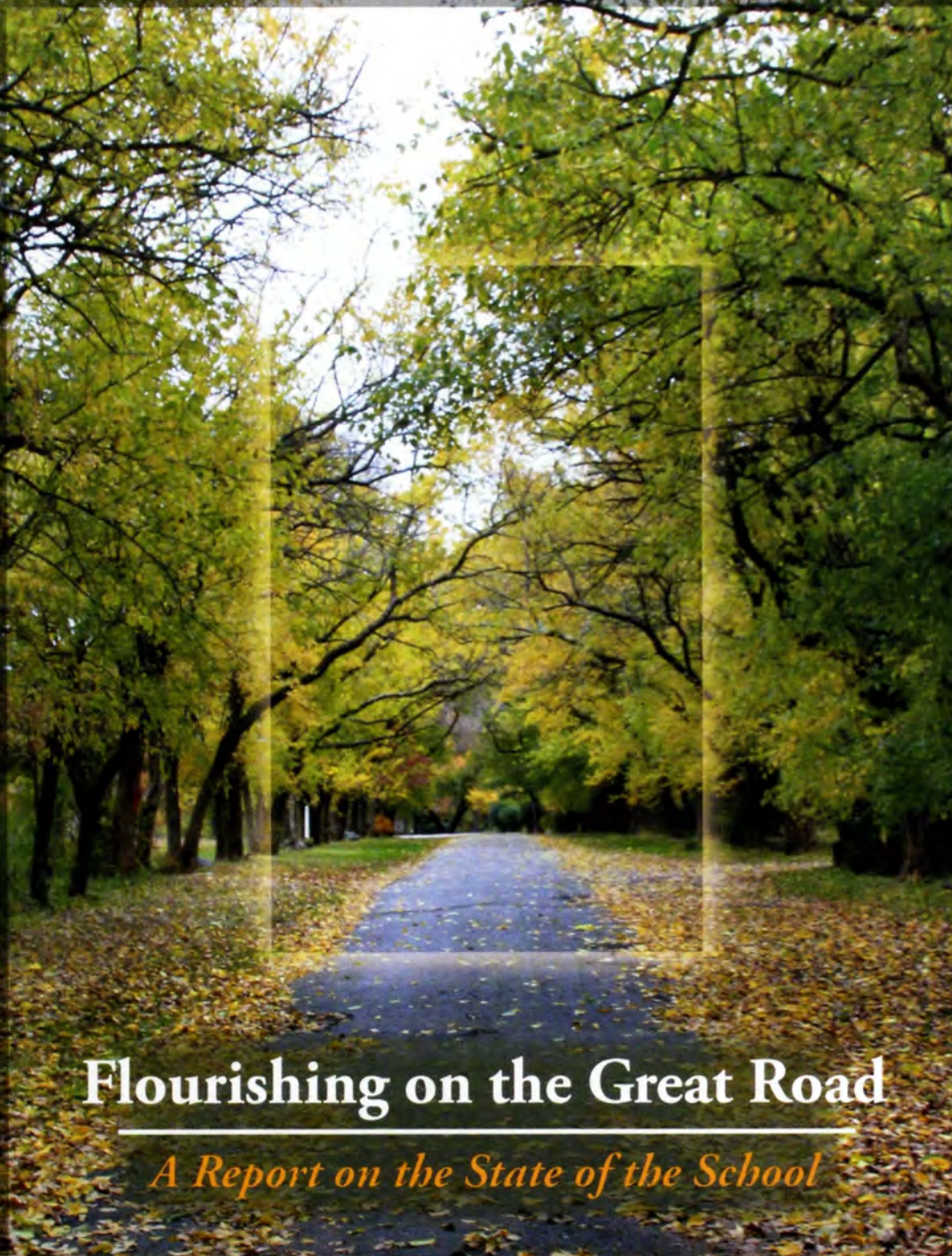


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Flourishing on the Great Road

A Report on the State of the School



“It is my turn to say thank you for a bond that has lasted 48 years.”

Carl D. Reimers

Faculty member 1961 to 1999, P’80, Trustee 1999 to Present

“My relationship with the school began in 1961 when I joined the faculty of Miss Fine’s School. Since then, I have thoroughly enjoyed a long relationship with the school as a teacher, parent, and most recently, as a trustee. In my view, our faculty is second to none, and I included PDS in my estate plans because I knew the funds I gave would be used to support outstanding teaching. That I also saved on taxes and increased my income during my lifetime by funding a charitable trust for the school with low-yielding securities was a great bonus.”



For information about including Princeton Day School in your estate plans, contact Andrew C. Hamlin at 609-924-6700, ext. 1251 or at ahamlin@PDS.org

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News & Events



Lower Schoolers Have Green Thumb

Our youngest students continued the tradition of planting daffodil bulbs throughout campus to brighten the early days of spring. With a little help from teachers and parents, these young gardeners learn about plants -- and patience.



Go Blue! Go White!

The entire school comes together to celebrate Blue & White Day each spring, with friendly – but spirited – competition. This year, Blues rule the school!



Fall Weekend '09

Even threats of rain couldn't dampen Panther Pride as athletes and coaches gathered for a barbecue and bonfire kicking off Fall Weekend. Athletes turned actors for team skits spoofing subjects from the "joys" of running to a favorite coach before gathering around a blazing fire that kindled lots of team spirit.

On Saturday, our athletes competed in cross country, soccer, field hockey and football. Plus, athletes helped raise money for charities by selling hot dogs and collecting gently used cleats.

The Homecoming Dance was a hit, too, drawing a record number of Upper School students and kicking off a great fall sports season!



Annual Fund Update

Parents, alumni, faculty, and grandparents stepped forward to support Princeton Day School in breathtaking ways last year: We raised \$1,108,612 from more than 1,800 donors.

The outstanding Princeton Day School educational experience each student receives is made possible through your support of the Annual Fund.

In an effort to be fiscally prudent and good stewards of our environment, we have posted our 2008-2009 Annual Report online. Please visit www.pds.org/annualreport to view our report.

While you're there, please support the 2009-2010 Annual Fund. You can make a gift online by clicking on www.pds.org/giveonline.



Pictured, Ms. Waters, center, with PDS Flik food service chefs Joe Carratura and Brian Mochal.

Our Garden Grows

Alice Waters, a top chef and author who created Chez Panisse and an advocate of "slow food," was a special guest at a Garden Party hosted by Princeton Day School to celebrate the school's organic garden project. Earlier this year *Kiwi* magazine named PDS Grand Prize Winner among independent schools nationwide based on campus efforts to incorporate organic, locally grown, fresh foods into lunches and meals – the second national recognition earned by PDS for sustainability efforts. PDS also won the national Green Cup Challenge among independent day schools for reducing electricity use and greenhouse gas emissions.

Parents, students and faculty recently celebrated the garden at a Harvest Dinner hosted by members of the Upper School EnAct and Garden clubs.

"We want the food experience at PDS to help students learn how to keep their bodies and the planet healthy," said PDS Sustainability Coordinator Liz Cutler.



A Flashy Science Demo

Lower School students were mesmerized by the wonders of science demonstrated by members of the US Science Club, especially the "Methane Mamba." As methane gas is bubbled up through a funnel of soapy water, a buoyant column of suds grows gracefully upward like a large bubbly snake swaying to the air currents in the room, explained US chemistry teacher Jane Spencer.



Up Close and Personal

Imagine the Possibilities, the arts appreciation program created in 1996 by third-grade teacher Bev Gallagher, brought acclaimed artist Raul Colon, author Kathi Appelt and poet J. Patrick Lewis into PDS classrooms this year. In 2010, students and faculty will welcome Carmen Agra Deedy, Andrea Pinkney, Charles Smith and PDS parent Jeffrey Eugenides.

Imagine the Possibilities is made possible by the John D. Wallace, Jr. '78 Memorial Guest Artist Series Fund established by Happy and Jack Wallace PCD '48 in memory of their son.



Imagine the Possibilities visiting artists Raul Colon (above), author Kathi Appelt (below, left) and poet J. Patrick Lewis (below).





The Molecule

Pictured below at the ceremony, from left, Head of Middle School Steve Hancock, Head of School Paul J. Stellato, MS Teacher Jack Madani, eighth-graders Rory Finnegan, Quentin Frer-Carossio, Eddie Hannush; seventh-graders Kayla Stokes and Liam Hunt; front row, fifth-grader Asianna Hall, sixth-grader Julie Goldberg and fifth-grader Sam Noden.

MS Playground

Students Swarm 'The Molecule'

Middle Schoolers climbed, bounced, slid and twisted on the gyroscopic climbing structure they nicknamed "The Molecule" following a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 22.

The ceremony marked the re-opening of a Middle School activity area featuring basketball courts, a ping pong pavilion, four-square court, wall-ball area, tether ball stands, a gazebo and picnic tables. The new area was made possible by donations from PDS families and friends.



Making the Most of Inside PDS

Over the summer, Princeton Day School added new website features making it easier to get the information you need about school, alumni and athletics. Just follow these steps and log-in to Inside PDS for news, events, photos – even alumni class notes!



Go to www.pds.org and click on Inside PDS

This brings you to a webpage displaying:

- News
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- Events

1. In the upper left corner, click on "First time logging in?"
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If you have any questions, Director of Communication Michelle Ruess is happy to help you get connected! She can be reached at mrueess@pds.org or 609 924-6700 x1280

PDS Notable

Willie Wade H '97

Willie Wade joined the Princeton Day School community in 1964 when the school was still under construction and remained a central and beloved figure on campus for 40 years, until his retirement in 2005. He passed away in January 2009.

On Alumni Weekend, friends and family of Mr. Wade gathered on campus to share memories and plant a flowering dogwood tree in his honor near the spot where he greeted so many students, parents and faculty. Father Dan Skvir shared these remarks:



As Linda Stefanelli '62 mentioned at the retirement celebration, there are but a few individuals who need but a single name for instant recognition. Willie was one of them, and the mention of his name inevitably brings a smile to every face. Willie was unique, a legend, an integral and beloved part of this institution.

Willie was the first to school, opening its doors in winter's dark and taking his station at this vehicular entrance, often at great peril. And the last to leave, locking up after late games, practices, dances, meetings. It seemed as if he were always here, omnipresent, 24/7, just like the traffic light right here, his impersonal but expensive replacement.

Willie was here at the beginning, at the foundation, allowing him to be a valued and accurate historian of PDS lore. Few knew as much about the school's anecdotal history, its famous and infamous characters as Willie did. And he delighted in sharing those stories.

We all have personal memories of Willie. Mine include his exceptional kindness and generosity, supplying me with countless shag golf balls. Most of us know of Willie's exceptional prowess with golf clubs and his love of the game. And many of us know

that there was never a more accurate local weather forecaster than Willie; he must have had a direct line to Mother Nature. Forget all the modern (and usually inaccurate) meteorological technology – just ask Willie. And I cannot leave unmentioned my chats with Willie about those special inhabitants of Colross we had independently come across during the days when my classrooms and office were located there.

Willie was very real, warm, kind and genuine, integrity personified, a true friend to

so many. He was always a gentleman and a gentle man, always even tempered and unperturbed.... well, almost always there were those PDS parents who might carelessly ignore his signals or drive too close for comfort at this corner; they earned his rare ire. You know, we now auction off the names of some of the roads on the PDS campus.... but this will always be Willie's corner for the generations of PDS families he greeted and directed daily.

A tree at this very spot is a most appropriate and lasting way to celebrate Willie's memory, like the tree cited in Psalm 1, comparing a righteous man to a tree – and we would all agree that Willie was among other things a righteous man:



Wade family members with PDS Head of School Paul J. Stellato and Board of Trustees Chair C. Treby McLaughlin Williams '80.



*The righteous are like trees, planted by
streams of water, which yield their fruit
in due season, and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.*

May this tree, and may Willie's legacy be deep-rooted, long-lived and fruitful; may it prosper, bringing forth the best memories of this beloved member of our PDS community who was the living definition of a good friend, indeed, a good man, a very good man. ■

Live & Learn

PDS Seniors Share Personal Credos

Memories.

Sarcasm.

Jokes.

Secrets.

Tears.

Dreams.

Princeton Day School seniors share all that and more when they present a personal “Credo” as part of a unique five-week seminar focused on creating “A Life that Works.”

The course, created in 2001 by English Department Chair David LaMotte, fills the time before Senior Projects in a meaningful way, gathering seniors four times a week to pursue both a spiritual and practical approach to shaping their futures. Students read a mix of materials from essays to articles, poems to short stories, as points of departure for discussions that range from existential questions of how to make meaning in one’s life to the practical challenges of living with a roommate in college.

They keep a journal and hear from adults who share career advice, life lessons and personal stories. They ponder and discuss how their values, philosophy and personality shape their lives. And they write a personal statement to share with classmates and special guests that reflects “what beliefs, values, and aspirations shape your decision-making and your sense of who you are...”

“The kids take it very seriously,” said US English teacher Kate Winton. “A lot of stuff comes up unexpectedly...It’s not just an act of writing – it’s really more about who they are.”

The seminar reflects the essence of a PDS education, teachers said, requiring students to synthesize both the intellectual skills and emotional maturity they have developed. Students must integrate what they have learned about life both in the classroom and beyond it, critically examine their lives and articulately defend their conclusions.

For **Natalie Powell ’09**, the assignment came at “the perfect time.” As a freshman, she would not have had the courage to talk about her values and struggles with classmates. But facing only a few more weeks at PDS, seniors have developed a camaraderie and appreciation for one another, she said. “It has to happen at this very moment.”

Classmates sense their lives are about to change in ways both dramatic and routine. Writing a credo allows them to pause the game, mark this moment, capture forever who they are now and who they hope to become.

“It is strange to think of writing down what I believe for future generations to read,” Natalie wrote in her credo. “Strange to think that perhaps, one day, I will pass this on to my boatload of children to find out how their mama thought way back when...”

Yet teachers are not seeking “a philosophical discussion of timeless truths.” Instead, they are encouraging these young adults poised between childhood and adult responsibilities to take a deep breath and confront big ideas. Students are asked to consider questions such as:

by Michelle Ruess,
Communication Director

“...encouraging young adults...to take a deep breath and confront big ideas.”

- Career. . . job. . . vocation. . . avocation. . . What differences in meaning do you hear in these terms, and what do these differences suggest about the way you think about or value “work”?
- As you look back at your schooling and home life and as you look forward to college and a time of growing independence, what beliefs, values, and aspirations shape your decision-making and your sense of who you are?

Some embrace the opportunity, courageously sharing personal and emotional details. Revelations about bullying, eating disorders, disappointments and heartaches are not uncommon, Ms. Winton said. “I don’t know what goes on in the journey to get to the final product...for some, it’s an odyssey.”

Few listeners would have guessed happy-go-lucky Natalie faced doubts as a new freshman. Today Natalie “genuinely loves this school,” but at first, she wrote, “I felt that my short, thick hair, brown skin, brown eyes and round, curvy everything did not belong in this world of long, easy to manage hair, not brown skin, not brown eyes, and definitely not round, curvy everything.”

An accomplished singer, **Dana Modzelewski '09** revealed the meaning of music in her life. “I didn’t grow up with a religion and so when I came across hardships, I didn’t have God to turn to for answers,” she wrote. “As I started high school my life became more stressful; suddenly I had so much work and so little free time, my friendships were changing, and I didn’t have that much to fall back on. I desperately needed some thing or activity or belief system on which I could rely and it was through this search for my own inner strength that I found what music means to me.”

“I found what music means to me.”

Others are more skeptical.

// **W**hen I first heard about the credo I thought to myself: Terrific! Here comes some more soul-searching, hidden meaning-finding, deep thought-provoking, liberal ... assignment that PDS loves to sling at its fine young minds,” wrote **Luke Podsiadlo '09**.

Yet, in the end, Luke also was moved by the experiences of his classmates.

“...What I learned yesterday is that when I said I didn’t want to appear weak, what I should have said was that I didn’t want to be strong,” he wrote. “Because being willing to share something that has hurt you with your peers, those who have the potential to judge you the most, is quite possibly one of the most admirable and moving things I have ever seen.”

Thinking, sharing, learning. Apparently, that’s what being a PDS senior is all about.

“...one of the most admirable and moving things I have ever seen.”

If this story brought back memories – share them with us! Email your former English teacher or PDS Director of Communication Michelle Ruess at mrueess@pds.org

ArtsNotes

Class of 2013 Wows with *Bugsy Malone*

Eighth grade actors continued the tradition of wonderful stage productions with their performance of *Bugsy Malone*, a tale of romance and revenge set in the roaring '20s with book by Alan Parker and lyrics and music by Paul Williams.



The play, based on a 1976 movie, tells the story of a gang rivalry between Fat Sam (William Ezekowitz) and Dandy Dan (David Crane). Add an aspiring singer, Blousey (Kalyn Altmeyer) and a well-intentioned wiseguy, Bugsy Malone (Jack Brickner) and you've got a star-crossed comedy complete with silly string squirt guns.

Special thanks to the pit orchestra, including Ryan Brechmacher, Tom Bucklelew, Steven Hancock and Peter Reichlin; as well as parent Liz Westergaard for her costume design, Jeff Van Velsor for the set design, and Ann Robideaux for the choreography.

"We could never pull this project off without the many parent volunteers," Ms. Sugarman said.

For the 2009-10 season, the Middle School will be performing *Alice in Wonderland* as the fall play and the eighth grade will stage *The Wiz*, featuring Dorothy's adventures in the Land of Oz, set to music that is a wild mixture of rock, gospel and soul.

"This is the story everybody knows, but with an 80's motown twist," Ms. Sugarman said. "Lively, fanciful and fun -- we feel it's the perfect show for the class of 2014!"



Upper School Puts Spin on Classics

Since joining the PDS community in 2007, Upper School Theater Director Stan Cahill has enjoyed bringing both quirky – *Working* – and classic – *The Crucible* – productions to the McAneny Theater stage.

For the 2009-10 season, he is combining both.

This year's Fall Play, onstage in early November, is William Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* – although Mr. Cahill has set his version in modern day corporate America. "It's going to be different," he said. "and we are using the McAneny Theater in a whole new way."

The Upper School musical will be *A Chorus Line*, a Tony-winning ensemble piece with popular songs and choreography showcasing the dancing talents of PDS students.

In addition to the song and dance numbers, he was attracted to the show for its minimalist nature, which features contemporary characters and stark set design. This show depends on the energy and talent of the performers; what they bring to the stage rather than what they find there, he said.

"We've got the talent right now we can pull it off," Mr. Cahill said. "This is not standard high school fare – we've got a few tricks up our sleeves."

Performances are scheduled for early February.





Opening Gallery Exhibit Reflects Fall Splendor

The Anne Reid '72 Art Gallery was proud to open the 2009-10 gallery season with "Breaking Ground II," an exhibition of paintings by Bill Hardy, director of the Holbrook Arts Center at Millbrook School.

Mr. Hardy, the Robert Wood Johnson Jr. Chair in the Arts at Millbrook, holds a master's degree from San Diego State University. His work is featured in exhibits throughout California, New York, Connecticut and Minnesota. "...I combine the spontaneity of the moment with the beauty of listening, pondering, and painting," he said. "I feel the paintings become a breaking ground."

"Breaking Ground II" continues a series originated some 20 years ago. With these three-square canvases, Mr. Hardy aspires to "create a tension that was equal on all sides." While viewers may initially see his work as "large blocks of primary color" Mr. Hardy hopes that on closer examination, "they become a field in which numerous colors exist."

Access to the Arts



Middle School Library Assistant Janet Dickson with Tom Muza, General Manager of McCarter Theatre.

Middle School Library Assistant Janet Dickson was recently honored by the New Jersey Cultural Access Network Committee for sharing her love

of the arts with countless audiences by providing audio descriptions for performances throughout the state.

Audio description is the narration of live theater for people who are blind or visually impaired. The Cultural

Access Network, co-sponsored by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the New Jersey Theatre Alliance, presented Ms. Dickson with its "Leadership Award" during a June ceremony celebrating 15 years of cultural access.

"Janet's passion, skill, determination, and most importantly, her dedication to learning new methods and practices to ensure that the New Jersey arts community continues to provide access to all, is unparalleled and truly makes her a leader in the field," according to the Network Committee.

Upcoming Art Gallery Shows

Eileen Hohmuth-Lemonick

"Distant Lives"

Jan. 25 – Feb. 19

Photographs from Mrs. H's work in Malawi documenting the plight of healthcare workers.

Jerry Hirniak

March 1 – April 16

Installation art

PDS Student Show

April 26 – May 14

PDS Senior Thesis

May 24 – June 11



Lower School art teacher Tina Dadian visiting Vietnam.

Winter Exhibit Features Art for a Cause

Over the past decade, the Princeton Day School community has developed an ongoing relationship with Kids Earth Fund, primarily through the advocacy of Lower School art teacher Tina Dadian.

This exhibit, running from December 1 – January 15, includes artwork by children around the world, including hand-painted canvas bags and calendars by PDS students.

Proceeds from the sale of these artworks provide sponsorships for children to attend school and have shelter at a Kids Earth Home in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

"The PDS children loved this project, learned 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.

Yasmín Hernández Shares Artistry, Culture

Brooklyn-born, Puerto Rican painter and installation artist Yasmín Hernández shared her unique artistry and culture in "Soul Rebels," a series of works displayed from Oct. 19 to Nov. 19.

Ms. Hernández is a Cornell University graduate whose works have been displayed at El Museo del Barrio in New York City, El Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico, El Taller Puertorriqueño in Philadelphia, and most recently at El Museo Fuerte Conde de Mirasol in Vieques, Puerto Rico.

Describing her work, Ms. Hernández said, "With my images I reveal and celebrate (s)heroes of hidden histories and their legacies. Each figure depicted -- whether a freedom fighter, a spiritual deity, or my mom -- comes from a place of disenfranchisement and is battling to rise above..."



SportsNotes

Panthers in the News

- **Jamier Gee '11** (defensive back) and **Dylan Kelly '10** (special teams) were honored by the 12th Man TD Club for their performance on the field. Honored players are selected by area football coaches.
- **Adam Fisch '11** led a 1, 2, 3, 4 finish – followed by **Charlie Behling '10**, **Meade Atkeson '11** and **Nick Rehmus '11**, as the Panthers earned a second boys Patriot Conference Cross-Country Championship.



Panthers go PINK during a Varsity Field Hockey game to raise awareness and donations for Breast Cancer Research.

PDS '83 Remembers Athlete, Friend

Members of the Princeton Day School Class of 1983 gathered during Alumni Weekend with faculty, former faculty and family members to honor PDS athlete **Peter Hatfield '83** in a ceremony rededicating the remodeled athletic entrance in his memory.

Peter attended PDS through eighth grade and moved on to St. Paul's School, but passed away before completing high school. Classmates and friends donated more than \$20,000 to finance renovation of the entrance, including new teak benches, a plaque, landscaping and a four-foot wide PDS Panthers Class of 1983 emblem.

"Peter was a big part of our class and his passing had a profound effect on so many of us," said **Phil Clippinger '83** who helped organize the effort. "It was great to talk with classmates during the fund-raising process and hear so many wonderful stories about Peter."

Classmate **Stewart von Oehsen**, owner of Princeton Land Design, donated materials, as well as design and demolition services.

"Peter was a great teammate, but more importantly, he was fun to be around," Mr. von Oehsen said. "I have so many fond memories of him."



Head of School Paul J. Stellato, far right, joins PDS '83 classmates **Stewart von Oehsen**, **Phil Clippinger** and the family of **Peter Hatfield**.

- The PDS **Boys Varsity Soccer Team** was ranked among the Top 10 Area Teams by the *Trenton Times*.
- **Girls Tennis Wins 'A' Championship**
PDS Girls Varsity Tennis followed up their 2008 Prep B Championship by winning the 2009 Prep A Championship!

Samantha Lieb '11 won first singles and **Sam Asch '13** won second singles, while First Doubles Team of **Samantha Schaeffer '11** and **Nicole Keim '12** took the trophy as well. PDS has been dubbed a "dream team" after an undefeated season (12-0) and a Second Place finish in the Mercer County tournament. "All good stuff!" reports Coach Patty Headley.

Beyond PDS

Other Panthers now playing lacrosse at the collegiate level include:

Mary Peters '06 at Gettysburg (soccer and lacrosse)
Keely Langdon '07 at University of Pennsylvania
Katie Briody '07 at Colby
Hannah Epstein '08 at Middlebury

And Coach Jill Thomas reports that other former PDS athletes have found new sports: **Ali Hiller '07** is sailing for Dartmouth University and **Caitlin Gribbin '09** has joined crew at Cornell University.

Asante Brooks '06 recently was named an NESCAC Player of the Week. Asante also assisted in a recent Wesleyan soccer victory over Coast Guard. This was the team's fifth shutout of the season. In addition, Wesleyan broke into the national top 25, coming in at number 15, and jumped up to second in New England, behind Williams, according to the *Wesleyan Argus* online.

Antoine Hoppenot '06, playing Varsity soccer for Princeton University, recently scored against Colgate to help the Tigers win and then scored the Tigers' two goals in OT to defeat Harvard for the team's biggest win of the season.. Last year, he was named to the All-Ivy Second Team as a freshman.

PDS Exports Girls LAX Talent

Mariel Jenkins '09 will continue her stellar sports career by joining the Crimson lacrosse team at Harvard.

Mariel, whose two younger sisters also attend PDS, joined the school community in seventh grade. In Upper School, Mariel was a starting player on both varsity field hockey and varsity lacrosse teams all four years. As a senior, she was co-captain of both varsity field hockey and lacrosse teams, leading her team at midfield with incredible speed and agility. Mariel finished her Panther lacrosse season with 118 goals.

In addition, Mariel was recognized by the 2009 National Achievement Program for African-American students. She also was named an Academic All American.

"While excelling on the field, Mariel also has been a champion in the classroom," said Head of Upper School Carlton Tucker.



Pictured, seated, **Mariel Jenkins '09**, center, with her mother Lisa on the left and father Paul on the right; standing from left, PDS Head of School Paul J. Stellato, Director of Athletics John Levandowski, Girls Varsity Lacrosse Coach Jill Thomas and Head of Upper School Carlton Tucker.



Pictured seated, from left, her mother, Cindy; **Cammie Linville '09** and her father, Judson Linville; and standing, from left, PDS Head of School Paul J. Stellato, Director of Athletics John Levandowski, Varsity Lacrosse Coach Jill Thomas and Head of Upper School Carlton Tucker.

Cameron (Cammie) Linville '09 will be playing Division I lacrosse at Lafayette College in Easton, PA. Cammie, whose parents also graduated from Lafayette, was a starting player on both varsity soccer and varsity lacrosse teams all four years at PDS. As a senior, she was captain of the girls varsity lacrosse team and co-chair of the PDS Upper School Athletic Association. She excelled in academics as well, consistently earning Honor Roll distinction. Cammie was named a Second Team All American.

"Cammie worked really hard to take her game to the next level," said Coach Thomas. "She never settled."

Boys LAX

Boys LAX players also are staying active in college, reports Varsity Boys Coach Rob Tuckman

Derek Mayer '07, a junior midfielder for the Union College men's lacrosse team recently was featured in NCAA magazine. (See Classnotes) As a sophomore, Derek went 56-43 in the faceoff circle for a .566 win average, but it was his efforts off the field that truly got the attention of the NCAA. As a bone marrow donor, Derek organized his entire lacrosse team as well as two other Union College varsity teams, to register themselves as bone marrow donors as well.

Other former Panthers playing college lacrosse include:

Pat Briody '06
at Colby College

David Blitzer '06
at Williams College

Joey Horowitz '07
at Bentley College

Jonathon Chow '07
at USC

Nick Vik '09
at Tufts University

Frank Howard '09 at
St. Vincent College

Jake Lipkin '08 at
Washington and Lee

...More Tennis

PDS Tennis has a tradition of sending talented athletes to play at the collegiate level. In addition to **David Holland '08**, playing Division I for Duke University, we can cheer **Vikram Gupta '05**, **Seth Stein '06**, and **Bo Marshall '07**.

David McCourt '09 is playing club tennis at Georgetown and **Sanjeev Sharma '06** has won honors playing USTA doubles, according to Coach Rome Campbell.

Elena Bowen '09 is playing at Wellesley and **Alexis Jacobi '04** played at Lehigh University.



Members of the Class of 2009 are continuing their sports careers at colleges and universities around the country. Above, from left, front row: **Cammie Linville** playing Lafayette Lacrosse, **Mariel Jenkins** playing Harvard Lacrosse, **Charlotte Lescroat** playing Hamilton Field Hockey, **Francesca Behling** playing Haverford Fencing, **Caitlin Gribbin**, rowing crew at Cornell University. From left, back row: **Joe Rogers** playing Grinnell Basketball, **Frankie Howard** is planning to play lacrosse at Saint Vincent College, **Mike Darrar** is playing junior hockey.

