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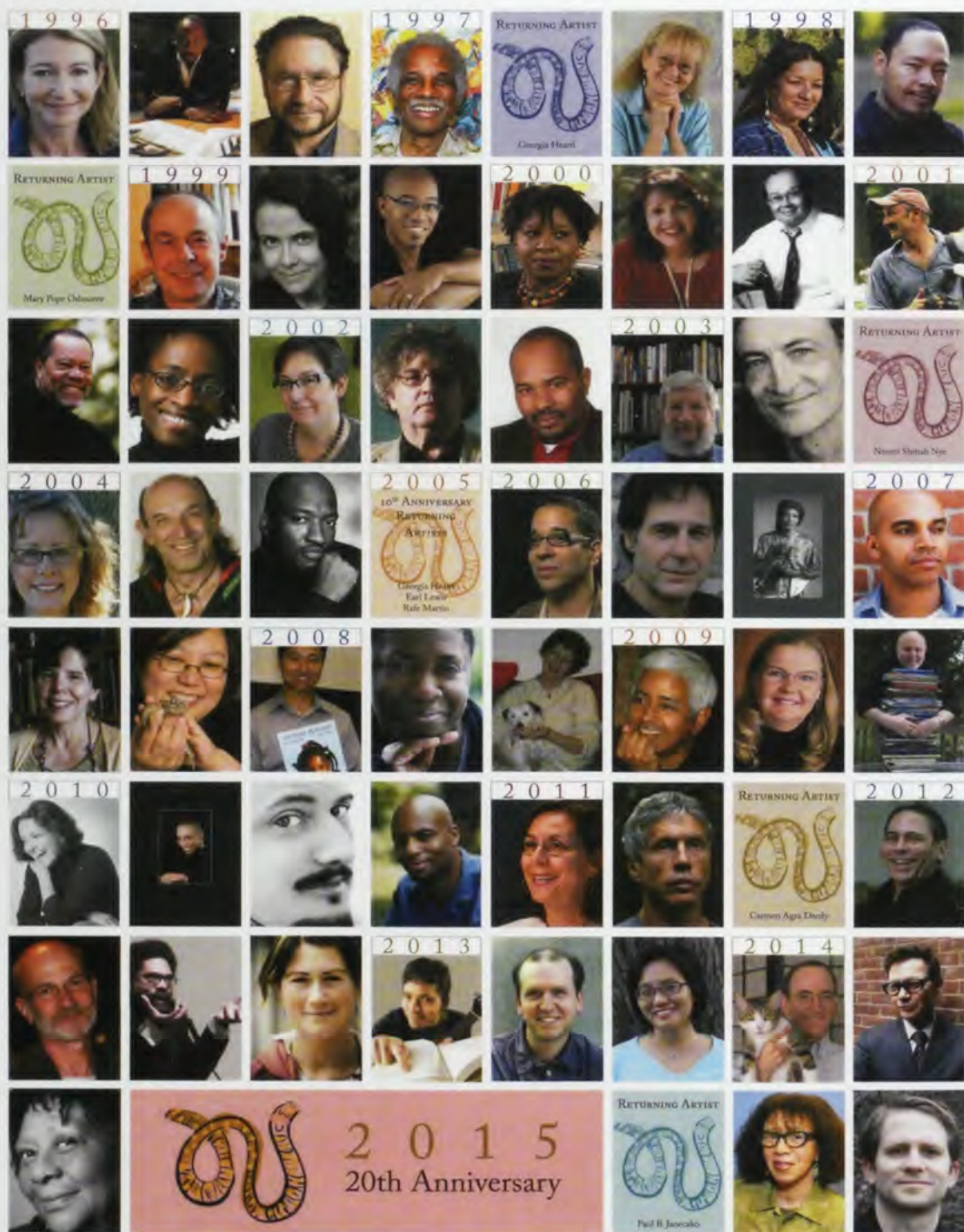
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1996

Georgia Heard: Poet, Author, "Awakening the Heart: Exploring Poetry in Elementary and Middle School"

Earl Lewis: Illustrator, "Coming on Home Soon"

Rafe Martin: Author, Storyteller, "The Rough Face Girl"

1997

Ashley Bryan: Illustrator, Author, "Beautiful Blackbird"

*Georgia Heard

Mary Pope Osborne: Author, "Magic Tree House" series

1998

Sandra Cisneros: Author, "The House on Mango Street"

Floyd Cooper: Illustrator, "Meet Danitra Brown"

*Mary Pope Osborne

1999

Ralph Fletcher: Author, Poet, "Fig Pudding"

Naomi Shihab Nye: Poet, Author, Songwriter, "Habibi"

Brian Pinkney: Illustrator, Author, "Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince and His Orchestra"

2000

Nikki Grimes: Author, Poet, "Bronx Masquerade"

Pat Mora: Poet, Author, "Tomas and the Library Lady"

David Wisniewski: Illustrator, Author, "Golem"

2001

Peter Lourie: Author, "Polar Bear Scientists"

Jerry Pinkney: Illustrator, Author, "The Lion and the Mouse"

Jacqueline Woodson: Author, Poet, "Brown Girl Dreaming"

2002

Jennifer Armstrong: Author, "Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World"

Paul Muldoon: Poet, "Moy Sand and Gravel"

James Ransome: Illustrator, "Sky Boys: How They Built the Empire State Building"

2003

Paul B. Janeczko: Poet, Author, "Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems"

Chris Raschka: Illustrator, Author, "A Ball for Daisy"

*Naomi Shihab Nye

2004

Kristine O'Connell George: Poet, "The Great Frog Race and Other Poems"

Joseph Bruchac: Author, Poet, "Code Talker"

Bryan Collier: Illustrator, Author, "Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."

2005 (10th Anniversary)

*Georgia Heard · Earl Lewis · Rafe Martin

2006

Jaime Adoff: Author, Poet, "The Songs Shoot Out of My Mouth: A Celebration of Music"

Peter Catalanotto: Illustrator, Author, "Monkey and Robot"

Alice McGill: Author, Storyteller, "Molly Bannaky"

2007

Kadir Nelson: Illustrator, Author, "Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad"

George Ella Lyon: Author, Poet, "Where I'm From"

Janet Wong: Author, Poet, "Minn and Jake"

2008

Chris Soentpiet: Illustrator, Author, "Something Beautiful"

Angela Johnson: Author, Poet, "the first part last"

Ann Turner: Poet, Author, "Learning to Swim: A Memoir"

2009

Raul Colon: Illustrator, "Draw!"

Kathi Appelt: Author, Poet, "The Underneath"

J. Patrick Lewis: Poet, Author, "When Thunder Comes: Poems for Civil Rights Leaders"

2010

Carmen Agra Deedy: Author, Storyteller, "Martina the Beautiful Cockroach"

Andrea Davis Pinkney: Author, "Let it Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters"

Jeffrey Eugenides: Author, "Middlesex"

Charles R. Smith Jr.: Illustrator, Photographer, "My People"

2011

Pam Muñoz Ryan: Author, "Esperanza Rising"

Steve Jenkins: Illustrator, Author, "Actual Size"

*Carmen Agra Deedy

2012

David Diaz: Illustrator, "Smoky Night"

Michael J. Rosen: Author, "Elijah's Angel: A Story for Chanukah and Christmas"

Cornel West: Author, Scholar, "Race Matters"

Zoe Hart '96: Alpine Climber

2013

Allan Wolf: Author, Poet, "The Watch that Ends the Night: Voices from the Titanic"

David Wiesner: Illustrator, Author, "Flotsam"

Linda Sue Park: Author, "A Long Walk to Water"

2014

Paul O. Zelinsky: Illustrator, "Wheels on the Bus"

Jack Gantos: Author, "Dead End in Norvelt"

Marilyn Nelson: Poet, Author, "A Wreath for Emmett Till"

2015 (20th Anniversary)

Carole Boston Weatherford: Author, Poet, "Becoming Billie Holiday"

*Paul B. Janeczko

Matthew Cordell: Illustrator, Author, "Hello! Hello!"

*Returning Artist



A scene from the Upper School winter musical, "Once Upon a Mattress." Princeton Day School's theater program was named top in the Northeast by *Stage Directions* Magazine. (Page 6)

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LETTER FROM Paul J. Stellato, Head of School



2 Although the kick-off events in recognition and celebration of the school's 50th are still six months away, planning for this milestone began almost six months ago with the formation of the 50th Anniversary Committee, a hearty group of Miss Fine's, Princeton Country Day, and Princeton Day School alumni; former and current faculty and parents, and the President of Community Council, Noam Yakoby '16. Ably led by former staff member and past parent Tracey Gates, their charge is ambitious, indeed: design a year-long program that captures the spirit, vigor, and influence of one of our nation's preeminent day schools. Were one to worry that the bar is set too high for them, this marvelous collection of Princeton Day School faithful would say otherwise: draw as they will from 50 years of lives and lessons on the Great Road, they have before them a rich, inexhaustible trove of material.

Measured against the august company of independent day and boarding schools with which it proudly stands, Princeton Day School is relatively young, for although it traces its proud heritage to the halls and classrooms of Miss Fine's School and Princeton Country Day School, the school's singular qualities – coeducation in grades PreK-12 – will and must sit at the center of our year-long reflection. Kindly invited to speak at the Nassau Club this spring on the occasion of the 50th, I have chosen to focus on that simple, essential topic: 50 years of coeducation on the Great Road. Woven within that topic will be reflections of that progressive, founding idea – the creation in Princeton of a coeducational school spanning 14 grades – which has revealed itself in the school's programs, customs, habits, and traditions, many of which stretch back to Miss Fine's and PCD: the operetta, May Day, tulip planting, 100-day lunch, Blue and White Day, the glorious events on the broad Colross lawn that begin and end our school year and, most importantly, the values our school has sought to instill in all of its graduates: determination, creativity, curiosity, achievement, discipline, empathy, and a striving after excellence.

We have wisely decided to devote much of this edition of the *Journal* to one of our school's iconic programs: *Imagine the Possibilities*. Though, at 20, a young program, *Imagine* has captured the heart and mind of every student, faculty member, parent, and alumnus fortunate enough to spend time with one of its visiting artists. A template for others to imitate (many school leaders have made pilgrimages up the Great Road to learn the secrets of its subtle alchemy), it nonetheless remains wholly our own, fostered and nurtured by the very same qualities that so distinguish our school. So, too, does it proudly claim an exclusive cast of characters: Happy and Jack Wallace and their family, whose generosity, wisdom, and unalloyed faith in our school are at the center of both *Imagine the Possibilities* and the school itself; and Bev Gallagher, teacher and mentor of countless young writers, and the program's guiding spirit. How fortunate is our school community that these three found one another.

50 years, 20 years, tomorrow: with each moment that has passed and with each to come, our school has been the generous home to the most remarkable people. Drawn together in common pursuit, so are we nourished by and learn from one another's personal strengths and challenges. And while the celebrations of the coming year will afford countless opportunities to take pride in this great institution, we will do well to keep before us the simple truth present at the school's creation: from the first day of school and 50 years after, Princeton Day School's strength has grown one child at a time.

Celebrating the Life of Lisa McGraw Webster MFS '44



On Saturday, October 11, there was a special memorial service to honor Lisa McGraw Webster MFS '44, who passed away last year at the age of 88, at her namesake rink on campus. The event featured the talents of such top ice performers as Paul Wylie, David Liu, the Ice Theater of New York, the Next Ice Age, and emcee Jojo Starbuck. "A handful

of women and men have shaped the fate and fortunes of Miss Fine's School, Princeton Country Day School, and Princeton Day School," noted Head of School Paul Stellato in an announcement. "Lisa McGraw Webster stood, and will continue to stand, shoulder-to-shoulder with the best of them."

Robert O. Carr, Former Parent and Trustee, Visits Campus and Signs Copies of New Book, "Through the Fires"



In December, Robert (Bob) O. Carr, founder and CEO of Heartland Payment Services, spoke to the faculty and staff of Princeton Day School about his scholarship program at the school, "Give Something Back," and signed copies of his new book *Through the Fires: An American Business Story*

of Turbulence, Triumph and Giving Back. Mr. Carr's Give Something Back Scholarships fund 100 percent of the recipients' demonstrated financial need. Since the program was launched in 2005, Princeton Day School has been able to offer need-based financial aid to nearly 50 students.



Dr. Temple Grandin Visits Princeton Day School

In January, PDS was honored to welcome Dr. Temple Grandin, Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University and highly influential animal researcher, as well as bestselling author and autism activist, to campus. Dr. Grandin gave a fascinating lecture to Middle and Upper School students and faculty on a wide array of topics including, but not limited to, her work with animals, the evolution of the autism spectrum, and the importance of studying outcomes when it comes to our education system.

From Twitter



George Sanderson's class visits New Jersey Senator Cory Booker in Washington, D.C.



Dan Shipper '10 Speaks with the Middle School Girls Who Code Club

The Middle School Girls Who Code (GWC) Club welcomed a special guest at their weekly meeting in February: PDS alum Dan Shipper '10 (for more about our Outstanding Young Alumni Award Recipient, please see page 36). Mr. Shipper, based in New York City, skyped in to join the 18-member club in the US Library since part of the curriculum of the club is to provide exposure opportunities to professionals in computer science. Mr. Shipper was an obvious choice for his work developing the product Firefly, sold to Pegasystems while Mr. Shipper was still a student at University of Pennsylvania.



Special Screening of "American Promise" at PDS

The Community and Multicultural Development Team (CMDT) hosted a special screening of the documentary film "American Promise" in October in the McAneny Theater. Co-director and co-producer of the film, Michèle Stephenson, came to campus for the screening and participated in a discussion of the film. Lower School teacher and Chair of the CMDT Paris McLean '00 (above left with Ms. Stephenson and MS teacher Gil Olvera) noted, "The CMDT has planned for more than a year to bring this critically acclaimed film to PDS. We believe that by showing this film to our faculty, staff, parents and students, the CMDT and the PDS community will continue our forward progress around social justice, equity, and inclusion."

Congratulations to Our National Merit Scholarship Finalists

Princeton Day School was proud to announce the following five Finalists in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Competition: Michael Kearney, Pria Louka, Katherine Venturo-Conerly, Navin Rao, and Caroline Lippman. In addition, congratulations to Kayla Stokes, who was named a 2015 National Achievement Scholarship Program Finalist.



School-Wide Community Service Projects Benefit the Crisis Ministry and Trenton Area Soup Kitchen

All three divisions participated in two food drives this year to benefit two local organizations: the Crisis Ministry and Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK). In the fall, with the teamwork of all three divisions, the school collected a remarkable 1,300 pounds of food to the Crisis Ministry. Then, in January, the PDS community came together for TASK. The Middle School students made 800 lunches; the Lower and Middle Schools collected extra Halloween candy to include in the lunches; the Upper School students collected toiletries and magazines, which were also distributed at TASK. Princeton Day School offers a heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated.



The Lower School Science Fair

On two Fridays this winter, the Gymateria was filled with colorful carnations, beaver dams, lemon batteries, remote-controlled rolling robots, pendulum wave machines, and even a homemade bottle "lava lamp" as the LS students presented their science fair projects to the community. Covering concepts from buoyancy to viscosity by using both hi-tech and lo-tech tools—everything from iPads to cardboard—the Science Fair was an impressive display of scientific ingenuity.





The Annual Halloween Parade



The Middle School Tradition Continues:
Mini Course Week!

Combining perennial favorites like "The Amish Experience," "Chocolate Immersion," "Gettysburg," and "New York, New York" with new and returning offerings, such as "Sport!," "Solar Service," "Farm Week," and "Cape Cod," this year's Mini Course Week offered an array of wonderful opportunities for every Middle School student.



Princeton Day School Wins *Stage Directions* High School Theater Honors: Named Top School in the Northeast!

In the November issue of *Stage Directions* Magazine, Princeton Day School was named the winner of the 2014 High School Theater Honors Program in the Northeast. This program celebrates the most extraordinary high school drama programs nationwide. On winning this honor, Artist in Residence Stan Cahill notes, "We enjoy the position of being the first school from New Jersey to win this honor. Additionally, we are now positioned to be a school with access to technology and scripts before they are released to the national educational theater community." This honor comes on the heels of some impressive accolades for the PDS Theater program. In 2013, the program was nominated for 8 New Jersey Theater awards, and won two for their production of *Anon(ymous)*. Last year, the production of *Urinetown* received 13 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Awards nominations and won 7 awards, leading the state in awards.

Upper School Fall Play: *Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992*

The Upper School students put on a masterful production of *Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992* by Anna Deveare Smith in

November. This powerful play went directly to the heart of the issues of race and class, ruthlessly probing the language and the lives of its subjects, and offering stark insights into the complex and pressing social, economic, and political issues that fueled the flames in the wake of the Rodney King verdict. PDS was honored to welcome Dr. Cornel West, who worked closely with Anna Deveare Smith on *Twilight* and is a character in the play, for a riveting post-show conversation.

Middle School Play: *If the Shoe Fits*

It was a packed house in the McAneny Theater in December for the Middle School fall play: *If the Shoe Fits*. Written by Performing Arts Chair and Middle School Theater teacher Deb Sugarman, and featuring a cast of 50 young Middle School performers, this lively adventure focused on the citizens of Shambleton who don't believe in giants until one tromps through their village flattening the cottage of Mrs. Dorothea Dithers and her 35 children and leaving a giant shoe in its place. Ms. Sugarman noted, "There is huge interest in Theater in the Middle School, and I write our plays so that every student who wants to can participate. This cast has done a beautiful job—from start to finish—bringing this new play to life."

Upper School Musical: *Once Upon a Mattress*

The Upper School winter musical *Once Upon a Mattress*, with music by Mary Rodgers, lyrics by Marshall Barber, and book by Jay Thompson, Marshall Barer, and Dean Fuller, packed the seats at the McAneny Theater in February. This utterly hilarious and campy musical featured some great performances by our US students, and provided a wonderful counterbalance to the fall play. Though the last performance was sadly cancelled due to the weather, audiences absolutely loved this lighthearted musical.





Choral & Instrumental Concerts

The Princeton Day School Middle and Upper School students put on some incredible concerts this fall and winter, including the instrumental winter concert in December, which included the selections performed by the Upper School

Band and Upper School Orchestra, conducted by Channing McCullough, Tom Buckelew, and Dr. Tomasz Rzezeczycki. Theater Director Stan Cahill (on guitar) and Booke Heap '14 (vocals) joined both band and orchestra for an incredible rendition of "The Rain Song" and Clara Love '18 performed a beautiful violin solo selection from Vivaldi's "Winter."

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The MS/US winter choral concert in February was also a show-stopper. Titled "Songs on War and Peace," the program featured selections performed by the student A Cappella ensembles—Pitch Please and the Y-Chromotones—as well as the Concert Choir, Chorale, Eighth Notes, US Chorus, and the Madrigals. With diverse selections of traditional Hebrew folk songs and spirituals, as well as the classic "Turn, Turn, Turn," it was a feast for the ears.

Anne Reid '72 Art Gallery 2014-2015 Season

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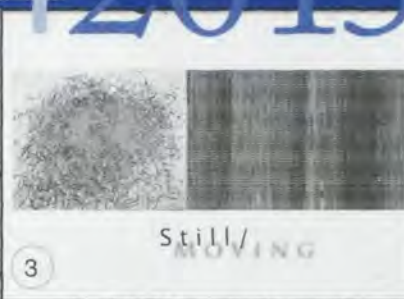
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Cultural objects from Nigeria, Kenya and the Cameroon
2. **Confluence: Contemporary Indian Arts**
Young artists painting in India today
3. **Jerry Hirniak**
Film drawings and a continual film screening
4. **Thaddeus Erdahl**
Ceramic sculpture and portraiture
5. **Eileen Hohmuth-Lemonick & Danielle Picard-Sheehan: Trapped in Time**
Photographs from today's Cuba
6. **Matthew Cordell: In Search of (Im)Possibilities**
"Imagine the Possibilities" guest artist

50TH ANNIVERSARY ART SHOW

Save the Date!

PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY
Alumni Art Exhibition

Anne Reid '72 Art Gallery • April 18 – May 14, 2016

Alumni Weekend Artists Reception
May 13, 2016 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

For a prospectus go to: www.pds.org/alumni-art-show

Due to the size of the gallery, the exhibit is limited to the first 30 alumni who return the exhibit prospectus.



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RISING STARS

OF PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL

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

Congratulations

- 1 **Michael Kearney '15** and **Zach Woogen '15** for being selected as candidates for the United States Presidential Scholars Program.



- 2 **Sarah Parks '15** and **Emily Trend '18** for taking the top two prizes (Emily, 1st, and Sarah, 2nd) at the English-Speaking Union Shakespeare Competition sponsored by the Princeton Branch of the ESU. Emily is one of approximately sixty who will compete in the ESU National Shakespeare Competition in New York City in April.

Norm Lee '15 for collecting nearly 18,000 cans of cat food to benefit Tabby's Place, a cage-free, no-kill cat sanctuary in Ringoes, over the course of five years.

Pria Louka '15 for placing third in the state in piano for her age group in the 2014 Young Musicians Competition sponsored by the New Jersey Music Teachers Association.

Kali Rigby '15 and **Caroline Lippman '15** for being a finalist and receiving an honorable mention, respectively, at the Delaware Valley Science Council Awards Program.



- 3 **Anna Kovacevich '16**, **Devika Kumar '16**, **Katherine Venturo-Conerly '15**, **Caroline Lippman '15**, **Michael Kearney '15**, and **Navin Rao '15** for bringing home three sets of medals from the Regional Tournament of the Science Olympiad.

Zach Woogen '15, **Kate Yazujian '15**, and **Tag Quijano '17**, the heads of the PDS EnAct Club, for receiving a Sustainable Leadership award from Sustainable Princeton.

Bridget Fay '15 for having two of her ceramic pieces selected by the regional Scholastic Art & Writing Contest as Gold and Silver winners.

Additionally, to the following students for being honored with Scholastic Writing Awards: **Chloe Berger '16** (Poetry), Silver Key and (Personal Essay/Memoir) Honorable Mention; **Rahul Bhatia '18** (Critical Essay), Honorable Mention; **Jerry Chen '18** (Poetry), Silver Key; **Sara Chopra '18** (Essay/Memoir), Gold Key and (Poetry) Silver Key;

Zoe Fried '17 (Poetry), Honorable Mention; **Nicole Giannotti '16** (Humor), Honorable Mention; **Ritvik Khandewal '16** (Short Story), Silver Key; **Iris Kim '20** (Poetry), Gold Key and (Flash Fiction) Silver Key; **Carly King '15** (Poetry), Honorable Mention and (Poetry) Silver



Key; **Victoria Lach '16** (Flash Fiction), Honorable Mention; **Grace Lee '15** (Critical Essay), Gold Key; **Stelio Louka '17** (Flash Fiction), Honorable Mention; **Julia McCusker '16** (Personal Essay/Memoir), Honorable Mention and (Flash Fiction) Silver Key; **Emily Simons '17** (Flash Fiction), Gold Key and Honorable Mention; **Danielle Stevens '15** (Short Story), Silver Key; **Kevin Sun '17** (Short Story), Honorable Mention; **Jacky Sun '16** (Personal Essay/Memoir), Honorable Mention; **Nicole Van Manen '15** (Flash Fiction), Gold Key; and **Meghan Wilmott '16** (Flash Fiction), Gold Key and Silver Key.



A student tries Tag Quijano's bicycle water pump.

- 4 **Tag Quijano '17** for creating a bicycle water pump, currently being used in the PDS organic garden, for his Eagle Scout Project. Tag is in Troop 43.

Ian Moini '17 for running the NJISAA (Prep) State Indoor Track Championships and winning the 3200m (2 mile run) and finishing second in the 1600m (1 mile run) for the Prep B division. Ian competed as an independent runner representing PDS.

- 5 **Sophie Freedman '16** for being honored with a Young Citizens Award from the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce for her "courage, inspiration to others and commitment to helping others in the community." The award, presented by Lt. Governor of Pennsylvania Jim Cawley, recognized Sophie's work creating and donating more than 100 bracelets to the Oncology patients at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), and participating in several CHOP Pediatric Cancer Runs.



- 6 **Grace Barbara '18** for being selected to compete in the U.S. National Team Pool for the Region in soccer. She was one of only two goalkeepers selected out of 127 to represent the region. Grace also had the opportunity to compete against the Costa Rican Junior National Team in Costa Rica.

Iris Kim '20, who was chosen to be part of the Stanley Study of Exceptional Talent Program at Johns Hopkins.

Aaliyah Sayed '21, who was a Top 10 Finalist in SCOTTIES National Trees Rock Video Contest.

Anshika Virani '22, whose poem "A Dream Come True" was published in the winter issue of the *City Kidz* literary magazine.

Emily '22 and **Lyla '22 Allen**, whose entrepreneurial drive led them to launch a kale chip product in Pennington to promote nutritious habits.



OUR CHESS TEAM

The team of **Winston Ni '23**, **Albert Ming '22**, **Vinay Rao '21**, **Bryce Powell '21**, **Delia McCarthy '21**, **Dodge Martinson '22**, **Kai Shah '22**, and **Varun Rao '21** who won 3rd place in the 2015 New York City Scholastic Chess Championship.

The team of **Eric Wu '24**, **Jack Wang '22**, **Jai Kasera '23**, **Katie Jain '21**, **Michael Kaleem '23**, and **Aadi Shankar '24** for winning 5th place in the 2015 New York City Scholastic Chess Championship.





CONGRATULATIONS to our recruited PDS student athletes!

- 10 Three Princeton Day School baseball players have signed to play with Division I schools. (From left to right) Jake Alu '15 will play for Boston College; Cole McManimon '15 will play for Lehigh University; and James (JP) Radvany '15 will play for Villanova University. Coach Ray O'Brien remarked, "Jake, Cole, and James made immediate contributions to the Princeton Day School baseball program. All three started as freshman and have continued to improve and compile impressive personal stats." The three players have been All State Prep selections and JP Radvany earned the distinction of Prep Player of the Year his freshman season.

Sports Notes



Harry Rulon-Miller '51 INVITATIONAL at PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL

2014 Tournament Results

Boys

Semi: PDS (5) vs. Rye Country Day (2)

Semi: Moses Brown (1) vs. Shadyside Academy (6)

Consolation: Rye Country Day (2) vs. Moses Brown (3)

Final: PDS (3) vs. Shadyside Academy (4)

Girls

Semi: PDS (3) vs. NJ Colonials (1)

Semi: Rye Country Day (7) vs. Summit HS (3)

Consolation: NJ Colonials (10) vs. Summit HS (1)

Championship: PDS (0) vs. Rye Country Day (1)

Anna Williams '15 and **Harrison Latham '15**, recipients of 2014 Christopher Reeve '70 Sportsmanship Award.



Sports News Highlights

Announcing the Harry Rulon-Miller Award of Excellence in Sportsmanship from the WIHLMA

WIHLMA the Women's Interscholastic Hockey League of the Mid-Atlantic has established a Sportsmanship Award in the name of Harry Rulon-Miller '51. PDS is pleased to announce that **Kiely French '17** was awarded WIHLMA's first-ever Harry Rulon-Miller Award of Excellence in Sportsmanship.



Two Field Hockey Players Receive Honors

In February, Princeton Day School announced that two field hockey players, **Katie Alden '15** and **Niki van Manen '15**, were selected to the 2014 Keith Waldman - Optimal Performance Associates / NFHCA High School National Academic Squad. The National Academic Squad program recognizes those high school seniors who have achieved a minimum cumulative, unweighted GPA of 3.5 out of 4.0 or the equivalent through the first quarter of the 2014-15 school year.

Fall Sports Round-Up

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER— Prep State Champs!

12W – 4L – 3T

Varsity Award: **Abby Atkeson '17**

Coaches Awards: **Allison Klei '17, Erin Hogan '15**

Almost a year to the day after the girls varsity soccer team won the MCT title against Hopewell Valley, the girls team captured the Prep B State Title over Morristown Beard. The Panthers won 1-0 against the Crimson in a gripping game on Baker Field. Freshman Madison Coyne delivered a rocket in the 19th minute of the second half for the only score of the game and freshman goalie Grace Barbara made it stand. Coach Trombetta was very pleased with how this team fought through injuries and how players stepped up when necessary. He congratulates the seven seniors for their significant commitment to the program over four years.

Post-season honors: **Grace Barbara '18:** All Prep 1st Team, *Town Topics* Top Female Newcomer; **Madison Coyne '18:** All Prep 1st Team; **Stefany Soltesz '15:** All Prep 1st Team; **Allison Klei '17:** All Prep 2nd Team; **Kirsten Kuzmicz '15:** All Prep 2nd Team; **Abby Atkeson '17:** All Prep 2nd Team

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS— Prep State Champs!

10W – 2L

Varsity Award: **Emily Dyckman '15**

Coaches Awards: **Renee Karchere-Sun '16, Maria Martinovic '15**

It's a three-peat! The Princeton Day

School girls varsity tennis team, led by seniors Emily Dyckman and Maria Martinovic, came from behind to win the state tennis championship for the third year in a row. After day one, PDS trailed Gill St. Bernard's by one point, but in two head-to-head wins and a win at second doubles, the Panthers claimed the championship.

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

11W – 6L – 12T

Varsity Award: **Marco Pinheiro '15**

Coaches Awards: **Oscar Vik '15, Christian Vik '15**

The 2014 varsity boys' soccer team had a very successful season, persevering through early-season injuries to establish an excellent overall record of 11 wins, 6 losses, and 2 ties. The season was highlighted by a trip to the Prep B semifinals, and a first round win in the Mercer County Tournament over the talented Trenton High School team. The team was competitive in every game despite the strong schedule. Led by the outstanding play of the seniors, PDS boys' soccer proved that a high school soccer team could be successful using ball control and possession versus the typical kick and run style employed by most high school soccer teams.

Post-season honors: **Marco Pinheiro '15:** All Prep 1st Team; **Oscar Vik '15:** All Prep 1st Team; **Christian Vik '15:** All Prep 2nd Team; **Kevin Hagan '16:** All Prep 2nd Team; **Chris Chai '16:** All Prep Honorable Mention; **Isaac Rosenthal '16:** All Prep Honorable Mention

CROSS COUNTRY

0W – 2L

Varsity Awards: **Nick Chen '16,**

Morgan Mills '17

Coaches Awards: **John Gudgel '16, Emma Sharer '16**

In Cross Country news, Ian Moini '17 and Morgan Mills '17 beat the boys and girls division course record at PDS.

FIELD HOCKEY

2W – 6L

Varsity Award: **Katie Alden '15**

Coaches Awards: **Dana Poltorak '15, Niki van Manen '15**

It was a challenging but memorable season for the varsity field hockey team this fall. Highlights included great wins over Stuart and The Hun School. The team competed fearlessly against area powerhouses Princeton High, Lawrenceville, and The Hill School, and showed great effort in the Prep B quarterfinals against Ranney. Each and every player improved their skills and their ability to be a valuable part of a team.

Post-season honors: **Katie Alden '15:** All Prep 1st Team, CJFHCA Honorable Mention; **Rowan Schomburg '16:** All Prep Honorable Mention, CJFHCA 2nd Team; **Lauren Finley '16:** CJFHCA Honorable Mention; **Niki van Manen '15:** CJFHCA Honorable Mention



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BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

5W – 17L

Varsity Award: **Chase Lewis '17**

Coaches Awards: **James (JP) Radvany '15, Josiah Meekins '15**

Despite returning just three varsity players from the previous season, the squad finished with a record of 5-17. The team pulled off road wins against tough competitors Steinert and Academy Charter School. A late December win against Keyport in the Wardlaw Hartridge Holiday Tournament propelled the Panthers into the finals where they lost to the eventual champion North Warren. While the record was not reflective of the effort and hard work the team put out in practice, they remained positive and determined throughout the season, taking each game as it came. JP Radvany was honored in the Wardlaw Tournament as an All-Tournament player and Chase Lewis made Prep B All State 2nd Team.

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

5W – 16L

Varsity Award: **Shaylah Stevenson '17**

Coaches Awards: **Summer Patterson '18, Jacquelyn Hart '16**

From beginning to end, the season was marked by progress. Specifically, the players made important strides in both offensive and defensive play execution, ability to pass and score, and overall team chemistry. In addition to the outstanding play and leadership from Captains Isabel Meyercord '16, Helen Healey '16 and Jacqueline Hart '15, the talented sophomore and freshman class were key to the team's victories. Highlights included hard-fought wins against Stuart Country Day, Hightstown, and

George School. Ryan Robinson '18 was named to the All-Tournament team at the Springside Academy Tournament and Honorable Mention in the Prep B All-State voting. Sophomore Shayla Stevenson was named Second Team All-State. Coach Kamau Bailey remarked, "From what I have seen from this group, I am certain that the future of PDS basketball is very bright."

VARSITY FENCING

Boys 6W – 3L, Girls 0W – 8L

Boys Varsity Fencing: Varsity Award: **Adam Gershen '15**

Coaches Awards: **Henry Reynolds '17, Ritvik Khandelwal '16**

Girls Varsity Fencing: Varsity Award: **Isabelle Empedrad '15**

Coaches Awards: **Abby Cohen '17, Christina Tian '17**

The boys had a successful 6-3 season, with wins over perennial PDS rivals Hun and Lawrenceville. Freshman foil fencer Chris Kiel was 18-3 and Senior foil fencer Zach Feldman went 20-0, a feat Coach Paul Epply-Schmidt had not before witnessed in his 26 years at PDS. The girls team welcomed many new fencers to the roster and will be in good position next year to capture some victories.

