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# LETTER FROM Paul J. Stellato, Head of School

2 100 years at school.

We are connected to our great past in so many ways. Our beautiful campus on the Great Road. Generations of students and families who come and go and come again. Our alumni sent as explorers of – and emissaries to – the world beyond our walls, who then return to tell us what they have seen and thank us for having made their exploits possible. And we are connected to that past by our faculty, who quietly and patiently go about readying one student after another to take his or her place at the vanguard of whichever endeavor they choose to pursue. Yet it is too little to say that our faculty connect us to the past, for within their understanding and appreciation of what – and who – have come before, they are able to imagine what – and who – the world will need next. Our school, then, becomes that place in which the new is both unanticipated and familiar, as its faculty divines what is to come by having fashioned so fully what has come before.

Seen in this way, life at school is a grand adventure, as classroom periods give way to months and years and decades of success and achievement. But ask Harry Rulon-Miller '51 or John Howe about their collective 100 years at school, and they will summon quickly not the master plan or the school's great arc, but rather the names and faces of the industrious (and, occasionally, reluctant) students with whom they have spent their lives. I am sure that both feel connected to the immensity of what our schools have witnessed since Miss Fine' School opened for business in 1899. After all, one of the things that draws men and women of such talent to a life at school is a connection to something large, meaningful, and immutable. Truly, by holding the insight for one student after another, they have held the insight for – and shaped the destiny and fortunes of – our school.

While the entire school has been their classroom, each has plied his respective trade in a relatively little corner of our immense campus. John calls home a math classroom on the second floor of the main building, just down the hall from the buzzing centers of technology and finance. On any given day, John moves about tables strewn with books, iPads, calculators, and reluctant middle schoolers. He has done so for more than 40 years. Patiently, he encourages them to discard what they think they know and wrap their young limbs around what they will discover and come to treasure. Many times, as I have hurried past his classroom to the business office, I have peered into it to witness this sight: John, standing at his casement window like a young John Kennedy in the iconic photo, gazing from his White House window, peering into a great distance no less fraught or fantastic than that which our President may have contemplated. For like our President's, John's prospect has always been the glorious future.



From the classroom and playing fields of Princeton Country Day School to the Lisa McGraw '44 Rink, Harry has made of every inch of our campus he has trod a place of learning and discovery. But he is most at home on that cold, crisp, inviting sheet of ice that sings and snaps below the blades of varsity hockey players and limber kindergarteners trying to execute their first crossover. His delight has never waned, for he knows too well the joyful invitation skates and ice extend to all. He has gladly accepted that invitation since he was a boy.

The son of a headmaster, John has crafted a career for the ages. Still among the first faculty members to arrive each morning, John responds to my "How are you, John?" with a singular, heartfelt rejoinder: "Happy to be here!" An accomplished sportsman whose exploits still haunt the fields and rinks of St. Paul's and Princeton, Harry has accrued fame, honor, and affection for his earthly pursuits: teaching a child to tie a skate and make his or her way across a seemingly endless tundra. Modest and unassuming, both have given their lives to our school and, in doing so, have enriched and ennobled ours.

So hats (and helmets) off to two colleagues – Harry Rulon-Miller '51 and John Howe – as one lays down his chalk and the other removes his shin pads. They have set a standard to which we may all aspire and, on our best days, may even achieve.

**Paul J. Stellato**  
Head of School

### Two Pulitzer Prize-winning Authors Share the Stage at Princeton Day School



**Jhumpa Lahiri** came to campus to discuss her new novel *The Lowland* with fellow Pulitzer Prize-winning author and Princeton Day School parent **Jeffrey Eugenides** in October. Pictured above: Head of School Paul Stellato, Jhumpa Lahiri, and Jeffrey Eugenides.



### The 5th Annual Harvest Festival

The 5th annual Harvest Festival on October 19 was a wonderful event, drawing the PDS community together to enjoy the garden, chicken coop, bee hives, and meadow. “This year’s harvest dinner was the best yet,” remarked US English teacher and Sustainability Coordinator Liz Cutler after the event.

### Celebrating the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with the Morning of Service

Lower School students participated in the “Morning of Service” in January. Head of the Lower School Lisa Surace noted, “As a way to honor Dr. King’s important legacy and his passion for helping others, each grade level, from PreK to 4th, has developed a unique community service project.” With projects ranging from making dog biscuits, with Kindergartners rolling and cutting the dough, to 2nd grade students learning about math while making Rainbow Loom bracelets for pediatric patients at Princeton Medical Center at Plainsboro, to 4<sup>th</sup> graders interviewing residents of a senior housing center about their life using iPads, the students enjoyed the opportunity to give back to our community.



### Lower School Bulb Planting

Our PreK, K, and 1st grade students put on their gardening gloves, got out the trowels, and, with the help of their parents and teachers, planted daffodils, tulips, and other bulbs in the ground this fall for a wonderful show of flowers in the spring.



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**Ilse Loeb Visits Campus for a Special Assembly**

Ilse Loeb spoke to the Upper School students in February about her amazing life story. One of the “Hidden Children,” Ms. Loeb shared her unique personal history and the impact of the Holocaust on her life. Pictured above: Alex Lasevich with Ilse Loeb and Aaron Gold ‘15.

**Mini-Course Week in the Middle School**

The annual PDS tradition for Middle School students continues! Each MS student chooses a unique one-week course in February to take a step back from the normal curriculum and revitalize. The course offerings are nothing short of amazing, combining favorites like “The Amish Experience,” “Feudal Times,” “Chocolate Immersion,” “Gettysburg,” and “New York, New York” with new offerings, “Sport!,” “Solar Service,” and “Farm Week.” It’s enough to make you want to go back to Middle School!



**PDS Partners with the McCarter Theatre on Pre-Performance Workshops for August Wilson’s “Fences”**

PDS welcomed **Paula Alekson**, Artistic Engagement Manager at the McCarter Theatre Center, to present a series of pre-performance workshops in each of the fourteen US English classes (192 students) that attended the matinee performance of August Wilson’s “Fences” at the McCarter on January 30. Pictured below: Jack Amaral ’17, US English teacher Mary Williams, Paula Alekson, and Taylor Fasolo ’14.



**Author Shamus Khan Visits Campus to Discuss Privilege**

Dr. Shamus Khan, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Columbia University and author of the book *Privilege: The Making of an Adolescent Elite at St. Paul’s School*, spoke to Upper School students in a special assembly in January. Pictured below: Brandon Glover ’14, Head of Upper School Jason Robinson, Maria Chavez ’14, Shamus Khan, and Brandon Holness ’14.



## Princeton Day School Announces Alesia Klein as Interim Head of Middle School

In March, Head of School Paul Stellato announced that Alesia Klein, a respected member of the Middle School science and math faculty, will serve as Interim Head of the Middle School for the 2014-2015 school year. Ms. Klein's appointment is effective July 1, 2014. Current Head of the Middle School Steven Hancock will be leaving at the end of this school year to take on the role of Head of School at the Presbyterian Day School in Memphis, TN. In announcing the news, Mr. Stellato remarked, "As we have benefitted from Steve Hancock's kind, wise leadership, so are we fortunate to be able to turn to a teacher and parent – who embodies all of our school's values – to guide us during this transitional period. I know you will join me in congratulating Alesia as she begins her stewardship of our thriving Middle School."



## Special Assembly: The Art of El Anatsui with Dr. Chika Okeke-Agulu

Dr. Chika Okeke-Agulu, a professor of art history at Princeton University, gave a presentation on the work of artist El Anatsui titled "Humble Materials, Majestic Sculptures."



## The Halloween Parade Makes a Triumphant Return

The senior class said it best with their Halloween parade banner: "We Thought it Would be Canceled!" The annual and much loved Halloween Parade for the Middle and Upper School students had been on hiatus for the past two years due to snowstorms and hurricanes, but it happened this year with fanfare. Later in the afternoon, the Lower School students also paraded around the entire school showing off their imaginative costumes.



## Lower School Gives Back: Introducing the "Wrap-In"

The Wrap-In, a new project conceived by Margie Gibson, 3rd grade teacher and Community Service Coordinator in the Lower School, was a gift drive to benefit foster children through the One Simple Wish Foundation. In December, the PDS community donated unwrapped gifts for children and then gathered as a community to wrap the presents together. In a fun twist, the project also focused on creative and sustainable ways to wrap presents with recycled materials, such as comics, newspaper, grocery bags, gently used fabric, ribbon, and more.



## STEAMing Ahead in the Lower School: Ask, Imagine, Plan, Create, Improve

BY KATHRYN ROSKO

By combining a multi-disciplinary approach to problem-solving using concepts of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math, Princeton Day School is preparing students to tackle tomorrow's problems

### Digging Up the Dinosaur

Imagine a multi-faceted problem-solving project designed for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, which combines the science of paleontology, the mathematics of measurement, the art concept of concealment and disruptive camouflage, and the technology of film and QR codes—all based on dinosaurs. Now imagine that the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students would be completely engaged in the project from start to finish, would solve the problems together with their fellow classmates as opposed to relying

solely upon the teacher, and would ultimately connect the dots to form a comprehensive understanding of a variety of concepts.

Welcome to the Lower School Dinosaur project, an extensive and impressive two-month unit taught collaboratively by science teacher Aaron Schomburg, art teacher TJ Erdahl, and technology coordinator Carol Olson, which typifies the STEAM approach to learning that is happening in the Lower School at Princeton Day School.

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—LOWER SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER AARON SCHOMBURG

Here is how the project took shape: The original idea was to have students dig for dinosaur bones, so the first step was to create the disassembled dinosaur. Mr. Schomburg and Mr. Erdahl bought a small wooden model dinosaur, took it apart, and projected each bone onto PVC sheets, tracing it, and then using a band saw, cut out each bone, which were then buried on campus near the Lower School playground for the student-archaeologists to uncover. Once the students discovered and dug up the bones, they needed to be measured and examined.

In Art class, the students learned about concealment and disruptive camouflage and then proceeded to paint the bones. From the photo on the cover of the *Journal*, the observant reader will note that disruptive camouflage was the popular choice. Once the bones were painted, the students reassembled them into a full size dinosaur.

Finally, each student had to prepare a presentation on what they learned through the process. Mrs. Olson worked with the students to create a dinosaur image on the computer using the program KidPix. Once the images were complete, she filmed each of the student presentations in front of a green screen and then added in each student's unique dinosaur image as a background. These student presentations were available to all parents via QR codes that the students created themselves in the computer lab.

### STEM... or is it STEAM?

STEM learning, which is an acronym for integrated Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics curricula, has been touted as an effective style of learning and a great way for students in this country to gain a competitive edge in the workforce. As Mr. Schomburg writes on his teacher web page, “In 2006, the United States National Academies expressed their concern about a declining state of STEM education in the United States. Its committee on Science, Engineering, and Public Policy developed a list of 10 actions federal policy makers could take to advance STEM education in the U.S. to compete successfully in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.” The Lower School at Princeton Day School has made a concerted effort to focus on the top three recommendations: to increase America's talent pool by improving K-12 science and mathematics education; to strengthen the skills of

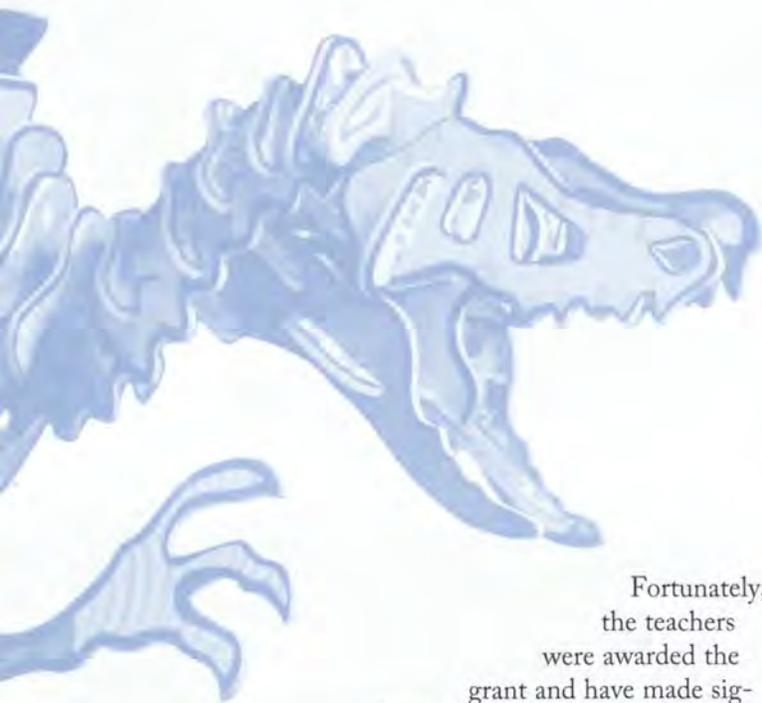
teachers through additional training in science, math, and technology; and to enlarge the pipeline of students prepared to enter college and graduate with STEM degrees. Mr. Schomburg also notes, “Our belief in Lower School science is that we need to allow our students opportunities to develop into competent problem solvers, innovative thinkers, good communicators, generators of multiple ideas, with solid decision making skills and the ability to work as a productive team member.”

Last year, Lower School Science teachers Aaron Schomburg and Jessica Clingman joined forces with Lower School Technology Coordinator Carol Olson to apply for the Ostro Grant for Interdisciplinary Education in the area of STEM learning. Though many teachers at PDS already teach STEM projects, there was a sense that the program needed to be expanded and more fully integrated into the Lower School. The teachers proposed two goals: they wanted to attend the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) National STEM Forum and Expo to learn about the latest thinking in this area of policy and curriculum. And they wanted to bring Lego Education products, such as Lego Simple Machines (for grades PK-1) and Lego WeDo Kits (for grades 2-4) into the Lower School curriculum.

### The Boat Project



Above: Mr. Schomburg's boat project begins with students designing and building aluminum foil cargo boats that can carry large quantities of pennies. This activity introduces students to buoyancy and the importance of shape and design. Following this activity, all students design and build their own gravity-powered speedboats out of materials from home following certain dimensional requirements and the rule that they all must carry a cargo of 10 pennies within a film canister the length of the 20-foot gutter. Each student keeps a boat journal which documents their craft's time as well as the modifications made to decrease his or her boat's time. During the trial runs the class observes each boat as it makes its journey down the gutter: does it float the whole way or capsize? What is the speed of the boat? Does the boat go in a straight line or crash into the sides of the gutter? After several classes of observations and problem solving the students end the speedboat project with critiques on the different boats that were designed.



Fortunately, the teachers were awarded the grant and have made significant strides in the Lower School.

And with the added collaboration of new LS Art teacher TJ Erdahl, there is a strong arts element added to the mix, truly turning the program into STEAM learning.

The current Lower School program at PDS includes a 1:1 iPad program in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Lego Simple Machines sets in grades PreK-1, Lego WeDo robotics kits in grades 2-4, as well as many interdisciplinary units happening throughout involving the close collaboration of Mr. Schomburg, Mrs. Clingman, Mrs. Olson, and Mr. Erdahl.

## Collaborative Partners

Aaron Schomburg embraces the concept of STEAM learning, with its emphasis on problem solving, collaboration, and communication. It is experiential learning at its best. "Instead of filling kids with ideas, like filling a bucket with water, we are now able to provide a spark to light the fire. The STEAM approach gets rid of the silos of different subjects, and combines them into an integrated whole." The leaders of the future will need to be good readers, writers, and understand complex math, science, and engineering concepts in order to solve the complicated problems facing us. "Our children are inheriting a world of big problems. By teaching problem solving, it gives our students skills to problem-solve and be successful. If they are successful at solving the little problems, they will have the skills and the confidence to tackle the big problems later on," noted Mr. Schomburg. He added, "It's important to let the students struggle through problems on their own, which is difficult to do as a teacher, but very rewarding. The classroom is no longer teacher-centered, as it has been. Students should be working independently and together, and using teachers as a resource."

TJ Erdahl began in the fall as Lower School Art teacher, and happens to be in the classroom right next to Mr. Schomburg. Mr. Erdahl has enjoyed the collaborative

approach to STEAM programming with Mr. Schomburg. "We have an open-minded approach; we are inquisitive toward each other's disciplines. Since Aaron and I work right next to each other, we've often talked about putting a hole in the wall between our classrooms so we can shout ideas out to each other."

Mr. Erdahl goes on, "DaVinci said that art is the queen of all sciences. STEAM learning means there is no more separation between art and science. There is collaboration, there is problem-solving. There is reward in discovery."

## Traveling to the Moon

Mr. Schomburg talks about the use of the Engineering Design Process used in STEAM learning. Similar to the scientific method, the students are able to follow this specific formula for success: Ask, Imagine, Plan, Create, Improve.

Another innovative STEAM project happening in the Lower School is the moon study unit for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. The goal of this project is for the students to create a moon colony as a culminating activity from their studies. There are teams of students working on different areas, such as food, water, air, transportation. Once the student teams come up with their plans in their specific areas, the students come together to create a blueprint for the entire colony. Once the blueprint is complete, the students work with Mr. Erdahl to build a model of the colony.

A component of the moon study project that was a big hit this year was the gravity drop. While studying the effects of gravity on the moon, the students headed out to the Pagoda fields with Mr. Schomburg and Mr. Erdahl where they dropped balloons filled with paint from different heights (thanks to the help of a Genie lift). The students compared the gravity on the Earth and moon. The balloons were dropped from 6 feet and 36 feet to simulate the effects of gravity on the moon and Earth. This project became a perfect synthesis of science experiment and art project, as the final and beautiful canvases featuring the paint splatters were displayed proudly in the Lower School.

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## How Legos Work in the Classroom

The introduction of Legos into the Lower School has been a wonderful way for PDS students to synthesize engineering and technology concepts. In Mrs. Clingman's PreK, K, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade science classes, she uses the Lego Simple Machines

sets to teach students about machine parts such as wheels, gears, axles, and pulleys, and concepts like balance and motion. Once the students master these machines, they are given instructions for building more complex machines, such as a wheelbarrow. Again, these projects tie into the STEAM concept of problem-solving. “My approach is always to focus on the process. I want the students to figure it out on their own, and I want the students to understand that there is not only one solution to the problem,” said Mrs. Clingman.

Mrs. Clingman also shared that she has taught these young, budding scientists the Engineering Design Process steps by putting it to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.

The students in Mr. Schomburg’s 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes are using the Lego WeDo Robotics kits, which combine legos and laptop computers to create more complex machines that function independently. These projects involve content in the areas of math, science, technology, and engineering, as well as language arts, literacy, and social studies.

### Getting Connected through iPads and Social Media

Mrs. Olson has been working with the Lower School students to use their PDS iPads to connect to the world around them through social media outlets, such as blogging and tweeting.

Thus far, students in 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade have their own Twitter feed, as do many LS teachers including Garden Coordinator Pam Flory and LS Librarian Jenny Mischner. With Twitter, PDS students are learning about the benefits of immediate connection with other children across the globe. The Twitter feeds are also a great way for parents to stay connected to what is happening in their child’s classroom. First grade teacher Karen Pike noted in a message to parents, “We will use our classroom Twitter account to share snippets of our work, learning, and life at school. Using this social media tool will give you a glimpse into our classroom and your child’s learning in a new and exciting format.”

The 1<sup>st</sup> graders have started a blogging unit and have enjoyed posting stories about hobbies and family vacations, as well as photos and videos. Mrs. Olson noted, “The 1<sup>st</sup> grade has taken off with blogging, and are thrilled about connecting with a school in Alabama.” These projects encourage creative expression through writing and imagery, but also teach children about the importance of digital citizenship, a critical component to the world around them.

The students have been working with Mrs. Olson to learn Scratch, a programming language that is geared toward children aged 8 to 16 that was created by the MIT Media Lab. Mrs. Olson speaks highly of Scratch, as students can program and share interactive media such as stories, games,

and animation with people from all over the world. This program, which is fairly simple to learn, encourages the students to think creatively, work together, and to use reasoning skills.

Mrs. Olson is excited about the possibilities offered by Scratch, and has started an after-school club for Scratch. There are already has seventeen students from the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade in the club. “To me, it’s all about children being in control of their own learning, and motivated to do it,” said Mrs. Olson.

### On the Horizon

Mr. Schomburg, Mr. Erdahl, Mrs. Clingman, and Mrs. Olson are always thinking about the next project to implement in the Lower School.

Mrs. Clingman discussed some future STEAM projects for the PreK, K, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students include imagining and building a habitat for hamsters, creating hand pollinators to learn about how insects cross-pollinate, and creating the best possible bubble wand, which will teach students about water and bubble surface tension.

One new project on the horizon is an earth science project for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Mr. Erdahl is planning to work with Mr. Schomburg and Ceramics teacher Stephanie Steufer to have students search for and collect local clay deposits around the campus, and process it into clay for use in a sculpture project. The science part will be learning about the molecular formula of the clay by having the students delve into the periodic table. The next step will be to create a glaze and ultimately fire the clay in the kiln. “We can have the kids do ‘button’ tests to see what is in the clay—the chemistry of the clay,” said Mr. Erdahl. The final step of the project will be for the students to sculpt a molecular model of the chemistry of their clay, thus a perfect culmination of geology, chemistry, and art.

There are also many new products coming on the market with great possibilities. One is a new product similar to the Lego WeDo kits called Little Bits that the team is excited about, as it uses interchangeable magnets and circuits to create animated objects. Little Bits teach circuitry and include an inventive component—students have more room for creativity. In addition, there are many possibilities offered by the newly launched 3D printers.

The STEAM Dream Team is always thinking about the future. Mr. Erdahl notes, “I love the idea of creating puppets using the building circuits in Little Bits; or using the iPad and creating a 3D creature from Mars that can be printed; or even just using connectors to make sculptural projects.” Indeed, the possibilities are endless.

# STEAM Projects in the MS and US

STEAM projects are happening throughout all three divisions at Princeton Day School. Here are a few examples of the innovative learning taking place on the Great Road...

## Archaeology Alive! in the Middle School

The fifth grade participates in a simulation dig each fall, called Archaeology Alive! Humanities Department Chair Amy Beckford, who worked with the Humanities team to launch the project which is now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year at PDS, remarked, "Archaeology Alive serves as the foundation for our Humanities program." In this STEAM project, students are required to think about how to solve the challenges of living in a particular environment, at a particular moment in history, and how to synthesize that information about a culture into a single item. Mrs. Beckford said, "The class then determines the appropriate stratigraphy for the collection of artifacts, based on what would develop in a society first, and buries them for another group to excavate." The students excavate as a team and to document their findings much like real archaeologists: measuring location and depth, photographing discoveries, graphing their finds, collating data into a database, and interpreting their combined information—all on their iPads.

## Rubber Band Cars and Building Bridges in the Upper School

Upper School Science teacher Anthony Lapinski conducts a number of STEAM projects in his class, including the rubber band car and bridge building projects. Mr. Lapinski explains the rubber band car project: "Students are given a set of guidelines—basically, each student has to make a vehicle out of household materials, with no prefabricated wheels or bodies. They are given two small rubber bands. The goal is to make a vehicle that will travel the farthest using only the rubber bands as power sources." Students are able to test and refine their vehicle at home to improve its performance. Mr. Lapinski noted that he has seen vehicles travel the entire length of the gym. The bridge building project involves all US physics students. Each student is given ten pieces of balsa wood, as well as construction guidelines (length, thickness, sides, mass, etc.). The students must use their own glue to build one bridge each that will hold the most weight relative to its own weight. The teachers calculate the bridge efficiency as the mass supported by the bridge. The final step is to add weights to destruct each bridge. "The best bridges we've ever tested had efficiencies of around 2200. That means the bridge held 2200 times its own weight. With this perspective, that's an incredible bridge!" said Mr. Lapinski.

## STEAM and Global Service: Building Solar Suitcases

In the Middle School, Science Department Chair Silvia Strauss-Debenedetti worked with a group of students in collaboration with a coalition of community partners to build solar suitcases, that will be installed in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Haiti. A solar suitcase is a fully integrated system, with lighting appliances and power production components, and can be used to provide highly efficient lighting and power for mobile communications, e-readers, and small electronic devices. A wonderful example of STEAM learning, this project allowed students to learn key engineering skills, while also encouraging a sense of global service.

PDS students partnered with students from Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart as well as KONEKTE, an educational nonprofit implementing initiatives in partnership between Princeton and Haiti, Stone Hill Church of Princeton, Foundation for Peace, and We Share Solar, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting collective solar-energy education and initiatives. Representatives from We Share Solar provided the curriculum and materials necessary to build these solar suitcases, and, for the suitcases sent to Haiti, the strategic partnerships in Haiti already developed by KONEKTE and Stone Hill Church helped to inform the decisions of where to deploy these solar suitcases. Douglas Wellemeyer '18, who worked on the solar suitcases, remarked, "It's hard to believe that sunshine can be turned into solar power. I loved building [the solar suitcase] and I am really happy that kids in the Congo can use it now in school."



PDS Team Student Builders with solar suitcases



# Legacy

Every institution needs to know what it stands for, where it has been, and where it wants to go. Harry Rulon-Miller '51 has long been the keeper of much of this knowledge for Princeton Day School athletics and with his retirement this winter, he has left a space that will be impossible to fill. Harry has helped our athletics program move forward while keeping true to the traditions of our school.

