine's School

Please note:

Class notes include columns submitted by the class correspondents, as well as notes submitted directly to PDS and media reports on class members.

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1925-29

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1930

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1931-1937

PDS Communications Office

1938

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Roberta Harper Lawrence sends a photo of herself with her nine great-grandchildren on Mother's Day 2008. All nine are grandchildren of Robin Lawrence Henderson; each of her three boys has three children. Bobbie writes: My remaining classmates may be interested... I swim every day and have a vegetable garden in my backyard. That's about it.



Roberta Harper Lawrence '38 with her nine great-grandchildren.

1939

70th Reunion

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1940

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Margaret Munro Griffin writes: On August 4, 2007, I married F. Hastings Griffin. We've been friends for about 65 years and this is very pleasant. Otherwise not much has happened.

1941

Correspondent needed

1942

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1943

Marjorie Libby Moore
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Marjorie Moore reports: Elizabeth Sinclair Flemmer and I had the pleasure of seeing our classmate Olive Schulte Brown

inducted into the PDS Athletic Hall of Fame on May 17, 2008 during Alumni Weekend. She was always a terror on the hockey field when we were in school. She turned her attention to golf after her husband, Les Brown, introduced her to that sport. After winning local and statewide championships, she served as President of the Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia in 1982-83 and for the past 25 years she has been a rules official for the United States Golf Association. She had hip replacement surgery almost two years ago but still plays whenever she can.

1944

65th Reunion

Correspondent needed

1945-46

Correspondent needed

1947

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1948

Correspondent needed

1949

60th Reunion

Correspondent needed

Joan Budny Dawe writes: Kirby Thomson and I had been good friends since we left MFS. She, Lucy Law and I were three MFS graduates living in England in 1960. Lucy and I were married to Englishmen and Kirby was married to Donald Hall, the poet. Kirby has always been a very special person in my life. Patti Tighe Walden also has kept in touch with Kirby over the years.

My husband and I did do the Queen Mary II to NY and back to the UK June 26-July 14. We had six days when we arrived in NY and spent three at Stone Harbor with the Chatams (cousins) and Mark Chatham '96, then three days in Washington Crossing with brother Roger Budny '59 - great!

1950

Correspondent needed

Donata Coletti Mechem writes: My husband Kirke's big opera *John Brown* was premiered by Lyric Opera of Kansas City, May 3-11, 2008. All of our four adult children, their spouses and kids were there along with many friends from across the country. They have a very talented group of singers and we were pleased with their topnotch production.

1951

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Elaine Frost writes: Sorry none of us could get to our 55th Reunion last May – we'll do better for our 60th, I think!

Caroline Rosenblum Moseley and **Roger** have been taking some hiking trips recently. In May, they went to Spain and hiked between Grenada and Seville. In August, they were hiking in Glacier National Park. Caroline continues to work part-time in the Development Office at Princeton University.

Mary Butler Nickerson had



PDS Lower School teacher **Judy Williams** passed along this photo of **Hilary Thompson Kenyon** and **Hope Thompson Kerr '53** snapped during her summer vacation. She writes: 'I was in Denali National Park in Alaska this summer and met two ladies on a hiking trail. As we talked, we discovered that we were all from Princeton. Then it turned out that they were alums of Miss Fine's School! I did not see Mount McKinley, but I did see the Thompson twins!'

a trip to Italy in April, and continues to live in Brookline, MA. This spring she pulled off what seemed to me an astonishing feat – an exchange of living quarters with one of her sons and his family, who had been renting the downstairs apartment in Mary's house. She managed, in a month or two, to downsize significantly, pack up for the move, take the trip to Italy, and complete the move on her return! What a great job of organization and discipline! Caroline and I had been comparing notes about how hard it is to downsize and get rid of accumulated "stuff"!

1954

55th Reunion

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1955

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Chloe King writes: **Jo Cornforth Coke** sent news of a busy year ahead. In September, she will be co-president of the Symphony Guild; president of the Theatre Centre; and co-chair of her 50th

Wellesley College reunion next June!!! For fun, and before all of the above begins, Jo is going to Italy in July on an opera tour celebrating Puccini's 150th birthday: seven operas in 10 days... Milan, Verona, and Lucca's new opera house.

Ellen Jamieson Franck sent news of her retirement from being a paid social worker. She is now doing pretty much the same thing for free in a community soup kitchen. She always has time for grandchildren, golf, some travel and several worthy projects that never get very far (like learning Spanish and organizing family memorabilia). Ellen and her

husband have downsized recently from a very large house to a small house in the same small town. They spend part of the winter in Florida.

Mary Tyson Goodridge Lund (now Ty Lund) sends news that is "plain and simple." She is healthy and happy running her recovery center for women in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. She is working harder than she EVER has—entranced by the Mexican culture and totally involved with her three grandchildren and her two great-grandchildren.

Lucy Busselle Myers is very busy in retirement. She is continuing to teach—facilitating writing workshops. She was trained in a method developed by the Amherst Writers and Artists.

She has been working with people from various towns on the north shore of MA, and with groups from the Council on Aging in Ipswich and a women's minimum security prison just north of Ipswich. Lucy loves it. This summer she is tending her vegetable garden and supervising the rental of a house on the Vineyard that she bought in October. The best part of the Vineyard is her two grandchildren and her two sons who live there year-round. The other sons are in Wellfleet, MA and Portland, OR.

Alice Marie Nelson spent a wonderful week in Germany in June, catching up with old friends and colleagues in the North. She was based in Berlin—staying with her goddaughter who lives and works there. She also visited ex-colleagues and friends in Hamburg and Kiel. Alice Marie had not been in Berlin since the fall of the Wall: tremendous changes, of course, although the opera houses remain pretty much the same. (What does that tell us about the world of opera?) Alice Marie plans to spend much of the summer at her cabin at Swartswood Lake in Sussex County, NJ. She turns 70 this summer, and she and Ann will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary—so there will be two more reasons for good food and wine!

I spent two weeks in May on a river trip in Eastern Europe where we visited five formerly communist countries. A very interesting trip! Early in July I had a great time with some of my family in Bay Head! That always brings back happy memories of our weekend trip just before graduation... we were all sunburned for our big moment! I will be spending much time at our cottage in NH for the remainder of the summer... on many golf courses in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. Retirement is super!

Thanks to all of the above classmates for responding to my request for news. Perhaps others of you will join us next time. With hugs to everyone.

1956

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Cicely Richardson writes: News in our Smith Alumnae Quarterly prompted me to write **Betsy Hall Hutz** who called back from Maine. She is coping with genetic hemochromatosis, a condition that must be inherited from both parents. Declining to be sucked into the digital age, Betsy continues to do black and white photography and has been writing haiku. She indicated she'd love to join us in Boston if possible.

Hobey Alsop Hinchman, her husband Dave, and **Joan Pearce Anselm** and her husband **Klaus** traveled to Rwanda last May. Joan reports that the trip began with an overnight in Brussels before they flew down to Kigali. "What a spectacular opportunity, reuniting with my old seventh-grade pal and hiking in the hills, viewing the remarkable primates (as they studied us) as well as visiting Dian Fosse's gravesite."

Hobey wrote about the trip: "We primarily went to see the silverback mountain gorillas who were magnificent! They are referred to as 'habituated,' which means that they are used to humans and uninterested in us, so there we were with just a few feet separating us and them and no fence in sight! I sort of had to pinch myself to be sure that it was me standing there. It was also fascinating to 'discover' Rwanda—a wonderful country that is recovering from the horrible genocide of the mid-'90s through a peace and reconciliation program. They have some major hurdles to conquer because they are landlocked with a very dense population and are still a struggling third world country. But they are a happy, determined people. And best of all was spending time with Joan after all these years and getting to know Klaus."

Joan Pearce Anselm adds: Klaus and I visited India, keeping to cities in the north on this trip! Kinny Gallup's death was terrible news. I think of her often.

Betsy Thomas Peterson was one of 16 members of King's Chapel who were in Cluj-Napoca,



Betsy Thomas Peterson '56, center, Rev. Earl Holt, Minister of King's Chapel, Boston, and Denton Crews were part of a Habitat for Humanities team in Romania last summer.

in Transylvania, Romania, from June 29 to July 13, as the core of a Habitat for Humanity team to help build housing. Betsy says King's Chapel on Beacon Hill was founded in 1686 and, as a liberal Christian church affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Association, is the oldest Unitarian church in North America. Their partner church in Transylvania, Cluj First Unitarian, was founded in the 16th century and is the oldest Unitarian church in the world.

Marina Turkevich Naumann wrote in June with "big, joyful news that our Andrew (PDS '84/L'ville '84) married a fellow native-Princetonian, Liz Ebel (L'ville '91) in the Princeton University Chapel on September 27, 47 years and 11 days after Bob and I exchanged our vows there. You'll be subjected to a full euphoric report on these festivities at our Boston rendezvous."

The peripatetic Marina and Bob enjoyed a July "AHI cruise down the Dnieper River and a 70th Birthday Familienfest for one of Bob's German cousins (and

me) in the Taunus Mts. near Frankfurt—a Roots trip for us both." Marina and Betsy's paths could have crossed (but didn't) as they were both in Romania in July!

Although **Anne Harrison Clark** has been on the road as well, she needn't venture

far to find new meaning in family roots. "When Bob Vaughan and I moved to Williamsburg, Virginia three years ago," she wrote, "neither of us anticipated the degree to which I would be coming full circle. Family abounds. Carters and Harrisons are everywhere, with some living in the homes their ancestors built in the 17th and 18th centuries. Many of these family members I'd never heard of before. Some I know through stories passed down through the generations. I'd like to share a few of their stories with you."

"In researching for an article I recently wrote on historic trees in Williamsburg, I learned that there is one such tree on Berkeley Plantation, ancestral home of the Harrisons. Outside the James River entrance to the plantation is a massive twisted tree with a history of its own. That tree was struck by lightning in 1745, killing Benjamin Harrison IV along with two of his young children."

"His death forced Benjamin Harrison V, the signer of the Declaration of Independence,

Cicely Tomlinson Richardson '56 shared these photos sent by Pat Henderson Lincoln of a party given by the Hendersons for MFS 56 to welcome AFS student Inge Birkholm of Denmark who spent her junior year at MFS.



Pictured with the cake are (standing) **Hester Delafield** (hidden) **Pam Thompson**, **Sandy Sloan**, **Rosemarie Rubino**, **Pat Andrews**, (clockwise on the floor) **Lockie Stafford**, **Cicely Tomlinson**, **Betsy Thomas**, **Elisa Strachan**, **Marina Turkevich**, **Inge Birkholm**, **Hobey Alsop**, **Charlotte Cook**, **Beth MacNeil**, **Carol Harris**, **Kay Dunn** and **Pat Henderson**.



Pictured here are (standing) **Pat Andrews**, **Pam Thompson**, **Hester Delafield**, **Sandy Sloan**, **Marina Turkevich**, **Charlotte Cook**, **Rosemarie Rubino**, (clockwise on the floor) **Lockie Stafford**, **Cicely Tomlinson**, **Betsy Thomas**, **Elisa Strachan** (hidden), **Inge Birkholm**, **Hobey Alsop**, **Beth MacNeil**, **Grace Morton**, **Carol Harris**, **Kay Dunn** and **Pat Henderson**.

to leave his college education at William and Mary and return to Berkeley to run that property. Benjamin the Signer went on to be Governor of Virginia twice, and he and his wife, Elizabeth Bassett Harrison, became the parents and great-grandparents of two Presidents of the United States.

"Another story relates to Elizabeth Harrison Randolph, sister of Benjamin the Signer. The house in which she and her husband, Peyton Randolph, lived is still one of the most featured homes in Colonial Williamsburg. She was widowed when her husband, the first president of the Continental Congress, died of a stroke. Aunt Betty, as she was known, became responsible for managing large amounts of property following

Randolph's death. She turned over half her home to Lafayette and Rochambeau to use as headquarters as they teamed with Washington in preparing for the Battle of Yorktown. And, during the smallpox epidemic of 1781, 'she nursed a neighbor's child infected with smallpox, even after most of Williamsburg sought refuge elsewhere to avoid the disease.' (Houses of the Founding Fathers; Hugh Howard/Roger Straus III)."

1957

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Susie Smith Baldwin sends some highlights of Nancy Miller's 2008



Anne Harrison '56 poses with new Head of School **Paul Stellato** in the refurbished Miss Fine's School Class of 1956 Memorial Garden. The garden, dedicated in 2002, was given in honor and memory of all members of the class, listed on a plaque with a quote from Geoffrey Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, "We ryden forth oure weye."



Celebrating Alumni Service Award 2008 Honoree, Nancy Miller, at PDS in May, pictured from left, **Suzy Scarff Webster '58**, **Nancy Miller '57**, **Susie Smith Baldwin '57**, **Lisa Fairman Heher '58**, **Jinx Prather Tirana '58**.



Nancy Miller '57 and family after PDS Alumni Award Ceremony with Nancy's niece, **Ann Miller Paiva '86**, her husband, Manuel, and Alex, Nancy's five-year-old grand-nephew and 'apple of her eye.'

Alumni Service Award ceremony in May: Treby McLaughlin Williams '80, now chair of PDS Board of Trustees, presented the award and left this beautiful message about Nancy on my cell phone last week: "I loved making remarks in honor of Nancy. She is so terrific. My remarks focused on how privileged I felt to have experienced Nancy as my own teacher, for second grade, and then as a parent of my daughter, Charlotte, for kindergarten. I put Nancy on such a pedestal when I was a little girl. Nancy was very involved in bringing me out of my shell. I was very shy. It has been spectacular for me to be with Nancy as a fellow grown-up. When we put someone on a pedestal as a child, and see them again as fellow grown-ups, they don't always fulfill the image we were carrying since childhood. What was so remarkable for me was that Nancy was every bit as wonderful as I remembered. She continues to be such a wonderful presence in our lives."

Upon receiving the award Nancy expressed appreciation and added, with deep gratitude, how much she has learned about ser-

vice from gratefully receiving generous support while recuperating from hip replacement surgery in April.