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Faculty Notes

Faculty Awards

2009

JOHNSTON FACULTY ENRICHMENT AWARD:

Arlene Cohen

By receiving the 2009 Johnston Award, Middle School math teacher Arlene Cohen was able to attend the Bridges Math Art Conference in Banff, Canada. Ms. Cohen was intrigued by the conference, which she said, "...brought together an international group of mathematicians, scientists, artists, educators, musicians, computer scientists, and model builders in a lively atmosphere of exchange and mutual encouragement."

Ms. Cohen sought to augment her appreciation for interdisciplinary connections, specifically between math and art. Those who have been in Ms. Cohen's classroom, decorated with origami, posters of M.C. Escher's work, and Pythagorean theorem quilts, might deduce that she has been a teacher seeking those mathematical/artistic connections.

Ms. Cohen took away a few specific ideas from the conference that she is excited to bring to her math classroom. "My origami unit in 6th grade will be greatly enhanced this year thanks to inspiration, conversation and enlightenment at the Bridges conference," states Ms. Cohen. "The experience opened up a whole new world for me."

She has also started planning a mathematics mural which she is painting on the wall of John Howe's classroom -- the former Middle School art loft -- which she hopes will prove to be inspiring to students and adults alike.

The Robert C. Whitlock Award for Distinguished Teaching is the school's highest honor for faculty, awarded annually by faculty members and the Head of School, in honor of the former longtime architecture teacher.

The Carl Reimers Distinguished Teacher Chair is awarded every three years by the Head of School, in consultation with the Division Heads, in recognition of exceptional teaching and devotion to students.

by Phoebe Outerbridge '84

DAVID C. BOGLE AWARD:

Rebecca Pagitt-Mungai & Amy Beckford

Middle School humanities teachers Amy Beckford and Rebecca Pagitt-Mungai were able to attend the history program of the International Summer School at Cambridge University, where they immersed themselves in the study of several historical periods that are taught at PDS.

In their proposal the team stated, "In our interdisciplinary fifth and sixth grade humanities courses, we continually consider the balance we are striking between the critical skills contained in the History and English disciplines." They added that the seventh and eighth grade students expand global understanding in their studies.

The combined eight courses Ms. Beckford and Ms. Pagitt-Mungai attended covered subjects including Rome, Sparta, The Tudors, Soviet leaders and Alexander the Great.

"Our classes covered a variety of the topics contained within our middle school curriculum and often provided us with new perspectives and insights," Ms. Beckford said. "We were also reminded of the student experience and the importance of differentiated instruction."

OSTRO GRANT:

Judy Michaels, Betsy Rizza, Bette Soloway & Kate Winton

The teachers who have been awarded the Ostro Grant, which supports interdisciplinary education at Princeton Day School, seek continued support for the Lively Arts Program. This program, formerly known as the Lincoln Center Program, promotes aesthetic education for both teachers and students at the School.

For the past 30 years, participating PDS teachers have attended summer workshops at the Lincoln Center Institute (LCI) in New York City, where they received specific training to help students appreciate dance, theater, and music. They also gained experience in collaborative and interdisciplinary modes of teaching, and were able to bring LCI teaching artists back to their own classrooms for workshops and live performances.

When the LCI restricted their program to a smaller travel radius from New York, PDS turned to resources like McCarter Theatre, Young Audiences of New Jersey, and others. The Ostro Grant awardees hope to continue the momentum from the LCI, coordinate communication among teachers participating in Lively Arts, and generate more opportunities for and interest in cross-discipline, hands-on learning at PDS.

ROBERT C. WHITLOCK AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED TEACHING

David LaMotte: A Life That Works

By Phoebe Outerbridge '84

Perhaps David LaMotte was metaphorically borrowing from the idiom, "Life is a bowlful of cherries" when he thoughtfully set a basket of hand-picked wine berries from his backyard upon the desk of then newly appointed Head of School Paul J. Stellato. Mr. LaMotte's note didn't just welcome the Stellatos or extol the virtues of wine berries. He went on to say that while the berries were classified as an invasive species, he had long considered them native, and hoped that Mr. Stellato, too, would consider himself to be a native of PDS.

At the 2009 end-of-year reception, the Head of School recalled this story and summed up: "I learned later that summer... how deep and abiding are David LaMotte's understanding and appreciation of a sense of place."

After announcing that Mr. LaMotte had won Princeton Day School's highest honor for faculty, the Robert C. Whitlock Award

for Distinguished Teaching, Mr. Stellato added, "David LaMotte's life has been, to borrow the title of one of our signature English courses, a 'life that works'."

The PDS life also works for Mr. LaMotte. As English teacher to Upper School students and chair of the English department, Mr. LaMotte tends to the emergent critical thinkers of the freshman class as purposefully and thoughtfully as he does his college-bound seniors during their spring seminars.

His passion for teaching is transparent. Describing why he loves to teach, Mr. LaMotte smiles and says, "Teaching at a day school is the next best thing to having a family farm. Work and play are integrated. And I have loved going to school with my own children. Caring for and teaching students is akin to caring for and teaching your own kids." Mr. LaMotte noted, with regret, that this would be the first year he had no "hand to hold" going into school, since his daughter, Gretchen, is studying in San Francisco, and Jenny '07 is in college.

It was by recommendation of his Princeton graduate school friend and Upper School English teacher Liz Cutler that Mr. LaMotte ended up applying for and being offered a teaching position at PDS in 1993. He recalls teaching a Shakespeare elective that year which was similar to a seminar he had led at Princeton University. He says, "I remember being struck with the feeling that these juniors and seniors at PDS were more imaginative as readers and more lively in discussion than the Princeton fresh-

men I had taught. I still feel that same excitement and gratitude about the students I am privileged to teach."

Mrs. Cutler, who calls Mr. LaMotte "brilliant," venerates her colleague for his deep, broad knowledge base that he shares in the classroom. To his advisees, he is a great listener. To his students, he is a champion supporter. "He is always asking his students to question, wonder, rethink, revise in a way that is totally supportive," extols Mrs. Cutler. "He brings out the best his students have to give."

A hallmark of Mr. LaMotte's teaching is Mr. Stellato's aforementioned "sense of place" — his maintaining not just a literary but also a *literal* connection with the physical world and community. Whether through words (Wendell Barry, poet and essayist who writes on the natural world, is a favorite) or deeds (baking homemade treats for advisees or guiding a meditation on the classroom floor when student attention is on the wane), his approach to teaching is truly organic. **Nick Vik '09**, a student in Mr. LaMotte's ninth grade English class and an advisee his subsequent years, says, "He loves nature. One poem he used to read a lot in ninth grade English was Robert Frost's 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening'."

Mr. LaMotte says his teaching style leaves a lot of room for play, noting that the "biggest obstacle is fear." His favorite moment in the classroom is when a student starts a sentence with, "This is kind of random but..." He explains: "This means I am not only doing my job by leaving room for the student to say anything, but also that this student is thinking independently." He adds in affirmation: "Randomness is where creativity and knowledge intersect."

Princeton Day School has benefited on many levels from Mr. LaMotte's gifts as a great thinker, educator, and writer. Aside from classroom work, his myriad contributions include collaboration with third grade teacher Bev Gallagher on her Weaving Words program for educators, his leadership of a poetry workshop, organization of a faculty writing seminar, and the initial proposal for the highly successful senior seminar, "A Life That Works." (See story page 6)

He also chaired the committee that researched and wrote the school's Statement of Philosophy. Head of Upper School Carlton Tucker, who lauds Mr. LaMotte's sensitivity to language, says that contribution reflects his overall *modus operandi*: "He has used his gift with language to help define ourselves as a community."

Mr. LaMotte maintains the reason he loves Princeton Day School is less about specific accomplishments, and more about the essence of teaching: "The focus of my energies is in the classroom, and in the end, that's all that matters. I think most of the teachers here would say the same thing, which is why I love teaching here."



CARL REIMERS DISTINGUISHED TEACHING CHAIR PDS Says “Bravo!” to Cindy Peifer

By Phoebe Outerbridge '84

It's two weeks before the start of school and Cindy Peifer's classroom, full of miniature desks and organized piles of books and materials, looks like most other fourth grade classrooms. Chalkboard? Check. Wall maps? Check. Platyposes (class mascot)? Check. Computers? Check. Trophy case?

...Trophy case? Cindy Peifer might need one. Having been named the Carl Reimers Distinguished Teaching Chair this year, Cindy Peifer has now garnered every possible faculty honor Princeton Day School has to offer, including the Whitlock Award, the David C. Bogle Award, and the Johnston Enrichment Award (the latter two being faculty grant awards). As Head of School Paul Stellato related to the attendees at the 2009 end-of-year dinner, “With the Reimers Chair, Cindy completes a career grand slam—The Cindy Slam.”

There are many other things in good supply in Ms. Peifer's classroom: integrity, kindness, creativity, sensitivity, and dedication, to name a few. The Head of School bestows The Carl Reimers Distinguished Teaching Chair honor every three years to the PDS teacher who exemplifies “exceptional teaching and devotion to students” among other criteria. It is implicit that this appointed faculty educate in the spirit of the Chair's eponymous former PDS teacher and trustee, cultivating and nurturing his or her flock with an eye not just to what students will become but who they will become.

Lower School Head John Weaver echoes, “Cindy is an extraordinary teacher. Her students leave each year feeling like capable and valued members of a community.” He adds that it's not unusual for Ms. Peifer's students to remain in contact with her far beyond their fourth grade year.

Ms. Peifer, who was a social worker before she began teaching, has the gift of encouraging her students to believe in themselves. She notes, “Fourth graders are at a wonderful stage in their lives. The students have great curiosity, are eager to learn and willing to take risks. They have a wide range of interests and make every day stimulating and fun.”

Outside her classroom, Ms. Peifer is a coach for Destination Imagination (D.I.), where she also demonstrates a deep appreciation for students' strengths as she simultaneously watches them glean life skills. Thinking outside of the box the D.I. way inspired her to bring a creative math model to life in the fourth grade. Ms. Peifer earned a grant to introduce two days of hands-on match activities to the existing math curriculum.

Aside from her roles as D.I. coach or as Interim Head of Lower School in 2007-8, Ms. Peifer might be known best for her role behind the scenes, literally, of the fourth grade operetta. In her characteristically understated manner Ms. Peifer says she has

written “six of them,” as if she were referring to report card comments and not a full-length script for a grade of four-dozen children. Ms. Peifer, who has a background in singing and piano, says she tries “to have 48 starring roles.”

While operetta audiences are surprised that fourth-graders are so capable of putting on a great performance, Ms. Peifer says the rewards of the operetta's toils extend to student and teacher alike: “It's so joyous because music is involved. The students become such a closely-knit team, and they appreciate one another greatly. That's the real payoff for the teachers.”

Ms. Peifer stresses that she is part of a wonderful team of teachers who bring out the best in one another, and “have more great ideas and plans than we have time for.” Whether she is collaborating on the operetta with Lower School music teacher Andrea Schaeffer or with other faculty on another project, Ms. Peifer truly appreciates what her colleagues have to offer around her. Attesting to this, third grade teacher Betsy Rizza says, “She appreciates and enjoys what the entire school has to offer, and her-colleagues so respect her view.”

Part of what makes Cindy Peifer such a respected teacher is her integrity and her ability to understand her students' passions. There is a calm focus and emotional sensitivity about Ms. Peifer that serves her students well. Yet it is never at the expense of fun. “Cindy likes to surprise the children and make them laugh,” explains Chris Hart, fellow fourth-grade teacher, recalling Ms. Peifer's amusing students by dancing with a larger-than-life puppet around the auditorium seats.

Ms. Peifer has inspired fourth-graders at PDS to love learning, to think outside the box, and to discover the power of working together as a team. Ms. Peifer says she would love to see her students grow into leaders. “But not in the way you might think,” she qualifies. “A real leader is a person who makes sure that everyone in the group has an important role to play, and feels respected and empowered.”

Luckily, the students in Ms. Peifer's classroom can learn by example. ■



Faculty Transitions

2009

Princton Day School recently honored longtime printer **Pat McStravick**, who retired after sharing her talents with the community for 26 years.

At the end-of-year gathering, Head of School Paul J. Stellato thanked Pat for her dedication and generous spirit.

"I understand that through the years she has worked countless weekends and evenings in our print shop — not just to get the job done — but to do it perfectly," Mr. Stellato said. "... Not only has she been our printer but she has been a guard in the girls locker room, our fill-in switchboard operator and a bartender at countless school events. She probably knows more people in this community than anyone else and always has a smile and a kind word to share with others."

Indeed, Mr. Stellato noted, "the very foundation of schools like PDS rests upon the devoted and tireless work of all too-often unheralded employees like Pat McStravick."



As Lower School students, faculty and parents launched the 2009-10 school year, they all missed the friendly guidance of **Judy Williams**, who retired in June after 25 years as a math learning specialist and transportation guru.

A recipient of the David C. Bogle Award for 2004-05, Judy served as coordinator of Lower School special programs and, most recently, as the Lower School learning specialist for math.

As colleagues Susan Ferguson and Karen Pike joked at the PDS end-of-year gathering, Judy taught 875 weeks at PDS, ate 4,375 lunches, attached garland halos on 840 kindergartners for the annual holiday program, spent 300 days on bus duty and helped raise more than \$12,750 for children's charities through Second Grade calendar sales.

They concluded the "Top 10 Numerical Facts About Judy Williams" list by declaring: "Number of people who can replace Judy — zero!"

"There are people you know who will always be there. And, we take them for granted," they declared. "From covering a lunch duty to providing a safety pin, Judy met our needs. She did it with grace and kindness. Every day her presence reminds us of an earlier era, when people took the time to be gracious, to stop and say hello."

In October, Judy emailed her PDS pals this update on her new life in Switzerland:

"The students are like students everywhere, but ours speak a huge variety of languages. On any given day we hear Italian, Russian (lots), Spanish, Portuguese and German. Some of the PreK and kindergarten students speak to me in their mother tongues and seem baffled that I cannot understand what they are saying. They must think that I am an idiot. I am getting to know all of the students—lots of new names to remember! Work is keeping us both busy." ■



Notes from the Dominican Republic: ¡Pa' lante!

by Mary Williams

As a culminating activity to their '08-'09 Ostro Grant project to expand English and Spanish curriculum materials from the starting point of freshman study of In the Time of the Butterflies by Julia Alvarez, Upper School teachers Liz Ransom and Mary Williams planned a research week in the Dominican Republic during Spring Break 2009. When circumstances interrupted Liz's travel plans, Mary joined forces with her son Nathan, whose own research explores African diasporic arts and architecture in the Americas.

Dividing our time between Santo Domingo, the first city founded by Europeans in the New World, and a trip through the central highlands, the Cibao Valley, and along the northern coast from Puerto Plata to the Samaná Peninsula, we encountered warm, generous people and varied terrains and experiences while exploring urban, rural, and small town settings of both privilege and poverty.

As soon as we left Las Américas International Airport, we discovered that driving in the capital is quite challenging. Traffic of all types, from mopeds to limousines, and from farm wagons to tour buses and trucks negotiate major highways, wide boulevards, and the narrow cobblestones of the Colonial Zone by beeping their way through those intersections that have neither stop signs nor traffic lights. As one taxi driver, who is also a member of the national police, explained: "It works because everyone knows that all Dominicans are terrible drivers, so they must be really careful all the time; and as a result, there are not that many accidents!"

In the Colonial Zone of Santo Domingo, walking the streets Columbus walked, we visited the original Ozama Fortress, the oldest New World Cathedral, the Alcázar de Colon that



Everybody at LAM wants a photo op with Stanley Green and Stanley Ann Eugenides! Even the teachers wear uniforms at Look At Me School, including **Marla Pfenninger PDS '04**, left, with PDS English teacher Mary Williams.



Columbus' son Diego built while Governor of the Indies, and the ruins of the Franciscan monastery where Enriquillo studied before leading his famed 13-year Taino resistance movement (1520-1533).

In 1960 Julia Alvarez's family escaped the Trujillo regime her father opposed just three months before the politically active Mirabal sisters (code names: The Butterflies) were murdered, and we learned something more about each of these families almost everyday. In addition, The Museo del Hombre Dominicano proved to be a treasure trove of cultural history and artifacts, and its librarian was immensely helpful in providing access to hard-to-find books and periodicals.

Two school visits while in the capital were made possible through Nathan's contacts with the Melassa Foundation (which supports community initiatives at the Primary School in Mata Los Indios) and through the generosity of **Marla Pfenninger '04** who was teaching 3rd grade at the private bilingual Look At Me School. The warmth of the welcomes we received were made even livelier by the children's delight in meeting "Flat Stanley Green" and "Flat Stanley Ann Eugenides" who traveled with us from Cindy Peifer's 4th grade classroom at PDS.

An unexpected privilege while in Mata Los Indios was the opportunity to visit the workshop of Sixto Minier, to meet with his widow, to learn more of the drumming traditions that The Brotherhood of the Congos of the Holy Spirit has kept alive for more than 300 years, to see the UNESCO recognition the Brotherhood received during Sr. Minier's captaincy, and to acquire a copy of the video-documentary "Congo Pa' Ti."

We left the capital Friday, heading north on Highway #1, the last excellent roadway we would see for three days. After leaving the divided highway at La Vega, where the Mirabals had attended boarding school, the roads themselves became as challenging as the traffic. We wound our way to the mountain resort town of Jarabacoa, then crept past rock slides and washouts on the only road toward Pico Duarte, the highest mountain in the Caribbean.

At the single colmado (family store) that was all we could



Julia Alvarez' Finca Alta Gracia headquarters, high in the foothills of Pico Duarte, where the only paved driveway doubles as a drying floor for coffee beans. Thanks to introductions by coffee volunteer Dylan Wajda (*second from right*), Finca employees welcomed us into their homes in the tiny village of Los Marranitos.

see of Manguito, a small sign marks the steep dirt road up to Alvarez' 240-acre organic coffee farm Finca Alta Gracia, where we were welcomed by volunteers Naomi and Dylan, other core staff members, and the Finca mascot – a chihuahua named Lassie! Following a tour of the tiny library/classroom and the nearly vertical, tree-shaded coffee terraces and visits

in several of the family compounds along the single lane that is Los Marranitos, we enjoyed a bountiful dinner back at the office – rice and beans, eggplant, yucca with onions, macaroni salad, fried eggs and salami with wonderfully spiced tea and followed by the marvelous homegrown coffee.

Leaving our small SUV at the office, we were thankful for a lift in the heavier farm truck down the steep and deeply rutted lane to Alvarez' remote cottage and guest cabin which we shared in total darkness with large spiders that were largely peaceful – thanks to the much appreciated mosquito nets. In the brilliant light next morning, the lushness of the surrounding trees and flowers was magnificent.

After a cheery breakfast, we threaded our way back past the rock slide, the washout and two jumpy

herds of cattle determined to commandeer the right of way, then headed for the Cibao Valley's market town of Salcedo, where portraits of the Mirabal sisters grace the water tower, and the bandshell in the central square is a concrete butterfly. Just outside of town, the Museo Hermanas Mirabal is an immaculately maintained upper middle class home, with galleria and Visitors' Center, whose grounds proclaim surviving sister Dedé's love of gardening, one of the themes Alvarez underscores throughout the novel.

From their faces on the RD\$200 peso note (value about US\$7.00), to the avenues, parks, and schools that bear their names, to the mariposas (butterflies) that are featured in designs, business logos, and trinkets in all parts of the country, the recognition of their sacrifice and the reverence for the memory of las Hermanas Mirabals in the DR seem comparable to the commemorative responses to JFK in this country.

Equally ubiquitous were the billboards and posters toasting President Leonel Fernández Reyna's re-election last August – "¡Pa' lante, Presidente!" (To the future, Mr. President!), and it is with this same optimism that we wish to continue to deepen our understanding of Dominican and Dominican-American culture. ¡Pa' lante with heartfelt thanks for making this adventure possible, PDS! ■



The Mirabal family home in Salcedo is lovingly preserved as El Museo Hermanas Mirabal where the lives of Patria, Minerva and Maria Teresa Mirabal, the three sisters martyred during the Trujillo regime, are memorialized and they are interred along with Minerva's husband, Manolo Tavares.

Notes from ADDIS ABABA

by Michelle Ruess, *Communications Director*

Upper School Theater Director Stan Cahill spent three weeks over the summer working with the Worldwide Orphans agency in Ethiopia. He teamed up with a dancer, a visual artist, a director and an actor to develop an arts curriculum for children who have lost everything but their hope.

Watching the school buses loaded with HIV-positive children approach, PDS US Theater Director Stan Cahill silently ran through a “universal precautions” checklist for avoiding infection. When the bus doors folded open, a wave of eager children swamped the Worldwide Orphans agency volunteers. Mr. Cahill found himself covered with children hugging his legs or grasping his hands. And he realized this was one of the best moments in his life.



“They burrowed their way into my heart,” Mr. Cahill says. “It was beautiful.”

Since 2007, WWO has run a care facility in Addis Ababa for orphans and children in families with HIV/AIDS. According to their website, WWO is responsible for the evaluation, treatment, medication and follow-up for children at six Ethiopian orphanages. Their goal is to bring these children not only the medical care they need but also a sense of community.



The center offers a range of programs, including cooking, job training and the arts featuring visiting artists.

“The medicines have prolonged life and improved the quality of life,” Mr. Cahill said. “But for the meds to work, the kids can’t be depressed. WWO found one of the best ways to avoid depression is to get them involved in the creative arts.”

As a visiting artist, Mr. Cahill helped develop an arts curriculum for children served by the center. He trained a group of young adults who had grown up at the orphanages to serve as teachers for the younger children after the visitors went home. Quickly, he learned to rethink some of his teaching methods.

“They burrowed their way into my heart”

For example, Mr. Cahill had to acknowledge the debilitating fatigue these children suffer and work around their need for daily, lengthy naps. When he proposed playing games, WWO workers gently pointed out that many western games – dodge ball, tag, hide-and-seek – are based on “elimination” yet these children are alienated and alone in real life. Sharing toys that couldn’t last – such as sidewalk chalk or crayons – was discouraged and an emphasis was placed on being creative with what children already had available.

“There’s a big push on capacity building so when you leave, they can keep doing it,” Mr. Cahill said. “We had to celebrate what they do have and turn it into art.”

And he soon discovered they had enough. They had stories and imagination and humor and one another.

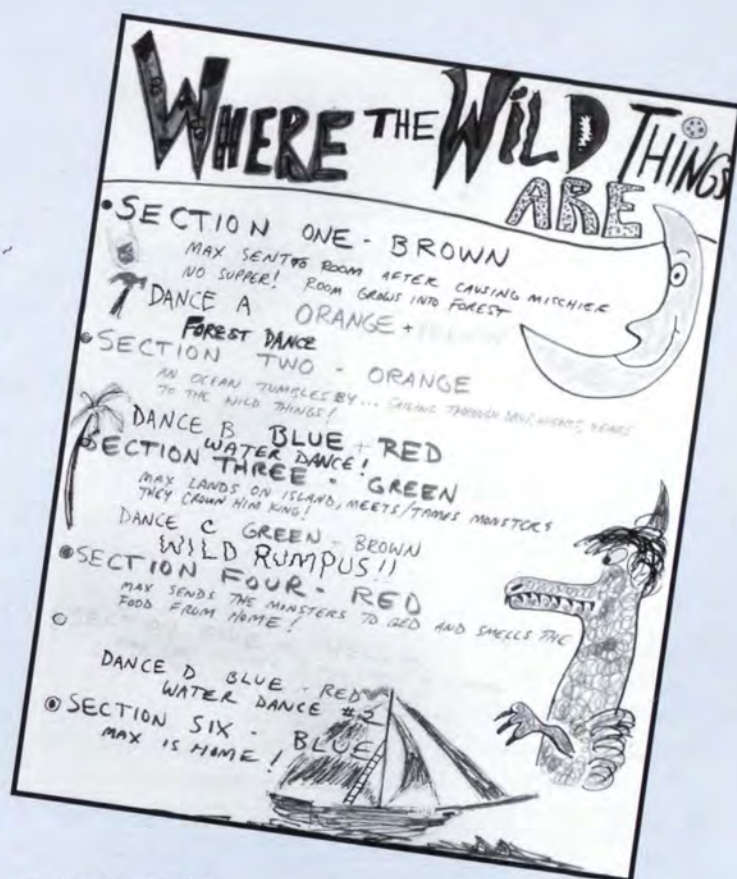
"Their good-byes celebrate the experience that we had."

"There were moments every day when I would see little kids take care of each other in ways we don't take care of each other," Mr. Cahill said.

They appreciated simple gestures and kindness. After helping one young man, Eyob, learn to play guitar, Mr. Cahill was touched when he said, matter-of-factly, "You are the only father I've known." After a lesson on drawing, Mr. Cahill was surprised the next morning when a young child who seemed not to engage at all in the day's activity presented him with an elaborate drawing inscribed with the words "I love you" in English.

When it was time to leave, Mr. Cahill expected tears and clinging. But he was the one struggling with sadness. "They know how to say good-bye," Mr. Cahill said. "Their good-byes celebrate the experience that we had."

During his stay, a professional development opportunity supported by PDS, Mr. Cahill directed younger children in a production of "Where the Wild Things Are" and guided older



students to develop performance pieces based on their personal stories.

He plans to incorporate the lessons he learned into the PDS experience, helping students surrounded by affluence to view theater as more than costumes and props and to focus on sharing stories instead.

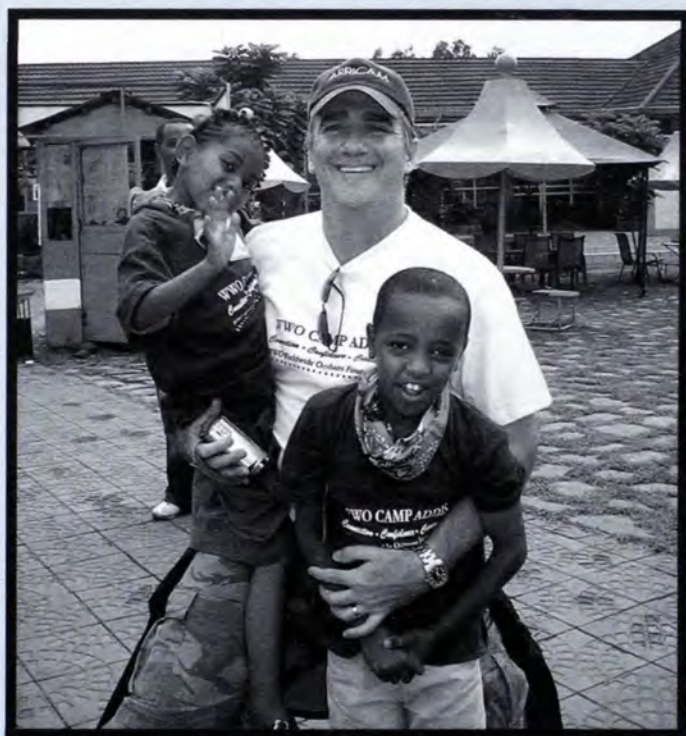
"They had no toys, no chalk, no chalkboard, no costumes," Mr. Cahill said. "They didn't have anything.... Yet to see them make a production with nothing – and it worked! – I want to incorporate some of that feeling into PDS."

That's one reason Mr. Cahill selected "A Chorus Line" for the 2010 Upper School musical. The production depends on the energy and talent of the performers; what they bring to the stage rather than what they find there.

"I saw it happen – out there in the middle of nowhere, in a god-forsaken room," he said.

"My goal in the classroom is to create a neutral space, with nothing in it, a place that can become any place..."

"I want to help students become confident that what they have is enough..." ■



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Former Faculty

Past Faculty Embrace New Adventures

Betsy Dykstra writes:

I have retired after 35 years of teaching and administrating. My years at PDS were some of my favorites. Working with Sara Schwiebert, the faculty, and the PDS students was great! Now it is on to more volunteering, polishing up a fairly new golf game, and reading to my heart's content!

In addition, I will be able to spend more time with my grandchildren—one who belongs to **Peter '88** out in Seattle and three who go with **Andy '89** down in Florida!

Patrick Gavin writes:

Update on me includes a new job – I now work at Politico, a DC-based politics-centric newspaper and website – and was recently engaged and will get married in DC in January.

Bryce Hayes writes:

After completing my masters degree in Choral Conducting from Temple University in the Spring of 2008, I moved to Minneapolis, to begin doctoral work at the University of Minnesota. I am about to begin year two of my three-year degree, and I have just been named as conductor of the new ensemble, Campus Singers.

I am starting to consider what my next move will be after the doctorate. I am hoping to teach at the university level and move into conducting professionally.

I'm enjoying life in the Midwest, but missing Princeton – and especially PDS!

Bonnie Hunter writes:

Travel, teaching, and photography still shape my life. In the past year I visited Bhutan for a week, then moved on for three weeks in India. My goal there was *pro bono* publicity shoots of work at tea plantations in Darjeeling and the Mother Theresa Center in Calcutta. For the last ten days I visited tribal villages in Orissa, adding to my collection of photos of dress, customs, and rituals of “vanishing” cultures.