Our winter sports season was a memorable one for many reasons: the record snowfall, numerous postponements and cancellations, the tremendous effort and sacrifices given by our teams and individuals, and the State Championship earned by our boys hockey team. However, the strongest memory may be that of Harry being recognized on the Lisa McGraw '44 ice rink for his retirement. Victories and championships are what we strive for, but they cannot compare to the magnitude of athletic successes that Harry has been a part of at PDS.

It may take many years to truly know all of the things that we will miss now that Harry has stepped into retirement because much of what he did was behind the scenes to little fanfare. I know that Harry's blood runs PDS blue, which has been apparent for some time now, but what is remarkable is how much of PDS's lifeblood came from Harry as well. The school and the man are both institutions that will never fade from memory, but will only become brighter with time.

As we enter a new season this spring, a time of renewal and rebirth as the trees and flowers begin to bloom, it will also be a time for renewal in the Athletic Department as we move forward without our compass. Thank you to Harry Rulon-Miller for all you have done and all you will continue to do for Princeton Day School Athletics. Your legacy continues and we are proud to carry it.

See you on the sidelines,



**Tim Williams**  
Director of Athletics

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our recruited **PDS student-athletes!** From left to right: **Sarah Brennan '14** will play field hockey for Princeton University; **Katie Edelblut '14** will play golf for the College of William and Mary; **Lucy Linville '14** will play lacrosse for Lafayette College; **Brittany Murray '14** will play soccer for Iona College; and **Emma Quigley '14** will play field hockey at Brown University.



## Sports News Highlights

### Princeton Day School Welcomes New Coaches

Kamau Bailey is the current Varsity Girls Basketball coach; Rich D'Andrea will begin next year as Varsity Boys Lacrosse coach; Courtney Hodock is the new Varsity Ice Skating coach.

### Fall Weekend

On October 5, under blue skies, Princeton Day School held a Fall Weekend celebration with games against longtime rival, the Lawrenceville School. The Parents Association Booster Club kicked off the festivities with the "Panther Fun Zone," which included a Panther Fun Run with close to 100 runners on the course. The Girls Soccer team was the winner of the day, defeating Lawrenceville 3-0.

### Harry Rulon-Miller '51 Invitational: PDS Sweep!

The crowds came out in early December for the 44th annual boys and 24th annual girls Harry Rulon-Miller '51 Invitational Ice Hockey Tournaments. The PDS boys and girls teams rose to the occasion; after some competitive match-ups, both the girls and boys teams emerged as champions. The Christopher Reeve '70 Sportsmanship Award was presented to **Connor Bitterman '14** and **Katie Alden '15**.

### Harry Rulon-Miller '51 Invitational Tournament Results

#### Boys

*Semi: PDS (6) v. Rye Country Day (4); Semi: Moses Brown (3) v. Malvern Prep (2); Consolation: Malvern Prep (6) v. Rye Country Day (3); Championship: PDS (4) v. Moses Brown (0)*

#### Girls

*Semi: PDS (4) v. Quarry Cats (0); Semi: Princeton Tiger Lilies (2) v. Summit High School (0); Championship: PDS (5) v. Princeton Tiger Lilies (1); Consolation: Quarry Cats (4) v. Summit High School (2)*

### PDS Defeats Crosstown Rival Lawrenceville on the Ice

The excitement was contagious at the Lisa McGraw '44 rink on January 15, as students, parents, faculty, alumni and friends, as well as a large Lawrenceville contingent, lined up three deep and crowded the bleachers to watch a legendary rivalry play out in front of them. The boys varsity ice hockey team defeated Lawrenceville for the first time in 13 years with a final score of 6-3 in a physical game with 20 penalties amassed by the two teams. An early power play goal by **Gabe Castagna '14** set the pace, and a penalty shot goal scored by Alternate-Captain **John Egner '14** in the second period stretched the lead to 6-2 and all but sealed the win. Also scoring were **Conner Fletcher '16**, **Kyle Weller '16**, Captain **Sean Timmons '14**, and **Lewis Blackburn '14**.

A happy Panther at Fall Weekend





## Fall Sports Round-Up

**Varsity Girls Soccer—MCT Champs!**  
17W-2L-1T

**Varsity Award – Lilly Razzaghi '14; Coaches Awards – Erin Hogan '15 and Brittany Murray '14** On November 2, the varsity girls soccer team became the Mercer County Tournament (MCT) Champions after battling against Hopewell Valley in an exciting game at Rider University. The Panthers won 2-0 over the Bulldogs with unforgettable plays by Eloise Stanton '14 and Kirsten Kuzmicz '15. This was the first MCT win for PDS' girls soccer. Brittany Murray has committed to play Division I soccer for Iona College in the fall (see photo above).

**Varsity Boys Soccer**  
3W-11L-3T

**Varsity Award – Marco Pinheiro '15; Coaches Award – Culver Duquette '14 and Sean Hudson '14** It was a season plagued by injuries and the final record did not reflect the many accomplishments of Coach Malcolm Murphy and this team of dedicated players.

## Winter Sports Round-Up

**Varsity Boys Ice Hockey—Prep State Champs!**  
14W-7L-2T

**Varsity Award – Sean Timmons '14; Coaches Awards – John Egner '14 and Lewie Blackburn '14** PDS boys ice hockey continued their culture of winning this year, and joined the newly-formed Mid-Atlantic Hockey League (MAHL) with Lawrenceville, the Hill School, Portledge, LaSalle College High, and Wyoming Seminary. After winning the Harry Rulon-Miller '51 Invitational, the team traveled to New England to compete in the William Barber Tournament at Middlesex School and St. Mark's School, where they finished third, winning 2 of 3 games. The team became Prep State Champions in a thrilling 4-3 home ice win over rival Morristown-Beard. PDS finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the highly

competitive MAHL, recording victories over Lawrenceville, Portledge, and champions Wyoming Seminary during the season. They are currently enjoying a 31-game unbeaten streak at the Lisa McGraw '44 Ice Rink. Coach Scott Bertoli remarked, "As a coaching staff, we've never been around a team that worked so hard to score goals. They flourished in tightly contested games and proved to be great champions."

**Varsity Girls Ice Hockey**  
11W-8L-1T

**Varsity Award – Robin Linzmayer '14; Coaches Awards – Colby Triolo '14 and Mimi Matthews '14** Despite snow cancellations late in the season, the girls varsity ice hockey team finished with an 11-8-1 record. After an exciting win at the Harry Rulon-Miller '51 Invitational, the team traveled to Pittsburgh for a dramatic 3-3 tie

**Varsity Girls Tennis—Prep State Champs!**  
10W, 3L

**Varsity Award – Emily Dyckman '15; Coaches Awards – Charlotte Zaininger '14 and Hope Boozan '15** PDS girls tennis enjoyed a very successful season finishing as 2013 Prep State Champs. Maria Martinovic '15 and Emily Dyckman '15 each also won Individual State Championships.

**Varsity Cross Country**  
Boys 3W-8L, Girls 6W-2L

**Varsity Award – Ian Moini '17 and Abby Sharer '14; Coaches Awards – Liz Gudgel '14, Morgan Mills '17, Jake Hall '14, Sam Noden '17** PDS' versatile cross country teams recorded wins against Rutgers Prep, Stuart Country Day (2) and Pennington School (2) and placed third in the Prep State Championship. Additionally, freshman standouts Ian Moini and Sam Noden took 2nd and 4th place overall in the Freshman MCT race.

**Varsity Field Hockey**  
9W-10L

**Varsity Award – Mary Travers '14; Coaches Awards – Sarah Brennan '14 and Emma Quigley '14** The girls varsity field hockey team worked their way to the Prep State Semifinals this year. Two senior players, Sarah Brennan and Emma Quigley will go on play their sport in college at Princeton and Brown, respectively.

at the final buzzer against formidable Shady Side Academy. From that trip, the team gained confidence and momentum to carry them through to the WIHLMA semifinals. As the #4 seed in the tournament, PDS came close to upsetting top-seed Portledge. Despite the 1-0 loss, these young women were proud of the way they grew as a team and gave their best in that semifinal game. Coach Lorna Cook looks forward to building upon the program's success in 2014-15.

**Varsity Volleyball**  
3W-6L

**Varsity Award – Katie Edelblut '14; Coaches Awards – Kate Fleming '14 and Caroline Erickson '15** The girls varsity volleyball team was very competitive, playing to four sets in three of their matches, and earning a respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the league. Seniors Kate Fleming and

Katie Edelblut led this team, with strong contributions from juniors Sara Dwyer and Caroline Erickson. The future looks bright for the PDS Girls Volleyball with five juniors returning to the court next year.

**Varsity Coed Fencing**

**Varsity Award – Matt Gionatti '14 and Alex Ling '14; Coaches Awards – Adam Gershen '15, Ritvik Khandelwal '16, Christina Tian '17, and Maria Chaves '14**

The varsity coed fencing team concluded the winter season as host to the NJISAA State Tournament. PDS' boys foil earned second place and several individuals achieved notable finishes. Individual honors included: Christina Tian '17, 7th place, girls foil; Captain Alex Ling '14, 6th place girls sabre; Abby Ling '17, 8th place girls sabre; Zach Feldman '15, 2nd place boys foil; Captain Matt Giannotti '14, 6th place boys foil.

**Varsity Squash**  
5W-6L

**Varsity Award – Yahya Ladiwala '15; Coaches Award – Zach Freedman '14**

This year's varsity squash team of 11 competed at the Pretty Brook Tennis Club. Senior captains Zach Freedman and Yahya Ladiwala set the pace for the team. A season highlight was the January 4-3 victory over the Hill Varsity team.

**Varsity Boys Basketball**  
8W-14L

**Varsity Award – Ford Schneider '14; Coaches Awards – Langston Glaude '14 and Zack Banks '14**

The boys varsity team put in a great amount of effort this season and was the epitome of a family, supporting each other and celebrating together. They walked away this season with life lessons and lifelong friends. Head Coach Paris Mclean '00 remarked, "What could have

been a long season proved to be one of my favorites. These young men were fun to coach, stayed positive, and supported one another and the coaching staff."

**Varsity Girls Basketball**  
2W-9L

**Varsity Award – Isabel Meyercord '16; Coaches Awards – Jacquelyn Hart '16 and Shaylah Stevenson '17**

Girls varsity basketball welcomed a new varsity coach this year, Kamau Bailey, who taught his young players to stay positive and keep up the drive despite challenging games. With this year's team made up of freshman and sophomore players, there is a promising future for the girls basketball program.



**LEGACY ATHLETES**

**Ashley Cavuto '17**  
**George Cole '17**

Girls Varsity Ice Hockey  
Boys JV Soccer, Boys JV Ice Hockey

**Kirsten Kuzmicz '15**  
**Katelyn Laughlin '16**

Girls Varsity Soccer  
Varsity Field Hockey, JV Volleyball

**John Egnor '14**  
**Amanda Joseph '15**  
**Alexis Fairman '14**  
**Morgan Foster '15**  
**Adam Gershen '15**  
**Coby Gibson '17**  
**Lilly Razzaghi '14**  
**Emily Goldman '14**  
**Jake Hall '14**

Boys Varsity Ice Hockey  
Varsity Volleyball  
Girls JV Tennis  
Varsity Field Hockey  
Varsity Fencing  
Boys JV Soccer, Varsity Squash  
Girls Varsity Soccer  
Varsity Field Hockey  
Varsity cross country, Boys Varsity Basketball  
Varsity Field Hockey, Girls Varsity Ice Hockey

**Samuel Noden '17**  
**Emily Matthews '14**

Varsity Cross Country  
Varsity Field Hockey,  
Girls Varsity Ice Hockey  
Varsity Cross Country,  
Girls Varsity Basketball  
Girls JV Tennis  
Boys JV Ice Hockey  
Girls JV Tennis, Girls Varsity Ice Hockey  
Boys Varsity Ice Hockey  
Girls Varsity Tennis,  
Varsity Squash

**Morgan Mills '17**

**Ava Nusblatt '16**  
**Peter Shannon '17**  
**Sophie Ward '15**

**Mason Ward '15**  
**Charlotte Zaininger '14**



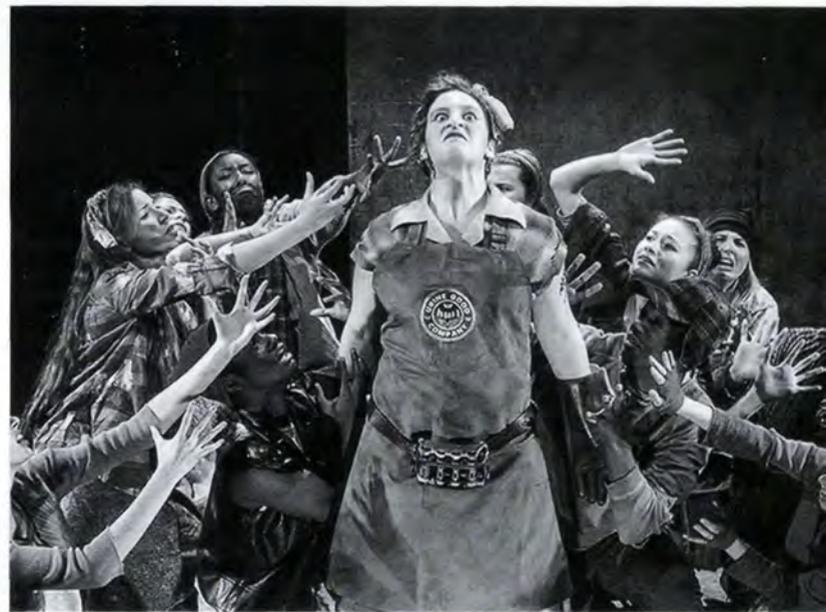
**"What Simon Says": Middle School Students Riff on "The Emperor's New Clothes" in the Fall Play**  
The Middle School Fall Play *What Simon Says* included memorable performances from our students and lots of laughs, as well as fantastic costumes and sets.

**The 4th Grade Operetta: "4th Grade's Got Talent" Featuring Elvis Paulatto!**  
"4th Grade's Got Talent," written by 4th grade teacher Daniel Cohen, was a send-up of and homage to that great summer TV viewing guilty pleasure, "America's Got Talent." A surprise appearance by Head of School Paul Stellato in a sequined jumpsuit and pompadour made this year's production memorable!



**Lower School Celebrates Holidays Around the World in Concert**

This year's holiday concert, titled "Peace," was an inspiring performance under the direction of LS Music teacher Andrea Schafer. Kindergarteners sang dressed as angels, first graders sang about Diwali and Kwanzaa, second graders sang "Shalom" and "Feng Yang Ko," a folk song from Taiwan, and the PreK students sang "Santa's Little Helpers."



**The Upper School Musical: Combining Musical Theater and Sustainability with "Urinetown: The Musical"**

The extremely talented PDS Performing Arts Group put on another impressive performance in February, and partnered with the EnAct student group to focus on the sustainability message in the musical.



The Upper School Fall Play: US Students Jam to "As You Like It"

With a surprise appearance by US English teacher David LaMotte, and some serious jamming by the actor/musicians and Director Stan Cahill, this production of the classic Shakespeare play showed off the formidable talent of our Upper School students.

Middle and Upper School Students Present "A Choral Kick-Off"

With selections performed by the A Capella groups—Pitch Please and the Y-Chromotones—as well as music performed by the Concert Choir, Chorale, 8th Notes, Women's Choir, Madrigals, and the US Chorus, the show included a diverse selection of music, from the American folksong "Down in the Valley" to the Ukranian dance song "Tambourica," to "Royals" by Lorde.



Our Middle School Artists: Selections Announced for Permanent Collection

A sample of the selections, left to right: Alex Wey '18, Shana Mimnaugh '18, Marcos Ortiz '18



Middle School musicians shine in the Winter Instrumental Concert



# An Amazing Season at the Anne Reid '72 Art Gallery

**"Tom Sheeran: New Paintings,"** September  
**"The PDS Visual Arts & Design Faculty Exhibit,"** October  
**"Adam Welch: bricks,"** November  
**"Origami,"** January  
**"Metamorphosisters: Featuring the Work of Liv Aanrud and Samantha Ritter,"** February



Origami



Metamorphosisters: Liv Aanrud (above) and Samantha Ritter (right)



Postcard announcing PDS Visual Arts & Design Faculty Exhibit



Tom Sheeran: New Paintings

# RISING STARS OF PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL

18 On the stage, on the field, or in the classroom, these students shine!



## Congratulations

1 To the Science Olympiad team for bringing home 10 medals from the State Tournament: **Justin Donnelly '14** and **Sean Hudson '14** in Chemistry Lab; **Michael Kearney '15** and **Michael Tucker '14** in Compound Machines; **Nick Chen '16** and **Rajiv Potluri '16** in Entomology; **Anna Kovacevich '16** and **Meghan Wilmott '16** in Water Quality; and **DJ Modzelewski '14** and **Michael Tucker '14** in Circuit Lab.

To our 2014 Scholastic Art & Writing Award Winners: **Abby Atkeson '17** (Honorable Mention), **Chloe Berger '16** (2 Gold Keys), **Rahul Bhatia '18** (2 Silver Keys), **Tanya Bush '14** (Silver Key), **Sara Chopra '18** (Honorable Mention), **Rory Finnegan '14** (Honorable Mention), **Julie Goldberg '16** (2 Silver Keys), **Grace Lee '15** (3 Gold Keys; 2 Silver Keys; 1 Honorable Mention), **Abby Ling '17** (2 Honorable Mentions), **Grace Lively '15** (Honorable Mention), **Kiley McCormick-McGeady '15** (3 Silver Keys; 2 Honorable Mentions), **Morgan Mills '17** (Silver Key), **Rhys O'Connor '14** (Gold Key), **Mallory Richards '14** (Honorable Mention), **Krishna Sivakumar '18** (2 Silver Keys; 1 Honorable Mention), **Michael Tucker '14** (Silver Key), **Anna Williams '15** (Honorable Mention), **Charlotte Zaininger '14** (Silver Key).

**Andrew Clayton '14**, who was named 2nd Team All-League Defenseman; to **Connor Fletcher '16**, who was named 2nd Team All-League Forward; and **Logan Kramsky '17**, who was named 2nd Team All-League Goaltender from the Mid-Atlantic Hockey League.

2 **Justin Donnelly '14** and **DJ Modzelewski '14**, who were both honored at the Delaware

Valley Science Council Annual Awards dinner. Mr. Donnelly received the Excellence in Physics Award and Mr. Modzelewski received the Excellence in Science Award.

**Rory Finnegan '14** for being selected as a Commended Foyle Young Poet for 2013 by the Poetry Society for her poem "Purple Irises."

**Brit Murray '14**, **Kirsten Kuzmicz '15** and **Stefany Soltesz '15**, who were chosen for Mercer Top 33 players and All-Packet girls soccer.

**Harrison Okun '14** for becoming a Finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Mr. Okun is currently a freshman at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he was accepted after his junior year at Princeton Day School.

3 **Akhil Parlapalli '14** for winning first place the Behavioral Science category in the New Jersey Regional Science Fair for his project "Facial Cognition Study on the Racial and Social Bias Existing in Criminal Court Decisions." The science project, conducted with a partner, also won the American Psychology Association Award and took the Team Alternate spot for the Intel Science and Engineering Fair.

**Emma Quigley '14** and **Sarah Brennan '14** for receiving All-Trentonian field hockey 1st team honors and being named Prep B All-Stars; **Katie Alden '15** for receiving 2nd Team honors and **Mary Travers '14**, who received the Trentonian Offensive Field Hockey Player of the Year Honors.

**Dennis Woo '14** for performing a violin solo of "Oblivion" by Astor Piazzolla at the Winter Instrumental Music Concert.

**Lena Zlock '15** for her contributions to the award-winning *Teen Ink* Magazine, her blogs for the Historical Society of Princeton on *Princeton Patch*.

**Mark Schafer '16** and **Emily Hancock '17**, who were selected to perform in the Central Jersey Music Educators Association Region II honor ensembles.

**Annika Asplundh '17**, who was named 1st Team for ice hockey; and to **Robin Linzmayer '14**, who received an Honorable Mention in ice hockey from the All-WIHLMA selections.

**Anika Bagaria '20** and **Iris Kim '20** on competing in the Writing Conference, Inc. national competition, and winning first place in Exposition and Poetry.

**Haaris Mian '19** on winning the Middle School Spelling Bee; and **Varun Kumar '21** for winning the Middle School Geography Bee.

4 To the PDS Chess Team on an outstanding season. The team competed in the New Jersey Primary, Elementary, and Junior High Championship, and the K-6 team took First Place Team. **Albert Ming '22** placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in Elementary; **Kai Shah '22** placed 13<sup>th</sup> overall with 4 wins; and **Nick Jain '17** represented PDS in the Junior High section with three wins. The Primary team led by 3<sup>rd</sup> graders **Michael Kaleem '23** (2<sup>nd</sup> place) and **Jai Kasera '23** (3<sup>rd</sup> place) placed Second Team among all of New Jersey's schools. In the National Grade Championship in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, **Winston Ni '23** tied for first place; **Dodge Martinson '22** tied for third place; and **Bryce Powell '21** tied for fifth place in their respective grade championships.

# Faculty Notes



## **Middle School Math Teacher John Howe Retires after 42 Years of Service**

Math Department Chair AJ Goldman announced that John Howe would retire at the end of the school year. "After 42 years of amazing service, dedication, and cutting-edge teaching at PDS, John will point his bow to a new horizon this September

John Howe

and throw his dock lines off for his next adventure," noted Mr. Goldman.

## **Dr. Tomasz Rzczycki Performs at the White House**

Kudos to Strings and Orchestra teacher Dr. Tomasz Rzczycki, who performed at the White House in December, both solo and with the choir from Westminster Conservatory of Music.



Dr. Tomasz Rzczycki at the White House

## **Furniture Design Teacher Chris Maher Awarded Fulbright**

Congratulations to Chris Maher who has been awarded a Fulbright for the Japan-U.S. Teacher Exchange Program for Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). This program provides U.S. teachers the opportunity to travel to Japan to learn about ESD efforts and to strengthen ESD curricula in both countries. ESD is "a vision of education that seeks to balance human and economic well-being with cultural traditions and respect for the earth's natural resources," according to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).



Dr. Nicole Furlonge

## **English Department Chair Dr. Nicole Furlonge Presents at Callaloo Conference at Oxford**

Congratulations to Nicole Furlonge, who as recipient of the Johnson Faculty Enrichment Award, was able to attend and present at the 2013 Callaloo Conference entitled "The Transatlantic, Africa & Its Diaspora" at Pembroke College, Oxford University. Dr. Furlonge presented a paper called "Listening to Diaspora" and reported, "My talk was well-received. Since the conference, the organizers have asked me to develop my piece into a full-length article for an anthology on the African Diaspora that will be published by the Johns Hopkins University Press."

## **Sarah Graham and Andy Ramirez Present at the New Jersey Association of Multicultural Counseling**

Director of College Counseling Sarah Graham and Associate Director of College Counseling Andy Ramirez presented on the topic of "Guiding Students from Underserved Backgrounds Through the College Admissions Process" at the annual conference of the New Jersey Association of Multicultural Counseling.

### Upper School English Teacher Jamie McCulloch Publishes Essay

Jamie McCulloch's essay entitled "Creating the Rogue Hero: Literary Devices in the Picaresque Novels of Martin Amis, Richard Russo, Michael Chabon, Jonathan Safran Foer, and Steve Tesich" will be published in an ebook collection of essays titled "Michael Chabon," edited by Harold Bloom. In announcing the news, English Department Chair Nicole Furlonge noted, "This series is widely used in college literature courses, so many students will benefit from Jamie's insight on these contemporary writers."

### PDS Faculty Members Present at FETC Conference

Director of Information Technology Jamie Atkeson, Humanities Department Chair Amy Beckford, Lower School Technology Coordinator Carol Olson and Middle School Humanities teacher Tara Quigley presented a one-hour poster session called "iPad uPad" at the annual FETC 2014 Conference, the country's premier K-12 education technology conference. Jennifer Womble, FETC Program Manager noted in the announcement, "Your case study was selected to participate as a poster presentation based on its interest and value to the FETC community and its relevance and timely content matter. Posters highlight innovative schools and districts who have implemented an exemplary technology integration project with success."

### Sustainability Coordinator Liz Cutler Presents at NJAIS Workshop

Liz Cutler gave a presentation titled "Learning Through Nature" at a New Jersey Association of Independent Schools workshop titled "Sustainability in Teaching,

Practice, and Design: A Whole School Approach." The workshop was in partnership with the Green Schools Alliance and the National Association of Independent Schools.



Lower school faculty cleans up!

### Lower School Faculty In-Service Clean-up at Stonybrook-Millstone Watershed Association

In the spirit of community service and giving back, the Lower School faculty took one of their weekly faculty meeting off-site this fall to help clear out and clean up part of the Stonybrook-Millstone Watershed Association campus.