BOYS VARSITY ICE HOCKEY

W3 – L16 – 5T

Varsity Award: **Connor Fletcher '16**

Coaches Awards: **Will Garrymore '15, Harrison Latham '15**

With the graduation of nine seniors, this young team faced a year of rebuilding. Led by returnees and captains Connor Fletcher '16, Kyle Weller '16, Will Garrymore '15 and Harrison Latham '15, the squad took on a very challenging schedule that, at times, overmatched this group. But the young, talented squad continued to battle and improve on



a daily basis and put forth notable performances against some of the area's top teams. Highlights included two wins over the defending Pennsylvania state champions LaSalle Prep (3-0 and 4-3 OT) and impressive ties with New Jersey powers Don Bosco, Bishop Eustace and St. Augustine. The Panthers finished 5th in the Mid-Atlantic Hockey League and Logan Kramsky '17 (2nd Team All-League Goaltender) and Connor Fletcher '16 (Honorable Mention) were recognized for their standout performances.

GIRLS VARSITY ICE HOCKEY



9W – 12L – 2T

Varsity Award: **Katie Alden '15**

Coaches Awards: **Sophie Jensen '15, Sophie Ward '15**

The Princeton Day School girls' varsity ice hockey team played a challenging schedule this season, finishing with a 9-12-2 overall record. Led by senior captains Katie Alden, Sophie Jensen and Sophie Ward, the Panthers were semifinalists in the Women's Interscholastic Hockey League of the Mid-Atlantic (WIHLMA) playoffs. The team celebrated key wins on the road versus The Hill

School and Mater Dei Prep. The PDS girls were runners up in the Harry Rulon-Miller '51 Invitational after a thrilling shootout victory in the semifinal round. Annika Asplundh's ('17) .923 save percentage and Kristi Serafin's ('17) 18 points

earned them All-WIHLMA Second Team honors. Malia Leveson '18 led the team in goals with 12 and was named All-WIHLMA Honorable Mention. Ashley Cavuto '17 led the team with 12 assists to earn WIHLMA All-Academic First Team. Katie Alden recorded two league shutouts and was also named WIHLMA All-Academic First Team. Pria Louka '15 is a WIHLMA All-Academic Honorable Mention. With Emma Stillwaggon '16 as captain next season and a strong class of rising juniors, the team has a solid foundation to build upon recent success.

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VARSITY SQUASH

3W – 9L

Varsity Award: **Yahya Ladiwala '15**

Coaches Award: **Jeremy LeMenager '15**

The Varsity Squash team playing out of Pretty Brook Tennis Club recorded wins over Pingry JV, Poly Prep JV, and Hill JV.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

5W – 3L

Coaches Awards: **Michelle Leung '18, Vasya Paushkin '17**

The Girls Varsity Volleyball Team compiled a 5-3 records to finish in 2nd place in the League. The team was led by a quartet of captains: Dana Poltorak '15, Sara Dwyer '15, Sabrina Matlock '15, and Caroline Erickson '15, and with outstanding Freshman player Clara Love '18. While six seniors are graduating, the strong JV team will be filling the ranks of varsity next year.

LEGACY ATHLETES

Morgan Foster '15

Adam Gershen '15

Sophie Jensen '15

Kirsten Kuzmicz '15

Sophie Ward '15

Anna Williams '15

Maximilian Adam '16

Samuel Guarino '16

Katelyn Laughlin '16

Ashley Cavuto '17

George Cole '17

Girls Varsity Lacrosse

Varsity Fencing, Varsity Golf

Girls Varsity Ice Hockey

Girls Varsity Soccer, Girls Varsity Lacrosse

Girls Varsity Ice Hockey

Girls Varsity Ice Hockey

Boys Varsity Soccer, Boys Lacrosse Baseball

Varsity Field Hockey, Varsity Volleyball

Girls Varsity Ice Hockey

Boys JV Ice Hockey, Boys Tennis

Coby Gibson '17

Morgan Mills '17

Peter Shannon '17

Danielle Gershen '18

Kyra Hall '18

Rebecca Kuzmicz '18

Bailin Pollard '18

Claire Szuter '18

Alexander Zaininger '18

Varsity Soccer, Varsity Squash,

Boys Varsity Lacrosse

Varsity Cross Country, Girls

Varsity Lacrosse

Boys Varsity Ice Hockey, Boys Lacrosse

Varsity Golf

Varsity Field Hockey, Girls Varsity Lacrosse

Girls Varsity Soccer

JV Soccer, Boys Lacrosse

Varsity Field Hockey

Varsity Fencing, Boys Lacrosse

Ask the College Counselor



THE MAKING OF A COLLEGE COUNSELOR

BY SARAH GRAHAM

Director of College Counseling

As I forged through high school and college, several career ambitions piqued my interest, including: molecular biology researcher, political journalist, science teacher, TV news producer, and US Press Secretary. Never did I imagine that I would find my calling in college admissions and counseling.

In a world where one can't turn on the TV or fire up the computer without encountering at least one college admissions-related news story, I've recently found myself getting asked more and more about how I came to be a college counselor and what my daily work involves. Thus, for this edition of "Ask the College Counselor" I thought I'd share some of the questions that my colleagues in the PDS College Counseling Office — Abigail Perry and Cynthia Michalak — and I are asked on a regular basis.

Q How does one become a college counselor?

A College admissions is a hot topic now, and there are a lot of voices in the mix trying to get in on the action. Theoretically anyone can hang up a shingle and claim to be an expert in college essay writing, application coaching, and test prep. There are many paths to becoming a "college counselor" — in and outside of a school setting — and no mandatory skill set or course of training is necessary. While that may be so, however, I think what sets my colleagues and me apart — and what we feel best prepared us for our current roles — is that we have all actually worked as

admissions officers at highly selective universities (Brown and Princeton). We travelled the country speaking with applicants, read applications from a diverse array of individuals, and sat around the committee table discussing and voting on applicants. Truly, I don't believe there's a better way to comprehensively understand the nuances of the college admissions process. For all three of us, our desire to work more directly with applicants and their families led us to move to a high school setting. Yet we continue to travel regularly throughout the year to college campuses, conferences, and networking events, renewing our connections in the field and staying on top of the latest trends.

Q How do you guide students and families through the process?

A In order to help students tell their stories to college admissions professionals, we have to understand them as comprehensively as possible. The advantage for students at a place like PDS is that we can and do get to know students so well. We do this by gathering a lot of information about them: interviewing teachers and mentors who know them best; attending the school musical; cheering at the athletics events; walking the hallways; eating lunch in the Campus Center; and interacting with them in our weekly college seminars and individual meetings.

I think sometimes students don't even realize how well we get to know them — and how deeply we care about each and every one of them and their process.

Q What are the biggest components of the job?

A There are so many facets to our work, but our time with students and families always remains our top priority. We see our roles as much more than helping students to construct college lists and complete their applications. Guiding students and families through the many emotions — elation, uncertainty, disappointment — that can accompany the college admissions process is also paramount to us. (That's one reason I decided to get a Master's Degree in School Counseling after becoming a college counselor.) Another major component is public speaking in many different forms — from presenting at conferences across the country to parent evenings here at PDS. We also do a ton of writing, particularly through the comprehensive, detailed letters of recommendation that we send to college admissions offices on behalf of each PDS student. Traveling and networking are also big parts of our job: we all spend a lot of time out on the road meeting with college admissions colleagues, attending conferences and workshops, and making campus visits.

Q How do you stay on top of so many different trends, types of campuses, and programs of study?

A In some ways, college admissions and counseling becomes a lifestyle. When we travel for business or pleasure, we weave in visiting college campuses whenever possible. (True story: my husband's number one rule for where we spent our honeymoon was a place with no college campuses to tour!) Talking regularly with college admissions officers, staying active in our professional organizations, and following the news about colleges admissions topics also helps us to keep a good handle on the ever-changing college admissions landscape.

We have all been active members of the National Association for College Admissions Counseling (NACAC), the New Jersey Association for College Admissions Counseling (NJACAC), and the Association for College Counseling in Independent Schools (ACCIS). In addition,

I served for eight years on the Executive Board of the New Jersey Association for College Admissions Counseling.

In addition, my colleagues and I have spent a significant amount of time volunteering for outreach initiatives, working alongside admissions representatives and counseling colleagues. Experiences like these also expand our knowledge of the field. As Co-Chair of the Inclusion, Access, and Success Committee for the NJACAC, I helped to start two programs — a one-day workshop and overnight experience — in New Jersey to introduce students from underserved backgrounds to the college admissions process. While launching those programs proved to be a deeply rewarding experience for me on many levels, the amazing admissions and counseling colleagues that I got to meet and collaborate with closely in the process has been the most valuable part. Abby has found a similar experience volunteering for Camp College New Jersey, and Cindy remains closely connected to the Princeton University Preparatory Program, a program in which she participated when she was in high school.

Q What is the hardest part of the job?

A I'm most concerned about the mix of voices out there trying to scare people into thinking there's some magic formula to the college admissions process that they know and you don't — there's no special blend, no secret handshake. Anyone who tries to convince you otherwise is probably trying to get your money and capitalize on what has become a very emotional and confusing process.

Q What is the best part of the job?

We love watching students grow and learn so much about themselves from when they visit that first campus to when they send in that enrollment deposit. The college admissions process — however it twists and turns — invites deep reflection and increased self-awareness, and we cherish being able to experience these elements with students. As cliché as it sounds, I truly value the journey students take through this process as much as the results — and what they learn along the way is going to make them more successful when they get to college and beyond!

The Class of 2014



SCHOOL LIFE Faculty Notes



Renee Charity Price Named New Head of Middle School

Princeton Day School is delighted to announce that Renee Price will be the new Head of the Middle School beginning on July 1, 2015. Ms. Price is a graduate of Virginia's preeminent independent school, St. Catherine's School in Richmond, and of the University of Virginia, from which she was awarded a B.A. in English, African, and African

American Studies. She then earned a Master's of Science degree in Elementary Education from the University of Pennsylvania. This May, Ms. Price will complete degree requirements for a Master's of Arts in Educational Leadership from the Klingenstein Center, Teachers College, Columbia University. She began her teaching career in two Virginia public schools: William Fox Model Elementary School in Richmond; and Pole Green Elementary School in Mechanicsville. From 2004-2006, she taught drama and humanities at Maret School in Washington. Returning to her alma mater soon thereafter, Ms. Price has enjoyed a rich, successful career: Middle School history teacher and social studies coordinator; K-12 history department chair, and adjunct in the offices of admissions, advancement, and diversity and inclusion. St. Catherine's has recognized and honored her efforts with three of its highest faculty awards: the Abby Castle Kemper Master Teaching Chair in History, the Carole M. Weinstein Fund for Distinguished Teaching, and the Thomas Prize for Outstanding New Faculty. An accomplished scholar, author, and speaker, Ms. Price has sampled broadly from a range of professional interests: as educational consultant to the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies at Georgetown; and with the trustees of the Church Schools in the Diocese of Virginia, the Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the St. Catherine's Board of Trustees and Parents' Association Board. Currently on sabbatical from St. Catherine's, Ms. Price is researching and writing the second volume of a two-volume history of the Church Schools of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia.

"Bette has served as department chair, in which capacity she has mentored scores of teachers; and she has taught hundreds (more than a thousand?) students, endowing each with a love of literature, a firm grasp of the written word, and an appreciation for a finely tuned argument. In short, whether they know it or not, Bette set them—faculty member and student alike—on the road to mastery."



David LaMotte

In addition, it was announced that Upper School English teacher David LaMotte will retire at year's end. In his announcement, Mr. Stellato remarked, "During his sabbatical several years ago, David LaMotte immersed himself in two disparate enterprises; digital annotation, and hospice work. While David returned with an enhanced understanding of the changes wrought by the tools and techniques of the

digital world, he had also come to understand his own work—and himself—in very different ways. At the close of this, his 22nd year, David will leave to serve as a hospice volunteer, a position that will allow him to support the hospice movement in many ways, including with his pen. And what a pen it is." Mr. Stellato continued, "Excited and glad as we are for our dear colleagues, so have we only begun to take the measure of their departing. As we begin the search for their successors, we do so with the understanding that we will be hard-pressed to find their equals."

George Sanderson to Head Doane Academy; Howie Powers '80 to Chair History Department

The trustees and search committee of Doane Academy in Burlington, New Jersey, announced the appointment of George Sanderson as Head of School for next year. During his 22 years at Princeton Day School, Mr. Sanderson has served in a variety of capacities: Associate Director of Admissions, Director of Financial Aid, Dean of Students, Co-advisory of both the Judiciary Committee and Academic Affairs Committee, and faculty member in and Chair of the History Department. His outstanding work has been recognized with both the David C. Bogle Award for the Pursuit of Teaching Excellence (2010) and the Robert C.

Head of School Paul Stellato and George Sanderson



Bette Soloway and David LaMotte to Retire

Head of School Paul Stellato announced that Middle School English teacher Bette Soloway, who has taught at PDS since 1979, will retire at the end of the year. Mr. Stellato noted,



Whitlock Award for Distinguished Teaching (2012); and he has been honored with the much-coveted Stanton Foundation's "Innovation in Civics Education" program grants in 2012 and 2013. "Princeton Day School is very proud of George's appointment," said Head of School Paul Stellato, "and I am pleased – and not surprised in the least – that an outstanding peer school has recognized in him the qualities we have come to prize. For more than two decades, George has embodied our school's values, and he will provide for his new school the leadership, vision, and integrity that have distinguished his life and career on the Great Road."

After a committee search for a new History Department Chair, Mr. Stellato announced the appointment of Howie Powers '80 as the next Chair of the Department in grades 7-12. He noted, "A distinguished veteran of the Upper School, Howie has served his students—and his school—with distinction for more than a decade. As teacher, coach, mentor, friend, and occasional Wall Street tour guide to fledgling economics students (some of whom later find their way to Wall Street), Howie has devoted himself to the progress of his alma mater and that of his students. In those several endeavors—and so many more—he has proved an unqualified success. In taking on this new role, he will prove so once more." Mr. Powers, who has taught as PDS since 2003, will assume his new role on July 1.

Maria Shepard Named Global Studies Coordinator

It was announced earlier in the school year that Upper School History teacher Maria Shepard has accepted the appointment as Princeton Day School's first Global Studies Coordinator. In his announcement, Mr. Stellato noted, "Ms. Shepard is a natural for this position, having traveled often with school groups, and having served PDS so well as its Exchange Programs Coordinator." The recipient of the inaugural Kaye Family Fund grant (along with Dave Freedholm), she traveled to Beijing this past summer to explore exchange relationships with Beijing High School #4 and Beijing Middle School #5. Serving as a member of the Academic Affairs Committee Ms. Shepard will lead the school's efforts to determine the ways in which the mission will reveal itself through global education and travel.

Dr. Nicole Furlonge Presents at MLA Convention, and Appointed New Role at Holderness School



Congratulations to English Department Chair Nicole Furlonge who presented at the 130th Modern Language Association (MLA) convention in January with faculty members from Oxford, Dartmouth, UCLA, and UMass/Amherst on the topic

"Unfinished Business: Analogy, Exclusion, Strategy, and Silence." In addition, Dr. Furlonge will take on the role of Director of Teaching and Learning and Chair of the English Department at the Holderness School in New Hampshire beginning next year.

Silvia DeBenedetti Delivers STEM/Solar Suitcase Presentations

Science Department Chair Silvia DeBenedetti recently presented at the New Jersey Science Teachers Convention on the topic of "Incorporating the Solar Suitcase in Project Based Learning." In addition, she presented at the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools (NJ AIS) STEM Conference on the topic of "Empowering Educators and Students to Light the World."



Stan Cahill to Direct New York Production

Artist in Residence Stan Cahill will direct the world premiere production of Catherine Filloux's "Misunderstanding" headlining at the Planet Connections Theatre Festivity in New York this summer.

Carol Olson Named President of NJAET

Congratulations to Lower School Technology Coordinator and Computer teacher Carol Olson, who was recently named President of the New Jersey Association of Educational Technology (NJAET). NJAET is a statewide technology organization for educators.

Ryan Brechmacher Honored by NJMTA

Music teacher and master accompanist Ryan Brechmacher was recently named the 2015 New Jersey Music Teacher Association (NJMTA)'s Commissioned Composer. In the announcement from the NJMTA, it was noted, "Each year, NJMTA commissions a NJ composer to write pieces for the Commissioned Composer competition, where students play the newly commissioned works... By being awarded the statewide commission, [Mr. Brechmacher] will also be under consideration for the Music Teachers National Association Distinguished Composer of the Year."



FACULTY NOTES Former Faculty News

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Steve Bailey, former Upper School math teacher and technology coordinator, vacationed in Florida and visited with former math teacher, **Harvey Lee**, and former assistant to the Head of School, **Wendy Varga**.



Heather and Steve Bailey, Harvey Lee and John and Wendy Varga



Steve and Heather Bailey visiting Harvey Lee in Florida

John Baldwin, former Upper School math teacher, and **Kate Winton**, former Upper School English teacher, wrote, "After three years teaching at the Northwest School in Seattle, we have decided to follow our long-time dream of teaching overseas and will be moving to Taiwan come July for jobs at the Taipei American School! The plan is to stay for two years then return to the States, but who knows? Both girls are thriving and my father's health is great, so this seems our moment. Erin (Burns) '08 moved to Seattle last year and is exploring the wild world of startups, and Kelsey (Burns) '10 is in her final year at NYU Gallatin, concentrating in theatre and dance. The hope is to lure them to Xmas 2015 in Thailand!"

Gabe Behringer, former Upper School English teacher, wrote, "My oldest son Luke (4 1/2) became a big brother when his identical twin brothers, Daniel and Jonathan, were born last May! My wife Lynn and I are busy raising the boys in Ridgewood, NJ; she works in NYC, and I still enjoy teaching English at The Fieldston School in the Bronx."



Daniel, Luke, and Jonathan Behringer, sons of former Upper School English teacher, Gabe Behringer

Helen Bodel wrote, "Having retired from PDS's Department of Classical and Modern Languages, I moved to wonderful Asheville, where in 2009, I had bought a teeny Art Deco bungalow, just a few blocks from that city's beautiful center. I found it a terrific place both for retirement and for staying in touch: on one hand, it is a hip, artsy place with an interesting and liberal community, on the other, Asheville's history and architecture draw thousands of visitors each year, among whom have been my own friends and relatives. I note that not only did each of my family visit, but also **Jerry Hirniak**, **Jenny Mischner**, and **Susan Stein**, who had booked her one woman play, *Etty*, into several North Carolina theaters. How great it was to be lounging about on my sunny porch, hearing tales of PDS colleagues and alumni! Plus, flying was an easy endeavor, whether it was north to my family house in Belle Mead, into LaGuardia for a weekend with Michael Bodel '99 and family, or out West to Marin County to visit Annie Bodel '03. To tell the truth, I'd still be there, feet up on the porch rail, had Michael and his wife Alex not moved to Putney, Vermont—a tough place to get to from Asheville. After a year or so of multi-legged flights, car rentals, and too-long drives, came the decision to return to my family's log house and farm in Harlingen, where I am now happily ensconced among friends and family amid the snow fields of a New Jersey February. And so happy to be here, too, substituting a bit at PDS, looking for help on our preserved farmland and drinking long coffees at Small World!"

Christopher Butler, former Upper School math teacher, is the Assistant Head of School for Information Services at St. John's Prep in Danvers, MA. He and his family live in Arlington, MA and welcomed their third daughter, Madeline Anne, in September.

Beth Carroll, former Middle School math teacher, and her husband Charles "send everyone warm wishes from the Sunshine State! We are sorry for the winter woes that came your way! We can honestly say that is one thing we do not miss about life in the North! We continue to be blessed with our happy life in Gainesville, Florida. We were both raised here, and are graduates of the University of Florida. We love our home and our neighborhood—just perfect for us. Our social life is booming, with new friends and old pals. Thanks to the University, the activities in this area are practically endless. We now have season tickets to both football and basketball games. The Gators were not as strong this year as we would have liked, but hope springs eternal that they will soon return to their former glory. We are home, and delighted to be here.

"Our fondness for travel has not abated. European river cruising is wonderful, as well as the ocean liners that are so enticing. We enjoyed great land tours in Germany and France. Last fall brought a lovely cruise that included a visit to Iceland. The volcanoes and geysers create stunning landscapes.

"One thing we do miss (a lot) is the many friends we left behind in New Jersey! We hold only the best wishes for each and every one of you!

"Hello to all. It will be eighteen years since I retired. You could send a child through PDS in that amount of time!"

Kay Haartz Cortelyou, former Upper School math teacher wrote, "After reading one faculty column, a former student, Sally Silk '76, emailed me, and we were able to meet for dinner in the Minneapolis Airport when I was on my way to Alaska. So I want students to be able to contact me, if they would like.

"I officially 'retired' from The Maret School in June 2014. Now I am working as a long-term substitute teacher. This involves uncertainty, but also more flexibility and more time off, if I want it. Kip and I have taken several 'adventure' vacations, including camping along the Dalton Highway in Alaska, and hiking into and out of the Grand Canyon. We have a young granddaughter in Houston, Texas; now that we are 'retired,' we can spend more time with her. I also am able to ride more often and participate in more horse shows. We are still in McLean, Virginia, across the river from DC; we would like to see former students and faculty

members who may be living or visiting in this area. New email: khcortelyou@gmail.com"

Jeff Cutts, former Upper School math teacher, and **Becky Cutts**, former Middle School science teacher sent news, "In 2014 we became grandparents! Robyn was born last March in Phoenix, where our son, Matt, lives and works as an athletic trainer.

"In May our daughter, Bethany, was married in a small ceremony in Quechee, VT at The Simon Pearce restaurant to her long time beau, Adrian Smith. They met in grad school at ASU and both now are on the faculty at The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where they went after getting their PhDs.

"Jeff, Jr. is the director of music at a small church outside of Princeton, in Hamilton ... Grace St. Paul and is the 'tenor for hire' in the greater NYC / Philadelphia area. He performs regularly with a group called 'The Thirteen.' They actually have an album on iTunes that has gotten as high as 28th.

"Sarah is teaching and coaching JV field hockey and boys varsity tennis at Kimball Union Academy in NH. She is engaged to Evan Roberts—also a KUA grad—and now works as a financial advisor for MassMutual. They will be getting married this June and we are thrilled!

"Last June we did the 'downsizing' thing when we sold our home and moved to a townhouse about half the size. We love it! Lock the door and leave ... snow? Bring it on! Becky continues her work mentoring AmeriCorps teaching fellows who teach at Esperanza Academy in neighboring Lawrence. That and working on her tennis, golf ... and keeping Jeff in line keeps her busy.

"Jeff works for Xerox as a global account executive in HR and benefits space. When not working, he plays tennis two or three times a week, works out once or twice and has become a Fitbit addict! And when the temperature and course conditions behave, he plays golf when he can.

"So life is good! 2015 is shaping up to be another wonderful year ... in addition to Sarah's wedding we will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of our wedding at Trinity Church (Princeton) and reception at Colross!"

Helen Davies, former Upper School French teacher, announced "the publication in 2014 of the third volume of Horton Davies's sermons: *How Far Down Dare I Drink; Promises Greater Than Dreams* by Wipf and Stock who had already published *Believing* and *Preaching to a World in Crisis*

by the same author. Retirement: nice to have time to gather the crumbs from the bright man's desk and make them into three muffins! Enjoy!"

Patrick Gavin, former Middle School history teacher, reported that he left his job at Politico to work on his first feature length documentary about the White House Correspondents Dinner, which can be found at www.nerd-promthemovie.com.

Luke Hensel, former athletic trainer, reported that he married Chesley Elliott on 12/20/14 in Connecticut. They living in the Poconos (PA); Luke is working for Marywood University.

Molly Houston, former Lower School teacher, wrote that she "continues to enjoy a very full life, for which I am ever grateful. I am in my seventeenth year as a docent at the Princeton University Art Museum, leading tours and contributing to the Trenton/Lange program, which brings third graders from inner city Trenton to the museum once a week, introducing them to different cultures and special

exhibits. Occasionally, when I am covering the information desk, I will greet a former student or parents of a former student when they visit the museum. This is always a nice treat for me. Something very special in my life is my three-year-old great-granddaughter, Flore. I enjoy being with her as often as possible."

Molly Houston with her great-granddaughter, Flore

Bonnie Howarth Hunter, former Upper and Middle School English and Lower School computer teacher wrote: "After leaving PDS in 2005, for the first time, I actually feel retired because I just settled into a small house in the nearby Windrows community. The process took eight mind-numbing months: closed my B&B last June, sold the Knoll Drive house, while I was on a trip, closed in July, rented it for a few months until 2 Larch Way (Princeton, NJ 08540) opened up, closed on that in November, and began daily shuttling of whatever the movers didn't take care of (a lot).

"Still have a few boxes to unpack, but feel totally spoiled by the easy life here. Interesting and friendly people, helpful staff, all the amenities. Jeff came down from Middlebury to help hang mirrors and pictures and tote boxes to the attic; Jenn, Marcelo, and grandson, Jonny, visited from Brazil, staying overnight here before sight-seeing in NYC. I've had lots of afternoon tea parties (the British kind, not the political kind) without having to plan around B&B guests and weather worries. Hope to reconnect with friends I've neglected the past few years.

"Still ushering at McCarter (and also Richardson this year), running my eBay store, and spoiling my cats. (Both Gully and Mac have claimed individual window perches, but share the two 'trees' pretty well.) Continue traveling as often as possible: recently the Indian Ocean Island (including Mauritius, where the Dodo once lived, and Madagascar), Bolivia, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay, a tour of Brazil (beyond the six blocks around Jenn's apartment), Chile and Easter Island. Later this year, I'll see the Canadian Arctic (guess I'm practicing for that now) and Columbia."



Bonnie Howarth Hunter on Easter Island

Frank Jacobson, former Upper School music teacher, wrote, "We are now residents of Long Lake, NY. We have owned our house for eleven years and just decided last year finally to cut our ties to New Jersey and become Long Lakers.

"By far the most important factor in our decision was that our daughter, Paula (PDS '93) and our four grandchildren live in Saranac Lake, a mere 45 miles from us.

"Next, in order of importance, was that the Episcopal Church of St. Luke, the Beloved Physician needed an organist/choir director. For years, on every trip I made through Saranac, I would look at St. Luke's and think, 'That would be a nice place to work.' Then I got a call from the rector and the rest is history. It's a long commute but a really satisfying job. As a harpsichordist, I fit right in with the community of chamber musicians located in Saranac and Lake Placid, and am having a wonderful time rehearsing and performing.

"I will keep up my connection with the Bar Harbor Music Festival, which takes us to BH in the last week of July every

year for three concerts and back to the NYC area for two more in the fall and early winter.

"As for teaching, I figure I will hang out my shingle as soon as St. Luke's pipe organ is finished being rebuilt, sometime next fall.

"Jan had her right hip replaced and is feeling much better. I am recovering from a fall on the ice, over a stump, which fractured my left kneecap. It's a bit slow going but I'm doing my job, and also lots of physical therapy, hoping to be a lot fitter by the time kayaking season comes around.

"I'm reachable at fran43jac@earthlink.net and would love to hear from former students and other friends."

John Jameson, former Upper School science teacher reported that he has "been retired for the past two and a half years after 45 years of teaching and chairing science departments. I am enjoying retirement. I miss the interactions with students and colleagues, but I do not miss getting up early in the morning, interminable faculty meetings, and piles of papers to grade. After I left PDS in 1981, I spent three years at Poly Prep in Brooklyn. Then I moved back to the Midwest and became the Science Chair at Cincinnati Country Day School. After 18 years there I moved to Chicago, where I chaired the science department at the Latin School for five years. The last five years of my career were spent as Science Chair at Regina Dominican High School, a Catholic girls college prep school in Wilmette. It is a school very much like Stuart. I was back for PDS reunions last year to see the class of '79, the first class I taught at PDS. I'll be back in May to see the class of '80, who dedicated the Link to me their senior year. My years at PDS remain a highlight of my teaching career."

Kathy Jamieson, former Director of Admission, has four granddaughters.

Louise Topp McClure, former music teacher wrote, "Since leaving PDS in 1992, I've taught strings privately and at

several area private and public schools. Currently I'm teaching a small strings program at Princeton Friends School, as well as working with students aged 3-65 out of my home. We're just embarking on the annual Chamber Music and Pizza series: each group rehearses for an hour, then has a pizza party. In the summers I run an all-ages, all-levels community orchestra that rehearses in the old Hopewell train station, a regional Suzuki violin workshop, and an August chamber music and fiddling camp for strings students. I play in a contra-dance band, Blue Jersey, as well as various chamber groups and a local orchestra, Sinfonietta Nova. When possible, I escape to go hiking in the mountains with my husband or just walk across town to get the groceries.

"In April of 1996, we traveled to China to meet and adopt our daughter, AmiLin. She is now a college sophomore, who has just transferred to NYU, with an interest in global public health and food studies."

Pat McCord, former Lower School teacher, had a bad car accident six years ago (she reported, "not my fault"), which resulted in damaging her eyesight and causing other problems, as well. She says that her "family is fine. Son Quinn (PDS '77) has started a new job as chef at a casino/group of restaurants in Dover, DE. He likes being in charge! His children: Patrick lives in Arizona and is an auto mechanic; Quinn is a graphic artist; and Mary Eileen will move to Dover as soon as they sell the house. Son David (PDS '79) is divorced; he is doing what he loves—making beautiful things of wood. PDS would be proud! His kids are fine. Douglas is at Delaware and Kate is college hunting. Lindsay's (PDS '82) big boys are having a grand old time: Alex is in Chicago in music and Jesse has another year in business at Northeastern. Lindsay teaches at Savannah CDS where their two little ones are. Rob is a counselor at the middle school and he does what all teachers do, work full-speed all the time!

Pat would love to hear from friends and former students. Her email is patricia.mccord833@comcast.net.

Judy Michaels, former Upper School English teacher and Poet-in-Residence, has had a good year. She is "into my fourth year of remission since my last chemo treatment, and celebrated Christmas with my three siblings, at the family cabin in Maine—much decorating, wrapping, baking, and munching, with some cold walks around lake and mountains. My sister's photo of our cove at twilight back in the fall will be the cover for my next book of poems, "Ghost Notes,"

The cover photo of Judy Michaels' next book of poems



forthcoming this June. I impressed my pragmatic brothers by winning two \$1000 first prizes in poetry contests this fall—not, alas, a reliable source of income. I spent August through mid-October at the cabin, writing and hiking and watching the leaves change, then returned to NJ and worked at the Dodge Poetry Festival, presented on poetry at the NCTE annual convention, and continued giving cancer talks to medical students in NYC and Newark, as part of the national program STS—Survivors Teaching Students, Saving Women’s Lives. I enjoy keeping up with PDS friends and going to some of the wonderful plays, dance, art shows, and concerts both in New York and in Princeton, including those at PDS.”

Tom Palma, former Upper School science teacher, spends “time split between our NJ shore house (Mantoloking), the Hunterdon County house (Lebanon Twp.) and the FL house (Naples). I enjoy the time being retired affords me. My wife still works as a realtor. We are excitingly awaiting the arrival of twins (a boy and girl) that my son, Tom, and his wife Jen are expecting.”

John “Doc” Ross, former Upper School science teacher reported: “I now have eight books available from Amazon. Two great-grandchildren. Still no dog.”

Former Director of Communication **Michelle Ruess** is now working as director of development for NJ Spotlight, www.njspotlight.com, a nonprofit news website covering education, the environment, public finances and health care in New Jersey.

Peter Sears, former Upper School English teacher, is completing the first year of his two-year tenure as Oregon’s Poet Laureate.

Tassie Skvir, former Russian teacher, and **Dan Skvir**, former Director of Admission, Associate Director of College Guidance, class dean, Russian, history and religion teacher, wrote, “Since retirement, the Skvirs are busier than ever with grandchildren, church and travel. Nika and family are in CT, the whole clan at New Canaan Country School as teachers or first graders; Kyra’s family resides in Brooklyn, where she is enjoying success as a real estate stager. Father Dan maintains his role as Orthodox chaplain at Princeton, serving each Sunday and conducting weekly fellowship meetings and events; Tassie assists by leading the choir and providing

culinary treats for the ever-hungry students. Last spring, the Skvirs were fortunate to make a small (but not insignificant) contribution to Russian cultural/musical history, but that is very long story. Travel has provided numerous photo opportunities, some shots gracing home-made greeting cards, with flowers a favorite subject. Since leaving PDS, the Skvirs have enjoyed the sights and people of Russia (no surprise), ports of call in the Black Sea and Greek Islands, Sanibel and the Florida Keys, a cruise in the western Caribbean, two Alaskan cruises, extensive time in the Pacific Northwest and, most recently, revisiting Arizona. As always, they love to meet and hear from former students and colleagues.”

Bunny Webb, former Upper School librarian, lives in Buffalo and reported in January, “It’s very cold in Buffalo, 19 at the moment. South towns had seven feet of snow in late November. North towns where I live had six inches. My oldest grandson is an engineering student at the University of Toronto and doing well. The youngest is thinking about a trade. My daughter and son-in-law currently live in Hamilton, Ontario. I am well and still helping run a library and attending the rich stew of theater and music productions that Buffalo offers—wonderful music from pop to classical.

“Pat McCord is still in an assisted living facility in Savannah, GA, where Lindsay and her family live and keep a close eye on her.

“Best to everyone.”

Jan Westrick, former teacher and head of the Music Department, wrote, “After almost 40 years of living in Princeton, my husband Fred Schott and I decided on a big change of venue. In October of 2014, we relocated to Santa Fe, New Mexico. Of our five children, two of them live in New Mexico (Albuquerque and Santa Fe), so we have been visiting out here for years. It seemed like a good time in our lives for an adventure, so here we are, in one of the most beautiful places in the country. It was, and is, hard to leave the comfort and familiarity of Princeton, but we are enjoying the differences. I will miss showing up at PDS events, and seeing my former students now and then. I encourage anyone coming to the West to stop in Santa Fe and ‘say hello.’ The Alumni office will have my information. Hope to have some PDS visitors!! Former music teacher **Andrew Schmidt** also lives here. We’ve had coffee a couple of times!”