During the winter I returned to Vietnam and Calcutta on a tour which included orphanages, former prisons, and war memorials – a grim reminder of people's cruelty and resilience. Though pictures weren't allowed there, I shall never forget the sight of children maimed by land mines actively playing soccer at a Cambodian orphanage.

As you read this, I've just returned from another tour and volunteer shoot, this time to West Africa for six weeks.

Pro bono work is for a Peace Corps project in Benin, a drumming project in Senegal, and a community service project in Mali. The touring includes Burkina Faso, Ghana, and Togo.

In the last year, I've had a one-woman show (Portraits of Peru) at the Thomas Sweet Cafe and a few pictures on display at MCCC, Phillips Mill, and the Sally Patterson Center.

In June, while I was at the Lower School final assembly, lightning struck my garage and started a nasty fire. No people, animals, or even plants were harmed, but almost everything in the garage was lost and there was some fire and smoke damage to the rest of the house. The fire marshal and police chief informed me that B&Bs in Princeton Township are now illegal because transients are frowned upon, so I no longer rent rooms to University visitors. Instead I'm in the process of setting up a flat which I will be able to offer to long-term renters on a lease. Not sure if I'm going to enjoy this, but thought I'd give it a try since I need the income for property taxes and house maintenance. (Giving up travel is NOT an option.)

I miss teaching (but not the grading and meetings). So this past summer, I again taught morning and afternoon classes for eight weeks in the PDS Summer Programs: digital photo, photoshop, graphic arts, virtual world traveler, and college essay. As usual, I learned a lot – like who MF Doom is and what Pages is and how kids keep getting younger (imagine, seniors have no idea who The Odd Couple is!)

Looking forward to hearing what you all are doing these days. (bhunter.2005@gmail.com)

Dean Jacoby writes:

I can hardly believe it is only three years since I left PDS – it feels so much longer ago. The past years have been busy and full of change. Karla and I have taken up residence in a (partially completed) personally remodeled house in Albuquerque, NM in the “historic” area around the University of New Mexico.

Having a house that is 60 years old is an anomaly out here – but the city was founded 300 years ago and we are surrounded by pueblos and a vibrant native culture that, of course, stretches back thousands of years. An hour down I-40 west and you arrive at Acoma pueblo – the longest continually inhabited place in North America.

Too, Karla and I welcomed our second child, a boy named Lur (Earth in Basque) on April 11. His older sister, Ainara – born just before we left PDS – seems thrilled (most of the time) with her new toy. While our life has been dominated by moving multiple times, fixing up an old house and being parents, I have found

time to be an assistant JV coach of boys soccer at Albuquerque Academy (where I am the associate director of college counseling) and we have attended a number of events such as pueblo feast days and the largest powwow in the world – the Gathering of Nations – as well as the Santa Fe Indian market.

Also, I have continued my volunteer work with College Horizons – the pre-college program for Native students profiled in an earlier PDS bulletin. This year the family traveled to Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA for a busy but very rewarding five-day program.

Pete Jaques writes:

It was good to see a lot of old colleagues, parents, students and friends at the dedication of the **Peter Hatfield '83** terrace at the back door to the gym last spring. That place truly was the center of friendships for a lot of us. It was also great to attend the 1984 reunion party at Whitney Ross's place, and see so many people who have magically leapt from 14 or 18 to 43-years-old. Great as kids, fascinating as adults.

My "retirement" was transformed by events. The consulting career was put on hold by a major injury to my wife, Sue, and by the economy. Now I'm the Interim Head of School at Friends School Haverford, and really enjoying myself. Why plan?

Carol Kane writes:

We're still living at Windrows (no cooking!!) Did have a wonderful time in Ireland at a granddaughter's wedding – 8 ft. flame throwers, drums, dancing, etc, at the reception.

Last October, we went to Paris and came home on the QMII. We had a chance to visit the chateau we've rented twice in the Loire Valley.

We'd hoped to go to Germany this August for a grandson's wedding but, alas, I broke my hip. The hip is fine now and we're enjoying the pictures. We have nine grandchildren in all, perhaps the rest will marry closer to home! My best to all!

Frances Alice Kleeman

Emily Frank, a niece of Ms. Kleeman, wanted to share the news that her aunt died in July 2009. She writes:

During her last weeks, she heard from many of you and your love came through loud and clear. Acknowledgements may be sent to her sister Elizabeth Kleeman Frank, 818 W. 40th Street, Baltimore MD 21218 or to her brother, Richard P. Kleeman, 701 King Farm Boulevard, Rockville MD 20850.

Bente Ott writes:

I've enjoyed every year of my retirement. I feel blessed to visit children and grandchildren (6) whenever I want to.

Foreign travel is always on the agenda. Last fall I experienced a trip to Jordan and Egypt. This fall, the trip extends to Israel. I've always dreamed of visiting all the Biblical landmarks.

In June, I flew to Petuluma, CA to attend graduations – eighth grade, sixth grade and prekindergarten – for sons of **Erik Ott '83**. They are now residing in Madrid, Spain for the school year. They live in an apartment and all three boys attend a public school nearby. In late November, I plan to visit them.

My trip to Denmark takes place every summer. It's so necessary for me to catch up with my family.

Looking forward to many more life experiences, counting on good health. ■



Bente Ott looking like an "Egyptian Queen" while sailing on the Nile River in November 2008.



Bente Ott shared this photo of son **Erik Ott '83** with his three sons.



Bente Ott at the pyramid Zoser during a trip to Egypt in November 2008.

STATE OF THE SCHOOL REPORT

Growing, Thriving, Flourishing

*Nay answer me.**Stand, and unfold yourself.*

— Hamlet, I, i, 2

That art imitates life is an article of faith that people in my business (the business of teaching, lest you wondered where I was going with this), and the splendidly arrayed page allows us a luxury which life rarely affords: to view its wide prospects with dispassion, detachment, and the distance one must have to make sense of the whole thing. How much different our lives would be if the meaning of the moment revealed itself in the moment: if we did not have to wait for facts to unwind and, in doing so, present the truth embedded there. Of course, the past presents its own challenges, as the dewy haze of days gone by dulls the immediacy of the event itself and, in many cases, yields only those truths that serve our interest at the time. (From our years living in Virginia, we came to know well a Faulkner phrase applied liberally across the South, most often in conversation about the Civil War: *The past isn't dead. It isn't even past.*) The question inevitably becomes: How do we know the real thing when we see it?

This most urgent demand that frames this essay, offered by a terrified Francisco in the first scene of *Hamlet*, is the one upon which the entire play turns: Hamlet's vain attempt to find the real thing is, in every way, an *unfolding* that binds and releases each character brave (or foolish) enough to unfold himself

or be unfolded by someone or something else (such as the truth?). Smitten by the language of Shakespeare, I have returned many times to the simple and elegant choice of words in this single line. What does Francisco really want



to know? Or, better said, how much does he want to know and what would he just as soon leave for the next officer of the watch? He says neither *reveal yourself* (too much information for a frostbitten soldier who is ready to trade the long night for a soft bed) nor *show yourself* (he needs a bit more, in that funny way that fear breeds curiosity). Francisco's charge is precise and to the point, for it elicits the response he seeks and unfolds for Shakespeare's audience the next layer of intrigue. (Remember, once relieved of his post and about to leave the stage, Francisco turns to say:

'Tis bitter cold/And I am sick at heart. We know something really good is on the way!)

No, the words could not be better chosen: If in Shakespeare, as in life, *the readiness (may be) all*, the *unfolding* is everything.

The charge for this piece, delivered from our marvelous director of communications, Michelle Ruess, is to write about the state of the school: to sum up, through engaging prose and cheery anecdotes, the year just ended, and to look knowingly toward the year to come. I don't really know that I have started well with the two



paragraphs above, except to say that the lives we lead at

may appear to have little to do with one another

Princeton Day School are a sort of unfolding: the studied application of the talents and resources of gifted faculty, challenging their students to imagine and realize who they will be. Yet it seems to me that Francisco's charge – *Nay, answer me. Stand and unfold yourself* – recommends a sort of compact that is offered and accepted each day in every classroom, on every playing field and court and (with a nod to the upper school production of *Julius Caesar*) in the theater, or anywhere students and faculty gather in this act of unfolding. (I spoke with lots of parents as they were exiting their parent/teacher conferences and encountered, almost to a person, two responses: how well our faculty know our children; and how eager they are to see who they will become.) *Stand and unfold yourself*.

That our children's lives unfold themselves before us is, in pursuit of one goal of this essay, the point at which art and life are indistinguishable. Whether on the battlements of the castle at Elsinore or at the drafting tables of the architecture studio, what unfolds is both highly predictable and completely mysterious. But what of the other storms that rage about us and for which we must be wholly prepared, even if we are unsure what form they will finally take? In those moments, we lean as heavily on hard work and good questions as we do on the lessons of literature.

From the time the economic tables turned last fall, the school has engaged itself in parallel conversations, both of which seek to ask and answer essential questions that

but which are tied together in critical ways. Framed by the accreditation process of Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges, Princeton Day School has set out to answer two questions: *What do we do? Why do we do it?* Addressed and answered within the framework of reaccreditation, the questions prepare Princeton Day School for the next round of strategic planning, which will array before us a series of additional questions. At the same time, members of the senior staff and board of trustees are well into a discussion whose outcome will determine how the school will and must sustain itself financially in the years that lie ahead of us. Every question we ask and answer at which we arrive will be grounded in the mission: the school's commitment to our children's *unfolding*.

Two things in particular encourage and excite me about these efforts and say a great deal about the state of the school: our courage to ask these difficult, essential questions; and our wisdom to ask them in the right order. So many schools, during the course of the last year, have slashed their payrolls and then looked around later to survey the damage. We have been thoughtful and purposeful in our work, taking time to understand – and renew our promise to – the program and its people; and then setting about to design and build financial systems to support them and, even more, to ensure that they will flourish.

So forget for now the State of Denmark; the state of Princeton Day School could not be better. ■

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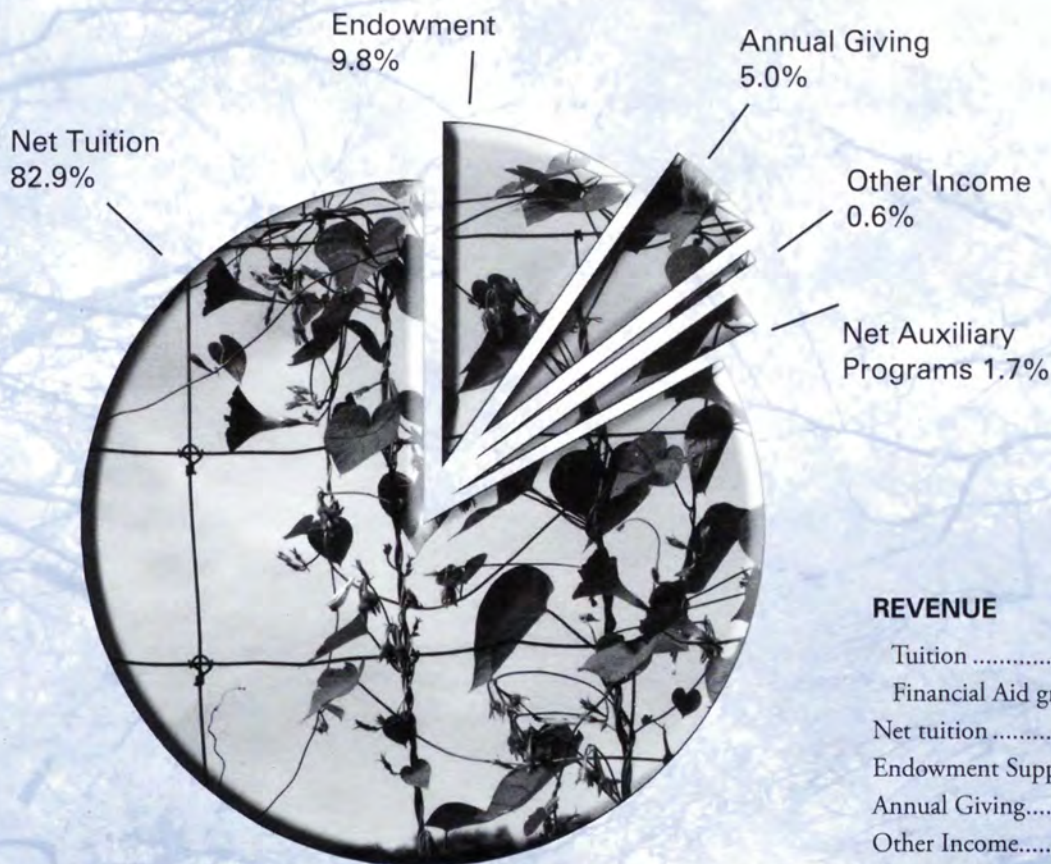
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Financial Aid grants & remission.....	(5,252,241)
Net tuition	18,166,820
Endowment Support	2,144,492
Annual Giving.....	1,103,112
Other Income.....	136,488
Auxiliary Programs (net).....	373,393

Total \$21,924,305**EXPENSES**

Instruction & Student Services.....	12,987,072
Administration	3,819,880
Plant Operations	2,638,201
Capital Asset Renewal	1,208,204
General Institution.....	576,399
Debt Service.....	690,279

Total \$21,920,035**Net \$4,270**

College Counseling Outlook



By Sarah Graham
Director of College Counseling

Recently, I attended the annual conference of the National Association of College Admissions Counseling (NACAC) in Baltimore. The five days on the Inner Harbor centered on joyous reunions with old friends on both sides of the admissions desk, informative sessions on current trends in the college admission process, and (in my newly elected post as Assembly Delegate) governance events to help guide the future of NACAC. But, I also noted the absence of colleagues whose districts would not fund their way to the festivities. Vendors failed to distribute as many give-aways in the exhibit hall as in years past. And we wore our name badges in flimsy plastic strips. These superficial examples served as reminders that economic situations will inform much of what happens in the college process this year.

Indeed, many college admissions representatives predict that the true effects of the economy might play out in their admissions cycle this year. Indeed, by mid-fall 2008, many families began to add "financial safeties" to college lists. Public institutions, in particular, saw their application numbers swell. But, come May 1, students generally attended schools similar to those they had originally targeted, albeit sometimes turning down a former top choice when another contender came back with a significant merit scholarship. In turn, many highly selective colleges posted record application numbers, and dozens of competitive private colleges actually saw record enrollments as well.

Yet, colleges worry they may see lower numbers in their applicant pools, more requests for financial aid that is not available, and more families choosing to pursue less expensive alternatives. On the high school side, counselors wonder how cost will factor into their students' selection of colleges this year. The bottom line: while everyone knows the economy will affect this year's admissions cycle, no one is sure exactly how.

However, despite the uncertainty that danced across the faces of many of my colleagues when we discussed what might lie ahead in the admissions process, overall, a sense of optimism prevailed. And, driving up I-95 North on the way back to New Jersey, this is the feeling I carried home with me (along with way too many bags filled with college informational materials and a newfound obsession with crab cakes).

I am optimistic for two reasons in particular. First, I think it's wonderful that students and parents are starting to look beyond the mere ranking of a school to investigate what they really get for their money. I have visited more than 110 colleges

to date and have seen the culture of excess play out on college campuses. Eager to turn the heads of prospective families, tours weave through state-of-the-art fitness centers, dining extravaganzas with cooked-to-order omelets at every breakfast, and tanning salons. While these perks certainly make a college experience fun, I think the economy will force everyone -- from colleges to students to parents to counselors -- to take a deeper look at the fundamentals of teaching, learning, and preparing for life after college that distinguish one college from another. The higher education system in the United States is teeming with phenomenal educational opportunities beyond the most selective schools ranked highest on US News and World Report. There also are many less well-known colleges that offer amazing academic opportunities for students (and many of them offer merit aid to boot!). This is the point that Loren Pope's *Colleges That Change Lives* tried to make several years ago. Families preparing for the college process are even more well-served to listen to his message now.

Second, PDS students have been afforded myriad academic and extracurricular opportunities to explore their interests and expand their horizons. By doing so, they learn about themselves and what physical, academic, and social environments suit them best. Thus, the tools gained from a PDS education not only assist students in finding great college matches, they also prepare students to maximize their experiences and success by taking full advantage of all of the opportunities available to them. As a nice corollary, given their readiness to dive into a college level curriculum and student life, PDS students have proven to be very competitive for many types of merit scholarships.

Indeed, there is much to be excited about as we move into this year. While the economy remains a factor, I am confident that all of our students will have fabulous options for continuing their studies when they march off the Colross lawn at commencement.

Before joining the Princeton Day School community in June 2009, Sarah Graham worked as an admission officer at Princeton University, her alma mater, and then as associate director of college counseling at the Hun School of Princeton for four years, while pursuing a master's degree in counseling. Mrs. Graham is a member and Assembly Delegate for the executive board of the New Jersey Association for College Admissions Counseling, which recently named her Outstanding Rising Professional.

True Blue (and White!) Alumni

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 consecutively for ten or more years. 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.

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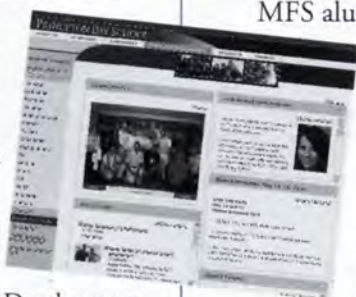
Alumni Community Online *new and improved!*

Over the summer, Princeton Day School added new website features making it easier to get the information you need about classmates, alumni events, photos and campus news. Now you can just log-in to stay connected with faculty and friends!

- **Class Notes** – by clicking on “Add a Class Note” you can easily post your latest news and photos for your classmates to enjoy
- **My Groups** is a list of your membership groups, such as your class.
- **My Profile** which enables you to update emails, phone numbers and other contact information for school records
- **Directory** – look up friends by typing their last names in the search window

Directions for logging in can be found at www.pds.org, Alumni & Development.

Note: If PDS does not have your current email address, you will be unable to log in. Please contact Ann Wiley '70 at awiley@pds.org or 609 924-6700 x 1260 to share your email with us.



Greetings from the Alumni Association!

We recently held our first board meeting of the year where we welcomed new board members, **Whitney Ross '84**, **Benjamin Frost '92**, **Sara Lott '96**, **Adrena Cunningham '99** and **Giovanna Torchio '98** to our vibrant board, and we have already begun to plan events for you to enjoy.

Alumni from classes 1998 - 2008 were invited to network and mingle from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 18 at Pop Burger, “the New York trend setting burger joint,” at 14 East 58th Street in New York City.

If you are in town for the Thanksgiving holiday, please stop by PDS on November 28 for the annual post-Thanksgiving alumni games where alumni can participate in a variety of sporting events, including hockey, soccer and basketball beginning at 1 p.m. Additionally, please mark your calendars for our annual young alumni pub night December 22 at the Yankee Doodle Tap Room in the heart of Princeton at 10 Palmer Square.

The start of this academic year also marks the inauguration of our new and improved “Alumni Community,” a marvelous addition to the PDS, PCD and

MFS alumni web site, where a simple sign in process takes you to a personalized page providing current school information, photos, class notes and alumni event dates for your respective class year. The improvements made to the alumni page are truly remarkable, and I invite each of you to take a few moments to visit our “Alumni Community” at www.pds.org. Also, please feel free to visit our Facebook page, “The Princeton Day School Alumni Group,” where you can find details regarding upcoming alumni events and school information.

We look forward to greeting you at our events and assisting you in reconnecting with the PDS community.

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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

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
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Nomination Form

I would like to nominate:

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- For the:
- ☐ Alumni Service Award
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- ☐ 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.

Alumni Weekend 2009

Awards, Games, Food & Friends!



(l to r) Alumni Service Award recipient **Jill Goldman '74**, Outstanding Young Alumni Award recipient **F. Patrick Holmes III '99**, and Alumni Achievement Award recipient **Erica Frank '79**.



Celebrating their 70th reunion, PCD '39 classmates **Harold B. Erdman**, **Edward S. Frohling** and **T. Burnett Fisher**.



Coach Jill Thomas with Athletic Hall of Fame honoree **Lauren Welsh '99**.



Athletic Hall of Fame honoree **Howard "Mac" McMorris '59**.



Athletic Hall of Fame honorees from the 1983 Boys Varsity Soccer team.

Awards, games, food and friends were in abundance during Alumni Weekend 2009 as 500 alumni and families came back to campus to celebrate the good old days. But those weren't the only things in abundance. Everywhere you turned, there was laughter, delight, compassion, caring and sharing. Our new Head of School Paul J. Stellato and his wife Maureen opened their beautiful home for the All-Alumni Gathering and guests had fun wandering over to our first boys varsity lacrosse game under the lights!

The Panther 5k Fun Run/Walk was a big hit with 30 early risers. The new combined Alumni Awards and Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions Ceremony was spectacular, highlighting alumni achievements in many areas and reuniting 12 members of the 1983 boys varsity soccer team for the first time in 25 years to celebrate as they became the first team inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Our alumni circle keeps growing — so come join us for Alumni Weekend 2010 on May 14 and 15!



Alumni Games • Alumni Weekend • May 2009



SPOTLIGHT ON YOUNG ALUMNI

Bridging the Gap Year

by Lindsey Mischner '08

After discussing gap year options with Father Dan in the early spring of my senior year, I decided to apply to the Junior Fellow program at King's Academy in Jordan. King Abudullah II founded King's Academy in 2007 because he loved his years at Deerfield Academy and wanted to create a similar experience for students in the Middle East.

The school is located about 30 minutes outside of Amman, the capital of Jordan, and about five minutes from Madaba, a town famous for an ancient mosaic map on the floor of St. George's Church. I visited both places many times; I learned how to get around which is made difficult by the fact that Jordanians don't ever use street names (if they exist) to indicate where something is.

As a Junior Fellow, my job was multifaceted. I worked as an intern in the Office of Student Life, acted as a residential advisor for 14 girls in my dormitory, coached the volleyball team, and acted as a general role model for the students. I also took classes on both Modern Standard and colloquial Arabic, as well as some seminars on Islamic art history and Middle Eastern history.

There were always points during the day when I felt as if I were still in the United States. When I was on campus, where I was most of the time, almost everyone that I interacted with spoke English. However, as soon as I left campus or

I tried to communicate with some of the staff in my dormitory, it was obvious that I was anywhere but home.

I am frequently asked if I had to wear a burqa in Jordan. In general, I wore loose-fitting pants and short-sleeved shirts, with some modifications if I were going to a particularly conservative area. Unless I visited a mosque, covering my hair was never necessary. I chose how to dress depending on the affluence of the area I was visiting. My method of determining the wealth was to look at the way the women were dressed. Since Jordan is liberal compared to other Middle Eastern countries, the hijab (or head covering) is not a requirement. I found that more women in richer parts of Amman did not cover their hair, while most women in the poorer sections did. Of course, this is neither a certifiable nor fool-proof method, but it provided me with a general guideline.

Another inquiry I often answer has to do with how Jordanians reacted when they found out I was American. In general, it wasn't an issue of when they would find out. Since I don't look like an Arab and I don't speak perfect Arabic, it was always obvious that I didn't



The Treasury in Petra



Other Junior Fellows and Lindsey in Spiritual Center at King's Academy

Bridging the Gap Year

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fit in. (It was such a relief to come home and blend in once again!) In the beginning of the year, when a cab driver would ask, "Min wayne inti?" (or "Where are you from?") I would often claim that I was Canadian. What country is more inoffensive than Canada?

However, especially after the election of Obama, I would reply, "Min Amrika."

I never had a negative response. In fact, the person would usually respond, "Amrika! Good, good! Obama good, yes?" I've learned that this positive response comes from two things. First of all, Jordanians tend to be very good at separating a person's values from the actions of their government. Also, since Americans make up a large constituency of the tourist population, Jordanians are taught to be very friendly so that Americans will continue to visit. Jordan is a



Lindsey with students living in the dorm she supervised as a Junior Fellow.



Lindsey and another Junior Fellow at Qasr Kharaneh, one of Jordan's Desert Castles.

"It was empowering to be in a place where I had to figure everything out for myself."

— Lindsey Mischner '08

country that has no oil; it relies heavily on tourism to support its economy.

However, supporting the Jordanian economy was only one benefit of my gap year. In general, gap years are thought of as transitional times of growth or change. I found that this was true. I came home in July more confident and sure of my abilities. It was empowering to be in a place where I had to figure everything out for myself. In addition to my job, I orchestrated a student trip to Italy, which involved multiple visits to the Italian embassy, and organized a co-curricular "intersession" for the month of January.

Plus, I navigated through the difficulties caused by the misunderstandings of different languages.

If it hadn't been for this program, I doubt that I would've gone to Jordan or the other places I was able to visit in the Middle East because stereotypes would have scared me away. As for King's Academy, witnessing the evolution of a young school helped me to appreciate PDS more than I did when I shook Mr. Tucker's hand at Commencement.

It is definitely an odd sensation now to be a year behind my classmates from 2008 and a year older than my classmates in college. But, at the same time, I am excited to be a student again and I enjoy sharing my unique experiences with others.

You've heard it before, but I'll say it again: take each opportunity as it comes. For me, it was totally worth it. ■

Join us for Career Day 2010!

Share your passion and advice with PDS juniors and seniors as a panelist for Career Day 2010.

Each year, alumni return to campus to interact with students during morning workshops and a networking luncheon. Students ask questions, seek advice and evaluate career choices. Panels reflect the diversity of student interests, focusing on music, film and drama, law, politics and public service, art, architecture, technology, photography, finance, engineering, medicine, education and social services/nonprofits.

Career Day 2010

Friday, April 16

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Princeton Day School

If you would like to participate, please contact Alumni Relations Director Tracey Gates at tgates@pds.org or call 609 924-6700 x1265.



During the 2009 networking luncheon, PDS students were captivated by the stories of Patrick Courtney '85, vice president of media relations for Major League Baseball.



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Alumni Class Parties May 2009



Class of 1979



Class of 1984



Class of 1989



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AlumniGathering

Alumni enjoyed the annual Spring Fling party at the Paul Robeson Center for the Arts in Princeton.



(at left) Treby Williams '80, Maureen and Paul J. Stellato, Leslie Ward '80.



Alex Powers, Howie Powers '80, Pat Osander and Vinnie Murthy '06



Meg Brinster Michael '70 and Mark Zaininger '81.



Martha Sullivan Sword '73 and Head of School Paul J. Stellato.



Jennifer Hanks '86, Jamie Phares '80 and Sally Fineberg '80



Catherine Bogle (wife of David '82), Molly Murdock Finnell '76, and Sam Finnell.



Melissa Rosenberg '04 and Vinnie Murthy '06

If you missed the Young Alumni Networking Party at Pop Burger NYC on November 18, mark your calendar for...

Young Alumni Pub Night

Tuesday, December 22, 8-10 p.m.
Nassau Inn Tap Room, Princeton



And check the online Alumni Community at www.pds.org for information on regional gatherings

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80th Reunion

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75th Reunion

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1936-1937

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70th Reunion

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1945

65th Reunion

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60th Reunion

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The school has learned that **Jean Samuels Stephens** was recently honored by The Lawrenceville School for her 50 years of service. Jean's celebration included a trip to New York City to see "South Pacific" and dinner at Picholine. Congrats to Jean!



Miss Fine's classmates **Caroline Rosenblum Moseley**, **Mary Butler Nickerson** and **Caroline Savage Langan** enjoy a mini-reunion in Concord MA.

1953

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Elaine Frost shared this note: **Caroline Rosenblum Moseley** wrote that she and Roger had attended Roger's Harvard Med School 50th Reunion last spring. They visited with **Caroline Savage Langan** and John in Concord while they were in Massachusetts, and Caroline Langan arranged for a mini-reunion lunch with **Mary Butler Nickerson**. They had a great time, and sent me a picture! Let me know when some of you get together like this, and send me pictures!

1954

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1955

55th Reunion

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Jo Cornforth Coke wrote that her 50th reunion at Wellesley College was a blast! Her class won

the honors for greatest percentage attending AND greatest percentage financial support! **Ellen Jamieson Franck** was there, and I went to campus to have lunch with Jo and Ellen. They agreed that I haven't changed a bit in 50 years! (secretary's note = ho-ho)

Jo continues her work as president of the Chattanooga Theatre Centre and of the Symphony Guild. That keeps her off the streets! Chattanooga is just paradise, and she is glad to be able to help keep it that way. Jo's mother died quietly in her sleep in April at age 94.

Ellen Jamieson Franck wrote that her summer included a trip to Istanbul for her nephew's wedding (lots of sightseeing and socializing) and a stop in the Canary Islands on the way home (lots of sleeping late and sunbathing). As the Canary Islands belong to Spain but are actually in Africa, that adds up to 4 continents in 10 days. It was all fun, but she is glad to be home.

Mary Tyson Goodridge Lund (Ty) spent a delightful summer in San Miguel de Alende — it was cool with flowers that did not stop blooming. Living there is idyllic — wonderful people, food and countryside. Ty continues to work with women from the USA in recovery from alcohol and drug addictions. She also enjoys her grandchildren!