### Princeton Day School Hosts NJAIS Lower School Heads Roundtable

Lisa Surace hosted a group of Lower School Heads in November at the annual New Jersey Association of Independent Schools Lower School Heads Round Table and Luncheon at Pretty Brook Farm in November.

## FACULTY NOTES Former Faculty News

**Brian Beale**, former admission officer, reported that he is in his second year as Director of Middle and Upper School Admissions at Brimmer and May School in Chestnut Hill, MA. He is getting married this coming summer to his longtime girlfriend, Shannon.

**Helen Bodel**, former Latin teacher, wrote: "I am assisting Todd (Gudgel) and Nicole (Mangino) during spring break as a leader on the PDS Rome trip this year; I am looking forward to spending time with our students, most of whom I taught as freshmen or sophomores, to a daily infusion of *pistaccio gelato*, of pasta *al dente*, and to visiting old, ruined buildings! Delightful fun!

"Prior to our Roman adventure, I will be in California for ten days, where I will stay with **Annie Bodel** '03 and visit Marin Country Day School where she has the great

pleasure of working with former PDS faculty members, Matt Levinson and Pri Alahendra; she is also one of Maya Levinson's fifth grade soccer coaches... full circle, since Matt was Annie's soccer coach at PDS!"

**Peter Buttenheim**, former English teacher and varsity soccer coach, reported: "Our daughter, Jennifer Buttenheim, attended PDS in Grades K-2 from 1971 to 1974 while I was teaching at PDS. Now Jennifer Eremeeva, our older daughter's first book is just out: *Lenin Lives Next Door*. Jennifer divides her time between Moscow and Northampton, MA. It is this division of time and place that led to the writing of this very funny book.

"Frances and I continue to divide our time between Wilmington, DE (academic year) and Williamstown, MA (summer). We remain actively involved with our three

granddaughters, all of whom attend independent schools now. Francesca Eremeeva attends Stoneleigh-Burnham School (Grade 11) in Greenfield, MA. Claire Saint-Amour attends Germantown Friends School (Grade 9), and Julia Saint-Amour attends The Philadelphia School (Grade 6). Frances and I keep busy with volunteer work with the AAUW, the Food Bank of Delaware, the St. Stephen's Food Pantry, and the Berkshire Food Project.

"Warm regards to everyone at PDS and Happy New Year!"

Former math teacher **Kay Haartz Cortelyou** and her husband Kip "are both transitioning from full-time employment to more flexible schedules so that we can spend time with our granddaughter who is in Houston, spend time with my horses, and travel. In 2013, Kip and I hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon, camped, and hiked back up. We also completed a Century Bike ride—100 kilometers in six hours. And though it all, I continued to show my horses—and continue to win. We still reside outside of DC in McLean, VA."



Kay Haartz Cortelyou and her husband Kip with their first granddaughter, Maya Cortelyou

News from **Jeff Cutts**, former math teacher, and **Becky Cutts**, former Middle School science teacher, included:

"We have been thinking a lot about PDS lately for a couple of reasons... one being that Jeff, Jr. is the Director of Music at a Grace St. Paul Episcopal Church in Hamilton, NJ... the second being that we are preparing to move and have come across PDS yearbooks, hockey tournament programs, and pictures of our wedding reception at Colross as we start to pack!

"2014 promises to be an eventful one! In addition to moving to a new place (we are still looking), we are looking forward to our first grandchild and a family wedding!

"Our oldest daughter, Bethany, and her fiancé are both at the University of Illinois. She is on the faculty in the Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences department there. Matt received his master's in athletic training last May, is now working in Arizona with aspirations to work in the NFL, and is terrifically excited about being a father! Jeff, Jr. also received his master's last May from Westminster Choir College in Princeton and, in addition to his work at Grace St. Paul, sings in several professional groups. After graduating from Hobart William Smith, our 'baby' Sarah is now teaching and coaching at Kimball Union Academy in New Hampshire where both she and Dad are alums.

"In addition to packing, getting ready to pack/move and keeping up with our expanding family we are busy with our work and fun! Becky mentors AmeriCorps fellows at Esperanza Academy— a school for middle school Latina girls, plays a lot of tennis, is involved with our church where she is senior Deacon, and keeps our life in order. I am with Xerox Human Resource Services group working to develop our business globally with clients and prospects. I, too, enjoy tennis, golf, am chair of the 'giving committee' at our church and 'retired' last May from the board at Kimball Union where I served for eight years... four as chair.

"We have driven around the PDS campus on one of our trips to see Jeff, Jr. and will look for the opportunity to visit soon!"

Former Lower School art teacher **Tina Dadian** wrote: "Our news is that since my retirement in the spring of 2011, I have spent most of my time with family. It has been a real liberation to be able to travel to North Carolina to visit Zoe, Mian, and her two children, and Anoush (Lisa) in Cape Cod, when she is there. Most of this time away from home in the past two years, however, was spent on a barrier island off the coast of North Carolina with my 93-year-old mother, my sister, and her husband. My mother passed on this summer, a peaceful and beautiful departure from a life well lived. It was wonderful for us to spend the last couple of years of her life together.

"In between visits to our children, Aram and I continue to maintain our little homestead in the village of Rosemont, NJ, where we generate our own electricity for an all-electric home, woodshop, and art studio. We have also been developing an orchard, a large organic garden, caring for a couple of beautiful goats and a flock of chickens amidst a plethora of other projects. When I am home I work in my studio every day.

"Mian's beautiful children are Emily, age six and Jayden, age eight. They live in Charlotte, NC where Mian is currently completing a paramedic program. Zoe has made a home in Asheville, NC, where she maintains a space in Iron Maiden Studio (a welding studio), and manages a great downtown restaurant, Cucina 24. Anoush is a board certified behavior analyst developing plans for autistic children. However,

before settling into this career, she spent the last year and a half traveling. After a summer at Yellowstone National Park, she spent six months in SE Asia, then several months in Honduras, sailing and becoming a certified scuba diving instructor. She is currently employed as a dive master at a world class dive site in the Little Cayman Islands.

"Aram and I are enjoying this time in our life by tending to our flock. Much love to everyone."

**Holly Fewkes**, former assistant to Director of Athletics, married Gordon Kemp on October 19, 2013. Guests at the wedding included former PDS faculty and staff: **Ted Harrington**, **Carol Koiro** and **Shrita Gajendragadkar**.

Former math teacher **Steve Hahn** wrote: "I retired in June 2012 after six years as Head of School at Portledge School, where I succeeded (former PDS faculty member) **Huson Gregory**. Prior to that, I had been Head at Lawrence Academy from 1984-2003. My wife, Trim, and I moved full-time to New Hampshire, where we have always maintained a home very close to the camp where I took a group of PDS students in 1970. Bonus points to those students who remember that trip. I was elected to the school board in Hillsborough, will be doing just a little consulting, and am getting involved as an a regional advisor to the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation; at the same time I love having time for tennis and golf and mostly for family. My son, Josh, and his wife Steph and 10-month-old son, Sam, live at Hotchkiss School where Josh is an assistant head of school. Our daughter, Dianna, who directs Global Routes, an outstanding service/travel organization for high school and gap year students, was married to John Froehlich at our home in October."

**Luke Hensel**, former athletic trainer, wrote: "I am doing well. Working at Marywood University in Scranton, PA is a real joy. I am a clinical preceptor for the undergraduate program in athletic training and provide emergency care,



Former faculty member Steve Hahn, at far right, and his family at his daughter's wedding. From left to right are Trim, Josh and Sam, John, Dianna, Steph, and Steve.

rehabilitation, preventative, therapy and sports medicine services to all of the university's teams as an athletic trainer licensed in both NJ and PA now. In the fall, I hope to begin the doctoral program here at our university pursuing a Ph.D. in Human Development. This past summer I had the opportunity to join up again with PDS Health and PE Chair and coach Mark Adams to run camps in Cape Cod together. He is a blessing to all who know or have met him and a valuable asset to PDS. I miss the community and families at PDS, but have enjoyed working and reconnecting with former PDS student-athletes that currently attend Marywood University and those who have started careers here in the beautiful Pocono Mountains of Northeastern Pennsylvania."

**Jessica Kabis '98**, former Development staff member, announced the birth of her first child, Theodore Israel Rodriguez, born Sept 19, 2013.



Theodore Israel Rodriguez, son of Jessica Kabis '98

**Daria Lippmann**, former Lower School skills specialist, wrote: "After leaving PDS I worked at The Newgrange School in Hamilton, NJ for 12 years. Like at PDS, I wore many hats but most enjoyed working with high functioning children on the autistic spectrum—emphasis on high. They ranged in age from second grade to high school and I loved each and every one of them. They taught me a whole new way of looking at people. My husband always said, 'If you are let go we are heading south.' So when I lost my job, off we went to South Carolina. So here we are living in Bluffton, SC. We are 12 miles from the beach, enjoy watching the alligators in the lagoon in our back yard! I needed something to do so this winter so I accepted a job as a remedial reading teacher in a character school (Royal Live Oaks Academy) in Jasper County, SC. It is from K-9 and will eventually go K-12. The really cool thing is the principal or founder of this school is from Medford, NJ. She is a seasoned educator, heard how bad the school systems were in Jasper County and she and her husband decided to come down here and make a difference. I started on February 25th and I am working with grades two through six, possibly to ninth, and applying the tools these needy kids need

to help them achieve. I've pulled out all my Ralph Fletcher, Jackie Woodson, Suzanne Zimmerman, Naomi Nye, and all the other amazing others I met through 'Imagine the Possibilities,' and incorporate ALL my learning into teaching these needy kids down here. If it were not for PDS I would not be where I am today. You will always have a special place in my heart. I'm just so proud and glad to still be connected with Great Great Princeton Day School!"

Former librarian **Cathie Miller** wrote: "Frank and I sold our home in May and moved in with our daughter, Emily Miller Jee '93 and her husband Rob. We enjoy living with our two-year-old granddaughter, Evie, so close. Meanwhile, we are building an elder-friendly cottage of our own on their property. Son Chris and Katy have a son, Trent, age one; they live nearby. Emily is expecting our third grandchild very soon. Lots of changes since retiring but we love being near our grandchildren."

**Carol Nicholas**, former nurse, wrote: "I am enjoying part-time work at the Hun School, and Lawrence Township Public Health department, where we see and counsel children who don't have health insurance; it is very rewarding work. PDS continues to invite me in to teach CPR to staff and students, which is something I always have enjoyed and promote."

**Natasha Nolan '00**, former PreK assistant and art intern, wrote: "I am so fortunate to be starting a new adventure, that will not only benefit my daughter Piper (2.5 years old) but will also benefit the Down syndrome community of New Jersey. A group of people who I have had the pleasure to meet through our common link of having a child with Down syndrome have decided to open a GiGi's Playhouse in central New Jersey.

GiGi's Playhouse is a nonprofit organization that started in Illinois and has grown to 16 playhouses nationwide and more in progress. These playhouses offer no-fee programs for people with Down syndrome, from developmental therapeutic skills to adult job training skills.

This playhouse will provide literacy, math and art programs as well as a new parent outreach group, mommy and me groups, family nights, young adult socials and job skills training.

Our plan for GiGi's Playhouse New Jersey is to add additional support for children and adults with Down syndrome. If you are interested in more information check out [gigisplayhouse.org/locations-in-the-works#NJ](http://gigisplayhouse.org/locations-in-the-works#NJ) or like us on Facebook, GiGi's Playhouse New Jersey, or email us at [NewJersey@gigisplayhouse.org](mailto:NewJersey@gigisplayhouse.org).

Former science teacher **Tom Palma** wrote: "You would think that after 46 years teaching physics, he would have had

enough. But no, he is back at it again! The story: There is this school (North Brunswick HS) that has its AP Physics teacher taking a six-week family leave. They can't find someone qualified to replace him. They decide to target a retired physics teacher - one who can't say no. I just finished my third week and am having a ball! [The money is not bad - I don't have to pay them that much to let me teach!]"

**Sue Repko**, former Middle School English teacher, basketball and softball coach, and Summer Programs instructor sent news: "I am happy to report that as of the fall of 2013, I am teaching English at The Hill School in my hometown of Pottstown, PA along with assisting in varsity girls' basketball and softball. I completed my MFA at Bennington College in January 2012 and have written a local history book, *The Legendary Locals of Pottstown*, co-authored with photographer Ed Berger, which came out in October 2013 from Arcadia Publishing. My oldest son, Alexander "Ali" Berger '09 graduated summa cum laude from Tufts this past spring as a music major and is living in the Boston area, continuing to build his electronic music career. Jeff Berger '11 is a junior at Pitzer College, majoring in chemistry, minoring in math, and enjoying experimenting in a variety of art classes."

Former science teacher **John "Doc" Ross** reported: "I now have three books available on Amazon and Kindle: *Humorous Maunderings* (A compilation of all things humorous: jokes, limericks, etc., etc.); *A Peaceful Drive?* (a novel); and a much revised chemistry text for students in high school and community college who want to pursue the sciences. I'm working on a fourth novel, *Donald Winter*, but that's about two months off. See **Wes McCaughan** Mondays and Fridays at the Barnes & Noble bookstore; go to the Encore performances of the Met Life series; have a beer with Will Noden three times a week; visit my daughter in Leyden, MA about every three weeks; ... usually see a flick at the Montgomery theater once a week; ... and I'm on a new diet: I eat everything in sight."



Current faculty and staff members Margot Chalek, Bev Gallagher, Ann Wiley '70 and Jane Spencer celebrating the wedding of former Communications Director Michelle Ruess (center)

**Michelle Ruess**, former Director of Communications, wrote: "I am enjoying fundraising for George School as Director of Annual Giving and life as a 'dorm mom' to 35 junior and senior girls. Son, Jake, is a sophomore at Washington University in St. Louis majoring in economics and political science and preparing for studying at the London School of Economics next year. I know PDS is thriving and send you all a big hug!"

Former science teacher **Norm Sperling** wrote: "With my boys away at college, I'm continuing my cross-country trek by RV. From mid-June to mid-August I expect to explore the Pacific Northwest, then southern Canada eastbound from Victoria, then back west along the adjacent tier of the US, and then return to Berkeley for fall semester.

"My geology project is at [www.TouchingTheAges.com](http://www.TouchingTheAges.com); science and nature at [www.EverythingInTheUniverse.com](http://www.EverythingInTheUniverse.com); the journey itself at [www.GreatSciencetrek.com](http://www.GreatSciencetrek.com); and baseball at [www.HopeRidesOnEveryPitch.com](http://www.HopeRidesOnEveryPitch.com). I look forward to visiting former students and colleagues along the way."

Former Head of the Upper School **Carlton Tucker** h'13 wrote: "After 20 wonderful years at PDS, I retired in June, but not before being honored by the class '13, which adopted me as a classmate. I'm glad it only took me 20 years to get a PDS diploma—that says something about the quality of a PDS education!

"In the last six months, I have focused on just being a PDS parent of both Michael '14 and Caitlin '18. Whether it is watching the PDS tech crew's work on the fall play—Shakespeare's *As you Like It*—or college admission process for Michael or watching Caitlin in some fall lacrosse tournaments or playing the empress in the Middle School fall play, it has been wonderful to relish in their achievements. In between all of these activities I managed to have both hips replaced and have spent many hours in rehab and physical therapy. With these new hips, I sometimes feel a bit like a bionic person.

"I managed to attend both the NYC alumni reception as well as the young alumni gathering in Princeton. Both were fun. It was terrific seeing many former students and even some of my former advisees. I look forward to seeing others at future alumni receptions."

Former librarian **Bunny Webb** is "still running the library here at Canterbury Woods Continuing Care Community in Buffalo, NY, taking exercise and other kinds of classes, going to evening programs and going out for wonderful concerts by the Buffalo Philharmonic and plays at a variety of theatres. Great art and sports even if the Sabres almost never win. I looked out my window for two days last week as it snowed in the first blizzard of 2014 and I remembered **Marge Claghorn** manning the switchboard on a snowy day. She could tell every anxious parent when every bus had left and where it should be—whose house individual children had gone to. She kept going until late and the next morning would be 'just a little bit tired.' She gave quite a performance. Here I was on a snow day warm and dry because I didn't have to go anywhere. Everything is under one roof."

A note from **Kate Winton**, former Upper School English teacher: "The quick update is that two summers ago, **John (Baldwin)**, former Upper School math teacher) and I made the big x-country move to Seattle for jobs at The Northwest School, a progressive place, known for its international program, and its commitment to social activism through the arts, global studies and sustainability. John remains an Upper School math teacher, and I have morphed into an Upper School humanities teacher—oh my! Whenever possible, we head outdoors to hike, snow-shoe, kayak, bike and explore the Pacific NW from the Cascades to the San Juan Islands. Erin moved out here this past fall and is working in an exciting start-up that launches this spring, and Kelsey is in her second year at NYU Gallatin pursuing a concentration in performance as social activism. The past three years have been full-to-bursting with changes, some easier and better than others, but all told, it's a gift to be living near my father, who ages with grace and good humor."

# A Blast from the Past



The 1966-1967 Administrative Team, from left to right: Head of Upper School Herbert McAneny, Administrative Assistant Beverly Williams, Business Manager Carl Storey, Head of School Doug McClure (seated), Head of Middle School Fowler Merle-Smith, Head of Lower School Madeline Weigel, and Director of Admission Wes McCaughan

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Over the past several months, in the very early stages of our campaign, members of the Board of Trustees have engaged in conversations with members of our community to learn more about what they believe makes Princeton Day School distinctive. We heard overwhelming support for our school and its leadership, and confirmation that our faculty and students are our greatest assets. The opportunities that we offer at Princeton Day School, and those we strive to provide in the future, are life-changing. As we look to the future, we are committed both to providing an outstanding educational experience to our students while preparing them to respond meaningfully to the opportunities of the 21st century, and to supporting our faculty in their professional development.

Princeton Day School is known for its rigorous academic curriculum in which faculty and students strive for excellence in an environment that encourages success, and in which a wide variety of interests and talents are ignited and nurtured. At its core are the outstanding and dedicated faculty, and the richly diverse and talented student body. One does not have to spend much time on campus to notice a remarkable synergy between students and faculty that engenders curiosity, discovery, and optimism that is unique to our school. Our students and faculty thrive in an environment where intellectual and personal growth are inextricably tied.

It is, therefore, my great pleasure to highlight three extraordinary gifts to Princeton Day School that support our greatest assets, faculty and students:

On January 13, 2014, an endowed gift of \$2,000,000 was awarded to Princeton Day School from Goldman Sachs Gives to support need-based financial aid. The gift will allow us to expand our existing financial aid program, and continue to attract and enroll a talented and diverse student population. The gift moves us closer to our goal of meeting demonstrated need of our families and underscores our commitment to providing access and opportunity to a broader group of able students who, because of financial needs, would otherwise not be able to benefit from an outstanding education at Princeton Day School.

On March 3, 2014, Paul Stellato announced a \$1,000,000 gift to the endowment from Susan Schildkraut Wallach MFS '64, and her husband and Ken Wallach, to estab-



lish the Miss Fine's Center at Princeton Day School to promote the collaborative study of topics and themes that demand and benefit from an interdisciplinary approach. Ms. Wallach explained, "The center will promote the work of faculty who wish to reach across the common barriers that may otherwise inhibit their working together— those of academic discipline and school division— by creating partnerships grounded in common academic interests and approaches." The gift will provide ongoing financial support for professional development, travel, and research for PDS faculty. Ms. Wallach expressed deep gratitude for the faculty members that inspired her life as a student at Miss Fine's by noting, "The faculty is the cornerstone of a great school."

In early April, Kevin and Sima Zlock, current parents, gave \$100,000 to create a scholarship fund for need-based financial aid for outstanding children, regardless of their financial circumstances, to pursue a quality education at Princeton Day School. They also have given an additional \$100,000 to create a faculty fund that supports Princeton Day School faculty in their pursuit of creating and teaching interdisciplinary courses and guiding student independent research in the Upper School.

There is no better endorsement of Princeton Day School than these three gifts to the endowment.

The gifts will directly and immediately support the remarkable people who make Princeton Day School the vibrant school that it is, and students and faculty will benefit for generations to come.

**Barbara Griffin Cole '78**  
Chair, Board of Trustees

# Ask the College Counselor

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It's no secret that navigating the world of college admissions has become ever more challenging as an increasing number of students apply to the same top spots at the country's preeminent colleges and universities. There is voluminous advice out there but how do you make sense of it, especially for your child? This feature in the Journal aims to offer some answers to the burning questions in the world of college admission: What really makes a difference to admission officers? How can you set yourself apart from the crowd? Princeton Day School's Director of College Counseling, SARAH GRAHAM, is extremely well-positioned to provide advice. Not only does Ms. Graham meet with PDS students and parents every day, but she and her team also regularly meet with admissions officers at colleges and universities throughout the country. In addition, she has also served for eight years on the Executive Board for the New Jersey Association for College Admissions Counseling, and volunteers for and coordinates several college access programs for underserved populations. Ms. Graham recently had an article on college admissions published on the *New York Times* college admissions blog, "The Choice."

## The Skinny on Extracurricular Activities

**Q** When it comes to extracurricular activities, what is the best approach? Does a broad range of activities over my school career impress, or is it the tight focus and deep pursuit of one activity that distinguishes me from other students?

**A** The answer to this question depends upon the individual student. Some students will stand out to admissions committees because of the sheer number of substantial activities they pursue; others will leap from the pages because they have focused on one or two activities and taken these to new heights and leadership positions. There's no magic formula to college admissions, nor are there certain activities that college admissions officers definitely want to see on an application. In short, just like in academics, challenging oneself will mean different things for different students. Students' recognition and subsequent ability to talk about what they've learned and how they've grown through activities often matters more than what they have done. Thus, students should pursue activities that interest them, rather than those that simply pad their resume.

That doesn't mean that students need to know what their passions are right out of the gate during freshman year of high school either. I encourage students to approach high school with curiosity and engagement: try new things and then see how far you can go with the activities that you discover are most interesting to you. As you discover more about what you love to do beyond the classroom (either in school or outside of school), take on more responsibility and leadership within those areas. If you do what you love, who

knows how far you'll run with it! In turn, you have great things to talk about on your college application, and colleges want engaged and passionate students. More importantly though, it also helps you develop skills and confidence that will make you more successful not only in college but in life beyond.

Also, demonstrating leadership can mean more than being the president of an organization. It can mean many different things, such as assuming more responsibility in a part-time job, landing a big part in the school play that will require stretching one's talent to another level, or devoting more concentrated effort and time to a community service organization. The bottom line: students should pursue what they love, not what they think colleges want to see.

And what to do with the student who just loves video games? Maybe that student can be nudged to discover ways that he or she can take that interest to another level through programming, graphic design, or computer science courses. That could set her on a path to know how to focus her college studies. I once had a student in a similar situation at the beginning of high school and now—many years later—he's being flown around the country to give talks and lead technology-related events on college campuses!



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It's been a great year for reconnecting with classmates and alumni. We had wonderful regional gatherings in New York and Boston this year. In addition, our young alumni events in New York City and Princeton were resounding successes. The support these events receive reminds all of us on the Alumni Board just how dedicated our alumni are and how much PDS has shaped so many of us. If we have not held an event near you, please contact us and we can work together to plan an alumni event in your hometown.

You can always stay connected with the PDS community through issues of the *Journal*, the PDS website and our Facebook group ([www.facebook.com/pds.alums](http://www.facebook.com/pds.alums)). Visit our new Alumni Community pages at [www.pds.org](http://www.pds.org) to find out about upcoming events and news. And be sure to download the PDS Alumni Connect Mobile App if you haven't already—it's a great way to stay connected with our worldwide alumni community.

We hope to see you on campus for Alumni Weekend on May 16 and 17, particularly those of you in class years ending in 4s and 9s, as you are celebrating milestone reunions. I am thrilled to share with you the names of the recipients of the 2014 Alumni Awards: **Susan Schildkraut Wallach MFS '64** will receive the John D. Wallace '48 Alumni Service Award, **Katherine Baicker '89** will receive the Alumni Achievement Award and **Gabriel Kuris '99** will receive the Outstanding Young Alumni Award. In addition, we are pleased to celebrate our three newest inductees into the PDS Athletic Hall of Fame: **Barbara Rose MFS '64**, **Alicia Collins '89** and **Andrew Overman '94**. Join us on Saturday, May 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the cocktail reception and ceremony under the reunion tent as we honor these impressive alumni and also offer a special salute to **Harry Rulon-Miller '51** who retired this year.

Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest board members, Beth Geter-Douglass '82, John Griffith III '99, and Patrick McDonald '06.

Looking forward to seeing you on campus in May,

**Stephen Pollard '90**  
President, Alumni Board

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# The Mark L. Zaininger '81 Memorial Award

By PHOEBE OUTERBRIDGE '84

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Mark Zaininger in Rome, 2001

## Passport to Summer Inspiration

Given the increasing pressure imposed on high school students by academic demands and an ever more competitive college admissions climate, it's harder and harder for them to peel away and read a book, let alone pursue a new interest. Summer was once an assured oasis from the school year grind, but now any parent of a junior knows that even those sacred months have become another opportunity for test prep, community service programs, and resume building. For today's 17-year-old, the idea of uncovering a new passion or pursuing a deep curiosity can almost seem like an elusive luxury.