Helen Wilmerding: "It was wonderful to be present and see the love Nancy inspired in others."

Nancy Miller writes: "I just wanted to say what a special day it was, to be surrounded by family and friends, and to thank you for your part in putting my name up for consideration (in spite of me telling you to not be silly) and then following through by getting all of those nice quotes from our classmates. The day was especially nice because Treby Williams, one of my former second grade students and mother of one of my kindergarteners, spoke on my behalf. Sara Schwiebert, the former head of lower school, and a dear friend, was also honored, so that made everything extra special. It was good to see Helen and Gerald, and, of course, you, there, too. I have so many happy memories and I want to thank anyone who had any part in them, thank you!"

Alissa Kramer Sutphin called **Nancy Hagen Spaulding** as soon as she saw a TV broadcast showing the tornado hitting Windsor, CO in May. While Nancy was not home a friend reported that Nancy's husband, Vern, had died three weeks earlier.

Nancy Hagen Spaulding writes: "My wonderful sweet husband, Vern, passed away on April 28 of renal failure after a year and a half of declining health. After numerous hospitalizations he chose not to continue dialysis treatment. Every dialysis patient has that option. We had ten superb days before his death. Family and friends really packed in a lot of joyous moments with him."

"How does one face the agony

and, yes, the joy, of losing your best friend and marriage partner of 46 years? It is easier facing it together... and facing it openly as a whole family planning for the death. The wonderful thing about Vern's passing was that he was able to plan the last chapter of his life. It gave him great joy and peace of mind."

"Vern chose late April when our boys could be here. Lance, our son from Marin County, CA, and my niece, Barbara Kerney, from Hopewell, were here for four wonderful days. Vern planned many meals out, including a lunch with Gail Cotton MFS '62 and our 46th wedding anniversary dinner. Instead of planning a funeral, Vern hosted two 'open houses' so he, too,



Vern (left) and Nancy Hagen Spaulding '57.

could 'celebrate his life' with family and friends. There were so many meaningful and memorable conversations and visits."

"Fortunately, Peter, our son from Virginia, was able to stay for three weeks. Every morning up to three days before he died, we kept Vern's daily routine, taking him to visit his close-knit senior friends group for breakfast at McDonald's. The last three days we played his Hawaiian music 24 hours a day."

"Vern's final wish was to have his cats cuddled on either side of him when he died, here at home, surrounded by family, and in the compassionate care of Hospice. I cannot praise Hospice enough for their outstanding care. I am so grateful for the support Vern, and all of us, received."

"Our boys shared their most meaningful memories with their dad as part of saying 'goodbye'. Peter even told his dad he would move home, establish residency and finish college. I look forward to Peter's company in September. Vern and I have loved Colorado and I have no intention of moving."

"Vern asked an old college friend, Charlie, best man at our

wedding, to host 'a celebration' with our Hawaiian friends when the boys and I spread his ashes along the bamboo forest trail near Charlie's house at Round Top on Oahu. Vern really had a beautifully planned death. He just loved his family and friends... and he had faith it was time to go to an even better place."

"Anyone coming to the Fort Collins area, call me. I live in Windsor."

Susie Smith Baldwin knows she speaks for all of us in sending our heartfelt condolences and love to Nancy and her whole extended family. Speaking with Nancy in person you can really hear how well she is doing, how much loving support she has, how passionately she shares 'the beauty of a planned death' and how compassionately she supports neighbors, friends and community needs in her daily activities. What admiration I have for Nancy and Vern. They had openly planned for 'death as a part of life' ever since doing an Elisabeth Kubler-Ross 'Stages of Death' workshop as far back as the '70s. Vern, Nancy and her boys have touched so many, so deeply, with their shared family experience.

1958

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Nancy Hudler Keuffel writes: Our 50th Reunion was a wonderful event. We enjoyed getting together by email, phone and snail mail before and after the actual reunion and we hope that we all will continue to stay in touch. If anyone wants contact information let me know. **Faith Wing Bieler** has suggested we get together informally in Vermont and the thought of getting together in California, where several in our class live and others have children residing, has also been discussed. We missed each one of you who was not able to be there, and I will share with you the news that has been received from them.

From the California contingent: **Bev Ward Docter** was off on a hiking trip with friends in Italy that had been planned a year and a half before, but she



Class of 1958 classmates celebrate more than 50 years of friendship. Front row, from left, **Ann Lea Fries**, **Jinx Prather Tirana**. Back row, from left, **Lisa Fairman Heher**, **Suzy Scarff Webster** and **Nancy Hudler Keuffel**.

sends all her best. **Betsy Carter Bannerman** had just traveled the weekend before to her son's graduation from Northeastern University in Boston. **Sarah Adams Model** was absent as her daughter and grandchildren were visiting in conjunction with a business trip during our reunion. **Linda Mullaly Masten** was staying in California because of a combination of business and family obligations. However, both she and her husband will be singing with a choral group at Carnegie Hall on the afternoon of November 23. I hope that lots of us will be able to attend that event and visit with them.

From the Southern contingent: **Ellen Freedman Dingman** in Raleigh was on the mend from a serious automobile accident and did not feel that she was quite ready to travel. **Susie Frank Hilton** in Naples, FL urged us all in emails to "keep the circle unbroken" and to stay in touch.

From the New England contingent: **Laura Johnson Waterman**, **Faith Wing Bieler** and **Sally Tomlinson** all in Vermont had hoped to come, but did not make it. Laura is very busy with the Waterman Fund, a philanthropy that is interested in the stewardship of the mountains of the northeastern United States. You can obtain more information about the fund at www.watermanfund.org. Faith teaches yoga and had a training session that interfered with reunions. She has a daughter in San Francisco, a son in New York and a daughter in Vermont and urged that when making travel plans we let classmates know in hopes of

seeing them. I spoke with **Emily Vanderstucken** in Kennebunkport, ME. She would be delighted to see any classmates who are coming to Maine. Emily's brother was having his 50th PCD Reunion and I chatted with him and his wife – little brothers do grow up! **Rooney Eichelberger Hall**, who lives both in Maine and Florida, is still a very active

tennis player and participates in all sorts of team tennis events. She and her husband have three children, the eldest a Lieutenant Colonel in the Marines who is in Iraq for his third deployment. His family is in San Diego. Rooney's other two children are in Ketchum, Idaho.

Anne Bacon Kellett sent her best wishes. She had family obligations that weekend as did **Mary Kerney Levenstein** who was in California at a grandchild's christening.

The five of us who attended the reunion had a great time. The school treated us wonderfully. On Saturday we had a delicious dinner in Colross House just for us and the husbands who came along. **Suzy Webster** was there from England and we all want to thank her for her Reunion enthusiasm and reiterating in her emails the importance of keeping in touch. **Lisa Fairman Heher** is busy making plans for a trip to England. **Ann Fries** is well settled in Savannah and is looking forward to summering in Nova Scotia. **Anne (Jinx) Prather Tirana** is remodeling a home near the Tappan Zee Bridge as well as continuing to live in New York. For a number of reasons I was the only class member who was able to be there on Friday and so I took this time to tour the school and learn more about this community as it functions today. We should be so proud of these students, the teachers and the fabulous facilities. It all was very inspirational and almost made me want to start school again.

1959

50th Reunion

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Nancy McMorris, **Camilla Turnbull**, **Susie Stevenson Badder**, and I had a mini-reunion lunch in Manasquan at the end of June. Susie and I telephone chatted with **Dana Conroy Aymond** and **Wendy Yeaton Smith**. We all wondered how our classmates feel about the election and other worldly matters.

After searching for **Guliz Sarmat** for years, especially since we have been doing business in Turkey, I have been in contact with her brother. He reports that she graduated from Wellesley, received her master's at Wayne State, and worked at Middle East Technical University in Emir. Unfortunately, she has resigned for ill health and lives alone, reading and writing in her old style.

1960

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Penelope Hart Bragonier writes: Another summer and another super class of '60 rendezvous (see photo). This time, twelve of us spent the weekend on Green Island in Maine, which has been the summer home of **Anne Kales Howson's** family for some 50 years. Though the island's only a few minutes off Mt. Desert Island by boat (with either Annie or Jeff, her incredibly accommo-



MFS 1960 Reunion at Green Island, Maine in July includes, front row, **Eileen Baker Strathnaver**, **Mary Lee Skinner Bayne**, **Caroline Godfrey Werth**; middle row, **Nancy Davis Sachner**, **Harriet Gaston Davison**, **Penny Hart Bragonier**, and standing, **Jill Stokes Halbert**, **Anne Kales Howson**, **Sally Hagen Schmid**, **Sally Mullen Bub**, **Carol Garrigues Scofield**.

dating husband, at the wheel), it seems a world away from life as we know it.

During our circumnavigation of the island on foot one morning, we were treated to views of the many outcroppings that ring the island. A bald eagle lifted off from one and swooped high in the sky over our heads. Dozens of sunbathing seals slithered off into the sea when they (literally) caught wind of us. We paused on a ledge looking west across the open water to think of **Amanda Maugham Pearson** and **Judy Taylor Murray**. As we stood in a circle, hands linked, **Sally Mullen Bub** (the Reverend) spoke lovely, simple words remembering them and acknowledging our loss. But it was clear that Amanda and Judy were with us. One piece of evidence was a lobster boat we saw one afternoon. Her name? **Amanda M.**

Mary Jane Burbidge Hayes was unable to come to Maine for the weekend, having had heavy-duty back surgery several months before. The road to recovery is a long one, but Mary Jane says she's doing well and hopes to return to work at the Institute for Advanced Study in the fall. Meanwhile, she's doing intensive physical therapy and working part-time from home.

1961

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Nancy Smoyer writes: Our theme this time seems to be grandchildren, starting with **Tucky Ramus'** (a.k.a. **Anne Gray**) first one! She writes, "The birth of my first grandchild, a boy, at the end of May has been exciting beyond words! Life has been enriched immeasurably, and I seem to have turned into the quintessential doting grandma! Still planning on a move to NH (partially to be nearer the grandbaby) after one more year of part-time teaching."

Cary Armstrong Rothe says she is "enjoying grandchildren, my art, and after 10 years of 'retirement,' as all the research will tell you, having greater and greater appreciation for life, family, classmates and friends."

Fiona Morgan Fein did a trip with her granddaughter. She writes, "In addition to the usual guitar, book group, Wells College fundraising, ballet, concerts, theater, I had a wonderful week in Rome in April with our second granddaughter who just graduated from HS and is going to Ithaca College in the fall. It was so much fun that I'm going back with Harvey in October. We're going to get an archaeological crash course from a young woman who lives in Rome now, but grew up in Princeton! Am going to have lunch tomorrow with Tucky and we're going to compare guitar notes since we've both returned to the instrument in our retirements. I'm looking forward very much to our weekend at Debbie's and hope everyone who can will make an effort to be there."

Lucia Norton Woodruff and **Joan Yeaton Seamon** both reported the birth of grandchildren this past summer. Lucia says that she had "a full summer with lots of chamber music, as usual, and the arrival May 25 of new granddaughter, Zora Hutcheson Daniel!"

Joan writes: "We are spending most of the summer entertaining our four grandsons, Matthew, Mark, Luke and Scott, ages 9 down to 1½. I have about 1000 photos of them if you want me to send them on. Daughter Julie is Assistant General Counsel and Sec. of the Board at General Dynamics; son John is Lt. Colonel at the Pentagon; son James is with Dell and setting up systems in Scotland and Ireland this summer." She and Hal are off to Turkey in October.

I, **Nancy Smoyer**, have had a really busy traveling half year, starting in January with a safari in Africa (Kenya, Tanzania, Zimbabwe) during which I called Joan (waking her and Hal up) while looking at my favorite sight—pink flamingoes at the Ngorongoro Crater. Even though I was there during the Kenya "disruptions" (and before the

Zimbabwe ones), I encountered no problems. It did, however, add excitement, but was sad to see how drastically it affected their economy for months to come. Then in April we had a family gathering at Dartmouth for the dedication of a soccer field for which Daddy had donated money. I loved being back at Dartmouth, especially seeing old and new friends of Billy's. Then, since I was already on the East Coast, I went to Sicily for about 10 days, after refreshing my Italian with a course at the university. I love Italy! I'm considering a southeastern road trip this January. Anyone in the area?

In other news, **Tibby Chase Dennis** writes, "I continue to marvel at how it can be that life seems so much fuller in retirement than it did when I was working! Most recently I am involved in gathering stories from homeless folks on Cape Cod for a possible book to be distributed to churches, etc. (probably privately printed). So great to see Elise and Cynnica a few months ago at the beautiful wedding of Elise's son, Andrew."

Cynthia Weinrich also wrote about getting together, saying she and Tibby had "a nice picnic in Stockbridge recently, followed by an equally nice sit and chat on the lovely front porch of the Red Lion Inn. It's one of our traditional meeting places over the years. Funny how the years flow by."

By the time you get this newsletter, we will have had a wonderful reunion at Debbie's! If you didn't make this one, plan for the next, whenever it may be. And we'll have tales to tell about it in the next newsletter.

1962

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Linda G. Clark writes: Both of my sons attended PDS — "G." Grenville M. Gooder III and Grant C. Gooder. G lives in NYC with his wife, Kimberly, and son, Mac, 3 years old. Grant lives in Owings Mills, MD with his wife, Kimberly, her son, Tyler, 6, and their son, Jamie, 2 months old.

1963

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Hello to members of the Class of 1963—45 years later! **Colleen Coffee Hall** was our only attendee at the reunion this past spring. Thanks, Colleen, for being our standard bearer. Let's all put the 50th reunion in 2013 on our calendars and show up in force. Colleen writes that she loves having her almost-two-year-old granddaughter, Price, living 5 minutes away. The Halls are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this summer cruising to Greece, Turkey, and Italy.

Ellen Levy sent links to her photographs which were available on eBay®. They are wonderful, and she added a note that this effort was her latest reinvention of herself. If you want to see some of her excellent work, you can contact her at waverlyartcards@yahoo.com.