Laura Travers Pardee and her husband, Fred, had a wonderful

summer. They spent the month of June in Austria and Germany, including a week's cruise on the Danube with 43 other classmates of Fred's PU '56 class and their wives, as well as marvelous days in Paris in a wonderful apartment. Laura and Fred returned to have a service for family and close friends at St. John's Cathedral for a renewal of marriage vows after fifty years. They then took their children, their spouses and their four grandchildren to Grand Lake near Rocky Mountain National Park for a week. They hate to see summer ending so fast!

Chloe King continues to enjoy the freedom of retirement! In May we spent two weeks in France. A week in the Loire Valley seeing the chateaux Mrs. Wade so often talked about. Then we took a river cruise from Honfleur to Paris. The whole trip was fabulous! Summer in New England was wet and cold for weeks on end, but it didn't bother us on golf courses. We played in spite of the strange weather. In mid-August one of my nephews and his three sons (8, 10, 15) spent a week with us in NH. We had perfect weather for them! I look forward to singing with the Wellesley Choral Society again this year, and to resuming flute lessons. Life IS good!

1956

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Cicely Richardson shared this news: **Betsy Thomas Peterson** reports that she, **Whitney Wing Oppersdorff** and "our consummate coordinator **Anne Harrison-Clark**" recently met for lunch in Boothbay Harbor. "It was especially great to see Whitney (after a mere 30 or 40 years) and hear of her busy life in Lincoln, Maine with family and fighting cell towers, as well as painting," Betsy wrote. "But, alas, no photo—the battery on my camera died at the wrong moment, and none of us had the patience for me to rummage in a car full of bags packed for a week's trip to Quebec."

Betsy has "had a busy summer, with two projects as well as family visits and not-enough time in Maine. I've finally got some new paint on my walls here in Boston, and have tried to use the disruption as a stimulus to prune and or-

ganize possessions. I've also joined the board of Beacon Hill Village, which pioneered a new way of helping us older folks stay in our homes, but does much more (see www.beaconhillvillage.org), and have been much engaged in editing its second book to help other groups form and operate Villages."

Marina Turkevich Naumann has good news "to cheer us through the Upper Valley's dark, rainy summer. On June 22 Andrew (PDS '84) and his lovely wife, Liz, presented us with our second grandchild—Ludmilla Leigh Naumann. (See photo of Andrew and Ludmilla at home on sunny Vashon Island, WA.) Mila will visit us for three days in mid-Sept. while her parents are at a NY wedding. Our two Boston nannies (Kristin, PDS '82 and her 10-year-old Esme) promise to be in attendance. With their younger arms and legs it should be fun all around!"



Class of 1956 alumna **Marina Turkevich Naumann's** son Andrew '84 and his new daughter Ludmilla enjoy the sun on Vashon Island, WA.

Kathleen Dunn Lyman is on the move. "We are beginning the work to move to Maine full-time. First we need to build a garage here in Maine, which may begin next week. Then we have to get our condo in Lincoln ready to sell and "deaccession" much furniture, books etc. to power down to one home. We've had a wonderful time this summer in Maine despite all the rain and are about to embark on a bike/berge trip from Paris to Bruges. It will give my new hip a good test."

Lockie Stafford Proctor and her family "spent a wonderful week in early August at the Basin Harbor Club on Lake Champlain in Vermont. It is the lake's 400th celebration this year (Samuel de Champlain) and so much was



MFS '56 classmate **Lockie Stafford Proctor's** eldest grandson Jay, 17, admires his newest cousin, Ella.

going on. We are 13 now, from 17-year-old Jay to little Ella – my newest. (See photo) The teens loved an infant!"

Margy Pacsu reports "a very nasty itchy case of shingles." Adding that both **Charlotte Cook** and her husband Craig had previously had it as well, Margy urges all of us to get the newly developed vaccine as a preventative, despite its expense.

I (Cicely Tomlinson Richardson) can vouch, secondhand, for the agony of this nasty aftermath of childhood chicken pox. My husband John suffered with it for weeks in the late spring and retains the scars to prove it.

My life changed a bit in the spring when I switched roles and joined our school board after more than a decade of chronicling the creation of the four-town, interstate, pre-k-12 school district for our local newspaper. I'm still doing other reporting, but under a lot less pressure.

The summer was full of family activities here and in Chatham but ended sadly with the death of my sister Sally Tomlinson's (MFS '58) husband, surrounded by family and friends.

Pamela Thompson Sinkler-Todd is gearing up, with the help of Betsy P., for a class gathering in Philadelphia in 2010 (spring or fall?), so we should be hearing lots from her. She can't wait to show off her "lovely city – with historical assets that hold their own against those of gorgeous Boston!"

1957

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Alissa Kramer Sutphin received a sad call from Paul Carter that his wife, **Betsy Baker Carter**, died

quietly at home, on April 5, of congestive heart failure. All of us in the MFS Class of 1957 send our condolences to Paul and the whole family.

Paul Carter: My beloved wife, Betsy, was the loving mother of Michael, Catherine and Stephen, adoring grandmother to Megan, Alexandra and Julianne, and devoted sister to Brian and Diane. Teacher, editor, and perpetual student of art history, Betsy had an intellectual curiosity, a probing mind, a sympathetic concern for those in need, and a love of life.

We married in 1960 after Betsy's first two years at Wellesley, and completed studies together at the University of Minnesota. She graduated with honors in Greek. That was no mean feat since she was pregnant with Michael the first year, and he was omnipresent and listening to ancient Greek poetry the second year.

Once our children were all in Ridgewood, NJ schools, Betsy took an MA in Art History at Columbia, then taught, and worked at the Numismatic Society. With her knowledge of French, Italian and German she was able to correspond with scholars in Europe.

For many years she continued free-lance editing. "And, by God,

Betsy Baker Carter '57 in 1990 with her children, front, Michael; rear, Catherine, Betsy and Stephen.



Betsy stands behind **Eugenie Rudd** (left) and AFS foreign student, **Marianne Peskine** (right), at our June 1957 graduation.

I did it!" photo at the dining room table in 1995 upon the completion of her father's book. This was a supreme accomplishment of Betsy's life. She carried this out while suffering from congestive heart failure.

Betsy loved to travel. She guided our family on a European art and architecture tour and instilled in all four of us a continuing love for those things that meant so much to her. She triumphed over serious health challenges. Even after mobility became a problem we took the wheelchair to rugged areas of the American West, as well as to visit our sons in France and California. Betsy's wheelchair logged more miles than most suitcases.

Our sons visited us shortly before Betsy died. Catherine accompanied us to our Cape Cod family vacation home in April. Betsy always relaxed there and found the setting magical. It seems fitting that that is where she died peacefully.

She was my best friend for over fifty years. She will be missed greatly by her loving family and her many friends.

Diane Baker Wagner '53: Betsy was a wonderful sister. We kept in touch until the end. She was very bright. I miss talking with her.

Kinsa Turnbull: Betsy was a great addition to our class in 11th grade. Everyone loved her. She was always so enthusiastic, even when we almost tipped over while canoeing on Carnegie Lake.

Anne Gildar Kaufman: I'll always remember Betsy's smile and her laughter. She could light up a room!

Susie Baldwin Smith: I have respected Betsy's intellect, and the rich depth of her being, ever since walking and biking to school together in the mid-'40s. Betsy appreciated her brief, but intellectually stimulating, MFS experience. She honored Mrs. Raubitschek, Mrs. Shepherd and Mrs. Wade for deepening her love of languages and literature.

Betsy was so proud of her husband. At the height of his 32 years at Columbia University, Paul served as Executive V.P. and Senior Advisor to the President. This fall Paul will visit Michael in Paris and Stephen in California. Catherine is close by in New York City.

Betsy was also so proud of her three children: her daughter in publishing, and her two lawyer sons. Michael, her oldest, says: My mother spent a lot of time teaching me how to write essays and research papers, emphasizing the importance of good organization of ideas and a clear writing style. She was especially proud when, years later, I published two articles in law journals. She reminded me, "I taught you how to write."

Read Michael's moving tribute to his mother in our class notes online. Through their mutual love of classical and European languages they delved into the spiritual meaning of life in great depth. Paul's loving eulogy also has wonderful stories, meeting Betsy in England in 1958 and flipping the sailboat.

Nancy Miller: Having known Betsy practically all of our 70 years, I appreciate what a really fine woman she was.

For my 70th birthday in June I spent two weeks in England with my niece, Ann Miller Paiva '86, her husband, Manuel, Alex (6), Sophie (10 months), and Sarah Bristol Ritchie '75, who was born on my 71 birthday. It was truly magical from beginning to end, including the weather and the airlines. We had five days at the luxurious Goring Hotel in London and one week at Hampton Court Palace. In July I did the Swim Across America, a one-mile open water swim in Long Island Sound, a cancer research fundraiser. A couple of my photos will be online.

Susie adds: Upon her return from Italy, **Ros Webster Perry** will post an update on her family's challenges during the Santa Barbara fires. Check online.

To log in for the first time to our secured class notes, photos and remembrances at Alumni-MFS, My Groups, 1957: Google "How to Use the new www.pds.org" and follow the step-by-step directions. Or call me and I'll guide you through the steps over the phone while you are at your computer.

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1958

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Nancy Keuffel writes: Are you tweeting on Twitter? I am trying to do so. Anyone in the Class who wants to "follow me," come along!

In the line of more traditional "following," I received by mail from Marina Turkevich Naumann '56 a wonderful article about **Sally Tomlinson** that was in the *Valley News* which publishes news of upper New Hampshire and Vermont. The article was in recognition of Sally's retirement after eleven years of service from the Board of Directors of the Rivendell Trails Association. Sally was actively involved – translate bushwhacking – in building this 38-mile trail as well as in working with the owners whose lands cross the trail, and training volunteers to maintain the trail.

In 2004 American Trails honored her as both the New Hampshire Trails Advocate and as The New Hampshire Trails Worker. During part of these years she also was a member of the local school board. Sally also has taught Chinese (remember The Link) and non-Western Studies at Dartmouth. She and her husband, a former official with the United Nations World Food Program who now makes and markets Ethiopian food, live at the foot of Mount Cube.

In June my husband and I met **Sarah Adams Model** and her husband Klaus for dinner in Los Gatos, California. We had

not seen one another since 1961, but still found plenty to chatter about. Sarah is now retired and at that point was actively involved in a landscaping project of their home. The Models were planning a trip in November to a group of Pacific islands, an area that they have enjoyed visiting in the past.

Do pipe up or tweet and let me know your news!

1959

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Ann Clapp reports: Class reunion at Manasquan NJ: attending were **Dana Conroy Aymond, Susan Stevenson Badder, Sasha Robbins Cavander, Ann Kinczel Clapp, Jean Schettino Conlon, Nan Nicholes Goodrich, Marion Dean Hall, Lucy James, Judith Levin, Cecilia Aall Mathews, Nancy McMorris, Wendy Yeaton Smith** gathered at the Clapp beach house in Manasquan, NJ. Many stories, memories, plans, and laughs were shared.

1960

50th Reunion

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Penny Bragonier writes:

The Class of '60 lucked out again with a very special gathering spot for our 8th annual reunion. This time **Caroline Godfrey Werth** (with lots of help from her sister Gigi, MFS '65) hosted us in



Several members of the MFS Class of '59 enjoyed an unofficial reunion, including **Dana Conroy Aymond, Susan Stevenson Badder, Sasha Robbins Cavander, Ann Kinczel Clapp, Jean Schettino Conlon, Nancy Nicholes Goodrich, Marion Dean Hall, Lucy James, Judith Levin, Cecilia Aall Mathews, Nancy McMorris** and **Wendy Yeaton Smith**.

Blue Hill, Maine, where Caroline is lucky and tough enough to live year-round. Since the late September weather was brisk and the Godfrey family house (perched dramatically on rocks overlooking the outer harbor) not winterized, Bill Starkey, PCD '55, kindly lent us his family's warm and lovely digs next door.

What a way to bring summer to a close. The nine of us (Caroline, Gigi, **Mary Liz Alexander**, **Carol Garrigues Scofield**, **Sally Hagen Schmid**, **Anne Kales Howson**, **Louise Scheide** Marshall, **Mary Lee Skinner** Bayne, and I) explored the coastline, ate well, drank amply, gabbed endlessly, and basked in the glow of the living room fire.

Everyone looked in fine shape,

our end since the economy has clipped our wings. But Frank and I went to New Orleans last spring for a week of rebuilding hurricane-damaged housing. We were stunned by the desolate emptiness of the poorest neighborhoods nearly five years after Katrina. Barren lots bearing few traces, other than the occasional concrete slab, of houses passed down through generations; number codes spray-painted by rescue teams still visible on the doors of houses that remain standing. While Frank performed real construction work, I either teetered on top of a ladder painting ceilings and walls or hunkered on the floor finishing trim. Go, new knee!

I spent last week in Princeton visiting my mother who at 91 is

debilitating disease. Martha drives him to Boston for regular treatment in an experimental program that occasionally brings him relief. Dick is quick to credit her unfailing support for getting him through each day.

The weekend of May 15, 2010, is our WHAT? (not possible) reunion. We're hoping everyone will gather in Princeton, maybe in rented housing that will accommodate us all. More info to come.

1961

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Nancy Smoyer writes: The trends of our class continue with many reports of travels, kids, and life thoughts and changes. Starting with travels, **Trika Smith-Burke** writes, "This summer I went on a glorious trip to Australia for a month and a half. I spent a week in Sydney with friends and then traveled to Adelaide where I got to visit the Barossa Valley where many of the major Australian wine producers own land – Wolf Blass, Penfolds, Jacob's Creek.

"Then Joan Smith, a Reading Recovery colleague from Victoria, and I rode on the Ghan, a train that travels from Adelaide on the southern coast across the outback all the way to Darwin on the northern coast. We had "whistlestops" on the train in Alice Springs where we went on a cultural tour with an aboriginal guide and in Katherine where we went up the Katherine River Gorge. It's called the "Ghan" from the Afghans who used to care for the camels that the English brought over when exploring Australia.

"Next was an expedition cruise on the Orion around the Kimberley from Darwin to Broome (around the northwestern part of Australia). Weather was sunny and 80 to 90 every day. Each day on the cruise we took expeditions in Jacques Cousteau inflatable boats. Particularly memorable were the 17-million-year-old rock art by the aboriginals that rivals the Lascaux caves in France, the King George and Mitchell Falls and the Montgomery Reef invis-

ible to the eye when suddenly it seems to emerge to tower above you when the tide goes down. The flora and fauna on this trip were incredible – especially the birds and the crocodiles.

"I stopped off in Perth where again there are superb wines from the vineyards in the Margaret River Valley. Cape Leeuwin where the Indian Ocean meets the Southern Ocean is breathtaking scenery. The rest of my trip was primarily in the Melbourne area catching up with old friends from Reading Recovery. After spending so much time in Australian wine country I understand why Aussies love their wine!"

I, **Nancy Smoyer**, spent two weeks in Poland in July, touring and attending an international convention of Jehovah's Witnesses. I had been to Poland and other Iron Curtain countries in the '60s and really didn't know what to expect, but I was surprised nevertheless. They've had a terribly difficult history but now much has been rebuilt since the war and joining the EU has brought in much needed funds."

Julia Cornforth Holofcener traveled back to the USA from France and tells us, "Yes, we've done it again! We've bought 23 acres in West Virginia, a wonderful 100-year old log lodge with a huge stone fireplace gracing a living room with a beamed cathedral ceiling and a second house Larry can turn into a solar-heated studio. We're having the best time cleaning out and restoring. Night-time falls and we remember our ages, but in the morning we're at it again. The body is an amazing thing!"

"I keep thinking how marvelous it would be to have a reunion here. When all is finished, we will be able to sleep quite a few. The only problem is the ONE bathroom. And we decided not to get rid of the turkey-claw footed tub. It's so comfortable! Just like the one on the 3rd floor at 71 Westcott Road! I know Mom and Dad are watching over me and can see their handiwork in their daughter all of the time. I miss them a lot!"

Cherry Raymond also writes of home and reunions. "Well, I have bit of good news, mostly that I'm settling into a new home that affords a calming view of cornfields and greenhouses, and sets my heart to gladness with the seeping up all around of the



MFS 1960 mini-reunion included, back row from left, **Sally Hagen Schmid**, **Mary Lee Skinner Bayne**, **Anne Kales Howson**, **Mary Elizabeth Alexander** and front row, from left, **Penny Hart Bragonier**, **Caroline Godfrey Werth**, **Carol Garrigues Scofield**, **Louise Scheide Marshall**.

except for Sally who arrived with nasty bruises up and down both arms. Days before leaving Florida for the reunion, she was mugged in a Delray parking lot. Unwilling to relinquish her bag and the travel documents that were in it, she held on for dear life. When the guy dragged her to his car, jumped in and gunned the engine, she wisely gave up the goods.

Annie reported on the round-the-world trip she and husband, Jeff, had recently taken, after cashing in years of accumulated frequent flier miles. It was "a whirlwind trip of four different cultures in 32 days," with one-week stops in Amsterdam, Moscow, Tokyo, and Sydney. Anne says the sun never set during their stay in St. Petersburg, while it never shone at Ayers Rock. "We were bummed, but the Aussie locals rejoiced in their first rain in 421 days."

No exotic travels to report from

remarkably hale and hearty and living on her own. While there, I had lunch with **Mary Jane Burbidge** Hayes. She's back on the job as manager of the math department at the Institute for Advanced Study. The grueling back surgery and rehab process she underwent last year has paid off. Most of her pain is gone, she walks well, and she looks great, having shorn her beautiful long locks in exchange for a perky shorter 'do. In all my years in Princeton, I'd never stepped foot inside the Institute. Sitting in the cafeteria among all those geniuses, I felt electrical charges of brilliance zapping through my brain (and out again). Awesome.

On the way to Princeton, Frank and I visited **Martha Thompson** Eckfeldt and husband Dick in Brooklyn Heights. Dick is now enduring his fifth year of mastocytosis, a rare and very

deep quiet and fragrant goodness of land that is happy and well-tended. It certainly has kicked up vivid memories of life on the farm in Princeton.

"Too, I am grateful for the magic of the screen saver on my Mac which, without any prior consultation, has been randomly floating stellar photos of MFS classmates from our last reunion across the screen and into my work place. What a surprise and a gift! I look up and there is Debbie smiling so directly and lovingly that I am floored by her grace. Polly gesturing, Trika and Nancy conferring. Shots of the whole crew from last autumn, randomly appearing, **Polly and Trisha, Trika and Tibby and Cynthia, Julie and Julia, and Nancy and Fiona**, all looking so remarkably recognizable as themselves that I find the heart smiling. Fiona – thank you for your wonderful photos! I highly recommend you try storing your photos where your screen saver can grab them!

"It would be wonderful to catch up somehow with those who haven't made it to reunions lately, to really get a feel for how you are... letters, emails, photos, reunions? Our time is shrinking!

Like this....

The legs of the crane have become short in the summer rain. – Buson

"Of late a memory has been visiting of that amazing Christmas our senior year when a bunch of you made those stained glass windows for the front hall windows, the school was bursting with excitement, and the basement was packed with pine scent and girls of all ages preparing wreaths.

What a special time."

Polly Busselle Bishop, continues with the house-moving theme, as well as information about her book which Joan mentions. She writes: "We've had a huge change in our lives – leaving Cape Cod after over 30 years – buying a condo in Portland, Maine for the winters, summers still spent in Brooksville, Maine (where sometimes we are lucky and get to see Julie Fulper and Bill Hardt). It's a beautiful place that my husband Don designed, high above and overlooking Penobscot Bay. We really have a lovely life

here, sailing when we can on our 62 year old gaff-rigged wooden sloop, and tooling around harbors in Martha (guess who she's named after). I have a little display shop in our fabulous old barn, and sell pots at the Farmers' Market here in Brooksville. Pretty good life!

"I've done some talks in libraries on the subject of bipolar disorder – My book, *Sunshine and Shadow, My Battle with Bipolar Disorder*, has been of great use and interest among those who've read it. I need to get it out more, as my reason for writing it is education and information. Professional help is needed!"

Joan Yeaton Seamon continues to travel, while keeping up



MFS '61 alumna **Joan (Yeaton) Seamon** and Hal with grandson Mark at the Grand Canyon.

with the kids. "We have a trip to Iceland in October and then – still unknown – Christmas with the kids at some location. So, big year for changes. Oldest son Lt. Col. John retired from the US Army in June after 20 years and is now with Booz Allen in the DC area. We went to his retirement ceremony at the Pentagon where his many honors were recognized. We are so proud after his sterling career. I must admit I shed some tears. Then, daughter Julie was promoted to Asst. General Counsel and Secretary of the Board at General Dynamics. And son James continues with his work at Dell with so many exotic travels.

"Hal and I had a fantastic trip with grandson Mark, age 10, to Arizona and the Grand Canyon in July. This was an Intergenerational Elderhostel trip that friends recommended to us – and I would recommend to all classmates with grandkids age 10–12. It was wonderful to return to the Grand Canyon where some 25 years ago we had hiked down with our kids and spent the night at Phantom Ranch and then hiked out. It was



Bottom row: **Helen Crossley '38, Louise Irving '40, Mea (Liz Aall) Kaemmerlen '64, Nan Buchanan Agar '38, Tracey Gates** (PDS Director of Alumni Relations and Reunion Giving). Top row: **Cecilia (Aall) Mathews '59, Julie (Fulper) Hardt '61, Sally Lane '66, Susie (Behr) Travers '60, Louise (Scheide) Marshall '60.**

Springtime Get-Together

A group of very enthusiastic Miss Fine's alumnae had a springtime get-together in the form of a tour of Trenton on April 22. Their excellent guide was Sally Lane MFS '66, extremely knowledgeable in Trenton history and currently Assistant Commissioner of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. From her, the group got the inside scoop on old and new neighborhoods, downtown Revolutionary War battles, Trenton's great families, archeological findings next to the State House, and Ellarslie, the City Museum, which sits in the Frederick Law Olmsted-designed Cadwalader Park. For lunch, organizer Mea (Liz Aall) Kaemmerlen MFS '64, took the group to the Mates Inn, a restaurant in which inmates from local prisons are trained for the restaurant business.

Many participants had strong memories of Trenton and shared them. Julie Fulper Hardt '61, had particularly fun stories, including her weekly sessions at dancing school in the Contemporary (a women's club on West State Street). Those of us who went to Mr. Sawyer's dancing school at the Present Day Club in Princeton—painful memories to all—were jealous.



still as daunting and as wonderful.

"I still think of Polly's book and hope classmates have read it. I have passed it on to many friends.

Lucia Norton Woodruff, too, writes about children and life.

"No one ever told me it would be so busy being a grandmother of young grandchildren. With three of them in our two daughters' homes in Houston and Boston area I often find myself wishing I could tri-locate! ... No complaints, however! Being a grandparent is magical.

"Musical threads continue to connect me to people of all ages and backgrounds. Along with the Austin Symphony and chamber

music (got to work on Bartok's 2nd String Quartet this summer), I am branching out this fall with a little fiddling and the Middle East Ensemble at UT, a class open to the community as well as students. It's great fun and a whole new world with participants from all over. We'll see if I can learn by ear! And quarter tones for Arabic music. (Luckily I don't have to do belly dancing for the concert at the end of the semester!)

"Had a chance to briefly catch up with Cherry last month, much too short but great to see her."

Barbara Pearce Williams offers these words of encouragement about her life: "I am 10 months

post a bi-lateral lung transplant done at UCSF Medical Center. I recently had a slight "bump" in this amazing journey manifested by a mild case of "rejection." A little scary but I am doing really well. I just want to let everyone know that I am available to share this experience with anyone interested. I know it helped me a lot to talk to people before my transplant."

And we end with **Fiona Morgan Fein's** activities and her reminder as reunion-organizer extraordinaire for us to come to our 50th! "Besides the shuttling between our house in northwestern NJ and the apartment in Manhattan, which we still consider home, our schedules are a little more relaxed as Harvey is reducing his obligations at work as his youngest brother and son are taking on more. The eldest grandchild has graduated from college and is moving in with her boyfriend and applying to graduate school.

"I continue to try to make a dent in the cultural offerings of NYC and am working hard at learning classical guitar. My activities on behalf of Wells College increased when I became a trustee in February. Due to its size and setting, Wells offers something quite special in the world of liberal arts education. And, as for every other school, the challenges in this particular economy are enormous. So the job is daunting but worthwhile.

"Just so no one forgets, we have our 45th college reunions this spring and in 2011 our 50th MFS reunion. I warmly invite those who have managed not to be tempted to observe the anniversary in the past to make an exception this time. It would really be nice to see you."

1962

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Gail Cotton writes: It appears fall is a very busy time for our class. Sadly, it means many of you will not be able to join us at **Susie Shea McPherson's** the weekend of Sept. 11th. However, another opportunity to gather will be coming up in March 2010.

Susan Mathews Heard is hosting us the weekend of March 18-21 at her timeshare at Westin Mission Hills in Rancho Mirage, CA. Susan makes it sound very

appealing. "It has several pools, is located on a first class golf course, and is near Palm Desert, a high-end area of shops and great restaurants." I hope many of you will be able to join us.

Susan and Bruce will be cruising around Ireland when we gather at Susie's. She and Bruce spent a wonderful week in Sydney in May with good friends. They also traveled to New England to visit family and were planning to see Susan's niece, Megan Mathews, and her fiancé in Omaha at the end of July. "When we're home, I'm volunteering for the Los Angeles Opera League and helping manage a fundraiser for the Circle of Huntington Memorial Hospital, to support the Constance Zahorik Breast Center. And I continue to manage customer and employee events at Southern California Edison which I still enjoy too much to retire just yet."

Kate Sayen Kirkland is happy to announce the engagement of her daughter, Anne. She will be getting married April 17, 2010 in Houston. Anne is an art historian who spent this last year at Harvard's I Tatti in Florence. Lucky Kate went for a visit over Christmas. Anne will be moving to Atlanta when she returns from Italy. Unfortunately, Kate will not be able to join us at Susie's. She is very busy researching and writing a new book under a strict deadline. Kate will be in Princeton the weekend of Oct. 15-17, so some of you may get to see her then.

Linda Maxwell Stefanelli, Kitty Walker Ellison, and Win Dickey Kellogg also sent their regrets for the gathering at Susie's. Linda and her husband, Tony, were hoping to get a week at the shore to celebrate Tony's 70th birthday. Linda is also recovering well from surgery she underwent July 22nd. Kitty and Dan are enjoying their grandson, Miles, and traveling across the country to weddings - Missouri in July and New York City in August for her brother Sam's daughter, Maria. Win and Spen spent July 4th in Hyannis with Susie and Bruce (a longtime McPherson-Kellogg tradition) and was committed to several East Coast weddings in October which made it hard to squeeze in another trip to Hyannis. Win is looking forward to a visit from her sister, Polly, and her husband who will be coming from England to Colorado the end of October.

Tassie Turkevich Skvir reports "I have been away from Princeton all but four days this summer. A busy, but definitely fun, summer helping Nika and her family move from California to Connecticut. Dan and I drove one of the cars from Berkeley to Long Island - beautifully (and fully) packed by our son-in-law, Sanj, with the usual stuff plus a bike. Just enough room for the in-laws to either be passengers or drivers. We took the time see several National Parks - had a great time! Everyone has arrived safely on the East Coast now. The cousins (all 3 will be 2 years old by the end of the month) have thoroughly enjoyed being together - especially in Long Island. "I'm sure it must also be very enjoyable for Tassie and Dan to have Nika and her family closer to Long Island and Princeton. Tassie's current email address is: tskvir@mac.com.

My thanks to everyone who wrote and I hope you will plan to be in California March 18-21.

1963

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Alice Jacobson writes: **Pamela Sidford Schaeffer** spent most of the summer on Cape Cod despite the less-than-summer weather that many on the East Coast have reported. As usual she and Leonard were hosts to hordes of guests. They are still remodeling their house in Dennis, and the new move-in date is set for 2010. Samantha, their granddaughter, was 17th months old when Pam wrote in August. She is the light of their lives and has "lots of words and activities...including holding her breath under water." Pam and Leonard celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary, and Pam asks, "How can that be when I'm not 41 years old yet?"

Sally Campbell Haas went to Albuquerque last April to escape the Denver snows. While there, she met **Ginny Elmer Stafford** and visited her shop, AQUI. Sally reports that Ginny is active with her grandchildren, civic endeavors as a business owner, and a therapy practice. Sally enjoyed the daily 30-35 mile bike rides which she took, and she hopes to return to New Mexico to see Ginny and ride her bike.

Laurie Rogers called 2009, "the year of traveling." She took two major trips this summer. She and her sister visited Europe for several weeks. She came back home and then took off for a fabulous African safari. Laurie took wonderful pictures which she shared with me.