That will now change for one fortunate Princeton Day School junior, thanks to the generosity of the family and friends of Mark Zaininger '81 who established the Mark L. Zaininger '81 Memorial Award. Beginning this summer, this award will be given annually "to a member of the junior class whose proposed summer experience in pursuit of an interest or passion has the greatest likelihood of inspiring and revealing to the recipient new horizons and directions for his/her life path."

The Mark Zaininger '81 Memorial Award, an endowed fund, was established shortly after Mark (father of Charlotte '14 and Luke '18) tragically succumbed to a malignant brain tumor in 2010. "We wanted to think of a way to memorialize Mark, in a way that would have impact," explains his sister Lydia Zaininger. "And PDS was so important to Mark."

Mark's family and friends remarked how a summer job at Princeton University had been influential in the development of his career, and they wanted to support a similar summer opportunity that might open up new doors for a PDS student. "Mark worked in the facilities and maintenance department helping the staff architects with drafting projects," Lydia remembers. "He would go after school, but then the summer after junior year he spent even more time working there. That experience crystallized his love of building and architecture. It was a transformative summer."

Mark's brother Alex Zaininger '77 says, "Growing up, Mark was always building things. But the Princeton University job really opened Mark's eyes. It allowed him to explore, work with professionals, and learn the real side of architecture." After PDS, Mark earned dual degrees in architecture and mechanical engineering

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from Lehigh University, and an MFA in industrial design from Pratt Institute. He had a successful career as a designer and architect—working with internationally recognized designers like Adam Tihany and Dakota Jackson—and most recently as a partner with his wife Leslie Campbell at Leslie Campbell & Associates.

Alex and Lydia emphasize that the award is not intended to support achievement-oriented programs like Outward Bound, but rather opportunities that might unlock talent and inspire new passions—ones a student may not have the time or the means to pursue. “Mark went his own way. We want to become an enabler of that one child who has the passion and the courage to forge his or her own path,” states Alex. “There is so much more pressure now in academics, careers. But with that rigor kids are not exploring, and they lose the courage to do things differently.”

Doug Bailey '81, a close friend of Mark's since they took woodworking with Andy Franz (who later became advisor to Mark and Alex), also had a transformative summer after his junior year at PDS. He was an archaeology student both at Harvard Summer School and at an excavation in Spain. “Junior summer was the making of me,” recalls Bailey. “I established my own identity and direction without being groomed by a counselor. This award is important because it will help motivate kids in creative fields to get out of the traditional classroom and try something new.” Bailey is now a professor of anthropology at San Francisco State University.

Applicants for the Mark L. Zaininger '81 Award must currently be in their junior year at PDS and must submit a proposal that identifies the desired summer experience and its rationale, also touching on how the proposed experience would be “imaginative or unconventional.” The recipient will be selected by the Head of School in consultation with the Head of the Upper School and Junior Class Dean, and will be awarded a monetary grant intended to offset or cover the cost of the selected program. Following the summer experience, the recipient must submit an essay, which is to be shared with the donors who established the Award.

Alex Zaininger says he wants this award to not only help keep the memory of his brother alive, but also to be a help “to that one kid that doesn't fit the mold” and who seizes the opportunities that today seem few and far between. “The diversity of our careers is what makes our lives interesting. Be bold and try something new—you may not end up doing it as a career but you will have had the guts to try it,” he stresses.

Mark's siblings assert that PDS shaped Mark into who he was—a creative, enterprising individual who pursued his passions and vision. “A loyal, dedicated alumnus, Mark Zaininger embodied those values closest to our school: commitment, perseverance, curiosity, and resilience,” states Head of School Paul Stellato. “The award which bears his name, made possible through the generosity of his family and those who knew him best, will allow Princeton Day School to cultivate those values one student at a time.”



A young Mark Zaininger from his days at PDS



## KATHERINE BAICKER '89

### Economist Supplies Evidence to Untangle Health Care Debate

Katherine Baicker's career has followed a trajectory that surprises even her. Her abiding interest in public policy led her to focus on economics as a way to evaluate and quantify the effectiveness of public and private health insurance. Her passion for her work and her rare combination of analytic and communication skills have made her a leader in her field, and she now finds herself at the forefront of the national debate on health care.

"I've been interested in questions of public policy and government programs and thinking about the social safety net for as long as I can remember," Dr. Baicker says. "But approaching it from the perspective of economics was a surprise. I found economics to be a really powerful way of approaching problems from a rigorous, quantitative perspective that offers specific answers to policy questions. That was very exciting to me."

"She has specialized in an area of economics that is so profoundly relevant at this moment in time that one might assume she had a crystal ball," says Dawn Feldman Fukuda '88, Director of the Office of HIV/AIDS at the Bureau of Infectious Disease, Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Dr. Baicker is Professor of Health Economics and Chair of the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Harvard School of Public Health and an elected member of the Institute of Medicine. She has served as one of the three members of the President's Council of Economic Advisers and is currently on the Congressional Budget Office's Panel of Health Advisers, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, Chair of a National Institutes of Health scientific review panel, on the Board of Directors of Eli Lilly, and is past Chair of the Board of Directors of AcademyHealth. Her research focuses on the impact of health insurance policies and reforms on the distribution, costs, and quality of care.

For the past several years, she has been a leader of a large-scale evaluation of the effects of expanding Medicaid that has had far-reaching repercussions. Called the Oregon Health Insurance Experiment, it

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studies the costs and benefits of expanding Medicaid to low-income adults. Dr. Baicker and colleagues raised millions of dollars from sources such as the National Institutes of Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to collect data from hundreds of thousands of study participants. “We had this rare opportunity in Oregon to really figure out what Medicaid does, because they had a waiting list (90,000 applicants for 10,000 spots) for their Medicaid program and they drew names from that list by lottery,” she says. “The people whose names were drawn got to apply for Medicaid and those whose names were not drawn did not. That created the chance to evaluate Medicaid using a randomized controlled trial. It’s something you almost never have in public policy. It was an extraordinary opportunity.

“We had a series of findings that dispelled myths on both sides of the aisle,” she continues. “Medicaid had substantial benefits for enrollees, such as reducing their financial strain, protecting them from catastrophic medical costs, and providing the benefits that insurance is supposed to provide.” The study also found that insurance coverage reduced the rate of depression among enrollees by 30 percent.

On the other hand, the study found that people used substantially more health care – including many more trips to the emergency room – suggesting that the costs of expansion are likely to be high. Medicaid also had no discernible effect on cholesterol, blood pressure or diabetic sugar control. Overall, the study concluded that those with insurance were much better off, but it pointed out some unexpected costs.

“I think it’s been a much-needed injection of evidence into what can be a really overheated debate,” Dr. Baicker says. “People are entitled to their own opinions, but not their own facts.”

“Kate’s study challenged many of the existing hypotheses and assumptions about expanded health insurance coverage, by looking at the Medicaid experience in the state of Oregon,” Ms. Fukuda says. “The findings raise critically important questions that are likely to guide health policies for years to come.”

Dr. Baicker’s interests were already apparent at Princeton Day School where she was a member of Model U.N., Mock Trial, Judiciary, Community Council, and Peer Group.

She graduated *magna cum laude* from Yale with a B.A. in Economics with Distinction and received her Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard. Today her schedule is still bursting with activities. She is on several boards, commissions and committees and is widely published in scientific and economic journals as well as mainstream publications such as *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*. In addition, she often speaks on television and radio and testifies before Congressional committees.

Amitabh Chandra is Professor of Public Policy at Harvard’s Kennedy School and has been Dr. Baicker’s colleague and coauthor for more than 10 years. “Her ability to distill massive quantities of information into frameworks that are intuitive and crystal clear is unparalleled,” he says. “What this means is that when there are conflicting stories and evidence, she is the person who will make sense of the different narratives in a way that helps the rest of us see the key issues. In the world of public policy, having Kate weigh in on a topic is like lighting a candle in the dark.”

“I feel the niche that I can fill best is that intersection between academic research and public policy,” Dr. Baicker says. “It’s important to understand the academic research, but it’s really important to translate it into terms that are useful for policy making. I really enjoy that a lot.”

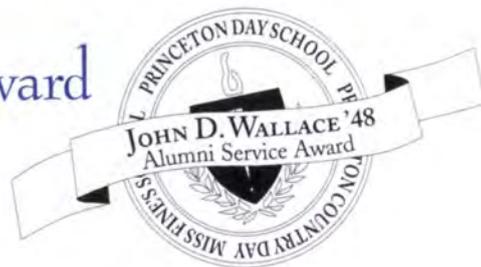
“Her research in any one of the fields that she has written on, from public finance to Federalism to healthcare is the best in the area, but the combination is singular and breathtaking,” Professor Chandra says. “And best of all, Kate Baicker, the superstar, is also the consummate team player—a person whose passion for excellence is contagious and raises the level of everyone around her.”

Ms. Fukuda adds, “Even with her massive accomplishments, and national stage presence, Kate remains one of the kindest, most genuine, warm, funny and accessible people I have ever known.”

“What I really like about my job,” Dr. Baicker says, “is the opportunity for so much variety in what you think about day in, day out, and to try to bring in different pieces of evidence to help inform good policy making. It’s incredibly varied and self-directed, and that’s a luxury. Progress may take a while, but it’s great to have chance to contribute.”

# John D. Wallace '48 Alumni Service Award

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## SUSAN SCHILDKRAUT WALLACH MFS '64 Reinvesting in Education

Volunteer hardly begins to describe the role Susan Schildkraut Wallach plays in education. For more than 25 years, she has shared her considerable expertise to promote and enhance educational opportunities in both secondary schools and universities. For most of those years, she was also juggling a career at a top New York City law firm.

Ms. Wallach serves as a trustee of Deerfield Academy and Pace University and on committees at Columbia University, New York University and Louisiana State University. She has served on the Board of Overseers of Harvard University and was awarded the prestigious Harvard Medal for extraordinary service in 2012. She is currently Chair of the Dean's Advisory Council at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard and co-chairs its \$70 million capital campaign.

"Susan Wallach is one of Harvard's most engaged citizens, and her contributions are representative of the depth and breadth of the University itself," says Harvard University President Drew Faust. "She was a key figure in shaping and advancing the transition from Radcliffe College to the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, and she has championed fields from the arts and humanities to education and law. She has been a strong advocate for the advancement of women, and she serves as a powerful role model for tomorrow's leaders and volunteers. I have had the good fortune of benefiting—as both dean and president—from Susan's thoughtful counsel, and I was so pleased to learn that her seemingly endless wellspring of generosity and service is being honored by Princeton Day School."

"One of my aspirations in life," Ms. Wallach says, "has been to pay back every organization that ever helped me. I feel tremendous gratitude. I got a lot of lucky breaks."

She may have had some luck, but Ms. Wallach certainly made the most of the opportunities that came her way. The first was when the public school she attended saw the results of her testing and called in her parents to say she would be better served in an independent school. "That test changed my life," she says, explaining it was the reason she entered Miss Fine's School in sixth grade. "I loved all the academic and extracurricular opportunities it offered. It was just a candy store for me. In the 1950s, expectations for



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women were limited, but Miss Fine’s was an oasis where girls were taught to be independent thinkers and incisive writers. Opinions and interpretations of texts had to be defended, but were always discussed and debated in an atmosphere of respect. And the teachers were inspirations for my life.”

Every year, through the American Field Service program, MFS hosted one foreign exchange student and one MFS student was sent to a foreign country. Eager to expand her horizons, Ms. Wallach applied to the AFS program, was selected and placed with a family in Turkey. She calls it “a transformative experience. Living with a family in a different culture changed the way I understood the world.” Years later, she served on the board of directors of AFS.

Ms. Wallach graduated *cum laude* from Harvard/Radcliffe College and Harvard Law School. Her mother, a teacher, and her father, a lawyer himself, were proud but ambivalent: few women had careers at the time and they worried she would never marry.

“If they’d only known,” Ms. Wallach laughs. “When I entered law school in 1968, there were about 35 women and 550 men in my class and those men were desperate. We *all* got married!”

Ms. Wallach not only got married— to Ken Wallach, the law student who sat behind her in property class— but after moving to New York, negotiated her own terms and fashioned a law practice that was ahead of its time.

“I had a very unusual legal career for my day,” she says, referring to the fact that she negotiated a three-day work week so she could have time with her family. “It worked out, but I felt I had to prove myself all the time. I look back and realize I had the ideal life. I just wish I’d been more relaxed about it.”

In addition to splitting her time between home and the office, Ms. Wallach volunteered at her *alma mater* for many years, first as a class fundraiser and then as a Radcliffe College trustee, where she played a central role in the negotiations between Radcliffe and Harvard, leading to the final merger of the two institutions in 2000 and the creation of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard, where she still serves in a leadership capacity.

“Susan’s leadership style blends thoughtful analysis with galvanizing enthusiasm,” says Lizabeth Cohen, who is the Dean of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study and the

Howard Mumford Jones Professor of American Studies at Harvard University. “She contributed to the creation of the Institute and continues to be a force in our academic and creative pursuits. What I treasure most about Susan is that she is a genuinely collaborative and forward-looking person. She enjoys an open discussion of ideas, engages in detailed planning, and has energy for implementation. Susan has been a trusted advisor to several deans and Harvard presidents, and I am deeply grateful for her and her husband Ken’s warm friendship and support.”

Ms. Wallach has also had an impact on secondary schools. She joined the board of trustees at the school her son attended, which ended in eighth grade, and became involved in its merger with an ongoing school and its eventual rebirth as Trevor Day School. It was a complex undertaking, integrating two campuses and educational philosophies, and extending the curriculum through twelfth grade.

“It was fascinating,” Ms. Wallach says. “How often do you get to create a high school?”

Ms. Wallach is currently a trustee of Deerfield Academy. “Her insights and efforts have advanced the institution on a number of fronts,” says Head of School Margarita Curtis. “She has been a member of eight committees, and has chaired the Academic Affairs Committee since 2011, a particularly critical role, given the number of curricular and programmatic initiatives included in our strategic plan. Under Susan’s leadership— characterized by collaboration and inclusion— the school has pursued exciting new programs.

“Susan is widely admired by the faculty and the administration for her sensibility about academic cultures and her ability to build consensus,” Dr. Curtis adds. “As the beneficiary of an excellent education, which began at Miss Fine’s School, Susan is keenly aware of the importance of a sound educational foundation in achieving a productive and fulfilling life. She is committed to delivering the same opportunities to today’s young people.”

“I love what I do,” Ms. Wallach says. “The education sector, which is undergoing a major transformation, is an exciting place to be. Virtually every institution is experimenting with curriculum, technology and pedagogy, and taking a close look at its business model. I love learning and thinking about the challenges, as well as the opportunities, for schools and colleges in our interconnected global community. The problems are fairly universal, but each institution requires specific solutions. Being in the conversation is a privilege.”



## GABRIEL KURIS '99

### Mapping the Causes of Corruption

A world map can do a lot more than decorate a wall. The one that hung in the bedroom of the young Gabriel Kuris inspired dreams of faraway places and a genuine interest in the people who live there. Today, he has travelled to more than 70 countries and feels as comfortable working with academics, lawyers and politicians in a high-rise New York office tower as he does interviewing barefoot monks and armed warlords about their civil war sitting on the dirt floor of a missionary camp in the Solomon Islands. His work with truth commissions and anti-corruption agencies seeks to document abuses in order to improve human rights and create responsive government institutions.

"I think corruption is really the crucial challenge of this century," Mr. Kuris says. "It's the reason why there are a lot of democracies around the world that are not functioning very well and why poverty is perpetuated."

Mr. Kuris was recently appointed Deputy Director of Columbia Law School's new Center for the Advancement of Public Integrity that researches corruption in local government. He previously worked at Innovations for Successful Societies at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School. He has a degree from Harvard Law School and has investigated human rights abuses and corruption in more than a dozen countries including Nigeria, the Philippines, Thailand and Singapore.

After an unfulfilling year as a corporate lawyer, Mr. Kuris received a Fulbright creative writing fellowship in 2008 to chronicle the aftermath of the Khmer Rouge genocide and how it affected efforts to maintain peace, justice, and development in Cambodia. He found people were less interested in discussing past atrocities than they were in eradicating the corruption that affected their daily lives.



Next, he spent a year working on court reforms in the Philippines and began to investigate the possibility of working for a truth commission. He found an online reference to one operating in the Solomon Islands and a brief mention of their civil war. Eager to learn more, but with no prospect of a job, he flew to the Solomon Islands on his own.

"I thought I would just start talking to people and see what happened," he smiles, showing characteristic confidence and initiative.

He conducted more than 50 interviews with gun-toting militia leaders, local farmers, foreign arms traders, as well as Australians and Pacific Islanders helping to oversee the country's recovery and monks who played a major role as peacemakers.

"The monks were some of the most heroic people I've ever met," he says. "At tremendous risk to their lives, they walked into firefights and talked combatants into putting down their weapons and choosing peace. I found that people are very happy to tell the story from their side and they feel justified in what they're doing. Even things that may look wrong at first glance have reasons behind them."

It is easy to see why people are comfortable entrusting Mr. Kuris with their personal narratives. His interest is obvious and sincere, his manner is polite and non-judgmental, and his humor puts them at ease.

"I ended up having this amazing experience," he says. He also ended up writing a report on rebuilding the justice system and training local staffers for the Solomon Islands Truth and Reconciliation Commission.



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Mr. Kuris credits Princeton Day School with showing him that anything is possible. His interest in human rights was nurtured by student organizations, such as Amnesty International and Judiciary Committee.

“I was immediately struck by the responsibility of the students on Judiciary,” he says. “I think Judiciary was a very special thing: having to deal with the testimony of your colleagues at school and having to keep it all confidential was a major responsibility.”

He feels that his experience and legal training help him to see the big picture and be open to more than one point of view—critical traits in his present work.

“Gabe was always pushing the envelope and that was part of his charm,” says History Department Chair George Sanderson who was advisor to *The Spokesman* when Mr. Kuris was its co-editor. “He was always questioning, always pushing, and always skeptical, and that’s what great journalists need to do. Gabe did all of those things with a great sense of humor and he was an extraordinary writer. Working with him on *The Spokesman* was a privilege because it was so much fun.”

Mr. Kuris has participated in two People to People Ambassador Programs; one in Great Britain and one in Australia. On a family trip to Morocco, the wide divide between the classes prompted his interest in the causes of inequality, a cause he acted on closer to home when, as a Yale undergraduate, he co-founded the Elmseed Enterprise

Fund, America’s first microlender staffed by student volunteers. In addition to small business loans, it provides training and business and financial consulting to low-income entrepreneurs. The model has been copied extensively and is now thriving on college campuses across the country. Also at Yale, Mr. Kuris won prizes for both fiction and non-fiction writing and had a humorous piece published in *The New Yorker*.

“Writing is still a passion and something I hope to go back to,” he says. “Ultimately, I want to write about human rights issues from a more humorous, irreverent perspective, to (show) the human side of it, because I think it’s really terrible that right now we see human rights as this very boring, dry, serious topic and then, of course, nobody wants to read about it.”

In the meantime, he is conducting research he hopes will lead to solutions for better governments. “No one knows how to define or even measure corruption,” he says. “The U.N. is very good at coming to a country and holding an election. We know how to do that. But we don’t know how to make courts that function and that people respect. We don’t know how to make laws that people obey.” Mr. Kuris is working to change that and says, “Corruption is obviously a very hard problem to solve, but it’s not an impossible problem.”



Gabriel Kuris, Ratanakiri Cambodia, 2009



Over the last 50 years, the increase in sports opportunities has been dramatic and the attention to physical conditioning has become pervasive. Athletes today compete more than ever before and work year-round to improve their skill, speed, and endurance. Much has changed, including the surfaces on which they compete, but the core makeup of a great athlete remains the same. Speed, agility, strategy, determination, leadership, and sportsmanship are still the hallmarks of success.

Those qualities are present in the three alumni being inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame this spring. They competed in three different fall sports – soccer, football and field hockey – and two different winter sports – ice hockey and basketball – but in the spring, they all played lacrosse and played it beautifully. They demonstrate, each in their own way, the true meaning of athletic excellence.

## ALICIA COLLINS '89

By the time Alicia Collins arrived at PDS as a freshman, she had already made a name for herself in local recreational soccer leagues. Throughout Upper School, she played all over the country on a year-round traveling team while still contributing to the success of the PDS varsity team. She picked up lacrosse in the spring and, although it was a new sport for her, her natural athleticism and understanding of strategy soon made her a team leader. She collected friends as easily as she did accolades, and she still keeps in touch with many of her PDS and college teammates.

One of them, Angie Travers '89, says, "We were teammates in soccer and lacrosse. Alicia was by far one of the most generous, most encouraging team members I have had the pleasure to share the field with. Her footwork was superb. I remember just standing on the field, watching her footwork, totally forgetting I was playing too!"

"She was an amazing lacrosse player," says Liz Bylin Cook '90, an All-American and 2001 Hall of Fame inductee who now coaches PDS lacrosse. "She really had a nose for the game and was very competitive, but also had a fabulous sense of humor. She was super competitive and wildly aggressive—just a great athlete. She was very, very fast and she knew the field. As a soccer player, she knew her real estate. She knew positions, she could put up a play – she just had a nose for the game. You can be a great athlete, but not know where to be. She was always was in the right place at the right time. She had no ego about her at all."



Ms. Collins entered Bowdoin College where her transition to Division III soccer did not go exactly as planned. The coach felt she was not ready to play varsity and relegated her to JV.

"That was kind of a kick in the pants," she admits. "I was thinking I could cruise right onto the team and I arrived totally out of shape. I ignored my coach's conditioning plan that said you run four miles one day, six miles the next. I thought he was joking! So I think my determination was greater because I was knocked off my laurels."

John Cullen, now Bowdoin's Women's Soccer Coach Emeritus, laughs remembering the same story. "Alicia didn't like being on JV and showed she was better than anyone else on the team. So after a couple of weeks, I called her up to varsity and the first game she played, she scored two goals.

She's just a fantastic soccer player. It was her vision. She could see things happening on the field before a lot of other players. However, as great an athlete as she was up here, she was an even better leader. She was probably one of the best captains I've ever had. The group of friends she made here was as tight a group as I've seen in my years of coaching."

Ms. Collins also played lacrosse at Bowdoin. Soon after graduation she realized she wanted to be a teacher and coach like the late Kim Bedesem, her PDS lacrosse coach.

"She was a huge factor in why I was drawn to teaching," Ms. Collins says. "She was such a great role model. A strong female athlete and a mom, she expected a lot of us. I wanted to have the influence on other students that she had on me."

And she has. Ms. Collins became a high school English teacher and has coached soccer and lacrosse. Today, she no longer plays soccer but has run the Boston Marathon six times and is competing in triathlons. "Exercise totally keeps me sane," she says.



## PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL

### Varsity Soccer – 4 years

1985 Prep B Championship

1988 Captain

### Varsity Lacrosse – 3 years

1987 NJISAA Championship  
Prep A Championship

1989 Captain, MVP

Gold "P"

## BOWDOIN COLLEGE

### Varsity Soccer – 4 years

1991 All New England 2nd Team

1992 ECAC Tournament MVP

All Maine Team

Bowdoin Captain, MVP

### Lacrosse – 3 years (junior year abroad)

1993 Northeast Region All-American

Academic All-America At-Large 2nd Team

Bowdoin Captain, MVP

## POST-COLLEGE

1994-1995 Soccer Coach Billerica (MA) High School

1994-1995 Lacrosse Coach Billerica High School

1999-2001 Lacrosse Coach Weston (MA) High School

1995-2001 Boston Marathon (best time = 3:38)

2010-present Triathlons

## ALICIA COLLINS '89 STATS





## ANDREW OVERMAN '94

From leading Princeton Day School in three sports and winning the Silver and Gold "P" to walking on to the Vanderbilt University Division I football team, Andy Overman has had an exceptional sports career. But perhaps the most remarkable thing about it is the fact that he chose to become an athlete at all.

As a child, his large size, which would prove an advantage later, made him awkward and shy. He had to wear orthopedic shoes and was relegated to a special gym class in elementary school. In spite of the difficulties, he competed in a variety of physical activities with his brothers Chris '89 and Jeff '96.

"We were always outside, always playing something—pick-up games, basketball, touch football in the yard and skating on our pond," Mr. Overman says.

Finally, in middle school, just in time for the start of interscholastic sports, his muscles learned to coordinate with the rest of his body and he began to harness his physical strength. He played football, ice hockey and lacrosse throughout Middle and Upper School and was a force on every team.

"I loved them all and we had such a great group of friends, all doing the same sports and then going to the same camps in the summertime," he says.

Dan Knipe '95 was a three-sport teammate of Mr. Overman and says, "There's nobody that's more deserving than Andy. He was a big guy and a great athlete and cared for his team. He had a great work ethic. I think he just enjoyed playing the game."

Health and Physical Education Chair Mark Adams was his varsity football coach and remembers Mr. Overman as a dominant player who spent hours in the weight room developing his strength. "Andy was a class act on the football field," he says. "He was a hard worker and took his sport seriously. We played a tough schedule and those were the best teams I ever had. It was a strong class of male athletes, including (2004 Hall of Fame inductee) Patrick Kerney '94. He and Andy pushed each other to improve."