Liza Maugham wrote that she is working as a social worker for Minute Man Early Intervention, an organization working with young, developmentally delayed children and their families. She sent the sad news that her sister, Amanda, died of lung cancer in February. Liza said, "I will miss her laugh and sense of style and 'older sister' advice." Liza added that she has five healthy grandchildren and two "incredible" children, Jennie and Steve. She invites all classmates to visit her in Maine. **Sally Campbell Haas** did so last year, and Liza says it was wonderful to see her.

Ginny Elmer Stafford sent word that she spent most of June in Princeton with her mother who passed away at the end of the month. Ginny reports that she was so glad to spend time with her. Being in the area for so long brought back lots of memories.

I know that all of you join me in sending condolences to both Liza and Ginny.

Pam Sidford Schaeffer wrote that she and Leonard are "solid members of the grandparent club." Their granddaughter Samantha was born in late February. All was eventually well, but it was quite scary for a time because

the chord was wrapped around her neck. About her own health, Pam writes, "Except for the memory lapses and aches and pains in my joints, 63 is great!"

Laurie Rogers, Pam, and I are meeting in October in Connecticut for our annual reunion. As I write these notes on July 28, Laurie is in England with her sister, and I am facing knee replacement surgery tomorrow. Being well enough to attend our October get-together is one of my biggest motivators!

Anne D. Updike Burt writes: Nearly 20 years in Maine working to finish the timber frame solar-powered saltbox house we started almost that long ago. For the past 8 years, I've been the director for the Environmental Justice Program of the Maine Council of Churches. This summer I spent "Grammy" time with my daughter Heather's 6-month-old Mira while Heather starts a CSA farm and local foods kitchen. I'll begin an environmental consulting business with a good friend in the fall. I continue to work with congregations and communities on solutions to global warming. That work is inspiring and hopefully effective.

1964

45th Reunion

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Cary Smith Hart writes: My husband, Gary, and I are both retired and are really enjoying the various projects we've signed onto. We have two daughters back in California now but with other daughter and son-in-law in DC and my sister, Trika, in New York, we still have good reasons to take jaunts to the East Coast. We loved Sue J. and Max's visit last year and hope it was the first of many classmate visits. You're all welcome—please come!

1965

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65th Reunion

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60th Reunion

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55th Reunion

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Princeton Country Day Class of 1955 classmates at a recent 50th reunion of Exeter class of 1958. From left, Joe Delafield, Taylor 'Chip' Woodward, and William R. 'Bucky' Kales.

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Toby Knox writes: A small but lively group of Blues and Whites

from the Class of '58 enjoyed being together at our 50th Reunion. In attendance were Perry Rodgers, Dick Baker, Van (aka Bubby) Vanderstucken, Eberhard (aka Bambi) Rosenblad, Doug Ewing, Bob Bales and Toby Knox. Perry kindly hosted us all at dinner on Saturday night where there was much discussion of the old days and looking at

pictures and 1958 editions of *The Junior Journal* provided by PDS.

Knox and Baker took a self-guided tour of the PCD school building on Broadmead (now a daycare center). Memories of Henry Ross, Frank Gorman, Bob Smythe, Lester Tibbals, Bob Whitlock, "Far" Frank Clark and others rose up as we roamed the halls,

classrooms, study hall, shop, and cafeteria. I was disappointed there was no chicken a la king or chipped beef on toast (aka SOS) available to really make the PCD walk down memory lane more authentic, but Baker recited the entire school song so not all was lost.

1959

50th Reunion

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Roger Budny writes: We are preparing for our 50th reunion in May 2009. Found another missing classmate! Ross Fullam lives in Mandarin, Florida, outside of Jacksonville. Ross spent most of his life as a museum curator. He spent a long stint at the New Haven Colony Historical Society where he authored a book on pewter.

I finally found Ross on Google after **Joe Smith** gave me a lead that he thought Ross was a museum curator. However, it was a slight to my detective skills when Ross told me that I could have looked up Fullam in the Princeton phone directory and found his stepmother living at the old Fullam residence at 44 Westcott Road. The family has been living there since 1928. Note the classic phone number: WA4-1111.

Heard from **Richard Crawford**. He is still living in Manhattan and has been active in photography. You can see his work at <http://flickr.com/photos/rdc44/>.

See you all at the 50th reunion in May.



Alumni Board Member **John C. Baker '62** finds Alumni Weekend a good time to celebrate with siblings **Eileen (Baker) Strathnaver '60**, who traveled from England, and **Richard W. Baker III '58**, who traveled from Hawaii.

1960

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Randy Hobler has written the book, music and lyrics for a musical called *Banjo Boy*. It is a biographical tribute to Meredith Wilson, creator of *The Music Man*. The premiere of the show was August 8, 2008 in Fairfield, Iowa at the new Stephen Sondheim Center for the Performing Arts. Photos courtesy of Randy's sister, Mary '68.



Left to right:
Randy Hobler '61, who wrote the book, music and lyrics for *Banjo Boy*, with his sister **Mary Hobler Hyson '68**.



1962

Correspondent needed

John Gaston writes: Our mother, **Bettie R. Gaston**, passed away in August 2007, mother of **John Gaston '62** and **Harriet Gaston Davison '60**.

1963

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John Ritchie writes: After taking a sabbatical during the 2006-2007 school year, **Ferdie Wandelt** returned to Taft School in the fall of 2007 and assumed a new role, Assistant to the Headmaster for Alumni Affairs. Ferdie, who spent most of his career at Taft as the Director of Admissions, was the subject of a glowing profile in the Winter 2007 issue of the *Taft Bulletin*, which you can access online at <http://www.taftschool.org/alumni/publications/win07/win07.pdf>. It's well worth taking the time to read about Ferdie's many achievements.

Along with **Peter Kline** and **Brad Smith**, whose reports appeared in previous notes, the Class has at least three other classmates still in private law

practice. Out in Chicago, **Warren Baker** is practicing law with the firm of Drinker Biddle, which recently took over Warren's previous firm, Gardner Carton & Douglas. Warren focuses on corporate and commercial matters and advises and counsels several companies and non-profit organizations. Back in the Princeton area, **John Strong** maintains a sole practice in New Brunswick and handles a wide variety of cases and matters. Over in Paris, France, **John McLoughlin** is counsel to the firm of Breitenstein Meillassoux Hauser (a/k/a "BMH Avocats"). John's work involves corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, health law, information technology and employment, and he does it in both English and French. (I'm sure Bob Smyth would be very proud!)

I got this note from **David Blair**: "My news is that I will be married on December 27, in the Philippines, to Lina Hervas, my

friend and my family's friend from our time at the Philippine Refugee Processing Center 1987-89. Our friendship blossomed into love this spring, an unexpected and wonderful gift."

Back in the early summer, my family sold our home in Princeton, so before the settlement I had to go through a lot of stuff that still remained in the house after so many years. In the process I came across six issues of the *Junior Journal*, including the June 1963 issue. In light of the updates and reports I have received from many of you over the last year or two, the feature that stood out in that final issue was the "Class Prophecy."

The Class Prophecy's premise was a chance meeting in the distant future (in relation to 1963) between **Ferdie Wandelt** and **Peter Kline**, and their conversation involved the exchange of reports about what had occurred to our classmates during the intervening years. Since 45 years have *actually* passed since the Prophecy was written down, it was fun to compare the prophesied with the real. If any of you are interested, I have scanned the Prophecy's three pages and will send it to you by email. Contact me at jhnritchie@yahoo.com.

1964

45th Reunion

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1965

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Debbie Hobler writes: This seems to be a year of significant personal events: our 60th birthdays, becoming grandmothers, and losing loved ones.

Sally Harries Gaudie writes: Just to let you know I'm now a grandma! A healthy Jack Robert was born in Edinburgh, Scotland early morning on July 27. New mum and dad, Dave and Sandra, are both doing well but tired. New grandma and grandpa are thrilled!" Sally's other son, Steve, and his wife also expect to provide full-time employment to Sally within a few months. All of Sally's training as a physical therapist is really going to pay off now, since she'll be doing all that heavy lifting. Congratulations, Sally!

Kirsty Pollard Lieberman has taken leave of the safe environs of Princeton, NJ, and moved to the dangerous West Coast location of the City of Angels to work for *Transamerica Retirement Group Services*. We haven't heard about where she'll be living yet in Los Angeles, but wish her well in her new life in Southern California. I (*Debbie*) hope to see her soon, as I visit Los Angeles regularly.

On August 13, **Debbie Hobler** and **Hilary Drorbaugh Propst** celebrated (physically separate but spiritually together) the anniversary of their first meeting at Princeton Hospital 60 years ago. Placed in cribs side-by-side in the nursery (Deb was there first, she didn't want to miss anything), the two girls apparently shared their first cries together. And so it goes.

Linda Staniar Bergh clearly hasn't heard about how weak the American dollar is as she continues to fly over to London to visit her daughter, Courtney, who is working there. While in England, Ms. Bergh also met with **Polly Dickey Cockburn**, a permanent resident of Great Britain, and as usual the two of them got into trouble with the law. According to the police report, the two of them were arrested for assault with a light feather as Linda attempted to get a picture of Polly tickling one of the Queen's Guards in front of Buckingham Palace. The Guard was also dismissed because he laughed on the job. *The Daily Mail* called them the "American Feather Fiends."

Lynn Hoffman works at CombiPhos Catalysts which recently moved its location to Hamilton Township. Despite working with six Chinese chemists and two Chinese interns, Lynn-san has not yet mastered the Chinese language, and therefore

will not be attending the Olympics in Beijing, as she hoped. So, Ms. Hoffman reports, she is still looking for a new job with an easier language to learn. Her family is well, and her son and his girlfriend have just bought a house near Lynn in Levittown, PA. "Widowhood is still difficult, but I am coping better most days."

Katherine Becker writes that she finished her assignment as Director of After School as a family leave replacement at the St. Luke's School in Greenwich Village. "I am completely enthusiastic about the school, its students, the parents, and its academic rigor, combined with its conscience toward diversity and human concerns." Katherine plans to substitute teach there in the lower school in the upcoming year as well as other downtown schools. Hello? Where do you get the ENERGY to work with all the kids?

On a more somber note, Katherine mourns the loss of her step-brother, Donald (Jeb) Stuart III, PCD '56, who died on June 4 of this year, after a long illness with cancer. Jeb, who is memorialized elsewhere in this issue, was editor and publisher of *Town Topics*. He will be remembered not only for his work and writing, but for his phenomenal sense of humor, and great love and support of PDS, particularly the cause of girls' athletics. Katherine says, "Go Jebbie!"

Sadly, other classmates suffered the loss of a parent this winter. **Sarah Jaeger's** mother, Margery Jaeger, who worked with Peyton Associates for over thirty years, died peacefully on February 12 at the age of 88. Sarah was at her Mom's side, as was her brother, Hector and step sisters, Booty and Gretchen. Marge was much loved by many of us who had the honor

of knowing her since our days at MFS. We will miss her.

Enid Sackin Reddick's father, Dr. Stanley Sackin, who practiced medicine in Trenton and at the Mercer Medical Center, died on April 17. He was 100 years old, just shy of 101. Lynn Hoffman joined Enid at the service that was held for Dr. Sackin in Ewing Township.

Barbara Yard's mother, Mary Howell Yard, passed away this spring. Mrs. Yard was a graduate of Miss Fine's School, 1933. After she was married, Mrs. Yard taught English literature at MFS until she became a full-time mother.

The class sends our deepest sympathies to our classmates and their families.

1967

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Susan Hunter writes: **Mary Woodbridge Lott** wrote while vacationing in Maine that she "had a few wonderful hours reminiscing and catching up on 41 years with **Carolyn Johnson Walton**. She bumped into me at a local store." Carolyn seemed "healthy and happy," Woody said, and "is a very talented artist." Her landscapes of Vermont and Maine can be seen at www.carolynwalton.com.

Woody stopped by to see Susan Bonthron '66, in Vermont. Susan's oldest daughter Caitlin is getting married in September. Woody said she meets up with **Franny Gorman** and **Betsy Gilliam Brown** in Princeton and has received emails from **Polly Smock**.

Phoebe Knapp Warren has recently exhibited her sculpture at shows in Bozeman, MT.

Julia Lockwood writes that

her daughter Rachel has been in Dublin, Ireland working on a master's thesis in English at Trinity College. She traveled to Germany before coming home in October. Julia's daughter Shradha is a high school junior, taking driver's education, and Priyanka is in the fourth grade.

Julia said she planned to meet up with **Jennie Bergerhoff** and her children Arthur and Corie when they vacationed in Maine in August.

Things are going well with the Hunters. Our daughter Lauren graduated from Simmons College in May, passed her nursing board exams and is now working as a registered nurse at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston. Lauren was named to the 2007-08 Greater Northeast Conference (GNAC) Academic All Conference Team during her senior year as captain of the Simmons College tennis team. We just learned that she is one of three team members to be named a 2008 Division III Scholar Athlete by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association for 2008. Our daughter Joycie is a sophomore at Colorado College, and Becky is a ninth grader at Hamden Hall School. She won several ribbons at Morgan horse shows in New England this past summer.

Bill was honored this past spring for reaching the 25-year teaching mark at Hamden Hall. I spent an amazing week on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in April, helping families rebuild the lives and homes that were devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Yes, people in Mississippi and New Orleans still need help!

Thank you to those who sent in news to the *Journal*. Please remember that keeping us informed about your lives is just an email away.