Imagine the Possibilities at 20

REFLECTIONS

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BY KATHRYN ROSKO



Imagine the Possibilities marks an impressive 20 years at Princeton Day School this year. This unique artist residency program is a celebration of creative vision, artistry, learning, and legacy. The program sparked to life in 1996 after a serendipitous connection between Third

Grade teacher Bev Gallagher, who had a vision of a school-wide, rigorous, and intensive artist residency program, and Happy and Jack Wallace PCD '48, who had recently established a fund for visiting artists to honor their son, John '78, a talented writer, actor, and singer who tragically passed away in 1990. The Wallaces were enthusiastic about Mrs. Gallagher's vision and agreed to underwrite it through the John D. Wallace, Jr., '78 Memorial Guest Artist Series Fund. *Imagine the Possibilities* became an ideal marriage between vision and generosity.

Though *Imagine the Possibilities* began with the vision of having an artist spend one day on campus visiting classes in the Lower, Middle, and Upper School, over the years, the program has doubled in size and scope, with usually three artists spending two days each on campus. Authors, illustrators, and poets come to campus to work directly with students in both large-scale assemblies, and small hands-on working groups.

Each year, Mrs. Gallagher matches up teachers and artists in a variety of ways to best enhance the experience for the entire community. The artists are chosen up to a year in advance, giving the teachers a chance to build curriculum around their visits. And, the roster of artists who have visited the school over the years is nothing short of extraordinary.

Trying to adequately describe the scope and impact of this program on the entire community over the span of 20 years is not an easy task. How much better to read reflections from all of the many people directly involved with the program over the years—Bev Gallagher, the Wallace family, Head of School Paul Stellato, students, faculty, and the artists themselves. Here is a sampling of their memories and insights.



BEV GALLAGHER, THIRD
GRADE TEACHER, IMAGINE
THE POSSIBILITIES
COORDINATOR:

"Princeton Day School is a place where you can dream big. It's also a place where working collaboratively with others makes a good idea turn into something really special.

Twenty years ago I had an idea, scribbled on the back of an envelope after I attended a literature conference at Penn State University. Why not bring award winning poets, writers and illustrators to our campus and have wondrous conversations between faculty and students across the divisions? Months later, Archer Harman, Interim Head of School, told me this idea had wings, and connected me with Jack and Happy Wallace. We had a great conversation and they thought bringing artists for a 3-day celebration sounded like a worthwhile idea.

It was a great success and delightful to see students and faculty interact with the artists. Things may have changed over the years, but one thing has never changed: students are well prepared for the visits by the work of the amazing faculty and guest artists always comment on their incredible stay. A program like this couldn't be a reality without the generous support of the Wallace family in memory of their son John."



KRISTINE O'CONNELL
GEORGE, POET:

"When I think back on my visit to Princeton Day School, I picture the flip chart of 'wonderful words' students collected in Bev Gallagher's classroom and those scuffed and well-used working writer's notebooks in the hands of 8-year olds. I was enthralled: Here were students experiencing the nitty gritty of the creative process. Here was a community of writers. Here were students not afraid to question a visiting poet's credentials: Did I have my own writer's notebook? Thankfully I did and I pulled my own battered notebook out of my purse and read them a few rough passages. Visiting Princeton Day School was magical — it nourished my writer's soul."



JOHN D. (JACK) '48 AND
HAPPY WALLACE:

Jack: "The variety of artists is impressive, and the residency piece is powerful. The entire success of the program is due to Bev. She finds great artists and is able to get the entire faculty involved and engaged. It's interesting to think that so many of the things Bev is doing with *Imagine the Possibilities* are things John would be interested in. The kids are getting exposed to so many different disciplines through the program, including poetry and illustration. I find the illustrators fascinating as they talk about their process. The exposure to these artists is important for the students."

Happy: "We are so pleased with how the program has worked out. We've gotten a lot out of it through meeting the artists and watching them work with the kids. John loved words. He loved poetry and drawing, too—he was a great cartoonist. The program really captures all that he loved. *Imagine the Possibilities* has achieved such success in 20 years. The time has gone fast!"



NAOMI SHIHAB NYE, POET,
AUTHOR, SONGWRITER:

"Being a part of *Imagine the Possibilities* at Princeton Day School enriched and uplifted my life forever. To meet so many creative students and teachers on your campus, with such an avid meaningful interest in reading and writing, and people I ended up staying in touch with for YEARS, like Julia Salem, was a gift and an ongoing inspiration. You are really doing things right!"

MARGIE WALLACE GIBSON '84:

"This program is so meaningful for my family because it captures the spirit of John. I feel like the name *Imagine the Possibilities* is really perfect because John was always doing just that—he was always imagining all sorts of possibilities. He loved little kids and had such a great experience during his Middle and Upper school years at PDS that the program touching all three divisions makes complete sense.

Bev does a fantastic job of weaving the program through the whole school. She also does an amazing job of vetting the artists. Even if you hadn't heard of a writer or illustrator before the program, you will know them afterward. She finds the hidden gems. I also like how Bev has continued to make the program innovative by bringing in people like Zoe Hart '96, an alpine guide.

Finally, a lot of the credit of the success of the program goes to the teachers who are thoroughly prepared and teach into it at such a busy time of the school year."



STEVE JENKINS, ILLUSTRATOR,
AUTHOR:

"My time at Princeton Day School remains one of my most rewarding school visit experiences. Two things stand out in my mind: The visual richness of the school environment, with the children's artwork everywhere. And the obvious passion and commitment of the teachers I met. The kids were a delight, as well."

GEORGE ELLA LYON, AUTHOR, POET:

"The first thing I notice in my journal for those days is how much & how deeply I WROTE with the classes at Princeton Day School. I explained it to myself this way after I got home: 'Something about the workshop, 9th graders, opening up. Something about my whole experience at the school with Bev & Betsy, Judy & Bette & Jenny—it was all so welcoming and surprising and rich. A dream come true!'

So your school, your students and faculty, gave me at least as much as I gave them. The fact that I was able to write what I did, while teaching the workshops, says a lot about the generative atmosphere and energy for writing that you all create."

DAVID LAMOTTE, UPPER SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER:

"When I review the list of artists who have visited PDS in the twenty years of the *Imagine the Possibilities* program, the word that leaps to mind is generosity: the way that these world-class poets, authors, and illustrators honor our students with their attention, meet the students on their own ground (the classroom), and collaborate with them as genuine partners in the work of imagining creative possibilities.

Such generosity may be integral to an artist's work, but much of the credit for this key quality must go to the program's founder and sustainer, Bev Gallagher, who recognized at the outset that such intimate collaboration requires the luxury of time—two full days of classroom encounters across all three divisions.

The result is always a kind of magic, on both sides: students come away fired up about the possibilities of their own creative work, and the visiting artists come away fired up about our students, which is why so many of them come back for more."



KATHI APPELT, AUTHOR,
POET:

"I'll never forget—
the flowers that lined the drive
the beautiful art of Raul Colon in the gallery
the teachers who shared their writing with me,
even after a long day
the kids' enthusiasm for reading and writing
the parents who pitched in
the obvious devotion between teachers and students
the warm reception I received from everyone I met
the blue, blue sky and the way the school felt like a
sweet nest for all its baby birds."

BETTE SOLOWAY, MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER:

"It's hard to tally the myriad ways my students and I have benefited from the *Imagine the Possibilities* writers. They have generously shared their own lives, their visions of the world, and their advice for young writers. Authentic connections with published writers have taught Middle Schoolers about the simple daily work and practical research in which each

writer engages. Our students have learned that they can also be exceptional.

As a teacher, I've especially valued the variety of content, writing styles, and writers' best practices to which I've been exposed over these past twenty years. My own childhood was brought into sharp focus by Jack Gantos' hilarious *Dead End in Norvelt*. Through Andrea Davis Pinkney's *Let It Shine* and *Sit In*, I discovered readable histories of women and young people in the Civil Rights Movement that helped my students develop background knowledge as they read *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Naomi Shihab Nye inspired me to look through the eyes of other cultures and to realize the power of poetry to describe the experience of war and loss. Allan Wolf made me change my mind about stories in verse with his powerfully described *Watch That Ends the Night*.

There is no doubt that we are better people as a result of these experiences."



NIKKI GRIMES, AUTHOR,
POET:

"The first thing that comes to mind is your Poetry Chair, the way you made the reading, writing, and sharing of poetry a special and joyful event for your students! It is a practice I have recommended to many to a teacher, over the years, as I've visited other schools across the country. I am so glad to have been part of that experience."

KAREN PIKE, FIRST GRADE TEACHER:

"I think that what's special about *Imagine the Possibilities* is how powerful it is to have renowned authors and illustrators right in your classroom. The students are so steeped in the work of the artists before they arrive on campus, that when they do arrive it's like they are rock stars or royalty. But, interestingly, the flip side of this reaction is that the students meet these artists as real people, and share their own writing and drawings with them. The children learn that they, too, can become authors and illustrators.

In addition, from a teacher's standpoint, the program is incredible professional development. I don't think that you can walk away from any of the artist presentations without reflecting on your own teaching. As you get to know the artist and how they approach their craft, it helps you build on your own teaching."



CARMEN AGRA DEEDY,
AUTHOR, STORYTELLER:

"Bev Gallagher, and the over-the-top enthusiasm for reading and books by the PDS students and faculty made my experience one of my favorite author visits EVER. I will never forget PDS, its wonderful staff... and fabulous young people."



JACK GANTOS, AUTHOR:

"The *Imagine the Possibilities* program is aptly named—not just for the students, but for this presenter. While addressing a full range of students—primary through high school—on the finer points of creative writing (capturing content, applying structure, focused rewrites, daily discipline), I could only wish I were in their seats where year after year artists of all sorts inspire them to express themselves creatively and effectively so that they may imagine so many possibilities—from theater to dance to painting, and perhaps to someday walking into a bookstore and see their name on a published volume. *Imagine the Possibilities* is a great program and long may it live to inspire generations of teachers and students."

NOAM YAKOBY '16:

"Princeton Day School has been the center of my life since my days as a little five-year-old Kindergartener. Now, as a Junior in the Upper School, I have come to love the strong and dynamic community that I have had the privilege of being a part of for the past eleven years. The unique opportunities and programs provided to me by Princeton Day School have fostered my growth as a student and as a person. One such special program is *Imagine the Possibilities*. Year after year, PDS has exposed me to various authors and other artists, each of whom has profoundly affected me in my understanding of my world and my community. The opportunity for me to learn from, and interact with, the great artists of our time has been a hands-on learning experience that has bolstered and annually reinforced my ability to think creatively and passionately about a variety of issues."



RAFE MARTIN, AUTHOR,
STORYTELLER:

"What a wonderful, inspiring time I had at *Imagine the Possibilities*! It was such a pleasure to meet other artists, chat with your dedicated and knowledgeable faculty and, most especially, to work with all the terrific students."

PETER CATALANOTTO, ILLUSTRATOR, AUTHOR:

"I remember the connections your students made between my work and their own. Many of them had tried the various watercolor techniques in my paintings and were proud to show me what they discovered and learned along the way. I was truly impressed by how curious and eager they were to explore and enjoy the process. I remember thinking: this would be a wonderful place to send my child!"



J. PATRICK LEWIS, POET,
AUTHOR:

"Back in the halcyon days of my school visit to Princeton Day—one of my 530+ visits to schools and libraries around the world—I recall vividly the conviviality and energy of the students and staff. Most impressive was the fact that the children were exceptionally well-prepared. They knew my work, had read my books, and their enthusiasm for poetry was irrepressible, so much so that I thought butterflies were line dancing on my heartstrings. This I put down to a faculty that really took an author visit seriously. And I left thinking how much I hoped that I had repaid their welcome in kind. Would that every author visit could match the standard set by Princeton Day. From over the years and the miles, I hope you all can see a wee children's poet waving gratefully from the midland moors of Ohio."



PETER LOURIE, AUTHOR:

"What I remember most was being energized by how receptive students and faculty were to the message that we should

all get outdoors more, explore places—rivers, jungles, mountains—and meet people from every corner of the planet. To experience our natural resources first-hand, not simply through our computers, but to learn information about the world by getting out into it, and especially to come into contact with the fascinating people from those places, this outward focus can lead to an appreciation that might help us protect the vulnerable earth, and could even reverse our reckless thrust toward climate disaster. To know a place and its people makes us cherish and protect what we love; otherwise it might disappear forever.”



MICHAEL J. ROSEN, AUTHOR:

“In 35 years of working in schools all over the country, I don’t think my passion, energy, and enthusiasm have ever been matched more positively! *Imagine the Possibilities* provides the kind of engagement that truly inspires—and I mean inspires students and teachers as much as the visiting writers and artists.”



PAUL J. STELLATO, HEAD OF SCHOOL:

“Like many who admire our school from afar, I was aware of *Imagine the Possibilities* long before I arrived in Princeton. At its core, it is the happy, prosperous marriage of a generous, devoted family and a visionary leader: the Wallace family, whose faith and belief in our school are unrivaled; and Bev Gallagher, a teacher of scope and renown. Their strong, personal relationship is the foundation upon which this program is built. So, too, does it exemplify the many things we value and hold dear: excellence, opportunity, curiosity, creativity, and wonder. In a school community whose strength derives, in great part, from its breadth and variety, *Imagine the Possibilities* transcends departments, disciplines, and divisions, offering to each and all a new way of seeing themselves and our world. And its arrival each spring, with warmer air and brighter sun, is a call to us to do just that: imagine the possibilities!”



Illustrator Ashley Brian visits Bev Gallagher's third grade class for *Imagine the Possibilities* in 1997.

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What better time than spring, a time of rebirth and optimism, to celebrate accomplishments, traditions, growth and promise? We are delighted to take this time to honor our alumni leaders and an outstanding 20 years of *Imagine the Possibilities*. We recognize the extraordinary vision of the Wallace family and Bev Gallagher in creating what is now a hallmark program of the school. Because of them, each year an extraordinary group of professional artists comes to share their talents with our school, and expands the minds of the community in ways that we couldn't have, well... imagined!

Our students and faculty, through wonderful programs like *Imagine the Possibilities*, are exposed to outside creative talent through in-depth investigation on a variety of topics and genres. It is remarkable that all of the comments from past artists, authors, and poets about their experiences at Princeton Day School highlight how their time at the school nourished them, and how powerful their experiences were here. To have students, faculty, and the visitors feel that they were, or are, transformed by their interactions is something worth celebrating.

One must note, however, that our students are encouraged to "imagine the possibilities" every day. We are a community populated by active, fertile minds in which seeds of knowledge and curiosity are planted, and whose emerging shoots of promise are nurtured and cultivated. Our dedicated faculty encourages our students to take risks and follow their interests while providing thoughtful support. The tribute to former math teacher and coach, and this year's Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, Jim Walker (page 38) is evidence of this. Our students work, explore and are challenged by other motivated students, while supported by caring faculty. This is the essence of the PDS experience.

It was in this environment that this year's alumni award recipients were nurtured. It was through exposure to different ways of thinking, different opportunities, and, yes, possibilities that their passions were ignited. Personal excellence, curiosity, and relentless questioning that brings out the best in others; a thirst that pushes students and teachers to be their best; and a tenacity and daring that inspires, are the themes that run through the testimonials to Treby Williams '80, Kara Swisher '80, and Dan Shipper '10.

The Board of Trustees also seeks to expose ourselves to external, creative thinkers and explore best practices on a range of topics that might benefit the school. For



example, this past winter, the Board invited John Kolligian, Executive Director of Princeton University Health Services, to educate us on the impact of stress on student life at college. We discussed ways that we might prepare our students at PDS to recognize and manage stress, and what tools we might give them to help them navigate academic and social pressure in a positive way here at PDS, in college, and in later life.

As we think about how best to prepare our students for a world beyond our campus that is constantly changing, we can be confident that our school traditions and values, our commitment to knowledge-based learning, and our continued focus on providing a rich and varied experience for our community will prepare them well for their lives ahead, as it has for generations of students before. We trust that the culture of imagining (and pursuing!) the possibilities will be carried by our students forever.

Barbara Griffin Cole '78

THE DAY SCHOOL at



GET READY FOR A CELEBRATION!

We're having a party and you're invited —

PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL will be 50 years old in September. The school welcomed its first students on September 17, 1965 and we plan to celebrate the milestone with a year of special events for the entire PDS community.

A schedule of events will appear on our website this summer (www.pds.org), so plan to join us for this very important birthday celebration. There might even be cake!



Anniversary Steering Committee. Seated: Rev. Dan Skvir, Ann Wiley '70, Linda Maxwell Stefanelli MFS '62, Sara Schwiebert, Harry Rulon-Miller PCD '51; Standing from left to right: Tracey Gates (Consultant), Carlton Tucker h'13, Laura Hanson, Noam Yakoby '16, Beth Geter-Douglass '82, Paul Stellato, Margie Wallace Gibson '84, Joanne ElKadi, Jan Baker, Amy Gallo '03; Not shown: Sandy Bing h'11, Howie Powers '80, Carl Reimers, Lisa Stockman



Princeton Day School, Opening Day, 1965

Princeton Day School is **requesting from our alums any photos or interesting archives from the first day and year of school** that can be featured online or in printed pieces during our anniversary year. Please send any photos or archives to communications@pds.org. *Thank you!*



Greetings from the Alumni Board!

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Engagement and Giving

It's been a great year for reconnecting with classmates and alumni. We had wonderful regional gatherings in New York and Washington, DC this year. In addition, our young alumni event in Princeton was a resounding success. 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 page (www.facebook.com/pdsalums). For access to career networking opportunities, make sure to join our LinkedIn Group by following the link on www.pds.org/connect or share a job or internship opportunity at www.pds.org/internships-and-jobs.

We hope to see you on campus for Alumni Weekend on May 15th and 16th, particularly those of you in class years ending in 0s and 5s, as you are celebrating milestone reunions. I am thrilled to share with you the names of the recipients of the 2015 Alumni Awards: Kara Swisher '80 will receive the Alumni Achievement Award; Treby McLaughlin Williams '80 will receive the John D. Wallace '48 Alumni Service Award and Daniel Shipper '10 will receive the Outstanding Young Alumni Award. In addition, we are pleased to celebrate our newest inductee into the PDS Athletic Hall of Fame: Jim Walker. Join us on Saturday, May 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the cocktail reception and ceremony under the reunion tent as we honor these impressive members of our community.

Looking forward to seeing you on campus in May,

Stephen Pollard '90

President, Alumni Board

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KARA SWISHER '80

The Conscience of Silicon Valley

Kara Swisher has long been known as the technology reporter who breaks the big stories in Silicon Valley. Recently, she shook things up with two interviews that any journalist, anywhere, would consider the pinnacle of success. On February 13, she sat down for a one-on-one with President Obama and, less than two weeks later, she conducted a 35-minute conversation with Hillary Clinton.

Both interviews were live-streamed over the Internet and excerpted on national television, and demonstrate why Ms. Swisher is so highly respected in her field. Always fair, she tempers an incisive, direct style with humor. Her questions for the politicians focused on cyber warfare, privacy concerns, gender inequality, President Obama's relationship with Silicon Valley, and Ms. Clinton's presidential aspirations.

Ms. Swisher started out as a print journalist but today most of her work is carried on Re/code, an independent website for tech news, reviews and analysis of which she is the co-owner and co-executive editor. The site is published by Revere Digital, a year-old tech and media news company she owns and operates with her longtime business partner, Walt Mossberg. Revere Digital also produces the Code Conference that gathers leaders in technology and the media for lively discussions on the impact of digital technology.

"The whole tenor of journalism has changed so dramatically," Ms. Swisher says. "At Re/code we're trying to create a new

kind of journalism while preserving what's so great about the old, like quality, accuracy, fairness. We want to provide something that has some level of substance. People can just click on and off so it's hard for really great journalism to get noticed. It's very noisy out there. You have to be very innovative and try hard to differentiate yourself in some way."

She is obviously succeeding: before its first anniversary, Re/code was cited with the Excellence in Online Journalism Award from the U.S. National Press Foundation, and last June it received an i-3 Mirror Award for "impact, innovation and influence" from Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications.

"Kara and I have been close friends and working partners since the 1990s," says Mr. Mossberg, a former *Wall Street*



Kara Swisher '80 and Hillary Clinton share a high-five during a recent interview.

Vieran Pavic

Journal columnist who has been called the most influential technology critic in the world. "She is the best natural reporter I know; a brave and ethical journalist who is smart and tough, but never mean. She has a strong and deep entrepreneurial spirit and has been a great partner for me. She has been a mentor to many and is a shining example for everyone, but especially for women and LGBT folks in tech and tech journalism, where those groups are too rarely found in the kind of power positions Kara has earned."

Ms. Swisher's talent became apparent at Princeton Day School where she was a columnist for *The Spokesman* and editor of the 1980 *Link*.

"Kara was a teen of focus, but also one of humor, brilliance, grace, fairness, and leadership," says classmate Jamie Phares who worked with her on the yearbook. "Her writing prowess was blindingly evident."

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In spite of her writing skills, by the time Ms. Swisher arrived at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, all she really wanted to be was a spy. Although she chose journalism as the more realistic career, she still gets to channel her inner Bond with consistent scoops that rely on closely guarded sources, confidential information, hi-tech gadgets, and a good dose of charm.

In fact, tenacity and daring have been hallmarks of her career. She was a staffer on Georgetown's student paper when she called the venerable *Washington Post* to point out inaccuracies in their article about a campus event. The metro editor she scolded was so impressed he hired her as a stringer.

She went on to complete a Master's program at Columbia University's School of Journalism and then returned to Washington, where she became an editor at the *City Paper* and worked briefly in television. She went back to the *Post*, where her early familiarity with email prompted her editor to assign her to cover a fledgling Internet company in Vienna, VA — America Online. Ms. Swisher was quick to recognize the potential of the company and the transformative power of the Internet.

"When I saw these new technologies, they reminded me of the transition of radio to TV, of silent films to talkies, of the switch to cars, to electricity," she says. "I was really aware of the historical transition. It happens a lot in technology and history — there's a leap. I realized it was also a change for

journalism. So I immediately started covering it because I felt like, wow! You didn't need paper. You could use these devices and you could access anything from anywhere. It was immediate. It opened up a wide range of possibilities. I just felt it made a lot of sense."

In 1997, Ms. Swisher moved to San Francisco to cover Silicon Valley for the *Wall Street Journal*. She and Mr. Mossberg, who was based in Washington, DC, formed a partnership to create, produce and host an annual conference for Dow Jones called D: All Things Digital. They also edited its spin-off blog, AllThingsD.com. In 2011, Ms. Swisher's live-blogging was honored with a Loeb Award.

She published her first book in 1998 entitled *aol.com: How Steve Case Beat Bill Gates, Nailed the Netheads and Made Millions in the War for the Web*, followed by the 2003 sequel, *There Must Be a Pony in Here Somewhere: The AOL Time Warner Debacle and the Quest for a Digital Future*.

In the heady culture of Silicon Valley, where new money and newer technology reign, the suddenly famous are often insulated from criticism. Ms. Swisher does not shy away from tough questions, but her integrity has gained the respect and trust of those about whom she writes.

"I think I'm fair," she says of the reason for her long friendship with many industry leaders. "I don't trick people. My criticism is valid. They're not papier-mâché; they can take it."

She is excited by the innovation around her and has been quick to incorporate much of it into her personal and professional life, but she is also aware of its downside.

"Work has changed so dramatically," she says. "You have the ability to work anywhere in the world. At the same time, you have the ability to work all the time. No one's ever not plugged in. People today are always hooked up to their devices, always halfway paying attention to things. It's sad in many ways. We'll see how it affects society."

Ms. Swisher has definitely carved a niche for herself in the Golden State and its style seems to suit her perfectly.

"I like California, it's ever-changing," she says. "You can try and try again. It has a lot of aspects of the American experience. It's hype mixed with hope and opportunity and innovation."

John D. Wallace '48 Alumni Service Award

BY LINDA MAXWELL STEFANELLI '62



Richard Trenner



TREBY McLAUGHLIN WILLIAMS '80

From Colross to Nassau Hall and Back Again

Like most Princeton Day School graduates, Treby McLaughlin Williams anticipated receiving her diploma on the front lawn of Colross but then rain forced the ceremony inside. The sun shone four years later, however, when she was awarded honors in history on the lawn outside Princeton's Nassau Hall. In 1999, she returned to Colross as a trustee, never suspecting her board experience would lead her straight back to Nassau Hall.

"I feel like I've gone to PDS twice," she says, noting that the 13 years she spent as a trustee were just as educational as the 12 she spent as a PDS student.

After graduating from Princeton, Ms. Williams received her law degree from New York University. She worked in private practice and then spent 12 years as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York and the District of New Jersey, working with the F.B.I. to bring white collar criminals, violent offenders, and corrupt politicians to justice.

"I loved being a prosecutor," she says. "It's the best legal job there is. But I found I really enjoyed the dynamic of the PDS board and working with the administration to advance something I believed in. I was discovering aspects of myself that I didn't even know were there. As an attorney, I worked in an adversarial environment: in every transaction, there was a winner and a loser. It wasn't about consensus building. I never saw myself as a leader — at all — and I didn't see myself as a consensus builder. There's no question it was the PDS board experience that made me think, 'I really want to do something entirely different.'"

As a result, she took an administrative position at Princeton University and rose to become its Executive Vice President. As such, she serves as its chief operations officer and works from a third floor office in Nassau Hall, overlooking FitzRandolph Gate and the entrance to the campus where her commencement exercises were held in 1984.

The first PDS alumna to serve as board chair, Ms. Williams' leadership strengthened the school and created an atmosphere in which the institution has flourished.

"The most significant thing I did during my time as a PDS trustee and the thing that I'm most proud of, is leading the Search Committee that brought (Head of School) Paul Stellato to PDS," she says. "That was the first time we had a Search Committee that included faculty and administrators. I felt strongly their expertise and knowledge of the school would be critical to the committee's work. It ended up being absolutely the right decision. It was also fantastic in deepening Board understanding of the faculty experience and I think the faculty and administrators on the committee were astounded to learn of the amount of time the trustees spent working for the school."

"Treby and I joined the PDS board together, and it didn't take long to realize what an intellectual powerhouse she is," says Trustee Andy Okun. "But what I admire most about Treby is the integrity she brings to every decision, every process, and every outcome. Treby became chair of the board in the fall of 2008 during the financial market crisis. She was a tower of strength and rationality during a very difficult and traumatic time. She guided the school beautifully during

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“One of the reasons I believe the school’s successful today —and it’s very successful—can be tied to fundamental decisions and fundamental processes that Treby led in ’08 and ’09,” Mr. Stellato says. “She may have been rattled to the core inside, but you never saw it and she gave everybody around her confidence.”

During her tenure, the Board adopted a five-year plan to ensure the school’s financial sustainability; tuition increases were the lowest in the state among comparable schools; financial aid to PDS families increased significantly; student enrollment remained at optimum levels; and annual giving increased.

Trustee Emeritus Jack Wallace ’48, for whom the service award is named, has known Ms. Williams practically all her life and says, “She’s outstanding. Treby can fool you. Because she’s slight, you might think she’s a pushover. She’s no pushover. She has a firm but soft touch and the way she controls a meeting is almost seamless. It’s a remarkable talent.”

“Treby ran brilliant board meetings,” Mr. Stellato agrees. “It was a big and varied group and Treby was able, in a really beautiful way, to bring together all of those voices. Our board evaluations showed members felt valued and invested in every meeting and that is due directly to her qualities as a leader.”

“My goal was to ensure that people really felt empowered to contribute and be part of the conversation, and that when we talked about issues, we were making sure we explored all the viewpoints,” Ms. Williams says.

U.S. District Judge Anne Thompson, who also served as a PDS trustee, saw Ms. Williams in action in the courtroom and the boardroom. “Treby appeared before me many times in court,” she recalls. “I was always impressed with her thoroughness, consummate preparation, ability to anticipate her opponent’s move, meticulousness, poise and finesse. Her excellence brings out the best in other people, and she brings tremendous credit to the cause she represents.”

Ms. Williams is currently a trustee at the College of New Jersey and, whenever possible, she takes to the ice where she skates on the International Level and is a U.S. Figure Skating Gold Medalist in ice dancing. She is a loyal friend with a tendency to go the extra mile. Mr. Stellato remembers driving up from Virginia with his family to begin his tenure as head of school. After a long day on the Interstate, he pulled into the driveway of Behr House to find Ms. Williams standing there.

“She had waited for us *all day*,” he says with awe. “She didn’t want us to arrive to an empty house.”

That is the kind of thoughtfulness and attention to detail that has enriched the school Ms. Williams has come to know and serve so well as a student and trustee.

“What was great about coming back and seeing PDS from a board perspective was I felt like I had a front row seat on so much exciting and positive change,” she says. “What really excites me is working for a mission-based organization. I am thankful for the opportunities I have had to contribute meaningfully to organizations advancing missions in which I truly believe.”



The first PDS graduate to serve as Board Chair, Treby McLaughlin Williams ’80, passes out diplomas at recent commencement on the Colross Lawn.



DAN SHIPPER '10

Programmed for Success



Dan Shipper could have been a very successful college dropout. From the time he was a sophomore at the University of Pennsylvania, he was fielding job offers from some of the top technology firms in the country. The problem was, they wanted him to leave school early. The offers were creatively and financially tempting, but Mr. Shipper felt he had more to learn.

"I wanted to be well read," he says. "I wasn't in school just because I wanted to get a job. I was interested in what I was studying. I enjoyed the experience. Staying in school was what I felt was right for me."

It turned out to be a great decision. While he was working toward a philosophy degree, Mr. Shipper and another Penn student, Justin Meltzer, developed Firefly, a co-browsing technology. With only one intern, they expanded it into a service utilized by more than 9,000 businesses and 7,000 financial advisors that generated six figures in annual revenue.

"If you're having trouble with a website, we can essentially look over your shoulder, see where you are on the website and then point you where to go," Mr. Shipper explains. "You don't have to download any software. Firefly can see what's on your computer, but it can only see what's on the web page itself, so it's secure. It's a lot more private and it works on all devices."

They seeded the start-up with \$20,000 from First Round Capital's Dorm Room Fund. As the business took off, Mr. Shipper attended classes until mid-afternoon and then com-

muted down the street to an office at the venture capital firm to work until midnight. The schedule was grueling, especially when he increased his course load in order to finish college in December and devote all his time to Firefly.

By the time he received his diploma in May 2014, he and Mr. Meltzer were in negotiations to sell Firefly to Pegasystems, an international public software company. The deal closed less than two months later and Mr. Shipper and his partner now work at the firm in New York, further developing and enhancing their product.

As successful as that venture was, it was hardly Mr. Shipper's first. A self-taught computer programmer, he was writing code in fifth grade and formed several companies in high school. In fact, the U.S. Military was ready to buy one until they learned the owner was still a minor.

Former PDS Computer teacher Steve Bailey was Mr. Shipper's advisor and says, "I didn't really teach him. He taught himself everything. He was the most outstanding kid I've ever had in class."

About two years before the iPhone came out, Mr. Shipper formed a company called Convenience Software that built apps for the Blackberry. One of them, called FindIt, grew out of his frustration at misplacing his phone.

"It was annoying and I realized other people probably had the same problem," he says. "So I built a little app that allowed you to send an email with a special subject line to your Blackberry and it would ring even if the phone were on

'silent.' I started selling them and eventually developed this full-fledged web interface where you could back up, lock, and track your phone, all from the web."

He also built a site called WhereMyFriendsBe which mapped the location of Facebook friends and attracted over 50,000 users in its first few months of operation, and Airtime for Email which allowed companies to market products in the email signature.

"One of the nice things about being able to program, being able to build apps, is that you can build a business where the only cost is your time," Mr. Shipper says. "If you're going to build an actual physical product, you have to invest a lot in R&D and manufacturing. But with software, if you have a laptop and an Internet connection, everything else is pretty much free. So I came to programming with the idea that I wanted to build things that I could turn into a business."

Mr. Shipper's computer and business skills, combined with his deep appreciation of the humanities, an unflappable demeanor, and natural charm, make him an all-around success. He entered PDS in Junior Kindergarten and, in senior year, received the Computer Award and the Frederick D. Woodbridge '78 Memorial Award for outstanding leadership in promoting class unity and spirit.

"What was exceptional about Dan was his incredibly strong and quick comprehension of literature and his clear leadership skills," recalls PDS English teacher Liz Cutler. "I remember he became the leader of a small group studying Orwell's *1984*. He wasn't appointed the head, rather he emerged naturally in that role through good listening skills, his willingness to partner with others, and his use of both fast and slow brain thinking. Dan was always willing to

experiment with ideas. He held himself to very high standards. And perhaps, most importantly, he was not only willing to take seriously constructive criticism on all aspects of his work, but to actually use it."

Former PDS teacher David Figueroa-Ortiz was impressed, as well. "In American history and in American law, Dan's restless mind would not let him accept a good answer; he always craved complexity, shades of meaning, and tension. His thirst pushed us all – teacher and students – to be better learners," he says. "As senior class president and editor-in-chief of *The Spokesman*, he defined his role as being responsible for the development of others, not simply as being in charge of others. He inspired others to give their best by always offering his utmost. Whenever he disagreed with someone else's opinion or decision, instead of resenting their choices, Dan would redouble his efforts to understand their point of view. His ability to lead with empathy is what has allowed Dan to get results from everyone he engages."