Jeff played on every team with his brother and adds, "Andy was captain of all the sports he played and in the papers all the time, but he never talked about it, never put anything up on his walls. He was modest and a great leader."

Mr. Overman played linebacker and special teams at Vanderbilt. "College ball was a different world," he says. "In a way, it's a job. That atmosphere was exciting when you were at big stadiums and playing teams that you see on TV. We played (Denver Broncos quarterback) Peyton Manning when he was at the University of Tennessee. But something was missing. After two years, I wanted to have the opportunity to do other things. Playing football, you have zero time. The passion for it wasn't strong enough to give up everything else." In addition, he says a knee injury suffered at the end of his freshman season "was eye-opening. I recovered and came back, but it was unsettling."

As a physical therapist, Mr. Overman is still very involved in the sports world. He runs a sports medicine clinic in Hunterdon County and laments the early focus on one-sport athletes playing year-round. "Injuries you used to see in pro sports are now showing up in elementary and middle school, not only because kids are pushed too hard and too long, but because they're concentrating on just one sport which wears out a specific set of muscles. My background in sports gives kids and their parents a level of confidence that what I'm saying is from my own experience. They can appreciate and respect that so they listen a little more, which helps."



## PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL

### Varsity Football – 4 years

- 1992** Trenton Times All-Area Selection  
All-Prep B
- 1993** Trenton Times All-Area Selection  
Trenton Times 12 Man TD Club  
Trenton Times Player of the Week  
All-Prep  
Captain, MVP

### Varsity Ice Hockey – 4 years

- 1992-1993** Captain
- 1993-1994** Captain

### Varsity Lacrosse – 4 years

- 1993** NJISAA State Championship  
Prep B Championship  
Bianchi Division Championship  
Trenton Times All-Area Selection
- 1994** NJISAA State Championship  
Prep B Championship  
All Bianchi Division 1st Team  
Trenton Times All-Area Selection  
Captain, MVP  
Gold "P"

## ANDREW OVERMAN '94 STATS



## VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

### Varsity Football – 2 years



## BARBARA ROSE MFS '64

Barbara Rose is an athlete whose energy, skill, determination and sheer love of the game have made her an outstanding competitor. She was a three-sport athlete at Miss Fine's School and played field hockey and lacrosse at college. Even before she played team sports, however, she was never far from some kind of physical activity. She grew up playing tennis and riding the waves at the Jersey shore, and delighted in making up new dives and challenging friends to swimming contests and foot races.

"I just couldn't sit still," she laughs. "I needed to run."

When she entered MFS in fourth grade, she was excited by the wealth of opportunity, not only academically, but athletically as well. "Sports were just part of whole picture," she says. "I wanted to do it all and I wanted to do it well. I always felt that if you were going to do it, do it right. So I always worked hard to try to do that."

Her hard work paid off. She remembers that one of her lacrosse coaches promised if she would play goalie, she could play varsity in eighth grade. Tempting as that early varsity status was, Ms. Rose could not imagine being stuck in the crease and unable to run the field, so she declined. In freshman year she made varsity anyway, playing the pivotal position of right attack wing. The position requires great stamina and speed and Ms. Rose found it suited her perfectly.

"Lacrosse was my favorite sport," she says. "I loved that it had no boundaries, I loved the set up on the field, the freedom, being able to catch and throw and run. I liked the old wooden sticks with the catgut and the leather, and I enjoyed being a member of a team. It was much more fun to me and I think that was the value of starting to play those sports in fifth grade: to be able to have a team mentality and to work with other people."

Teammate Cary Smith Hart '64 remembers Ms. Rose as "very coordinated at all sports, but with a very contagious enthusiasm and an unsinkable spirit which rubbed off in a big way on her less talented teammates. She was great and made us all better."

Pam Sidford Schaeffer '63 is Ms. Rose's cousin and preceded her as Athletic Association president. "Barbara had such a lot of physical strength, drive and will power and she was a solid team player," she says. "She was intensely competitive, she had a lot of raw physical talent and her enthusiasm and success at sports gave her a lot of happiness. She was eager to play her part as a team member and she performed her

best when challenged. She could be counted on to give more than 100 percent. She was always participating in some physical activity, tennis at Pretty Brook, pick-up baseball in Marquand Park, swimming, and ice skating, and even an occasional ski trip. Barbara loved it all. She loved the laughing, the group dynamics and the friendships. Luckily, she still does."

Squash and golf are the latest sports to capture Ms. Rose's interest. She is delighted to see the incredible growth of women's interscholastic sports and the emphasis on fitness since she played, and she says, "I wish I could go back and do what these kids are doing."

## BARBARA ROSE MFS '64 STATS



### MISS FINE'S SCHOOL

**Varsity Field Hockey – 3 years**

1963 All Conference 1st Team

**Varsity Basketball – 1 year**

**Varsity Lacrosse – 4 years**

1963 All Conference 2nd Team '63

1964 All Conference 1st Team

Athletic Association President

### COLBY JUNIOR COLLEGE

**Varsity Field Hockey – 2 years**

**Varsity Lacrosse – 2 years**

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Miss Fine's School** – Princeton Country Day School Reception at The Nassau Club in Princeton on Thursday, May 1st

**2014 Alumni Weekend** – May 16th and 17th at PDS  
(please see schedule on page 49)

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*November 29, 2013*

### THANKSGIVING ALUMNI GAMES

*Above: Co-ed Hockey*

*Right page top: Co-ed Soccer*

*Right page bottom: Men's Basketball*





**NEW YORK CITY REGIONAL GATHERING**

**AT THE PENN CLUB**

*December 4, 2013*

*Top right: Former Head of the Upper School Sandy Bing h'87, Alumni Board Member Arianna Rosati '88, Head of School Paul Stellato; Top left: Vinnie Murthy '05, Alumni Board Member Allissa Crea '06, Vinay Trivedi '09, Kishore Chundru '05*



*2nd row left: Morgan Weed '03 and Alumni Board Member Justin Revelle '03  
2nd row right: Ex-Officio Alumni Board President Ben Frost '92, Alumni Board Vice President Barbara Rose '64, Former Director of Athletics Jan Baker, Lucy Englander Brinster '78*

*3rd row left: Board of Trustees Chair Barbie Cole '78, James Cole '08, Former Upper School Head Carlton Tucker h'13  
3rd row right: Sharon Thomas '92, Alumni Board Member Aly Cohen '91, Ex-Officio Alumni Board President Ben Frost '92*

*bottom left: Justin Krebs '96, Matt Zarzecki '96*

*bottom right: Ashton Todd '01, Mike Fishbein '01, Matt Levine '01*



# ALUMNI NEWS Young Alumni Events

## 6TH ANNUAL YOUNG ALUMNI PUB NIGHT AT THE TAP ROOM IN THE NASSAU INN

*December 18, 2013*

*Top left:* AJ Rubin '11, Cody Exter '10, Evan Quinn '10

*Top right:* Leah Lefebvre '08, Hannah Epstein '08

*2nd row left:* Philip Stadulis '08, Leah Lefebvre '08, Raquel Perlman '08, Hannah Epstein '08, Alexa Maher '08

*2nd row right:* Remy Gunn '08, Jarrett Dury-Agri '08, Meghan Shapiro '08, Philip Stadulis '08

*3rd row left:* Rebecca Golden '10, Dina Sharon '10, Erik LaFabvre '09

*3rd row right:* Maddie Ferguson '07, Director of Advancement Kathy Schulte, Theo Brown '08

*4th row left:* Alex Feuer '10, Danielle Dawkins '10, Marissa Davila '10, Tara Glancey '10, Shira Karsen '10, Theo Casey '10

*4th row right:* Danielle Dawkins '10, Shira Karsen '10, Jim Fuhrman '10





## YOUNG ALUMNI NYC HAPPY HOUR AT HOUNDSTOOTH PUB

*October 2013*

*Top left:* Francesca Behling '09, Lindsay White '09

*Top right:* Steward Johnson '08, Frankie Howard '09

*Bottom left:* Greg Francfort '08, David Beard '07,  
Zack Shechtel '07, Mark Millner '07, Charlie Hamlin '06,  
Jay Bavishi '05;

*Bottom right:* Amy Perlman '02, Matt Hendrickson '03

# Alumni Weekend: May 16 & 17, 2014

## FRIDAY, MAY 16

6:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. – *Under the Reunion Tent behind Colross*

### Alumni, Faculty/Staff, and Former Faculty Reunion

Cocktails and Buffet Dinner hosted by Head of School Paul Stellato and his wife Maureen.

8:00 p.m. – A short program with remarks by Head of School, Paul Stellato, and the presentation of awards for the classes with the largest number of donors, most dollars raised and highest percent participation to the PDS Annual Fund.

## SATURDAY, MAY 17

10:00 a.m. – *Alberto Petrella Garden Classroom, behind the garden*

### Then and Now

The Community and Multicultural Development team invites you to join them for breakfast and conversation about personal experiences and memories of student life at PDS and to hear about what the school is like today.

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – *Main entrance of the school building*  
**Student-led Campus Tours**

11:00 a.m. – *McAneny Theater*

### “Living Our Mission”: A Conversation with the 2014 Alumni Award Recipients

Our mission states, “Our students leave Princeton Day School well equipped for college and beyond: prepared to act knowledgeably, to lead thoughtfully, to share generously, and to contribute meaningfully.” Princeton Day School’s 2014 Alumni Award recipients are a diverse and impressive group, who are continuing to live our mission beyond the Great Road. Come hear Susan Schildkraut Wallach MFS ’64, retired lawyer, former overseer of Harvard University and former trustee of Radcliffe College; Katherine Baicker ’89, Professor of Health Economics at Harvard School of Public Health, and leading expert on health policies; and Gabriel Kuris ’99, Deputy Director of Columbia Law School’s new Center for the Advancement of Public Integrity, and recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship for creative writing.

12:00 p.m. – *Matthews Arts Wing Courtyard*

### Moment of Remembrance

Please join us for a brief Quaker style ceremony honoring alumni, faculty, former trustees and friends who have passed away during the past year.

12:30 p.m. – *Behr House (across the street from the Lisa McGraw ’44 rink)*

### 50th MFS & PCD Luncheon

Our distinguished alumni who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion are invited to a luncheon at Behr House hosted by Head of School Paul Stellato and his wife Maureen.

12:30 p.m. – *Under the Reunion Tent behind Colross*

### Alumni Picnic

Bring the family for a delicious old-fashioned barbecue with children’s games and activities to entertain the younger guests.

## ALUMNI WEEKEND REGISTRATION

To view the full schedule and to register go to [www.pds.org/alumni-weekend-2014](http://www.pds.org/alumni-weekend-2014)

1:00 p.m. – *Baseball Field*

### Alumni Softball Game

Come join in the fun with a family friendly game of softball.

2:00 p.m. – *PDS Garden*

### Walking Tour – The Lay of the Land

Come for a walk on the PDS walking trail, renew an old acquaintance with the landscape, and hear some of the stories that have shaped the campus and surrounding woods and fields over the years. The tour will be led by David LaMotte, long standing Upper School English teacher. Your walk will end at Krueger Field, where you can watch the Alumni Games.

2:30 p.m.

### Alumni Games

- Men’s Baseball Game: *Baseball Field*
- Coed Alumni Soccer Game: *Bill Smoyer ’60 Turf Field*
- Bob Krueger Memorial Alumni Lacrosse Game: *Bob Krueger Field*
- Kim Bedesem Memorial Alumnae Lacrosse Game: *Jan Baker Turf Field*
- Coed Tennis Round Robin: *PDS Tennis Courts*

5:30 p.m. – *Under the Reunion Tent behind Colross*

### Alumni Awards and Athletic Hall of Fame Reception and Ceremony

Join us under the tent to honor our distinguished alumni who are being honored on the occasion of their milestone reunion. In recognition of his invaluable contributions to Princeton Day School, there will be a special salute to Harry Rulon-Miller ’51.

#### Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

Alicia Collins ’89  
 Andrew Overman ’94  
 Barbara Rose MFS ’64

#### Alumni Award Recipients

*Outstanding Young Alumni Award:* Gabriel Kuris ’99  
*John D. Wallace ’48 Alumni Service Award:*  
 Susan Schildkraut Wallach MFS ’64  
*Alumni Achievement Award:* Katherine Baicker ’89

7:30 p.m.

### Alumni Reunion Class Parties

See Website for locations





# Harry Rulon-Miller '51

## after 50-Year Career at the School **retires**

—BY LINDA MAXWELL STEFANELLI '62

No one has the history with Princeton Day School that Harry Rulon-Miller '51 does and no one so perfectly personifies the heart and soul of the institution.

When he retired in January, Mr. Rulon-Miller brought to a close a 50-year career with the school and became the last teacher with ties to Princeton Country Day School to work at PDS. His affiliation stretches back even farther when one tacks on the five years he was a PCD student.

Mr. Rulon-Miller actually had three separate careers at PDS, reflecting his two great loves: teaching and ice hockey. For 37 years, at PCD then PDS, he taught Middle School math (and an occasional English or Latin class) and coached all levels of boys' ice hockey. Then in 1997, just prior to the opening of the Lisa McGraw '44 Rink, he originated the position of Rink Coordinator.

"I liked the balance of working with middle schoolers in the classroom and working with high schoolers in the athletic world," he says.

Mr. Rulon-Miller remembers the growing pains after the merger as former PCD and Miss Fine's School faculty – and their students – adjusted to coeducation and the new campus. He also witnessed the introduction of two of the Middle School's most innovative programs: Mini-Course Week and student retreats at Blairstown.

"I seem to identify with the ups and downs of being a middle schooler," he says with a characteristic twinkle in his eye.

Mr. Rulon-Miller has seen many changes but says, "The thing that's remained the same is that the faculty is about as good as it gets."

As he leaves campus, Mr. Rulon-Miller takes away his own rich store of memories and an encyclopedic knowledge of the school's people and history. He feels his timing is perfect. "The rink and the hockey and skating programs are in good hands," he says.

### Did You Know...

- Mr. Rulon-Miller served as Assistant Middle School Head and as Assistant to the Director of Athletics?
- A consistent honor roll student at PCD, Mr. Rulon-Miller won the Headmaster's Cup for leadership and the Athletic Cup for best all-around athlete at graduation?
- As a freshman at Princeton University, Mr. Rulon-Miller was required to play on the freshman ice hockey team and won the Freshman Trophy. He went on to captain the varsity team, was selected All-Ivy three years running and was awarded the Blackwell Trophy as the team's most valuable player?
- Mr. Rulon-Miller was a candidate for the 1960 US Olympic Ice Hockey Team?
- In the 1964 -1965 school year, Mr. Rulon-Miller went abroad to teach algebra at Athens College, a secondary school for Greek students?
- When PDS opened in 1965, Middle School classes were not coed and Mr. Rulon-Miller's math classes remained single sex until the 1970s?
- The Rulon-Miller family boasts three generations of alumni: Harry's mother, the late Sally Gardner Tiers MFS '33; his brothers, the late Sumner PCD '53 and Patrick PCD '55; his son, Peter PDS '03, and stepchildren, Emily Francomano PDS '88 and Jamie Francomano PDS '92?

"In ways too numerous to mention, Harry's life is a tale of service to the schools he loves: Princeton Country Day School and Princeton Day School. Through teaching English, math, coaching ice hockey, and serving as director of hockey operations over the span of 50 years, Harry did what he has always done best: give selflessly to the academic institutions he loves so dearly."

—Head of School Paul Stellato

"Harry was the rock that kept me from floundering through that first year. He was dedicated to his students and thorough about preparing for each class. He was a role model that sent me off very solidly to continue to teach Middle School students mathematics all these years. In addition, Harry was involved in the cares and joys of the students and always ready to take on the extra tasks that made the program succeed."

—Middle School Math Teacher John Howe, who arrived at PDS as a novice teacher in 1972.



During my short coaching career, Harry was always there for me but never interfered. He was an essential sounding board and gave me advice when asked and endless support. In my mind he is a legend, a great player, a great coach, a great mentor and a great friend."

—2002 Athletic Hall of Famer Buzz Woodworth '73 (twice captained Mr. Rulon-Miller's ice hockey team and succeeded him as PDS varsity coach).

"Mr. Rulon' will always be remembered warmly as one who reached across decades to welcome back alumni, visiting coaches, officials, parents and friends of the PDS ice hockey community. Harry's experience as a coach and administrator helped develop highly competitive schedules for the boys and girls Junior, JV and Varsity programs. Deservedly, the annual Boys and Girls Invitational Ice Hockey Tournament was named in his honor in 2012."

—Jan Baker, Director of Athletics from 1969 to 2001 and Athletic Hall of Fame inductee (2002).

"I remember the hunt as well as the triumph. It was a process of finding techniques that worked well and tweaking those techniques in new ways that solved it. When I really knew I had the solution -- it was ecstasy. I continue to use that technique in my work today. And the ecstasy of discovery whenever I experience it is centered on that original moment, courtesy of Harry Rulon-Miller. He had a remarkable ability to engage young minds. He was a first class teacher."

—Grayson Ferrante '75, Athletic Hall of Fame inductee (2010) on solving a challenging math puzzle in Mr. Rulon-Miller's math class.

# Class Notes

## Miss Fine's School



If a class correspondent is not listed, please send your notes to Ann Wiley '70 at [awiley@pds.org](mailto:awiley@pds.org)

### 1927

We are sorry to report that PDS Hall of Fame Inductee **Ruth Kemmerer** Dorf passed away on February 11, 2014.

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Bob and I have lived in California off and on since 1952, we are lucky that our three children live within a 90-minute drive, as do six of our seven grandchildren and five of our six great-grandchildren. One grandchild and a great-grandson live in Oregon, which isn't so distant when you live in the West. All our offspring have married people we like, so we feel good about family.

We retired more than 30 years ago, Bob as a patent lawyer and I as a social worker, and since then we have both been very active: in our community, in League of Women Voters and in many other civic organizations, and in our church, UU. We are in good health, live in a pleasant small house about a half-hour drive from the Pacific, and have a guest room for your visit.

Please send me some news for the next *Journal*.

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I will start with some sad news. **Helen Keegin** Hetherington wrote to say that her husband, Ian Hetherington, died in early January of a heart attack. "We spent three months last year celebrating 50 years of still speaking and I can only be so grateful that he gave me a fascinating and happy life. I have so much to be thankful for." I know that I can speak for all of us in sending our heartfelt condolences to Helen.

Before the Christmas holidays, **Aggie Fulper** wrote from New Mexico that she would be in Princeton to celebrate the holidays with her family. She added that she has been training to sing jazz style with the professional Big Band singer in her apartment building. I can still hear Aggie singing, "Take back your Mink" from Guys and Dolls! I am glad that she is still using her lovely voice.

**Judy Gihon** Leppert wrote from Saint Charles, IL that she and Bill "moved west a bit, back closer to the farm country. I now grocery shop in the town I first moved to out here in the flatlands."

**Anna Rosenblad** Davies wrote that although her daughter, Josephine, lives nearby, her three sons are scattered around the world (Greece, Nicaragua and the West Coast of America) so she doesn't get to see them very often.

This is also true for **Joan Kennan**, your class correspondent, who has a son in California and one in Atlanta, GA. Joan continues to sing with the Encore Chorale: Creativity for Older Adults, as well as being a volunteer for our local "aging in place" Village in Georgetown (Washington, DC). Walking an energetic Labrador retriever three times a day keeps active!

I cannot believe that this spring will mark the 60th anniversary of our graduation from Miss Fine's. Do you remember wobbling down the

aisle of the gym in our high-heeled shoes and white dresses? I am tempted to say all the usual clichés like "where has the time gone" and "it seems just like yesterday" but I will refrain, primarily because it isn't true. 60 years has been filled with jobs, marriages, births, traveling, moving, friendships, heartaches, and joys; one of the joys for me was my years at MFS.

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Alice Marie Nelson '55

**Alice Marie Nelson** wrote: "This is a photo of me wearing a 'Midsommer' wreath for the celebrations—appropriate food, drink, songs and dancing 'round the Maypole that we had made earlier in the day. All this with my newly discovered Swedish relatives (three generations of them) in Redmond, Washington last June. Spent two wonderful weeks getting to know them in person after months of emails and letters. Having lost both my older brothers in 2011, it's especially exciting to be gaining a whole family of younger relations!"

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As we were adjusting—daily or even hourly—to the whims of the weather in the Northeast, **Charlotte Cook** wrote to say, "We in California just look at the blue sky every day and pray for rain. Last week our water

rationing began—so far just outdoor water consumption. Next will be a 20% reduction in total water use. Since every building now has recently installed water meters, it's possible to enforce this."

This may be the spring issue, but as it goes to print, we're embedded in the perfect time to dream of travels, past and future.

In October, **Cicely Tomlinson** Richardson caught the tail end of **Margy Pacsu** Campell's visit to Charlotte and Craig Rekula's wonderful half-year home on Martha's Vineyard.

**Rosemarie Rubino** Marshall Johnson reported all 19 members of her and Joe's combined family on a cruise of the Mediterranean had a superb time. "Memories of Princeton still make me smile. When San Diego?" she asked.

As this was heading for print, **Joan Pearce** Anselm and Klaus were off on a Virginia Museum of Fine Arts trip to Cuba. "This will be under the umbrella of a cultural exchange with opportunities to visit artist's studios, galleries and museums. There will be moments, we are told, for conversation and translators available," Joan wrote.

**Carol Harris** Bradley and Trump were looking forward to returning to the Mississippi River in March.

"One of the high points of our [MFS '56] mini-reunion at Beth's invitation (besides seeing all of you, of course) was our wonderful hotel room with its view of boat traffic on the Mississippi. We found watching the doings on the river endlessly absorbing and promised ourselves another chance for a room with such a view in the future," Carol wrote. "Bearing in mind that we need to keep pressing forward on our bucket list, we signed up for a trip from New Orleans to Vicksburg and back via a paddle wheeler in March. It will be fun to be back on the water again even though sails will not be involved and we have our fingers crossed for good weather—no Katrinas, frost, or roiling seas."

By the time this is published, those will be travels—past, replete with memories and stories to tell. **Marina Turkevich** Naumann is the master storyteller with her lengthy Christmas cards detailing exotic voyages. In 2013, they were off to Hawaii, Portugal and Spain, but it was the arrival in October of grandchild number four, Sophie Paige Naumann, that took top billing. What's on for 2014?

**Pam Thompson** Sinkler-Todd is "still unpacking and downsizing into a way smaller place. But the living is far easier! I really missed seeing all of you in P'ton, but it came coincident with this house move and I was in a totally frenzied state doing it all myself for the first time in my life! Scary! But I made it and am happy here..." We missed you, too, but wish you well.

Pam also wrote of seeing Marina von Neumann Whitman '53 on C-Span TV, being interviewed about her new book. "She was great—talking about her Dad, basically, with several minutes spent on yes—you guessed it—MFS! I loved it!"



Molly Menand Jacobs '57 celebrates Christmas with her whole family; Molly is bumping fists with daughter Kimberly, (in front of them) Parker and son-in-law Brad; (behind Molly) daughter Cricket with husband Brian, their twins (front left) Emily and (front center) Lyla; (on left) Megan, Molly's oldest grandchild with Tom, husband to daughter Anne (taking photo).

Finally, Pam's son, Scott Sinkler, worked on the production crew of "Fed Up," a documentary on child obesity, which was accepted into the International Sundance Festival; Scott was director of photography for the film. Congratulations to Scott and his proud mother.

### 1957

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Peggy Dodson Wildman '57 with Nancy Miller '57 in 1996

**Peggy Dodson Wildman died in** Williamsburg, VA on Veterans' Day 11/11/13. Peggy was a veteran trooper from her childhood as a Navy Junior to being a Navy wife while her husband, Jack, served two terms as a pilot in Vietnam. She had her own 10-year battle, her struggle with Alzheimer's.

Peggy lived a kind and compassionate life. She was a lifelong volunteer, devoting many hours to her favorite causes. She was a gentle, gracious, wise, and ultra-organized manager of a Medication Assistance Program at the

Olde Towne Medical Center. Peggy used all of her natural attributes in her most satisfying work: raising Katherine and John while supporting Jack in their 51-year marriage. Peggy also thoroughly enjoyed her five grandchildren as well as serving on the James City County Planning Commission.

Peggy was our classmate for only the 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grades at Miss Fine's; she and I reunited as roommates at Goucher College. You won't be surprised to hear she was elected College Queen our senior year. Time spent with Peggy over these last sixty years has been precious and meaningful. Peggy and I shared the sad loss of adult daughters.

Along with her husband Jack, son John, family, and friends, we celebrate the circle of love surrounding Peggy. Donations in honor of Peggy may be made to Olde Towne Medical Center or Williamsburg Land Conservancy."

**Nancy Miller:** "My memories of Peggy are so positive and happy. She was always kind and helpful and I don't think that she had a mean bone in her body. She was also one of the prettiest girls in the school, but never acted that way. I always felt we were very lucky that she joined our class.