1968

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Mary Hobler Hyson writes: Do any of you remember when PDS



Headmistress Shirley Davis at the dedication of PDS in 1965.

looked like this? (See photo above). The year was 1965 and we were all about to embark on a new adventure as the Miss Fine's girls and the PCD boys merged to become the first coeducational class at PDS. Forty-three years later, 15 of the alums from our class returned for another adventure: our 40th reunion. **Connie Sayen Ban** and her husband, Vlad, were the most gracious hosts at their lovely home on The Great Road. The gourmet meal perfectly matched the mood of the evening. **Suzanne Blanchet Hirst** noted, "It was really fun and interesting. But just when you got to a point in conversation with a classmate, and you wanted to dig deeper, the subject flowed elsewhere. Trying to catch up on 40 years in four hours was a daunting task and most of the tidbits were enticements to learn more about what has happened to classmates in the last four decades." (Note: A big thanks to Suzanne for putting together reunion photos on Snapfish so that we can access reunion pictures anytime. Note: More reunion photos also are available at www.picmyphotos.com. Just enter pdsalumni08 as the password.)

Connie gave an eloquent recap of the reunion. "Everyone should have the privilege and joy of celebrating a 40th reunion! What a remarkable few days we had together." To paraphrase **Joan Wadelton**, everyone present is such an engaged and vital individual who has spent much time 'giving back,' doing good things for the betterment of all. We shared a sense of gratitude to our parents for giving us such a good education. We felt the sense of the school's mission of service to the community reflected in our lives.

Our small class of 34 is proof

of the fact that giving back comes in an infinite number of forms. We are career diplomats, policy makers, writers, editors, therapists, artists, lawyers, teachers, scientists, business people, medical professionals, animal advocates, parents, grandparents, sons and daughters, aunts and uncles, partners and friends.

One of the strongest feelings I had was that we simply loved being together again! Our class is better than ever! However, we truly missed each person who was not able to come. We hope to have reunion opportunities more often than every decade or so. Beth, are we meeting in NYC in 2009?

Special thanks to **Mary Bassett Hobler Hyson** for the beautiful 95-page full-color 40th yearbook. She has surely always been the proverbial 'glue' that has kept our class together in pictures and in words. **Linda Baker Bogue's** fantastic music CDs—a blast from the past and present—keeps our era alive for us to listen to every day. The CDs provided nostalgic background music at the dinner party. We were definitely *Groovin'* in our celebratory mood. Thanks, Baker.

When I think about our funny old selves in 1968—the first co-ed class at PDS—the awkwardness we felt then certainly is no longer. How good it is to see what an interesting, funny, kind and loving group of people we have grown up to be. Many thanks again to Bassett and Sia for organizing our reunion and for reminding us all how deeply we are connected and how much we care about each other's lives."

In addition to the evening at Connie's, there was a brunch for 10 classmates at the Pretty Brook Farm house

on the PDS campus. More good food, and more stories. (See photo)

Most of the news about our class is tucked away in the 40th yearbook, but **Sia Godfrey Bauer** was kind enough to add some notes. She writes: "**Libby Wert Crowley** was at the reunion, even though her last year at MFS was in fourth grade! She is working in



Class of 1968 classmates **Mary Hobler Hyson**, **John Taylor** and his wife **Dianne Dubler** at Alumni Weekend 2008 luncheon.

real estate and calls Lovers Lane in Princeton, home. She's still as bubbly and delightful as ever. **Suzanne Blanchet Hirst** continues to run the family business, Freehold Cartage in New Jersey. **Joan Wadelton** has lived around the world including two stints in Iraq. I didn't ask how many languages she had learned, but understood that the State Department gives her a certain amount of time to develop a level of proficiency. **Beth Schlossberg** is looking svelte as ever and working hard at developing her own psychotherapy practice in NYC. **Anne Fulper** remembered ALL the words to the songs from the CD that Linda Baker made. She still works at McCarter Theatre and is doing some writing. **Connie Sayen Ban** is looking as beautiful as ever and was the most gracious hostess."

John Taylor and wife **Dianne Dubler** mixed-up the reunion events and were only able to come to the alumni luncheon. Fortunately, **Mary Hobler Hyson** was there so the three of them spent



1968 classmates at Pretty Brook Farm brunch, including, seated, **Sia Godfrey Bauer**, **Punky Brewster Rutledge**, **Connie Sayen Ban**, **Sue Kleinberg**, **Mary Hobler Hyson** and **Ann McClellan**; standing, **Joan Wadelton** and **Linda Baker Bogue**.

a couple of hours together. John and Dianne do extraordinary photography, having published many books. They have quite a broad base of subjects: from jewelry to antiquities to landscapes and people of different countries. They are very innovative, as well, in the technical end of creating each photo as a masterpiece.

Check out their website for some spectacular photos: www.johnbigelowtaylor.com.

Ann McClellan, who lives in DC, arranged a mini-reunion right after our 40th! She emailed: "**Joan Wadelton** (who also lives in DC) and I had a fun lunch with Linda "**Michael**" **Hart** who was in town to visit her son who is in ballet school there. She was on her way to London for a few weeks where she planned to hook up with **Gillian Gordon** and **Ingrid Selberg**. Michael also met up with **Pam Aall McPherson** in DC."

I saw **Joe Chandler** a few times this summer in Maine, where he is expanding his business to an office in Thailand. Exciting. Good luck!

I was sorry that **Rick Ross**



Mary Hobler Hyson '68 sporting the shirt from *Banjo Boy*, music, lyrics and book written by her brother **Randy Hobler '61**. Top photo, a scene from the show.

could not come to the reunion, but he had more important business. He wrote: "I am the proud and grateful owner of a new kidney that is working perfectly." His wife, I believe, was the donor. Two courageous souls. Happy healing to both of you.

Since our last reunion five years ago, some classmates have experienced losses of their parents. Our sympathy goes out to our classmates and their families: **John Claghorn's** mother and father; **John Taylor's** mother; **Lisa Lawrence's** mother; **Ingrid Selberg's** father; and **Cathy Barr's** father.

To complete the column, I must wholeheartedly thank my two dear supportive angels, **Sia** and **Connie**, for contributing to our successful reunion and for

helping me out on this column. And BRAVO to our class for winning the participation award for the Alumni Fund.

1969

40th Reunion

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Ann Wiley reports: Rebecca Bushnell continues to serve as

Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania. Her new book, *Tragedy: A Short Introduction*, came out last spring. Her older daughter, **Ruth Toner**, is

studying for a PhD in high energy physics, at Cambridge University, and her younger daughter, **Emily**, will be a junior at Brown (she wants to be a medievalist!). The sad news of the year: her father, **Douglas Bushnell**, died last December.

Wendy Lawson-Johnston McNeil spends as much time as possible with **Chanan**, her one-year-old grandson. She is still preoccupied with the Guggenheim and the Central New Jersey Chapter of the American Red Cross. She and **Tom** have just finished building a cabin in South Carolina where they hope to spend more time in the winter.



Wendy Lawson-Johnston McNeil '70 with her grandson **Chanan**.

Liz Hamish Roberts and her husband, **Bill**, have moved to Keene, NY in the middle of the Adirondack State Park. They renovated their second home and

have moved there full time. **Liz** wrote: "It is a beautiful area where we love hiking, kayaking, skiing, etc. **Bill** is working from a home office and travels to Massachusetts two days a week. I am busy getting us settled in and will be looking for employment in teaching or perhaps with one of the many environmental organizations up here." Their older daughter, **Kristina** is in Durham, NC finishing up her PhD in genetics. Daughter **Marta** is living in Chicago and works for the Office of Sponsored Research at Northwestern University.



Nina Shafran '71 sends this photo taken by her husband from a 60th anniversary celebration for her parents. Pictured from left, **Mary Shafran; Alexandra '00, Andrea '98, and Christina Koerte '02**; **Ludwig Koerte; Nina Shafran; Natalie Griffiths**; **Fr. Paul Shafran; Marissa Griffiths; David Griffiths**; and **Paula Koerte**. **Natalie and Marissa** are daughters of **Nina's** late sister **Kyra Shafran Griffiths '73**.

1971

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Nina Shafran writes: "Our family gathered last November (Thanksgiving 2007) to celebrate my parents' 60th wedding anniversary. My classmates will remember my dad, as he offered the prayer at our PDS commencement exercises. I feel very blessed to have both my parents in reasonably good health, and I visit them monthly at their home in New Jersey. Joining in the festivities were three other PDS alums (my nieces **Alexandra Koerte '00, Andrea Koerte '98, and Christina Koerte '02**, together with their parents, **Paula and Ludwig**), the daughters of my late sister **Kyra Shafran Griffiths '73** (**Natalie and Marissa**, who are already 12 and 17), their dad, **David Griffiths**, and my husband **Robert Tyszenko**. We know that **Kyra** (who died from breast cancer seven years ago) was with us in spirit, but we sorely miss her physical presence. **Robert and I**—still living and working in the DC

metro area—celebrate our fourth wedding anniversary in November. Obviously we would have to live well past 100 to reach our 60th! This past July, we took a road-trip to Connecticut and dared to ride the "Boulder Dash"—billed as the fastest (65 mph), longest wooden roller coaster on the East Coast. I think we were the oldest people riding without children, and I won't be hurrying back for a second try."

Laurie Bryant Young writes: My husband and I are still working for the State Department doing a Washington stint at the

moment. My son attended Rutgers (he grew up living all over the world and now ends up attending my home state university—go figure!!) — he studied Arabic. My daughter is at University of Washington in Seattle, studying public health and rowing varsity crew. She is tall and has muscles of cement—not someone who's worried about dark alleys. Hi Betsy! Nice column in the last magazine!

Thank you to **Bill Flemer** for stepping in as class correspondent while **Betsy Rigo** was caring for a family member. Here's the latest news from '71 classmates:

Kathy McClure writes: As you may have heard by now, my big news is that sadly Dad passed away on August 20, a year after he found out he had colon cancer and underwent emergency surgery to remove his colon. Fortunately, he was able to get back on his feet after the surgery and had a really great year seeing family and friends until his cancer returned at the end of July and until he died. Just after the cancer returned, he found out that PDS had decided to name the Administrative Wing in his

honor and as a friend of mine told me, who was visiting him in the hospital when he got the call from Mr. Bing, he was "over the moon" when he heard the news!

Other news is that my husband, Howard, and I now live in Freeport, ME and keep busy serving on several volunteer boards. Our oldest daughter Liza now lives in NYC and is working at Nathan Bernstein Gallery. Our other daughter Sarah is living in New Zealand and managing the Real Woman's Duathlon Series, and our youngest son Peter is a junior at University of Denver and a goalie for the Denver lacrosse team.

How did we ever get so old? Email me at lowells@shore.net

All of us in the Class of 1971 offer our most heartfelt condolences to our classmate Kathy on the loss of her father, Doug McClure. He was a father to us, too, and she remains our beloved sister.

Becky Ramsey writes: Is it OK to not send any real news? I've been doing adult and child psychiatry in private practice for 20 plus years in the town where I live, Lexington, MA. I've recently branched out and done some testifying as an expert witness which makes my younger brother proud. He (Rick Ramsey '73) is a busy malpractice defense lawyer in Florida.

My older brother, Bob '68, lives in Lawrenceville and can get you out of a traffic jam! He has some hilarious commercials for his law firm on TV which he writes himself. He got an MBA and is constantly branching out and doing interesting things. Keeping up with him would require a book.

Our two kids, Sam and Leigh are out and about and I miss them though Sam lives in the "paris of somerville, ma-Davis Square." An in joke. Leigh works in the communications office at Friends Central in Philadelphia after having gone to Haverford and we miss her tons. I'm indulging my need for fun by taking up the cello—it's hard—playing lots of golf and other sporty things and doing pastels. We don't like the empty nest but one must cope. I hope all are well and I send good wishes.

Natalie Huston writes: I

graduated from George Mason University in the spring of '07 with my MEd and am currently in my fourth year of teaching 5th graders as a Special Education Teacher at Kings Glen ES in Springfield, VA where I have worked for nine years. Yahoo!

As of spring '08 both sons have graduated from college (Geoffrey: BA History, York College of PA '04, Nathaniel: BS Computer Engineering; BS German, Penn State Univ. '08) AND both sons have jobs AND moved out!!!

We are fortunate that both have jobs in the area for the time being so Ellis and I see them regularly. Ellis and I happily celebrated 30 years of marriage this summer, too. Natalie Huston, wilese@aol.com

George Treves writes: I'm at our farm at the moment, about 15 miles from the center of Rome. Last night we had a spectacular thunderstorm, which, I hope, has broken the summer heat. We've had over three months without rain, and the crops are badly burned. The heavy rains of last night, which are continuing as a drizzle this morning, are a real gift. The grapes and olives will, hopefully, recover a bit (particularly the olives), and so we should have a very good harvest in a couple of weeks. The ongoing and very real problem we all face here is that the price of grapes is as it was in 1989 (!) and continues to drop. Rumors and signs of protest abound in our region. Many small producers are being forced off their land. Nobody, as you surely know, can go on forever under such conditions. At any rate, at least for the moment, it was as if gold was dropping from the skies, and we've had a moment of reprieve—the fragility of our situation won't be on my mind for a few weeks—at least I hope not!

Another bit of good news is that my mother is recovering well from a brush she had with death last February, when radiotherapy she was having went sour. She should be able to travel in the spring. There is no sign of the acute condition. This, too, is a gift—there is no greater joy any of us could have than to see her completely recovered from the agony that she suffered at that time. My brother and sister are at

work and at home; my nephews and single niece are all entering their teenage years, seem "well adjusted" and are doing well in their respective schools.

So, I guess I can report that, at least for now, we're having a break from many years of troubles. We have so much to be grateful for. It is also very hard to express that gratitude in a few words—especially since we know that many of our friends, both here and in America, have been going through similar and sometimes more serious difficulties.

Rick Kramer writes: This past spring and summer I had a chance to return home to Princeton for nearly a month to help my mom who underwent hip replacement surgery at Princeton Medical Center. I am happy to report that she came through it quite well and is back home enjoying life again. It's not often that we get a chance to go home again for such an extended period of time. Aside from the long list of need-to-do's that moms gently request upon our return to the old homestead, I did get a chance to catch up with **Bill Flemer**. It was great fun. Bill's bluegrass band performed at the Hopewell bandstand for the Memorial Day festivities and was absolutely fantastic. I also had a wonderful visit with Bill's mom. It felt good to be home again. Other than that I am immersed in teaching this fall at New England College for both the grad school and the undergrads. This year's freshmen were born in 1990 but trust me they still love beer, dating and road trips.