"I considered majoring in business in college, but I chose philosophy instead," Mr. Shipper says. "I wanted to have the opportunity to spend time studying those things, answering the 'why' questions and being able to think about them. I think it's really important and really interesting. I think philosophy helps you build a framework for how to make decisions and how to live your life. There aren't a lot of opportunities other than college where your job is to think about those things."

Mr. Shipper's business success and his personal satisfaction stem from an enviable understanding about what is best for him. "I've always tried to set myself up so that I could work on the stuff I care about," he says.

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JIM WALKER

Coach Walker Positioned Players
for Future Success



Jim Walker never did things halfway. He embraced life with intelligence, enthusiasm, determination, and generosity. He began a 35-year teaching career at Princeton Day School in 1976, served as head of the Math Department for 18 years, and was honored with the school's highest teaching award in 1997. Now, four years after his untimely death, he will be honored again, this time for the life lessons and values he instilled as a coach. He will be posthumously inducted onto the Athletic Hall of Fame on May 16 for his contributions to varsity and junior football, junior lacrosse and golf.

"As a PDS colleague and athletic director, I got to witness first-hand Jim Walker's coaching abilities over many years," says Tom Malsbury. "As a fierce competitor, he took his coaching very seriously. He took pride in his knowledge of the sports he coached, always being prepared and never giving up. A great athlete himself, he knew how to get the most out of his players. He always showed care and respect, thereby earning the respect of fellow coaches and his players. Jim was an exceptional person both on and off the field, loved by his students, staff, and many friends."

One of the highlights of Mr. Walker's coaching career came in 1980. PDS opened the football season with only three returning linemen and no experienced quarterback. Even Mr. Walker had to admit they would be happy with a .500 record. Instead, they surprised everyone by becoming the first PDS football team to capture sole possession of the State Prep B Championship. Along the way, they racked up a perfect 5-0 league record and were 7-1 overall. To cap it off, Mr. Walker was named "Coach of the Year" by the Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Football Foundation.

Jeff Olsson '81 was co-captain of the team. "Jim continually stressed the importance of being a team and supporting one another and that's where our success came from," he says.

"We had a group of great athletes and phenomenal coaches putting in the hard work but we also had fun. We loved the sport and it loved us back with a championship trophy. Without Jim we wouldn't have come together the way we did or have had the success that we did."

"The reason it was so fun to play for Jim was that it was very evident how much he loved coaching and how much he loved his players," Mr. Olsson adds. "I think he wanted to help us all be not just better players, but better men. He taught me that at the end of the day, you need to be able to be proud of the effort you put in or nothing else will matter."

"Coach Walker did not have an ego," says Jon McConaughy '85, a 2005 Hall of Fame inductee. "Winning was secondary to building a team, and he approached every season and every game like a puzzle that needed to be solved. It was always about the team, never about individuals. Out of all the seasons I played for Coach Walker, I don't remember ever building plays around individuals. We won and lost as a team. There was not a lot of yelling or intimidation. His approach was one of positive reinforcement and support."

"He loved his players," says his wife, PDS English teacher Barbara Walker. "We always went to alumni events because he wanted to see his former players. He was very proud of all of them."

Mr. Walker was a three-sport athlete in high school and college. He earned a football scholarship to Hobart where he was a wide receiver and an exceptional punter. He also

played varsity basketball, baseball, and then lacrosse. He graduated with a degree in economics and went on to earn a Masters of Arts in Liberal Studies from Dartmouth. When his draft number came up, he had to scrap plans to pursue a business degree, but was granted a deferment to teach and coach at Proctor Academy in Andover, NH.

He approached coaching with the same analytical mind he brought to advanced algebra or calculus concepts. Ms. Walker said it was often difficult to tell if the papers on his desk were diagrams of football plays or math problems.

"He was a consummate player and he loved strategy," she says. "He loved the complexities of the game itself. When we honeymooned on Nantucket, he brought along his strategy book!"

"Jim was an outstanding coach," says Bill Long who coached with and, later, opposite Mr. Walker in football. They also officiated lacrosse together and played pick-up basketball and golf together. "He was very inventive and never

afraid to take chances. His unpredictability not only made PDS a very formidable opponent, but also made Jim a coach I both admired and respected. The personal qualities which set Jim apart were his integrity, his enthusiasm, and his gift for working with young people."

Mr. McConaughy was one of many who benefitted from that gift. "His coaching and guidance extended well beyond the field," he says. "It was not about winning a game or a season, but building us into young men: how do you communicate, overcome adversity, interact with peers, interact with elders, prepare for college? He was a life coach. He was an educator on and off the field. Every situation was a problem to be solved. Winning was not a game or a season, winning was giving us all the tools we needed to start our careers and our lives."

JIM WALKER STATS



GATES-CHILI HIGH SCHOOL ROCHESTER, NY

Varsity Football
Varsity Basketball
Varsity Baseball

HOBART COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP

1964 – 1968: Varsity Football
Varsity Basketball
1965: Varsity Baseball
1966-1968: Varsity Lacrosse

PROCTOR ACADEMY, NH

1968 – 1974: Coach – Football, Skiing & Lacrosse

SUNAPEE HIGH SCHOOL, NH

1974-1975: Ski Coach

PENNINGTON SCHOOL

1975-1976: Assistant Varsity Coach, – Football & Softball

PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL

1976 – 1988: Varsity Football Coach
1980: Prep B State Championship
Coach of the Year, Delaware Valley Chapter
of the National Football Foundation
1989 – 1999: Junior Football Coach, undefeated 1995 & 1997
1989 – 1999: Junior Lacrosse Coach
Assistant Golf Coach

NEW JERSEY STATE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (NJSISAA)

1974 – 1988: Boys Lacrosse Official

UPCOMING EVENTS



2015 Alumni Weekend – May 15th and 16th at PDS
(please see schedule on page 46)

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Harry Rulon-Miller '51
INVITATIONAL
at PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL



November 28, 2014

THANKSGIVING GAMES

More than 100 Alumni came back to campus for the Annual Alumni Thanksgiving Games and Alumni Reception and Family Skate.

Above: Co-ed Hockey

Right page top: Co-ed Soccer

Right page bottom: Men's Basketball



WEST COAST REGIONAL GATHERINGS

September, 2014

PDS visited Los Angeles, Silicon Valley and San Francisco this fall and greeted many Alumni along the way.



Top left: Robert Biro '90, Michael Costa '04, Sarah Adams Model MFS '58 and Klaus Model in Sunnyvale

Top right: Allison Marshall '03, Elizabeth Sayen '03, Sapna Thottathil '00, Craig Stuart '87 and Robert Piper PCD '46 in San Francisco



Bottom left: Brian Smith '03, Bill Ring PCD '64, Lisa Herbert '87 and Edith Petrovics '01 in Los Angeles

Bottom right: Rohit Jenvaja '03, Allison Marshall '03 and Adam Lang '89 in San Francisco

NEW YORK CITY REGIONAL GATHERINGS

December 9, 2014

Head of School Paul Stellato welcomed 150 Alumni to the Penn Club and shared an update on the school. Special guests included Former Heads of Upper School, Sandy Bing h'87 and Carlton Tucker h'13 and Current Head of Upper School Jason Robinson.

Top left: John Griffith '99 and Jan Baker

Top right: Former Head of Upper School Carlton Tucker h'13, Head of School Paul Stellato, Former Head of Upper School Sandy Bing h'87, and Head of Upper School Jason Robinson

Bottom left: Howie Powers '80 and Tom Gates '78

Bottom right: Harry Rulon-Miller PCD '51 and Alex Nanfara '99



NEW YORK CITY REGIONAL GATHERINGS

continued



Left: James Cole '08 and Board of Trustees Chair, Barbie Griffin Cole '78

Right: Sam Hamlin '08, James Cole '08, Clint O'Brien '08 and Isaac Geltzer '08



Left: Eileen Hohmuth-Lemonick, Barbara Walker and Former Head of Upper School Carlton Tucker h'13

Right: Maggie Waterhouse '94 and Jessica Seid Dickler '94



Left: Elizabeth Wei '06, Jenny Mischner and Sarah Mischner '06

Right: Cammie Linville '09 and Molly Gallagher '07





Left: Sam Hamlin '08 and Leslee Atiram

Right: Former Head of Upper School Sandy Bing h'87 and Steve Sinaiko '85



John Griffith '99, Sean Merriweather '99, Larry Miller '99 and Alex Nanfara '99



Steve Dool '03, Eileen Hohmuth-Lemonick and Bianca Gersten '03



Larissa Pawliw '05, Hilary Richards '05 and Allissa Crea '06

7TH ANNUAL YOUNG ALUMNI PUB NIGHT *December 23, 2014*

45

PDS Alumni gathered at the Nassau Inn Tap Room to reconnect and celebrate the season.



Left: Chris Devlin, Kathik Nagalinam '11 and Chris Bonnaig '11

Right: Annie Nyce '12, Sarah Godwin '12 and Molly Rubin '12



Brendan Clune '12, Georgia Travers '09 and Peter Powers '12

Sophia Eisenberg '13, David Caliguire '13, Jill Cacciola '13, Jack Laylin '13, Lizzie Snyder '13, Ashley Boyle '13 and Alex Snyder '13

COLLEGE ALUMNI LUNCH *January 9, 2015*

Members from the classes of 2011-2014 came back to speak with the senior class about the transition to college, and how PDS prepared them.



Daniella Levitan '13
Ben Levine '14
Jessica Toltzis '14
Allie Reilly '11
Katie Edelblut '14
Zachary Banks '14
Brian Crowell '11
Carly Ozarowski '12
Julia Miller '12
Robert Hrabchak '13
Ron Gerschel '13
Mallory Richards '14
and Peter Powers '12

Alumni Weekend: May 15 & 16, 2015

FRIDAY, MAY 15

12:00 p.m.

50th MFS & PCD Reunion Luncheon

Our distinguished alumnae/i who are celebrating their 50th reunion are invited to a luncheon hosted by Head of School Paul Stellato and his wife, Maureen.

Behr House (across the street from the Lisa McGraw '44 ice rink)

1:30 p.m.

"Living Our Mission": A Conversation with the 2015 Alumni Award Recipients

Upper School students and alumni are invited.

McAneny Theater

2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Student-Led Campus Tour

Main entrance of the school building

4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Then and Now

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

Matthews Arts Wing Courtyard

8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Reunion Race Party for Annual Fund Donors

Annual Fund donors are invited to come kick off Alumni Weekend. All who have made their Annual Fund gift this year are welcome. Reunion Race Winners for highest dollars raised, participation, and number of donors will be announced.

Triumph Brewery (138 Nassau Street, Princeton)

SATURDAY, MAY 16

11:00 a.m.

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.

Matthews Arts Wing Courtyard

11:30 a.m.

Leadership and Loyalty Brunch **Invitation Only**

A special brunch for our leadership donors and members of the Semper Luceat Society with Head of School Paul Stellato and his wife, Maureen.

Behr House (across the street from the Lisa McGraw '44 ice rink)

12:30 p.m.

Alumni Picnic

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

On the lawn behind Colross

To view the full schedule

and to register go to

www.pds.org/alumni-weekend-2015

2:00 p.m.

The Lay of the Land: A Walking Tour of the PDS campus
Come for a walk on the PDS 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.

Meet at the PDS Garden with David LaMotte, Upper School English teacher

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

Tennis Round Robin

Tennis Courts

5:00 p.m.

Faculty Farewell Cocktail Reception

Join us for an opportunity to say a fond farewell to our departing faculty who have served at PDS for 15 years or more.

Colross

6:00 p.m.

Alumni Awards and Athletic Hall of Fame Reception and Ceremony

Please join us to celebrate our distinguished 2015 Alumni Award Recipients and Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee.

Under the Reunion Tent behind Colross

7:30 p.m.

Milestone Reunion Party (Classes of 1965, 1975, and 1995)

Join your class at a designated table to celebrate your milestone reunion.

Under the Reunion Tent behind Colross

7:30 p.m.

Alumni Reunion Class Parties (Classes of 1970, 1980, 1985, 1990, 2000, 2005, 2010)

Individual reunion class parties will take place in various locations around the campus and in the community.

Location specific to each reunion 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

1940

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Thanks to **Louise Russell** Irving for responding to my plea for news. I greatly enjoyed receiving her note; she is living in Princeton, full of vigor, interested in politics and bridge and current movies and still traveling.

In a phone call from **Peggy Munro** Griffin I learned that she and Hase are still active and living in their lovely fieldstone house near Philadelphia. Peggy's youngest son, Bill, has a delightful new wife, who is due to deliver a baby any day now. Peggy is like my husband and sons in that she uses her iPhone constantly; I have one but I'm apparently a Luddite and will have to get myself in gear!

The latest news from Bob and me is that our son, Bill, decided to get married (third time) in our living room the day after Christmas. Bill and Tom had both gotten minister's licenses by mail in about 1969 from the Universal Life Church, so Bill asked his brother, Tom, to marry him to Dayle. It was a lovely service, approved by Sonoma County, and gave us another opportunity to enjoy seeing our family together.

A note arrived from **Ruth Druck** Ward's daughter, who is now handling her mail. She said that Ruth "recently moved to a lovely assisted-living facility in Mt. Laurel, NJ and is still 'finding her way around.' She had a grandson marry in the last six months and had a granddaughter leave for Europe to study for her master's degree."

Write or phone or email me any time and I'll put it in the next column.

1943

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1947

Need correspondent

Karl Pettit '60 wrote to tell us: "I am sad to say that **Barbara Pettit** Finch passed away peacefully in 2012 in her Homedale home. She was living with her daughter, Abby (and her granddaughter, McKayla). Her son, Sandy Finch, and his two sons, Sterling and Forest, live in Monmouth Beach. Barbara was one of seven children born to Karl Dravo Pettit and Estelle Fitch Pettit, all of whom, except her sister, Mary Pettit Funk '41, who lives with her husband Peter Funk in Keene NH, have passed away."

1951

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1952

Need Correspondent

We were so sorry to learn of the death of Jean Samuels Stephens in February. Our sympathy is extended to her children: Carroll Stephens '72, David Stephens '77 and Elizabeth Stephens Ellsworth '79

1953

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Thank you **Elaine Polhemous** Frost for many years of writing, emailing and calling our classmates for news to put in the *Journal*. You have done a superb job of keeping us up-to-date and I know it wasn't always easy. It would be great if each of us could just contribute four sentences every four years. We would probably win the PDS class notes award!

From **Hilary Thompson** Kenyon: "My year's big event was a wonderful trip to Mongolia with my sister, **Hope Thompson** Kerr. First we traveled to Yunnan Province in China and then to Mongolia for a two-week adventure. We stayed in ger camps, met many friendly natives, mostly nomadic herding families, rode horses and camels, milked yaks, hiked in the Gobi Desert over sand dunes, through the Flaming Cliffs and into a deep rocky gorge following a small stream. Five of us got to play nine holes of golf on one of the two courses in the country. Those balls really bounce on the non-grass fairway."



Hilary Thompson Kenyon '53 milking a yak

From Elaine Polhemous Frost: "I continue to enjoy my retirement community here at Crosslands in southeastern PA. It's

beautiful country—near Wilmington and Philadelphia—lots of interesting places to visit, such as Longwood Gardens, The Brandywine Museum and Winterthur."

"My days of tennis playing and volunteering at the neo-natal ICU at the University of Pennsylvania's Veterinary School are over, but there's plenty to do here! I've become somewhat active with our Energy Conservation Committee, which includes both residents and staff. We have encouraged residents to consider energy conservation here, and we are now becoming interested in how best to become better prepared for the many consequences of climate change. I do some gardening, and walking, and I enjoy being part of a good book group. I also enjoy seeing and talking with my family a lot—Lisa lives about an hour away from me, and her two boys, Thomas and Daniel, now 22, are both working in the area. I get up to Massachusetts to visit Jean, a veterinarian and part-owner of a veterinary practice in Sturbridge, and I also see Tom and grandson, Tim (11), in Mahwah, NJ. We all get together occasionally for some fun and relaxation at a family cottage on Martha's Vineyard.

"Retirement and aging mean a significant slowing down of abilities, and a lot of forgetting things like names, words, appointments, etc., etc. Multitasking is out of the question! But life is still good!

"I am very grateful to Anne Denny for being willing to take over this column again, as I just am unable to keep it going. Here's to our 65th Reunion!!"

1954

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I regret to begin these class notes with sad news. **Helen Ann Keegin** Hetherington died of cancer on November 21, 2014 in Cape Town, South Africa. The following was sent to me by her sister, Mary Liz Keegin Colley '62:

"After graduating from Smith College, Helen Ann lived and worked New York City before moving to Lagos, Nigeria, Toronto and South Africa with her husband Ian Hetherington. While in Johannesburg raising three sons, she started a small knitting business, Sheep's Clothing, which at its height employed 30 hand-knitters from widely diverse social and economic backgrounds. She was also deputy chair of the Johannesburg Save the Children where she focused on early childhood development projects in low income townships and rural areas. Helen Ann watched and was

involved in South Africa's transformation with Ian who was a consultant for black entrepreneurs. But easily, what she cared most deeply about was her family. In response, her three sons, Rob and Bruce (both now living in the UK) and Alex, created a family/friends celebration of her life in Alex's Cape Town garden splashed in yellow with fine wine, impromptu singing and laughter interspersed by a few tears and wonderfully, warm memories. She would have loved it. In addition to her sons, their wives and five grandchildren she is survived by siblings Mary Liz Keegin Colley MFS '62 and Stafford Keegin PCD '57."

Anna Rosenblad Davies wrote that she recently went to the doctor because of neck problems. He asked her if she had ever been in an accident. She relayed to him that when she was 25, she made a parachute jump "but blew away because I leaned too far and was very much tossed about. I landed in a tree and hung about until ground control came to my rescue." It should not be a surprise to any of us that Anna would jump out of a tree!

Lastly, my own sad news is to announce the death of my husband Kevin Delany, on January 15 of this year. The cause was Alzheimer's disease.

I would love to hear from more of you—perhaps for the next edition of the Princeton Day School *Journal*?

1955

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Jeano Crawford sent news of one of her granddaughters who is in Central America for a semester, trekking with the Traveling School. She will be gone for 15 weeks. The students speak a lot of Spanish, do service projects, study and get academic credit. It's for girls only. Jeano misses Annie already!

Mary Tyson (Ty) Goodridge Lund is enjoying life in San Miguel De Allende, MX. SMA is magical, and part of the magic is how she ever got there in the first place. This culture has Ty in its grips. Kind, thoughtful, hard-working and family-oriented people, Ty has talked with **Nicky Knox** quite often in the last two months. She is one brave and courageous person. She is not about her malady; she is about living life to the fullest. Her sense of humor is as wonderful as always.

Lucy Busselle Myers wrote that she is "having a lovely life, enjoying my partner Sally, my sons, and my grandchildren (two off to college and the youngest just turning one). I love walking our two black cockapoos in the woods or on the beach, and I get great pleasure from facilitating writing workshops, both here in Ipswich and in a women's prison, to the north of us. Over this past year I worked with an elderly gentleman on his memoirs; our book came out just before Christmas. I spend lots of time on Martha's Vineyard where two of my sons and three of my grandchildren live. I have a small house that I rent out during the summer and

I enjoy it during the 'off season.'" Lucy hopes everyone is as well and happy as she is!

Alice Marie Nelson will be repeating the recital of opera arias that she gave at the National Opera Center in NYC last May in May of this year. It will be at the Gallery-in-the-Field in Brandon, VT on Sunday, May 31st. Ann and Alice Marie are planning a trip up the Danube from Budapest to Prague at the end of October.

Barbara Kohlsaat von Oehsen had knee replacement surgery again! The same knee she had done six years ago was not behaving properly, and on February 12 she had it replaced—different surgeon and hospital. Barb has a wonderful support group of "really neat ladies" from her church to help her through the long rehab process. **Julia Gallup** Laughlin will be a big help to Barb, too, during the weeks of recovery.

I (Chloe King) am looking out the window at this moment, watching another blizzard beginning in Needham, MA. There are at least three feet of snow on the ground now, and this new snow will add another foot, so the forecasters say. I am off to Florida at the end of this month—thank goodness!!! Retirement continues to keep me well and happy. Still traveling and enjoying other cultures and parts of the world. We are going on a river trip in May on the Rhine and Mosel rivers in Europe. Still knitting for Santa and for birthdays.

Thanks to all who sent news this time! Can you believe we graduated SIXTY YEARS AGO in June????

1956

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I had a good lunch the other day with **Marina Turkevich** Naumann who was very grateful for the notes she received from classmates after Bob's death. She was also gratified that both Princeton and Dartmouth flew flags at half-mast in his honor. If you missed the obituary I emailed, let me know and I'll send it on—it is both impressive and delightful as Marina hit just the right balance in composing it.

Kudos and thanks to Joan and Carol for turnaround responses to my latest plea for news, but first we'll recap earlier news that I failed to submit to PDS last fall.

In May 2014, **Lockie Stafford** Proctor received a Garden Club of America Club Horticulture Award in recognition of her "24 years of love for and involvement with all things horticultural." She wrote, "I especially am loving judging horticultural shows these days—had a wonderful time in Newport, RI in late June judging the annual Rosecliff show at one of the famous 'cottages.' And I loved seeing **Pat Andrews** two years ago when I judged at her club in East Hampton, Long Island!"

Joan Pearce Anselm and Klaus traveled last June to parts of Germany, Hamburg, Luebeck, Schwerin, island of Ruegen, and Weimar, areas

close to where Klaus was born. "Lovely experience, few tourists, certainly no Americans and a must for using my German! We did see a couple of Weimaraners in Weimar."

Charlotte Cook wrote that Joan and Klaus had visited her and Craig Recula on Martha's Vineyard the past two summers, "and this August we are journeying up to Vinal Haven Island in Maine to visit them. Even our little dog is invited!"

She extended an invitation to other MFS '56ers to visit their wonderful Martha's Vineyard home. "You can check it out with Margy, Cicely, Joan and Betsy T.—they have all been here, but we'd love to host you all."

Kay Dunn Lyman and Dick "had an amazing trip to Turkey on a Smith tour in September. Our classmates from Smith, as well as the whole group, were terrific. We saw ruins and remains from the neolithic period through today. It was history and Art 101 mixed all together."

Carol Harris Bradley wrote that she and Trump are "deep into preparations for our son's wedding in CO in August. Apropos of which, we are told that the dress code will be 'Mountain Chic' and I would be more than grateful if some of my well-traveled and more fashion conscious classmates could give me a clue what that means." For those short on news, she suggests we share names, with a teaser, of favorite books.

Joan's winter follow-up began with news that Charlotte has recovered from Ehrlichiosis (tick-borne illness). "I'm sure she has been through some discouraging months, getting past symptoms of the flu (she thought), loss of equilibrium, speech and finally experiencing hallucinations before seeking treatment," Joan wrote. "We need to be wary of this little monster and seek medical care if the tick has made an attachment."

The Anselms spent Christmas '14 with family in Santa Fe. "Both sons, Rob and Alex, and their families made an effort to come and were rewarded with snow-related activities and lively dinners in the evening. Santa Fe's mountain was open, the rooftops lined with ferolitos and a good number of other people celebrating the holidays."

Joan and Klaus are staying on the move: they plan to spend three weeks in southern France, renting a house in Uzes, with trips around the USA judging dog shows during the year. Klaus was selected to judge the Herding Group at the Westminster Kennel Club in NYC this past February, which meant a trip to the city, attending the show's related events.

She concluded with the word that "winter in Virginia is definitely not so white as for those of you in New England. Spring is just around the corner and the tremendous flowering shrubs/trees."

Cicely Tomlinson Richardson: Indeed this winter was very white in New Hampshire, though we seem to be north (!) of the snow-belt, so our snow was lighter, drier and less destructive—at least when I wrote this in

mid-February—so our accumulation was well below that along the coast. Anyway, by the time this comes out we should also be reveling in spring blossoms.

I reached **Anne Harrison** Clark just as she and Bob Vaughn were about to leave for 10 days in Newport Beach, CA. All is well there and she asked classmates to think about coming to Williamsburg in 2016... Anne's granddaughter, Sequoia, is now landing axels and doing double salchows much to her grandmother's delight, while her other two grandchildren, Robert and Madeline Anne, are rock climbers.

1957

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I (Susie Smith Baldwin) sent news in from India: After wintering in my favorite tropical and spiritual fresh coconut paradise I look forward to organic vegetarian fare in Vermont... especially fresh kale and kale chips morning noon and night. How one packages fresh kale for "Make Your Own Kale Chips" will be experienced soon... thanks to one PDS family... one of our own MFS '57 families!

Molly Menand Jacobs kindly invited her daughter, Cricket Jacobs Allen, to tell us in her own words about her exciting entrepreneurial family business. "Our company story is brief: We (my husband Brian and I) started *The Perfect SNAQUE* with the mission to create the healthiest, most delicious snack products using nutritionally dense whole foods ingredients such as quinoa, coconut and sprouted lentils. We want every bite to count! Stores selling our products include Whole Foods, ShopRite, Kings, Fresh Market, Quick Chek, Wawa and Target. The Perfect SNAQUE products are also sold online through Amazon and our webstore (www.theperfectsnaque.com).

"Owning a natural foods company, we spend a lot of time as a family in the kitchen (or grocery stores) discussing, sharing and exploring the universe of food. Our twins (Molly's granddaughters) Emily and Lyla, PDS fifth graders ('22), share our passion for food and cooking. Their food blog, Kitchen-Twins.com, won a first place in a local entrepreneur competition and they have launched a Kitchen Twins fresh snack product called 'Make Your Own Kale Chips.' Fresh Kale meets shake 'n bake to deliver freshly made kale chips in eight minutes. Their product, currently

(Right) The Kitchen Twins: Emily Allen (Top) and Lyla Allen, grade 5 (PDS '22), granddaughters of **Molly Menand** Jacobs '57



(Left) Lyla Sutphin, 8, granddaughter of **Alissa Kramer** Sutphin '57

sold at Pennington Market, expands to 200 ShopRites in March, and throughout the northeast in 2015. The Kitchen Twins product is being launched through our company and there are plans to expand the Kitchen Twins 'Make Your Own' line. You can follow Molly's granddaughters on their food journey at www.kitchen-twins.com. As a family, we are very lucky to all share a passion for food and call it a profession!"

I look forward to all "*The Perfect SNAQUE*" health food products coming from Molly's family. My mouth waters for their Coconut Almond Quinoa Crunch. Can't wait to taste the kale chip product from our "Kitchen Twins," Emily and Lyla.



Aidan, 3, and Annelise, 2, grandchildren of **Alissa Kramer** Sutphin '57

The name Lyla is in vogue these days. **Alissa Kramer** Sutphin joins Molly in having a granddaughter named Lyla. Names are very important here in India. Even a postal weighing machine can have a divine name. Names in USA go in and out of style. So many of us Susans in MFS '57 years!



Cricket Jacobs Allen (center), daughter of **Molly Menand** Jacobs '57, with Molly's granddaughters, Emily '22 (far right) and Lyla '22, to left of Cricket. Cousins, granddaughters of Molly's brother, Walter Menand '55, Lucy Cameron (far left) and Sarah Menand (right of Cricket), join in the family fun and passion for food!

1958

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The class reunion hosted by **Faith Wing** Bieler was a roaring success. **Laura Johnson** Waterman and **Sally Tomlinson** both live nearby and attended, as did **Emily Vanderstucken** Spencer from Maine, **Betsy Carter** Bannerman from California and **Jinx Prather** Tirana from New York. Betsy wrote a wonderful piece about the weekend, which included seeing Laura's log cabin home and viewing Sally's wood carvings. Hopefully you all received either via email or snail mail a copy of Betsy's article. If not, please let me know and I will send one to you. The event made those of us who were not able to attend most envious of the weekend, and hoping that another reunion will soon be in the offing. In the course of looking for all former classmates it was discovered that **Betsy Lawall** Grant has a jewelry business in Greenwich, CT.

The most recent news was from **Sarah Adams** Model who told us about her ballerina granddaughter, Amanda, age 10. For the past three years she has danced with the Moscow Ballet when it comes to California, having progressed from Snowflake to French Dancer and now Russian Dancer.

Please let me know any news of interest. We all like to be able to stay in touch.

1959

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'59 Classmates: **Jean Schettino** Conlon, **Lucy James**, **Susan Stevenson** Badder, and **Ann Kinczel** Clapp before the memorial service for the mother of **Cecilia Aall** Mathews

Abby Pollak is reviewing books, taking Italian classes, playing bridge, doing a weekly French group, a monthly writers group, twice weekly Pilates, and avoiding multi-tasking.

Lucy James spent Christmas in Costa Rica with her whole family.

Nan Nicholes Goodrich (whose mother is still alive and well!) continues to travel, recently 35 days at sea circumnavigating South America.

1960

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From **Fiona**:

Before we each speak for ourselves, I wanted to express our heartfelt condolences to Cary Smith Hart '64 for the terrible loss of her sister and our classmate, **Trika**, who died of cancer on October 13, 2014—and to thank Cary and her family for the beautiful celebration of Trika's vibrant life held at NYU, where she was a professor. We also extend our sympathy to **Trudi Goheen** Swain upon the death, on January 25th, of her mother, Peggy Goheen, of whom many of us share warm, happy memories.

Polly Busselle Bishop: "Life on Cape Cod means tennis, platform tennis, lots of publicity for our Lifetime Learning program plus putting on three courses, most interesting of which is about Cuba, which I visited last year as part of a Witness for Peace delegation. Oh my, it was fabulously interesting—the Cubans are so friendly, artistic and welcoming. Am looking madly for a return trip."

Tibby Chase Dennis: "About all I can come up with at the moment is to say that I'm hoping and praying we'll have no more storms around February 23rd as Elise, Cynn timer and I have a tentative date for a visit around that time (I haven't actually seen Elise since Chip and I were married five years ago.) On a bittersweet note, we lost little Peanut, our cairn terrier/toy poodle mix, in early January. Chip and I still go outside a lot ourselves when roads allow to our various groups and activities related to our two churches. Endless snow shoveling must be good exercise for aging hearts!"

Julia Cornforth Holofcener: "As usual, the Holofceners can't seem to stay in one place. We're not selling the five-acre paradise



Julia Cornforth Holofcener '61 and **Debbie Moore** Krulewitch '61

in West Palm, but we ARE going to the UK and France for five months. The main reason is the unveiling of a project Larry has been sculpting for the past few months: 105 portraits of history's greatest golfers on four bas-reliefs. It's being given to the British Golf Museum in St. Andrews and unveiled during the British Open in July. After the unveiling, we will stay in Europe and travel to France and Italy. It was so wonderful to see **Debbie** again and meet her husband Peter. They came to lunch during their visit to Palm Beach and Key West. I haven't seen her since the amazing reunion we had at her home in Dutchess County, and she hasn't changed a bit. Still the warm, loving, generous, fun person she has always been."



Sheila Long '61 and Monk

Sheila Long: "It's nice here: cold, but the level of snow is manageable (accumulation of about a foot) and clean and sparkly. Trika's service was very moving. She left me a legacy of two good friends: Kelvin, with whom she used to go to the opera, and his husband, who goes by the name of Glenn of Trees. They were both at that unforgettable birthday party (Trika's 70th), and we've been in touch ever since then."

Julie Fulper Hardt: "I took a couple of months off [from the real estate business] for general sanity and to have a hip replaced—a miraculous thing. This year we added another grandson to our family, giving us a full complement of four light-of-our-lives grandchildren. Our younger son, Ben, and his family have moved to the Cambridge, MA area for post-doc fellowships. Josh and his family remain in Yardley and thoughtfully involve us in their children's adventures. I'm grateful for friendships established back when I didn't have a clue about much of anything, and chance to be with Pol in Maine every summer and Debbie at Christmas and throughout the year."

Lucia Norton Woodruff: "Hello from Austin. I am enjoying life! Just back in time last night from Long Island playing quartets with my buddies (flew up Thursday, two days after the

blizzard). Life is good: family, friends, lots of music for fun, travel and puttering. (I remember my father loving to just putter around at this stage of life.)"

Barbara Pearce Williams: "Just passed the sixth anniversary of my bi-lateral lung transplant (October 2008). Not all smooth sailing but I have no regrets. I live on my own with my constant companion, Casi (a yellow Labrador), and take each day as it comes. Life is good!"

Cherry Raymond: "Am enjoying my new life at The Abode, a spiritual retreat center in rural New Lebanon, NY, where I moved last summer. Community life has proven a boon, with interesting souls flowing through, many from overseas. I see much more of brother,

Whit, now, who is in Albany. My weekly commute to Concord, MA to continue counseling work has been pretty feasible. I escaped to Florida last week just in time to warm up to near normal. I've learned that it isn't the snow, but the arctic temps that stagger me. But not nearly so much as the reality of climate change—just in our lifetimes!—and the deconstruction of institutions, infrastructures, and values. Praying that something viable and wonderful will emerge from these death-throes, I sign online petitions, track sane voices amidst the fray, and follow inspiring activists, like McKibben and 350.org. I am sad we lost Trika this past year, but heartened by the beauty and warmth of her good life."

Jeanie Shaw Byrne: "All is well with us: grandchildren and family. Basically I have no news, which at our age and stage is good. Is spring really coming?"

Cynthia Weinrich: "My main news is that as of last November I am no longer at my church job of the last 10 1/2 years. Although I didn't initiate this, I had been thinking for a few years that it was time to move on, so I was not at all unhappy to agree to a cordial parting and accept the generous severance offer they made me. I have been SO much happier, and more relaxed since. Have been doing sub work regularly, which is a pleasant change. Greatly enjoyed seeing Fiona, Debbie, Polly and Sheila at Trika's moving and inspiring memorial."