Kathy Sittig Dunlop did not send her usual Christmas letter in 2008, but she did manage to send a recap of what she's been doing. In October 2008, she and her family went to Greece together. They gathered in Pennsylvania for the holidays, and Kathy sent pictures of her good looking, very grown up family. In May, she went to Jamaica. This past summer, she attended a meeting of over 2,400 Presbyterian women in Louisville, KY. By the time you read this, she will have been to China with her husband, Richard, and their daughter, Allison. She and Richard both sing in the Orchid Island Chorus, a new group. They are both involved with their local Habitat for Humanity, and Kathy does many other activities. She and Richard celebrated their 42nd anniversary in August.

I have had a busy, if less exotic, summer. AJ and I went on a cruise to Alaska. We had great weather. The highlights were taking a float plane into the fjords around Ketchikan; going on a whale-spotting trip in Juneau, and visiting the Hubbard Glacier, one of two glaciers which are advancing, despite global warming. We rented a house on the Oregon coast for a week with some friends, and we had many visitors. The Northwest is a great place to visit from June-October!

I hope that all the members of our class are doing well and that you will send your news to me for the next issue.

1964

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Hi, Everyone. I hope you all had a wonderful summer.

This year it appears many of us spent time traveling. Two of our crew went to Turkey. Others to Australia, South Africa, Egypt, and Japan. Maybe we should plan to have our next reunion abroad!

Penny Pettit Kreinberg and hubby are in Turkey as I write. I'm not sure where they're visiting in Turkey, but perhaps Penny will share the story of her trip in the spring edition of the *Journal*. Penny has been helping her daughter return to work by caring for her newborn granddaughter since last winter, so I'm guessing a change of space and pace has been a good thing. Hope you got to spend some time at your beach house this summer, Penny. Your description of it is most compelling, "The beach house is in Netarts, a small town on a tiny bay. It is 6 miles from Tillamook which sits on 101. This means that Netarts and our little ocean beach are off the beaten path. We take a daily walk to the next town along the beach for coffee at the only coffee shop. It's beautiful and simple."

Susan Jamieson went to Turkey for the marriage of her son. Sue mentioned last spring that she and Max were going on a "3-week trip to Istanbul on 8/8 for son Mat's wedding to Yasha. Yasha is Turkish (American dad) and grew up in Istanbul. She and Mat met in college so it is a wedding on their 10-year anniversary. We had a wedding celebration in Atlanta in March and are doing a second, a bit more formal version in Istanbul on 8/14. It will be wonderful to have the [MFS] Greek Island group together again [this fall]. It just occurs to me that that trip included my first trip to Turkey.. little could I have imagined another trip 47 years later for a son's marriage to a Turkish citizen!" Sue will definitely have photos for our next *Journal* entry. Right?

Last month **Susan Schildkraut Wallach** and I had lunch in Waccabuc, NY, where she and Ken have renovated a fabulous country home, about an hour north of the City. Waccabuc is a beautiful area, filled with historic houses and farms. Sue did all the decorating in the house and says the entire remodeling project took two years to complete. The results are well worth the effort. The setting and architectural detailing combine to provide a pleasing aesthetic and feeling of serenity. The hours melted away as we enjoyed each other's company and tried to catch up. Susan is a grandmother to daughter Dana's two little girls (2½ and 5 mos). Her son, Keith, was married the weekend before our visit, to Ginger

Price from Alabama. So, it seems Susan and Ken are filling up their lovely house with an expanding family. Claiming to be "retired," Susan devotes much of her time to various educational boards, like Deerfield Academy and Radcliffe Institute Dean's Council and is an overseer of Harvard University.

Dora Lange Gilstrap has been busy making the arrangements for a fall reunion for those of us who can make it to Palm Springs, CA. Thanks to Dora for taking this on. I know it will be a huge success. Dora writes that she "retired from teaching first grade in June and am ready to become one of those wonderful volunteers that, as a teacher, I used to appreciate so much. George and I have spent the summer in Santa Barbara with travels up the California coast. We will spend November exploring eastern Australia. I had a brief chance to see **Cary Hart** when she passed through town.

Now we have both joined the ranks of doting grandmothers and volunteers. We are looking forward to seeing as many class of '64 grads as possible at our West Coast Mini 45th Reunion in Palm Springs at the end of October."

Linda Conroy Vaughn responded to my plea for news and wrote "My Mom turned 97 this month (August), can you imagine? She still lives near me in California. Brad, our son, got engaged this week and is hoping for a Napa wedding next spring/summer. Dave and I are headed to Egypt and Jordan this fall, just before our reunion. We just completed a remodel on our house which just about put us in the looney bin. We have done remodels before but this was the one from hell. Enough said." Not sure how many of you recall Linda's mom, our homeroom teacher in 6th grade and our math teacher. I visited Mrs. Conroy with Linda about 3 years ago and was delighted to find her as I remembered her; sharp, attractive, and interested in world events. It's quite amazing to think she is now almost a centenarian.

For those of you who ignored my email request for news, shame on you. **Fran Wolf** responded all the way from South Africa. In her email she shared the following:



MFS all in the family: **Mea Kaemmerlen '64** with sisters **Pamela Aall McPherson '68** and **Cecilia Aall Mathews '59**

"Greetings from South Africa! I just came out of the bush having been on safari in Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe. It was the most fabulous trip. Seeing these magnificent animals – lions, hippos, buffalo, cheetas, zebra – up close and in their natural habitat is thrilling! I am now touring Capetown which is a truly beautiful city. Can't wait to see everyone at our reunion in Oct!" Go, Fran!

The last time we heard from **Annie Harris**, she emailed me from her car, full of the emotion of the day, as she returned to Boston having attended Obama's inauguration in Washington, DC. In that email, she promised to write. Well, she kept her promise. "I still live in Salem, MA, with my husband Andy, who is the associate director of the Media Lab at MIT. Our daughter Julia graduated from Cornell last year. She is living and working in Boston (great to have her nearby for awhile) and she is applying to law schools. I serve as the Executive Director of the regional Essex National Heritage Commission. We work in partnership with the National Park Service, the Trustees of Reservations, and many citizens groups to develop bike trails, plan scenic byways, preserve open space, and promote historic preservation in the 500-square-mile area just north of Boston. This summer one of our more challenging projects was beginning the restoration of a lighthouse keeper's dwelling on an island off the coast. We live in a great place to visit -- so come by!"

Here's a blurb from grandmother **Cary Smith Hart**. "Elissa's baby, Lane, is incredibly cute (so I'm prejudiced) and also is starting to get very chubby. It seems he has an insatiable appetite. I went back for 4 nights last week to help out while Josh was traveling for business, but baby care taking was so consuming I didn't have time to do anything



Barbara Callaway '64 shared this photo of Christmas in Naples, FL with, left to right, **Lucy MacCallum, Elizabeth Hare '88, Jasper Drake, Hobie Hare '93** and **Katherine Hare**.

else." Being a pediatrician doesn't seem to give you a leg up on being a grandmother, which is good news for the rest of us.

As some of you know, I've been fortunate to spend the summer with my daughter Elizabeth Hare '88 and her family in the Hudson River Valley. What a gift! I've enjoyed being with my grandson, Jasper (4) on a daily basis, and appreciate all this part of upper New York state has to offer with its mountainous beauty, rich farmland, and culture. I've been hiking on the fabulous trails in this area and attended a 5-day meditation retreat at the Garrison Institute down the road. Despite the rainy, cold spring and summer here, I've spent time volunteering at a local organic farm (a CSA) and expect to receive a certification in permaculture this fall in Vermont. I find I'm very interested in organic food production and putting farmers back on the land. Time to get back to basics!

My daughter, Katherine Hare, is still living in Manhattan, which means I get to see her frequently. It's harder to catch up with Hobie Hare '93, though. He recently moved from Florida to Chicago where he's working as the Assistant Coach for DePaul University's Div I soccer team while pursuing a master's degree.

Thanks to those of you who continue to make this column possible. I would love to hear from more of our class in 2010, before we get any closer to our 50th. In the meantime, I wish you all good health and happiness.

1965

45th Reunion

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ClassNotes

Princeton Country Day School



The Case of the He-Men Hijinks: A Mystery Worthy of the Hardy Boys

One dark and stormy night – well, actually, it was more like mid-afternoon on a beautiful September day – a mysterious man delivered a package to the PDS receptionist.

He declined to wait while Alumni Relations Director Tracey Gates was summoned. Instead, he slid an envelope across the desk and said “This will explain everything.”

The package was a vintage “Princeton Country Day School” sign, recently spotted on eBay. The envelope contained the following typed message:

“Howdy – may we have a plaque? We’d like a plaque please.”

THE PCD SIGN FROM BROADMEAD

Donated by the Fighting He-Men of the last class to enter Princeton Country Day, the 4th Grade for the 1964-65 academic year, many of whom came from Miss Mason’s school at 53 Bayard Lane, and formed the nucleus of the PDS Class of 1973.

To help solve the mystery of the Fighting He-Men and how they came to have the PCD sign, we turned to none other than our resident historian Harry Rulon-Miller ’51. But he was unable to shed much light on these hijinks.

An email to Buzz Woodworth garnered only a cryptic reply: “My lips are sealed on this...ignorance is bliss. Good luck solving the mystery.”

If you know “the rest of the story” please share it with Alumni Director Tracey Gates at tgates@pds.org or 609-924-6700 x1265.

Otherwise, we’ll have no choice but to dust for fingerprints, review security tapes and call in the PDS CSI student team (otherwise known as Steve Gadd’s forensic science class)!

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PDS Communications Office

1930

80th Reunion

PDS Communications Office

1931-1934

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1935

75th Reunion

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1936-1938

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Peter Rossmassler writes:

Rowland Burnstan is living in Carlsbad, CA near one of his children and his four grandchildren. Carlsbad is about 30 minutes from San Diego. He is retired and would not move back East for all the tea in China.

Mac Peyton is living in Cambridge, MA and music remains his passion, particularly composing. He, like me, is involved in planning our 60th Exeter Reunion in April 2010.

Shep Roberts is living in Lafayette Hill, PA. Teaching biology has been his career, which he is still doing at Temple. He has children and grandchildren nearby. The family has a summer home in Maine where they spend several weeks.

Paul Roediger has retired from his Medical practice, and is living in Jenkintown, PA as well as at a cottage at the Jersey Shore. Like many classmates, he keeps busy with pro bono work. His wife is an accomplished painter.

David Rogers lives in Hingham, MA. He is continuing his consulting business which keeps him busy and often calls for traveling a bit. He has six children and a bunch of grands.

Kim Steele is living in Charleston, SC. He retired from teaching 10 years ago and moved

south to avoid winter storms and cold. He has four children, with none living in the South.

Finally, Frances and I moved to a CCRC in Newtown, PA (Pennswood Village) in March 2009. We are selling our farm four miles north of Princeton. We spend summers in the Thousand Islands in the St. Lawrence River where deferred maintenance keeps us busy. We have three sons and five grandchildren.

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Roger Budny writes: **Charlie Caldwell** is living in Palm Desert, California.

I also received a write up from **Ross Fullam**: After PCD I went to Westminster School and then majored in American History at Colgate University.

I next got an MA in Folk Life/Museum Training at the Cooperstown Graduate Program My first job was as the Assistant Curator of the New Haven Colony Historical Society....After two years I resigned and bought a run-down, but once elegant, farmhouse in Cherry Valley, NY and did subsistence farming and tried to spend as little money as possible by bartering and.... Developed an interest in agricultural history and how people lived their daily lives in the past.... Married while a junior in college and divorced after 9 years....two children, Scott and JulieAnn.... Scott received his BS and MS from MIT and now lives in Palo Alto, CA with his wife, Jie, and their daughter, Yimin.... Life goal is to become wise....enjoy traveling to other countries.... Married to Wendy in 1979.... daughter Amber graduated from Bryn Mawr in 2004 and now lives in Philadelphia with her husband Matt and our newest grandchild, Gabriel....Our marriage seems to be getting better as time passes, probably because we argue a lot.... Retired from a career in Museum Administration and Historic Preservation....Live in Jacksonville, Florida....taught for three years in the local public schools and now substitute teach most every school day....Sometimes I feel like a creature from a different planet (1950s America)....

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1960

50th Reunion

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John Ritchie writes:

David Blair writes: "My news is brief. My son, Sam Blair, was married two weekends ago on August 29, and I will be celebrating my marriage to Lina Hervas again, this time in NH, on October 11."

With the change of administrations earlier this year, **Ford Fraker** is no longer the U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. But not long after leaving that post, Ford joined the private equity firm of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. as a Senior Advisor. In a press release, co-founders Henry Kravis and George Roberts said that Ford would be "an important addition to our leadership team in the region. We are pleased he has decided to join the firm and welcome his advice, counsel and professional expertise."

Brad Smith writes that he is still solvent and gainfully employed, "not insignificant in the current environment."

Finally, on a personal note, my wife, Angie Huang, and I welcomed a new addition to our family, a daughter, born on June 15, 2009. Avala Huang Ritchie weighed in at a healthy 7 pounds, 12 ounces. Approaching 3 months as these notes go to press, Avala is providing quite a challenge for her parents, but also much happiness and enjoyment. Life goes on.

Diran Majarian writes: In October 2008, I gave a seminar in London to a select group of institutional investors on the "Impact of the Financial Crisis on the Shipping Markets." Early this year, I was involved in a distressed asset transaction involving two chemical tankers operated out of Stamford, CT that were repossessed by the senior lender.

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45th Reunion

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Including the school in their will, establishing a charitable trust while maintaining life income, or naming the school as a life insurance beneficiary are just some of the ways these individuals have helped secure the long-term strength of Princeton Day School.

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Princeton Day School

1966

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Debbie Hobler writes:

As your class secretary forgot the deadline for class notes, and is on the road tomorrow morning to attend a wedding in beautiful Tahoe, she writes these class notes with all the anxiety of turning in a ill-researched paper for Mrs. Shepard. A few months ago, my brother Randy, rummaging through papers, found a business card of Jettie (Jay) Edwards MFS '64 from a PDS reunion from over 10 years ago, and sent me an e-mail to tell me that Jettie was living here in Santa Barbara. I had no idea another MFS'er was in my midst, and called her right away. We've both been living in Santa Barbara since 1988—and had yet to trip over one another. We've now had the pleasure of numerous dinners and countless hours of reminiscing and catching up on what we've been doing (or not doing) for the past 40 years. To our great relief, we immediately recognized each other (there's hope for us yet) and love spending time together. I told her about attending my Dad's 65th Princeton reunion in late May, where I ran into Jack McCarthy, PDS '62 who was celebrating his 40th; Craig Battle PCD '62 and Anne Morgan Battle. I had forgotten that Jettie and Bill Edwards' PCD '63 Dad was not only a Princeton alum but Director of Princeton Admissions for so many years before he moved back to Santa Barbara.

Katherine Becker and Galey Bissell Sergio Castelvetero

had a mini-reunion on Martha's Vineyard this summer in August. Katherine was visiting her mother in West Tisbury and Galey and her husband Max were up from their Mexican home visiting Charles Kennedy (PCD or PDS and brother of Kevin '63) and his wife Mariza (Max's first cousin) on West Chop. They shared sun, fun and reminisced about their childhood summers spent on the island.

Carol Bonner Clark celebrated her 15th wedding anniversary with Ray, visiting friends in Georgia where they took time for long walks, great food and good company. Her grandkids and family are keeping her busy with swimming and soccer games.

With much excitement, **Lynn Wiley Hoffman** reported that her son, Kit Ludwig, became engaged to Eva Nedzynski in August.

In May, **Hilary Drorbaugh Propst** traveled to the Grand Teton National Parks and Yellowstone Park.

Check out **Patience Morgan-Irigoyen's** fabulous website for her custom design jewelry business, <http://patiencemorgandesign.com>. Her work is beautiful, and was exhibited at the Tappan Library in Tappan, NY in May and June.

Classmates on the Move:

Dale Marzoni Kellogg loves her retirement and new digs in Santa Fe. Her home was built by Allen Stamm, a well known Santa Fe builder who built thousands of high quality but not high-cost houses. Stamm worked to make his homes livable, handsome and durable. Since Dale's toddler grandson is in the house, the "durable" part of the building sounds good to me.

Hope Rose Angier and Fred have continued to commute between Maine and Cape Cod, keeping an eye on their property that is for sale on the Cape. They are waiting, like all of us, for the markets to RISE.

Sally Behr Ogden also has

new digs in Clinton Corners, NY; spent some time in East Hampton with her sisters this summer, and helped her daughter Lacey move into a Boston apartment. After years in New Jersey, **Hannah Blakeman** and her family moved south to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina in August.

1967

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Susan Hunter writes: What a great collection of news, photos and get-togethers! It must be memories of the '60s -- and 60th birthdays -- that have brought the stars into alignment for this issue.

Bill, Becky and I had pizza with **Julia Lockwood** and her daughters, Shradha and Priyanka in Freeport, ME in July on our way up to a Hunter family reunion. And earlier that same weekend, **Mary Young Bragado** and husband Max Bragado Darman visited us in Bethany on their way to a week on Cape Cod. They brought with them the great news that they are grandparents for the first time. Little Max was born to their daughter Ilia in Spain on May 9 and Mary spent almost two months with them after the baby was born. "We are totally head over heels with little Max," she wrote. "It's been a very special

time, but I sure am glad I don't have to go through the nightly feeding schedule (or no schedule) again!"

And there's more good news. Mary and Max's son Julio, who was injured in a car crash almost two years ago, is doing very well and dancing once more with the American Ballet Theatre. "There is some pain, but being on stage with his colleagues is worth it," Mary writes.

And there's another "little



Franny Gorman enjoys her 60th birthday with her grandson Max.

Max!" **Franny Gorman** sent a photo of her and her little grandson Max on Franny's 60th birthday. Franny's daughter Colleen was due to have a little girl in September, so Max will be a big brother. Franny writes that she's been busy helping her mother move from her house into Stonebridge. Franny writes: "What a horrendous task, as she has lived there since 1960. Tell everyone to start cleaning out now!"

Weezie Huntington writes: To celebrate my 60th birthday, 11 of my nearest and dearest joined me in hiking across Scotland, from Fort William to Inverness, 78 miles in 5 full and 2 half days. It was awesome. My feet will never recover.

Francoise Foassier has retired after a 37-year career as a professor at the Lycee d'Hotellerie et de Tourisme in Talence/Bordeaux. She taught English to students



Mary Young Bragado's new grandson Max.



Françoise Foassier '67 celebrated her retirement with her whole family in June. They are her daughter Peggy and her husband with their new baby Manon and two of their three boys, and Françoise's son Julien with his wife and their little girl Chloe.

going into the hotel, catering and tourism businesses. Her final year was great, she said, but she'll miss the students. Françoise's trip to the U.S. in September and October was a retirement present to herself. We'll have more about her trip in the next issue.

Polly Smock sent in a photo of her son-in-law Steve, daughter April and their children Griffin, 5, and Sullivan, 2 months. Polly writes: Griffin is bright, fun and creative. He likes making stop-action videos with his toys, and is figuring out how to read. He'll start kindergarten soon at a little private school outside of Charlottesville, VA. Sully was born in June, is growing by leaps and bounds and promises to be an interesting as his big brother.

I am retired so am able to devote more time to my meditation practice as I always longed to do. It fuels my quiet life and vice-versa. I also sing with a bluegrass-folk style quartet; we lead hymn sing-alongs at a retirement community. Our style is lively and improvisational, with lots of old-fashioned gospel harmonies – not very “churchy” but actually pretty inspiring. The residents seem to enjoy it.



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1967 classmate **Julia Lockwood** and daughters Shradha, left, and Priyanka hosted **Susan Fritsch Hunter, Becky Hunter** and Bill Hunter (not pictured) at Julia's home in South Freeport, Maine in July.

Julia Lockwood writes with news of her children: Rachel will be living in Portland next year, as she has taken a job with Americorps again, this time working with the Maine Historical Society doing outreach to the schools teaching kids how to use the Maine history Web site. She is really excited about this and is combining it with a class in the American Studies Department at the University of Southern Maine. She continues to perform a lot with a vaudeville band and is having a lot of fun. It's great for us, because we get to see her more than when she was in Poughkeepsie or Dublin.

Shradha is heading into her senior year, thinking about college probably somewhere here in Maine. That's great for us too! Her knee is finally healing up following surgery for a torn ACL during last year's basketball season. She decided not to play soccer this past fall as she hasn't regained full strength yet and is saving herself for basketball and lacrosse. Priyanka is in the fifth grade. We have had a great summer despite the almost constant rain and are looking forward to a busy fall. I am delighted to be able to see **Jenny Borgerhoff** sometimes when I come to Princeton to visit my mother who celebrated her 99th birthday in September. And I got to see Susie and Bill Hunter this past summer in Freeport, which was wonderful.

The class extends its sympathy to **Mary Woodbridge Lott**, whose mother, Josephine Woodbridge, died in August.

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Julia Lockwood and Jenny Borgerhoff in Princeton.

1968

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Mary Hyson writes: I find it interesting that even though my life is no longer guided by a school calendar, I feel as though I am beginning a new year. I can almost feel the butterflies in my stomach. Do you remember preparing for that first day of school? Perhaps it meant buying an outfit at Bamberger's, or getting new shoes at Hulit's or choosing just the right lined spiral notebooks from Woolworth's or cartridge pens from Hinkson's. Perhaps we called friends to swap stories from summer vacation to ease our



A photo of 2-year-old Nate Hyson, grandson of **Mary Hobler Hyson '68**.

nervousness. Or perhaps, we had no anxiety about the first day of school and felt comfortable in our skin. The first day of school would arrive, no matter how we felt!

Now, in September 2009, there are more challenges for each of us.

Lisa Lawrence reports: "I've bought a house in Las Vegas, NM and am getting settled in." If you want to check out Lisa's art, go to www.7thHeavenStudioGallery.com

Joe Chandler is fast approaching the excitement of a new house, too. He writes, "Noom and I bought a house in Thailand. It will be my retirement home. I think I can easily spend a ½ year there and the other ½ here, probably in Maine, which has been home for over 20 years." (Joe's business 'Maine Biotechnology Services has an office in Thailand.) He adds, "It's been a packed summer. Son Nick graduated from college. I spent a lot of time in California with my family as both my sister and brother-in-law died this year and it's been a trauma, to say the least." The class sends its sympathy to you, Joe.

Another classmate, **Bob Spears**, wrote on September 1st of his present major challenge. "I am getting ready for all 1,000+ of my schools to open by trying to find out which ones are in the path of a giant brush fire. I am working with the Red Cross as they use some of our schools as shelters. Air quality is now deemed to be "hazardous" and everyone wants a mask. This afternoon I will go to the planning meeting for all of the disruption that will accompany Michael Jackson's funeral—which is scheduled for Thursday (unless the cemetery burns down). Just another exciting day in LA!"

I had the opportunity to visit briefly with **Gail Smith Cleare** at her home in Massachusetts this spring. She is one ambitious woman! Her life oozes with wonderful creative ventures such as working on her novel and a cookbook, creating a line of jewelry using lovely stones and beads, meanwhile juggling the care of her family and her dogs and chickens! (The eggs are delicate and yummy!)

Nancy Flagg wrote: "I was back in Princeton twice since mid-July as my Mom was not doing well (Parkinson's) and then she died on August 4. She died at home and my brother and I were by her side. We had her service at Trinity Church. I spent almost



Punky Brewster, Mary Hobler Hyson and Sia Godfrey Bauer at Sia's vacation home in Rhode Island.

three weeks back home, and in spite of it being a sad and difficult time, it was very nice to have some extended time in Princeton to really reconnect with growing up there, and with so many people I knew as a child. Sometimes I wonder how it would be to live back East again. (Nancy lives in LA.) I am a Phillies fan, so I would love to get to their ballpark more often. And I miss the changing of the seasons." Again, Nancy, our condolences to you.

I spoke with **Susan Koch LaTulippe** earlier this summer after her father, Bill Koch, had passed away. Her parents had lived with Susan for many years in Vermont and moved to Maine only a few months before his death. Susan, we are so sorry for your loss. It is also wonderful to know that good things are happening at the same time. Susan will become a grandmother for the eighth time; her daughter, Bissie is to be married in 2010, and her nephew, Collin Koch was to be wed in July 2009. Susan, husband Steve, and 3 of her grandchildren were planning a cruise to Bermuda.

There have been other significant losses for our classmates. **Anne Fulper** lost her dear sister, Rada in March, which is a deep heartache for Anne. My mother-in-law, Estella passed away in late July. May all of those classmates who experienced losses this year be comforted by the wonderful memories that connect us to our loved ones.

Bob Ramsey briefly noted that his two sons, Patrick (8) and Jack (6) are back to school at the Chapin School.

One of our dedicated classmates, **Connie Sayen Ban**, always has an upbeat and refreshing outlook on life. "All is well here. Believe it or not, I am still getting ready for school – nursery school! As I have mentioned so many times, I never tire of spending time in the presence of young



Punky Brewster shared this photo of her grandson, Brendan, 2.

children and their families. It is particularly gratifying now because, having reached this "grand maternal age," I find that with the perspective of living almost 60 (yikes!) years—that there is comfort and a sense of confidence that I can offer young, first-time parents. Not to mention the daily joy of observing the capable little people in my care! It's fascinating and just plain fun.

I have also become involved with an after-school program here in Princeton (Princeton Young Achievers) which offers homework help and enrichment activities to the community's children. There are three learning centers in different parts of town. I can tell you that Princeton, like communities everywhere, certainly does have a lot of sparkly, energetic and lovely kids!

On the homefront – I am grateful to say that we are fine. Vladimir is still working and enjoying it. We were at our house on the Croatian island of Krk (that's right, no vowel!) this summer. Our daughter, Sasha, finished an MBA at UCLA and is presently looking for a job. She is especially interested in finding something in the healthcare arena.

Linda Baker Bogue has been enormously kind in talking to Sasha and encouraging her. Our other daughter, Sophie, has just begun a PhD program in Philosophy at Syracuse University." Hey, Connie. Maybe Sasha should ask Mr. Obama if there are any job openings!

In closing, I thought I would share some observations that **Rick Ross** wrote a year ago. "I am certain that regardless of whether the co-ed experiment of PDS worked

as intended in the early years, it was great to be exposed to the Hoblers, Smiths, Brewsters, Jaegers, and all the other young women who enriched the environment and brought great perspectives to the classroom, the artistic pursuits, the athletic fields, the social events and the charitable works that the school supported. Thank you for that. It has stayed with me over the years and is something that I always am pleased to have taken away from PDS." What a fine testimonial, Rick. Thank you.

Mazie Madeira Gogolak writes: I am feeling the cool fall air here in Maine too and thinking about the wonderful autumns in Princeton – riding my bike to Miss Fine's with Sia and gang is always a pleasant memory (can't you just smell the fallen leaves?) Anyhow, we too are far from that schedule – having sold our condo in Dedham last year we are relegated (it is a tough life) to Maine and Florida now and will stay in Maine until the middle of October when we begin to wend our way to Naples.

We've had a hectic summer as we totally gutted our Maine house last winter so we've been getting it organized along with having our son's wedding here in late July. His bride is from Buffalo, NY and they decided that Maine would offer a great destination so we were thrilled to have their big day on our turf. It was a high point in our summer for sure. Steve and Lauren live in Charlestown, MA and he works in Norwood for Cramer Productions as head of web casting....she works in HR at Omgeo (a division of Thompson Financial) so both are employed – phew! Our youngest son, Sam, is starting his second year teaching at Blair Academy in Blairstown, NJ and loves teaching English and Latin. He's working on a master's degree from Middlebury's Bread Loaf School of English and has two summers to go on that. Sadly, my father died in April having slipped on ice and broken his hip. Along with other health issues, the slope just got too steep and too slippery. Thankfully, he did not linger – but I found it interesting that when Charlie called the Princeton Alumni office to inform them (he was president of the class of 1940 so we thought

they would want to know) they said that he was an all-star alum having made a gift every single year for 68 years in a row...Dad certainly did love his years and friends at Princeton. My plate has been full for the past few years as head of our community center here in Northeast Harbor. We are just finishing up a \$3 million capital campaign which has certainly kept me busy.

Charlie and I are still playing golf and enjoying hiking and boating in Maine. We will celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary along with my 60th (can we be that old?) next summer so we are contemplating a trip to celebrate. Will let you know the results in next year's notes! In the meantime, best to you and all our classmates.



Gillian Gordon with Isla and Bob in Singapore.

Gillian Gordon writes: I am in Singapore. Just arrived to teach MA film producing at NYU Tisch Asia School of Arts. It is an amazing 3-year programme and I am already very impressed by the students' work. So, as you all are tripping through the Autumn leaves think of me as I start school right in the Equator. I swim every morning and admire the palm trees before I walk 15 minutes to work. I am then soaking wet again. It is hot and humid here. Just like Princeton in summer. One races into air-conditioned cabs and malls to escape it. This strange City state is full of skyscrapers and escalators. It is where my Dad's regiment, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, were stationed before the fall of Singapore and his famous stay in prison camp. I am piecing together the days before the Japanese invaded. Fascinating. Would love to see any of the gang who might be out here. I can be reached at gillian.gordon@nyu.edu. I will be here 'til mid-May and then back to the UK.