Deborah Huntington writes: In my personal news: My family is doing well; we've dodged some health bullets but continue on course! My oldest son is a sophomore at Carleton College; my youngest, David, now a high school senior, is applying to college now, eyeing Washington State's Whitman College at the top of his list.

My husband Larry turned 65 this year, and to celebrate we went to Italy for 10 days in February. No retirement from his law practice in sight for him, with

two kids in college. Our family vacation this year included a week cycling tour of Ireland, which was a wonderful way to see our ancestral home. I continue to work at NYU Medical Center as administrative director of NYU Psychoanalytic Institute (10 years at this job).

Lulie Peters writes: All is well. I moved to Vero Beach, FL two years ago and love it here. It is a charming town and I live on the island with the ocean only a short walk away and the river just to the west. I am truly blessed. Where else can you go and take a walk over the bridge and see the dolphin playing? I work on Ocean Drive as Assistant Manager of J. McLaughlin, a ladies clothing store.

My two boys are also doing well. Drew is in the Navy stationed in San Diego completing a 4-year commitment after graduating from Vanderbilt. My youngest son, Jamie, is in his junior year in the business school at Miami of Ohio. Anyone coming down to Florida this winter, stop by.

Sasha Silverstein writes: I'm showing a painting in Edmonton,



Sasha Silverstein '71 shared photos of herself and of her sculpture being exhibited in a gallery in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

Canada. A sculpture is in a gallery in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

Rick Bryant writes: I head up a quantitative finance program at CMU. All the best. <http://www.tepper.cmu.edu/master-in-computational-finance/the-mscf-program/index.aspx>

Kristi Vaughan writes: Follow-

ing graduation from Connecticut College I became a newspaper reporter for the *Hartford Courant*, married and became a mother to two beautiful daughters. Active reporting and motherhood didn't mix well so I spent quite a few years freelancing for corporations and publications until about four years ago when I gave up writing for real estate. (And, yes, the market quickly did go downhill so don't buy stocks when I do either!) I am now living and working for William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty in Ridgefield, CT. My husband, Todd Cody, is working for Alliance Bernstein in NYC; eldest daughter, Alix, graduated from Dartmouth in 2007 and now works for UBS in NYC; younger daughter Megan is a junior at Lehigh. If anyone is passing through the area, give me a call!

Bill Flemer writes: Things are going well here in Princeton. All three of my kids now play music. My son Will, 14, has started playing bass with us at several local gigs, joining his older sisters who play guitars, fiddles and sing. Will spends his summers at Keewaydin Camp in Vermont, where he has far surpassed me as a canoeist. He has been learning and practicing all sorts of strokes I never heard of, and won the "Best Canoeist" trophy for his age group in their precision-maneuvers competition this past August. (Keewaydin is where Princeton writer John McPhee learned, and fell in love with, canoeing, so they know how to teach it.)

Louise Hutner '70 and I are still at the same house on Ewing Street where we had the 35th Reunion party in 2006. My dad died in April 2007, but my mother is doing well in Kingston. My sister Heidi is hard at work at her and her husband Richard's superb nursery in Allentown, NJ (Pleasant Run Nursery).

Louise's youngest son, Peter, just started at Skidmore this Fall. Her older two, Megan and Matt, have finished college. My oldest daughter Emma graduated from Ithaca College in 2006, and is working at a CSA organic farm (Anchor Run Farm) in Newtown, PA. Her sister Nell is a chef at the Blue Duck Tavern, at the Park Hyatt Hotel in Washington, DC. Both love their work.

My own horticultural career is focusing more on conservation and restoration of native landscapes, rather than on growing and selling ornamentals. I'm involved in the early stages of a native-plant-nursery start-up, which will be on preserved farmland in Hopewell, under the auspices of the D&R Greenway Land Trust.

Louise and I had a wonderful two-week trip driving around Nova Scotia this past summer, the highlight of which was three days with **Jeremy Bonner**, at his dad's house on Cape Breton. We loved all of Nova Scotia, and particularly the time with Jeremy, exploring woods and coastline, sailing his canoe, playing guitars and chowing down on lobster and scallops... nice work if you can get it!

Jeremy Bonner writes: I am in Asheville, NC now. My wife, Anne and I have been in this area since 1982. We have two daughters. Sarah is at Western Carolina U and Emily just started high school.

Tom Worthington writes: I've been coaching our HS girls lacrosse team now for about 8 years, and in memory of Clint (Wilkins, then-PDS lax coach), I award DQ blizzards to girls who hit the pipe in our quick stick drill....Tim Smith will remember. Charles and I went on a 5-day canoe trip in the Boundary Waters this summer, while Melissa and Becca kayaked in the Apostle Islands (Lake Superior)...we love our water sports. I remember our voyages on the Millstone River and Stony Brook, trying to learn the J stoke. Jeremy was always the best at that!

Tim Smith writes: We are all well here, working now in NYC as a Sr. Producer for MSNBC, doing their documentaries. Son Jamie is well—playing varsity football. Abby is 10 and entering 5th grade.

We were all in God's country this summer in Pinedale, WY near Wind River Range, doing fly fishing, hiking, horseback riding, and no, I am not a fly fisherman, have done it twice now with no luck, fish avoid me, even though I don't eat fish so you would think they would feel positive vibes towards me.

Bill Remsen writes: My wife Jane and I are living in Dover,

MA. We have three children, Peter (11), Allie (15), and Sara (18), who just started at Dartmouth College this fall. I am continuing to work as a preservation architect on historic buildings and archaeological sites, mostly in Cyprus for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). These projects include the conservation of a Bronze Age stone altar, the conservation of several Byzantine and Gothic churches, the development of a conservation training program, and the creation of an ethnographic museum at a historic olive mill. I will always appreciate Wes McCaughn and his 8th grade history class at PDS, which started me on my long term interest in ancient cultural heritage.

1972

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Virginia Vogt writes: My essay "Dancing Lessons From God" will be published this spring in the literary magazine *Poemmemoirstory* (www.pms-journal.org). It's an adaptation of an excerpt from my almost finished memoir on my sojourn in Yemen in 1977. I lived with a family there, a rare, possibly unique, experience for an outsider.

Anne MacLeod Weeks filed this to the PDS Online Community: I am currently Acting Head of Oldfields School, but I will be leaving in June 2008 to join the Agnes Irwin School in Philadelphia, as Director of the Upper School. My husband will also be relocating nearby. My son graduated from U Delaware with a degree in English and Political Science. He is currently working in finance for the Markell for

Governor campaign in Delaware. We still spend time at our house in Fenwick Island, DE and at least a week each summer in Cape Breton, NS, Canada.

1974

35th Reunion

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Keith Plapinger writes: We have had a busy spring with one graduating from college (!), one from high school and the last from 8th grade. Hope you're all well.

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Anne G. Russell Barrett is teaching at the American Community School in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Her husband is also a teacher. Her daughter, Maria Louise, is in 2nd grade at the school.

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Anthony Knott is practicing medicine in Montauk, Long Island.

Barbara Russell Flight is a senior vice president at Brown Bros. Harriman in Boston. Her children Casey (16) and Christopher (14) are in school in Dover, MA. Her husband is at present writing a book.

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Robert Leahy writes: I am the Director of Information Technology and Electronic Crimes for the IRS, Criminal Investigation Division, in Washington, DC. I have three children: Rorie is a junior at Temple University, Maggie is a freshman at NYU and Tommy is in 11th grade. Married to Paula for 24 years; living in Millersville, MD.

Sally Robinson Rue writes: Enjoying life in Bozeman, MT with husband Jerry. Looking forward to spring to get to my flower and veggies gardens. Work at Schnees.com is going well.

Winifred Stoltzfus Host writes: I graduated with a master's in Library Information Science from Drexel University in Philadelphia in December 2005. I am now a high school librarian at Cherry Hill High School West in Cherry Hill, NJ.

1981

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Charlotte Erdman Rizzo writes: Life is good in Bronxville, NY. Girls are now 13 and 10. Twin boys are 7. Have been pursuing masters running career. Won national championship cross country '07 and indoor track (mile) '08 for my age group, which we won't discuss!! I couldn't have achieved this without support of my husband, Peter. To quote my 7-year-old, "run fast and then run faster!"

1982

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Lindsay Suter writes: What a pleasure it was to see so many of my classmates last spring!! Who would have known, as a 7th grader getting my neck hair pulled in shop class, that I would be using everything I learned in that class in my profession??!! Well, almost everything—I don't do belt sander races.

Lorraine Herr writes: Mike and I finished up our big re-model (finally) this spring. Emerson (9) and Holden (7) are playing a lot of soccer with their club, Team Chicago. Mike keeps pretty busy at his machine shop, but makes time for biking and soccer. I am busy with my drapery workroom and have started taking bass guitar lessons.

1983

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Lorna Sheridan writes: It was great to catch up with **Phil Clippinger** recently by phone and with **Katherine Lonergan** by email. I'm living in Sonoma, CA now, where my husband is in the wine business. It is too far to make it back for our 25th as I need to get to St. Paul's as well, but I'd love to see anyone visiting wine country. I'm teaching a journalism class at our children's school and helping Princeton with its admissions efforts in northern California.

Philip Clippinger writes: My sincere thanks go out to everyone who gave so generously to support our Reunion Gift in memory of Peter Hatfield '83. We raised one of the largest class gifts in school history and a record amount for our class. We have been working together with the school for the past few months to develop a plan on how best to use these funds to remember Peter and his time at PDS. **Stewart von**

Oehsen, in particular, has given generously of his time and professional insights to develop a plan which is very exciting. I had an opportunity to catch-up with the Hatfield Family during the summer and they asked that I extend a heartfelt thank you to our entire class. Stay tuned for more details.

1984

25th Reunion

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Edward (Ted) Willard filed this to the PDS Online Community: In the end of January I began a position as a Certified Nursing Assistant in Yadkinville, NC, which I really enjoy. A month later, the family and I moved closer to Courtney's job at two elementary schools, near Pilot Mountain, where she is the new Art Teacher at Shoals Elementary and Westfield Elementary. You may have heard of Pilot Mountain, NC. Do you remember "Mount Pilot" from the Andy Griffith show? It's based on Pilot Mountain and Andy Griffith is actually from Mount Airy, NC about ten miles away. It's beautiful. Check out <http://www.townofpilotmountain.com>

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Shana Fineburg Owen writes: After 12 years of marriage, Brad and I, along with our two Rhodensian Ridgebacks, welcomed our son, Braedon Richard Owen, on December 21, 2007. I am now a small animal veterinarian, while Brad continues as an executive VP in aviation insurance. We have lived in Yardley for nine years and we enjoy traveling to run and show our dogs, Myka and Buckley. It is great to be surrounded by family, especially as our nuclear family grows. Best to all!

1988

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Gillian Flato Doornbos writes: Had lunch with **Roland Dreier** last week. He's doing well. He's married with two kids and one on the way. All is well in Silicon Valley. There is a class group on Facebook called "PDS class of '88" run by **James Sannella**. After you create a Facebook profile, add yourself to the group.

Laura Hunter Heins was married in Sun Valley, ID to John Brewster Hubbs III. They met while earning MBA degrees at the University of Pennsylvania.

Arianna Rosati writes: The reunion report in a nutshell: We're turning out so well. Impressive doctors (**Jessie, Rob, Rothfleisch**), social workers (**Christine, Holly**), health activists (**Dawn**), lawyers (**Elaine, Jim**), international financiers (**Collins**), ranchers (**Robertson**), educators (**Emily, Courtney**), actors (**Rabb**), accountants (**Amy**), entrepreneurs and DJs (**Mike**), media hounds (**Arianna, Kit**), engineers (**George, Roland**), inspirers (**Liz**), analysts (**Ron**), (M)ad men (**Brooke, Tim**), and even an antique denim hunter (hellooooo, **Britt**). Joyfully, we're having kids; sadly, we're losing parents. Join us on the PDS '88 Facebook page, or reminisce online at gallery.mac.com/collins.roth — password and username are "pds." (Let's recreate the talent show at the 25th.)

1989

20th Reunion

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Doria Roberts here! In honor of our pending 20th reunion, I decided to do a little sleuthing. I found quite a few folks on Facebook and have managed to amass our largest update yet. I can't believe that it's been 20 years... or that this is my first compilation. Who made me secretary anyway?

I've been doing music (singer/songwriter) since my days at the University of Pennsylvania (BA East Asian Studies). I know, I know. I started playing guitar my senior year in college as a meditation and it just "stuck" so to speak. Then I relocated to Atlanta from Philadelphia in 1996 and have been based there since. I've been touring internationally since 1999 (quit my day job the day after I played Lilith Fair) and independently release my CDs via my label Hurricane Doria Records. I also do a lot of activist work and produce awareness concerts in my "spare" time. You can find my personal page on Facebook and my music page at <http://www.myspace.com/doriaroberts>. Drop by a show if I'm in your neck of the woods!

Meg Yoder writes: I have been busy during the last 8 years as mom to Mary (8), Nancy (almost 7) and Joe (4). We live in Denver, CO. I have been involved with my kids' school trying to help the community overcome the many obstacles associated with public school funding and I am also focusing on pursuing my passion for art. You can see my new idea and some of my latest work at: www.kidspiredart.com.

Chris Lawler reports: Hope everything is great. Lots of things to report. 1. Birth of 3rd daughter, Penelope Gates Lawler on April 5, 2008. 2. Graduated from Emergency Medicine residency from UMDNJ/KHS in June '08 and moved. 3. Started EMS Fellowship in July '08 at Wilford

Hall Medical Center in San Antonio, TX. 4. Went active duty as Captain in the USAF July '08. Hope everyone is well!

Laine Romero Alston checks in: I just made a big move from living in NYC for the past 8 years (working at the Urban Justice Center) to living in Northampton, MA working for a foundation called the Solidago Foundation as the Economic Justice Program Officer (so giving grants to grassroots organizing groups working around the country doing workers rights, equitable development and other economic justice-related work). Have two kids, Lucia (5), and Naila (almost 2), and a great husband, Domenico, who I met when I worked and lived in Mexico a while back. That's it in a nutshell.