"My news... I had double knee replacements in November. All was going swimmingly until I got up too fast. Surgery to reattach the patella was early January. I'm now in an immobilizer from my ankle to mid-thigh and I can't do

much of anything except sit around. Hopefully, both knees will be in top shape when I go to England in June to celebrate my 75th! That's what I'm aiming for!"

**Anne Gildar Kaufman:** "I'm so sorry to hear of Peggy's death. She's finally at peace. I remember thinking how sweet and beautiful she was. As for news...I'm a member of two enjoyable and stimulating book discussion groups. Larry and I feel so fortunate to be members of the NJ Performing Arts Center. The orchestras are the same that perform in NYC."

**Ros Webster Perry** kindly forwarded the photo of Peggy and Nancy from an informal 1996 class dinner. Ros added: "We'll be in Mexico in February for a music festival. While the group travels around the state of Oaxaca, Dick will be speaking about the art and architecture of the beautiful churches there. We'll be enjoying the many concerts of early music played on historic church organs."

My oldest brother, Lacey Baldwin Smith PCD '37, professor emeritus at Northwestern University, died in Greensboro, VT on September 8, 2013. He was an eminent historian, lecturer and author. Read about Lacey's career achievements and honors in PCD '37 class notes. His greatest gift, and accomplishment, from my perspective as a 15-year-old in 1955, was how he sweet-talked our parents into accepting a TV for Christmas. Lacey was gentle, kind and gracious... a true gentleman... just as Peggy, as you well know, was a true lady.

You won't be surprised to hear I am in India again this winter. Experiences at Oneness University foster peace, well-being and spiritual awakening. Ask me about Oneness Blessings, long distance or in-person in your locale. And send news!

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During the past month, several in our class have been emailing about a reunion. **Faith Wing Bieler, Laura Johnson Waterman, and Sally Tomlinson** have planned a fabulous get-together. Please plan to arrive on Friday, October 4 and stay near Waterbury Center (five miles from Stowe) or at Faith's, who can accommodate several classmates. Faith is hosting the dinners. There is an Open Studio Tour of craft artists on Saturday and Laura's log home, which is about forty-five minutes from Faith, is on the tour. Laura has many of Sally's magnificent woodcarvings – an art that Sally has been pursuing for years. Laura and her late husband wrote a book about the history of the White Mountains and in 2007 she published *Losing the Garden*, about marriage and living off the land in Vermont. It will be fun to catch up, walk in the beautiful area or take a yoga lesson from Faith, who teaches at a nearby studio. We will depart on Sunday or Monday. Many in our class have expressed interest in

attending, and we hope many do. Should you be one of the persons in the class who does not use email, please get in touch with Faith for details, 802-244-7547. Faith's email is faith.bieler@comcast.net.

Some other news is that **Ann Lea Fries** and her husband are busy working on two political campaigns in Georgia, that of Michelle Nunn who is running for the United States' Senate and that of Jason Carter for the Governorship of Georgia. **Sue Frank Hilton** and her husband have plans for traveling in Italy for a month.

I also learned that **Betsy Jean Urbaniak** passed away this past January.

Come to Vermont in October! It has been a long time since we all have been together!

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**Dana Conroy Aymond** and Charlie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Glen Arbor, MI (and admits to having to color her hair more often). **Susan Stevenson Badder** spent January in Africa. Cecilia Aall Mathews went to Tanzania to visit one son who is employed there by another son! **Nan Nicholes Goodrich** had several family gatherings, notably for her mother's 95th birthday and for grandson Noah's arrival.

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**Cherry Raymond** is "still living in a sweet house on a farm near Concord, MA, snow-blowing a lot this past winter, tending gardens in the summer, and has a small counseling practice year-round. Big Adventure of the year, maybe a lifetime, was a May trip to India for a month's program with a dynamic guru near Bangalore. The noisy, elaborate style of worship of the south Indian Vedic tradition is not quite my cuppa, but they sure know how to evoke and revere the very highest (AWESOME) possibilities of human and divine nature. Para Brahma, they'd call it, the beyond the beyond that directs the whole cosmos. Sometimes, without warning, I'd find tears coursing down the cheeks, just to hear

such purity of excellence being evoked so poetically, and not as metaphor, but as reality."

**Cynthia Weinrich** wrote, "I had a lovely 70th birthday celebration trip to Washington, DC, where I had a lovely stay and catch-up with **Elise Bruml** and her husband Gary. They presented me with a delicious birthday cake. We took a hike at the Rock Creek Nature Center. In a challenge to my now 70 years (and an affirmation not to let them intimidate me) we chose the 'strenuous' as opposed to 'moderate' trail along a creek, and made it about 2/3 of the way. Confronted with downward angled narrow rocks beyond an outcropping overlooking about a 20-foot drop to the creek, though, we followed a rather well-worn bushwhack trail up to the moderate choice! Was also just nice to have a chance to yak and relax." And she added, "Would love to see anyone who passes through New York."

**Joan Yeaton Seamon** and her husband Hal "were fortunate this year to enjoy a month-long trip to China to try to understand a culture very different from our own. We began in Shanghai and traveled by train, plane, and boat to Beijing, Xian, Chengdu, Lhasa, and Tibet; down the Yangtze River from Chongqing to Wuhan and ultimately to Hong Kong. For us, the highlights were the thousands of terracotta warriors and historic walled city of Xian; our hike on the awesome Great Wall; and the charming city of Lhasa with the impressive Potola Place and the warm and welcoming Tibetans. Also, we must say the pandas in Chengdu were the most adorable."

**Julia Cornforth Holofcener** wrote: "In September, we moved to a five-acre tropical paradise in West Palm Beach and are in the process of creating a sculpture park and gallery of Larry's work. We have never been so delighted with a place. Chloe, our dog, is able to run wild, chasing the sand hill cranes and visiting the wonderful neighbors. In September, we attended the New York premiere of our daughter Nicole's film *Enough Said* with Julia Louis-Dreyfus and the late



Lucia Norton Woodruff '61

James Gandolfini. Our latest news is that a casting of Larry's life-size Shakespeare will be unveiled at the Chattanooga Theatre Centre in celebration of the 450th anniversary of the Bard's birth. Life just seems to get better and better, especially since we are now finally settled. Hurrah!"

**Lucia Norton** Woodruff reported "four of us hung out for six days at our cellist's family cabin, read about 40 or so quartets in five days, then played for a motley group of folks on day six, some drawn in only by the promise of food and drink out on the deck. We did three sets of movements from classical to romantic to tango, and to our surprise they listened! Great fun. My life is full of music making and new people right now. Thanks Mr. Wells!"

**Nancy Smoyer** "went back to Princeton in mid-November to do the final sorting of my parents' things. While I was there, I went to the Princeton-Yale football game, the Triangle Show, a lecture at the University, drove around looking at beautiful homes, had lunch and dinner with several friends (including **Julie Fulper Hardt**) and just generally had a great time. I also went back to our home on Olden Lane, which had recently been resold. I was touched to learn from the new owners, who are new to Princeton, that when people learn where they live, they say, 'Oh, the Smoyers' home.' This whole visit inspired me to go back more often to enjoy the town that I've come to appreciate the longer and farther I'm away."

**Polly Busselle** Bishop said "Our double life continues—first, on the Maine coast at the head of Penobscot Bay for extended summers where we have a small sailing dory, a big barn for my pottery and Don's amazingly creative driftwood sculptures and paintings, a gorgeous yacht club with an even more gorgeous tennis court and a beautiful house designed by Don overlooking the world. And then a more socially responsible life for me on Cape Cod, working hard on a library lifetime learning program—putting on courses, doing press releases, and mediating whenever anyone asks me. Trying to keep my body going by playing lots of tennis and paddle—it's all pretty fun. Not to mention the 'little' black dog for company. Can't live without Sophie."

**Sheila Long:** "A couple of weeks ago, I painted the interior of our chapel with our maintenance man, who is a much neater painter than I, but afraid of heights, so I did all the areas up near the ceiling. I've also been overseeing the installation of a new kitchen in our guest-house. It's been fun picking out the various elements and then watching the space take on a new shape."

While continuing cancer treatments, **Trika Smith-Burke** "was able to enjoy two celebrations. My niece, Katherine (my sister Cary's middle child), got married to Sean Dwyer—a very small intimate wedding in Martha's Vineyard! Then the family all flew to NYC to celebrate my 70th birthday party on a NY World Yacht ship, the Princess! Friends from all parts of my life came together to celebrate—one from as far away as Australia. We

had drinks and tasty morsels at the pier at 41st Street and then floated down the Hudson to the Statue of Liberty and came back around the Bronx, then down the Westside to the requested tunes from my guests, spun by a skilled DJ, Mr. Dan!! We went back to the Statue to see her at night! We danced non-stop!"

**Valentine** (Margaret) **Wilber:** "I am here in DC slaving away—trying to write more and more and looking forward to seeing **Linda Scassera** Masada in California in two weeks, even though she's way far my junior at almost a whole year younger than I; I was 71 on Valentine's Day. I cannot imagine life without the law, and just had something on Supreme Court William O. Douglas—his trips to Iran in 1951 and 1952!! (I was a big fan and remain so, my father was not)—accepted by the Supreme Court Archives, and am having a pleasant interchange with an attorney for Shell Oil, a compassionate man as far as I can tell. Big Oil not all bad, although I greatly fear the prospect of the proposed Keystone XXL Pipeline."

Last summer I [**Fiona Morgan Fein**] spent a week in Louisville for a guitar convention, a weekend in Tampa with Harvey at a wood turning convention, and 10 days in France visiting friends and roaming the streets of Paris. In September, I visited friends in Vermont and then drove on to Yarmouth, Maine for an annual weekend with Wells classmates. Harvey and I were in Chicago in November and, at the moment, are waiting patiently to be able to hop a plane to St. John where I'm told there is NO SNOW. I've just re-upped for three more years on Wells' Board of Trustees and can report that lots of exciting things are going on there as well as in the beautiful village of Aurora, NY, where it's located.

## 1962

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*Many thanks to Susan Shea McPherson for joining the team of class correspondents. You can make her job easier by sending her your news. Thanks, too, to Gail Cotton for not only serving as class correspondent for many years, but also for helping to recruit Susan.*

Hello to the class of MFS '62. After our 50th reunion in May '12, to which I couldn't attend, there was no write-up in the *Journal*; and again after **Win Dickey** Kellogg died a year ago, I realized that wouldn't show up either, so I did email all of you. **Susan Matthews** Heard encouraged me to become the class secretary in order to right this ship and so I agreed.

I have just returned from Super Bowl weekend to visit with Spen Kellogg and their children in Colorado; daughter-in-law Hsing Ay performed an amazing piano recital of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4 on Saturday evening. Daniel told me he so enjoyed meeting **Carol Estey** last summer in Missouri.

Fortunately, we had time to have lunch with **Gail Cotton** and husband Dennis in Greeley.

Susan Heard and Gail Cotton came to Win's service in Colorado, which was a wonderful gesture. This past August, in the Los Angeles area, I stayed with Susan one night in Pasadena. **Cindy Brown** and I will gather in Lake Worth, FL next week and spend a day with **Pat Halcomb** Phillips in Delray Beach. In September, **Sonia Bill** Robertson and husband Jock came off the ferry from Nantucket so we all had lunch together; it was wonderful to catch up.

2013 was a busy year for our family; son, Rob, married a lovely young lady from Middleburg, Virginia in May; and in October, I had a hip replacement, which made me feel a lot better but the concept that I was even old enough was amazing. And we all will or have turned 70 this year! Miss Fine's seems a long time ago.

I hope to hear from many of you within the next six months. I feel, as we get older, it is important to stay in touch with our peers. Best to you all.

## 1963

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I am writing this on a blustery, cold February day in Portland. I have heard from **Laurie Rogers** that there has been snow, ice, and freezing temperature in the Northeast over the past several weeks. She and her partner Bob did lots of sailing this summer, both racing and cruising, on Long Island Sound. Not only did Laurie attend our reunion last May, but she also went to the New Canaan High School reunion in the fall. She moved to NJ after sixth grade and she said, "Thank heaven for name tags because NO ONE looks the way they did in sixth grade!" Laurie is exploring the possibility of buying a condo since her current apartment, where she has lived for 20 years, is too small for the two of them.

I had a brief exchange with **Ginny Elmer** Stafford; she still has a busy private counseling practice. She commented that she is hoping to slow down by next January when she is the first in our class to turn 70. (Can you believe we are going to be that old?!) Ginny loves to spend time with her five grandchildren; the oldest is a college freshman, and the youngest is a third grader.

**Kathy Sittig** Dunlop reported: "Life is good. I am playing lots of golf. We are doing lots of singing. Richard and I sing with our church choir and with the Treasure Coast Choral." She is working on a concert, which is a tribute to Elvis and the music of the 50s, as well as running the auction and golf tournament for her church. Kathy loves to walk her French bulldog, Emmy. Finally, Kathy invites classmates to visit in Florida, where the winter weather is better than it is in most places.

**Kleia Raubitscheck** Luckner is enjoying retirement and its slower pace “set by me and me alone.” She was appointed by the Governor of Ohio to sit on the Maternal Mortality Commission. She said, “We are very good at identifying contributing factors but not so good on preventing these deaths.” Finally, Kleia plans to clear out and sell the house where she and Kurt lived and raised their family since 1972. Sometime in 2014 she will move to Annapolis, where her son resides, or Arlington, where her daughter lives with “two very winsome granddaughters, ages four and 19-months-old.”

**Andy Updike** Burt sent word that she continues to “work on a personal project to create study circle curriculum that focuses on Maine youth and adults who are taking bold actions inter-generationally for climate justice. I have been impressed by the spirit and passion in that movement that echoes back to the early Civil Rights struggle when young blacks in the Deep South were willing to take large risks to confront segregation.” Andy is doing audio interviews with activists in many struggles. She added, “I think the seeds for this project started when I was growing up in Lawrenceville and then in my years at Miss Fine’s.” Andy, too, loves having five grandkids, the oldest of whom is 14 and the youngest who lives right next door. Finally, Andy invites classmates visiting Maine to come see her!

**Ellen Levy** is still making exquisite jewelry, and you can visit her web site at [www.waverlyart.com](http://www.waverlyart.com).

**Colleen Coffee** Hall invited all of us to her real estate web site at [chall@callawayhender-son.com](mailto:chall@callawayhender-son.com).

**Pam Sidford** Schaeffer is still thinking about our 50th reunion, as are all of us who attended. She said, “I am still feeling the warm sentiments and rewinding the great conversations.” Jacqueline, her daughter, was married in September. Pam reported that it was a great event, made even better by good weather. Pam loves the fact that Jac, her husband Jake, and their new Labradoodle puppy live close by in Venice, CA. Pam and Leonard spend a good deal of time with their two grandchildren, five- and three-years- old, the kids of her son, David.

Laurie and I will join Pam for our annual reunion in the spring, most likely in Washington, D.C. My partner AJ and I are off next week for a month in Bhutan and India, and we are very excited. Stay tuned for the next class notes, and I’ll tell you all about it.

## 1964

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**Sue Jamieson** retired from Atlanta Legal Aid after a 40-year legal services career, mainly dedicated to disability rights.

## 1965

**Peggy Dennis** sent news to **Karen Fraser**: I continue to be stretched to the breaking point with too many civic causes. I’m in my 14th year as editor of the Montgomery County Civic Federation monthly newsletter; working on getting local laws on deer hunting liberalized to cut down on the plague of long-legged, herbivorous rats with bottomless stomachs that we have here in the ‘burbs; working on



Peggy Woodbridge Dennis '65 in Utopia

legislation at the state level to slow the spread of synthetic turf playing fields (brown fields masquerading as green); working on bicycle advocacy issues; and working to get the best candidate for state delegate in our district—my son, Peter Dennis—elected to his first public office.

“Just to keep life more fun, I auditioned on a whim for *A Christmas Carol* and ended up with not one but three parts: Mrs. Fezziwig, Mrs. Poole and Joe, the fence. For the first time I had lines of my own to learn, a real challenge after just singing in the chorus of various musicals. But we had wonderful kids and folks to act with, and a good time was had by all.

“Photo is of me costumed for a concert opera performance of *Utopia Unlimited*, a rarely performed, and not well known, Gilbert & Sullivan show that takes place on a mythical tropical island in the south Pacific. We found the political tie-ins just as appropriate for current U.S. politics as it was over 100 years ago. And great fun!”

We also learned that **Molly Dorf's** mother, Ruth Kemmerer Dorf '27 died in February at the age of 104. We send our condolences to Molly after her mother's long full life.

## Class Notes

### Princeton Country Day

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## 1937

We are very sorry to report the death of **Lacey Baldwin Smith**. His sister, Susie, sent us the following: “professor emeritus of history at Northwestern University died at home in Greensboro, Vt., on Sept. 8, 2013. Smith was a Guggenheim fellow, twice a Fulbright recipient, and twice recipient of the National Endowment for the Humanities award. He was considered one of the ‘big name’ historians, yet his writing was considered to be as entertaining as it was erudite.

“... ‘His election to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences—along with an honorary doctorate from his alma mater, Bowdoin College—attested to his scholarly renown.’ Each year the history department recognizes two outstanding graduate student teachers with the Lacey Baldwin Smith Prize for Teaching Excellence. Lacey served as chair of the department twice and continued as a guest lecturer after retiring in 1993.

“At the age of 89, Lacey penned *Anne Boleyn: The Queen of Controversy* (Amberley Publishing, 2013). He completed his first work of historical fiction just a few weeks before his death.

“A memorial service will be held in July. Lacey’s wife of 43 years, Jean Reeder Smith, predeceased him, as did his sister, Mary Baldwin Smith Stoner MFS '36. Three children, three grandchildren and two siblings,



Congratulations MFS class of 1964; 50 years young!!!

Nathaniel Baldwin Smith PCD '50 and Susan Smith Baldwin MFS '57, survive him. Lacey was also a 'calm and wise' voice in service to many local causes. The family requests that, in lieu of cards or flowers, donations be made in his name to the Greensboro Land Trust."

## 1939

We are very sorry to report the passing of Class Correspondent **Hal Erdman** on January 6, 2014. Below are excerpts from his obituary in the *Princeton Packet*:

"Harold attended Miss Fine's School, Princeton Country Day School and the Lawrenceville School. He attended Princeton University for one year before transferring to Yale University's accelerated '45W class for future WWII servicemen, where he earned a degree in mechanical engineering. After attending Columbia University Midshipmen's School, he was commissioned ensign in the U.S. Navy and served as navigator on a troop transport ship, crossing the Pacific five times and returning thousands of soldiers to San Francisco during the months following the end of the war. In 1954 Harold co-founded New Jersey Aluminum Company. He had a life-long love of sports, especially ice hockey. He was selected for the 1948 U.S. Olympic Hockey Team but was later deemed ineligible due to his "professional" status as a Yale coach. He learned to play hockey growing up in Princeton and later co-founded and coached the Princeton Pee Wee Hockey League, teaching the wonderful game of ice hockey to hundreds of boys. In 2005 he was inducted into the Princeton Day School Athletic Hall of Fame. He was Trustee of Princeton Day School."

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In last spring's column, I ended by saying I was hopeful of seeing **David Erdman** on Martha's Vineyard. Well, sadly it didn't happen as he arrived a few days after I had left. Maybe this coming summer, if not before.

I have had significant contact with **Allan Forsyth**, however, and he is full of information about our classmates, some of whom I—and PDS—had forgotten about. For example: **Pete**

**Lindberg** and his younger brother, Sam '47. Also the late **Keith Highet** and the late **Allen Syngé** who was in our class in 1942-43.

More on these names in the future. As for Forsyth himself, after graduating from PCD, Exeter and Princeton, Allan completed a stint in the U.S. Army and then moved to NYC where he worked for several publishers and then freelanced, all the while pursuing a passion for the arts. Along the way, he couldn't say "no" to the schools and summer camps his three children attended when asked to raise money for them. Voila, Allan became a fundraiser; good enough to sit on the schools' boards, chairing at least one as I recall.

Given his deep passion for the arts and expertise in fundraising, one can understand why in the year 2000 at the age of 70, he took an interest in Groove With Me, Inc., a start-up innovative after-school dance program for girls in underserved neighborhoods. According to a profile of Allan in the Exonian's 2013 fall issue, by the time he retired in 2007 as its first board chairman, "Groove With Me had its own studio, nearly 300 students and three dozen dedicated volunteer teachers." Allan continues on the board and said, "it fills me with joy" to see the girls take charge of their lives.

Thank you, Allan, for you "input." I hope I'll hear from other classmates in due course.

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**Bob Hillier** wrote: "Barbara and I started a new architectural firm, Studio Hillier, in the center of Princeton and have a staff of 15. It is a somewhat experimental firm in that we are

also designing projects for our own account as developers in addition to providing traditional design.

"Besides practicing architecture, I am in my 20th year teaching two graduate-level seminars at Princeton's School of Architecture. That keeps me young!

"Last fall I was honored with a 'Legacy Award' from the Urban Land Institute for my work in land conservation and in designing and developing housing that is affordable.

"Barbara and I are majority stockholders in the local newspaper, Town Topics, which also produces *Princeton Magazine*, of which I am the Publisher. Our daughter, Jordan, is a junior at the University of Pennsylvania and getting straight A's. She is on the equestrian team and was just given the responsibility of coordinating all club sports on the campus.

"My son, James, is teaching kindergarten at a Waldorf school in Burlington Vermont. To date, he is my only source of grandchildren with three; the oldest, at age 13, wrote a symphony that was performed at a summer concert last year."

Other news that may be interesting for your column is that **T. Leslie Shear**, aka "Bucky", has retired from the Art and Archaeology Department at Princeton.

Also, **John Wellemeyer** has twin boys who are in the middle school at Princeton Day School.

For myself... I'm still rolling the presses (figuratively) at Posterity Press after 19 years. Just finished editing a delicious manuscript by an elder statesman who practices a very un-Washington craft: he listens. The book is *Heard and Overheard; A Life of Listening* by James W. Symington, who served as an assistant to RFK, troubadour to JFK and Jackie, chief of protocol to LBJ and himself four-term a Congressman from Missouri. Watch for it! Otherwise, wrapping up a history of the National Gallery of Art and singing in a choir at the National Cathedral. Wife, self, kids, and eight grandchildren all thrive, touch wood.

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Our classmate **George Akerlof** is the husband

of Janet Yellin, the new director of the Federal Reserve System. George received a Nobel Prize award a few years ago for his work in economics.

## 1956

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*We send our sincere condolences to Bob and his family on the loss of his mother, Ruth Kemmerer Dorf '27 on February 11, 2014.*

Well, someone had to step up to try to keep our small class together. Since **Jebby** died, we've been negligent about keeping in touch, so I will do it, but it does require a little work on your part. I'm pretty sure most of you know how to use computers, so a simple note should be fairly easy. I've received a few.

**Ed Benson** wrote: "I left Princeton a pretty conventional guy, without much idea what to do with my life. So, faute de mieux, I joined the Navy. That was an education! I spent three years on a WWII vintage ASW aircraft carrier, and came out 'Ed the Red.' Went to Brown to get a MAT and become a high school French teacher, and switched to the Ph.D. program. I had found a vocation; at the moment a career in higher ed became problematic. I was laid off as a French teacher at URI, and tried to get another job in New England, with no success, so began a peripatetic career as a teacher/administrator at various institutions all over the country, while commuting to see my wife and daughter. My wife had begun a career as a community college teacher, then gone back to school and forged a second career as a US historian, first at Mizzou, then at UConn. We both moved radically left at Brown, joining the New University Conference (the Grad Stu equivalent to SDS), and formed a collective house in Providence with other grad stus and junior Brown faculty. My first wife and I managed to have fulfilling careers, but she fell ill fifteen years ago with ovarian cancer, which killed her eight years later. I had met my second wife almost forty years ago, and fell in love with her during a trip abroad after my first wife's death. She and I share political views and activities, and are very much enjoying raising hell in Pawtucket, an industrial city just to the north of Providence. My fondest hope for the next 10 years is that our country will wake up to the impending ecological crunch, and will move to a more sustainable lifestyle and culture."

**John Cook** wrote: "My news: I am still working two days a week at M&T Bank chairing a committee that approves about \$2MMM a year in commercial mortgages around the NYC metropolitan area. I shot my age three times late this year in golf. The best was a 69 from the back tees at Springdale, putting everything. It's golf, however, which comes and goes. My knees and hips bark at me when I play hockey but I do OK in the over 70s."

**Larry Estey** checked in after a long time: "After PCD, I went to Kent School, and after

that, first to Yale for a year, then to Columbia, graduating in 1966. I worked for the *New York Times* for a year, and then went to Union Theological Seminary in New York, graduating in 1969 and being ordained in the Episcopal Church that year. Then I served a series of parishes, in Massachusetts, Maryland, New York, and Maine. My last position, in Maine, was a semi-retirement arrangement from which I retired in 2006. It was in Stonington, Maine, where my family had summered for many years. So I bought a house here in 1998, and continue to live here happily. I've been married to the former Elizabeth Singer Maule since 2009; I have a daughter, by my first wife, and one granddaughter, who live in upstate New York. Elizabeth has two daughters and two granddaughters, living in Maine and Toronto. The only class connection I've had in years was with **Andy Godfrey** before he died. His sister Caroline lives in Blue Hill, Maine, about twenty-five miles from me. Andy lived in Utah and was a geologist for the National Park Service, I believe. Caroline invited me to dinner several times when Andy was in town, and we had just begun to build a new grown-up relationship, not just based on nostalgia, when I learned of his death, now six or seven years ago, I think. I was in Princeton just after Thanksgiving this past year, for a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Nutcracker ballet production that my mother had begun; she had founded what's now the Princeton Ballet School and American Repertory Ballet. This was the first time back since the death of both of my parents in 2002. What a changed town!"