Faron Daub Fahy writes: In September Tom and I were in Jonesport, Maine, enjoying the

wonderful weather, (finally), and the local color. Water was still a little chilly-62 degrees, so I didn't go swimming. Tom was recuperating from rotator cuff surgery, so we just had a peaceful time, eating seafood and watching lobster boats and sailboats from the deck of our camp. Traveled to Lubec, too.

Not too much to relate, kids still aren't married, dad in Pennsylvania-94 in November, mom in Connecticut -92. I am still at the real estate office at Sugarloaf, skiing and canoeing.

1969

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Beth Healy writes:

On the occasion of our 40th reunion, 13 members of our class attended: **Candy (Boyajian) DeSantes, Bill "Chevy" and Karen Chalverus, Gale Colby and Vil Mirzayanov, Beth Healy and Jack Calhoun, Alexandra "Pooh" Holt Goldstein, Rick Judge, Blair Lee, Grace "Bebe" Ramus, Bob "Rat" and Debra Rathausen, Larry Tan, Barbara (Thomsen) and Steve Kerekhoff, Jane Wiley, Philip and Diane Winder (and Bailey).**

Also joining us were: George Treves '71, Daniel Rathausen '06, Seth Stein '06 and Greg Rosen '06.

The evening was memorable. The rain held off. We remembered our departed classmates, and reminisced (name by name) about those not in attendance as we "LINKed" to the past with Simon and Garfunkel playing softly in the background.

Finally, we determined to gather in even greater numbers in the future, even as those remaining headed to Phil's house for Sunday breakfast...before the bubble fully burst.

Candace: I left Philip's at 12:15 and pulled into my driveway at 8:30. It was a very long haul but totally worth it though I must say I felt a little melancholy as I drove. I loved seeing every one of you, and don't want to wait another 5 years. So, I am ready to get together whenever. I do travel on business reasonably often, so I will keep in touch with anyone I get reasonably close to. Again, thank you to **Bob and Debbie and Philip and Diane,** and to **Bailey** for the "play list."

Rick: Hi all....Hope everyone had a safe and easy trip home and that you all felt the effort was as worthwhile as I did. The weekend was too short and I wish there had been more time for one on one. It was great to see everyone and revisit very special times.

Bob and Debra...Thank you for a top of the line dinner party. Philip and Diane. Thanks for the terrific follow up in the morning. Next time my place!!

Philip: I have to agree with Rick and Candy that it was great having everyone around for the weekend-sort of like an extended family! I hope all made it back home safely and look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Now that (at least some of you) know where we live, please let me know if you are in Princeton or environs and feel very free to come on by.

Beth: Yes! Agree, agree ... Jack and I had a safe and easy trip back here to NH. Smile on my face - many happy feelings and memories. Hugs to all - Jane and I have emailed about holding some mini-reunions in New England and elsewhere - before our next big one at PDS - lots of ideas for next time....

Blair: It was truly fun! Bob and Debbie, thank you so much, and Beth for organizing and cheering us on. You deserve another PDS Varsity letter for that. Given the collision of natural adolescent psychosis with late 1960's insanity, it is a miracle any of us found our way back. I am just sorry more could not have done the same. Love to you all.

You won't believe this. I was walking around a green market in Manhattan, with my daughter Brita, yesterday. We were admiring this booth that had all those great evil meats: fresh bacon, sausages etc. and I hear a voice saying (I think to no one in particular) "the bacon is fantastic..." I look up, and who do I see but **Andrea Fishman** manning the booth!! I have not seen Andrea in 17 years. So you see, there is strong PDS class of 1969 karma in the air...

Pooh: Oh...I echo, echo, echo all love and happy thoughts to everyone. It did my heart a world of good to see each and every one--and you are right; it feels like family. After all, there are not that many people in the world as we grow older who knew us when we were kids--where we have come

from, where we are going and all the various personas we are and have been and plan on being.

I'm so happy all got home safe; me too. Thank you Bob and Debbie and Philip and Diane--for providing such lovely and gracious spreads, and locales, where we could relax and just be ourselves.

I miss everyone already! And yes; I will be happy to put in elbow grease, and calling, and providing food or rides, or whatever else is needed to make the next get-together happen--wherever we decide.

Biggest hugs to all, and remember that the Great Republic of Brooklyn isn't so far from many places near and around NYC. :-) And, I'm nice and centrally--located here in Manhattan weekdays--right at 28th and Park, in case anyone's in town during a weekday....

Jane: I'm chiming in too. Everyone at work has remarked at how happy I look. I said it was because I had been 17 again over the weekend. Glad to hear that everyone arrived home safely. Thanks to the Rathausers and Winders for being such gracious and generous hosts. (And how proud they must be of their sons - what nice kids!) Thanks to Beth for her call to the scattered class. Kudos to "honorary classmates" - the spouses, for putting up with PDS talk. They seemed to fit in seamlessly so I hope they felt that way. Miss you all already and really don't want to wait 5 years. I have that class list from my sister so if anyone wants a copy, I can email it. We should start working on some of those absentees!

PS In late August, I received a note from **Ronnie Davis** and **Molly Hall** just contacted me through Facebook.

Gale: Hi! At the risk of being greatly redundant, I also greatly enjoyed the time spent with all of you and George Treves, whose mother died two days ago. There was not enough time together, so let's push ahead with a New England-based reunion so more of us can make it. I would love to do it in the fall or winter, and Vil and I would be happy to carpool taking another couple up with us.

Bill: Karen and I returned home last night to NM and it was nice to see that many have checked in already. It was good down to my soul to see you all! I was hoping the experience would help me crystallize some thoughts about life, past, etc. and I have already reflected on how PDS subtly promoted the creative process, as our informal tour showed. Needless to say, there wasn't enough time to catch up and I hope the future brings us more and greater opportunities to visit.

Thanks especially to Diane, Debbie, Philip and Bob for making us feel so welcome back home and letting your kids 'hang'. If any of you travel west, please e-mail and consider our guestroom as yours. Lastly, have a fabulous 19th birthday, Bayly!!

Barbara: I just got home to CA last night after a gathering of Cranbury people (to dedicate a tree in memory of my mother) most of whom I've known even longer than I've known you all -- since kindergarten. I can hardly describe the sense of walking on air after both these events -- as if the airplane that carried me home was not strictly necessary. It seems that if we open ourselves to it, "family" can extend much further than just to those whose genes we share!

Sorry I missed the brunch at Philip's house -- I'll bet it was



1969 classmates enjoy touring the school's new facilities.

great. I want to thank all of you who welcomed me so warmly after 40 years. I can't believe I waited so long to come back. It can take such a long time to fully grow up!

And thanks especially to Rat and Debbie for hosting such a wonderful evening! Thanks again. I'll never forget this weekend!

Larry: After a three-hour delay at Newark my plane was re-directed to Chicago for an unscheduled plane change. I got to San Francisco at about 1:30am Monday morning and my poor wife decided to get me since the airport that comes to our suburb stops at midnight. Tuesday night I came down with a sore throat and a fever. I'm much better and back at work today, so it probably isn't H1N1.

Anyway, the weekend was a lot of fun. I wish I had talked to each of you more. Especially those of you that just went to Bob's. Thank you Bob for hosting the gathering. I should have gone to Philip's since my flight was so delayed. Thank you Gale for getting us all there.

I just looked at the photos that Jane put on Snapfish. I will try to do the same as soon as I figure out how to do it. I hope everyone else who took photos will do something similar. Is there a chance at getting a copy of the group shot that I missed at Bob's?

Come to San Francisco and visit me. We don't have the same level of accommodations as Bob or Philip... we're cozy. Love to all.

1970

40th Reunion

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Ann Wiley writes:

Wendy Lawson-Johnston

McNeil wrote: "My news is that my son, Tucker, just got engaged to his girlfriend of 2½ years, Jennifer Eason. We are ecstatic and adore her and know they will have an awesome marriage. My daughter Lawson is due to have her second child the third week of October. Both children are happily ensconced in Richmond, VA and we spend a fair amount of time down there with them. On the museum front, we are launching a new initiative to build a museum in Abu Dhabi. This has been an exciting and interesting project

which has inspired my interest in cross cultural arts education. I am looking forward to the institution being built and bringing together two unique worlds through the arts. We continue to love traveling to our cabin in South Carolina and hope that we spend even more time there in the future."

Bruce Plapinger

wrote: Karen and I are doing well. Health is good as is work. We bought a new house on 12/31/08. House was a model home and we got a fantastic price from the builder and a great deal from the mortgage company (5% on a 30

year fixed, no points). Call it good timing. We love the house (in Newark, DE). It's close to both our parents and not far from where we dock the boat in the summer. Hope things are well with everyone and I think I'll actually make it to the reunion next May.

Louise Hutner and Bill

Flemer '71 were married on September 12. Louise wrote: Bill and I have been engaged for 5 years and finally MADE the time to get married. Between us, we have six children (and ALL will be joining us tomorrow for the wedding!) so life is very full and busy. Four are out of college and working (Megan, Emma, Nell, and Matt), one is a sophomore at Skidmore (Peter), and the youngest (Will) just started 9th grade at Princeton High School. We're getting married at my mother's farm in Middlebury, VT tomorrow, September 12. It's a small gathering of family and a few friends (who can make it - most can't at this time of year). Then next week we're going to Paris for a week for our honeymoon. We hope to have a celebration with friends later this fall in Princeton. We did see **Allyn Love** and his wife Maggie last weekend (Labor Day), while they were in Princeton visiting his mother. We had a small gathering on Labor Day and he and a few others brought wines for all to taste and give an opinion, for our wedding. He and Bill and a few friends put together an impromptu band, as they love to do when they get together, and we were treated to some wonderful music. We're

living in Princeton still (lifelong natives, both of us -- we actually knew each other in elementary school at Nassau St. School! Heidi and I were in the same grade, and Bill was right behind us.) Oh,



PDS 1970 classmates **Jon Paynter** and **Bill Power** in Alaska. Bill continues to work for the National Park Service and Jon was visiting Denali with his wife.

Heidi and Bill's sister Louise (PHS '70) will be here this weekend, and Bill's mother and mine, and lots more extended family.

Bill Power wrote: "This summer my wife and I took a two-week vacation to Alaska. **Jon Paynter** continues to work for the National Park Service and during our visit to Denali we met at his house and enjoyed an excellent local restaurant and reminisced about our PCD/PDS experience. We had not seen each other for 35+ years. We recognized each other instantly. (see nearby photo) Jon took the wiser path, he can retire at any time. I will continue to practice geriatrics until I see death's door. I have a busy Geriatrics/Internal Medicine practice with a core interest in Alzheimer's disease. I frequently lecture to caregivers on 'Alzheimer's - The Disease with Two Victims,' Still living at the Jersey Shore on LBI. Summer's just over and soon the traffic lights will go off. GREAT! Have three kids; Kristin, a Pratt graduate working in Graphics Communications, Bill Jr. who will graduate from the University of Delaware this December with a degree in Biomechanical Engineering, and James who is a senior in high school. Love them all but can't wait until all employed and all out of the house."

Janet Masterton wrote: "After 28 years, I have decided to take early retirement! My career with Johnson & Johnson was interesting, rewarding, at times stressful, at times fascinating and even FUN! The work was no less excep-

tional and the travels to unlikely corners of the world were amazing. Let us remember our cavalier attitude of: 30 year mortgages, 401Ks, and pension plans. Now, in these challenging times, reality has arrived. It was always a proud moment to tell someone that I worked for Johnson & Johnson, and they always seemed proud, too. After all, Johnson & Johnson baby products are the BEST! Moving on, I am looking to the future and ALL is wonderful!"

Hope everyone is planning to attend our 40th reunion in May. Mark your calendars NOW for May 14-15.

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Keith Plapinger writes: I hope you all enjoyed a nice summer. Although it has been quite damp up here in Massachusetts, we always appreciate the long days and warm temperatures. Our summer began with a wonderful visit to PDS in mid-May for our 35th reunion. We had a very nice tour of the school and were quite impressed by the size and quality of the school's facilities. During that tour, we ran into **Lisa Bachelder Alcock**, **Barbara Spalholz** and **Terry Ward**. The real highlight for all of us was a dinner with all of the Class of '74 attendees at Pretty Brook Farm.

For those of you who were unable to make the reunion, please try your best to join us for our 40th in 2014 (!). We really had a lot of fun and shared many amusing stories about senior year with each other. (There were no members of the present administration or faculty to hold us back – there were some stories told that even I had actually never heard. No children were present to put a damper on the conversation either.)

When Ellen and I pulled up to Pretty Brook Farm, we were not greeted by one of the McClures, instead **Sab Russo, Ted Dowey, Palmer Uhl, Evelyn Turner Counts** and several others welcomed us and saw to it that we were served appropriate refreshments. After a lot of chatter and a few pictures, we went into the dining room and enjoyed a nice, if not particularly quiet, dinner. By this point, attendees had grown to include those mentioned above, plus **Fran Treves, Eleanor Funk Schuster, David Straut, Annie Williams, Jill Goldman, Bill Brown** (no Ted), and **Diana Roberts**.

In general, we are all dealing with the changes our age presents: parents aging or passing away, empty(ing) nests, the bad economy and sometimes career or similar changes. A recap of those I talked to: Sab left CB Richard Ellis and runs a commercial real estate firm with offices near Princeton. Ted continues his civil engineering work. Bill continues professorship at U of Chicago, Barbara does cancer research at the National Institutes of Health in Maryland. Diana has a very nice, relaxed life in several locales (I remember more about the lifestyle than the locations...). Fran continues his architecting in Princeton and seems to see a fair number of classmates and other PDSers from time to time. Annie works for NT Calloway, but has moved out of her agent role and now does all of their web work. Eleanor keeps busy with her three kids. Mr. Straut continues banking from the South-land. Lisa lives up near us and we had interesting talks about the trials and tribulations we face parenting our young adults. Terry works at a boarding school in central Massachusetts and in his spare time sings with the Tanglewood chorus. Unbeknownst to us, we had the pleasure of hearing him

perform at a Pops concert in Boston over the holidays this year. Evelyn continued to provide me with advice (as in high school), so I did not have a chance to talk to her much about her activities. My sincere apologies to those of you whose status I haven't reported, my memory is limited and we were told "No recording devices" after dinner began...

As for me, I left Putnam last summer and am enjoying moving into "the next phase" of my career. Our oldest daughter, Kate, graduated from the University of Colorado last summer, spent the year working in Spain and has just returned to the States to begin work as a teaching fellow for Citizen Schools at two schools in Boston. Our son Sam just completed his freshman year at Wesleyan, and we had the pleasure of running into **Diana Lewis Abbott** over parents' weekend last fall, since Di's daughter Sarah also attends Wes. Our youngest, Caroline, just completed her freshman year at Dana Hall. She keeps us young with her teenage antics!

I guess that's all for now. Please don't hesitate to send along notes to me at keithplapinger@gmail.com and, most importantly, make sure you attend our 40th.

1975

35th Reunion

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Molly McDonough writes: Our classmates are devastated by the loss of our dear friend **Stephen "Felix" Mantell**, who died this summer after a long battle with cancer. Stephen was a brilliant, thoughtful man with a sharp wit and a stunningly positive outlook on life. Even during the depths of his own medical challenges, Stephen reached out to others to lend his unflagging support, encouraging words, an irrepressible sense of humor and his simply glowing spirit. Stephen's classmates send their deepest condolences to his wife, Harriet, their children Laura and Will, and Stephen's whole family. We will miss him enormously.

The 35th Reunion Committee

members are hoping to ramp up the excitement for our upcoming reunion, on the weekend of May 14, 2010. **Shawn Ellsworth** has already offered to provide his home for the class dinner, and if we get this on everyone's calendar, we hope to have a fabulous turnout of friends. So far, the reunion committee includes Shawn, **John Brinster, Kip Herrick O'Brien, Susi Vaughan Meade** and **Molly Sword McDonough**, but we are hoping that others of you will join us to plan a great 35th reunion weekend!

Some recent news and sightings: a number of our classmates appeared in Princeton for **Peter McLoughlin's** Dad's memorial service. John McLoughlin had a remarkable 94 years of life, and an extraordinary life it was. Among the many friends who came to the service were PDS classmates **Peter Chalverus, Peter Lawson-Johnston, Shawn Ellsworth, Tad van Dusen** and **Molly Sword McDonough**.

Amy Stover Garofalo was back in the US from her home in Italy with daughter Livia and son Giulio for a family wedding in the Adirondacks this summer. During a brief visit to the Princeton area she re-connected with **Jane Farley von Oehsen** and **Molly Sword McDonough** and one of our other ex-pat classmates, **Anne Russell Barrett**, who was "home" from Abu Dhabi with her daughter, Maria, for some summer fun in New Jersey.

Maybe we could bring our far-flung friends to the reunion through a massive set-up of laptops at the class dinner, connecting to everyone who lives abroad on Skype! No cheating, though – we're not going to Skype with anyone calling in from North Jersey or Bucks County, unless you have a really good excuse for not being there in person, and a signed note from your advisor.

Facebook has provided some wonderful connections, including a note from **Keith Thomas**, who let me know that he is living in Alpharetta, Georgia, and has been there since 2005. Keith has 2 boys, ages 16 and 18.

Keith Rittmaster was spotlighted in the July 2009 issue of "Outside" magazine. According to "Outside," Keith is the natural-science curator for the North Carolina Maritime Museum. The "Outside" story is about a famously friendly Atlantic bottlenose dolphin who has the number "56" branded on his dorsal fin, and Keith is quoted about his many encounters with Dolphin 56!

From **Molly Moynahan**: We're doing well here in Chicago. My darling husband is working on this big steel thingie at O'Hare, Terminal 3-look up, he's a cute blonde! Luke is starting sophomore year at a great school here called Jones College Prep and has a very fast mile with the track team. I'm writing and teaching and applying to PhD program for adolescent literacy at University of Illinois. If anyone needs editing or ghost writing, get in touch. I'm not sure the stimulus will pay for my next degree. I look forward to our next face-to-face in May. love, the other Molly

From **Kip Herrick O'Brien**: We spent the summer on Fishers Island and had a wonderful, relaxing time. Kely and I have been on a number of college hunting trips...one last spring that started



Molly Moynihan '75 shared this photo of her son Luke, with LeBron James and pals.

in Memphis, TN and ending in Williamsburg, VA!! We saw 12 colleges in 10 days!! Whew, that was LOTS of driving!! About a month after the trip my daughter said to me, "Mom, that was a really fun trip we made down south but I think I want to go to college closer to home." Oh, well, luckily we did have fun together!! My interior design business in CT continues to be busy (luckily), despite the current economic downturn. However, my most current news is that I will be having total hip replacement surgery



Kip Herrick O'Brien '75 with her husband James.



Connor and Kelty, children of **Kip Herrick O'Brien '75**.

on September 28...how did I get SO OLD??? I'm hoping that everyone will make a concerted effort to come to our reunion in May. I just got an email from Meriel Burtle '74 who said she hadn't gone to her reunion last year but then, after she saw all the pictures from the reunion, she was kicking herself for not going. Let that be a lesson to our classmates. Let's all get there for our reunion, the last one was SOOOO fun. Hope to see everyone there.

From **Bill McClellan**: The central theme coming from Maine is, education, education, and education. Kate is doing well at Lawrenceville in her senior year and starting to think about which colleges to apply to. We had a great summer travelling all over the eastern seaboard visiting prospective colleges. My wife Nelda is starting a two-year nursing program to get her BA and become an RN. I have switched schools to teach in middle school again. I am teaching math and science. I need some more credits for math so I am taking math courses while teaching.

My wife and I are celebrating 22 years of marriage today (September 5, 2009.) I look forward to seeing you all at the reunion.

From **John Brinster**: The Brinsters are newly empty nesters! Kyle Brinster '07, is a junior at Lehigh class of '11. Kyle is a history major and is planning a spring semester abroad.

Jeremy Brinster '09, just started at University of Pennsylvania. Jeremy, like all freshmen, is wide-eyed and curious so direction is uncertain, but pre-med is not out of the question.

John and Lucy '78 are busy travel agents. Anyone interested in future travel plans let us know. jbrinster@travelbycruise.com

From **Sally Blodgett Carton**:

Thanks to Molly's abilities to keep in touch and hold together the ties that bind, I am now thinking about coming to my first ever PDS reunion. Since I left 2 years before the finish line I always felt a bit out of it... but there were 11 years with all of you... and so now

I imagine how much fun it would be to see **Caroline Erdman, Suzanne Bishop, Peter LJ, Peter McLoughlin, Michael Hill, Ellen Albert, Susi Vaughan** (sorry no married names came easily to mind) and all the rest of you (and oh how great to see **Amy Stover**, but that sounds geographically unlikely).

So, we'll see what is possible. In the meantime, thanks to Molly for making a visit here in Chicago. And if any of you know you are going... please send word to give me further incentive.

Note from Molly: It was such fun to see Sally while I was visiting Chicago, and to meet her husband, John, and their wonderful children, Sandy and Maggie! The years just melted away as we reminisced and regaled each other with memories and laughs. I hope we can convince Sally to come back for our reunion, along with all of the rest of you!

From **Lars Selberg**: Just back from a week in Maine, where I took a course in joinerwork and decorative inlay at the Wooden Boat School; great class. I was there with my daughter Kat, as we have a house in the same town as the school. Early in the week we launched the boat she built



Lars Selberg '75 sent this photo of his daughter, Kat, rowing a boat that she made at the Wooden Boat Workshop in Maine.

last summer at Wooden Boat (see photo below). Kat is a senior at Choate (Wallingford, CT) this year. Our son Mike has gone back for his second year at Cornell, where he is in the Engineering College.

It was a busy summer. I was Vincentio in a production of *Taming of the Shrew*. It was a great experience as most of the actors and crew do theater as their primary gig. I learn so much from these folks. Also on the theater front, Julie (Julie Sly Selberg PDS '74) and I designed and ran the lighting for a production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*. We've now done about a dozen shows, but this one marked our first paid gig and the launch of Moonglow Lighting. Not quite ready to quit the day jobs, but in this economy it's good to be diverse. And speaking of the economy, this really stinks. I feel lucky to say that I've still got a job, but I have lost a number of good co-workers in the past two years. I hope others from '75 are faring better.

The McDonough children are doing a lot of traveling, with Sarah (20) in Paris for her junior year abroad, and Tom (17) having spent 4 weeks backpacking in the Talkeetna Range in Alaska with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS). Pete and I are looking forward to visiting Sarah in Paris for Christmas.

Please save the date for our reunion in May, and come on back to PDS for some great fun and great friends!



Mike Selberg, son of Lars Selberg '75, is studying engineering at Cornell University – despite the t-shirt worn here!

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From the online Alumni Community: **Gary Kraut** writes: Still living in France, recently created the online magazine *France Revisited*, www.FranceRevisited.com, for savvy readers and experienced travelers... and PDS alums.

1977

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Class of 1978 pals **Barbara Vaughn Hoimes, Tom Gates, Peter Morgan and Michele Plante** gather at the 50th birthday party of Chris Cole, husband of **Barbie Griffin Cole '78**.

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Jenny Chandler shared this news about a career move: "The National Council of Nonprofits announced that Jennifer Chandler has joined its staff as Vice President and Director of Network Support and Knowledge Transfer. An attorney, Chandler brings to the National Council nearly 20 years of non-profit experience in a variety of roles, from legal advisor and senior staff member to program volunteer and board member.

"At the National Council, Chandler will focus on connecting networks of local, state, and regional nonprofit associations with resources that build their capacity to support and serve more than 20,000 organizations nationwide.

Don Gips, who has been serving as White House director of personnel, was nominated in June by President Barack Obama to be ambassador to the Republic of South Africa.

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30th Reunion

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Dana Stewardson writes: Our daughter, Ashley, will be entering her senior year at Penn; son, Rob, Lawrenceville School '09 will attend Trinity college in the fall.

1981

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Remembering **Kristine Anastasio Manning '81** (above): In September, **Trey Anastasio '82** performed a concert at Carnegie Hall with the New York Philharmonic in memory of his sister.

1982

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In September, **Trey Anastasio** performed a concert at Carnegie Hall with the New York Philharmonic in memory of his sister, **Kristy Anastasio '81** (see In Memoriam). Several PDS alumni attended the event, including **Tom Marshall**, **Trey's** writing partner and lyricist for 20 years.

Phil Clippinger '83 also enjoyed the event, describing the show as "an extraordinary way

to celebrate the life of **Kristy Anastasio** and the culmination of a lifelong dream of **Trey's** to perform his music with a world-class symphony... "As a friend and fellow alum, I simply could not have been more proud."

To read the *NYTimes* review of the concert, go to <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/14/arts/music/14tre.html>

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From **Rena**: Well, it's hard to believe that another summer is coming to a close as I write. It all seems to go so much more quickly these days. Thanks to those of you who submitted alumni notes to me via email. If you're interested, many of our classmates are on Facebook, which is a great way to reconnect as well as a convenient tool to submit class notes in the future.

In May 2008, there was a dedication ceremony of our class gift for our 25th reunion. Thanks to the leadership and hard work of **Phil Clippinger** – and the generosity of many – we managed to generate nearly \$25,000 for our class gift in honor of former classmate, **Peter Hatfield**. Our gift consisted of a significant landscape and hardscape upgrade to the entrance of the lower gym at PDS. The Hatfield family and a number of classmates, friends, PDS administrators, faculty and others were present for the dedication of the space. Princeton Land Design and owner **Stewart von Oehsen** generously donated labor and design of the space, which includes a Class of 1983 panther-themed seal embedded in the concrete paving outside the gym. This was a huge effort on behalf of all involved to make this lovely class gift a reality. And, it was made all the more special as close friends and classmates of Peter were so closely involved in the ideation, design and installation of the project. Please be sure to stop by the school and check it out the next time you're in town. And again, many thanks to all of our classmates who contributed, as well as to Phil, Stewart, Princeton Land Design and PDS administra-

tion for their hard work and dedication on behalf of our class.

I tracked down one of our AFS students from senior year, **Marcus Herbert**. Marcus writes: I'm still with the BBC, but now based in Glasgow, in Scotland. I'm an executive producer (posh name for senior producer) in charge of a team making science documentaries for BBC TV. Bit of a career change after nearly 15 years as a TV news producer (including 3 in the US). I'm married with two daughters – Louisa, 6, and Ashley, 3; lots of pictures on my Facebook page. My wife, Morag, is half Scottish and half American, so we spend a lot of time in the States. In fact we're moving to California for a few months in December – I've been offered a journalism fellowship at Stanford University so we'll be enjoying the delights of Palo Alto for a bit.

Sherri Benson Small writes:

I am doing well. I'm living in Nutley with my husband Ken and our four children who keep us very busy attending choir and band concerts; soccer and football games, and a whole host of other activities. Our daughter, Jasmine, is just starting high school this year and we're excited about that. Her brother Joshua is close behind, in his last year of middle school. We have a daughter, Jaella, who is excited to be starting fourth grade and our almost-three year-old, Jordan, has everyone chasing to keep up with him. His big excitement these days is yelling out when he sees a "big truck," fire truck or hears a "big jet!"

My husband's doing software development and computer programming/analysis in New York City. He's a native New Yorker. I'm a technology project manager and have had a very busy two years career-wise. One of my biggest goals for the summer was to get to the beach, which I was minimally successful at (yay for Seaside Heights and Westhampton Beach!).

I'm also a first-year seminary student having just started classes at end of August so I'm really excited about that. And with that new endeavor, a husband, four kids and a career, I BETTER stay in close contact with the Lord, or I'll go crazy otherwise (big smile!).

Also, I saw **Tracy Watkins Thompson** in July when she came out to support me during a family loss. She was doing well and

looking great! I'm so proud of her achievements! I'm sending a big hello to the class of 1983, loads of encouragement to my nephew Obataiye Ferguson '14 and well wishes to the PDS community at large. Would love to hear from you!

Macky Alston was nominated for an Emmy for his last documentary on how hard it is to stay out of a prison when you get out of prison. The film, called *Hard Road Home*, was on PBS last year. He and his team will learn if they win September 22. More info on what Macky has been up to these days can be found at www.mackyalston.com.

In typical **Erik Ott** fashion, I received this short and sweet update, "Not one to update much but...we moved the family to Madrid...Fiesta-Siesta." Congrats to you, Erik and hope the move has been a great adventure for you, Milagros and the kids.

Phil Clippinger literally and figuratively "ran into" **Keri Sheehan Putnam** over the summer at JFK Airport. Both Phil and Keri were picking up their children from summer trips. Isn't it always amazing when you're reminded how small the world can be?