1961 classmates: l to r: **Debbie Moore** Krulewitch, **Fiona Morgan Fein**, **Polly Busselle** Bishop, **Cynthia Weinrich** with smiling faces, but heavy hearts, at the beautiful and very moving celebration of the full and distinguished life of classmate **Trika Smith-Burke**.

Joan Yeaton Seamon: "We loved the Chautauqua Institution in upstate NY in June with the myriad lectures and performances and wide array of interesting people from all walks of life. Afterwards it was fascinating to find Yeaton memorials and obelisks in NH honoring my dad's grandfather and brothers who fought in many Civil War battles. Our fall trip this year was to Central America—Guatemala and Honduras—with a focus on Maya ruins and history. Otherwise, between golf and tennis, we enjoy our visits to the kids in CA, TX and Northern VA, and our perfect grandchildren."

I continue to serve on the board of Wells College and am happy to report that we have a wonderful new president, Jonathan Gibraltar, who will take office July 1. The past two years under interim president Thomas de Witt have been very exciting, including the renovation of the former science building, which now houses a vibrant Business Center and Center for Sustainability and the Environment. The liberal arts will remain at the core of Wells' curriculum, as they have been since 1868, even as we add new courses of study that are relevant to the changing needs of today's students.

1962

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Having survived two blizzards in New England with more snow on the way, I know spring is not far behind; thus time to send in-class notes. **Missy Tomlinson**, still living in Vero Beach, Florida, with a January birthday, she is the third oldest of our class just behind **Cindy Brown** and **Win Dickey**. She recollects playing between her house and Win's before they came to Miss Fine's. I will be going out to Win's daughter, Lisa's, wedding early June in Denver. Next month I plan to see **Susan Mathews Heard**—and her husband—for a few days in New York City; they will be there enjoying operas. In April, I look forward to seeing **Sonia Bill** and her husband in Maine. Exciting news from **Gail Cotton** that in August she will be a great-grandmother(!!!), as her oldest grandchild, Andrea, Anne's daughter, is having a baby. In the meantime, Gail takes care of her youngest grandchild, Andrew, who is 14 months. Hearing from both Cindy and Gail that Cindy will be out in Beaver Creek in March hoping they can hook up with **Kitty Walker**. More exciting news hopefully from more of you in the next six months.

1963

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Thanks to the classmates who wrote this time! It was so good to have a full inbox.

Sally Campbell Hass wrote that she saw **Wylie O'Hara** Doughty on Martha's Vineyard

in September. **Polly Miller** and Sally had breakfast in Hyannis before Polly and Nick went off to Africa. Sally is trying to track down the addresses of all our "lost" classmates. **Anne MacNeil**, you are on the top of her list. Please send the address to me, and I'll share with Sally. Sally really enjoys mini-reunions, and she hopes to see more classmates.

Pamela Sidford Schaeffer is enjoying her newest grandchild, Max, Jacqueline's son, born on Halloween. As the "filler-inner" helper, she sees them at least twice a week. Pam reported that she and Leonard have had every vaccination imaginable...and thus allowed by her daughter to be with Max. Pam and her sisters, Sandy Sidford Cornelius '61 and Holly Sidford England '68, are going with their husbands to a Neil Diamond concert in April, all a part of turning (gasp) 70. The Schaeffers are planning a trip to England, "...to help the Brits celebrate many anniversaries: the 50th anniversary of the death of Winston Churchill, the 70th anniversary of the end of WW II, the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta, and the invasion of King Canut in 1015." Mrs. Boutelle would be so proud! Pam, **Laurie Rogers**, and I are planning our annual reunion in Ashland, OR, in the fall."

It was wonderful to hear from **Prudence Morgan** Boulton after so many years. She said, "I've long been with the man I love; John and I finally ran away to Hawaii to get married 25 years ago." She and **Colleen Coffee** Hall are email buds. Prudie has recurring back problems, and they prevented her from coming to our last reunion. Despite this, and after a 20-year hiatus, she is back to one of her early loves, riding horses. This and their two "spoiled" poodles keep her busy. "Glad tidings to all my classmates, and best wishes to all."

Liza Maugham wrote that all is well. She is kept busy and happy with five grandchildren. Three are hockey players, and two are actors! Liza is currently living with her daughter, and they are hosting two exchange students, one from Norway and one Brazil. "I am currently working part-time with infants and toddlers with special needs." Liza had dinner with **Bonnie Grad** Levy, **Jane Aresty** Silverman and **Joan Knapp** Crocker. "All classmates are welcome to visit Maine...Best to all."

Kathryn Kilgore is working on a book of poetry, training five horses, and making the "commute" from Torrey, Utah to Key West (without the horses). She reported that in Utah they have a wonderful garden, and "I expect a dinosaur to walk off the mountains at any time."

Laurie Rogers and her partner, Bob, are slowly but surely furnishing their new condo in Connecticut. Even with the horrible weather that those of you in the Northeast have had, they love being in their place! Bob is a major sailor, and Laurie accompanies him on many sails. They have a wide circle of friends in the local sailing community, and they see them often, even out of season. Laurie and Bob are particularly close to her sister and brother-in-law. Laurie is fond of exercise, and she has inspired me to get on board with the gym and Pilates.

Kathy Sittig Dunlop sent her amazing holiday letter reviewing her activities for the year and expressing her deep faith and the sustenance it gives to her. Her letter highlighted the many churches and other historic venues she saw this year. They were in Slovenia, Croatia and Greece. Kathy and Richard were most happy when their daughter, Allison married Brian Keenan in a beautiful ceremony on Nantucket in June. They are living in Boston. After many health scares and a few operations, all is well in the Dunlop family. Kathy is busy with golf, exercise, Bible study, singing and planning travel.

Ginny Elmer Stafford said, "Yes, I have made it to 70 with a little less energy but still healthy." Her big news is that she is moving into semi-retirement and living for most of the year in Madrid, where she can be a support to her daughter and family. She is more than happy to be a guide for anyone who is going to Spain. Ginny will continue to do some counseling over the phone and see some clients in Spain.

Kleia Raubitschek Luckner also turned 70 in late January. She reported, "I don't feel a day over 62." She is living in McLean, VA to be closer to her adorable grandchildren, Caroline and Addison. Both of Kleia's children live in nearby Annapolis, and her sister and brother live nearby. Kleia asked that any classmate visiting the DC area be in touch. She concluded, "Bestest to you all and fondest wishes for a new year of health, happiness, prosperity, and peace."

Sharon Stevenson Griffith is planning a trip to Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos in fall, 2015. We travel with the same company, Overseas Adventure Travel, and we have both been very happy with them. She and her husband Chuck took a safari to Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa. They had dinner with **Bonnie Strong** Berge when they were in Joburg where Bonnie and her family live.

I am well and happy with not much new to report. My partner AJ and I are off in mid-February for two weeks in Mexico (Oaxaca, where we've never been,) and Puerto Vallarta; we are planning three weeks in Sicily in May. Happy to be the host of Pam and Laurie in Oregon in the coming fall, and I'd love to see any of you who make it to this wonderful part of the country. I always enjoy hearing from or about you. Keep those emails coming!

1964

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I'd like to dedicate this column to one of our own, **Barbara Kneubuhl**, who graduated with us in 1964 and who was unable to join us last May for our 50th reunion due to poor health. Sadly, I learned that Barbara passed away last November in Wellesley, MA, after a long and brave battle with cancer. Barbara Jean Kneubuhl will be remembered by many of us for her sense of

camaraderie, enthusiasm for what captured her interest, and her ruler, without which she was unable to write the copious notes we all toted around. She sang in the Madrigals, played varsity tennis and basketball, and was President of the Student Council senior year. The editors of our 1964 year book composed Haikus for each of us. The one composed for Barbara does seem to capture her as we knew her then.

"Romantic idealism
of the intellectual
and complex contrast
of the naive and the
sophisticated
describe a circle of wild imagination"



Barbara Kneubuhl '64

Susan Jamieson enjoyed corresponding with Barbara the past few years and was "...happy for the gift of renewed contact with Kneubs and her generous letter writing—bravely and beautifully written thoughts on daily pleasures and on her appreciation of life. I am so sorry we didn't share more of her too short time on earth."

Cary Smith Hart was in touch with Barbara's sister, Janet Schloat, who asked if she could write something for our column. The following is her piece, which happily fills us in on Barbara's life and underscores Barbara's own view of herself as expressed in our 1964 year book, when she stated that she was intrigued by "AB's—MA's—Ph.D's."

"Barbara Jean Kneubuhl was born to Margaret and James Kneubuhl on January 7, 1946 in Los Angeles, CA. She attended public elementary schools in California and Connecticut and attended high school in Princeton, NJ at Miss Fine's School. She was a superb schoolgirl athlete, particularly in tennis.

"She completed her education at the U. of Wisconsin (BA), Middlebury College (MA) and the U. of Massachusetts (PhD. in Linguistics/Comparative Literature).

"Barbara lived in Paris for several years, where she taught English to middle school boys; she later worked at *New England* magazine and at the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women. While there, she developed curricula for middle school students and trained teachers in the use of it.

"She maintained a home in Wellesley, MA with her partner, Dr. Carolyn Cohen.

"Barbara died after a long battle with lung cancer, at the age of 68, on November 20, 2014. She leaves her partner, her sister, three nephews and numerous great-nieces and nephews."

We are saddened by our loss but grateful for the years we did have with Barbara at MFS, as we struggled together on path to self-discovery. In a class of only 17 members, the contributions of one were felt by all.

Before closing this column, I would like, on behalf of the class of 1964, to express heartfelt sorrow at the loss of Trika Smith '61, Cary Smith Hart's older sister, after a long illness. During her years at MFS, Trika was a significant role model for us all.

1965

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I'm looking forward to our 50th reunion and reconnecting with classmates who were the last of the MFS women. It will be my first reunion, although I confess to having made an excursion to the old Washington Battle Monument, where I often waited for my mother to pick me up, and looked longingly at the Good Humor truck. I'm squeezing in the new job as class correspondent with continuing civic and political activities, singing, dancing, etc. I'll never retire! Not from any of it!

Looking beyond the reunion in May, Bob and I will be visiting **Merethe Lange-Nielsen** and her husband Borge Ytterstad in Harstad, Norway for the summer solstice. We have had a lively email exchange. Her English is still excellent, but my Norwegian is zero.

Merethe Lange-Nielsen Ytterstad wrote, "A brief update about me: Retired from my job as head of the physical therapy department in our local hospital, where my husband also used to work as a surgeon and professor in Injury Prevention. We have three children who have given us two grandchildren each; they keep us quite busy since four of them live close by. We enjoy the nature north of the Arctic Circle, fishing, hiking, hunting and cross-country skiing. Princeton became less when 'mom' and 'dad' moved to Florida, and Gigi and Sia to New England. I have been back to see Gigi a few times, and I actually almost got to see her a year ago when we spent three days in NY on our way to a conference in Mexico. Borge, my husband, wanted to listen to his favorite jazz pianist, and I insisted on taking the train to Princeton, walking down memory lane. It was a little bittersweet to walk around the University and find a somewhat deserted 12 Hunter Road, but I had to do it. How Princeton has changed!"

Karen Fraser has retired and moved to Venice, Florida. She hasn't yet sampled all the delights of this area, which I know very well, so I'm hoping we'll meet up in March to have some great adventures together.

Dabby Bishop Palmer: "I'm still working full-time at Princeton House Behavioral Health in the Women's Trauma Program, as well as doing some private practice therapy. I'm looking forward to seeing you all in May. Please do join us in Princeton!"

Martha Gorman Nielsen wrote, "I retired in April 2014 from the Mercer County Office on Aging after 25 years. I have two grandchildren living in Kingston: Melissa, age 9, and Findlay, age 6. I see them often. My 90-year-old mother is doing well and lives at Stonebridge in Montgomery Township. My husband Bob and I have a boat berthed at the Bay Bridge Marina on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, across from Annapolis. We spend most of our free time there when the weather is nice."

Phoebe Russell Ozuna wrote, "I have been living in Pasadena for the past 25 years. In 2011 I retired from my job teaching at Roosevelt High School, a job I loved to the last day! Since then, I have been writing and working with Cahuenga Press (www.cahuengapress.com), a small literary press which I run with three other poets here in Los Angeles. I have published six books of poems, the latest one is called *Touching Stone*, published in 2012 by Cahuenga Press. My husband Ron Ozuna retired at the same time I did, and since then we have become active amateur birders. We are going to Colombia to bird in March, our second trip there. Both of my sons, Ocean and Will, live in New York, and I see them as often as I can. Ocean has three children. I am hoping to be in Princeton for our reunion this year!!"

Barbara Putnam who left MFS after 9th grade, but whom I see as often as possible, wrote, "I have been living in Litchfield, CT since 1984, where I raised my daughter, Emma Berson Putnam, with my husband Bob Berson. Bob is a retired clinical psychologist, and I recently closed my architectural design business. We've built a house on land that once belonged to my grandmother, across the street from my brother. I grow organic vegetables, and Bob harvests firewood. We both are moving tremendous amounts of snow, I with a shovel, and he with a tractor. We both serve on the Citizens' Emergency Response Team and the Democratic Town Committee. I serve on the East Litchfield Village Improvement Society and the Vestry of the local Episcopal church. I have started a yoga teacher training program that ends in July."

Lydia Osborne wrote that she'll be happy to help with reunion, "though probably no one will remember me! I left Miss Fine's in the 6th grade and went away to boarding school for a year, then Princeton High, where I finally came out of my shell and did very well academically, as well as making everlasting friends!

"I retired two years ago from being the Assistant to the two Directors of the Alumni Association of Princeton University after 38 amazing years. I now work at the Nassau Club on the corner of Mercer Street part-time. It's great, and I see so many of my alumni friends. I grew up at 40 Mercer Street one block down from the Nassau Club. I know my parents are smiling down on me!" Lydia lives in Pennington, has three adult children: Jennifer, 38, and Scott, 41, and an adorable granddaughter, Ava."

Class Notes

Princeton Country Day School



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PCD's archives seem to have lost track of at least two of '46's members: **Pete Lindberg** and **Allan Synge**, both of whom are no longer with us. In the case of Pete, I am trying to develop information to report on going forward.

Though born in England, Allan John Millington Synge was Anglo-Irish. He graduated from Trinity College in Dublin where he studied history, and met and married "the strikingly beautiful" Olive Weir who subsequently provided him with a daughter and two sons.

Synge arrived at PCD, according to '46's real class historian, **Al Forsyth**, for the year 1942-1943. As with several other then newcomers to PCD (and perhaps MFS), he was escaping the Nazi blitz. He had to return to England a year later, just in time for the Nazi buzz bombs and rockets, but survived. He and Allan F. were best friends that one year at PCD, which friendship was renewed many years later when Al's daughter, Katy, attended Oxford. Isn't it interesting how often such good comes from tough times?

Herbert McAneny likely appreciated Allan Synge, whose obituary in the *Guardian* described him (Allan) as "...a writer, editor, publisher and original person (who was) in the 1950s and 60s one of that talented tribe of advertising men moonlighting as novelists and poets moonlighting as advertising men." While prolific according to the *Guardian*, with any number of plays and novels to his credit, "...not much was published, nor even offered: the satisfaction was in the writing."

I do not recall Synge, but I well remember Pete Lindberg and his younger brother, Sam PCD '47, I believe. I am still trying to be in further touch with **Bill Black** and his bride Nancy Cowles MFS '50. Jean Milholland Shriver,

MFS '50 recently wrote to me that she was a bridesmaid in Nancy's wedding and that she would like to reconnect. I still need "input" for this column, so **Martin Stevens** and **Bob Piper**, if you read this piece, please let me hear from you.

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Jim Brown reported that McGraw-Hill recently (2014) published the ninth edition of his book, *Complex Variables and Applications*, co-authored with the late Ruel V. Churchill. It is part of the Brown and Churchill Series in applied mathematics that already contains the eighth edition of their *Fourier Series and Boundary Value Problems*.

Now that Jim has come through let's hear from some of you other guys. If not, I'll start making stuff up and you're not going to like it.

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Well classmates, we're closing in on a few more and hoping this finds you well. I sent letters to those whose email addresses didn't work, and I have opened the communication line to a couple more.

Vern (Jim) Hagenbuckle wrote, "I did not finish with my class of 1955 at PCD. My father had a mental collapse and the family fell apart. My mother took me to Florida and I left the ivy halls of PCD to fight mullet fishermen's sons in the public school system. I graduated from a small North Carolina high school (Pinehurst) in 1959. I attended UNC at Chapel Hill where I studied journalism and art. I dropped out of UNC ('You are not college material, Hagenbuckle') and ran off to Mexico and studied painting at the Instituto Allende in San Miguel Allende. Then to the Art Student's League in New York. I got a BFA from the California College of Art (1967) and a MFA from the University of Oregon in 1969. I had a career in teaching fine art on the college level for over 30 years. I retired as a Professor Emeritus from St. Petersburg College here in Florida. I have two daughters: Allison, who is completing her master's at Indiana University, and Kristen, who is an acquiring editor for the University of Arizona Press, Tucson. I have two grandchildren: Charlotte and Owen. My wife Jan and I reside here in Clearwater, where we have a painting studio. The sweet smell of oil paint is on my hands as I type this. Still doing it after all these years! I am in good health and remain in positive spirits. Because I did not graduate from Princeton Country Day, it is difficult to call me a true alumni. However, I have many fond memories of my days there. Skating at Baker Rink. The pink homework sheets. 'Five marks, Hagenbuckle!' Those wooden soccer cleats!

And from **Dave Smoyer**: "In 2013 we moved to a condo in Cambridge from a house in Boston. I still enjoy travelling. In 2014, I went to France, Russia and Mexico in addition to a trip to Florida and our annual trips to the West Coast to see our children. We enjoy seeing **Peter Moock** and his wife Joyce from time to time as they now have a home near us. I still enjoy playing tennis and biking but am quite inhibited by a new hip; I was never very fast anyway! Thanks, Bob, for encouraging us to keep in touch. It seems we need it!"

I can always count on **John Cook** to write something: "Down on the lake where rival crews have felt the Tigers weight," we have had a beautiful sheet of black ice from Kingston to Princeton. Only hitch is it gets harder every year to catch my grandchildren out there but the workout helps keep the grim reaper in partial check. I assume you are skiing a lot with all the great snow."

And I received a couple of emails from **John Stein** that I edited to one: "At your request, PDS very kindly sent me a copy of last fall's issue of the *PDS Journal*. There is a squib of '56 news, featuring John Cook and **John Davison**, with footnotes on Mooock and **Chris Shannon**. Nice work, Bobby. Now you can retire peacefully. I am truly fully completely retired. As will be Marlene, as soon as she finishes a horrible writing project for the UN. I remain enamored with sloth. Best to all our brethren."

I'm still enjoying Colorado and a fine snow year, but as I write this during the World Alpine Skiing Championships, we are experiencing incredibly warm weather. "This too shall pass," I'm sure Smoyer, in Boston, is enjoying what we really want out here. I'd still love to hear from a couple more of you, Danny, Chris, Moke, David K. I know you're out there somewhere.

1957

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I tried to get responses from folks, but received only three. **Jerry Gildar**....you were supposed to send me something! Next time? I will try harder for the next issue and hope to be able to report more news.

The last time I was at the school, we celebrated our 50th reunion. I am going to my 50th college reunion this year! Seems impossible.

Hope this note finds members of the class of 1957 in good health.

Andy Harris: "While most of my friends have retired, I don't seem ready to throw in the towel. I direct the Global Health Center at Oregon Health & Center University, responsible for international training programs at the University and student and resident overseas exchanges. The work is fascinating, and we just returned from Myanmar, Laos and Thailand, looking at various opportunities in SE Asia."

Staff Keegin: "Top Keegin news right now is that my wife Susan, and I are off to the White House Wednesday morning for lunch there on Thursday. My youngest daughter is the executive officer/deputy director of the Situation Room, and her three-year gig is up this month, so she and her family are being lunched at the White House Mess, and there's a celebration in the Situation Room Thursday evening. Hope there's no situation going on Thursday night. Oh, and we'll be bowling in the WH bowling alley Wednesday night. She's going out with a BANG!"

Pony Fraker wrote the following in his bio for his 50th reunion at Princeton:

"Life has given me much: a career that has combined architectural practice with academic teaching, research and leadership at three major universities—Princeton ('68-'85), U of Minnesota ('85-'96) and UC Berkeley ('96-present); a daughter, Jessica, who with her husband Rich, is raising my three grand-

children (in Princeton!); an extraordinary wife Molly, with whom I have two sons Colin (24) and Will (21); an active life of tennis (including two national championships) and hockey (still), and much exciting travel."

He has stepped away from his administrative post at Berkeley but continues to reach there and as a Visiting Professor at Lund University in Sweden. He remains committed to "solving the challenges of global climate change." Still active, he did note that he, like all of us, is feeling a bit creakier than he did a few years ago!

Tim Carey: "My news, not particularly earth shattering, is that after fifty years, I retired from teaching in June 2014. I was at The Noble and Greenough School in Boston for 38 years teaching English, coaching a number of sports, serving as Head of the Middle School and Dean of Faculty. Thus far, I am enjoying retirement as a kept man (my wife Mary is Head the English Department at Brookline High School), taking classes at BU, doing lots of photography, reading the paper thoroughly each day and heading out to the gym several times a week and traveling to such places as Argentina and Turkey in the past year. On the horizon? The man I train with, 30 years old, asked me last week if I would audition with him for the TV show, *The Amazing Race*. I said yes. Dumb or what?

Please send me some info at the email address above and I will make sure you get more news next time around. Best to everyone!

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Toby Knox sent news to the Alumni Office: "Our son, Andrew, became engaged on July 4th in Chicago to Catherine Lindberg; a July 2015 wedding in Chicago is planned. Andrew continues to perform with Second City in Chicago and with two of their national touring companies. In addition, last fall he performed in an off-Broadway in NYC in *Blank! The Musical*, a musical improvisation show. Daughter, Amanda continues as CEO of Invest In Girls, a Boston-based high school literacy non-profit organization. I continue to conduct marketing research around the country and still enjoy living in Vermont."

1959

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Charlie Stuart wrote, "I'm as well as I have ever been. Living in New York City and on a lake in Maine. My wife Sarah and I go between the two, depending on the weather. She is a writer (*The New Yorker*) and just published a book last June (*Perfectly Miserable*, Riverhead Press). I continue to make documentaries, and typical of the business of being an independent filmmaker, they are as varied

as ever. Of the three currently in production, one is a huge 10-hour series for ESPN about basketball, one is about mental illness and the third is a private film for my prep school, Phillips Academy (my fourth film for them). Our three kids all live in NYC, which makes us very happy."

1960

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Yikes...guess what? PCD's class of 1960 is having its 55th reunion this May! It seems so recently ago when we celebrated our 50th. At that time, we had a small but hardy group of classmates that included **Bloxy Baker, Alex Patton, Jonathan Howland** and me, in which we celebrated our friendships, and caught up on each other's lives. We were hopeful that **Lawrence Kuser, Brock Putnam, Peter Wright** and **Roger Marcus** would also have come, but unfortunately they were unable to do so. I hope that many in our class will decide to come this year.

I have the following potpourri of news to share about some of our classmates. My childhood friends, who attended their Princeton High School 50th Reunion last spring, gave me news about **Fred Sayen** (now Murad Sayen) who graduated with them. Murad minored in painting and photography at Penn State University, where he earned his BA in Philosophy of Ethics in 1970. He then did post-graduate study at the University of New Mexico, where he earned his MFA. In the late 1970's, Murad began making one-of-a-kind collectable 'art knives.' His art knives won a long list of awards and many are represented in museum and private collections around the world. Since that time Murad has been focusing on oil painting and teaching full-time. He is a realist and a very accomplished artist. I strongly suggest that readers Google 'Murad Sayen' and listen to/watch his YouTube videos—they are quite uplifting and speak to his core beliefs about life. His words and work will bring smiles and tears...never to be forgotten. Murad and his wife Abby live in South Paris, Maine, where they have lived for 35 years. His daughter lives in California and his son works for the State Department making our embassies safer. I have made a promise to myself to visit with Murad sometime this year. I always enjoyed Murad while classmates at PCD—he was a funny, unique, and spirited friend during those years.

Last week I was talking with **Davy Davis** about his contact with **Percy Hoxie Wood** (Peter). Out of the blue, Peter had called Davy to catch him up with what he had been doing for the past 50 years. Peter is on the verge of retiring from a long career with FedEx. He is an avid gardener with a particular passion for hardy hybrids of hibiscus with a wide range of colors, some having enormous individual inflorescence. He is living in the Memphis area and is very proud of his 25-year-old son. Davy



Davy Davis '65, **Karl Pettit** '65, and Bill Remsen '71 in Massachusetts this past summer

has also been in frequent contact with Peter's brother Allen Wood (PCD '62) who lives in New Hampshire. Since I haven't spoken with Peter in a coon's age, I certainly am planning a phone call soon. It would be great to get him back for our class reunion this spring.

Speaking of **Davy Davis**, my wife Kay and I had a wonderful visit with him and wife Tink in Essex, Massachusetts last August. During our visit, we had a very enjoyable dinner with **Bill Remsen** (PDS '71 & Choate) and his wife Jane at the Annisquam Yacht Club. Davy and Tink's three sons are happily married resulting in Davy and Tink having eight wonderful grandchildren. Davy still practices law, but his true passion is in landscape design, which he is extremely good at and that brings praise from many clients.

As for me, for the past four and a half years, I have been on staff at Philadelphia University as their Project Manager, Capital Projects. It has been a very rewarding position for me after twenty years with Hillier Architecture in Princeton. My wife Kay and I live in New Hope, PA, where I am a member of the Watershed Association and Solebury Township Land Preservation Committee. My daughter, Pauli, is an actor living in Burbank, CA with her soul-mate husband and my adorable 2-1/2 year old grandson, Samuel Harrison Rose. My son, Karl IV, lives nearby in Red Hill, PA and manages a diversely stocked Army & Navy Store in Quakertown.

This past fall, Barbara Rose (MFS '64), Wendy Fruland Hopper (MFS '64), and I had a delightful three-hour lunch at the Mediterra

Restaurant in Palmer Square. Whenever you get together with Barbara and Wendy, there is a lot of laughter and rich conversation.

For the record, many of our PCD classmates went on to prep school or high school before being part of our 9th grade graduating class that included: **Jimmy Aul, John Brinkerhoff, Walter Edwards, Peter Hart, Jonathan Howland, Burt Jackson, Lawrence Kuser, John Odden, Karl Pettit, Brock Putman, Fred Sayen, Billy Smoyer, and Peter**

Wright. Nevertheless, the friendships we made from 1st Form (4th grade) on are memorable. Along the way, those I know we have lost are: **Johnny Brinkerhoff, Peter Hart, Tommy Reynolds, and Billy Smoyer**. If anyone can relay information about others who have passed away, please let me know. So...that's it; except, please remember that our 55th class reunion is scheduled for this May...and come. There will be a lot of catching up to do, and friendships to rekindle.

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Wendy Fruland Hopper '64, **Karl Pettit** '60 and Barbara Rose '64 enjoying an afternoon together



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Whether it's planting gardens, being involved with grandchildren, raising puppies, or expanding our minds, our classmates seem to be in a continual reproductive mode.

Kirsty Pollard Lieberman reported from her desk at New York Life, where she continues to provide good legal counsel. Her daughter, Mackenzie, was married in August and is presently living in Dusseldorf, Germany where she works with Hansa One, a Princeton-based company. Her sons, Ian and William, both reside in Colorado. Kirsty says she can't visit any of her kids any time soon as she recently adopted two new puppies, one German Shepherd and one Great Pyrenees (in addition to her two Bassett Hounds), who have reminded her what it's like to have young kids around. Chewed up furniture, rugs, baby gates and chased old Bassett Hounds. The Bassett Hounds are residing with Kirsty in a special room until the 'kids' grow up.



Barbara Sullivan '66 and family

Barbara Sullivan made a pilgrimage to Santa Barbara for a wedding last year, and we missed visiting each other as I was out of town. But she did say she understands why I live here. "What a beautiful place. Right now I am still working part-time for the same non-profit (woodworking program for at risk teens), writing for a magazine called *SALT* (www.saltmagazine.com) and about to get the garden in shape again because we will be on tour in April for our local Azalea Festival." As you may recall, Barb's garden was featured on a PBS program (www.gardenstmart.tv) called "Garden Smart." Her garden is the one with the big giraffe. I am not asking.

Dale Marzoni Kellogg's grandson, Sebastian, has already reached the age of 7, showing strong artistic sensibilities and an apparent brilliant player of Minecraft. (I am not asking...) As always, like Barbara, Dale continues to shine in her curiosity about the plant world and recently finished her Master Gardener course, graduating on January 25th. "While I've learned a ton and have enough space to actually implement some of what I've learned, I am by no means a "Master Gardener" and figure it will be another decade or two before I'm comfortable with that designation." Dale juggles the dirt with the ice, as she continues to judge skating competitions—she just did her first dance competition. I am wondering how she keeps warm in those rinks! She's off to North Carolina with her family over spring break and hopes to visit her sister, Lynn, later in the spring.

Sally Behr Ogden happily is about to increase the size of her family by becoming a mother-in-law; her son, Nick, popped the question to Katrina at Thanksgiving. Congratulations! Her daughter, Lacey, is riding in Ocala, Florida, and her oldest, Oakley, is "in Denver and still pursuing personal growth. (All good.)" Aren't we all?



Katherine Becker '66

Katherine Becker's trip to Italy this summer was beyond her expectations. She is stimulating growth of her brain cells through her travel adventures. "My trip to Rome was so successful that I plan a return to Italy in May again with Professore Claudio Mazzola of University of Washington-Seattle, but this time it's to Calabria and Sicily. I have been traveling with him off and on since 1999—tempus fugit. Travel plans include a stay in a small town in Calabria, where we'll be hosted by families and then onto Sicily. I can never exhaust my love of Italia. I am writing this on January 1st, and hope you will include my acknowledgement of Debbie, for all the love, care, thought and hard work she puts toward keeping us in communication through the PDS *Journal*. I know when I open the mailbox to discover the *Journal*, the first thing I do is find our class and read our class notes. Abundance to us all in 2015. Molto Grazie. Ciao." Katherine said I couldn't write this, but I will anyway: Yes, I did pay for her to write that. She owes me from the 1965 Christmas wreath-making event in the old Miss Fine's auditorium. Forgive me, Miss Kate, and yes, I appreciate your appreciation.



Sally Gaudie Harries '66 with her husband and grandchildren

Sally Gaudie Harries has been growing new knee cells. Last year she spent a fair amount of time in rehab for her knee replacement surgery, and still has the energy of a 20-year-old as far as I am concerned. The whole Gaudie family got together in July at a rented a big cottage on Georgian Bay, part of Lake Huron in Ontario. At the end of October, Sal and Jack flew to England to be with her family, followed by visits from her kids and grandkids at Christmas. A guided kayaking week in Venice, Italy—yes, that's Italy, not Florida—is on her schedule for May with Jack and his fellow water polo players. I think Sally must fly, not walk.



Margery Cuyler's '66 recent books

Margery Cuyler is still birthing new children's books, the latest include one about fire safety, *Stop, Drop and Roll*, which was released in September, and *The Little School Bus*, published in June, 2014. Do you all realize that Margery was taking notes and collecting data for her books from us in our study hall for years at MFS? I think we deserve some acknowledgement.

Mettie Whipple enjoyed time with her daughter, Stephanie Shiro, when the Northeast was warm. I cannot imagine how our classmates in the Boston region are managing this incredible 2015 snow storm winter weather.



Mettie Whipple '66 and her daughter, Stephanie

Field hockey memories overwhelmed me with the picture (below) from the fall PDS *Journal* of the MFS 1964 varsity hockey team. Of course, the cutest ones are from our class: **Andrea Hicks, Hopie Rose, Marianne Hoffman** and me. Damn, we were good. No doubt the classes of '64 and '65 will take issue with my assessment in the next *Journal*. I cannot imagine having the energy to run like that around a hockey field these days!



Hope Rose

Angier continues to produce wonderful interior decorative paintings and sent me this basket and flower design at Christmas.



Brinley, granddaughter of **Galey Bissell** Sergio-Castelvetera '66. How was Santa able to let go of this irresistible beauty?

1967

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With winds howling as I write this column, it's good to think that the news will appear in the spring *Journal* and that warm weather isn't far away.

It's always good to meet up with PDS classmates, and I had a great visit with **Mary Young** Bragado in New Haven in January. Our day included a few meals and time at the Yale University Art Gallery. I also had lunch with **Marta Nussbaum** Steele in Georgetown, Washington, DC in February. It was great to catch up with her.

My big news is that I've had four poems published in *The Saranac Review*, *Southern Humanities Review* and *The Chaffin Journal*. Who knew? I have been writing poetry sporadically since college and thought I'd send some poems off along with a piece of fiction I'm trying to get published. It's nice to know that the poetry is appreciated!

Lissy Stevenson Bryan sent this news to the *Journal*, "I guess you heard that **Ann Morgan** Battle's dad, Art, died recently and **Liz Thayer** Verney's dad, Russell, died last year. I guess most of the Old Guard is now gone . . . horrifying to think that we are becoming the Old Guard! In an effort to not ossify, I sustain a pretty high level of volunteer activity: in affordable housing, community foundation work, a commission to honor the contributions of the Women of Virginia, CASA, and stuff at Nantucket, too. I have a torn rotator cuff so tennis is out until I opt for repair, but I still play golf, bike and walk. Newer initiatives to stave off aging: I recently earned certification as a Master Gardener, and we now are dealing with a 65-pound, eight-month-old yellow lab 'puppy' named Sand Dune (aka 'Dune'). I see a fair amount of Liz. She and Geoff (Verney) have retired to Nantucket and bought a really cool house in Boca Grande."