Vince Peterson is doing well and sent the following: I think this is the first update I've sent in 19 years! Just a blurb, right? There's a lot of material from two decades! I married Carolyn Cohen on April 19, 2008 in India while traveling an eight-month path that led us through Thailand, India and Nepal. The latter part of our journey was spent touring western Europe teaching Acroyoga workshops. We currently reside in the San Francisco Bay area.

Sarah Ackley Esick sent the following: I am still working as the Learning Specialist at Dana Hall School (Wellesley, MA) working with kids with ADHD, reading disabilities, etc. On July 7, 2007 Jason Esick and I got married, and we have a new baby, James, born in May – bright orange hair, just like his dad! We live at St. Mark's School in a dorm full of babysitters – I mean sophomore girls – and Jason is the Chair of the English department there. Hope to see lots of our class next June!

Susan Lebovitz says: I am living downtown in Manhattan and have two awesome little boys (5 and 8 years old). I work for a global executive search firm in midtown in the digital/new media arena. I cannot believe that the 20-year reunion is approaching and I will do my best to attend!

Ingrid Hoover Smith checked in as well: This past year, in an effort to escape Los Angeles, my husband, three kids and I packed up and moved to Portland, OR. Abby is 9½, Avery is 8½ and Henry is 5. All is well and we are

loving the Pacific Northwest. After so many years of living in LA, the kids are now learning what a tree is and what it's like to drive down a road without an angry mob of traffic. I've reconnected a bit with **Chris Frank**, who is also living in Portland, working as a landscape architect and getting married this September.

Bill Podurgiel is "chilling in Baltimore, still making videogames, traveling a bit, and generally not acting my age."

Sang Ji is "living in NJ with three kids and working in NYC."

Pete Guzik and his wife Allie are proud to announce the birth of their son, Eric, on February 16 of this year. His big sister, Sophia, can't get enough of "Brother."

Other folks I see from time to time...I'm still in touch with **Greg Gordon**. He lives in Boston with his wife Freya and son Dexter. And I often see Sarah Foster '90 who lives in Brooklyn and is an editor at Getty Images and Paul Goldman '88 who is now working for the NBA and comes to my shows in NYC. Lyla Alphonse '90 is an editor at Boston Globe and came to a show in Boston I had this summer. I also had lunch earlier this summer with Pavia Rosati '88 who is an editor at DailyCandy.com. Pavia and I went to grade school together so it was especially great to see her.

Even though I found them on Facebook, I didn't get entries in time from **Megan Shaffer Taylor**, **Amy (Warren) Alpert**, **Libby Griffith Hipp**, **Karen Fredericks**, or **Greg Eckelman**. But, I started a group page for us so go on over and let us know how you are. Just search Princeton Day School Class of 1989. We'll probably be making plans for the 20th from there. Hope this finds everyone well!

1990

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Kysha White Pierre-Louis writes: Married with a 2½-year-old son. Working for HSBC in New York as vice president/banker in the middle market group.

Debora Klein Geller writes: We are moving to Upper Saddle

River, NJ. Lyla Geller, born July 2007, joins big brother Aiden. Deb is working as an allergist for ENT and Allergy Associates in Englewood and Clifton, NJ.

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Melissa Rosendorf Calvert writes: We are delighted to announce the birth of our son, William Pierce. Pierce was born on April 2, 2008 and joins big sister, Madeline, 2½ years old. We continue to enjoy life in Atlanta. I am now working at The Lovett School as Director of Development, Leadership Giving.

Jeremy Kuris was married to Rowena Santiago at Holy Trinity Catholic Church followed by a Jewish ceremony at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC. He works as a principal software developer at CACI International and is assigned to the State Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security.

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Stacey Namm recently shared news that she will be soon be marrying David Levine of New York City. Stacey is a PhD Psychologist at Hay Group in NY.

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Adam Petrick writes: Spending 6 months working for PUMA in Shanghai. China is quite the experience. Shanghai is relatively easy for foreigners and a truly global city with plenty to see and do.



Marika Sardar '94 shares a photo of herself with husband Stephen Nickson and son Henry during a recent trip to England and Portugal.

Katharine Powell married Dr. Benjamin Roman in August at The Central Park Boathouse in New York City with mother of the bridegroom Rabbi Donna Kirshbaum officiating. Katharine also made her Broadway debut recently in Aaron Sorkin's *The Farnsworth Invention*.

1994

15th Reunion

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Marika Sardar writes: I'm finally contributing after many years of silence! First I'll report on the three PDS friends I see the most.

Mariah Howe has been living and teaching in Oakland for 10 years now. Her school focuses on preparing their students for college, and she's taught at both 4th and 5th grade level there. Mariah's taking a sabbatical this year, though, and trying to figure out whether to return to teaching or move into a new field. This summer she also got married to Greg Klein. Unfortunately I missed the wedding in Vermont but I hear it was lovely. Greg is also a teacher (middle-school math) and both enjoy traveling—last summer they received a grant to spend time in Peru where they hiked in the Andes and took Spanish classes.

Marina Gershman lives in Milford, PA with her husband Conrad Martin. I got to attend her wedding in September 2006 with Mariah and Elizabeth Schlossberg, who is living in New York and working at Marie Claire. Marina finished grad school in psychology and has a job providing wrap-

around services to children with Autism Spectrum Disorders in the local school district.

Cornelia Wu has been working as an architect designing museums since finishing Columbia grad school a couple of years ago and finishing her licensing exams in record time. She used to live a few blocks away from me in New York until March, when she decided to move to New Orleans. She is currently serving as head of the Design Studio at NENA, a resident controlled non-profit. The Design Studio provides pro bono architectural services to residents of the Lower 9th Ward looking to rebuild. She recently wrote me that she is moving to a new non-profit; details to follow. New Orleans sounds like it has been a great, if also chaotic, emotional and frustrating, adventure, and I really admire Connie for taking it on.

As for myself, I moved to New York nine years ago to study art history at NYU. I finally finished my PhD last year, just before my son Henry was born. At a year old, he is doing great and my husband Stephen Nickson and I are happy if a bit tired. I'm now working part-time at the Metropolitan Museum, in the department of Islamic art, teaching college classes from time to time and generally keeping busy. The picture here is from our recent trip to England and Portugal. I keep track of all the other PDS grads who are also in New York and keep meaning to get in touch—if any of you are less lazy than I am I would love to hear from you!

Margaret "Moggie" Spear welcomed Ezri Apple Bernstein.

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Connor, 2½-year-old son of **Missy Woodruff McCormick '95**.



Evan Shah Wijaya, son of **Ian Wijaya '95** and **Anupa Shah Wijaya '94**.

Missy Woodruff McCormick writes: Hi everyone. So I finally broke down and joined Facebook, and I'm so glad I did! There are so many members of our class on there, it's great to see that people are doing so well. Hopefully in the future I'll be able to get more info.

Andrea Morrison Eckert and her family are moving to Switzerland. While she's excited about the move, I'll definitely miss our playdates at the park.

Deb Pollard Wepman is living in the DC area and says that her toddler, Toby, is a chatterbox. She'll be working as a math coach in the Arlington public school district.

Taryn Esposito White is enjoying staying at home with her 2-year-old son, Payton. She recently attended **Dan Knipe's** wedding where she hung out with **Ren Thompson**, his wife, Kim, and their 6-month-old daughter, Cate; there were also a ton of other PDS alums there.

Phil Glassner is living in New York City where he is an orthopedic resident at NYU. He and his wife have an adorable 15-month-old named Evan.

Mike deSenna recently met up with **Anita Agarwal** in NYC. Other news from the New York area is that **Blythe Quinlan** is expecting her second child, a girl.

As for me, things here are still going well. I'm still living in Pennington, love teaching English and have had an awesome summer hanging out with my 2½-year-old son, Connor. Hopefully we'll all be in touch soon...

Ian Wijaya and **Anupa Shah Wijaya '94** welcomed their son, Evan Shah Wijaya, into the world on April 26, 2008 in New York City.

Michael deSenna writes: Recently I joined as a board member for a Newark, NJ-based non-profit called Hispanic Development Corporation (www.hispanicdevelopment.org). Please visit and contact me if you'd be interested in making a donation. Also, I've started a new management consulting practice

(www.desennapartners.com), which focuses on strategy, technology and financial issues. Best.

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Jessica D'Altrui Davidson writes: Teaching first grade at Crim School in Bridgewater. Married to Jeff Davidson who operates a wealth management practice with Wachovia Securities in Princeton. We live in Princeton.

Katharine Knapp Schaeffer had her daughter, Addison Lynne Schaeffer, on December 20, 2007. She and her husband, Jordan, will be relocating to Durham, NC where Jordan will begin his residency in Orthopedic Surgery at Duke University and Kathy will be studying to take the Bar in North Carolina.

Byron Taylor has graduated from Temple Law School and accepted a job with Lesnevich, Marzano, Lesnevich, LLC in Hackensack, NJ.

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Marie T. Godyn graduated with BS in Business Administration from Rider University and works as a financial analyst at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Hamilton.

Andrea Koerte is in Los Angeles working on an MBA at USC.

Philp DeGisi writes: I am

currently a first-year student at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. While it was a little strange getting used to doing homework again, I've been enjoying being able to ski every weekend and taking a break from Manhattan. I don't think I will be able to attend our reunion this year but you can get in touch with me via Facebook....I'd love to catch up with all of you.

Giovana Torchio writes: The Class of 1998 had a fabulous time at their 10-year reunion. So many people came back to Princeton who we hadn't seen since graduation. Special thanks to **Mike Bracken** for hosting a fabulous party! I hope we'll all keep in touch.

1999

10th Reunion

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Sean Merriweather writes: I've just graduated with an MA from NYU. Earlier in the spring, **Larry Miller** and **Rich Dool** came out to a show I was promoting in the Village. It was great thinking back to high school.

Stacey P. Orr writes: One year to go in doctoral program at Boston University in physical therapy.

Christopher Gerry writes: I am engaged and getting married in October of this year.

2000

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Natasha Jacques Nolan writes: I can't believe a year has passed so



PDS friends and family celebrate at the November 2007 wedding of **Matt Riepenhoff '99** at Trenton Country Club. From left, top row, Colleen Devlin (wife of PDS coach and employee Chris Devlin), Mark Lehmann, Holly Lehmann (former PDS employee), **Rob Paun '98** (Groomsman), **Courtney Riepenhoff '01** (Maid of Honor), **Paris McLean '00** (PDS employee), the groom and his bride Renee Scalise Riepenhoff, **Cabral Brooks '98**, Cindy Stadulis (PDS business manager), **Greg Peters '99** (Best Man) and Mitch Smith (PDS employee) and Tim Leary (former PDS employee). Bottom row: Chris Devlin (PDS employee), **Matt King '00**, **John Walsh '99**, **Chris Gill '99** (Groomsman) and Tom Stadulis.

quickly, I have enjoyed working at PDS so much I'm back for another year. I have lots of news from classmates and I must say that I give all the credit to Facebook. I will start with all the wedding news.

Lauren (Smith) Ira married her husband Ronald on May 3. She is currently pursuing a Master's in Human Services. She bought a house in Trenton where she works as a lobbyist.

Robert Eugene got married in June to his college sweetheart. The wedding was in Charleston, SC on June 29. Of course, his twin brother **Gerald Eugene** was the best man. As for Gerald he just celebrated his one-year anniversary with his wife Melody on July 26. He is going to grad school in the fall to Bowie State University to pursue a Master of Arts in Teaching.

Grace Ko took the summer off to travel to Southeast Asia and Australia before she starts business school at Stanford GSB in the fall. She'd be happy to play tour guide to any old PDSers visiting the California Bay Area!

Ashley Logan was a Vocal Fellow at the Tanglewood Music Festival this summer and will be moving to Boston in the fall to start at BU's Opera Institute Program. She says, "Hey to everyone!"

Jen Gladden is teaching history at the Pomfret School in Connecticut. She spent her summer in Accra, Ghana for a six-week journalism program!

Chris Wiley worked as a Curatorial and Research Associate for a show called "After Nature" at

the New Museum of Contemporary Art in NYC. He is also the managing editor and writer for a monthly column in Italian magazine *Abitare*, where they do virtual studio visits with a different artist each month.

That's all for now hope to hear from some other classmates soon.

Nabil Laoudji writes: Recently living in Bombay, India, as manage-

ment consultant for Techno-Serve consulting firm, originated from Washington, DC. Working in India since December 2006; coming back October 2008; planning to go to graduate business school in US or Europe.

Alexandra Koerte is in New York City earning a Master's in Public Policy and nonprofit management at NYU.

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Isabel Robinson Stockman, aka Lily, married Marine Corps Lt. Peter Harrington Brooks at her family's farm in June. Her mother, Lisa, recently joined the PDS Board of Trustees.

Sara Peach recently returned from a wonderful 10 days in Europe, traveling around Southern Ireland (where she kissed the Blarney Stone) and Venice, Italy with two friends from Hamilton. Right before her trip, she moved from Brookline to Charlestown,

MA. Sara also caught up with **Jordan Nielsen** at a house party back in July. Sara is heading back to Boston University's nighttime business school this fall after taking July and August off to "concentrate" on her job at Fidelity Investments. "I am still working toward an MBA at BU, while working at Fidelity. On October 30, I was one of 50 Fidelity employees (through a raffle) who won the opportunity to travel to New York City and meet Michael Phelps! I also ran in to Rick McCready recently in Newton, MA and keep in touch with **Jordan Nielsen**, who recently moved back to NYC."

Sydne Levine writes: I was married on August 23, 2008 at the Skytop Lodge in the Poconos. And here's a little update on what I have been up to: I graduated from Bucknell in '05 and then went right on to UMDNJ Robert Wood Medical School Physician Assistant program. I graduated from there in May 2008 and am currently working in the emergency room at Hackensack Medical Center. Arden and I live in West New York, NJ right near my sister, Maren Levine Hefler '99, her husband, Jonathan Hefler '94, and their son, Jackson. Baby Hefler number 2 is due in April '09!