I've determined that I want to travel like **Phil Berger**! He writes, "My sailing team and I skipped a boat in Palermo and sailed the coast of Sicily this summer, while my wife and kids toured Italy for 3½ weeks. In my next life I want to come back as my kids (or dog). Summer is almost over, but we still have an overnight sailing race out of Annapolis in a couple of weeks. My law practice is crazy busy as I represent a lot of financial companies, and am doing a lot of restructuring of loans, as I'm sure you can imagine. Also, I'm starting to represent boxing promotion companies from all over the United States, which is keeping the practice of law interesting.

And here's Phil's update from August 2008: Summer is good with a vacation with my wife Tara up the coast of Croatia. The vacation was followed by three days of my skipping a boat in the Flying Scot North American Championships. My 11-year-old daughter is a rocker performing with her rock band at The World Cafe in Philadelphia, and my 13-year-old daughter is a starter for her middle school basketball team. All is well here on the Main Line.

Steve Schluter and his wife, Cindy, just returned from Martha's Vineyard after a week at the Erdman family home there. Others in the group included **Jon Erdman** and his wife Nathalie, **Stewart von Oehsen** and his wife, Dawn, and **Mac McDougald** and his wife, Melissa. A great time was had by all.

Sarah Kuser writes, "I'm still married to the same guy. I still have the same kid. She's 5'11" (and beautiful, though I'm biased) and starting as a freshman at University of Arizona. I've been an ICU nurse for the past 14 years with some time spent in education. Now I'm a wound care nurse. I hope soon to become a CWOCN [Note from Rena: according to my Internet search, this is a Certified Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurse]. It's my middle age career plan. I have five horses, three dogs and four cats and am happy to be in my last year as a 4H volunteer. I'm planning a camping trip in the White Mountains with horses and friends for Labor Day weekend 2009. My intention in life is to increase compassion for all. That's my life in a nutshell."

Sylvia Wills Millar writes that she just got back from three weeks in Europe. She has written two books and both should be in print this next year. She has also started a doctoral program which is keeping her busy. Sylvia and her husband are living in Tewksbury, NJ and Sarasota, FL.

And Sylvia's update from 2008 is: I was in Cambodia on a mission trip during our 25th reunion. We are moving to Sarasota, Florida in August. I am working on a TV show for We TV called *Women on a Mission*. I am one of the women who will be featured on the show. In May, I received a Master of Divinity from Biblical Theological Seminary.

I guess when approaching 45 no news is good news, writes **Suzanne Utaski Gibbs**. I'm still living in Napa practicing my art and I'm in good health. I'm still married (almost 17 years now) and still raising two wonderfully challenging boys, ages 10 and 12. Whew! I might start thinking about 2013 - now that will be a big year - 30 years out of PDS and not quite an antique.

And as for me, **Rena Whitehouse**: I left my job with *The Atlanta Journal Constitution* in

the fall of 2008 and then went to Oaxaca, Mexico for six weeks and studied Spanish for the first time. I was there for their Day of the Dead celebrations (so special), saw some terrific art (and purchased more than I could carry home -- can you say extra suitcase?), visited and enjoyed some ruins, ate some great food and drank some amazing artisanal mezcal (but skipped the worm and the fried grasshoppers), and met some really special people on my travels. I truly had a wonderful experience and cannot wait to go back. And, with my foundation of Italian and PDS French (thank you Madames Pringle and Echevarria, and Mademoiselle Noel), I picked up Spanish very quickly and was the star of my class! I even managed in week two to successfully describe to my Oaxacan instructor and classmates -- in Spanish -- that I live in a loft condominium when many barely had an idea what a loft was in the first place.

Notes from August 2008 which were not published last fall (ok, full disclosure, I was a slacker for not submitting).

Peter Stabler writes: To **Craig Phares**: still waiting for you to return following albums: Houses of the Holy, Outlandos D'Amour, Point of Know Return. And I want them clean. To the rest of you: very sorry I wasn't able to attend the reunion. I trust this finds you all well, if slightly aged.

From **Erik Schwiebert**: It was great to see old friends in May at the reunion. It was fun to play a few holes in the swamp that was Bedens Brook for the golf outing (it took my clubs and golf bag about a week to dry out). I would like to thank the foursome of Mac, Otter, Ebe, and JSVO for including a fifth for a few holes while it was raining sideways. It was great to finally see Stewart and Dawn's farm -- truly a wonderful spot. Many thanks to Stewart, Sarah, Rena, Zoe, etc., for putting on a great show. It was also great to be there with my mother for her honors during Alumni weekend. Also, great to see the many faculty who are such great friends of mine.

After 20 years in academia at Dartmouth, Johns Hopkins, and the University of Alabama at Birmingham, I resigned my tenured faculty appointment and vacated my funded academic

research laboratory to found and launch DiscoveryBioMed, Inc., a cell engineering and drug discovery company in a business incubator called Innovation Depot in downtown Birmingham, AL. Not only are we continuing to do our own R&D in work done by our research group on cystic fibrosis, chronic kidney diseases, and diabetes, but we are also performing services for academic clients, partnering back to help them out in tough funding climates. We are backed by venture capital and have clients in Birmingham, Atlanta, Kansas City, Baltimore, NYC, Chicago, Boston and Vermont. We are leading a therapeutics renaissance by doing drug discovery bioassays in a biologically and physiologically relevant manner to find new drugs for chronic human diseases. E-mail: erik@discoverybiomed.com; www.discoverybiomed.com

Tom Haroldson: Sadly I won't be able to make it to reunion events, at least I don't believe so, but I'm sure it would be fun. I'm a working stiff at a law firm in L.A. I'm married and have a little boy named Nicholas (Nikko) who is 4½ and very cute. It truly would be fun to catch up with everyone...

Karri Bowen Poole was hoping to make the reunion this year but was suffering through a serious case of morning sickness in her first trimester of pregnancy, expecting her third child who was due in November 2008. Karri and her husband, Don, live in Rye, NY with their two children, Grier and Sam. After leaving teaching two years ago, Karri started her own business, Playroom Plus Educational Design, which helps families turn their playroom into a classroom. She sees herself mainly as a liaison between school and home and educates parents on their selection of educational toys and materials and also creates centers (block, art, dramatic play etc.) within their home.

Rachel Egger Pray: Laura and I just got back from an amazing trip, to Iceland, Denmark and Holland. We stayed up all night with the midnight sun, ate incredible food and tolled on Icelandic horses, across lava fields. There is a natural, geothermal mineral bath, called the Blue Lagoon, heated by underground magma,

and it's incredibly relaxing to soak in for hours, as the icy wind whips past your ears. Copenhagen is all bicycles, kids and babies whizzing by in their parents' baskets, cigarettes and blackberries and wine held in one hand as people in business attire ride down the city streets. The architecture is beautiful, and the canals are gorgeous. Amsterdam was all about museums, and retracing the last steps of my grandfather's family, all of whom were killed in the Holocaust. Grim but worthwhile, as I sobbed at Anne Frank's house when I read the names of my lost relatives in the book of records.

Our daughter, Talya, went to camp for the second summer in a row in upstate NY. She loves it and always wants to stay longer! She's going into fifth grade which is hard to believe. Laura is working for production companies and just finished writing her first screenplay. I'm still working with horses, offering Equine Assisted Learning and other kinds of experiential programs, and thinking about working soon with other forms of animal therapy. We are legally married here in California, finally, and are hoping that the new law will not be repealed by an amendment on the ballot this fall. After 17 years together, it would be nice to have some rights that we can count on.

I'd love to hear from Keri Sheehan Putnam, if she's still out here in LA, and anyone else who'd like to get in touch. Write to me at repray@earthlink.net.

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Arianna Rosati writes:

I begin with tragic news. **John Mislow**—kind and clever classmate to us, highly regarded neurosurgeon to the world—died in June while climbing Mt. McKinley. Our sympathy goes out to his family. This is an unfathomable loss.

Many of us (37 at last count) keep in touch via the PDS 88 Facebook page. (Come join us.) In that spirit, here are the updates:

Courtney Shannon: Ready for change after 16 years, I left my teaching job and moved out of NYC. I am currently living in Skillman and am on the hunt for something new and exciting. I am very hopeful and excited about what's to come.

George Dodds went to NJ for **Matt Lucas'** 40th birthday party and saw **Nils von Zelewitz**. The Junior Dodds are Pearson (3) and Courtney (1).

Elaine Chou: Over July 4th, I went to San Francisco to visit Heidi and meet her gorgeous daughter, Iman. I'm working as a lawyer, but still trying to figure out what to be when I grow up. At Eileen Hohmuth-L's suggestion, I spent a week in August at Maine Media Workshop taking a darkroom class. (Loading film on steel reels is IMPOSSIBLE!)

Chris Moody: I've been celebrating my 40th birthday with 40 Days of Fun. I've been to The Cheltenham Gold Cup, a Test Match at Lord's, dined at Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons, climbed a mountain, revisited our honeymoon hotel, seen U2 and *Waiting for Godot*, been surfing, as well as many other events with family and friends.

Laura Heins: Moved to Bay Area in 2008. Jay Hubbs and I married in Sun Valley. Started a

job with Standard Pacific Capital hedge fund. And this is completely random: I ran into **Pete Sienkiewicz** at an ACDC concert (no kidding) in Oakland. I have reconnected with **Ben Travers** in the Bay Area.

Reed Newhall: Pretty excited to be inducted into the Pomona College Athletic Hall of Fame this year for tennis. Taking my family (wife Tara and two kids, Yell, 5, and Mackenzie, 5) out for the ceremony. Still local in West Windsor, New Jersey. It was nice seeing so many faces at our 20th. Looking forward to the 25th.

Holly Greenberg opened her own psychotherapy private practice, specializing in trauma and post traumatic stress disorder. She is based in San Francisco.

Christine Grounds is doing well with two sons and a still-employed Wall Street husband. She's in private practice but is now co-running a non-profit mental health clinic in Chelsea called the Training Institute for Mental Health offering counseling on a sliding fee scale to the community.

The excellent **Brit Eaton** (who I saw in LA when we were both dashing through town) writes: "I'm trying to get The Fashion Archaeologist TV show picked up....getting close to a deal....living on riverfront near New Mexico/Colorado state line...**Lambros** just out to visit and we had bad rafting accident....lost my raft under a cliff where it remains stuck two months after...could have been us entombed there....I have a 3-year-old boy named Zealand, and an 8-month-old little screaming banshee of a girl named Indie....my wife Kelly and I just had our 5th wedding anniversary...with regards to John Mislow: will raise a glass to him...sounds like he lived an amazing life...wish I had known him in these later years."

Paul Robertson just took a new job as GM of The Ranch at Rock Creek and is on year ten of wedded bliss to Susannah Hollander Robertson. They have two daughters, Sophia, 7, and Georgia, 4. "Send my best to all and apologies for missing our 20th."

Liz Hare: Living in the Hudson Valley with Todd and Jasper, who is 4. Todd is (as of writing) working for Wireless Gen in DUMBO as program director for suite of technical projects for NYC Board of Ed. Finally branding my own business, ReadyCol-

lective (not 100% confirmed name, but close enough). We help individuals and networks transform the way they engage with wicked problems, like the one I naively entered into for the US Election Assistance Commission in 2007. Also applying for a grant in 2010 with a research partner to try out problem-solving and sensemaking with school-age kids to help them cultivate so-called workplace skills of the future. Possibly thinking of going for Masters in Design Education.

Collins Roth: Continue to try to keep a handle on four kids, one wife, a dog and (for about two weeks mid-summer) a turtle while traveling more than I care to in places that are far too far away. Just for kicks, I have been helping run an insurgent campaign to unseat the 80-year-olds who run my local citizens association - the first position I have run for since acting as #2 on Lambros' slate for junior (or maybe senior) class government. Hopefully, the result will be more positive. (BTW, the turtle somehow escaped in case anyone asks.)

Tim Hawkes: I'm an overtired parent of 2 boys (Zack, 4 and Matt, 1). Living in South Salem, NY and working in Stamford, CT. I recently had a nice time catching up over drinks with Arianna Rosati. And every time I hear "You be illin'" by Run DMC come on my iPod during a run I think about getting drunk and playing foosball at Collins' house in 10th grade.

(Collins replied: You will be pleased to hear the foosball table is still in use in my family's Rehoboth, DE, beach house. Come down sometime, I even think I have Run DMC on my iPod.)

By coincidence, I was on the Amalfi Coast in May along with **Jeremy Rabb**, who was on his honeymoon. (I suggested the location; the timing was fortuitous.) Jeremy is waiting until he has a photo to announce his wedding, so you didn't hear it from me.

As for me, I continue to work at DailyCandy.com (who stays at a job for eight years anymore?) and log lots of frequent flier miles—Syria, Lebanon, India, Sri Lanka, and, as ever, London and Italy.

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Doria Roberts shared this press release from May 2009:

Internationally touring, Atlanta based singer/songwriter Doria Roberts was invited to the White House as part of a consortium of artist/activists and community organizers for a briefing and organizing session entitled "Art, Community, Social Justice and National Recovery."

The briefing, which took place May 12, 2009, was facilitated by the newly appointed cultural policy makers of the Obama administration (including the head of the National Endowment of the Arts) and was sponsored by State Voices, The Pratt Center for Community Development and the Nathan Cummings Foundation.

The invited group was characterized as a virtual "brain trust" of creative individuals tackling social issues such as healthcare, green jobs, education and economic justice from a combination of intuitive perspectives and real world actualization. They have been asked to report back to the administration with their strategies for cultural recovery.

Roberts was personally invited by Billy Wimsatt, Senior Strategist on Growth & Partnerships at Green For All, a "green collar" jobs training program founded by Van Jones, who recently transitioned into his new appointment in the White House as Special Advisor for Green Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation for the White House Council on Environmental Quality.

Wimsatt tapped Roberts for the consortium not only because of her 15 year plus artist/activist career advocating for underserved communities, but also for her latest projects involving green touring for artists and an urban revitalization and outreach concept including digital storytelling, film and hands-on rebuilding efforts entitled "Searching for Martin, Finding Ourselves".

Roberts will be returning to Washington for follow up presentations, meetings and workshops with other consortium members early next month.

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Jeremy Kuris writes: I married Rowena "Nina" Santiago in Washington, DC on August 30, 2008 in two ceremonies: one Catholic, and one Jewish. Guests included my brothers: Benjamin Kuris '93 and Gabriel Kuris '99, Nina's cousins Ramon Santiago '89, and **Jennifer Santiago**, and our friends **Alyssa Denzer**, **Ron De Villa**, **Jennifer Kim**, and **Anca Novacovici**.

I am a senior principal software developer with CACI on a contract at the US Department of State Bureau of Diplomatic Security, and Nina is a litigation associate at Troutman Sanders. We're having a great time living in DC!

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Anne Bussard married Dylan Supina PhD in June at St. Mark's Church in Philadelphia. Anne is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology with a medical practice in Paoli, PA. Her husband is a health economist with Johnson & Johnson.

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Jennifer Walsh married Matthew Thurlow at Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton. Jennifer, who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and earned a master's degree in adult and primary care geriatrics from New York University, is a nurse practitioner in New York.

From the online *Alumni Community*: **Richard McColl** writes: I have opened and been successfully running my own hotel in the Colombian UNESCO heritage town of Mompos - **La Casa Amarilla** (www.lacasaamarillamompos.com) and I have also started a Colombia-based travel agency specializing in touring the routes of Gabriel Garcia Marquez - **Aji Colombia** (www.ajicolombia.com).

I continue to work as a freelance journalist in Colombia and my published works can be found and seen altogether at www.rmc.coll.co.uk.

1997

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It is hard to believe that another summer has already gone by. Thanks to everyone who sent news this time around as it is always wonderful to hear from you. Thanks to modern technology (i.e. Facebook), garnering information was a little bit easier this time around. I have started a PDS Class of 1997 page on there to help facilitate. So, if anyone in our class is on Facebook and isn't yet a member, please join. **Tali Levin** wrote shortly after returning from Paris where her family celebrated not only her sister Galette's '96 wedding, but also Tali's son Aviel's first birthday. Tali is currently working as a social worker at the University Medical Center of Princeton medical clinic.

From **Andrew Breitenberg**: "I was recently married June 6, 2009 to Mariah Cocke in Virginia Beach. We plan to return to Cape Town, South Africa (indefinitely!) where we will continue our work building community amongst the poor."

Closer to home **Seth Adler** and his wife Heather have been living in Lawrenceville for the past 5 years. On April 23 Seth and Heather welcomed a son, Oliver. Oliver joined his older sister Sarah who was born April 9, 2007. Seth recently saw Rebecca Highland '95 and her husband Mark Jasper with their 6-month-old daughter Sadie as they were back East for a visit from Berkeley, CA.

In other baby news **Janie Egan Bertelson** and her husband Eric welcomed Henry MacDougall Bertelson into the world. Little 'Mac' was born February 23. The growing Bertelson family will soon be leaving the island of Manhattan and moving north to New Canaan, CT.

As for myself, I spent a lot of the summer training for the NYC Half-Marathon, which I completed in under 2 hours, my personal goal. It was my second half-marathon of the year, after completing the St. Louis Half-Marathon on a very rainy Sunday in April. I recently moved downtown and absolutely love my new neighborhood. In October I am off to India for two weeks with my Mom - best birthday present I could ask for! I hope all of the rest of you are doing well. Have a wonderful fall.

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Elizabeth (Gordon) Hall shared this with Facebook friends: I currently live in New York and continue to work as the office manager for Fog Creek Software. Charlie, my son, was born November 21, 2008. We look forward to celebrating his first birthday.

Anna Lewis recently joined the Fog Creek team as well and is engaged to Nicole Hablenko who is a circus performer specializing in fire eating. They plan a circus themed wedding for next summer.

Jake Dickson shared this with Facebook: Got engaged, getting married in November, opening a butcher shop in New York City in September. The focus is on locally and sustainably raised meats from small family farms.

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Chris Breitenberg writes: Warm greetings and blessings from a beat-up bus driving through Cambodia. I've been thinking of you all quite frequently over the past couple of months and felt a need to share a thought.

Thinking over ten years, I'm sad to miss all of you at this moment. I see your faces well in my memory. I'm drafting Spokesman pages with Julia and Gabe. Digging holes in the woods with Rieps and Holmes. Marveling at the unstoppable force of Welsh and the girls field hockey team. Swinging in the Jazz Band with Dayna, Karl, Sigman, Brenton and Louie. Surviving Calc and Computers with Mr. Mig. Playing too many Dave Matthews songs with too many of you in the theatre lobby. I hope you are wearing the marks of many good years and rich experiences since then.

On the first day of 9th grade, I remember hearing Carlton talk about community. While I initially laughed it off (or perhaps more realistically was distracted by his hulking frame or Steph Sanders down the aisle), looking back now, I know what he meant. Last year I met Doss in DC over some Ethiopian food and we both commented on a feeling we share about our class. A feeling that seemed to surpass rose-colored nostalgia.

It was a sense of authentic community. Not some mess of people thrown together and labeled a community, but a group with a real connection that emerged over the years. A genuine energy. A mutual respect. A certain electricity that passed from one to the other. Maybe it was seeing each other's talents blossom before our eyes. Maybe it was our devastatingly creative and well-performed Halloween Challenge routines. Maybe it was an insignificant moment of kindness that endeared someone to you, a reconciled spat or a random connection you had with someone while waiting for a ride home. Whatever it was, I left PDS thinking two things. First, that each of us could and would leave PDS to take unique and exciting trips into the world. And second, that something special happened on the Great Road.

For you and for that time and that sense of community, I am grateful. I count it as a pillar in the foundation of my life. It's something I've longed for and worked to create since then. It's one reason I'm traveling to Phnom Penh and it's why I'm sad not to be with you tonight to embrace that feeling again.

So I send my wishes to you. That you may all find a deep sense of community in your lives today and in the future. That it would bless you and bring you love and joy, authenticity and hope.

Michael Bodell, who recently was married at Pretty Brook Farm, is the Artist in Residence at the HERE Arts Center in Soho, presented a comedy piece in August. For more, go to <http://www.here.org/see/now/summersublet/>

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Natasha Nolan writes: Hello fellow classmates, I'm looking forward to seeing you at our 10th reunion May 14 and 15. We currently have a 10th reunion Facebook page which I encourage you all to join if you haven't. It will have lots of information leading up to the reunion, plus photos and much, much more. Hope to see a huge turnout. See you then.

As for other classmates news: **Sarah Masters** became Sarah Lamble in Oct. 2008 in Hertfordshire, England. **Megan Cheresnick** was one of the bridesmaids. **Stephanie Gash, Arielle Notterman** and **Allison (DiBianca) Fasoli** made the trip across the pond as well for the big day. I have also just finished my PhD in biology and biochemistry at the University of Bath.

Continuing with weddings, there were a few over the summer. **Megan Cheresnick** also got married and her bridesmaids were **Sarah (Masters) Lamble, Abby (Kelton) Thaker, Allison (DiBianca) Fasoli** and **Stephanie Gash**.

Allison (DiBianca) Fasoli also got married and her bridesmaids were **Megan Cheresnick, Stephanie Gash** and **Abby (Kelton) Thaker**. It is great to know that a group of friends can still be so close 10 years after leaving PDS.

Page Schmucker became Page Small, when she married Mackenzie Small, from Lawrenceville School, September 5. She is working for a technology company in Doylestown, PA.

Christina Lee married Jason Park on Sept. 5 as well.

Laura Davidoff just moved back to the US after spending six years living in Australia. (I wonder if she moved back just for the reunion!)

Speaking about living abroad, **Jess Batt**, is currently living in Argentina with her fiancé Juan.

Sara Jane Brown also got engaged this June to Christopher W. Spence - wedding date: sometime in the fall of 2011. She is a night

shift RN in a critical care unit.

After college **Frank Lee** lived and taught English in Korea for a while and writes: I graduated from NYU Law School last year, and I'm now a first-year associate at a law firm in New York, and I am specializing in white-collar defense and internal investigations.

John Dorazio, also known as 10th year reunion co-chair, has started in a graduate program at Columbia Business School. We wish you all the best!

I also have news from other PDS alumni from other years.

Joanna Woodruff '99 shared this via Facebook: I am currently living in Philly. I'm starting my 4th year teaching at Germantown Academy, where I coach field hockey and softball and direct the middle school musicals. I am hoping to start a graduate program for occupational therapy in fall 2010. Life is great, and I have never been better. I'm loving where I live and work....and more importantly am in love with being an aunt to the 2 best boys ever!

Stephanie Horowitz writes: A project of mine is featured on the current cover of New England Design. You can view a digital copy at the link below. "Turn" to page 70 for the full article. <http://digital.designnewengland.com/designnewengland/20090708/?u1=texterity>

Following up on the 2007 *Journal ArtsNotes* item about his book *Threefold Sun*, **Taj Forer** writes: I am writing to let you know about an exciting project that I am part of and to announce a great opportunity for any and all of you who may be interested in owning one of my photographs!

The (often) prohibitively expensive nature of the fine art market creates a barrier for many people who wish to own original, signed, editioned works created by the artists they love. Well, the timing could not be better for the 20x200 project! The folks behind www.20x200.com work directly with artists from the international fine arts community to create affordable editions of contemporary fine art and make them available to the public for as little as \$20.

I am pleased to announce that I have been asked to edition two of my photographs from *Threefold Sun* for this exciting project. Both editions are now available for purchase (in several different sizes / prices) at the link below. <http://www.20x200.com/>

To purchase a signed copy of the full-length monograph from which the photographs in this 20x200 edition are drawn, please visit: <http://tajforer.com/index.php?x=page&title=threefoldsun>

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Laura Gosnell shared with Facebook friends: Returned from a year of volunteer teaching in China and is now applying to grad school

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Jeremy Johnson writes: Over the past year I've helped John Katzman (founder of the Princeton Review) start 2tor.com, a company which partners with elite colleges and helps take them online. Our first partner is the University of Southern California and first program is the MAT@USC (mat.usc.edu), the first online master's in education from an elite research university. This past month we also closed our A rond of funding, led by Redpoint Ventures, with Novak Biddle and CityLight Capital participating. We also just launched a site to promote our first program that I think you guys will find interesting - myteacher-myhero.com.

Marlee Sayen shared these notes: **Nathaniel Halpern** and **Chris Palsho** are in the final stages of production for their web series www.LookingForGrace.com. Email Chris if you have any comments or questions (chrispalsho@gmail.com).

Michael Rosen writes: "I'm pursuing a PhD in Applied Physics at Stanford these days, where

I work on theoretical models for the evolution of microbes. Life consists mostly of research with some teaching and classes. My family are all Californians now, so I rarely make it back east anymore and I'm particularly jealous of the many PDSers who live in NYC."

Dan Hutner is living in Vermont and writes: "I'm head coach of the Middlebury Ski Club, a weekend youth racing program. During the week I work in the family investment management firm, and get up to the mountain most afternoons to coach the local high school ski team. In the warmer seasons I coach tennis, and try to get out to play as much as I can myself!"

Nathaniel Smith writes: "I am working in NYC as a drummer and guitarist. I'm playing with PM Dawn, an R&B group from the '90s. I have also started a record label with Microsoft and we are revamping the way music is sold/distributed. We are currently working with Alicia Keys, Shakira, Keith Urban and Lil' Wayne."

We are looking at accepting new artists, so please contact me at NathanSmithDrums@gmail.com if you are interested."

Jessie Tamayo shared with Facebook friends: I'm excited about Waldorf kindergartens and gardening with the Dadians and ART you do with your hands. I'm on my way to Canyonlands, Utah to wear a NPS uniform and an Americorps badge and have fun teaching and learning with elementary schoolers in the big arches and needles!

Zoe Dadian shared with Facebook friends: Opened a crepe cart in Asheville NC, the cart is called Crepes of Wrath and PDS English teacher would be proud.

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Elizabeth Sayen is working as a Design Assistant at the Coach Inc. Headquarters in New York. She is living in the West Village and is loving exploring the city.

Stefan Hirniak says: I am still swimming away, currently living in Victoria British Columbia and training with the Canadian national swim team. This past summer I competed in the 2009 FINA Swimming World Championships

where I broke the Canadian record for the 200 meter butterfly event. After Rome I traveled to Leeds, England and set a new world-record in the men's 4x200 meter free-style relay. This season is dedicated to getting ready for the Pan Pacific championships in LA and then Commonwealth games in India.

Brian Smith directed PINK! a new play that offers a glimpse into Bunk 14, where five 12-year-old girls navigate a strict social caste system with hilarious and increasingly terrifying results. Meet the Campers at www.PinkThePlay.com

Nick Perold writes:

James Ramos says: I got engaged on the 4th of July to my future wife Tina Fuller. We will be married on June 11, 2010 in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on campus at Notre Dame and Ben Johnson will be serving as my best man. Tina is originally from Caracas, Venezuela, we met in Italian class freshman year at Notre Dame and have been together since November 4, 2006. We are living in Minneapolis and have enjoyed the beautiful (if brief) summer.

Allison Marshall says: I moved to from Washington, DC to Brooklyn, NY in August. I have started a new job as an Associate Producer at Bloomberg Television in Manhattan.

Morgan Weed is currently performing in Green Day's new rock opera "American Idiot" at the Berkeley Repertory Theater in Berkeley, CA.

Alyssa Briody recently moved to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Katie Weber moved to Bologna, Italy earlier this fall to begin an MIA at Johns Hopkins SAIS.

Nick Perold recently joined his former PDS teacher and cross-country coach, Ken Smith, to launch a new social media site called SocialSquawk.com, which publishes rich-media social announcements.

Bianca Gersten says...I'm trudging away in my second year at Georgetown Law, was recently accepted onto the Georgetown Law Journal, and just accepted a summer position with Milbank, Tweed, Hadley and McCloy LLP in NYC for next summer.

Rich Dreher appeared in the McCarter Theatre's late October production of "She Stoops to Conquer" in which he played the roles of Stingo and Jeremy.

Will Dewey is still living in Jackson Hole WY where he is a

fly fishing guide for WorldCast anglers in the summer and a ski instructor at Jackson Hole.

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...and here are a bunch of entries for the column! (As is the norm, Rajiv Mallipudi wrote something incredibly long and asked me explicitly not to edit it. I still edited it, and look at what's left...) Enjoy, Kyle

Kyle Boatwright spent her senior year at Amherst College writing and producing a full-length musical called "God Is Dead," which starred Zach Cherry '06 as Colin Powell. It premiered in January 2009 and is hopefully on its way to stages outside of the college community. She's living in Amherst these days, teaching piano lessons and working for the Massachusetts International Festival of the Arts, and generally being entirely financially unsuccessful. She loves it.

Hannah Heller spent her last year at Wellesley doing research on variances in Early Christian synagogues in the Galilee and tending to her responsibilities as residence hall president. This summer she worked as an instructional assistant at Sylvan Learning Center, which was pretty terrible, but earned her enough money to move to Israel for five months until January (writing from a bench in Jerusalem as we speak!), while she interns at an arts education organization in Tel Aviv. Shalom, and see you soon!

Victoriya Kovalchuk (Vika) graduated from Carnegie Mellon with a Bachelor of Humanities and Arts, an interdisciplinary degree, in Communication Design and Creative Writing. After graduation, she moved to Williamsburg,

Brooklyn and is now working full time as a digital designer in Manhattan. Currently, she is also trying to get a book of short stories published, which she wrote as part of her senior project at CMU.