Julia Lockwood wrote, "Rachel is in her third year at the University of Michigan's graduate program in American Culture and is starting on her thesis. Shradha graduated from St. Joseph's College, is living at home, working in Portland [Maine] and hoping to go back to school to study marine policy. Priyanka is a tenth grader. Marc and I are contemplating retirement. I've been studying Japanese, which is a lot of fun and takes me back to my days as a child living in Japan."

Mary Woodbridge Lott wrote, "My greatest news is that my daughter, Sara '96, was married on Sept. 5, 2014 to Kyle Springer at Edgewood Farm, Deer Isle, Maine. **Franny Gorman's** daughter, Colleen, was matron of honor. Several of my PDS friends were present also, including Susan Bonthron '66, **Weezie Huntington** and Susan Denise Harris '69. It was a beautiful warm day, and the wedding took place outside, with the reception in the barn."



Mary Woodbridge Lott '67, her daughter, Sara Lott Springer '96 and husband Kyle Andrew Springer at Sara and Kyle's wedding in September 2014.



Polly Smock '67 and grandsons, Griffin and Sullivan, gathered in May 2014 in Afton, VA on the sad occasion of the burial of Polly's dog Philip. Polly's daughter, April Bennett, a photographer, took the photo, which also includes Polly's dog Gigi.

Polly Smock wrote, "I'm still retired and in Staunton, VA, a very musical town with lots of opportunities to sing both formally and informally. Our little group is no longer leading regular sing-a-longs, but I hope to do something like that again, and, in the meantime, I enjoy once-a-month a cappella harmonizing with a small Taizé group, as well as informal music-making that's always happening somewhere in town. At this point in life—aside from my family—music and meditation are the things that matter to me most, so I'm grateful to have the opportunity to do both of those things."

The class sends its sympathy to Ann Morgan Battle on the death of her father, Art Morgan, and to Liz Thayer Verney on the death of her father, Russell Thayer.

1968

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Here's a quick update from **Gillian Gordon** Crozier. "We have been back in the UK for almost two years after three years in Singapore. I am now back at Royal Holloway, University of London, where I am Head of the MA in Producing Film and TV, as well as being Director of Graduate Studies. I am also exec producing a feature documentary on people called James Bond! I am also co-chair of FilmAid UK. FilmAid is a charity that works in refugee camps and

settlements showing films to train refugees in video-making. We see extraordinary work as they use the power of film for social change. I am heading up a new project in Jordan working with Syrian refugees as we approach the fourth anniversary of the Syrian conflict. My husband Bob Crozier is working with the Robb Report now. My daughter, Mirren (30), lives in Brooklyn and is a gifted costume designer for film. Isla (27) is a talented producer and is working on her MA in documentary film-making. We try to spend as much time as we can in East Hampton, Long Island, where we feel the most at home. Hopefully, we will get to see some of you soon—in London or on the island."

Susan Koch LaTulippe's family continues to grow. Susan and her husband Steve are both doing well and busy with 10 (yes, 10) grandchildren!

Faron Daub Fahy sent news from her home in Maine. "I'm having fun playing in the snow, as usual. I'm still at Sugarloaf Mountain, i.e. Carrabassett. Son, Sawyer, just got engaged! The wedding is set for September 2015. He flies for Acadia Seaplanes, based in Rangeley in the summer. My daughter, Whitney, flies for Great Lakes out of Denver. Hope to see everyone at the 50th!"



Whitney, daughter of **Faron Daub** Fahy '68



Sawyer, son of **Faron Daub** Fahy '68, and his fiancée

Bob Ramsey reminisced about the first day of school at PDS. "I remember that day distinctly. It was September of 1965. I was 15 years old, entering 10th grade. My classmates and I shared the nervous excitement of a brand new school, new teachers and the beginning of a new phase of life. How can I ever forget the sheer brilliance of George Packard or Mrs. Fine? The kindness and natural leadership of the late **Bill Rigot**? The athletic talents of **Sandy Wandelt** and **John Claghorn**? It all



Then & Now

1968: Back row L-R: **Mary Hobler Hyson '68** and **Punky Brewster Rutledge '68**; Front row L-R **Gail Smith Cleare '68** and **Sia Godfrey Bauer '68**



2014 fall reunion at Punky's home. Back row L-R: **Beth Schlossberg '68**, **Mary Hobler Hyson '68** and **Punky Brewster Rutledge '68**; Front row L-R **Gail Smith Cleare '68** and **Sia Godfrey Bauer '68**

seems such a short time ago and yet it was nearly a half-century ago. I am still teaching full-time at Garden State CLE (www.garden-statecle.com). My two sons, Patrick (14) and Jack (12), have expressed ZERO interest in PDS and thus go to public school. It was wonderful to see the pictures of **Rick Ross** in a recent *Journal*. His father addressed our fourth grade class and inspired me to pursue a career in law. I'd be interested in hearing other memories from that first day so long ago from my wonderful classmates in the class of 1968."

Gail Smith Cleare wrote from western Massachusetts, "BJ and I visited our oldest son, Matt, in Vermont this summer. Justin, my middle son, is moving to the Boston area. His wife is getting her PhD and has a post-doc job in Cambridge lined up. So they are taking my little rosebud granddaughter and moving East. Not too far, at least. My youngest son, Ryan, has moved to LA as a production intern on CONAN, the late night talk show starring Conan O'Brien. After graduation he'll be looking for a real job in video editing and/or camera work."

Oh, what 30 years can do!

Rick Ross has the travel bug. His home base is in New Jersey, but he travels afar. "Judy and I traveled back to Spain in September to catch up with our Gibraltar friends and then went on to Madrid for some intense art appreciation and the 400th anniversary of El Greco's passing. In October, you could find me playing lots of golf and with our club Ryder Cup and then Caddy tourney. I managed to play 72 holes in three days. We also went to Kiawah for five days of golf and to attend a wedding. In January, I was in the UK for a business trip. There was a country house for first meetings (no blood sports involved), then in London for more and a dinner at the Travellers Club,

where I met Julian Fellowes and wife Emma. Chatted with him about *Downton Abbey* (sixth season is approved), *Gosford Park*, and more. Had great fun with Sally Lane '66 and husband Sam, first at dinner in a farmhouse once owned by her Kuser ancestors, and then at the Trenton Historical Society event in November." Welcome home, Rick!



1968 Classmates **Joe Chandler** and **Mary Hobler Hyson**

Eric and I visited **Joe Chandler** in Portland, Maine in October. He updated his news. "Noom and I are doing great. We will probably forgo a trip to Thailand this year due to the unrest going on there. Noom's brother-in-law is senior security official at the Bangkok airport and told Noom for us to stay in the US until things settle down. We had a wonderful trip to Cancun in September. Son, Nick, is featured in a movie poster. Pretty great stuff."

In closing, I offer some words from my diary of Friday, September 17, 1965.

Went to school—just an amazing place—Assembly—sworn in as council members—all rules and regulations—everyday 4:30 except Friday at 3:10. Mrs. Williams homeroom teacher. Good to see everybody again.

Oh to be 15 again!

1969

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The class of '69 continued celebrating our 45th reunion year with a fall Saturday at my home in New Canaan, CT. Attending were: **Andrea Fishman**, **Blair Lee**, **Bertina Bleicher Norford**, **Bebe Ramus**, **Jane Wiley**, **Bob Rathauaser** and my husband Stan and myself. Bob Rathauaser and his wife Debra hosted our 45.55 Brunch on December 28th. **Bill Chalverus** and his wife joined us from New Mexico, as well as **Mary Lou Delahanty**, **Bebe Ramus**, **Pooh Holt**, **Ronnie Davis** Fliss and her husband Alan, Stan and myself. We learned that Mary Lou's husband had died suddenly last summer and our heartfelt sympathies go out to Mary Lou. They had been life partners as well as law partners; Mary Lou is sustained by the kindness of friends. Pooh Holt is hoping to host a reunion next summer at her home in Camden, Maine so keep watch for details.



Mary Lou Delahanty, **Ronnie Davis Fliss** and **Pooh Holt** at the class of 1969 December reunion



The fall class of 1969 fall reunion: **Andrea Fishman**, **Jane Wiley**, **Sue Denise Harris**, **Blair Lee** and **Bob Rathauaser**



Class of 1969 fall mini-reunion: **Andrea Fishman**, **Bertina Bleicher Norford**, **Bob Rathauaser**, **Sue Denise Harris**, **Blair Lee** and **Bebe Ramus**



'69 mini-reunion in December: **Sue Denise Harris, Bob Rathausser, Pooh Holt, Bebe Ramus, Alan Fliss, Ronnie Davis Fliss, Stan Harris, Mary Lou Delahanty and Debra Rathausser**

1970

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Hope you have made plans to be at PDS on May 15 and 16 for our 45th reunion. **Naurene Donnelly, Meg Brinster Michael and Janet Masterton** have been meeting regularly to ensure that it is a great event. Here's a teaser... Do you know who the PDS "Lifers" are in our class? (a "lifer" is someone who began at MFS in either kindergarten or first grade and stayed all the way through until graduation.) We think they are **Allison Gilbert Kozicharow, Brita Light, Pam Orr Marck and Vicki Johnson** Pickering. Are we missing anyone?

Freddy Erdman hopes to attend our reunion. He reported that he tries to visit his mother on a regular basis. Mrs. Erdman lives at Stonebridge in Rocky Hill. He wrote, "Unfortunately, I never seem to be able to find time to visit other Princeton friends when I am down there. Still CFO at a retirement facility, just like Stonebridge, in Shelburne, Vermont. Can't wait to try retirement but that is still a few years away. Most years, I have been able to catch up with **Deebs Young** for a day at Saratoga but don't seem to see any other classmates."

Lew Bowers wrote, "I retired from the Portland Development commission after 15 years there at the end of 2013. Now I can be a high-priced consultant. My major project is developing a 25-unit proactive senior cohousing project for Susan and me and 24 other compatible households. It will combine urban walkability with cohousing with aging-in-place design. We hope to begin construction early next year. Lots of fun as it combines my experience in development an urbanism with my passion for community building."

Freddi Cagan-Doeringer plans to attend our 45th reunion.

Bob Peck will attend our reunion if **Salup** attends.

Bruce Plapinger wrote, "My wife (Karen) and I are both doing well. Our career paths have changed in the last two years. We saw that our retail client base was slowly going away, and the prospects for new business were slim. So we shut our little consulting business down and pursued some different avenues. My wife went back to school and got her associates degree in Health Information Management. She graduated last June and is now working at Christiana Care Hospital as a medical coder, a job she really

likes, and will provide her with job security for the foreseeable future. I went to work as a full-time software developer at Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield. I'm coming up on my two-year anniversary there. Like the job, and think it's secure for quite a while.

"We still have our boat, but haven't taken it down to Hilton for the past three winters due to Karen's schooling and my new job. We're hoping to get back there within the next year or two (both our jobs will allow us to work from home).

"As far as retirement goes, we both like working too much to have a date set yet to join the leisure class. Probably at least 5 to 10 years for me, and a little longer for Karen.

"I am hoping to get to the reunion this year."

Janet Masterton wrote, "I have been busy since I took early retirement six years ago from Johnson & Johnson! I am still called to do some consulting for pharmaceutical companies and I like the 'expertise' approach for providing quality and regulatory solutions. Also, previously it was traveling for business, now it is great fun to just pick up and go. Mostly the trips are visiting family and friends and they have been as far as north to Alaska and south to the Caribbean.

"I enjoy visiting with **Ann Wiser Fries** and **Meg Brinster Michael** and **Nicki Sarett**. These ladies are great friends and we still do chat and reminisce about the good old days at PDS.

"I also see my dear and talented crafts teacher and friend, **Jeanne Duff**, who is amazing! She is always on the go and attends almost every play at McCarter Theater and many of the interesting art and cultural events in the area. She is such a good and caring friend to so many. Surely, Jeanne will be at our class reunion!

"We all hope that our esteemed and very cool English teacher, mentor and friend **Huson Gregory** will also attend our class reunion, unless he and his lovely wife **Mimi** are traveling the globe. After PDS, Huson was the revered Headmaster at Portledge School in Locust Valley, Long Island. Now, they are

enjoying a well-deserved retirement; the sea, sun and sites of Cape Cod!

"Retirement for me is wonderful and each and every day is superb!"

Margaret Meigs wrote from sunny Key West, "Random news, in no special order: My husband Paul and I still live in Philadelphia. Last year we moved into our final space—a newly-built condo in the Queen Village neighborhood. We walk and bike to almost everything: great restaurants, food emporia, yoga studios abounding.

"Paul is semi-retired but working a bit still and very busy as a masters athlete (rowing). I am still working from a home office in marketing research—focus groups, ethnographic research, and the like for a variety of clients.

"Children are 30, 28 and 26. No weddings, no grandchildren ... yet. (Soon, I hope!) Our daughters both live in Brooklyn (OF COURSE!) and our son in northeast Philadelphia. So everyone is reasonably close by.

"Paul got me into rowing about 15 years ago and I spent the last two years as Commodore (yes, that's the title) of the Schuylkill Navy of Philadelphia, the organization that oversees rowing in Philly and puts on, among other things, the Stotesbury Cup—the world's largest high school regatta. The Schuylkill Navy is the oldest amateur athletic organization in the US (founded in 1858) and it's been a lot of fun to work on behalf of a very great sport that changes a lot of lives.

"My dad died in November at the age of 93. He had a wonderful long life but the last years were difficult. **Meg Brinster Michael** and **Ann Wiser's** mother came to the funeral. My mother, at 88, still plays bridge every day and enjoys living at Windrows, where Mrs. Wiser also lives.

"Writing this while on a week's stay in Key West—the warm!—makes me know spring will soon be here and so will our reunion. I look forward to seeing many of you then and hearing what you are up to."

Gene and Allison Gilbert Kozicharow are "eagerly awaiting the birth of our second grandchild, another girl, in March. She will be named Allison! She joins older sister, Scarlett, mom Maggie (still teaching high school English at the Holton-Arms School) and dad David. My daughter, Nicky, is finishing her PhD at Cambridge University in Russian Art History and is applying for jobs in England. I am still working as editor and writer and doing Spanish translations—all in federal government health contracts developing materials for the general public. Has everyone had a shingles shot?"



Scarlett, granddaughter of **Allison Gilbert Kozicharow** '70

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Congratulations to **Kevin McCarthy** on his marriage this past September to Patricia McNamara Moser. According to the *New York Times*, Kevin is a candidate for a PhD in criminal justice from the City University of New York John Jay College of Criminal Justice, where he also teaches courses in criminal justice. Previously he had been the section chief of the organized crime section at the US Attorney's Office in Newark.

From **Tom**:

This is my first go at compiling notes from our class and, as **Lisa Warren** noted, many of us are keeping up with each other on Facebook, or other social media...email is so old school. But, we would love to get information from you by any means possible.

Lisa Warren wrote, "Our daughter graduated from PDS in 2013, so we enjoyed reacquainting ourselves with it after all these years. She is now a sophomore at Elon University in NC and loving it. She spent her freshman summer in Alaska interning at the Sealife Center and her recent winter term in Peru. All for credit! I celebrated (on 2/18/15) my 30th year work anniversary with Johnson & Johnson, where I manage product liability and some Attorney General litigation. It's been quite a ride and flown by!"

Nancy Davies-Hathen provided the following update: "I am now the AVP for Quality and Clinical Effectiveness at Cooper University. Health Care in Camden, NJ. I am also a Lean Six Sigma green belt from the first leadership group ever trained at Cooper. I oversee performance improvement and infection prevention for the health care system. I will be presenting at a national conference in June on the work the hospital has done to reduce hospital acquired venous thromboembolism (blood clots). My husband retired in May of 2014, after working for many years as a marriage and family therapist in private practice and at Philadelphia University. We spend as much time as possible at our house on Long Beach Island, NJ. We are both avid skiers. Best wishes to everyone in the class of '71 until our next reunion."

Rick Kramer noted, "I am still in New Hampshire, currently teaching at New England College for the graduate business program. This school year marks my 17th year of teaching. My students over the years have come from all over the globe and at this point it would be easier to name the countries they are not from than to name where they do hail from. I am still playing guitar thanks to **Bill Flemer**

who got me motivated again a few years back. Nancy and I hope to retire next year. Not sure where yet, but somewhere warmer."

I was absolutely delighted to hear from **Ted McCluskey**, who was with me at PCD from 1st Form (4th grade) through 3rd Form, with us at PDS for seventh grade before moving to California. Ted provided a wonderful series of recollections that put me back in time as well, "... although I never 'graduated' from PDS, I have always followed the alumni news for the class of '71. I ended up at Palo Alto High School then going to Stanford and then on to medical and graduate school. After many years, I ended up as a cardiologist and then about 20 years ago, I left cardiology and joined the biotech industry: Genentech, Johnson and Johnson, and then startups. Now, I am helping out at Stanford Medical School and consulting with several startups. I remember being at PCD the day Kennedy was shot in 1963. I was in geography class with a husband and wife teacher (Mrs. Griggs) who started crying. I remember Mme Archer, the French teacher. And shop class. And Blue-White day in the spring. At the time, I lived only two blocks from PCD and I have been back recently (with my teenage daughter) to look at my old house and to see the old PCD. I remember that it was cold enough for Lake Carnegie to freeze and we would go ice skating for gym class. (Before global warming had set in.) And we would skate at Baker Rink over by the Dinky station where there was a giant coal pile next to the rink that was fun to climb on. I remember the cream-chipped-beef-on-toast in the PCD cafeteria and the pictures of old plays (*Ransom of Red Chief*). And finally, I just did the math and realized that it has been just about 50 years this fall since we started PDS and more than that since we all started PCD. No idea where the years have gone." Where indeed, Ted!

I am still working for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, helping manage the National Wildlife Refuge System. Melissa and I live in Minnesota, but are starting to think about escaping to warmer climes, at least for parts of the winter. Our daughter is a physical therapist here in Minneapolis; our son works for the newly formed US Digital Service in Washington, DC.

1972

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John Kalpin wrote, "...this September will mark 50 years that most of us have known each other, beginning with the first year of PDS. My initial contact was in the summer of 1965, summer school at PCD. I think there were

about a dozen of us there. Amazing the power of visual recall from 50 years ago. I count 14 names to go with the faces of those attending our class summer school at PCD in 1965. Here's just two from way back: **Johnny Weber** and **Ben Harvey**. Several of you currently reside on this email list. You know who you are. Also, Mr. Tibbals was aided/supplanted by two others. Remember who?"

Lucinda Herrick had some excellent suggestions for framing our responses to the *Journal*. "Since many of us turned 60 this past year, perhaps we could all finish the sentence 'When I turned 60, I Or, a theme for another time, perhaps we do a tongue-in-cheek themed medical column. With a nod to Mrs. Shepherd and creative writing. Just a couple of thoughts.' Maybe for the fall *Journal*?"

Kenzie Carpenter had a wonderful time in Scotland visiting her daughter, Annie, over the Christmas holidays. She was in the Bahamas with **Jody Erdman** in February.



Kenzie Carpenter '72 with her daughter, Annie

Turner Price and **Beth Johnson** had news: "In December, I moved to Denver for a new job, after living in NY and NJ for decades. Big changes can be good when you hit 60, right? Beth still works half-time at *Fast Company* magazine in NYC, so she is commuting 1,750 miles part of the time to be with me. We still have our home in Lambertville as a base for her, and for my (almost) grown children. We've been vacationing in Jackson Hole for many years—Chris Burt '73 and I share a house there with three other families. We love the Rocky Mountains. Even in winter, we can hike most weekends in the hills west of Denver. The sun shines about 300 days each year! Beth 'retired' from *Entertainment Weekly* a year, ago after almost 20 years. Her daughter, Jaya, was married last May, and has two book deals she's working on. My daughter, Olivia, graduates from Tulane this May (a linguist, she now speaks five or six languages). My son, Jack, recently finished his second season as a defensive lineman for Tufts."

From **Jan Burress**: "In July, when I turned 60, I retired from my job in the local elementary school, where I'd been for 18 years, and started a new career at my mother's nursing home. I am the activities coordinator on our rehabilitation unit. Activities provided include gentle exercise programs, educational presentations, word games, musical entertainments, bingo, crafts, or simply a helping hand, listening ear, or books and magazines for patients interested in rehabbing alone in

their rooms. I am finding it fascinating to switch fields and roles at this point in my working life. I also enjoy working part-time, four days a week! My mother continues chugging along upstairs in the same nursing home with end-stage dementia, a journey of about 10 years at this point. They call this the long goodbye—sad, but true. In other news, we are enjoying brief living stints with our daughters, 22 and 25, living at home for the past months, as they prepare for their next stages. It's great to have them back again, however briefly.

Fairfax Hutter celebrated her 60th birthday with a hike up Baldpate Mtn., aka Kuser Mtn., near Lambertville, NJ. They visited Strawberry Hill on Baldpate, which was **Olivia's Kuser's** grandparents' house, and it's now preserved and the most beautiful spot in all of Mercer County. Olivia's father John Kuser '60, Olivia, and sisters Caryl and **Eleanor**, PDS '76, all spent time and holidays there.



Fairfax Hutter '72 and friends on her birthday hike



Karen Turner '72 standing behind Desmond Tutu

Karen Turner shared a picture "with Desmond Tutu. It was taken in 2010 when he spoke at a conference I was attending in South Africa during the World Cup. Then in 2013, I led a group of journalism students to Johannesburg. I'm taking a group again this summer to both Johannesburg and CapeTown."

Paul Funk and Jean Beckwith Funk are raring to go for the next reunion. "What a blast we had at the last reunion. We need a bigger representation."

Alex Laughlin has offered to host the 45th: "We'll have fun here next event, our 45th. You can count on it."

Andy Scasserra said she has been digging out of the third big storm to hit southern Maine in the past month!

Giaff Ferrante and family have "had an amazing year. Moved down to Bristol, VA after three great months in NYC, during which we saw among others Kip and Lucinda, Susan (Stix), and visited John and Bobbie Gordon up in VT. I've been working as a pure vascular surgeon here for the first time in my life and am loving it. The people, the landscape, and the music here in Appalachia are all lovely. Our three kids are doing well. Cam (27) married Rachel Tofel in November after acing the NY and MA bar



Alex Laughlin '72 with Janet

and have stellar kids. Alison and I spent a week in Italy with friends and cousins after the wedding. She's amazing at Italian. Drove back up here for Ann Gips' funeral—she was a second mother to so many! Saw all the Gipes, who are such wonderful people. We had had our annual college roommate reunion at Rob and Karen's house in Cape Elizabeth.... Lots of miles this year, but lots of fun. Sixty, right, for most of us? Wow. Wow."

Hank Bristol wrote, "I am a current seventh and eighth grade history teacher and MS squash coach at PDS. We continue to have mini-weeks, trips to DC, Philly and an extraordinary eighth grade musical at the end of the year. The school that you all knew is doing well, growing in so many ways. My wife and I have parented three graduates: Clark '06, Rachel '09, and Benjamin '13, all squash players/captains in their time here. I transitioned many years ago from architecture into middle school teaching, and eventually ordination (Episcopal Deacon '12). I am a painter and sailor of sorts. We live in Rocky Hill, now as empty-nesters, traveling when we can during my summers off!"

Susan Stix Fisher: "Am currently escaping NYC's blizzards—on a boat in warm weather with 12 others arranged by a friend, and Lucy Whittemore '74 is one of the others."



Susan Stix Fisher '72 and Lucy Whittemore '74

Nancy Farley O'Donnell enjoyed a fantastic trip to Costa Rica with her family earlier this winter. Also her son, Will, became engaged this month. She is opening a new behavioral health facility in Tucson called Sabino Recovery, Health & Wellness, where she will offer innovative treatment for her clients from around the world.

Michael Claggett, after a brief commuting stint back and forth between Pennsylvania and Boston, has returned to a job closer to home and Glenda, enjoying a much more balanced home/work schedule. His daughter, Emily '13, is thriving as a sophomore, a possible major in English Literature and film, at Columbia University. She has already produced her first film! Michael keeps his creative side active in music (playing lots of guitar) and developing an original software application.

Thinking of **Cici Morgan Pastuhov**, whose dear father, Arthur, passed away in January.

Finally, many thanks to **Fred Dalrymple** for coming to my rescue when the long thread of communication from many of you disappeared from my email! I wasn't able to restore all conversations so apologies for any lost information!



Giaff Ferrante '72 with his family from left: John, Francesca, Giaff, Alison, and Cam

exams. They're in DC—she's working for Uber (no, I don't get free rides) and he's at FairVote. John (29) is at Public Consulting Group in Boston and living on the seedy side of Beacon Hill with his lovely girlfriend, Kara. Francesca (31) is at Cone Communications in Boston and living in Southie with (in this order) Rigby, her pup, and Jon, her boyfriend. I judge this because there are way more Instagram pics of Rigby than Jon. We had a family reunion in Brussels for my uncle's 100th birthday. All Ferrantes look great

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From **Libby Farr** Luker: "My greatest joy is my family, including three fabulous granddaughters; Lily, 7, April, 5 and Tenley, who will be one this month. We are now all in Colorado so we get a lot of time together. I am working as a facilities manager for a software company. Most of the employees are my kids' age so they keep me young. I am happily single and have an amazing group of women friends with whom I travel, ride bikes and socialize."

From **Carin Laughlin** Hoffman: "We have been living near Sugarbush, Vermont for the past 25 years. We have two grown girls who have enjoyed living out in the 'boonies.' We are now questioning if it is time to leave Vermont during the winter months. After reading Diana Roberts travel adventure stories, we see what we are missing when we are plowing our cars out of the driveway! Thanks to all who share on Facebook!"



Lisa Bennett Blue '74 (left) and **Martha Sullivan Sword '73** in Ireland

From **Lisa Bennett Blue**: "I went to Ireland in September 2014 with a small group on a Hobart and William Smith Colleges trip, my alma mater. Martha Sullivan Sword '73 and her daughter, Gretchen, a William Smith alumna, were also on the trip. We had a wonderful time and it was great to reconnect after so many years!"

From **Cyra Cain**: "I am well, living with wolf hybrids that howl at passing sirens (which drives me nuts but the neighbors love—don't get it) in a small town that time has passed over. Work as an Atmospheric Scientist for the state, reviewing industrial air dispersion modeling analyses, ensuring the federal and state ambient air quality standards are not violated. I also develop emission inventories, and generate both on and off-road emissions. Since I am the only one who does what I do, the job can be quite stressful but I enjoy it. I am surrounded by PCs (go figure), each with their own name; that's why I don't track

Facebook. After a workday dominated by numerous software programs, looking at a computer screen, I have no incentive to look at another one. My dogs are my kids. My first baby was Shaka, followed by Miss Honey, and then Maska. My current personal life entails walking the dogs, cross-county skiing, fixing my 1880s house. My love life is currently non-existent but I am working on that. Take care all and thanks, Polly, for doing this."

From **Maureen Creamer** Ramirez: "I left NJ right after graduation and came home to New Mexico, where my family is from. I have two grown children and two amazing grandsons: 4 years old and 6 months. I am a clinical nurse manager for inpatient pediatric/women's surgery unit in Santa Fe. Life has been good. Love hiking, riding, and still an avid reader."

From **Ted Thomas**: "I live in Mill Valley, CA and run business development for the law firm, Rimon, which is based in San Francisco. I am a bike commuter and my route includes crossing the Golden Gate Bridge each way. Paige and I have two children, Lauren, who is a senior at Berkeley and wants to write TV comedy after she graduates, and Bradley, who is a senior in high school and an accomplished jazz/rock/funk drummer. We would love to see anyone who comes to the Bay Area!"

From **Wendy Cohen**: "Overcame alcoholism and came out as a lesbian in 1995, sober and gay ever since. Been with my wife, Marge, for 15 years, married for seven! We live in Joshua Tree, California, right next to the national park. We live with four cats and our communal roommate, Becky. I sell real estate, teach a class in choral singing at a local school, and direct and act in our local community theaters. Marge



Wendy Cohen '74 (right) with her wife, Marge

is an RN, recently elected to the hospital board, and is a manager at a hospice in Palm Springs. Becky is retired and is currently landscaping the rocks in the front yard."

Sheryl Graff Stoller: "From PDS, I went to Tufts, and then to BU for my MBA. I landed in Chicago in '81 working in marketing research for Quaker Oats and then Kraft. Met my husband in '87, and once we had our first child in '89, I freelanced for a few years."

"After a roller-coaster of a parenting journey during our three children's young years, I turned to putting that experience to use by



Sheryl Graff Stoller '74 with her family in Cost Rica, left to right: daughter, Nina, Sheryl, husband Walter and sons, Elliot and Adam

matriculating into the one graduate level parent coaching program there is, The Parent Coaching Institute. I've been parent coaching by phone and in person for about six years at this point, as well as providing interactive workshops and presentations both locally (Chicago area) and beyond. In addition to my main practice, Stoller Parent Coaching, I also have one area of specialization, Beyond Expectations, a resource for parents when children's abilities, sensibilities and behaviors go beyond (refer back to the roller-coaster years). Via SENG—Supporting Emotional Needs of Gifted, I am certified as a SENG-Model Parent Group Facilitator.

"For fun, and as pick-me-ups, I walk and play with my still-playful 13-year-old golden doodle, and continue to dance like crazy whenever I can (remember the PDS 'do you wanta dance' award?). Most recently, I had an amazing adventure-packed vacation to Costa Rica with my husband and all three of our children (two sons, 26 and 23, and a daughter, almost 20). All three are taking on life with gusto. I am grateful beyond words for the lives we are living."

From **Bill Brown**: "Right now I'm the Deputy Provost for the Arts at Chicago, in charge of developing an arts vision for the University. That's kinda fun. I'm still teaching in the English Department and the Department of Visual Arts, and my work has been increasingly focused on visual and plastic media. I have a new book, *Other Things*; it will hit the shelves this coming fall. Should you get to the American Still Life show in Philadelphia this coming fall you can find an essay of mine in the catalogue. I was able to teach in London this past fall, I was in



Sheryl Graff Stoller '74 dancing with her husband at Kingston Mines, Chicago, to their friend, Joanna Connor's great and music ("youtube her to be amazed")



Cam Ferrante '74 with his seven siblings with kids and spouses at his mom's 80th birthday party

LA a couple of years ago for the year (at the Huntington), and I do short gigs in Germany. My wife Diana Young and I continue to live in the South Side of Chicago (Hyde Park); we spend as much time as possible at our farm in Michigan. Our daughter, Fraser, should be graduating from Stanford this year, headed to grad school in computer science (despite her seriously humanistic core). Our Airedale, Kazoo, controls the critters at the farm. We have two cats, Spangle and Wu-Tang. The latter has killed 44 mice so far in his career (good news / bad news). We managed to get Theodore (Ted) and his family (wife Anne, son Peter) to the farm for Christmas; he's still teaching and practicing architecture at/in Syracuse, about to become the Director of Undergraduate Studies. Theodore and Anne were teaching in Florence for the year last year. I almost saw Cyra in Chicago. Amy is a crucial colleague of mine at Chicago (in history); I don't see her very often but we have had the distinct pleasure of serving together on a few dissertation committees."

From **Ted Brown**: "Just to add to twin brother Willy's (Bill's) note. I have been teaching at Syracuse for a while now. It's cold. We used to do two years here, then two at our program in Florence; less frequent these days. I have had a stint as graduate chair, directing our programs in Florence and now the undergraduate chair; happy to say with some years in between. Son, Peter, was born in Italy and graduated from Tufts last May—and is no more than pondering next big steps. Our disabled Sussex spaniel will turn ten in April. No cats."

"I should be in Princeton every four to six weeks visiting family once the snow clears, so if anyone is coming through and wants a bourbon or coffee let me know. I get to NYC when I can."



Cam Ferrante '74 and **Jim Jennings '74**

in 2000 and gained two step-daughters. Living in Albuquerque: love the weather and scenery, miss the grass and water and especially autumn. Started a small computer company in 1994 building networks for several non-profits and commercial clients and installing educational technology for schools on the Navajo Nation. Really love it! My oldest son, Griffin, graduates from Tulane this May (Yikes!) and my twins are juniors at UNM. Trying to get used to the empty nest, but just miss them all terribly. Saw **Jim Jennings** in Telluride this summer, and am somewhat in touch with **Gar Waterman**, **Jamie Paterson**, **Ted Dowey** and **Kip**. Had a really wonderful email exchange with **John Leyzorek** recently. Fascinating. Although I'm just an occasional Facebook user, it's always great to see what you all are up to."

From **David Straut**: "My quick update...my wife Maureen and I are empty-nesters, and moved to Washington, DC about three years ago, after living in Charlotte, NC since 1994. We are really enjoying the city, and it puts us within driving distance of our two older kids in NYC, as well as our youngest at Wake Forest in Winston-Salem, NC, not to mention my

From **Cam Ferrante**: "Wow, so great to hear from you all! It's a virtual reunion. How to compress 40 years into a few sentences—I think Wendy did a pretty good job at that. Got married in 1986 and had three boys. Remarried



Cole Harrop '74 and his wife in front of their house in France

parents, sister and brother in Princeton. I really enjoyed seeing so many classmates at our 40th reunion last spring....45th anyone?"

From **Palmer Uhl**: "I'm renovating an 1830s house and also adding a screen porch. I still work as a graphic designer. My clients are mostly non-profits and arts organizations (which are mostly non-profits). I host a healthy living discussion group at the local Whole Earth Center and occasionally do a healthy eating cooking demo. It's truly wonderful that we have so many producing farms here in central NJ, and I love to support them. Life is good!"