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Sydne Levine Miller '01 and husband Arden celebrate at their August 2008 wedding with PDS alums, from left, **Jonathan Hefler '94**, **Maren Levine Hefler '99**, **Drew Seltzer '95**, **Sydne Levine Miller '01**, Arden Miller, **Kristen France '01**, **Ashley Whitney '01**, **Stephanie Friedman '01**, **Jonathan Hirsch '95**.

Katherine Sorrentino got married, and her husband deployed to Iraq. While he's gone she's going to culinary school to become a chef.

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Morgan Weed won rave reviews for providing comic relief in a recent New York production of *Saved* as "the fish-out-of-water Jewish girl Cassandra" in a musical based on the 2004 film *Saved*!

2004

5th Reunion

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Mallory Sosinski reports: "After graduating from the University of Miami a year ago, I embarked on a career as a Special Education teacher at Miami Southridge Senior High School. Last year I taught 9th grade English and Reading and for the upcoming school year, I'll be teaching 11th and 12th grade reading. I also began my studies as a graduate student at UM last August after being awarded a grant from the federal government under the auspices of the Partners For Young Children With Disabilities. I am now halfway through my program and will graduate with an MEd in Special Education/Pre-Kindergarten Disabilities/ESOL. I have managed to work full time, maintain a 4.0 GPA and earn an invitation to be a member of the Pi Lambda Theta Education Honor Society. Somewhere in all that I'm also very proud to be settling into my very own home that I closed on in June. All in all it's been a crazy year, but one full of exciting milestones!"

Ben Ostro spent the summer traveling in Europe and started medical school on August 1."

Erin McCormick was named Student Employee of the Year at Middlebury, graduated magna cum laude with a degree in the History of Art and Architecture in three and a half years, and accepted a job working as a writer in the Stewardship Office of College Advancement at Middlebury.

Scott Rosenberg reported, "School was great, and I'm now looking forward to the next adventures that await. I graduated from Emory with a BA and MA in History, and wrote my thesis on John F. Kennedy's foreign policy toward the Soviet Union and Vietnam after the Cuban Missile Crisis. I'm taking the upcoming school year off, and will spend the fall doing an internship in Washington, DC, before moving to Colorado for the winter and spring. I'm also applying to law schools to begin in fall '09. It's gone by too quickly, but I'm looking forward to the upcoming year. I hope all is well with everyone else!"

This fall, **Andrew Sachs** will return to Prescott College in Prescott, AZ, to begin his junior year.

Allie Ruben wrote, "I graduated from Yale with a BA in Political Science. After graduation, I traveled around Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean with a few friends. I am moving to New York City this summer to start Law School at NYU, and I am excited to be in the same city as so many PDS Alumni!"

Katie Levine just graduated from Cornell and has started investment banking for Lehman Brothers.

Kathryn Bachelor graduated magna cum laude from Bucknell University in May, and will start working at the Ernst & Young LLP Philadelphia Office in October as an auditor.

Helena Fishbein graduated from Colgate with a bachelor's in English, and is currently working on a master's at Colgate for Secondary Education in English Literature.

Danielle Horowitz has been awarded a Fulbright Grant to study and teach in Chile. Danielle, who was a double major in government and law and Spanish at Lafayette College, will be researching poverty eradication strategies in Chile while teaching conversational English to students at a Chilean university.

Peter Rossi graduated with a BA in Political Science from Lebanon Valley College where he played four years of ice hockey. This fall he entered Florida Coastal Law School in Jacksonville, FL.

Rachel Scarpato presented the results of her research on the "uniparent" at the Eastern Socio-

logical Society meeting February 22 in New York City. Scarpato, who is a double major in American studies and anthropology and sociology, completed an independent study in the fall, entitled "The Emergence of the 'Uniparent': Constructing the Ideal Father in Contemporary American Society." The research discusses the present-day blending of intensive fathering and mothering ideals. Scarpato argues that American society is witnessing the emergence of the "uniparent," particularly in a father who performs both traditionally maternal and paternal duties. Uniparent fathers tend to illustrate a completely child-centered approach to childrearing, depicting the nature of self-sacrifice. Scarpato also discusses the negative implications of the uniparent, explaining that this model threatens similar anxiety for fathers that has been documented for mothers.

2005

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Peter S. Martin has taken a year off from his studies at Boston College and is currently enrolled at Cordoba University in Spain where all of his classes are taught in Spanish. All of his PDS buddies have joined him in Spain, enjoying an in-depth look at the back roads of that country. It is his opinion that he will never have friends that will compare to his PDS buddies.

Rajiv M. Mallipudi writes: Yeah, it's me. Rajiv, aka: Pudi. To this day in college I'm known as Pudi, and the expression "pudi pumped" is still used - a lot! Anyway, I thought I'd update you with my life. I'm at Johns Hopkins University and am going to be a senior next year. School here is brutal! So I'm mad pumped I managed to get Dean's list last semester! I knew you'd like that too. Well, besides school, I'm still doing a lot of fun activities that I

did in high school. I am still acting and directing plays. Recently, I played the role of Lewis in the production of *Pippin*. I am also still playing ice hockey. However, my passion has now turned to bodybuilding. Which I love!

I am not playing chess as much as I did in high school, but I recently got back into it. I am also breakdancing...as the school mascot! Yes, I am the Hopkins BlueJay mascot. I traveled with the team to Boston for the National Lacrosse Championship! I got TV time too! The players, coaches and fans really are supportive and make me feel proud to be out there. I really enjoy it. And hey, how many breakdancing mascots do you know?

And for the past year and a half I worked on a project to spatially localize gene expression. All that has led me to where I am now...Australia! I'm currently at the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research. I am here on a scholarship that allows engineering majors to do research anywhere in the world! The project I am working on is on drug targeting using microparticles. It's going to be a lot of fun! In the end, I will leave with "mini-paper" and a recommendation that I will use to apply for either an MD or PhD I want to see the options. However, I do know I am taking a year and a half off to work because I graduated early in December.

Cecily Moyer writes: Spent April through August studying abroad in Tokyo; **Vika Kovalchuk** came to visit and we traveled around the country.

2006

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Mendy Fisch writes: This June marked two years since our graduation. In case high school has started to become one of your more distant memories, here are some updates from our class from the past six months to keep you current.

Aaron Sashihara has been in Ramadi, Iraq since last spring, and will be deployed there until October. His battalion, the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, is working to maintain calm in the restive

Sunni Triangle. Sashihara writes:

"The situation here is good, but also very fragile. Mostly through proactive measures, we have been able to maintain relative peacefulness in the area. Still, it's pretty obvious to us that if we left, the Iraqi Police and Iraqi Army would be overwhelmed by insurgents. It's one thing to hear that in the news, entirely different to see it first-hand. But that's our take on the situation. There have been several attempts by insurgents (mostly from Syria) to penetrate our battalion Area of Operations while we have been here."

Sashihara explained that a major part of his battalion's role is to support the nascent Iraqi police force:

"From the start of the deployment till now, the Iraqi Police have made considerable progress and improvements—but, still, they rely heavily on us. We pay the salary for all of the Iraqi Police and provide them with fuel and water. We also act as Quick Reaction Force (QRF) for the Iraqi Police in case of emergencies," Sashihara writes.

In addition, the "Walking Dead" (the battalion's nickname since the Vietnam War) are responsible for distributing contracts and maintaining local leaders' support. Sashihara writes:

"You might also be interested to know that we also grease local Sheiks (mayors—very important within communities) with money and generous contracts (which they subcontract for considerable profit). Keeping the community leaders happy is a critical part of our strategy here."

Sashihara has also done some joint operations with the SEALs and the Delta Force. "Seeing the Delta boys fly in on little birds, blast a door down with C4, and clear a couple houses was pretty cool...but the SEALs are a bunch of posers," Sashihara writes.

"I spend a lot of time behind a 50-cal. machine gun in the turret of a humvee," Sashihara concludes.

Despite being 6,000 miles away and in a war zone, Sashihara has remained one of the most dedicated contributors to class notes.

Sarah Mischners, who has also been a reliable contributor to class notes, spent her summer in San

Francisco, helping to promote musicians. "After her sophomore year at Smith College, she spent the summer in San Francisco doing an internship in music marketing, development, and management, where she met up with **Beth Wei**—who helped carry suitcases and sample mission district food—and fellow S.F. Bay summer worker **Shira Concool**."

Meanwhile, **Courtney Leopold** was back on the East Coast working as a research assistant at Harvard's Health and Psychology lab and Laboratory for Developmental Studies. Leopold writes:

"It was amazing! I have never conducted psych research that involved physiology, but I figured this is as close to the medical field as I'll ever get, since the sight of blood still frightens me! We did have to attach numerous electrodes and take saliva samples, which I managed not to get too grossed out by (except when some people thought the proper way to do this was to hack up a lung)."

Leopold is going into her junior year at The College of New Jersey, and is double majoring in psychology and Spanish. This past year, she was a lab manager for TCNJ's Memory and Aging lab. Leopold adds:

"This upcoming year, I'll be Treasurer of my school's chapter of Psi Chi, the national honor society for Psychology, and will be an Instructional Intern during the spring semester for a psychology health research based seminar, which basically entails scrupulously covering every aspect of learning how to design, conduct, and analyze a study, and then writing the results in an APA style paper."

Esther Kim spent the summer in New York City working for the New York Youth Symphony Orchestra, which she used to play in. Kim will be starting her second year at NYU this fall. She writes:

"I'll be starting my second year at NYU and I absolutely love it. My first year was kind of crazy because I went in as a music performance major, but I think I'm just going to do a minor in music now."

Also working in New York City were **Neil Sharma** and **Jon Siani**. Sharma dressed up every

day for his commute into the financial district to spend his days working in Doha Bank, the Qatari banking giant. Siani also commuted into the city for his job in an architecture firm. I ran into Siani on a late train back after he had spent a long day at the office.

Amanda Levy and **Arvind Thambidurai** were employed this summer as well – Levy worked in a lab at the University of Pennsylvania, while Thambidurai marked a year of employment at L'Oreal.

According to Kim, **Laurie Cartwright** was in Cairo for part of the summer, practicing her Arabic and getting to know the city. **Hannah Tamminen** also studied over the summer, perfecting her acting in the Summer Training Institute at Shakespeare and Company in Lenox, MA.

A number of Class of '06 members are planning to leave the country in the upcoming months. **Adam Savitzky** worked over the summer at FMC Technologies, a Massachusetts-based company that designs and maintains energy-efficient building control systems, writing programs to help the company monitor the buildings it is hired to heat and cool. This fall, he is off to London for a semester abroad at University College, home of, among other things, philosopher/economist Jeremy Bentham's preserved remains.

Charlie Turndorf will spend the spring semester in Japan. He began studying Japanese at Kenyon College this past year, and hopes to improve his Japanese this spring. Turndorf is also very excited for the release of the new game Spore, which is coming out in September.

Ram Narayanan, meanwhile, has already left for Australia, where he will be studying until December.

Finally, I have managed to get through my freshman year, and commuted into New York this summer for a job at Bootstrap Software, a small software firm in lower Manhattan. I also managed to meet up with a number of members of the Class of '06, and take a bike ride to New Brunswick with my brother Ben (we caught the train back to Princeton Junction).

Please keep on writing me with more material for class notes, and have a good fall!

Elizabeth Wei is happily finishing her sophomore year at Stanford. She will be volunteering in Ghana this summer with Unite for Sight, a non-profit organization committed to providing eye care and eye health services to the poor. In September, she will be studying abroad in Australia.

Greg Rosen writes: From University of Pennsylvania, I will be doing a fall semester abroad in Leuven, Belgium.

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David Coghlan has completed his freshman year at the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown.

Aniella L. Perold has moved to Park Slope, Brooklyn for the summer and is interning for the editorial department of Conde Nast Traveler. She is having a great time sharing an apartment with friends, although now she understands why the rent is so much lower for a walk-up!

Molly Gittell Gallagher was named to the Dean's list as a freshman at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University. She looks forward to spending the summer in New York City as an intern at *Elle* magazine.

Alicia Siani writes: I am really enjoying my time at Davidson so far. If anyone is ever in the Charlotte area, feel free to visit...I'm sure Annaliese Rosenthal '05 would also love to see you!

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Ben Fisch writes: I am taking a gap year before college. I will be studying in Israel from September through May. Calling me would be difficult but Facebook always works.



Kalla Gervasio



Justine Drago



CJ Martino



from left, Erin Burns, Lindsey Mischner, Lauren Berk, Broden Sanford, Pamela Lee, Ben Fisch



Lydia Emery

Alumni Service Award: Kalla Gervasio

For the past two years, Kalla served as a tireless leader of the Community Service Council. She led the PDS effort in Thanksgiving Baskets Drive, Blood Drives and various fundraisers. In addition, Kalla instituted a new fundraising event for Alex's Lemonade Stand, which has now become an integral part of the PDS Community Service Program. The Blue-White Charity Basketball game has raised more than \$3,000 over the past two years for pediatric cancer research—a cause very close to Kalla's heart. Beyond distinguishing herself in community service, she leaves a legacy for the school to carry on.

John Douglas Sacks-Wilner Award: Justine Drago

This award recognizes a member of the graduating class who has shown resolution, courage and self-command. This year's award goes to a student whose unfailing positive attitude has been her trademark throughout her upper school years.

Fred Woodbridge Memorial Award: CJ Martino

This award is presented each year to a graduating senior who has exhibited outstanding leadership qualities in developing class unity and spirit.

Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars Program

2008 Distinguished Scholars are Erin Burns, Lindsey Mischner, Lauren Berk, Broden Sanford, Pamela Lee and Ben Fisch.

English Award: Lydia Emery

Lydia's writing demonstrates the true sophistication that comes, not from complex language, but from complex ideas expressed as clearly and precisely as possible. A wonderful imaginative writer as well, she has read her poetry at Barnes & Noble and represented PDS in a writing competition sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English. She has been an irreplaceable poetry editor for *cymbals* and has served as a Writing Center mentor for the past two years.