I've also received nice greetings from **Dave Smoyer** and **Hugh Sloan**, but no others. Hugh suggested Facebook, but I'm still using a cell phone with a rotary dial, so I probably won't be doing that. If any of you know the whereabouts, email addresses or status of lost classmates, let me know.

I'm still in Vail; so if any of you decide you want to ski a little, let me know when you're in town.

## 1957

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**Rob Kuser** reported the following: "I recently visited **Andy Harris** at his beautiful Orcas Island, WA vacation home. Andy is a super host, and Mary Kay and I had a fabulous time. Among other things, Andy is a great chef. He continues his work at Oregon Health & Science University, training doctors for medical missions to developing countries"

**Bob Smyth** added this note: "Some years ago, there was a club (ROMEO), which got together on a fairly regular basis for breakfast at a local eatery. ROMEO stood for Retired Old Men Eating Out. Members of the club included Stu Robson, Sr., Bud Tibbals, and Wes McCaughan. There is now, and has been, for a couple of years, another such club

(although currently without an acronym), made up of PCD 1957'ers: **Jerry Gildar**, Rob Kuser, and Bob Smyth."

I (**Tim C**) am finally retiring from teaching. I have been at Noble and Greenough School for 39 years and figured it was time to go on to the next phase of my life. I leave with some feeling of ambivalence, but know that this move is the right thing to do. My youngest daughter is playing squash at Middlebury College, and I have figured out how to take photographs from inside the court. Not bad eh? The photo, not the form.

On a related note, I ran into a former teacher from Andover who said that **Tom Cone**, who left PCD before his graduation, is still teaching at the Academy. According to his friend, "Tom will never retire."

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This December I ran into **Bill Putney**, who still lives in Princeton next to where **Rob Carrick** used to live. Bill went to PHS, Hun School and Rutgers. He is retired from the retail and wholesale clothing business. He used to be a partner in the Saturn Boutique, formerly on Chambers Street. Saturn, with its bell-bottoms etc., went to the famous Woodstock concert to peddle its wares. Bill is looking quite fit, as he is an avid walker. His favorite trail is the canal path along Carnegie Lake, which is only four blocks from his house.

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## 1965

**Bill Rigot's** wife Lynn Haber sent the following message: "...his notes indicate that in the next printing [of the *Journal*] he wanted to encourage alumni to continue supporting the PDS coaches and teams, especially Coach Bertoli and the boys hockey team during the winter season. He was an avid follower of PDS sports, having enjoyed participating in them during his years at PCD and PDS. He loved his friends, classmates, coaches and teachers while a student there."

## Class Notes



### Princeton Day School

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## 1966

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1964, 50 years ago. The Beatles and Rolling Stones arrived, Lyndon Johnson was elected president, Disney's *Mary Poppins* was released, the Ford Mustang hit the road, Nelson Mandela was sentenced to life imprisonment, Cassius Clay beat Sonny Liston for the heavyweight champion of the world, and the U.S. Government sent 5,000 "Military Advisors" to Vietnam. This was the year we turned 16. The year we prayed that the upcoming merger between PCD and Miss Fine's would fail so we could still graduate from MFS. **Sarah Jaeger** and **Linda Staniar** Bergh played powerball on the Upper School Council; **Hannah Blakeman**, **Margery Cuyler**, and **Debbie Hobler** were saint-like on the Social Service committee; **Hope Rose** Angier, **Leslie Loser** Johnston, **Diane Lyness** Amick, **Marianne Hoffman** Tukey, **Pat Fairman**, **Ann Hughey**,



Lynn Wiley Hoffman '66 in the British Isles



1966 Classmates on June 1964 Colorado trip with Young Life

**Hannah Blakeman** and **Gail Hood** Adams shared their beautiful voices with the Glee Club; **Barbara Sullivan**, **Ann Hughey** and **Sarah Jaeger** served on the Library Council, and the American Field Service Committee, for those interested in international relations, included **Katherine Becker** and **Mary Moore**. We would welcome our own AFS student, **Sally Harries** Gaudie, two years later. **Sally Lane** won an honorable mention in the Upper School poetry contest. And we all played on sports teams, led by the fiery energies of **Andrea Hicks**, **Patty Morgan** Irigoyen and **Hope Rose** Angier. After the June graduation of the Class of '64, many of us got on a crowded bus at Princeton High School, trekking from Princeton to Colorado and back to participate in a Young Life camp seeking to figure out if God figured in our lives. We breathed in the pine tree-scented fresh air, misbehaved, prayed little, and spent most of our time com-



Class of 1966 in their sophomore class photo at Miss Fine's School

peting in sports events (working off all the hormonal electricity, as the camp was co-ed), and even went ice skating at the Broadmoor Hotel. Best sport of our trip: "Wells Fargo"—the equivalent of our present day paintball game without the paints—running in teams (ours was called "Fu-Yon U") to tag out other teams that left taped marks on our foreheads. I don't recall what the prize was for knocking off all the participants, but we were bloodied and tired. Enough for the Christian games. We wore our MFS blue sweatshirts, saw the sunrise after a night in a chalet under Pike's Peak,

and went home to wait for the beginning of our junior year. These are a few of my memories of Miss Fine's School in 1964.

### Reports from the Traveling Trenches

**Dale Marzoni** Kellogg took a super birthday trip to Palm Springs and San Diego in November. **Lynn Wiley** Hoffman completed her dream trip to the British Isles, making great friends along the way. In November, **Sally Gaudie** Harries and **Jack** spent a week sunning in St. Maarten, returning to celebrate Christmas in both Boston and Toronto with their two sons and their families. **Sally Behr** Ogden continues to travel, and most recently was in France for Christmas with her youngest daughter where she also spent time visiting with **Kristy Love**. **Mettie Whipple** met with her son **Arthur** in Truro, Massachusetts during the summer. **Susan Bonthron** and husband **Gilbert Ruff** spent two months this winter in Florida, fleeing the Vermont cold. Daughter, **Anna Ruff**, went down for a visit, and was waiting to hear about acceptance from med schools. Susan was making a box to transport a book for the New England Guild of Bookworkers in February, and continues to teach book arts at her Schoolhouse No. 10 when she's home in Vermont. **Katherine Becker**, who surveyed Oregon and Martha's Vineyard as possible new homes last year decided that New York was still home, replanted her roots there by sprucing up her apartment with new furniture and curtains. **Ned**, her best feline companion, has approved of the new sofa in particular. She's been working as a production supervisor on Landmark's "The Advanced Course," and in her spare time, between Qigonging, Tai Chiing, and Feldenkraising, she's enjoying the physicality of these moving experiences. This has to be so satisfying after her many years of back problems.



Mettie Whipple '66 with her son Arthur

At our next reunion, **Katherine** will be the most balanced person among us! At Christmas, **Katherine** made a wreath out of scallop shells that she gathered on Martha's Vineyard in November, reporting to me, "A passion for wreath making is one of the best things I got out of attending Miss Fine's, whether the wreath is made from evergreens, shells or pinecones." I believe we sold those wreaths to fund-raise for the Social Service Committee.

The Class of '66 wishes to send our deepest condolences to the family, friends and PDS classmates of **Bill Rigot '68** who passed away

in September. We remember him as a dear friend of our class, and particularly grateful for his generous contribution to our class memorial fund for Mary Moore, and as a skilled athlete whose passion for sports led him to be inducted into the PDS Athletic Hall of Fame. We will miss him.

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**Joe Chandler** sent Mary an email in October: "I am very happily married to Noom after a six-and-a-half-year engagement. We exchanged vows on September first. We also moved to a new house in Durham, Maine just outside of Portland. I still own and run Maine Biotechnology Services, Inc. We travel back and forth to Thailand, but will do so less frequently for the next couple of years. My son, Nick, is now living in LA pursuing his career in film acting." BRAVO!

**Andy Fishman** is finishing his last year as Chief of Staff at Good Samaritan Hospital. "I've been directing the ICU for the past 25 years and running a Hospitalist service at two hospitals. I've finished doing medical missions in Antigua and Guatemala (Operation Walk) and plan to retire in 2015. My youngest stepson heads to college in the fall. My oldest stepson is in his medical internship at University of California at Irvine. My oldest daughter is married, working for a publishing company, writing her first novel. My youngest daughter is studying in Baltimore. My wife Kim is a nephrologist in LA. Went on a Caribbean cruise with my 97-year-old father and 90-year-old mother! Enjoyed seeing

friends at our 45th. Looking forward to the big one in 2018."

Word from **John Taylor** and Dianne Dubler in NYC/ NY state: "Our business has shifted from mostly photography to publishing bespoke books for clients who have created interesting and important environments, architecture, and collections."

An update from **Beth Schlossberg**: "Got my MSW ten years ago and now I've succeeded in establishing my third act. I'm thrilled to be doing what I was always meant to do." Congrats Beth!

**Mazze Madeira** Gogolak wrote from Florida, "Charlie and I indulge in our daily golf habit and workout, and finish with a massage to work out the kinks. I'm involved with our church and fundraising. Kids are in good shape. My grandson, Barron "Bear," is 18 months old. He provides great entertainment and joy. Helping out with him is pure indulgence. We'll leave for Maine in May and look forward to getting together with **Sia Godfrey** Bauer who has a summer place only an hour away!

Received an email from **Bob Spears**: "Sue and I are retired, but we still consult. I work for the US Department of Education, State of California, and a few other organizations. Sue goes in for occasional special projects for LAUSD. I completed my seventh 50-mile run (2013). I'm not getting any faster, but I can still finish and party afterward. We're working down our bucket list. We will cruise to South America to be in Rio for Carnival. In July, we'll be in Brussels with the Hash House Harriers, drinking beer and running through the hillsides."

Guess who has the youngest children in our class? If you said **Bob Ramsey**, you'd be right! Bob had two boys, 12 and 10. Bob remarked, "Isn't it disgraceful that a man of my age has such little kids?" Bob has retired from his law practice, but devotes his efforts to teaching at the Garden State Continuing Legal Education ([gardenstatecle.com](http://gardenstatecle.com)) company.

**Pamela Aall** McPherson passed along two wonderful MFS memories. "I remember one of our teachers wrote a song about New Math as part of a skit or play. It went something like this (sung to the Whiffenpoof song): 'We're poor little sheep who have lost our way. Baa, baa, baa. Unfortunately, New Math's here to stay. Baa, baa, baa. Parents, teachers can't you see? Two and two is really three. I want an A, all I get is a D. Baa, baa, baa.'" Does anyone else remember this song? Did Miss Campbell write it? Pam also recounts the first thing she did on arriving at the motel for our 8th grade trip to DC (only four months after JFK was assassinated). "I rushed into the motel and immediately stuck a poster of the Beatles on the wall. A group of us had a long discussion about which Beatle was our favorite." So much for what was important to us as 13-year-olds! "

Hey, Pam, do you recall that your mother was a chaperone as well as Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Roberts? I have an album of the trip. Here



Joe Chandler '68 and his partner Noom

are a few recollections. We stayed at the Arva Motor Hotel in Arlington. Cost of the trip was \$49. No slacks, shorts or bathing suits. Chewing gum allowed only on the bus or in the motel room. Tidiness of motel rooms and bathroom required. No one may walk on the balconies unless fully dressed in day clothes!

Pam also said, "Charles and I are now very happy grandparents of four granddaughters. I have a much more flexible work schedule, which is great. I still do some projects for the U.S. Institute of Peace, but am spending a little time in NJ this semester as a Sharkey Scholar at Seton Hall University, and working on regional security issues with some Canadian colleagues. Charles also has a nice combination of teaching/consulting projects and a bit more leisure."

**Punky Brewster** Rutledge is very happy to be retiring this spring from her teaching job. Stay tuned for more details on how retirement agrees with her in the fall issue of the *PDS Journal!*

Sia Godfrey Bauer and husband Charles, visited with **Lisa Lawrence** at her home in Las Vegas, NM (not Nevada) this summer. Lisa said, "We went out to dinner; Charles is very easy to know and we all had laughs and good food. Sia came to see my house the next morning. It was just indescribably good to spend time with her."

It was good to hear from **Gail Smith** Cleare:



Gail Smith Cleare's '68 granddaughter, Camila



Gail Smith Cleare's '68 granddaughter, Zoey

"I am working on the publication of a book for my friend, Douglas Potoksky, whose photos will appear in the Boston Marathon Bombing street memorials. We are now sending paperback advance copies out for blurbs and reviews. Got very positive endorsements from the Smithsonian and the Ground Zero museum in NYC! Also we got a great story in the Springfield (MA) *Republican*, which owns the site MASSLIVE.com, which is part of a network of websites. So the story was picked up all over the world." If you're interested, here's the link: <http://www.masslive.com/living/index.ssf/2013/12/phographer>." Check it out.

On September 9, 2013 our classmate, **Bill Rigot**, died in Kennebunk, Maine. His obituary noted, "He had a lifelong passion for sports, both as a skilled athlete in his teen years, where he was inducted into the PDS Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001, and as an adult spectator of high school and college sports of all kinds. His various Weimaraners over the years were his dearest companions and source of comfort. After graduating from Rutgers he enjoyed his adult working years at Maple Lane Farm in Clinton Township, NJ where he cultivated the life of the gentleman farmer. He worked in transportation management for Hanlon Transportation."

Bill's brother, Sean, noted in the eulogy: "Some people are blessed with good looks, a great personality, great insight, intelligence, athletic ability, a keen sense of humor, kindness, generosity, and compassion. Billy was the rare exception. He possessed all of those characteristics and qualities."

**Rick Ross** noted that he was "tough, funny and ready to challenge all corners (including Packard). **Gillian Gordon** remembers his arrival at PDS in the fall of '65 as "all strut and stuff—cocky and yet something new and attractive in that rough manner." Rick remarked, "He was a good and loyal friend to many. He quickly was elected to the school council and later its president. He was first in many things, but being the first to go was not something any of us imagined."

Our class sends its deepest condolences to his wife of 35 years, Lynn Haber, his mother, Mary Lou Walsh, extended family and friends.

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**Rebecca Bushnell** wrote: "In July, I ended my term as Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Penn, and I have happily returned to full-time work as a professor of English and Comparative Literature at Penn. I joined the



Allison Gilbert Kozicharow '70 (L) with her daughter, Maggie, and granddaughter Scarlett



Bob Peck '70 and his son

PDS Board of Trustees and I am amazed and delighted by the school's progress: it's come a long way in 45 years."

**Allison Gilbert** Kozicharow has great news: "Gene and I are grandparents! Our daughter, Maggie, and her husband David are the proud parents of Scarlett Valentina born on November 14, 2013—five weeks early but no problems. Happily for us they live 15 minutes away."

**Lew Bowers** "just 'retired' after 14 years with the Portland Development Commission. Now I am consulting on urban placemaking and developing an urban cohousing project for Susan and me. Check it out at [www.pdxcommons.com](http://www.pdxcommons.com). We, baby boomers, want better housing options. Now that I am retired I have more time to entertain so if you are in Portland send me an email at [lew.bowers@comcast.net](mailto:lew.bowers@comcast.net)."

**Diane Erickson** wrote: "I was very pleased to have been invited and to have attended Stetson University's Leadership Retreat. It was an exciting and thought-provoking weekend that will lead to many interesting future involvements."

"To sum up the weekend: advocacy, sustainability, and flexibility are key while building on a strong foundation of traditions that will lead to a transformation that will create our future."

"However, what really excites me is that I have been asked to teach a class for Stetson University for their Summer Abroad Program



Andy Scasserra '72 & Ginny Myer Kester '72 in WY

in Innsbruck, Austria!! I will spend six weeks teaching 'The Marketplace and Consumers' for four days of each week and exploring the surrounding countries the other three days. My daughter attended this program in 2007 and learned so much from both the classroom and the area. She has prepared a list for me of 'must not miss' places and may even join me for a week or so. I will be there from July 4th to August 12th if anyone else wants to come and visit my apartment there. Tempt tempt...

"It can NOT have been 45 years. I refuse to believe it, but will certainly attend and encourage others to join us before we all show up with walkers."

**Naurene Donelly** Antoniotti saw news that **Rett Campbell** can be seen in and was a producer of the film *I Grew Up In Princeton*, Brad Mays' feature-length documentary film about growing up in the shadow of one of the world's great universities during the late 60s and early 70s.

**Bob Peck** wrote: "Here's what I've been doing: raising this pup. As my second great experi-

ment with marrying younger women is drawing towards its inevitable conclusion, I look forward to committing the exact same mistake again in the near future, God and pharma willing. Hi to Eric, Calvin, Brita, Meg, Ann, and everybody else. Anybody heard from Mack?"

**Wendy Lawson-Johnston** McNeil wrote: "We are living happily in a log cabin in the woods of SC as permanent residents. It is fabulous. I can ride my horse, kayak, ride ATVs, and hit the rivers by boat, whenever time and weather permits. The kids come to visit from Richmond and we love to be with our two grandsons, Chanan and Paxson. Still coming north to fulfill my responsibilities at the Guggenheim but happy to spend most of my time off the beaten path. Anyone heading south on I-95 in South Carolina, please stop by."

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Ginny Myer Kester '73 with her daughter Lane & her mother Fefa

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We have decided to nudge as many of you as possible to speak up about your interesting lives! Perhaps because we're all turning 60, reconnecting with our classmates seems easier, and more necessary, than it has in the past. There's also a lively Facebook group, "Miss Fine's, PCD, and PDS people from the 60's & early 70's" if you are interested.



Tom Reynolds '72 playing with Steve Miller

**Tom Reynolds**, living in Fort Worth, TX, wrote: "the Kimbell Museum, (the Met of the Southwest) has been good to me for the past 20 years and I play the Modern Museum and lots of private functions and a few clubs. I feel very lucky to have the phone ring and people wanting to hire me. I am attaching a couple of shots of me sitting in with the Steve Miller Band when they were through this past September. I am still very much involved with the family cattle business and to say it has been difficult would be an understatement. The drought has been far worse than the press has stated... When it started raining again last June: talk about manna from heaven! We are in far better shape and should we have a good spring; we're back in business... again. I am still very much involved in rehabilitating old commercial buildings on Fort Worth's Southside. I started buying some things in 1997 and am glad I did. Nobody wanted this stuff back then--now they do. The latest project was a 101-year-old warehouse that we converted to loft apartments and on the ground floor with the S&R Bar at the back. We have an outdoor stage and I must say, a wonderful-looking joint: jazz on Thursdays, indie rock on weekends. I realize I should have my head examined, but I'm afraid it's too late for some things. Son Thomas works in a law office as an assistant. Son Will moved back from

Colorado after nine years, with two and half degrees. The music blessing/curse is upon him as well and he is a fine drummer. Daughter Grace is in her second year of med school at Texas A&M and doing well. We need more doctors! (Hello Geoff!) Fun things have happened recently. **Steve Gorman** got in touch, thanks to Facebook, and a post Kenzie made got **Jamie Figg** back in the picture. Very funny stories and many reminiscences of being slightly naughty boys in our Princeton school days! Best regards to all our class!"

**Cici Morgan** Patahov wrote: "Greetings from snowy Maine. We are hanging in there with our frigid winter like everyone else, right? I am starting my 19th year working as a massage therapist both with my own practice in Belfast, Maine and working for a local chiropractor in Camden doing massages for their patients. Stefan is both artist and subcontractor, working hard at both and enjoying some good art sales this winter, yay!! Kids are all grown and out on their own, thank God (!) and we are lucky to have two grandsons close by, a lot of fun. Our extended families are growing and thriving and we have much to be grateful for. I do miss all of our old classmates even if I didn't make it to the last reunion. I send everyone all my best wishes."

From **Ellen Sussman**: "Hey there! My older daughter is getting married in June, at my house in Los Altos Hills, CA, and then three days later, my new novel, *A Wedding In Provence* will be published (in bookstores on July 1). No connection between the two events! I don't know yet if I'll be coming East for book tour. My website [www.ellensussman.com](http://www.ellensussman.com) will have all that info. I'd love to see PDS classmates. Loved seeing so many old friends at the last big reunion. Can't wait for the next one."

**Sally Rodgers** Smith: "I have been living in Exeter, NH for 24 years. My nest is empty. I have a married daughter, Whitney, living in Charlotte, NC teaching history. Her husband David works for the Charlotte Hornets. My son, Legare, works in Philly. My youngest, Trenny, lives in Fort Worth, where she is job hunting (with the help of Tom Reynolds) after just graduating from UVM. I love my life here in Exeter, volunteering in the local hospital, taking Biblical classes and being outdoors as much as I can. I am so blessed and thankful."

**Susan Ecroyd** and her husband retired to Madison, WI about a year ago—obviously before this winter's weather. She and **Ginny Myer** Kester live blocks from each other.

**Paul Funk** and **Jean Beckwith** Funk "are enjoying empty nest-hood. Our three boys are doing well, finding their paths in life while checking in periodically. Jean spent time this summer working in an orphanage in Cameroon with her 16-year-old goddaughter, and continues to raise funds for the home. We celebrated 34 years of marriage by taking a motorcycle safety class, getting new licenses, and stocking the garage with two new bikes. Sturgis, here we come! We send warm wishes to all our PDS compadres."



Gina Cascone '73 and Roger William '73s with Roger being Santa with their grandchildren Sydney, age 5, and Ewan, newborn on October 18, 2014

**Mackenzie Carpenter** "is a journalist for the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and loves Pittsburgh, which is a lively and very livable place. Please come visit." She stays in close touch with Jean Beckwith Funk, **Jannie Hester** Gerrish (Miss Fine's, first and second grade) **Wistar Williams** Rawls, and **Mary Johnson**. "Mary and Wistar both live in Vermont and it is always lots of fun to visit them in that beautiful part of the world." Kenzie's wonderful 22-year-old twins, Leslie and Steve, are finding their way through work and college (not necessarily

**Gina Cascone** and **Roger Williams** sent a photo of them with Roger as Santa with their grandchildren, Sydney, age five, and Ewan, who was born on October 18, 2014. In other news, Roger wrote: "a bunch of us (**Andy Davies**, **Mark Ellsworth**, **Mike Hafitz**, **Jim Harford**, **Richard Olcott**, **Chip Place**, **Malcolm Pollock**, **Carl Sturken**, and **Jeff Schuss**) have a monthly lunch club in NYC. Have people email me if they want to be in on the fun, at [roger@nepa.com](mailto:roger@nepa.com)."

**Anne MacLeod** Weeks is still living in Fenwick Island, DE and works as a high school principal. She has taken up photography as a hobby and won second place this past summer in a local contest. Anne's husband Jim teaches at Wor-Wic Community College and manages the family tutoring business, Delmarva Educational Consulting, LLC. Their son, Jed, still works for George Soros and has also co-founded Bikemore, a bike advocacy nonprofit in Baltimore, of which he is board director. Two fun things this summer: a scouting mission to Nova Scotia to begin planning for retirement; a reunion at the beach with **Daryl Janick** Kent, **Susan Ross** Cusack, **Robin Maltese** Dintinger, **Liz Pratt** Amory, **Tucky Fussell**, and **Hilary Morgan**... Anne wrote: "Three days of mayhem, I suspect! Will take lots of photos."

As for my news, I got married in January 2014 to the woman I fell in love with some 28 years ago. Our son, Ben, age 13, was the ring bearer. Yes, I guess it was about time!

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Yuki has kept in touch with several classmates, including **Shawn Ellsworth**, who submitted the following update:



The Buck Family at Harrison's wedding this past September. (L-R): Pete Buck '77, Nancy Buck, Harrison Buck '04, his bride, Mallory, former PDS Trustee Sally Buck, Caroline Buck '09 and Henry Buck '08.

"After nearly two years of planning, I have been approved to redevelop my center in West Windsor Township (where Ellsworth's used to be). This is falling in line with West Windsor's desire to create a town center near the train station. I have acquired some additional land and will build 52,000 square feet of retail space and 20 small apartments above in a village-like design. The township is very enthusiastic about this first application in their redevelopment plan, and we are looking forward to getting started this spring.

"We've been in construction mode for a while. Robbie and I acquired a beautiful property in Spring Lake, NJ two years ago. We ended up tearing down the existing house three weeks before Hurricane Sandy. The good news was that we had plans and contractors in place and were able to start construction last winter before all the renovation work really began at the shore. The house wasn't finished until the end of the summer but we've spent quite a bit of time there this fall and winter and can't wait for the summer! There's plenty of room for visitors!

"I continue my volunteer work serving on the McCarter Theater Board, the Planned Giving Committee at the Hospital and the Investment Committee at D&R Greenway, a Land Preservation Trust.

"We were able to spend a fun weekend last spring with **Jack Bonini** and his wife Lorretta at their home in Florida.