From **Anne Williams**: "I am currently retired from a 25-year-stint in real estate and real estate technology. It was a challenge getting what was essentially an aging work force to feel comfortable with 21st century technology, but I think we got there."

"I am married to my husband of 12 years, Antonio Elmaleh, and we live on a small farm in Ringoes, NJ with three horses, two dogs and a cat. But that can change at any moment with

the addition of a new creature or the return of a stepchild, of which there are two. Andrew lives in Brooklyn with his girlfriend and is pursuing music. His sister, Sarah (PDS '02), is moving this month from Brooklyn to LA to continue a career in voice-over acting, preferably in the gaming sector.

"Kenzie Carpenter visited last week to attend two memorial services in Princeton and I got all the Carpenter news. This past fall I took a wellness seminar from fellow classmate Palmer Uhl. Until then I hadn't known what a great force she is in that field.

"I spend most of my time now taking care of the farm and my large vegetable garden, doing some volunteer work and figuring out what the next phase will be. There is so much to learn in this world and it is certainly never boring. How lucky we are to be alive in this time."

From **Jean Metzger Larson**: "My husband Bob and I live in the northern Chicago suburbs. We have two grown children, Megan and Anthony, but no pets. Since marriage in 1980, Bob and I have moved 10 times and I've worked as a librarian off and on ... the most interesting job was opening a new elementary school library for Webb School of Knoxville in TN. We spent three years in Beijing, China in the late 2000s, another interesting time."

From **Jim Jennings**: "I have been living in Telluride, Colorado for 28 years, working as a real estate broker. With my wife Anabel, we have a 19-month-old boy, James Werneck Jennings. The days here are filled with skiing, hiking and climbing mountains. I also have my real estate license in Hawaii, where we work during the off-seasons in the spring and fall between the summer festival season and the winter ski season at this destination resort. My family and I enjoy an incredible quality of life here in Telluride."

From **Cole Harrop**: "For the past 15 years I've been teaching French, Latin, and philosophy at a terrific school, Riverdale Country School, in (a pretty posh section of) the Bronx. I've also been Chair of the Foreign Languages department there for the past seven years. I remarried in 2003 to Jenna Dolan, who is a much sought-after, and hence very busy, free-lance copy editor. Together we spend our time between the Upper West Side of NYC where we have an apartment near Columbia University, and a stone cottage in rural Normandy, France, that we bought in 2005. Our family currently consists of Jenna, me, our soon to be 10-year-old Shih-tzu, Jumphrey, our 8-month-old rescue cat from Normandy, Marty, and our 17-year-old rescue cat from a vet in NYC, Nell. About once a year I get together with my life-long friends, **Ted Dowey** and **Sab Russo**, for an overnight bicycle trip, either in the Catskills or in Bucks County. Life is great."

From **Fran Treves**: "After winning NJ and NH American Institute of Architect awards in 2007/09 for the conceptual replacement of the Old Man of the Mountain in NH that collapsed in 2003, I joined the NJ Schools Development Authority as a Staff



Fran Treves '74 with his wife and two sons

Architect and Program Officer in 2009. For the past six years, I have been responsible for Program Standards, repairs and new school design in State Abbott School Districts that have schools in desperate need of repair and replacement. I designed the facades of seven of the nine schools currently under construction, of which several, due to their location along Interstate 80 and 95, will be signature landmarks for the districts they serve. I redesigned my childhood home in Princeton for the third time and continue to build a small portfolio of residential side work. Cindy, my wife of 22 years, and I are parents of Michael, 20, an intermediate honors student at University of Virginia, currently running as an Honor Committee candidate, and Andrew, 18, who will attend Ithaca College this fall.

From **Sab Russo**: "Cam's (Ferrante) son, Griffin, and my second son, Parker '11, are both seniors at Tulane! Parker is in the architectural school, so has one more year for his Master's. I'll have to remind him again to look up Griffin."

"As Cole highlighted, we still do bike trips once or twice a year with Ted Dowey, and I hope to continue the tradition as long as possible. Kathy and I live in Hopewell, NJ with our 14-year-old twins, Grayson and Sabrina. They are both excellent students (unlike me) and active in area sports (baseball, basketball and field hockey). I run a boutique commercial real estate brokerage firm in Ewing, NJ. We've completed some of the biggest sales and leases in the Princeton area since the 2009 downturn and have been expanding rapidly. One of my partners is a Tufts grad and the other is Dutch. Never a dull moment. I'm on the Board of the Trenton YMCA and have raised a lot of money to help them support some of their programs. I stay in touch with Gar and Trip once in a while. **John Boyd** moved to CA to be near his dad."

From **Priscilla Nawn** Adam: "OK, so technically I didn't graduate from PDS, but was there for a brief while through the middle of 10th grade along with my brothers, John and Kip, until my parents moved us all to Denver. However, it's been so exciting seeing all the familiar names

pop up that I can't help but jump in. I returned to Princeton in 2012 after 24 years in NYC with a career in asset management, which continues to date. The catalyst was giving my son, Max, a different (read non-urban) experience for high school. Max is now a junior at PDS and will graduate with the class of 2016. How crazy is that? It's been really fun being back here and seeing how things have (and have not) changed. I'd love to catch up with anyone nearby or who gets to Princeton."

From **Nancy Kendall McCabe**: "All is well on the West Coast. I'm a happy Californian, living in Santa Monica with my husband and two post-college kids. After 20 years in the TV business, I escaped, went back to school and became an executive coach. When I first started coaching in 2000 people seemed a bit concerned that I'd suddenly lost my mind, but fortunately, coaching has caught on and it's keeping me very busy."

I (Polly Hunter White) live in a western suburb of Chicago, called Darien, with my husband and two sons, ages 15 and 16. We have two dogs, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, named Lily and Dutchess, two cats, two hermit crabs, and a nine-year-old goldfish that one of my sons won at a Cub Scouts carnival.

I moved to Chicago in 1986, after living in Manhattan. I hated New York City, and Chicago was a more affordable city to live in. I was working for TIAA-CREF when they decided to open a Chicago office and that brought me to Chicago. However, I did not research Chicago's weather and have been amazed at how cold and long the winters are here. I later switched to human resources, employee benefits, as I had been in sales but did not enjoy that line of work. While in my first human resources job, I pursued my MBA at night, graduating in 1994. I have since moved to employee benefit contract consulting work as it allowed me more flexibility with my family.

After grad school, I met my husband, who is originally from Baltimore. Since both of our families are on the East Coast, my family and I go out East at least twice a year. Several years ago, I reconnected with both Palmer Uhl and **Evelyn Turner** Counts and make the trip to see them twice a year when I am out East. I would love to connect with anyone who is also in the Princeton area.

Last year, PDS asked me if I was interested in being our class correspondent for the *Journal*.

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I have always wanted to do this job and now I get to do it. I have really enjoyed reading everyone's posts. I was pleasantly surprised at how many of you have responded considering how long it has been since we all graduated from PDS.

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From **Yuki**:

Greetings classmates and other readers of the PDS *Journal*. We have news from a couple classmates and anticipate sharing more in the next issue after our class gathers for its 40th reunion in May.

Molly Moynahan wrote, "How to describe 2014? Pretty terrible with the loss of my beloved father and a close friend from a brain tumor. At the same time, Luke aced his really difficult classes (premed) at the University of Illinois; my husband is healthy and working; and my business was accelerated by becoming involved in launching the George Lucas Museum of Narrative Art here in Chicago. During the two and a half months I spent in Abu Dhabi, I had the wonderful opportunity to visit with our classmate **Anne Russell** and I also travelled to Nairobi, where I was provided with amazing hospitality by Sandra Benson '80 and her husband Douglas Cress. This visit was just after the Westgate Mall attack and several of the students from the school where Sandra's daughter, Lauren, attends were directly affected. I conducted a two-day College Essay Workshop with the students, who were wonderful. I continue to write novels, publish essays and blog."

Eric Dunn reported, "I am looking forward to seeing my PDS '75 classmates at the reunion. As we head into the 40th, life is on an even keel in Silicon Valley (Palo Alto), where Susan and I have lived since 1983. This fall we will have an empty nest at home ('free birds' or is that too corny?), as our daughter, Sarah, joins son, Gregory (now a junior), at Harvard. Susan is the GC (in-house lawyer) for a successful startup—her fourth role like this. I am five years into stint #2 at Intuit, which has come a long way from the tiny startup I joined in 1986. With parenting tasks reduced to occasionally being allowed to help Sarah with her physics homework, I have time on my hands, which I am spending improving my piano and tennis and trying to stay even with my squash and piloting skills. On a lark, I have hired an old friend to be my once-a-week coding tutor so I can wrap my mind around the tools that startups are using for building mobile apps. Throw in reading, Words with Friends, yard work, and travel and that's my life."

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Hello 'mates. Nora and I are delighted to serve as your correspondents! So far, we have heard from several of you, and it is fun to receive your news. Thanks and please keep them coming.

Anne Hunter Lepkowski wrote, "My wonderful husband Frank Lepkowski died suddenly and unexpectedly on October 28. We are all devastated. Frank and I got married three years ago, and I'm so grateful for the time that we had. I had been working as a care counselor for the Alzheimer's Association out here but have resigned from that position to focus on my and my kids' healing." If you'd like to write to Anne, let me know and I'll send you her address.

Annie Roberts: "I opened a construction division of my Pinebrook Architects and am doing design/build projects—very challenging. I am still involved with Amnesty International and human rights issues. My boys are great! Michael (21) is in Paris with NYU and David (18) is at Miami Ohio studying geology. We love being empty-nesters! It feels I have filled up any free time I had hoped to have found without the kids around! Love being near the water in Connecticut and my brother, Mathieu, lives close by. What a surprise to bump into **Rob Whitlock** at the Century Association (an Artist's Club) in NYC. We see each other there from time to time. I have been in touch with **Barry Smith** who is on the West Coast. I see the goings—on of a few others on Facebook. Happy New Year to all!"

Gail Reeder Pyke: "Over the years, our family's big thing has been travel. We are still enjoying life in Louisville, KY. Our one and only, Jack (John Reeder Pyke), is headed for Vanderbilt in the

fall, leaving Mark and me with some extra time. Perhaps we will take advantage of it and head up to Princeton for a reunion! It would be great to see everyone!"

Greg Morea: "In May, our son, Joseph, and Alicia married during a wonderful outdoor ceremony, and what a day it was! Barbara continues to work at the New London law firm where she has been for the past eight years. She sings in four choirs. From what I thought would be a two-year-stay at Electric Boat, I am now at 31 years and counting. This year I took on three new roles in the Knights of Columbus. In addition to being appointed Deputy Grand Knight, I took over the Lenten Fish Fry at Our Lady of Lourdes and I am a member of the Color Corps, or as Barbara refers to them, The Fuzzy Hat Brigade. It is tough for a confirmed slob like me to have to dress up in a tuxedo, but hey, it's part of the uniform. Daughter, Rebecca, is still in love with her rescue dog, Bryn, and lives to spoil her. She has been at Electric Boat for a year and a half now and recently interviewed for and was offered a new job. In a nod to her passion for the environment, she will now be reviewing materials for new submarines to make sure they do not harm the environment or for that matter, the sailors on the boats. Rebecca will help to design 'green' warships for the Navy. There is something ironic about it, but it escapes us. Son, Joseph, is still employed as a software engineer at Electric Boat and was recently promoted to Senior Engineer. Our freezers overflow with fish caught by Joe and friends; anyone want some?"

Brian Trubee: "Wells Coalfleet left a motorcycle up here in my hangar over the last winter in anticipation of taking a motorcycle trip to



Wells Coalfleet '78 with classmate **Brian Trubee's** air-



Gail Reeder Pyke '78 and family in Morocco 2014

Alaska last summer. I took him up for a little sightseeing flight over Seattle. He was ok with it but wasn't crazy about going upside down a little bit. After thinking about it, I decided to join the trip, at least up into the Yukon, where I turned back in order to go up Mt. Baker with **Pat De Maynadier**. I'm still working at the Fire Department. My two sons are out of the house, one in the Air Force, the other attending Grinnell. My wife Amy and I are planning a trip to Cuba in October, so I'm brushing up on the Spanish that Nora's dad and mom imparted to me."

Marc Moran: "I am married to my lovely wife Meredith and we have three children, Matthew, 18, Sarah, 11, and Will, 7. We own and operate Hopewell Farms, an energy independent family farm in Newbury, NH. We raise livestock, maintain a CSA and produce some of the finest maple syrup you've ever tasted. I maintain a blog about it—www.hardscrabblefarmer.com. We are located on the southern flank of Mr. Sunapee resort and offer lodging to skiers. If anyone is in the area we'd be happy to have you stop by for a visit. I also build everything from post and beam buildings to one-of-a-kind custom furniture, so hat tip to Mr. Franz, he really was the best teacher I ever had. (I still have all my fingers, too ;-)) Regards to everyone else out there, I hope that your lives have turned out as happy and fulfilling as ours."

Suzanne Vine: "We made a big move this year...to Amsterdam, in the Netherlands. My husband Peter works for a Dutch company and last year at Thanksgiving time, they asked him to work in the headquarters here. After a lot of should we/shouldn't we conversations, we decided to take the plunge. I've been here since September and I finally am feeling a little bit settled. I'm on leave from my teaching job in Maplewood, N.J. and am enjoying having some down time to bike, to walk with our dog, to learn Dutch, and to get to know the city. My son, Ben, is living in NYC and running his own social media company. I really do try to understand exactly what he does! My daughter, Rachel, is a sophomore at Colgate University. I'm writing a blog about my life here (called Suzanne Vine's Amsterdam), so if you want to know more, you can check it out: suzanne-vine.squarespace.com/blog. And come visit!"



Suzanne Vine '78
in Amsterdam

Michael Walters—aka Wally: "Still living in Tampa FL and loving it. When the temperature is below 60, I'm freezing. Love the heat. My three boys are growing up fast and participating in as many things as possible. It keeps me busy most nights going from place to place, but I enjoy watching them develop. I get to spend most of the summer in Myrtle Beach playing golf and enjoying the East Coast waves. If you are ever in the Tampa or MB area, please look me up. Would love to see some old friends and colleagues."

Jenny Chandler Hauge: "I recommend you take a look at Zanne Vine's MARVELOUS blog about her expat life in Amsterdam, Suzanne Vine's Amsterdam. It is a wonderful window into expat life and Zanne is a fabulous writer and photographer. As for me, I am not an expat, but my children are, and I try to visit them in Shanghai as often as possible. They are both building businesses and live in that

city, as part of a vibrant and inspiring expat community. When I look out the window, I see national park land, where I hike with my dog each morning or the streets of Washington DC, where I ride my bike to and from work at the National Council of Nonprofits. Happily married, and looking for an adventure to celebrate our 55th birthdays in 2015!"

Gwen Scott Hodges: "Brian and I are adjusting to our empty nest here in Jamison, PA. Our son, Brandon (George School 2014), is now a UCONN freshman, majoring in neurobiology. I now know how my parents felt when I went off to Boston many moons ago!"

Tom Gates: My big news this year was a nasty heart scare in August on the tennis court. I am very fortunate, and indeed thankful, to report that it looks like I will be around for a while. I scared Tracey pretty badly, and that was the worst part of the whole thing. It will be 22 years that I have been doing residential real estate finance in Princeton. Our son, Ren, lives in Portland, OR working in the golf tournament promotion field, and daughter, Sheridan, is in Queens, auditioning for the stage and TV/film, and working part-time in other areas. Tracey left PDS in 2013 after five years in the Development office. She has returned part-time recently, planning the PDS 50th Anniversary, which will be celebrated throughout the 2015-2016 school year. I saw **Don Gips, Rob Olsson, Michelle Plante, Andy Sanford,** and **Mark Zawadsky '77**, at the memorial service for Don's amazing mom, Ann Gips. I keep close tabs on Pete Buck '77, who now resides in CT. All seem to be doing very well. Just yesterday (2/14) at a beautiful memorial service for Enid Woodworth, I had a chance to catch up with many alums, including all the Woodworths, **Steven Cragg, Harriette Brainard '79, Ann Warner '79,** and many others. It is one of the many wonderful things about living near Princeton.



Nora Cuesta Wimberg '78 with husband Charlie, and son, Jovan

Nora Cuesta Wimberg: It is such a pleasure to be working with Tom as your new correspondents. When I saw in the last *Journal* that we had no one in the role, I immediately called PDS and said I would step up because it saddened me to see our class notes empty. Allison did a tremendous job, so we have big shoes to fill! (Not literally, Allison!)

My life has brought me back to NJ—Galloway, which is eight miles from Atlantic City. I remarried two years ago after 10 years widowed, to my college sweetheart, Charlie. After

we were married Charlie adopted my son, Jovan, so we now are all 'Wimbergs.' Jovan is now a sophomore in high school and is doing great. Charlie works for the Atlantic City Electric Company as VP and I work part-time for the family funeral home. I love meeting new people daily and helping them get through the hard times they are going through. We all have them, at some point in time, so it's good to have someone there that's been through the same losses and understands.

Other than that I will be reaching out to all of you again in the next few months and hope to keep hearing your stories. Tom and I will look forward to receiving pictures as well.

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As **Cathy White Mertz** and I collaborate on this entry from our respective homes in Massachusetts, we struggle to wrap our brains and shovels around the mind-boggling amount of snow that has been dumped on our region over the past 30 days—over eight feet, with enough snow removed from the streets of Boston to fill Gillette Stadium a hundred times over. I am certain we join the other members of the New England Chapter of the Class of '79 in saying good riddance to "Snowmageddon" 2015.

Vance Camisa reported, "The Merck headquarters has moved to Kenilworth, NJ, and all of the NJ attorneys followed, except me. They allowed me to move my office to Merck's facility in North Wales, PA. We plan to sell our house in the spring and buy a condo in center city Philadelphia, so I'll be able to commute by train. This move is possible because both of my daughters are completing their last semesters—my younger, Sydney, will be getting her bachelor's degree from the Honors College at University of Vermont, and my older daughter, Holly, will be getting her Master's degree from Columbia University. I'll be glad not to have to shovel snow, cut grass, or rake leaves anymore!"

Nick Donath: "A highlight of my year was our reunion—particularly the best party in town at **Jane Henderson Kenyon's** place—and I have enjoyed staying touch with some people, including **Cathy White Mertz, Martha Hicks Leta, Harriette Brainard,** and **Ben Dubrovsky.** Other highlights: expanding our law firm in size, business, and office space; Mom (91) recovering from a major illness; my first tennis tournament in six to seven years in Palm Springs, CA (won a couple matches, too!); and Evan finally selling his house in Arkansas (trust me, it was a highlight for me)."

Adam Gibson: "My band from the 1990s, Novella, which had us touring around the country and parts of Europe for several years,

got together over the summer to hash out some new material. We hadn't seen each other for more than twenty years! Musically, it was like old times, and personality-wise, it was a wonderful improvement—we enjoyed each other's company so much more than on the endless days of the road, where nerves easily frayed. Adam Gibson Design is going gangbusters, winning Best of Houzz for the second year in a row and finally achieving the appellation of Master Designer in the kitchen and bath field. And there's never a dull moment with photography, getting some fantastic shots in Asia, and the ever-present sports and architectural shooting. Nothing to complain about in Indianapolis, other than it's the Midwest!"

Jane Henderson Kenyon's daughter Isabelle was recognized as one of *Forbes Magazine's* "2015 30 Under 30: Retail." Jane and Kevin are justifiably proud!!

John Hollister: "I'm teaching a Great Books course at Temple University as an excuse to enjoy living in Philadelphia. This year's item I crossed off the Bucket List was visiting the Galapagos without winning a Darwin Award. It was like walking around Jurassic Park with super-sized reptiles hanging out under Dr. Seuss-league cacti."

Laurie Knowlton: "Late-stage chronic Lyme disease has continued to try to win the battle. After about two years of being basically bed-ridden 80% of the time, Phil and I decided to move back to Culebra Island (between Puerto Rico and St. Thomas), where I fare better, surrounded by lush tropical landscaping and fruit trees. I'm still teaching photography and leading workshops, as well as doing some wedding photography. Art has truly saved my life. I've also re-opened my hot sauce and spice store, Blue Iguana Spice Co. We still own our home in the woods on a pond in central Maine (Alna), and will spend four months or so there late summer/early fall to avoid hurricane season in the tropics and enjoy the magic of Indian summer in New England."

Karen Polcer Bdera: "Nick and I had our 25th wedding anniversary this year, which we enjoyed celebrating in Aruba. Though sad to miss our PDS reunion, I enjoyed my 35th reunion with Ethel Walker School classmates. No marathon running this year. Nick and I did attempt to volunteer for the NYC Marathon, but the crazy weather interfered. We both participated in the 2014 Avon Walk for Breast Cancer; to date, I have raised over \$205,000 to help combat this disease. Two more trips to Aruba—such a wonderful, happy island! In July, I traveled to London and Rome with my stepmom, and as I write this, I have just gotten back from New Orleans, where I surprised my dad for his 78th birthday."

Kent Wilkinson: "I continue to direct an academic institute focused on Hispanic and international communication at Texas Tech University. Thankfully, our sons are both gainfully employed in different branches of the computer industry. (I miss seeing them as often, but not the constant outflow of cash...) On the horizon are the publication of a book,

Spanish-language Television in the United States: 50 Years of Development (Routledge), and a stint in Chile as a Fulbright Scholar. *Saludos a todos!*"

Betsy Stephens Ellsworth: By the time you read this, husband Scott Ellsworth's book *The Secret Game: A Wartime Story of Courage, Change, and Basketball's Lost Triumph* will have hit the stands. In it he tells the true story of the little-known 1943 basketball team from the North Carolina College for Negroes and their journey from total obscurity to becoming the highest scoring college basketball team in America." In other news, we are sorry to report that Betsy's mother, Jean Samuels Stephens '52, passed away in February. Mrs. Stephens was a force at the Lawrenceville School, where she worked for 55 years.

In other sad news, we're sorry to report that **Sarah Woodworth-Gibson's** mother, Enid Woodworth, passed away in January. A lifelong teacher and athlete, Mrs. Woodworth touched many hearts and souls with her gracious ways and friendly smile. In celebration of her life, her family encourages you to smile at everyone you meet. Our heartfelt condolences go out to both Betsy and Sarah.

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Hello PDS Class of 1980!

Karen Fein Kelly and I have volunteered to be the new class correspondents for the PDS *Journal* alumni notes. Many thanks go to **Jennifer Dutton Whyte** for handling the job for so long!

Hard to believe—we're not really that old, are we?!—but our 35th reunion quickly is approaching on the weekend of May 15 and 16. We're sure many of you are looking forward to attending. So, please save your updates and photos from Alumni Weekend and submit them to us, so we can include the news in the fall 2015 issue of the PDS *Journal*. If you are on Facebook, there's a "Princeton Day School Class of 1980" page that we hope you are con-



New Class of 1980 class correspondents **Karen Fein Kelly** and **Suzanne Albahary D'Amato** met for dinner last July.

nected to, so you can be updated on reunion information and other news from our class, as well as share PDS memories. Karen and I both check Facebook periodically, so you can always use it to submit *Journal* updates to us, as well. Please note: Photos included in class notes must be hi-resolution images of 300 dpi or 3.5" x 5" (or larger) for hard-copy photos. Cell phone photo files should be at least 500K or larger.

Hani Morgan was kind enough to answer all of the questions we suggested on the PDS Class of 1980 Facebook page to help folks generate ideas for information to submit to the *Journal*. "Tell us about yourself, your job, and/or your family. What are you up to these days?: I'm still the Hanz. What is your favorite PDS memory?: Driving around in the Groome mobile. How has PDS helped you in your life or career?: It gave me an opportunity to meet **Tony, Jamie,** and **Jim Groome**. Groome! Groome! Groome! Groome! Groome! Groome! Which PDS faculty and/or staff members were particularly influential for you?: Don Roberts—he was funny and intelligent. I learned how to be funny from him. Any recent get-togethers with other PDS folks that you want to share?: I met **Bo** and **Sam** a few years ago in New Orleans. Are you planning to attend the reunion?: If my schedule will allow it. Which folks would you like to see there?: The class of '80."



Jay Marcus '80 and Jennifer Brannon Manning '80 reunite in Atlanta last fall.

Jennifer Brannon Manning wrote, "I'm not sure if I'll be at reunion, but with all the Facebook chatter, it should be great fun. However, my oldest daughter graduates from high school in May, and lots of things are up in the air. I still live in Atlanta—do a lot of volunteer work at my kids' school and bike and play golf as much as possible."

Sara Cooper spent last Thanksgiving in Nantucket "where our collective families had a wonderful time on a beautiful island. I live in Titusville, NJ, with my husband Mike Delehanty, and two rescue dogs, Pretty and Bailey, about a mile and a half from my mom's house, which is great. I founded Cooper Creative Group, which specializes in creating opportunities, marketing, and business development for a fabulous group of clients. My reconnection with PDS has been serving on the Alumni Board for several terms, which was a rewarding and fun experience. I am looking forward to our 35th Reunion. I'm helping



Sara Cooper '80 and nephews Henry and Keel Cooper, Thanksgiving 2014



Suzanne Albahary D'Amato's '80 children: Justin, Kira, and Amy

with the social media aspect and would love to share your updates and photos—both new and old—on our class's Facebook page."

I (Suzanne) live about an hour north of Boston in New Hampshire with my husband Dante, our three children, and our feisty Boston terrier; we settled in the Boston area after college. I'm dealing with the issues common to many of us now, I'm sure: raising teenagers, sending children off to college, and watching our nest slowly empty out. My oldest daughter is a junior in college, my younger daughter graduates from high school this spring and will be attending college in the fall, and my son is in seventh grade. After working in the marketing communications field and doing freelance writing for years, I've recently started my own interior-design business, which I'm trying to grow. Design and architecture always have been my passion—fostered by the architecture courses I took from Bob Whitlock, one of many wonderful teachers I'd encountered while at PDS."

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From **Rosalind Waskow Hansen:**

In case you haven't heard, it has been snowing in Princeton. Fortunately, I got the chance to escape to sunny Naples for a little respite. While there, I had lunch with **Julie Rodgers**, who resides in Naples. She is doing well and

seems to be loving life down South. Over the past few months, I have been very fortunate to have seen many classmates. I have seen some under sad circumstances, such as the incomparable **Cis Chappell's** celebration of life where I saw **Tebo, Scott Egner, Suzanne Spiegel, Lawrence Shannon, Kirsten Elmore** and Mr. Bing (possibly the nicest man in the world!) and others on happier occasions such as the Princeton vs. St. Lawrence hockey game, which I attended with Kirsten, where I saw **Jon Drezner** and his wife Bentley. I was torn about which team I wanted to see win. On one hand, I live in Princeton, while on the other hand I spent many crazy nights at St. Lawrence. The game ended in a tie, assuaging any guilt over loyalty. Living in Princeton has many perks such as seeing **Debby Burks Southwick**, when she comes down from Connecticut to visit her parents on Fridays. We have coined those days *Fun Day Fridays*, which often include seeing Dr. and Mrs. Burks, without whom I never would have been admitted to PDS. I am also thrilled that Mrs. Burchfield has moved back to Princeton because I get more chances to see **Burchie**. My husband and father joined me for a great evening full of laughter at Mrs. B's along with Burch, her husband Gib and children, Christopher and Eliza, two nights before Thanksgiving. I also get to hang out with the Drezner boys, Nathan, Benjamin and Julian down on LBI or bowling at the new and improved Colonial Lanes. Additionally, over the past year, I have seen or spoken to the following people, **Camie**, who is a travel agent and would love to make travel arrangements for all of you jetsetters, be sure to 'friend' her on Facebook, **John Marshall**, who continues to serve good grub at Main Street Cafe, **Barbara Zeitler**, who is always wise counsel, **Sarah Sword Lazarus**, who I believe is under 18 feet of snow in Concord, MA at the moment, the talented **Eva Mantell**, the dashing hand-some **Michael Southwick**, currently being divine at Yale Divinity School, the lovely **Laura Jacobus** and **John Denny**, who is busy raising three hockey players. I can also count on bumping into **Wade** on Election Day, if memory serves me well, that is where I saw him last.

If I include "seeing" people on Facebook, I can include **Shaun Tobin** who clearly looks like he needs to work out, **Jane Vawter**, who can't decide if she lives in NJ or MA, **Hilary Bing**, who has become a serious runner and competes too frequently for me to keep up with from the comfort of my sofa, **Lily Downing**, the newlywed who is always packing a suitcase and flying off to some fancy digs, **Jeff Olsson**, the skier whose wife Helen took a dare from their child to wear a stuffed teddy bear on her back for a day of skiing (look for the video, hilarious!), **Kevin Johnson**, last seen playing in the snow, **Pete Bordes**, who apparently is a big shot doing something in NYC, **Phillip**, who still lives in Phoenix, **Ellen**, who still lives in Ireland, **Mandy**, in DC, **Hana**, living the good life in Newport Beach CA, **Lisa Carpi Gorsch**, making her family getaway into a working farm complete with sheep, goats, chickens and bees, **Mike D. aka Kartitkeya Arul**, or as I like

to call him **Kittycat**, making music wherever he can. I can imagine Ms. Lockhart marking on that last bit with ROS all over, which I thought was endearing until she pointed out that ROS was her abbreviation for run-on sentence; ah, but this is merely a list! And, as for our 'lost souls,' terrible moniker (how about 'souls back in the fold'), the newly wed **Linda Littell** of Park City Utah, **Linda Yuan** of Torrance, CA, raising her two sons, **Lee Eppel** address anywhere USA where he can ski or paddleboard, **Eliot Ammidon**, who just celebrated the marriage of her oldest child, Morgan, which brings me to **Matthew Morgan**, who I see around Princeton, **Jane Gerb**, who I believe still has pierced ears and is raising her son in Princeton, and of course, my fabulous friend, **Tara Lynch**, who just made the move from the Bay Area to Seattle with her husband and daughter, Karly.

Keeping track of all of you is exhausting! I can happily report that I am in one way or another in touch with approximately 34% of our class. I am thrilled and lucky to continue to call all of you my friends. As for the rest of you, please excuse me if I have forgotten to mention anyone who I have seen or communicated with over the year, get in touch or at least make plans to come to, dare I say it, our 35th reunion in May of 2016. Oh, and in case you are wondering about me, life is good. I continue to tutor and assist students with secondary and college placement, while trying to work in time for paddle and golf and trying to catch up to my husband on a kite board. I'll keep you posted on the kiteboarding, a new and challenging sport for me. Hopefully, I will be able to keep my head above water!

From Kirsten:

Jon Drezner, Losco Hanson and Kiersten Elmore Meister attended the St. Lawrence versus Princeton University hockey game Saturday, February 14. They were joined by Larry Pearson '80 and David McCord '79

From Camie: After 18 years of not seeing my best friend from high school John Banse '80, we finally got together last fall. John flew out from Boston to Idaho and spent five days hunting, eating great food and catching up on the last 18 years. It was by far one of the best parts of 2014 for me. It was just like old times talking about the fun we had in high school and all that has happened since. I hope that John will make this a yearly trip.

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From **Rena**:

For most of us, this is a milestone year. We are turning 50, people! How and when did this happen? Congrats to the youngest looking group of 50-year-olds I know. As for me, I turned 50 in March while in warm Tucson, AZ for some hiking and much needed R&R. Hope you are all doing well and fighting the onset of aging with a vengeance.

From **Matt Kohut**: "Friends from PDS remain intertwined in my life in all kinds of ways. After I published a book in 2013, *Compelling People*, **Joe Pagano** and his wife Amy Richter invited me to speak to a group at their congregation in Annapolis. Joe and I realized it was the first time we'd seen each other since the summer of '85. The book also prompted a good catch-up with **Chris LaRiche**, who is a psychiatrist based in Miami. More recently, I saw **Phil Clippinger**, Stephen Thomas '81, and Karttikeya Arul (formerly Mike Dobkowski '81) at Small World Coffee, where I was playing music with Matt Trowbridge '98, Stephanie Sanders '90, Joe Russo (husband of Pooja Raj '98), and Chris Harford (PHS '80). I'm fortunate to have a foot in two worlds: my wife Betsy and I split our time between downtown D.C. and a funky old house in East Amwell. It has been great rekindling friendships in the Princeton area after being away for a while."

From **Carrie Stewardson** Thornehill: "My husband Luke and I have been working a ton, still designing houses on Nantucket. My son, Wes, continues to be the shiniest star in our universe. We are actually leaving



Wes Thornehill, son of **Carrie Stewardson** Thornehill '83 with his model of the Washington Monument.

tomorrow for a trip to New Zealand for three weeks. Planned adventures are much better than home-grown, blizzard-style adventures, which seem endless here on the rock we call home."

From **Suzanne Utaski** Gibbs: "Like most of us, I've turned 50. My eldest son, Colby, will go to college in the fall—not sure where yet, but a few acceptances assure a spot. My younger son, Jeff, has two years left of high school. My husband of 22 years and I are wondering about the next chapter in life—what will empty-nesting bring? I wrote and illustrated a book for couples: *Conscious Curiosity: Communicating to Connect*. I plan to self-publish soon."

From **Phil Berger**: "I bought a law firm building in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, which allows me to bring my dog to work. Had depositions recently and opposing counsel started getting a bit loud. My dog, Luke, jumped into the chair next to him, stared at him for a bit; counsel started petting Luke and everything calmed down and the deposition proceeded. Clients, staff and opposing counsel seem to really like having Luke come to work (when I'm not in court). Hope you are all well."