The English Department Writing Award: Erin Burns

Erin has a writer's eye and ear for the details that enliven an idea or feeling, and she brings these listening skills to the English classroom, where she anchors a discussion with her precise comments and questions, and to the Writing Center, where she has served as a mentor for the past two years. She has the quiet wisdom of a village elder and looks at the world, and writes about it, with a maturity and generosity beyond her years.

The History Award: Simon Liebling

In every course he has taken, Simon has made the classroom a more lively, intense, fun place to learn by challenging his classmates and teachers alike with his deeply felt and carefully analyzed positions on issues of past and present. He has strong convictions, which are always sophisticated and thoughtfully expressed — so much so that he has been known to persuade even his most skeptical classmates to explore and share his point of view.

Senior

Computer Award: Pamela Lee

Pamela has developed a high degree of independence, and is able to teach herself many concepts on her own. She has done an excellent job as a PDSnet sysop for the past two years. She has also worked during the past two summers for the technology department, helping to set up the computers everyone has used this year.

Hubert N. Alyea Award: Ben Fisch

Ben has demonstrated an unbridled passion and an unmatched interest in the field of Chemistry. In the classroom, his questions provoke further exploration and his enthusiasm is indeed contagious.

Biology Award: Kalla Gervasio

Kalla is tenacious in her pursuit of learning and has repeatedly demonstrated a passion for, and a mastery of Biology. Her quest for knowledge and her deep-rooted understanding highlight her science career here at Princeton Day School. We congratulate Kalla for her genuine love for learning and achievement in Biology.

Chemistry Award: Sam Radomy

Sam pursues knowledge with a sense of humor and a humble passion. His ability to probe the possibilities of his knowledge has made him an invaluable student in the classroom and in the community.

Physics Award: Lauren Berk and Nick Ford

Both Physics Award winners have enjoyed the process of searching for and eventually discovering the connections that exist in the world of physics. They are content to study a problem until the beauty of its solution is fully understood — often asking probing questions that challenge their own understanding and that of their peers. Their knowledge in Physics is far-reaching as is their willingness to help others gain insight into this magical kingdom.

The Elizabeth Fine Latin Award: Matt Oresky

Matt manifested Cato's old proverb of learning: "grab hold of the idea, and then the words will follow." His translations were accurate and succinct and his interpretations of ancient literature always showed a logical mind at work. Much more could be said, but as this year's winner frequently argued, excess sentiment undermines persuasiveness.

Erin Burns



Simon Liebling



Pamela Lee



Ben Fisch



Congratulations



Sam Radomy



Nick Ford



Matt Oresky



Broden Sanford



Alon Debiche

Lindsey
Mischner

Noni Ammidon

Jarrett
Dury-Agri

Awards

French Award: Lydia Emery

Lydia has distinguished herself by her love for the language, French culture, and, above all, for French literature. After AP French literature, she chose a very challenging Advanced Literature class where she demonstrated her remarkable analytical skills, her excellent speaking proficiency, and her writing talent. *(pictured on facing page, top right photo)*

Spanish Award: Brody Sanford

Brody's native-like feeling for Spanish allows him to write an inspiring poem or analyze existentialist novels in his AP Literature class. He handled the challenges of the AP Spanish Language class with a huge smile and great enthusiasm as well. All along, Brody exhibits an unassuming demeanor that is in sharp contrast with his sophisticated Spanish.

Chinese Award: Alon Debiche

Alon's passion for Chinese, insightful in-class contributions, and his thorough research for the cultural projects are always evident. He is routinely the first one to take risks in class in order to challenge his learning and achieve new and deeper levels of understanding. For him the journey has been the reward.

Dual Language Award: Lindsey Mischner

Lindsey has excelled in *two* languages, pursuing both at the highest levels PDS offers. The recipient of the dual language award is a talented French, Latin and Ancient Greek student.

The Gary Lott Art Purchase Award: Noni Ammidon

The Gary Lott Art Purchase Award is in memory of Gary Lott, long-time history teacher, Dept. Chair, and artist in his own right. Each year the art department purchases a piece of student art for the school's permanent collection. This year's award goes to a student who has learned to speak through the language of the visual arts.

Mixed Media Award: Jarrett Dury-Agri

This award goes to a student who has passionately embraced a range of arts offered at Princeton Day School and made art practice a significant part of his life.

Film Award: Sam Cutler-Kreutz, Jenna Glass and Patrick Murphy

All three students brought together technical ability, a commitment to storytelling and an unwavering interest and passion for the capacity of film to communicate complex elements of human experience.

Photography Award: Katherine Levinton and Evan Sachs

Katherine's commitment and talent is clear from the countless hours she has put into photography and into her senior project. Her inquisitive nature, sensitivity, humility and kindness are evident in both her images and in her relationships with all around her.

Evan has developed a uniquely creative vision over his four years. His impressive skills have led to images that are invariably independent, original and outstanding. He excels at black and white photography.

The Art Purchase Award: Ariel Ruvinsky

This award is made possible by an endowment created in loving memory of Mark Winstanley '90 by his parents, family, and friends.

Ceramics Award: Kim Narol and Eliza Curtis

As an eighth grader, Kim distinguished herself in ceramics with a vibrant imagination and great enthusiasm for a newfound passion. In the upper school she honed her skills with focus and a sustained, concentrated excitement.

Eliza has brought an extraordinary work ethic, a deep interest in the history of ceramics, and an understanding of techniques in a contemporary practice. She is an artist scholar as she naturally connects knowledge and perceptions from other areas of learning with her work in the studio.

Architecture Award: Michael Malyn

Mike has evolved from simply making shelters to understanding each structure as an orchestrated solution for a site-specific problem. But these solutions have evolved even further than the mere list of required essentials: this student's work is becoming inhabitable poetry. As a student, he can satisfy the requirement and go on to take the assignment to a whole other level. This is the difference between a vocabulary test and a deceptively simple haiku.

Andy Franz Award: Brody Sanford and Kevin Shannon

Both are very talented woodworkers, with an excellent eye for detail, and a strong sense of design. Their body of work includes an Adirondack chair, a couple of unique tables, and even a pair of 16 ft-long foot-bridges!

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Sam Cutler-Kreutz, Jenna Glass,
Patrick Murphy

Katherine Levinton, Evan Sachs



Ariel Ruvinsky



Kim Narol and Eliza Curtis



Michael Malyn





Brody Sanford and Kevin Shannon



Ben Fisch, Hannah Epstein



Allie Pike and Sam Cutler-Kreutz

Erin Burns, Jake Lipkin,
Lindsey Mischner

Music Award: Ben Fisch and Hannah Epstein

Ben and Hannah have been active members of the PDS Music program for all four years of their Upper School careers. They are active singers and instrumentalists, participating in the Princeton Day School Choir, the Madrigal Singers, Jazz Band or various facets of the a cappella program. These students enthusiastically participated in department courses, and achieved the highest possible levels in these classes.

Performing Arts Award: Allie Pike and Sam Cutler-Kreutz

Allie and Sam have participated in every production, onstage and backstage, since they were freshman, working tirelessly and always expecting the very best of themselves. Through their intense and unfailing commitment, they have become leaders in the program and have set a high standard for others to follow.

Mike Shimkin, Hannah Epstein,
Clint O'Brien

Elisa Cichonski and Brody Sanford

The Thomas S. Bencze Art Scholarship Award: Ariel Ruvinsky

This award is presented to a dedicated art student in the senior class, whose intention is to pursue further education in the field of visual arts. This award is made in memory of Thomas Bencze. (*pictured on previous page*)

The PDS Scholar Athlete Award: Erin Burns, Jake Lipkin and Lindsey Mischner

This award is based on stellar academic achievement in the classroom and exceptional performance on the athletic field. The unique academic demands associated with PDS make our student athletes quite special in their own right. Today we recognize *three* students who have balanced a rigorous class load while committing fully to their athletic endeavors.

Gold P Athletic Awards:

Mike Shimkin, Hannah Epstein and Clint O'Brien

The Upper School's Gold P Award celebrates sportsmanship, citizenship, team participation, and excellence in athletics.

Our girls' Gold P is awarded to a very gifted athlete who is known as both a fierce competitor and a class act. Since Hannah's freshman year, she has played a major role in the success of our basketball and lacrosse programs.

This year we have *two* recipients for the Boys Gold P Award. Both Mike and Clint are gifted athletes, who combined, have earned 23 varsity letters...along with numerous local, state and school recognition. Given their ability and love for competition it is no surprise that both recipients will play at the collegiate level.

Frankie K. Sportsmanship Award: Elisa Cichonski and Brody Sanford

Elisa and Brody are student-athletes who have been exemplary in terms of sportsmanship and athletic achievement throughout their high school years. They place the team above their own individual goals and have displayed integrity, commitment, leadership, and a true love for sports.

The Cum Laude Society

Each year, the PDS Chapter of the Cum Laude Society inducts a number of students whose academic performance and citizenship fulfill this national honor society's guiding principles of excellence, justice, and honor. Inducted in 2008: Erin Burns, Jarrett Dury-Agri, Lydia Emery, Ben Fisch, Kalla Gervasio, Julie Gordon, Jeff Landy, Pam Lee, Simon Liebling, CJ Martino, Lindsey Mischner, Matt Oresky, Raquel Perlman, Sam Radomy, Brody Sanford, and Kevin Shannon. Not pictured: Lauren Berk.

Math Award: Lauren Berk

Both inside and outside of PDS, Lauren is drawn to mathematical challenges. Her work outside of Princeton Day School included a bronze medal in the 2006 USA Mathematical Talent Search and on-line courses offered by Stanford University. This year she took Introduction to Number Theory at Princeton University.



Cum Laude Society, Back row: Jeff Landy, Jarrett Dury-Agri, Brody Sanford, Matt Oresky, CJ Martino, Kevin Shannon, Erin Burns and Sam Radomy; front row, from left, Lydia Emery, Simon Liebling, Kalla Gervasio, Raquel Perlman, Lindsey Mischner, Pam Lee, Julie Gordon and Ben Fisch. Not pictured: Lauren Berk.



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Noni Carlton Ammidon
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 Matthew Castello
 Elisabeth Cichonski
 James Griffin Cole
 Emily Bigelow Cook
 Eliza Lathrop Curtis
 Samuel Cutler-Kreutz
 Diana D'Argenio
 Alon Debiche
 Erik R. Donovan
 Justine Drago
 Jarrett Dury-Agri
 Lydia Fiske Emery
 Hannah Katharine Epstein
 Emily M. Exter
 Tova Jennie Ferstenberg
 Benjamin Aaron Fisch
 Nicholas Santiago Ford
 Gregory Ryan Francfort
 Jon Michael Gatarz
 Isaac Seth Geltzer

Kalla Alexis Gervasio
 Tessica Glancey
 Jenna Ariel Glass
 Julie Megan Gordon
 Matthew Anthony Greek
 Remy Q. Gunn
 Samuel Deignan Hamlin
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 Antoine L. Hoppenot
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 Aditya Kulkarni
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 Pamela Janis Lee
 Katherine Phillips Levinton
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 Simon Liebling
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 Clinton Michael O'Brien
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 Michael Olumide Olorunnisola
 Matthew Oresky
 Cady Osgood-Otis
 Nishil Patel
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 Raquel S. Perlman
 Alexandra Pike
 Samuel Clark Radomy
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 Broden Newsom Sanford
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 Sarah Anne Schwartz
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 Michael Shimkin
 Philip Alexander Stadulis
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 Caitlin Wollack
 Jeffrey Samuel Young

In Memoriam

The school has learned of the passing of the following members of the PDS community.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to their families and friends.

Alexander Ackley, grandfather of Sarah Ackley Eslick '89

Christian H. Aall, father of Cecilia Aall Mathews '59, Elisabeth (Mea) Aall Kaemmerlen '64, Pamela Aall McPherson '68 and Christian Aall '74 and grandfather of Alexander Mathews '99

Graham Barnett '84, brother of Gabrielle Barnett '79 and Simon Barnett '81

Douglas Bushnell, father of Rebecca Bushnell '70 and husband of Trustee Emerita Betty Wold Johnson

Edward P. Chase '01, brother of Derek Chase '03

Margaret Chen, mother of Nancy Chen Cavanaugh '78 and Victoria Chen '84

Naomi Chilton, mother of Peninah Chilton Berdugo, Jonathan Chilton '72, Abigail Chilton '75, Miriam Chilton '79 and Seth Chilton '79 and mother-in-law of Ellen Prebluda Chilton '72

John W. Claghorn Jr., father of John Claghorn '68, David T. Claghorn '71, Lower School teacher Susan Ferguson, and grandfather of MacAdie Ferguson '07, uncle of Pamela Woodworth '71, Newell (Buzz) Woodworth '73, Sarah Woodworth-Gibson '79, Samuel Woodworth '82 and great-uncle of Caroline Woodworth '05 and Heidi Woodworth '07

James Comfort, father of PDS Trustee Deborah McCourt, grandfather of David McCourt '09 and Alexandra McCourt '11

Betty Constable, mother of Margaret Constable '70 Katharine Constable Nugent '72, Elizabeth Constable '78

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Mary Cowenhoven Coyle '35, sister of Margaretta Cowenhoven '30 and great-aunt of Craig C. Stuart '87 and Lauren Stuart Downs '89

Harriet Hinman Eubank, mother of H. Porter Eubank '70

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Mark B. Levin, father of Janna Levin '94, David Levin '97 and Rachel Levin '00

Douglas McClure, former PDS Head of School, father of Kathleen McClure Lowell '71, Ann McClure Noel '76, Douglas O. McClure, Jr. '82 and Peter Q. McClure '85

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Kathryn Vaurio, grandmother of Aaron Jackson '98 and Susannah Jackson '05

Madeline Wallmark, grandmother of Kimberly Wallmark '97 and Lisa Wallmark '01

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