"Our daughter, Alyssa, is a sophomore across the street at Stuart, already getting geared up for the college hunt.... So life is good. Lots of positives and very busy days.

"Look forward to seeing to you all next spring for our 40th!!"

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Barbie Griffin Cole '78, Alice Lee Groton '78, Tom Gates '78, and Nancy and Pete Buck '77, gathered at the Memorial for Alice's father John Lee.

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I hope you have all made it through the never ending winter of 2014... It was quite the bumpy one; it seems like the temperatures were lower than ever before, while the snowdrifts kept creeping higher and higher! Unfortunately, I think that kept many of you from relaying your information my way; I am sure that is what it was. **Janie Egan** Bertelson wrote that she and her husband Eric welcomed their third son this past July—William Egan Bertelson, or “Web” as he goes by, joins big brothers Mac and Gus. **Kate Harris** wrote she is working as a freelance photographer, splitting time between Hawaii in the winter, and New Hampshire in the summer – soon she is off to Tuscany to photograph a wedding there. I am sure I speak for most of us that after this winter, Hawaii sounds fabulous. On my end I am still traveling a lot for work, which works out well for me this year as I intend to finally cash in some miles for my honeymoon. My fiancé Dave Plonsky and I will be getting married this August in California—looking forward to celebrating with a few of our classmates.

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*The New York Times* announced the wedding of **Giovanna Torchio** to Joe Lockhart on December 27. The ceremony was held at the



Brian Smith '03, Greson Torchio '01, Giovanna Gray Lockhart '98, Leys Bostrom '98, Tom Anderman '97, and Kevin Smith '06 at Giovanna's January 3 wedding in Ballyfin, Ireland.

Supreme Court in Washington with Associate Justice Elena Kagen officiating. A second ceremony officiated by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand was held in Ireland on January 3. Giovanna is the special advisor for Senator Gillibrand. Joe is a managing director of and a founding partner in the Glover Park Group, a communications firm in Washington. He previously served as the press secretary for President Clinton.

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Kaitlin Snyder Howard '02 and husband, Ben Howard



Katie Weber '03 and John Patteson '02 in Hong Kong

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**Nate "Windsor" Smith** is playing in a Brooklyn disco drag band, Amerigogo (amerigogomusic.com). The band's releasing their second album in May 2014. Check your radio waves for "Straights Go Gay" and "Just B.U.T. (Beauty)" (Tongue is firmly in cheek.) He works as a songwriter, musician, poet, and abstract painter. You can see his work at nathanwindsor.com. He would love to connect with any PDS alumni, reach out to him at iamnathanwindsor@gmail.com

**Julie Wilson** sent the following note: "Hi fellow PDS-ers! I hope everyone's doing well. I'm still living in the Bay Area, now in Marin, and

after some extended travels last year in India and other parts of Asia, have been working on my second graduate degree in counseling psychology with a depth emphasis. I began seeing clients about six months ago and am loving this work, and the endless possibilities of where it can go in terms of incorporating wilderness rights of passage work and/or mindfulness meditation practices...Not to mention what a revelation it is to feel like I'm doing exactly what I want to be doing, as a job. I also met my partner of the past two years during said Asian travels, and he moved here from Spain in August and has been keeping me company ever since...Lastly, but obvi not leastly, I'm super thrilled and excited to get to be a part of **Grant Schmucker** and **Marlee Sayen's** wedding this fall! Congrats you two!!!!

**Sarah Maloney** Schoenholtz had an exciting announcement: "My first book of poetry, *Mr. West*, is coming out in fall 2014 from Wesleyan University Press!"

**Aviva Perlman** sent the following news: "In May 2012 I graduated from the Jewish Theological Seminary with an MA in Jewish Education and got a job as the Jewish & Student Life Programming Coordinator in the High School division of the Abraham Joshua Heschel School. I am responsible for all the non-classroom programming and activities that go on throughout the year. I have the chance to do a lot of neat things, many I never expected to get to do as a Jewish educator. One highlight was in February when I chaperoned a trip to Vienna, Austria as part of an exchange program we have with a Jewish day school there. One thing that is kind of funny is how much Heschel is connected to PDS. The current Head of the Heschel Lower School is Dina Bray, a former head of the PDS Lower School, as well as the mother of one of our own, **Isaac Bray**. Additionally, Anne Metcalf '82 joined

the Heschel Science Department this year. It was exciting to figure out we are both alumnae! In any case, I can't believe I get paid to do what I do. It has been a dream."

**Johanna Dickson** shared: "Ironically, right after the last *Journal* came out I started a new job! I am now a digital publicist at MediaConnect, a division of Finn Partners. I do online outreach for a wide range of book titles."

**Ari Paul** sent the following: "The update for me is that I just started a job working as an investor for the University of Chicago endowment."

**Jennifer Urs** had this to share: "I just got off a seven-day New Year's Cruise with **Brooke Popko** to celebrate the end of a wonderful 2013. Last year, I started my new job as the Director of Business Development for a confectionary broker, got engaged, bought a house with my fiancé, and, most recently, learned that I'm pregnant. So here's hoping the dress still fits when I get married on March 15 and, if not, here's hoping my maids of honor, Brooke Popko and **Alix Warren** can somehow squeeze me in, nonetheless."

**Kaitlin Snyder** Howard reported: "I've been living in LA for a little over six years now where I've been modeling and acting for a living. I got married to a wonderful man, Benjamin Howard, this past October. **Alice Chow**, who lives nearby attended and my brother, Max Snyder, was a groomsman. It was a wonderful day! Things are going really well for me, career wise, and personally right now. I have many great things to look forward to this year. All my love to the rest of the class of '02!"



Chris Campbell '03

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Greetings class of 2003! I hope everyone has had a great 2014 thus far. I am still living in San Francisco and working for Bloomberg in the Consumer Mobile department. I've had the pleasure of seeing many classmates over the last six months including **Ben Johnson**, while he was visiting San Francisco, and **Eleanor**

**Oakes**, who lives in neighboring Oakland, and is in her second year of earning an MFA in Art Practice from Stanford. Over the holidays, while in New York City, I caught up with Katie Weber, who traveled to Hong Kong and Tokyo with her husband John Patteson '02 over New Year's, as well as **Morgan Weed**, who, with her frenchie, Frog, recently moved to a new apartment in Manhattan, where she is busy continuing her acting work. She is also finishing school to become a certified yoga teacher and excited to incorporate teaching into her day-to-day life!



Nanette O'Brien '04 with bridesmaid, classmate Beth Breslin '04

Nanette O'Brien '04 and husband Bill Blake  
Photos: Kyo Morishima

**Elizabeth Sayen** wrote: "After five years of living and working at Coach, Inc. in New York, I took three months off to nourish my wanderlust and traveled to Australia and New Zealand. From skydiving over snowcapped mountains, to hiking active volcanoes, to canyon diving, to scuba diving in the Great Barrier Reef and much more, it was time well spent! After coming home to Princeton to spend the holidays with my family and friends, I moved out to San Francisco in late January. As I settle into my new city, I would love to connect with PDS alums that are in the Bay Area. Feel free to contact me via Face Book (Elizabeth W. Sayen) or e-mail (esayen@gmail.com)."

**Chris Campbell** wrote: "I had a busy 2013 flying the Viper, deploying to Guam, and participating in joint exercises with the Japanese Air Self Defense Force (JASDF) at Misawa Air Base. Along the way, I reached a major flying milestone and now have command of a four-ship of F-16's. Next year looks to be just as hectic. I will attend Squadron Officers School in Alabama, then promptly deploy with the 13th Fighter Squadron to the sandbox for about six months. After that, who knows? The Air Force always seems to have another adventure lined up! Melissa and I wish everyone a happy, safe, and exciting 2014!"

**Joe Joiner** helped his company, Credit Union National Association, win the 2014 Grassroots Social Media Innovation Award from the Public Affairs Council. His idea of using Twitter to engage individuals with their legislators on two particular days helped obtain the win. He currently still resides in Washington, DC and recently reconnected with classmate, **Julia Tamulis!**



Amy Gallo '03 and her husband Brian Hickel welcomed their daughter, Eliza Grace, on December 5, 2013.

**Alyssa Briody** is halfway through her fellowship year at the Louisiana Center for Children's Rights in New Orleans. She represents children in prison across the state; it's been a challenging and inspiring six months. She's really looking forward to showing some PDS buddies around in May!

**Erich Matthes** wrote: "I'm having an amazing time in my first year at Wellesley. In the fall I taught Introduction to Moral Philosophy and Environmental Ethics, and I'm currently teaching Ethical Theories and Philosophy of



Hannah Epstein '05 and friends at the Superbowl

Art. My colleagues and students have been awesome. Jackie and I are enjoying the Boston area (we've had the pleasure of hanging out with **Anita Deshpande** a few times!), and we're excited to relocate to the Upper Valley this summer when Jackie starts at Dartmouth."

**Ken Miller** wrote: "My wife and I moved to Yardley in June, so we continue to be close to the Princeton area. She works in regulatory affairs at Johnson and Johnson in Raritan, NJ, and I continue to work at Franklin Square Capital Partners in Philadelphia. I was recently promoted to Executive Director of our FS Investment Corporation franchise, and I oversee the management of three of our investment funds. I wish I had been able to make it back for the reunion; unfortunately, work precluded me from coming. I hope all is well with everyone in the '03 class, and if anyone is around, please feel free to reach out. Would love to catch up."

**Steve Dool** wrote that he and **Bianca Gersten** are still reluctant friends.

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We read in the paper that **Nanette O'Brien** was married to **William Blake** on August 10, 2013. They are living in London, where William teaches economics and Nanette is pursuing a doctoral degree in English literature. *The Princeton Packet* reported the marriage of **Michael Crowley** to **Katherine Hudson** on September 28, 2013. PDS alums in the wedding party included: **Richard Crowley '01**, **Christopher Campbell '03** and **Matthew Tarduogno '04**. Michael and Kate both work for Lincoln Financial Services and are living in

Simsbury, CT with their dog, Colt.

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**Jeff Richmond-Moll** has big news: he became a father. He wrote: "Tae (my wife) and I welcomed our son, Beck Curtis, on August 19, 2013. Beck is growing quickly, but still loves to cuddle." Richmond-Moll is working towards a doctorate in art history at the University of Delaware, and living with his wife and son in Philadelphia. He adds that he and Tae "celebrated our ten-year 'date-iversary' in January and will be celebrating five years of marriage in May."

**Anoush Dadian**, meanwhile, has seen more of the world in the past two years than any of us will see in the next twenty. (And I count clicking my procrastination-fueled forays through Google Street View in my tally.) After Dadian graduated college, she went to graduate school and became a board certified behavior analyst. She worked with children on the autism spectrum in public schools and in home programs. Dadian wrote that she loved the work, but that it was an intense, full-time job. She decided it was time for a change of lifestyle.

She continued: "I saw my twenties turning into a monotonous drag of paperwork and stress—something I reckon should be reserved for later on in life. I had itchy feet and the desire to see the world."

Her first stop was Yellowstone National Park, where she got a job for the summer. From there, she booked a one-way ticket to Myanmar, and spent a year and a half traveling in Southeast Asia and Central America. She became a scuba instructor in the Philippines, and then she bought a sailboat and parked it in Massachusetts. Anoush now works on Little Cayman Island. "After a year of over 25 different airplanes and 15 different countries, I've settled down in Little Cayman Island (population 150). I'm working as a dive instructor in the most amazing marine park I've ever seen. Yesterday I watched a grouper the size of an infant eat an octopus. Life is good." As for the sailboat, she plans "to sail it somewhere, someday."

**John Maher** is representing the Class of 2006 outside the country as well, improving sanitation and hygiene in Ghana. Maher graduated from MIT with a master of architecture degree. Maher wrote: "I'm in Ghana working on a sanitation and hygiene project until March, and I completed a similar project in Ghana last June. When I'm finished here I'll be returning to Boston."

**Jacob Waters** is also working to improve peoples' lives. He taught elementary school in Philadelphia for three years, and then moved to Sacramento. He now works as a writer for StudentsFirst, an education policy nonprofit. Waters wrote: "I'm enjoying life on the West Coast, but rest assured I continue to passionately defend the Garden State against its (many) detractors. The weather out here is a major upgrade, though. If anyone is interested in working in education policy, feel free to reach out!"



Beck Curtis, son of Jeff Richmond-Moll '06

**Mike Rappaport** is still in California, and reported that the startup he is working for, AdRoll, is booming. He wrote: "What a wild ride it has been managing AdRoll's Customer Delight team. Last time I wrote into class notes I think we had fewer than 50 employees.



Elma Hajric '11

Now we have nearly 400. While there are a lot of late nights, it is also an incredibly exciting and valuable experience." Rappaport visited the East Coast for the holidays, and spent New Year's Eve with Class of 2006 members **Fred Mittnacht, Jon Siani, Kevin Smith, and Pat McDonald.**

I don't have much new to report on my end (if I weren't writing the class notes, I wouldn't have written in). I'm still planning and/or hoping to graduate law school this spring and get admitted to the bar. If all goes well, I'll move to DC in June and start working for the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, which will be my first real job.

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**Hannah Epstein:** After completing an internship in cinematography with NFL Films, Hannah stayed with the NFL Films crew for the past year and has been working as a prep technician in the camera department, as well as shooting top camera every Sunday for teams NFL games across the country.

**Greg Francfort** is approaching his two-year anniversary of working at Bank of America in their restaurant industry.

**Tess Glancey** served as Deputy Press Secretary for U.S. Sen. Richard C. Shelby (R-Ala). She recently made the switch to the National Republican Congressional Committee, a political committee in D.C. devoted to increasing the

majority in the House of Representatives. She will be working on the Communications team, as well as working in the NRCC TV studio.

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**Elma Hajric** spent the last six months studying abroad in Geneva, Switzerland. She had the chance to do research for the United Nations, and visited 21 countries.

**Kaleigh McLaughlin** is a civil engineering major at the University of Notre Dame. She is a part of Engineering 2 Empower, a research team that is developing a sustainable housing solution for victims of the Haitian earthquake. She also enjoys playing on the women's club ice hockey team.

**Alexus 'Lexie' Davis** spent the summer teaching with the Alvin Ailey Dance Foundation's Ailey Camp in New York City, culminating in a successful final performance. Immediately after, she flew to Dublin, Ireland, where she had the opportunity to study public health and healthcare science at Dublin City University. Lexie also worked in the Patient Advocacy and Cardiac Departments of Our Lady's Children's Hospital in Crumlin, shadowed pediatric car-



Lexie Davis '11 on the Cliffs of Moher, County Clare, Ireland

diologists, and sat in theater for a number of cardiac procedures in the fall semester. While she enjoyed her time in Dublin, she is pleased to return to Switzerland for the spring. This spring she will be studying international organizations in Paris, Geneva and Strasbourg.

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From Rachel:

**Rachel Maddox** had a busy fall semester doing a variety of different things. In October, she was the assistant stage manager for Connecticut College theater department's production of *The Drunken City*. She has continued mentoring and tutoring youth in New London public schools, and has decided to get certified as an elementary school teacher. Currently, she is still pursuing playwriting and one of her short plays, *Clouds*, will be performed at Connecticut College in the spring. She also plans to stage manage a student-run production of *Almost, Maine*, and contribute her skills as dramaturg to the department musical, *On The Town*. This summer she hopes to work in New York City combining her interest in theater with her interest in urban education and public policy.

**Brit Bucklee** spent fall semester producing upperclassmen thesis films and directing four short films of his own. He most recently produced a spec teaser for James Frey's book series, *Endgame*, which will feature multi-platform gaming elements developed by Google. He is currently producing commercial material for Auria Earphones and Gatorade. His eyes are set on Los Angeles for summer 2014.

**Nicole Keim** hit the ground running when she moved to LA, joining the national professional cinema fraternity, Delta Kappa Alpha, which counts George Lucas, Alfred Hitchcock, Lucille Ball, Cecil B. DeMille, Frank Capra, and many others amongst its distinguished alumni. She now holds two positions within it, helping the fraternity to expand into other schools across the country. Recently she welcomed Brit Bucklee as a brother in the nascent NYU colony. Last summer Nicole interned at the entertainment management company, ROAR L.A., assisting the managers of the Hemsworth brothers, Zac Brown Band, Cobie Smulders, and Gary Anthony Williams, among others. In the fall, she transitioned to an

internship at Paramount Pictures in the micro-budget films department (*Paranormal Activity* franchise), assisting in the development of new material, and supporting the new Paramount Television department. This semester, Nicole will be writing, producing, directing her own short films. Nicole plans to intern for Viacom this summer in New York City.

**Carly Ozarowski** has had an exciting and busy time at Connecticut College so far. She contributes a generous amount of her time to the women's varsity field hockey team, of which she has been a member since her freshman fall, and a starter in every game during her sophomore fall. She has combined her interest in the human social condition and the world economy by declaring majors in economics and sociology.

**Lanisha Otuonye** started out at Lehigh University with the intent of pursuing biology, but soon found that her skills and passions lie in concentrations that heavily depend on studying and analyzing human behavior. Because of this she has made the switch from the School of Arts and Science to the School of Business and is currently finishing her minors in International Relations and Japanese, while still finding her subject of interest within the business school. She has transitioned nicely into college life and has joined many clubs such as Lehigh Dancin' Music Box, and African-American Caribbean Club. Lanisha has been involved in the Lehigh music scene, organizing and performing at open mics as well as MC-ing several battles of the bands. This year, as an exec member in Music Box, she is helping to organize its first intercollegiate Lehigh Valley battle of the bands. Between academics,



Callie Schneider 2012

a capella, dance, and her involvement in helping develop the music scene at Lehigh, Lanisha has found herself busy pursuing goals that interest her and help others.

From Peter:

**Hunt Griffith** took a stand-up comedy class and performed a five-minute bit in front of 800 people making fun of his name.

**Callie Schneider** served as a Maid of Honor at the Veiled Prophet Ball in St. Louis on December 21. While she was not crowned the Queen of Love and Beauty by the Veiled Prophet, she did look stunning in her gown.

**Dan Humphrey** completed the New York City Marathon in November, coming in 24,089th place with a time of 4:19:52. Well done, Dan.

**Jessica Castello** met rapper R Kelly earlier this year after her brother spotted him in a hotel. They had a nice conversation, snapped a picture, and went their separate ways.

**Carly Ozarowski** was back at dear ol' Princeton Day this January working in Colross for the Admissions Office.

**Nick Banks** ran to be the Vice President of his class at Lake Forest College, following his successful term as Senior Class President at PDS. Though he didn't win, he still goes to every meeting and is currently lobbying to bring back the grind train at school dances.

**Janie Smukler** got her nose pierced and will be studying abroad in Sydney, Australia starting in July.

From **Paul Quigley**: "I scan people's brains while they lift weights."

**Eric Powers** wrote, "Wow!!! What a year it's been for me! From patrolling the high seas to living in London, it truly has been a wild ride. Things have been great at Boston College. I'm enjoying my sophomore year and am working hard toward my degree. While I wasn't able to drum up enough support to form my own a capella group (see the fall edition of the *Journal* for the full story), it was a fun process and I learned a lot. We all have to take risks, I guess this one just didn't work... This summer I plan to continue training to swim around the island of Manhattan and work with one of my professors to develop the business strategy behind an automated burrito roller (check us out in select Chipotle restaurants in early 2015!). I hope things have been going better for my classmates than they have for me and I can't wait to see everyone at the 5th reunion!"

**Jasmin Smoots** was recently profiled by the University of Pennsylvania for a Student Spotlight, highlighting her green lifestyle and efforts on campus.

**Beau Horan** completed an internship with the Washington Nationals during Williams College's winter study. He will also be playing for the Jersey Pilots baseball club in Berkeley Heights, NJ over the summer.

I received this email from **Emily Janhofer**: "On February 3rd, Emily Janhofer was murdered by Organic Chemistry. RIP Emily Janhofer."

**Annie Nyce** was recently recruited by The Next Step Realty as one of their Brand Ambassadors for Rollins College. This past February she was selected to attend a conference on behalf of the Association for Fraternal Leadership and Values, and plans to run for another term on the PanHellenic Executive Board.

**Jason Hirsch** is still blogging away at philaburbiaweather.com, keeping up with the eventful winter.

**Jennifer Martin** ran into **Charlotte Williams** aboard the cruise ship the *Elizabeth May* over winter break! They had a great meal together, though the weather wasn't that great...

## 2013

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From Leah Falcon:

**Jennifer Chen** is on the executive board for USC eSports and held many events sponsored by game and electronics companies. The most notable probably would be for the League of Legends Season 3 World Championships. She was also part of a freshman hip-hop dance group that competed at the KASA freshman dance off, which had many Southern California schools participating. Her group got 2nd place.

**Corinne Urisko** was a member of the Babson Beavers field hockey team, starting as their center defender. The Beavers had a record of 11-9-0 by the end of the season and went 5-3-0 in their conference. They lost in the semifinals of the NEWMAC tournament to Wellesley College 3-2.

**Matthew Cavuto** was a member of the MIT men's fencing team as a part of the Epee squad. MIT went 5-0 at their NFC competition. Matthew swept all three of his bouts against Dartmouth and Tufts for a perfect 6-0 record. The Epee team amassed a record of 36-9 as it swept Tufts, defeated Boston College by an 8-1 margin, beat Brown with a score of 7-2, and won against Vassar and Dartmouth, 6-3.

From Bob Madani:

**Kalyn Altmeyer** originated the role of Mary Todd Lincoln in a student written and produced production of *Gaybraham Lincoln: The Musical*. She was also cast in her first Ithaca College Mainstage production, *The Crucible*.

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# In Memoriam

The school has learned of the passing of the following members of the Princeton Day School community. We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to their families and friends.

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Lily ("Nan") Buchanan Agar '38

Margaret C. Burt

Mother of Margery Burt Smith '69 and Christopher Burt '73

Ernest Everett Campbell, Jr.

Father of Ernest ("Rhett") Campbell III '70

Henry F. Clancy

Father of Henry J. Clancy '86 and Jonathan P. Clancy '90

John C. Comly '74

Brother of William Comly '78

Margaret Donelly

Mother of Naurene Donelly Antoniotti '70

Ruth Kemmerer Dorf '27

Mother of Robert E. Dorf '56 and Molly Dorf Purrington '65

Richard H. Eckfeldt

Husband of Martha Thompson Eckfeldt '60

Harold Erdman, Sr. '39, former Trustee

Father of Harold ("Guy") Erdman, Jr. '64, Frederick Erdman '70, Jody Erdman '72, and Carl Erdman '76; Grandfather of Spencer Mooney '13; Brother of Charles Erdman '38, Peter Erdman '43, David Erdman '46, and Michael Erdman '50; Uncle to Margaret Erdman Becker '73, Caroline Erdman Hare '75, William Erdman '76, Andrew Erdman '80, Charlotte Erdman Rizzo '81, and Jon Erdman '93, Jane Erdman Remillard-Abrams '85, Lea-Lea Erdman Marshall '82, Lynne Erdman O'Donnell '85, and Great Uncle of Amory Hare '10 and Phoebe Hare '14. The extended family includes the nine children of Knobby and Bunny Rodgers, all of whom attended Miss Fine's, Princeton Country Day School and/or Princeton Day School.

Eleanor A. Fritsch,

Mother of Susan Fritsch Hunter '67 and former substitute teacher

Charles A. Greathouse III

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Father of Douglas R. Haitch '74, Russell Haitch '77, and Frederick C. Haitch '84

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Mother of Penny Hart Bragonier '60, Derry Light '69 and Brita Light '70; Grandmother of Devon Light-Wills '09

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Rachel ("Bunny") Lambert Mellon '29

Charlotte Millner

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Rabbi Bernard Perelmuter

Grandfather of Sam Chertock '09

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Father of Donald Pickering, Jr. '65 and Dorothy ("Dede") Pickering '71

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Brother of Nathaniel Smith '50 and Susan Smith Baldwin '57

Alice Sterling '95 (exchange student)

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Father of Kevin Suyo '07

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Wife of Gough Winn Thompson III '73

Betsy Jean Urbaniak '58

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## Early STEAM Learning at Miss Fine's School (students from the class of 1962)



Good use of engineering concepts? Check. A chance to flex the mathematical and spatial reasoning muscles? Check. A creative design challenge? Check. An opportunity for collaboration and problem solving? Check.

As usual, Miss Fine's School was well ahead of the curve, as this collaborative project by three students illustrates a spot-on example of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) learning. Plus it must have been really fun to knock down!

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Denise Bencivengo

Upper School and Middle School Spanish Teacher, Class Dean

“I love teaching at Princeton Day School. I have been here over half my life and cannot imagine being anywhere else. My students have inspired me so much over the years, and my colleagues have been remarkable. The administration has offered me many opportunities for professional growth within the school, from being a department chair, the interim head of Middle School, class dean and the acting head of Upper School. I have grown so much from these experiences. I am also proud that two of my nephews have been PDS students. They have flourished at PDS and I’ve loved seeing them every day. I now see children of the students that I have taught; those former students still call me Mrs. Bencivengo! For all of these wonderful lifelong experiences, I am happy to include PDS in my estate planning.”

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