Hallie Slamowitz is now teaching first grade in the South Bronx for Teach for America!

Rajiv Mallipudi just graduated with a major in Biomedical Engineering from Johns Hopkins University (JHU '09). Last summer he won the Vredenburg Scholarship '08, which allowed him to conduct cancer research in Australia where he studied the delivery of drug loaded targeted nanoparticles to colon cancer cells. This summer, he stayed at the JHU Medical Campus and studied the reduction of non-specific heating in tumor mouse models using alternating magnetic fields. His work will be published in an academic journal in the next few months, and he is applying for a US patent for his device and heating method. He hopes to also present his work at the *American Society of Nanomedicine* conference in late October. Sweet. He is now beginning his master's in Reproductive and Cancer Biology at the JHU Bloomberg School of Public Health '10. He also started a new clinical research position at JHU where he helps his patients lose weight and fight diabetes. (Finally I am combining my love of nutrition, exercise and medicine to research! LEGIT!) After grad school he will start applying to medical school. Once his applications are out of the way, he will then compete in his 3rd body-building contest August 2010! He is on track to win, as he currently stands at 5'2 with a lean mean 160 lbs of muscle! Oh yeah, there will be more *Pudi Pumped Power* episodes to come! GET UP!

Sunny Anuzis graduated from Sarah Lawrence College in May 2009 after one heck of a senior year. In addition to a challenging course load, Sunny competed in cross-country in the fall and spring (ultimately rising to captain), decided to learn how to play softball on the school team, participated in two campus choirs and the New York Latvian Concert Choir, FINALLY started taking Latvian lessons, ran a half-marathon, and fell head over heels for her best friend, an incredibly suave gentleman from Botswana. Since graduation she has been scooping ice cream, led a five-week internship

at Morven for students from the Isles program, and chased seven 7-9-year-olds around Latvian camp for two weeks. She is currently hunting for a job and training for her first triathlon on September 13th.

After graduating from Haverford College, **Cecily Moyer** spent the summer collecting soil and plant samples at 34 Philadelphia urban gardens so she could advise gardeners about lead and other substances in the soil. The results are important for protecting children and others who play and work in the gardens from exposure to harmful chemicals. Her work was financed by an innovative grant program she developed with colleagues, according to an article in the *Princeton Packet*.

From our online Alumni Community: **Amanda King** writes: Hello from 12 hours in the future! Right now I'm teaching English at a university in China for a year. Rather ridiculous that they let me do such a thing, but I'm having a great time. I watched the National Day celebrations on TV when they were held in Beijing -- it was a rather big affair lasting all day. I've climbed the Great Wall, and am living on the east coast of the country, right by the sea, which is nice. Over October holiday, when National Day and the Mid-Autumn festival were happening, I was traveling down south, by Shanghai -- I was in Suzhou, Hangzhou and Nanjing. All beautiful and all very, very, crowded with Chinese tourists. I've been in China for nearly two months and I still cannot believe it.

Kaitlin Mischner received a B.A. with honors from the University of Chicago with a major in Economics. She is currently working in Chicago.

2006

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Mendy Fisch writes: This past May, **Jeff Moll** became the first member of the Class of 2006 to get married. Jeff married Tae Richmond on May 30 in Princeton.

Moll writes: "We were married



Kaitlin Mischner '05

on a beautiful late afternoon at our church. ... We celebrated afterwards at the Albemarle mansion, where we first crossed paths (when Jeff was 10 and Tae was 11) at the American Boy-choir School summer camp."

Richmond-Moll is not only a shopping destination in Virginia but also Jeff and Tae's new last name. Moll writes: "We both decided to hyphenate our names, so we are now the Richmond-Molls!" Best of luck to the new couple from the Class of '06!



Jeff Moll '06 and his bride **Tae Richmond** at their May wedding in Princeton. Photo by Christian Oth Studios.

Other members of our class spent the summer working in various locations across the world. **Hannah Tamminen's** summer in San Francisco felt more like winter, but she enjoyed her time at the American Conservatory Theater anyway.

Tamminen writes: "I had an awesome time there -- it's beautiful, but surprisingly chilly! Coincidentally, while I was in the middle of jam-packed Market Street in downtown San Francisco, I heard someone calling my name, and it turned out to be **Saya Russell** of '05! Her family had moved from Princeton to Berkeley, CA."

Tamminen added that before heading to San Francisco, she took a bike trip around Western Ireland with her family. They cycled through Galway, the Aran Islands, the Connemara region, and Westport, among other locations.

Esther Kim, meanwhile, spent part of her summer in Korea, where she was the chair of a panel at the World Civic Youth Forum.

The prize for the most creative submission in the history of the Class of 2006 notes goes to **Ellen Cook** and **Jonathan Hofmann**, who penned a poem about their experiences in 2009:

*For Ellen Cook and the Jonathan Hofmann,
2009 has been the best it can,
Be when you are abroad and away from school,
Experiencing new cultures is totally cool.*

*From Galway, Ireland to Boca Raton,
Neither of us had our usual cell phone.
Sorry if you tried to reach us and did not succeed,
Our hunger for knowledge we did feed.*

*At Renaissance Institute in Florida Jonny flourished,
And at National University of Ireland Ellen's mind was nourished.
All and all a great year of personal growth and progress
We learned more about ourselves -- not less.*

*Ellen had a blast in the land of Eire,
Classes were simple and of the rain she did not tire.
Her favorite place was a beach in Connemara,
Though from Galway it was a bit far-a.*

*Though Florida is his least favorite state,
Jonathan worked hard and was never late.
Florida is a strange culture, that's for sure-
It was definitely too hot outside to wear fur.*

GO CLASS OF 2006!

Kim presented a paper at the panel, which was sponsored by the United Nations and Kyunghee University. Kim will be starting her junior year at NYU in the fall, which she says she is "very excited about."

New York City was home to many alumni this summer. I worked there this summer, and spent time with **Adam Savitzky**, **Sarah Mischner**, **Sal Drago**, **Daniel Rathauer**, **Andy Babick**, **Craig Knowlton**, and **Greg Rosen**. I heard rumors that **Neil Sharma** was working in the city as well. Mischner lived in Harlem and had an internship with the New York City Opera in the development department. Mischner just completed her junior year at Smith College, and writes that the highlight of the year was "joining the 5 college opera *Dido and Aeneas*."

Savitzky and I lived together, first in NYU housing and then in Stuyvesant Town. I worked at a software firm called Bootstrap Software, and helped develop an application that allows Bootstrap and other software companies to track bugs in programs that they write. Savitzky worked for a bicycle shop, where he practiced his Spanish skills, and helped develop a blog and Internet presence for a startup company, Women's Business Media. Drago was an intern at a small hedge fund, and visited

us on occasion, while Knowlton was a residential advisor in Savitzky's and my building.

Tanvi Goel stayed at home this summer, working in investment banking at Barclays Capital in the natural resources division. Goel's family moved to Houston two years ago, so Goel decided to work in Barclays Houston office. Goel will graduate from the University of Pennsylvania this coming year with a joint degree from the Wharton School and the School of Engineering.

Also graduating from the Penn School of Engineering this coming spring is **Amanda Levy**. While most of us are trying to finish up our bachelor's degree, Levy will be earning both a bachelor's and a master's degree in Material Science and Engineering. Levy has plans to apply to graduate school for her PhD.

Jared Tepper will graduate this spring as well. Tepper writes: "I'm going into my last year at Colby College. It's really hard to believe; time flies by so quickly. It's been a good experience so far, though I do have some regrets. However, over the past year or two, I've realized that a perfect fit is near impossible to find. In regards to my future, I've been leaning heavily towards applying to medical school. I'll admit that I am a bit nervous, but I'm really



Kevin Smith '06 traveled from Boston University to Colby to cheer on his PDS buddy **Patrick Briody '06**.

excited about the possibility of going to med school, and I am looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead."

Aaron Sashihara plans to start college this coming year, after getting discharged from the Marines. Sashihara has one more deployment ahead of him before this happens. Sashihara is unsure what his deployment will entail, but explained that he will either "float from port-to-port in Europe, then sit off the coast of Afghanistan for a couple months as a contingency force," or "simply fly straight over to Afghanistan and have a classic ground deployment, with nothing to do with the boat that would follow us."

Sashihara explained that it is often difficult to predict what will take place during a deployment. He writes: "1/6, another unit, was supposed to float around Europe last year, but that got changed 2 weeks before they were supposed to leave, and they ended up going to Afghanistan and seeing some pretty crazy stuff... so the official word on what we're doing is never really official, and there's constant rumor-mongering about what we'll actually be doing."

Sashihara is applying to schools, and says he plans to "be shipping back from this deployment early in order to check out of the Marines, and then will be going straight to college. ... Within a month, I'll go from combat zone to college campus; should be interesting."

Sarah R. Mischner was named to the Dean's List at Smith College for her academic achievement during the 2008-09 school year.



Sarah R. Mischner '06

The Dean's list recognizes those students with grade point averages of 3.333 or above. A recipient of the Carlie Prize for Composition from the Smith College Music Department, Sarah was an intern at the New York City Opera this summer. She is majoring in Music and minoring in Studio Art at Smith.

In April 2009, the Colby Mens lacrosse team challenged Tufts in the quarterfinals of the NESCAC tournament for the first time in seven years (and only the second time ever!). **Kevin**

Smith (who attends Boston University) was there to cheer on his PDS buddy **Patrick Briody**. Though the Colby Mules lost a rough one, this great PDS friendship won the day!

Rebecca Freedholm, now a senior at Kenyon College, was awarded in May an important award by the English Department – "The Philip Wolcott Timberlake Scholarship" which "is awarded to the junior majoring in English who has done the most distinguished work in his or her courses in English." In addition, Rebecca was recently elected to the Kenyon chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Society.



In August, our newest alumni – the Class of 2009 – gathered on campus for the Last Hurrah Barbecue before heading off to colleges and universities throughout the nation.

2007

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Derek Mayer shared this news from NCAA.com: "I just wanted to drop you a note about an article about Derek that appeared at NCAA.com on July 15. You can currently access the article at the Union College Athletic website at:

<http://www.unionathletics.com/>
As Union College men's lacrosse player **Derek Mayer** found out last year, bone marrow donation is one simple way of saving patients with leukemia, lymphoma, multiple myeloma and many other diseases. Mayer and another player began a Union College bone marrow registry list last March, recruiting the entire men's lacrosse team and staff, as well as the women's ice hockey and men's soccer teams to sign up.

Krissy Garber '07 was tired

of waiting for good roles to come her way, so she decided to produce and star in "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress" by Alan Ball. The play opened Oct. 29 at Duo Theatre in NYC.

Krissy, who graduated in May from the Neighborhood Playhouse School of the Theatre, told a *Town Topics* reporter "I'm a much better actress than I am a producer, because all I want to do is to delve into my script and do my character analysis." Yet she has enjoyed the experience of producing and acting in the play focused on interactions of five bridesmaids during a wedding reception.

2008

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Julia Salem just received the Prize for Modern Languages "in recognition of excellent work in the subject" from St. Hilda's College at Oxford University England.

2009

Elena Bowen is playing varsity tennis for Wellesley College.

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The Graduating Class of 2009

Daniel Altman	Julie Elkin	Nicholas Lehmann	Julia Realmuto
Blake Backinoff	Anthony Farina	Charlotte Lescroart	Meg E. Reilly
Rachel Beardsley	Jake V. Felton	Devon Light-Wills	Christopher Remington
Francesca Behling	Brian Fishbein	Cameron Linville	Gabriela N. Rodriguez
Alexander M. Berger	Elizabeth Fisher	Brielle Manley	Nashalys Rodriguez
Elena V. Bowen	Erika Fritz	Paul Mannino	Joseph P. Rogers
Jeremy Brinster	Spenser Gabin	Florencia Marquez	Daniel Savitzky
Rachel Bristol	Misha Gerschel	James Martinson	Keshav Sharma
Danielle Callier	Una Graonic	Sarah Matthes	Justin Shechtel
Blair Capriotti II	David Greek	Bryanna R. Mayes	Ryan Sheldon
Sam Chertock	Katherine Greenberg	David-Tyler McCourt	Sara Sherman
Brittany Christian	Caitlin Gribbin	Amalia McDonald	Ashley Smoots
Alexandra Clint	Phillip Grudzina	Juan Carlos Melendez-Torres	Alison Sorrentino
Avraham Concool	Franklin Howard III	Michael Milizzo	Benjamin D. Stadulis
Erin Cook	Tyler Howe	Dana Miller	Virginia W. Stattman
Sara Cook	John Inman	Dana Modzelewski	Amy J. Straus
Salvatore D'Angelo, III	Nicholas Jabs	Christian E. Nwigwe	Will Sword
Michael Darrar	Mariel Jenkins	Emma Pajer	Georgia Travers
Alexis Deana-Roga	Sasha L. Kleinman	James Patteson	Vinay Trivedi
Robert Deutsch	Jeffrey Kowalski	Alexander Phipps	Kenneth J. Turner, Jr.
Gregory Dool	Andrew Krech	Luke D. Podsiadlo	G.M. Nicholas Vik
Dylan Dreher	Noah Lanard	Max K. Popkin	Emily R. Waters
Cameron Dunbar	Rebecca B. Lavinson	Natalie Powell	Lindsay White
James Dwyer	Erik Lefebvre	Matthew Raborn	Bradley Wilson

SENIOR AWARDS

Class of 2009

Alumni Service Award:

Vinay Trivedi

Vinay is a student who exemplifies the spirit of the PDS Community Service Program. In his effort to bring the world of computers and on-line access to the senior citizens of his county, he has brought together multiple organizations. In the process he has written and received a grant in order to form a new organization -- "Senior Link" -- and served as the founder and president of this organization. In addition, he has served as a tutor in the school's writing center and accumulated more than 500 hours of community service.



Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars Program

2009 Distinguished Scholars are Devon Light-Wills, Jeff Kowalski, Brian Fishbein, Alison Sorrentino, Jeremy Brinster, Georgia Travers and Lindsay White.

ways which has helped the class of 2009 to graduate from PDS with both respect and admiration.

English Award: Lindsay White

Lindsay distinguished herself as a patient, humble, and powerful interpreter of texts. She is also remarkably generous and mindful in her work with others, whether she is responding to a classmate's writing, collaborating on a scene from Shakespeare, or mentoring in the Writing Center.



John Douglas Sacks-Wilner Award: Danni Callier

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 unflinching positive attitude has been her trademark throughout her upper school years. Regardless of the day, she approaches life with a smile and a song (she is always singing)...Positive, enthusiastic and always willing to help another, she has given much to our community for she has such a kind spirit that refuses to ever give up.



Fred Woodbridge Memorial Award: Amy Straus

This award is presented each year to a graduating senior who has exhibited outstanding leadership qualities in developing class unity and spirit. This year's award winner has the incredible ability to both lead and listen and was able to move her peers and direct her class in positive, supportive, and spirited



The History Award: Vinay Trivedi

In five courses over the past four years Vinay demonstrated his intellectual hunger and sense for intricate detail in history, economics, and international relations. He has set an enthusiastic and sophisticated tone as a gracious and patient anchor for class discussions. Moreover, his love of history and public affairs is evident in the leadership role he has played in numerous extracurricular activities.



Math Award: Jeff Kowalski

Jeff has an undeniable intuitive understanding of mathematics, handling the most complex and challenging aspects of his math courses with ease. While quiet by nature, he manages to make an incredible impact on class discussions, pointing out nuances of various problems, as well as coming up with new and original strategies and approaches.



Computer Award: Ali Berger

This year's computer award goes to a senior who studied Java programming for three years, culminating in the Computer Science AP exam this year. During that time, he has shown himself to be an outstanding programmer with a love of learning. His senior project was quite ambitious, using a Wii (wee) remote to make music on a computer.



Hubert N. Alyea Award: Brian Fishbein

Brian demonstrated a passion and an unmatched interest in the field of Chemistry. His interests have led him to explore the world of ceramic non-conductors and their applications to every day life.



Biology Award: Ryan Sheldon & Jeremy Brinster

Both students have shown a remarkable persistence in their pursuit of knowledge, always going beyond the class requirement and digging deeper to get a better understanding of the biological world. Their willingness to work with others coupled with their unending enthusiasm and contagious upbeat attitude have made them invaluable assets to their peers and a joy to work with throughout upper school.

Congratulations!



Chemistry Award:
Vinay Trivedi & Dana Modzelewski

Inspired to learn, motivated to excel, yet wise enough to enjoy the entire learning experience, these two honorees possess a remarkable sense of patience, discipline and clarity of thought. They have distinguished themselves in the classroom through their inquisitive enthusiasm in local and state science competitions.



Physics Award:
Jeff Kowalski & Paul Mannino

Both enjoy the process of searching and eventually discovering the connections that exist in the world of physics. In fact they have consistently surprised and delighted their mentor with their knowledge, enthusiasm to learn, and their willingness to help others learn about the secrets of light behavior along with other mind-boggling topics encountered in AP Physics.

The Elizabeth Fine Latin Award:
Jeremy Brinster

This year's Elizabeth Fine Latin Award goes to a student who manifests that Italian gift of *sprezzatura*



—the capacity to make even difficult tasks seem simple. His fellow students marvel over how the most recondite couplet of Ovid's poetry comes out in smooth and sensible English. He even ennobles pop culture with classical learning, transforming Miley Cyrus' latest hit into passable Latin verse.

French Award: Georgia Travers

Georgia distinguished herself throughout her language career by her love for the language, the French culture, and French literature. She chose to pursue studying some of the major works of French literature in an Advanced Literature class, in which she developed further her excellent speaking proficiency, her writing talent, and her great analytical skills.



Spanish Award: David Greek

A confident communicator on any topic, he was especially eager to debate political topics or to discuss economic issues impacting Latin America. Having completed the highest levels of the PDS Spanish program, he took the initiative as a senior to work as a teaching assistant to keep his Spanish skills sharp.



Chinese Award: Flori Marquez

As the Chinese proverb goes "Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere." Flori has shown enthusiasm, determination, and eagerness in the study of the Chinese language, and culture. She has demonstrated her passion and love of learning that will help her build bridges across continents in years to come.



Dual Language Award:
Nick Vik & Sarah Matthes

Sarah demonstrated excellence in both Latin and Spanish, and added Greek to her language mix this year. In Spanish, she displayed a passion and talent for the language, for strong writing on a variety of topics, and for exploring the culture. In Latin she showed

interpretive savvy as she made her way through the epics of Virgil and Ovid.

Nick exhausted two curricula and brilliantly completed four APs (both in French and Spanish) decided to start studying Chinese as a senior. In French, it is his remarkable ability to read and analyze the most challenging literary texts that distinguishes him. In Spanish, his insightful comments and his overall energy and joy in facing new challenges were his trademarks.

The Gary Lott Art Purchase Award:
Una Graonic

The Gary Lott Art Purchase Award is in memory of Gary Lott, long-time history teacher, Dept. Chair, and artist in his own right. Una has been an photographer for four years and now her work will continue to inspire students. Her inquisitive nature, sensitivity, humility and kindness are evident in both her images and in her relationships with all around her.



Mixed Media Award:
Misha Gerschel & Rachel Bristol

This years drawing, painting and multi media awards go to two students who have learned to see the studio as a place where discovery, invention, craft and play come together as a means to a deeper understanding of the world around them. In this commitment they have learned to bridge the vocabularies of seemingly opposing disciplines and worked at building connections.

Photography Award:
Emma Pajer & Sara Sherman

Emma's respect for nature is evident in her work and her talent shines whether she works digitally or on film, in black and white or color. She is the person whose kindness extends to everyone in the lab, always willing to help.



Sara's outstanding photographs have been selected for many juried exhibitions and earned her many awards and recognition. She has a uniquely creative vision, and combined with her impressive skills, this has led to images that are invariably independent, original and outstanding.



Ceramics Award: Elena Bowen & Rebecca Lavinson

High artistic ambition, a strong and consistent work ethic and a wish to grow within the study and practice of the ceramic arts are shared attributes of these two honorees.

Elena's work is described as understated and graceful elegance. Rebecca exudes a persistent creative energy just beneath her quiet exterior. Combining a playful and intellectual approach to her work she has created high impact sculptural and functional pieces.



Andy Franz Award:
Jeff Kowalski & Erik Lefebvre

This Award is named in honor of former PDS teacher, Andy Franz. Both recipients are talented woodworkers, with an excellent eye for detail, and a strong sense of design. Their body of work includes unique and well built coffee tables, a couple of beautiful chairs, some extremely impressive 1/4 scale models, and even a life-size *trebuchet* — the medieval contraption that was used to catapult things into a

castle. Both students put a tremendous amount of time and effort into all that they do in the shop.



Music Award: Alexandra Clint, Juan-Carlos Melendez-Torres & Dana Modzelewski

These recipients are active learners and performers, participating enthusiastically in our school's music ensembles. These students pursued musical knowledge through department courses as well as independent study, and achieved high levels of accomplishment. They consistently demonstrated leadership in rehearsals, in class and in performance.



Performing Arts Award: Ali Berger & Brad Wilson

Ali and Brad 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.



The PDS Scholar Athlete Award: Alison Sorrentino & Vinay Trivedi

The unique academic demands associated with PDS make our student athletes quite special in their own right. These students have balanced a rigorous class load while committing fully to their athletic endeavors. Alison

starred in field hockey and lacrosse; and Vinay in the sports of soccer and tennis.



Gold P Athletic Awards: Cammie Linville, Mariel Jenkins; John Inman & Nick Jabs

The Upper School's Gold P Award celebrates sportsmanship, citizenship, team participation, and excellence in athletics.

As four-year letter winners and leaders of our varsity soccer and field hockey teams in the fall season and teammates on our varsity lacrosse team, there is no doubt that Mariel and Cammie are extraordinary athletes who are fierce competitors. Their athletic careers at PDS have enjoyed great success including a state championship, three time state finalist and three-time Mercer County finalists.

Both John and Nick are gifted athletes who have received numerous local and state recognitions. Though they excelled in two different sports in the fall and spring seasons...football and golf, their talents came together and were highlighted in the winter providing strong leadership and excellence to the success of our varsity ice hockey team. Both recipients have been recognized as top student-athletes in their respective sports in the state.

Frankie K. Sportsmanship Award: Erik Lefebvre, Charlotte Lescroart & Anthony Farina

Frankie K recipients 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.

Charlotte, Anthony and Erik demonstrated all the admirable



qualities embodied in this special award. All were multi-sport athletes who placed their team above their own individual goals; while providing positive leadership and practicing exemplary sportsmanship.

PDS-NJISAA Jan Baker Scholar-Athlete Award: Georgia Travers

Each year PDS nominates a senior for the prestigious New Jersey Independent School "Scholar Athlete" Award. This award is based on stellar academic achievement in the classroom and exceptional performance on the athletic field.



For only the third time since its inception, we have the honor to present the NJISAA Scholar-Athlete Award. This scholar-athlete was selected from among 30 prep schools in the state of NJ. We are also honored that this prestigious award is named in honor of Jan Baker, long time and well-respected Director of Athletics at our very own Princeton Day School.



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.

Ali Berger, Jeremy Brinster, Jake Felton, Brian Fishbein, Misha Gerschel, Caitlin Gribbin, Mariel Jenkins, Jeffrey Kowalski, Devon Light-Wills, Brielle Manley, Paul Mannino, Sarah Matthes, Dana Miller, Dana Modzelewski, Ryan Sheldon, Georgia Travers, Vinay Trivedi, Lindsay White and Brad Wilson.

Best of
luck to
the Class
of 2009

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.

Philip Albert, father of Richard Albert '72, Ellen Albert '75 and Karen Albert '79

Joan Taylor Ashley '38

Walter G. Barlow, father of Francine Barlow Bryant '71 and Alison Barlow Loats '76

Malcolm Brewster Barton, stepfather of Kleyton Parkhurst '81

Ivan E. Becker, father of David Becker '82 and Kenneth Becker '85

Robert Benham '39, brother of Martin Benham '42

Elizabeth Baker Carter '57, sister of Diane Baker Wagner '53

Karen I. Cotton, mother of Alexander Cotton '98 and Sonya Cotton '01

Frieda Chimacoff, grandmother of Katherine Chimacoff '04

Marina Cucchi, daughter of Lower School teacher Julie Cucchi; sister of Bruno Cucchi '21 and Nico Cucchi '23

John Danielson, father of Sarah Danielson Rominski '99

Anne Mitchell Dielhenn '29, sister of Elizabeth Mitchell Beatty '28, mother of Jane Dielhenn Otis '60 and Arthur Bruner Dielhenn '62; aunt of Frederick S. Osborne Jr. '55 and Lydia Osborne '65

Paul F. DiManno, father of Katherine DiManno '01

Anna Eure, mother of Dianna Eure Smith '69

Joyce Tattersall Flagg '39, mother of Nancy Flagg '68 and David Flagg '70

Genevieve Gallo, grandmother of Joey Gallo '99 and Amy Gallo '03

Richard Griggs, former math teacher at PCD and PDS, father of Robert Griggs '61 and J. Jeffrey Griggs '64; father-in-law of Donna Maxwell Griggs '65

Thomas H. Gosnell, grandfather of Nicholas H. Travers '03, Peter D. Travers '08, Georgia B. Travers '09 and Mary G. Travers '14

James E. Higgins, father of faculty member Pete Higgins, grandfather of Catie Higgins '17, Jane Higgins '22 and Quinn Higgins '23

Kevin Hoffman '78, brother of Marianne Hoffman Tukey '66, Karen Hoffman Friedlander '69 and Brian Hoffman '84

Ray L. Hurst Sr., husband of Janet Hill Hurst '45

Marlan Jabs, father of Nick Jabs '09 and James Jabs '12

Charles Johnston, father of Timothy Johnston '78

Carole Kamer, mother of Jodi Kamer Howard '80

K. Sinclair Kerr '39

Carol Furman Kirkwood '40

Frances Kleeman, Miss Fine's School music teacher

Peter C. Kulsrud, brother of Pamela Kulsrud '79

Amanda Lake '82

Genevieve Lescroart '03, sister of Byron Lescroart '01, Natalie Lescroart '06, Alexandra Lescroart '07, and Charlotte Lescroart '09

Kristine Anastasio Manning '81, sister of Ernest (Trey) J. Anastasio III '82

Stephen Mantell '75, brother of Michael Mantell '76, David Mantell '79 and Eva Mantell '81; uncle to Rebecca Mantell '08, Matthew Mantell '10, Miranda Noden '15 and Samuel Noden '17

Mary Elizabeth Maskall, mother of Jo Cornforth Coke '55 and Julia Cornforth Holofcener '61

John T. McLoughlin, former trustee, father of John McLoughlin '63, Hollis McLoughlin '65 and Peter McLoughlin '75

Edward Meredith, grandfather of George Meredith Carpeni '06, Shelley Meredith Carpeni '07 and Hannah Taggart '12

Brian A. Miller, father of Alexa Miller '00

John M. K. Mislow '88, half-brother of Christopher Mislow '70

Norman Morgenstern, husband of former faculty member Josiane Morgenstern and father of Melissa Morgenstern Berger '95, Davina Morgenstern Gilbert '96 and Daniel Morgenstern '03

Michael J. Myers, father of Gregory Myers '88 and Jennifer Myers Wells '90

Thomas Norris, husband of Nancy Hurd Norris '47

Margaret Devlin Palsho, grandmother of Erika Palsho Cantin '88, Christopher Palsho '02 and Ryan Palsho '05

Renee D. Punia, mother of Joseph Punia '71

Cary Armstrong Rothe '61, daughter of James I. Armstrong '34, sister of James I. Armstrong, Jr. '69

Edward Seckel, father of David Seckel '71

William K. Selden, writer of *From These Roots, The Creation of Princeton Day School*, PDS's history book

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Todd L. Stafford, half-brother of Lucile Stafford Proctor '56

Mary Elizabeth Thompson, mother of former trustee Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Roach, grandmother of W. John Roach '85 and R. David Roach '87

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George Warren, father of Lisa Warren '71 and grandfather of Alix Warren '02, Andrew Warren '98 and Rachel Cantlay '13

Ellen Wexler, mother of Thomas Wexler '78 and Elizabeth Wexler '80

Viola Hitti Winder '36, mother of B. Philip Winder '69

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Going Greener

Campus got a little greener after Doug Kale, left, of Kale's Nursery in Lawrence, donated a 14-foot October Glory Red Maple tree in recognition of our victory in the 2009 Green Cup Challenge. Pictured with Mr. Kale, from left, PDS Sustainability Coordinator Liz Cutler and PDS Head of School Paul J. Stellato.

"In preparing its students to be citizens of the world, Princeton Day School appreciates that one topic — stewardship of the natural world and its resources — will only grow in importance," Mr. Stellato said. "Our claiming the Green Cup Challenge reassures me that we are on absolutely the right track."