Tracy Watkins Thompson is currently an Assistant Attorney General for the State of New Jersey. She wrote, "If you are involved in any organizations professionally or personally that would benefit from a presentation on human trafficking, feel free to contact me. I chair the NJ Human Trafficking Task Force (NJHTTF). In addition to chairing the NJHTTF, I represent NJ Acting Attorney General John J. Hoffman on the NJ Commission on Human Trafficking. For more info about the NJHTTF, visit: <http://www.nj.gov/oag/dcj/humantrafficking/>"

Steve Schluter recently celebrated his milestone birthday with family and friends—many of whom are PDS grads. In addition, his son, Hunter, and **Janet Zawadsky** Cleaves' son, Brett, both played on the same New Jersey Devils Youth Pee Wee hockey team in Hershey, PA this past winter.

From Noelle:

Sherri Benson Small wrote, "My hubby and I and our four kids are living in Nutley NJ. I have two collegians, one high school freshman and a second grader. How's that for a spread?! My husband is a software developer in NYC and I am a technology project manager in North Jersey. All is well. I am Facebook friends with some former PDSers so I get to hear from **Jan Garver**, **Kelly Lambert** Walker, **Sarah Kuser**, **Jennifer Paine** Leahy, **Joyce Travers** Johnson and some others every now and then."

From **Abby Hurowitz** Davis: "I'm working as a legal nurse consultant for a medical malpractice law firm in Phoenix, Arizona. I attend boot camp daily. Our oldest son is a junior at Barrett, the honor's college at ASU, as a math and physics major. Our younger son is awaiting college acceptances, but has received a scholarship to Barrett. April 20 will be our 24th wedding anniversary!"



Noelle Damico '83 (left) and **Abby Hurowitz** Davis '83 having lunch in Arizona last January

I (**Noelle Damico**) send greetings from White Plains, NY, where I reside with my husband and our eight-year-old son, August. I am a Senior Fellow at the National Economic and Social Rights Initiative in Manhattan. My principle work is with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (ciw-online.org) and I write and guest lecture at universities in the fields of worker rights and corporate responsibility. This past November, I had the honor of speaking at the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe's High Level Conference on Human Trafficking in Vienna. I was disappointed to not be able to make our 30th reunion and hope if you're in the White Plains area you'll drop by and say hi! Last January, Abby Hurowitz Davis and I met in Phoenix and it was such a delight to share memories and reconnect after all these years.

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From **Marisa Petrella** Lenz Lombardo:

In June I met up with **Kevin**, **Laura** and **Kathryn** to check out Kevin's comedy show in NYC. Definitely worth the ride to the city.

My family has our health and we are moving forward toward having a great year. I am still working in the insurance industry. My daughter, Angela Lenz, will be graduating from West Virginia University. My youngest daughter will be starting her second year at West Virginia University.



'85 Classmates **Jennifer Taback** Anderson, **Pat Courtney** and **Tonya Elmore** Davis

Jennifer Taback Anderson, **Tonya Elmore** Davis and **Patrick Courtney** met up for dinner in West Los Angeles. Patrick was in town and Tonya made an epic drive to meet up with them.

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Things are great for **Steve Utaski** in Seattle. He drank champagne with **Rad Roberts** this New Year's Eve and is otherwise busy with his production company, Remedy Pictures, and raising two girls, ages 12 and 15. "I also decided it was time for a follow-up to my guitar debut playing *Dust in the Wind* by Kansas at assembly prior to the eighth grade class trip to Kendall Park Roller Rink. So I started jamming with some musicians in Seattle and we had our live debut last December. World tour dates to follow. Not.



Steve Utaski '86 with his wife and daughters

Scott West lives in Upper Makefield, PA with his wife Lori of eight years, and their son, James, who turns six in April. He is headed to Seattle WA this August to play in a member/guest golf tournament with **Scott Haveson**. "I think it will be a tremendous week filled with many high school musings. We are going to set a 'meeting' with Steve Utaski for beer and food. If anyone is in Seattle this first weekend in August for Seafair, please reach out. We would love to meet up."

Kat (Kathy) Song has transitioned back to full-time work after a decade of part-time PR consulting (and parenting). She's a communications and digital strategy director at AAAS

(American Association for the Advancement of Science, publisher of the journal *Science*). Know a scientist or engineer who wants to get into public policy? Tweet Kat at @katsongpr!

Kelly Noonan O'Shea's oldest daughter is a senior in high school this year. "It is funny to think about PDS as I am watching Abby choose a college and think about graduating soon." All three of her kids are very active in HS and club sports. Between the three of them, they play soccer, field hockey and lacrosse. "I was just thinking of Cheryl Silva the other day, my HS field hockey coach. She was a great coach and mentor; PDS had some really good teams in those days (80s!)." Kelly is in touch with **Regina Sheerin**, who lives in Spain. "She is my go-to person for most travel related questions." She also sees **Liz White Meahl** and **Christi Curtin McCarthy** at least once a year. "We have a long-running friendship that is a lot of fun, and always includes reminiscing about PDS!"



Steve Anderson '86 and his wife Jennifer

who are ages 7 and 9. He's lived in Davis California since 1993 and is five miles west of Sacramento and 70 miles east of San Francisco. He met his wife Jennifer at fellow '86 alum **Rad Roberts'** wedding in Stehakin, WA (Lake Chelan) in July 2003. "We're big SF Giants fans! The kids' first big league game, when they were 6 and 4, was a perfect game by Matt Cain. 10-0. We loved all nine innings."

Jamie Mayer and her husband James are alive and well out in Los Angeles! As two freelancers, they had some challenging work/life balance adjustments to make after their son, Sander, was born four and a half years ago, but Jamie found time to write a young adult novel that's currently out to publishers, and she's about to start writing and producing a series of webisodes for A&E/Lifetime. Her husband James is a composer for TV and film and also co-founded a music licensing company a couple of years ago that is growing each year. "It's not the easiest thing to start a business at the same time as having a young child, but so be it! We're enjoying our late entry to parenthood—and though time, energy and sleep are scarce, we can't imagine it any other way. Hope you PDSers are well—so nice to have reconnected with many via Facebook—and please get in touch if you find yourself in LA!"

Last summer **Susan Hockings** visited her parents, who still live in Princeton. "We took my boys, ages 6, 8, and 10, to see PDS and discovered the nice playground equipment, garden, and animals."



Jack (White) Meahl, **Sumner (White) Meahl**, **Emma (Noonan) O'Shea**, **Molly (Noonan) O'Shea**, **Abby (Noonan) O'Shea** in Acadia 2011

Liz White Meahl has had fun times with Kelly Noonan O'Shea and Christi Curtin McCarthy gathering in NJ, and PA over the past few years. Kelly is quite the tour guide/travel agent! Liz also had a great trip to Acadia with Kelly and her gang a few summers back.

Liz and her husband Pierre "love living in Portland—even in all this snow! Great city with much to do and great food. We love visitors!" Liz's 13-year-old daughter, Sumner, has a great sense of humor and loves to dance. Her 15-year-old son, Jack, loves high school and has quite a passion for basketball. Jack attends a school in Portland, Maine that is reminiscent of PDS.



Jen Prescott '86 and family

Jen Prescott is living in Mamaroneck, NY, and has three sons. Those who wish to read about their exploits and adventures can visit Jen's blog at <http://thepartypony.blogspot.com>, where she chronicles stories about topics such as the drunken whacknut who used to live in their attic, violent poo explosions, and even some zany PDS misadventures. "It's all very irreverent and inappropriate." Last year, Jen published an entirely kid-friendly fantasy/science fiction novel called *The Hundred: Fall of the Wents*. The link is available on her blog, and the book is best for ages 10-14. "If anyone's kids read and enjoy it, I love to get feedback in the form of Amazon reviews! When I think of PDS I recall so many amusing hijinks with my comrades in 'the Ferret Force.' One vivid memory consists of Regina Sheerin and I running like Olympic champions through the woods to reach the school before our slaving pursuer, one Eamon Downey, could ID us as two unidentified kids who had strayed off grounds to take a very innocent dip in the PDS pond. We evaded him. A glorious moment, indeed."



Wiley, son of **Leslie Elmore** '86 doing a BattleFrog Series

Leslie Elmore is doing another obstacle course race this year in SC. Her new favorite sport! She has a BattleFrog and a Spartan race coming up this spring. Her son, Wiley, has taken up obstacle course racing, too. Here he is doing a BattleFrog Series in SC, 6/14!

Rad Roberts and Steve Anderson biked around Davis, CA in the fall sunshine with Steve's son and daughter. Rad met with **Aaron Bruce** in a sunny campus quad and talked of campus diversity and pre-kids travel adventures. Steve Utaski brought his statuesque wife and daughters over to Rad's New Year's Eve party in Seattle and **Andy Smith** and Rad talked about brain hacking and the Internet of Things at the Consumer Electronic Show in Las Vegas. "As for me, I'm in Seattle happily married with three kids (11, 9, & 6)." By day, he has fun mixing academic research, new technologies, and private companies in equal parts. Beyond that, he climbs, snowboards, travels, and spends as much time with his kids as possible before they fly away. "Last year I reached the age my father was when he was diagnosed with the cancer that killed him four years later. It makes you think. We are all, it seems, just wildflower seeds cast into the wind, searching for a patch of fertile soil and sun where we can put down roots, grow, and bloom before the winter frost is upon us."



Rad Roberts '86 and wife Beth at the wedding of Steve Anderson '86

Rachael Katzenell Stockton has been happily married for 23 years to her husband Andrew Stockton. "We have two amazing boys! My oldest son, Joey, is a junior at The College of William and Mary in the Mason School of Business, my second son, Stephen, is a junior in high school at Henry Hudson Regional." They live in Highlands, NJ, right on the Jersey Shore. She has been teaching for the past 15 years at Highlands Elementary School right in her hometown. "It has been a great career for me. I am currently the school's ASI Math



Joey and Stephen, sons of **Rachael Katzenell** Stockton '86

teacher. I taught second, third and fourth grades before that. Every once in a while, my husband and I take a drive into Princeton and I think about our PDS days with a big smile. It was great to see everyone at the 25th reunion. I hope the 30th is just as successful; it will be here before you know it."

Ann Miller Paiva lives in Brooklyn with her son, Alex (12), and her daughter, Sophie (6), and their cats, Macaroni and Sophie, Jr.

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Arianna Rosati wrote: I'm typing this from New York City in February—and I'm not the only one who feels stuck in an endless winter. When I asked for "thrilling updates for the next breathless installment of the PDS Journal," many responses read like this: "Things are good, but the same old, same old." I did hear from lots of the fellas, the first of whom also had weather on the brain.

Mike Lingle: "My girlfriend and I moved to sunny Miami six months ago, and we love it. Neither of us is missing NYC as much as we thought we would (especially the cold). I'm taking a break from the tech industry and have been making hip-hop music for the past 18 months. Unexpected, but I'm having fun. And it's starting to sound pretty good."

Brit Eaton: "Check out the March issue of *Playboy* magazine. I made the cover! And you are sure to find the pictures of me thrilling and breathless as well."

Paul Robertson: "I think I am still the GM at Lone Mountain Ranch, the same ranch as last update, which is noteworthy. I'm bracing for PDS counterculture reunion in Big Sky

starting March 6 with Brit Eaton, **Lambros Xethalis**, **Clifford Hilpert**, **Holly Greenberg**, **Le Crann**, **Ben Travers** and **Pete Sienkiewicz**."

Marc Collins: "Life remains its good, standard self in DC. Lots of work travel to (mostly) fun locales. Recent stops have included Montevideo, where the steak was every bit as good as advertised, and Lisbon, where the same may be said of the wine. Vacation in summer 2014 was in northern Spain. San Sebastian is our new culinary Center of the Universe. Casa Urola is a must-do restaurant. Sit upstairs and ask Dona Arantxa for her favorite white."

Jack Alvino reported from Los Angeles, "I started my own entertainment production company called Dreamlight Entertainment and I wrote and am directing a horror feature. We are just finishing up the trailer. I also have another company, Digital Ladder; it rents professional camera and film production equipment. My family is good. My little daughter, Bella, is 8 and we also live with Scooter and Twinkie, two giant cats that are the size of bears, and just celebrated my 10-year wedding anniversary. I can't believe it. Where does the time go?"



Marc Van Dyke '88 and his son in Patagonia

Marc Van Dyke sent a picture from a Patagonia camping trip in October 2014 with his 18-year-old son in at Fitzroy in Los Glaciares National Park in Argentina. Note that this kid is a total mini-me, facial hair and all.

Next time, I'll include a picture of myself and **Jessie Robertson** Wilt from our upcoming trip to Las Vegas, where we'll be celebrating the wedding of Nicole Dunn '89. Then again, you know what they say about what happens in Vegas...

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Doria Roberts here!

We haven't had an update in the *Journal* for a while, but some (great) news and updates came in from the class that I wanted to share...

From **Karen Frederick's** desk: "I'm busy raising three young children, 8, 6 and 3, in Saratoga, California. When I'm not feeling totally overwhelmed, I'm so appreciative of the wonderful family I have."

Libby Griffith Hipp wrote, "I am living in Pennsylvania and happy to be close enough to visit my parents in Maryland and **Meghan Hall Donaldson** in Princeton. I was able to write a children's book about a mouse at an Episcopal church in between driving teenagers around. I really enjoyed seeing everyone at the last reunion."

Libby's book is called *Dewi Finds His Treasure* and commemorates the 300th anniversary of St. David's Episcopal Church. Proceeds from the sale of the book will go to support the Outreach Ministries of St.

David's Episcopal Church. To purchase either call the St. David's Gift Shop at 484-580-8486 or email giftshop@stdavidschurch.org.

Congrats, Libby!

We'd like to also congratulate **Angela Travers Berry** who married her sweetheart **Darryl** in October in Philadelphia and **Juan Christian Sombrin-Guerrero** who was betrothed to his lovely bride **Maria** in Paris, France!

And, if you didn't already know, **Matt Miller** has another hit show on his hands! *Forever* starring **Joan Gruffud** (*Reed Richards/Fantastic Four*), **Alana De Garza** (*ADA Connie Rubirosa Law and Order*) and **Judd Hirsch** (*THE Judd Hirsch!*) airs on Tuesdays at 9:00 pm on ABC. It's been renewed for a second season so get on the bandwagon now. And, there has been two student "name cameos" so far and promises of more to come so don't miss it!



Benjamin Podurgiel, son of **Bill Podurgiel** '89

As for me...

I can't even remember the last time I sent in an update so I'll try to keep it short and sweet. I'm still in Atlanta, GA and will be "celebrating" my 19th year in the city in May. Time flies! I'm married and my wife, **Chef Calavino Donati**, is a restaurateur here in Atlanta. We've owned a bodega/chef-driven deli called **Urban Cannibals Bodega + Bites** since 2009 and you can catch us on a re-run of "Meat + Potatoes" on the Food Network or

check out our TEDx talk about our mission in food advocacy. We're opening up another location of the bodega, as well as a 200-seat restaurant called *Madre* this coming June!

I'm still performing my music (though I'm not touring as much as I used to) and I'm re-releasing my *Black-Eyed Susans* CD this August to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina to bring to light the environmental impact the music industry has on the planet. The CD's case is made from recycled guitar wood and was co-designed by **Susan Archie**, who recently won a GRAMMY for her work on Jack White's *Third Man Recording* project.

I've also been asked to testify on Capitol Hill regarding royalty rate reform because of a piece I wrote called "Taylor Swift, Spotify and the Musical Food Chain Myth" that went quasi-viral in November 2014. It chronicled the challenges of creating music in the digital age. I'm really hoping to create some lasting and meaningful change for me and my musical peers! You can keep up with this and other projects on my Facebook page: [Facebook.com/DoriaRobertsMusic](https://www.facebook.com/DoriaRobertsMusic)

I hope this update finds everyone well and please come by the shop if you're ever in Atlanta!



Angela Travers Berry '89 on her wedding day

From **Angela Travers Berry**: "In 2011, I quit my job to finish my BA. I had to finish my student teaching internship. Every day I took the same bus to my school. One month into my internship, I started taking another bus route and there was my Prince Charming, aka **Darrell**, the bus driver! We talked every day and haven't stopped yet! I'm thrilled to say we were married October 11, 2014. **Stacey Belton** was my Maid of Honor. It was such a beautiful day. Life is pretty great. I'm teaching 2nd grade in a Philly district. I love keeping in touch

Sarah Ackley

Eslick '89 is "just battling through the snow up here in Massachusetts. Still at St. Mark's and able to snowshoe to work at least!"



Dexter (left) and **Simone**, children of **Greg Gordon** '89

with folks. I've visited **Ann Kim** in NY, hung out with **Paul Goldman** '88 in *The Big Easy*, while vacationing with **Stacey Belton**. Looking forward to pictures, stories, and chats on Facebook. **Matt Miller**, I love your show!!!!!!"

From **Greg Gordon**: "My family and I are trying our best to survive this crazy winter in Boston. We just bought a house in Milton, MA, and it seems our town is consistently hitting the jackpot in terms of snow accumulation. My son, **Dexter** (9), and daughter, **Simone** (5), are loving the snow, of course. I think they're going to feel differently when school is still in session at the end of June, though!

"I'm pleased to report that **Dexter** loves ice hockey and has 'matured' into a die-hard New York Rangers fan. **Simone** is a fun combination of 'girly-girl' and 'tom-boy.' Like most girls her age, she was singing songs from *Frozen* the entire year. But, she also loves to go fishing with me, particularly when she gets to play with the worms and inspect the fish before we throw them back.

"I'm doing well. I'm still working at **Loring, Wolcott & Coolidge Trust**, a private fiduciary trust company in Boston. I've been with the firm for over 11 years. My wife **Freya Emspak** is the chief of pediatrics at **Signature Healthcare** in Boston's South Shore.

"I'm sorry I missed our big class reunion this past May. I hope to see everyone at our next milestone."

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It's been a very busy year for me so far...now with the addition of our new shelter white lab puppy, **Charlie**! I've hung out with quite a few classmates over the past year (**Fanya**, **Irene**, **Liz Semrod**, **Robert Franz**, **Jonesy**, **Jim Read**.... and I'm looking forward to connecting with more in 2015!

Julie Roginsky is "living in NYC, raising my two-year-old son, **Zach**, working at

Fox News on-air as a political analyst and running my political consulting firm."

Robert Franz wrote, "Hello to everyone. I am currently the head of Middle School at Fredericksburg Academy in Fredericksburg Virginia. My wife Mia and I have two incredible sons, Owen, 2 years old, and Garreth, who is 6 months. They keep us on our toes and we love every minute with them. I also have been working for the Gardner Carney Leadership Institute whose mission is to teach teachers about leadership. We just recently partnered with Columbia University for the Institutes 10-year symposium. I will see **Chris Jones** inducted in Georgetown's Athletic Hall of Fame on March 7th (Chris is traveling from his home in Australia). Between two jobs, more graduate school, running a middle school, and my active family, it's been difficult keeping up with everyone. Please reach out if I have lost touch with you and hope to see everyone at our 25th reunion."

Fanya Stansbury Gallo and her husband "have returned to live in the Princeton area. We are excited about raising our daughter in a community that holds such great memories."

Irene Kim Asbury wrote, "This year, sick of turkey, we rented an RV and did a week in the Southwest. The ghost town of Oatman, Arizona; the Old Route 66 (remember 10th grade *Grapes of Wrath*?); the Hoover Dam; and a helicopter ride over the Grand Canyon! A last weekend in Vegas to wash the sand out of our hair and a red-eye flight home. I love America. That trip beat last year's New Jersey Bar Association conference in Rome by a long shot! Since most of my travel as a litigator takes me to courthouses and state agencies (Paterson, Newark, Trenton, Atlantic City, Hackensack), it's a pleasure to travel to beautiful places. We just acquired a second home in Bucks County, so maybe I will see more of Aly Cohen and Fanya Stansbury from now on!

I just recently passed the national integrative medicine board exam... The first of its kind. Yes, integrative medicine is now a board-certified medical specialty!"

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From Sharon:

Matt Kramer shared, "I am now living north of San Francisco (San Anselmo/Sleepy Hollow), running a legal translation company.

I just moved back to the US after a few years in Hong Kong for work, and enjoying being back in the US and getting settled. My wife and I have three girls—7, 5 and 1—who are all enjoying our new home, but always look forward to our summer trips back East!"

Stephanie Sheldon wrote, "I studied education and psychology in school, and pursued a yoga teacher training, and Reiki training outside of it. I have been taking art classes ever since I finished school and now am teaching art to



Aly Cohen '91 and **Chris Jones '91** this past summer

seniors, taking classes, and enjoying the arts and wonder of NYC. Weekends are usually spent upstate, working on a house and enjoying the fresh air, culture and hiking, when time allows."

Chris Sheldon seems to be enjoying life as well. He shared, "Eileen and I live in the San Francisco Bay Area (Marin County) with our two sons, Buchanan ('Cannon') and Talbot. Have lived in the Bay Area for the majority of my time post-college, but did live in both NYC and London for two brief

periods of time. For the last 10+ years I have been working for the same investment firm, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, where I primarily manage institutional capital in high yield bonds, leveraged loans and other credit instruments. We do not get back to New Jersey often, but feel free look us up if ever in the Bay Area. We wish the best for everyone in 2015."

Dave Wise also took the time to chime in: "It's a busy life. We live in Brooklyn with our three boys: Zeke (8), Isaac (5) and Levi (1). We are generally around Bk most of the year and try to spend as much of the summer as we can on Cape Cod. I see PDS people from time to time, and have crossed paths professionally with **Ben Frost** and **Jud** (who helped one of my European colleagues try to find a Princeton home). I'm the U.S. Market Leader for Hay Group, a global advisory firm. And Vanessa leads development for the New York City Center, the performing arts venue. In a small world coincidence, **Stacey Namm** actually works for one of the business units in my firm and does a great job. Look us up if you're in town."

Jason White's news: "After two decades, I am also back in the greater Princeton area with my wife Janet. This odyssey began with a move to New Orleans for undergrad, California for work and graduate school, China, South East Asia, the Middle East, and finally South Africa. At the end of last year I began work as the head of North American sales and operations for Cesim, a consulting firm that specializes in business training and education using simulation training, also called 'serious gaming.' It is nice to feel like I have finally come home. Hope to see all of you at the next party at Jud's house!"

As for me, **Sharon Thomas**, I live in NYC with my husband Keith and daughter, Maia. I moved to Manhattan from Europe (where I lived for a few years) with the intention of experiencing the city for a short stint and

moving on. Fifteen years later, I'm still in Manhattan where I run an education organization (www.maiaeducation.com) and consult part-time at The Brearley School, as an educational consultant. I consider myself a parent of two children, Maia, my six-year-old, and MAIA Education, which is coming upon its sixth year anniversary this spring. I find parenting both "children" the most rewarding and challenging experience. My husband Keith is fully committed to parenting both as well, so we make a great team and are fully supportive of one another (yes, I work quite full-time with my husband and we've learned to love it on most days!).

On a side note, I learned that **Julie Satow** (who you might remember from Middle School) graduated from Brearley by reading a note in the Brearley School magazine. Julie is now an acclaimed *New York Times* journalist, who reports on all things real estate; we had a chance to catch up for a fun lunch last year. Who knew this reconnection would happen because of school class notes? (Shameless plug for you to get motivated to email me your notes and pics).

Jud Henderson: I remain a "townie" in Princeton with my wife Christina and our three kiddos, Maisie (11), Hutch (9), and Mac (3). Maisie and Hutch are both at PDS, which has me in a constant state of disbelief. I'm also still in real estate, which has been a rewarding experience with its expected peaks and valleys over the past few years. Like all of us, juggling a lot, but all good. Look me up if you are in Princeton."

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Matthew Dickson wrote, "I am still living in Atlanta and work as a National Account Executive for PCM. I also am the Pitmaster and chairman of the Annual Atlanta Kosher BBQ Championship and Festival, which will be taking place this fall. The biggest news that I have is that **Dan Ragsdale** got engaged to Amy Werner."

Jason Powell wrote, "So like many of you, 2015 is the year for turning 40... yuck! But otherwise things have been great in the Powell household. I live right outside Annapolis, MD with my wife Kim, son, Will (3 1/2), and daughter, Brennan (2). I work for an alcohol distributor doing strategic sourcing, which is every college kids dream, right? Overall things are great and definitely excited to be moving away from diapers and daycare soon."

Chris Gum Byrne wrote, "Since 2003, I have been living and loving in Carbondale, Colorado, the Roaring Fork Valley (down from Aspen). I never thought I could live so far from the ocean, but life is so good here, the air so clean, the skies so blue, and people live well and are healthy. I am blessed to be married to Jimmy Byrne (since 2004) and have two healthy, energetic, sweet boys, River James (9) and Tenzin Jude (2).

I have a successful massage therapy practice in town with wonderful, regular clients. Though work and mothering/homemaking takes up most of my time, I do try to carve out time to African dance, Nordic ski, swim in our natural hot springs that are so abundant out here, and practice yoga. River is enrolled in the local Waldorf School; we have discovered an amazing and beautiful education for him that has also led us on a great journey of mindful parenting. If you are ever in our part of the world, please look us up! I go by 'Pixie' out here, which was my Appalachian Trail name from long ago. Peace!"

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Maggie Seidel Waterhouse is a director at Yancey Richardson Gallery in New York. She and her husband Ryan live in Brooklyn and enjoy spending their free time out on the North Fork of Long Island.

Julie Ober is currently living outside Ann Arbor in southeast MI as a single mom with her son, Ben. After 11 years of managing research projects & centers addressing racial health disparities at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, Julie has returned to school to earn her PhD.

Lauren Silk Doyle left a career in film PR to pursue a Master's degree in childhood education. She is currently a stay-at-home mom, living in NYC with her husband and daughters, Juliet and Stella.

Asima Panigrahi Berkett is an attorney for Bottomline Technologies. She and her husband Derek welcomed daughter, Neena in 2013.

Kyra Skvir Frankel resides in Brooklyn with her husband Jon and children, Sadie and Wylie. A successful real estate entrepreneur flipping Brooklyn properties and consulting with developers on new construction projects, she and her family may be found in the summer at their home on the North Fork of LI (not far from Maggie).

Mariah Howe Klein lives with her family, husband Greg and daughters, Cassie and Tessa, in Oakland, CA. Both Mariah and Greg are educators; she is working for a teacher credentialing program in San Francisco.



Mariah Howe Klein '94 with daughters, Cassie and Tessa



2nd generation PDS students; (left to right) Milan Shah '22; Evan Wijaya '26; Lena Wijaya '28; and Maya Shah '21. Maya and Milan are the children of Paul Shah '90 and Maritoni Calon-Shah. Evan and Lena are the children of Ian Wijaya '95 and **Anupa Shah** Wijaya '94.

Anupa Shah Wijaya and Ian Wijaya '95 are back in Princeton with both of their children, who are at PDS (Evan '26 and Lena '28), as are the children of Anupa's brother, Paul Shah '90.

Jessica Seid Dickler is a journalist living in Princeton with her husband Dane and children, Beckett and Phoebe. Phoebe is in the PDS class of 2026!

Elissa Burr achieved a living life goal of appearing on *Jeopardy*, which she did in 2014! She is also the successful author of the *Booker the Bald Cat* series!

Justin Hillenbrand has just returned home to Connecticut from a New Year's trip in Doha, Qatar with his wife, Merrilou and daughters, Ellie and Lily. The family is currently one-third of the way into visiting every country in the world!!

Peter Nowicki's web design and application business, Flylight Media, has just celebrated its fourth year. Currently he is living and working in Portsmouth, NH and enjoying back-country riding on his Splitboard in his free time.



Addison, daughter of **Janena Washington** '94

Janena Washington is a single mom to daughter, Addison, and working as a psychologist for the Dallas School District.

Molly Dwyer Gilmartian got married in 2013 and welcomed daughter, Ava, with husband Matthew last year. She is currently living in NYC and working in the international marketing department of the NBA.

Alex Harris is living in Hawaii with his wife, a Lt. Colonel in the US Army, and their two sons;

they have lived in South Korea & Washington, DC. Alex currently leads the education portfolio for Hawaii's largest private foundation.

Abe Mezrich has recently moved to Los Angeles with his wife Kathi and their sons, Ezra and Johna, to head up corporate communications of an enterprise software company. He will also be publishing his first book of poems in 2015.

Andrew Overman lives in Lambertville, NJ with his wife Tina and children, son, Chase and daughter, Reese. An Ironman enthusiast, he successfully competed in his first race in 2014.

Cornelia Wu is an architect who has returned to Manhattan after time spent in New Orleans, where she was assisting with the revitalization and rebuilding of the Lower Ninth Ward post-Katrina. Married to her husband Edward in 2013, she is currently working for a firm specializing in museums and other cultural institutions.

Andrew Sicora, his wife Patricia and sons, Robert and Michael, are living in Rockville, MD. He is currently working within the information security and business continuity industries in DC.

Rachel Zubblatt Kusminsky relocated last summer from Brooklyn to Hopewell, NJ with her family, husband Andrew and sons, Isaac and Noah. Isaac is in kindergarten at PDS. All have acclimated quite easily to country living.

Leonard Li, wife Christina, daughter, Alexis, and son, Braden, are still in Manhattan. He is currently a mobile engineer building apps.

Andrew Katz lives in South Orange, NJ with his wife Lauren and sons, Ethan and Tyler, and daughter, Evyn. He is the owner of the real estate development firm, The Prusik Group, based NYC. In his spare time, he may be found training for a triathlon and has completed in dozens of races including two Ironman events (2011 and 2014).

Ryan Purdy resides in Fort Greene, Brooklyn with his wife Caroline and dog, Barney, a Tibetan Terrier. He's the Assistant Managing Editor of *Cosmopolitan Magazine*.

J. Ian Irby (Jay) welcomed the birth of his daughter, Savannah, with long-time partner Ingrid in 2013. He has been with McGraw-Hill Education in Atlanta since 2000 and is currently a software engineer.

Patrick Regan wrote from Portland, where he lives with his daughters, Mandara and Ankia. Simultaneously, working in the world of food and farming innovation, and pursuing his writing career.

Sarah Silverman Blaugrund lives with her husband Jeffrey and daughter, Irit, in the Berkshires in western Massachusetts. For the last 14+ years, she has been heading up a rock band, specializing in a Judeo-Spanish dialect known as Ladino. Her last album, *Garcia*, was named by NPR as one of the most bound-

ary-pushing Latin artists. Currently, she is at work on her fourth album, a children's record and a series of accompanying books, to be released in 2015.

Marina Gershman Martin is living in Milford, Pennsylvania with her husband and daughters, Inessa and Veronika. She is a licensed professional counselor, working in mental health for the past 15 years. She is currently working with children and adolescents. In their spare time, they enjoy the great outdoors.



Cy Shaffo Bernardoni '94 with her husband and sons

Cynthia (Cy) Shaffo Bernardoni may be found on the North Shores of Chicago with her husband Michael and sons, Charlie and Beckett.



Emelia and Audrey Batcha, daughters of **Alex Batcha** '94

Alex Batcha lives in Montclair, NJ with wife Kari, daughters, Emelia and Audrey. He has been working in advertising with Disney/ABC in NYC for 15 years. He also continues to write/perform stand-up comedy, keeping the dream alive!

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Hi everyone!

It's hard to believe it's been 20 years since we all graduated! I had the pleasure of attending one of the performances of the Upper School musical, *Once Upon a Mattress*, and being back at PDS brought back so many wonderful memories. Things are great with me here in Newtown, PA. My kids, Connor (9), Jackson (5½) and Cameron (3½), keep us busy! I am still directing/choreographing the middle school musical at Chapin School, and this year I am teaching a "mommy and me" class at my kids' pre-school. Earlier in the winter I met up with **Blythe Quinlan** and her four amazing kids. We spent the day in Princeton, and it was so cool to see our kids picking up where we left off. It is so great seeing all of the wonderful things our class is up to on Facebook. Running



Missy Woodruff McCormick '95 with her husband Kevin and her children (left to right): Cameron, Jackson, and Connor

marathons, having babies, making wine and winning Oscars—yes, that was **Carolyn Sivitz** appearing in my newsfeed both on the red carpet and alongside her clients after they won best original screenplay for *Birdman*. It is pretty incredible to see what directions our lives have taken. And it would be so great to hear from you, to have you tell us in your own words what your life is like. Hoping to see many of you at our reunion.

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From Ellyn:

Hello! Surprised to see a class note from me? Sorry for being MIA from the class notes section for a while, but I am making an effort to get back involved. I want to say a huge thank you to **Mandy**, who has been doing a great job keeping our class represented in the *Journal*. I think I was probably one of the last people on earth to join Facebook, but I joined this year and it is nice to see all the amazing things that people in our class are doing. We have a ton of international travelers and some of the most adorable kids! **Hilary (Kate) Harris** is rapidly making a name for herself as one of the premier photographers in New Hampshire and Hawaii. Check out Kate & Keith Photography to see beautiful wedding and event photographs and portraits. As for me, I am still living in New Jersey with my husband, Luke, and working as an assistant prosecutor for the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office. This March, Luke

and I are expecting our first child, a baby boy, and we are over-the-moon excited about it. I hope my newfound motivation to write a class note will inspire some of you who we haven't heard from in a while to let us know how you are doing. Sending all my best wishes to everyone!

From Mandy:

Once again I hope this *Journal* finds you all well, that you've weathered the winter, which could have been quite the challenge depending on your location, and that you are ready for a wonderful spring. As always, it is great to hear from those of you who reach out.

From **Kate Harris**: "Aside from no longer going by Hilary, I'm doing some pretty awesome things. I just launched a new business Kate and Keith Photography (www.kateandkeithphotography.com) doing destination wedding photography and commercial work. The business operates out of New England and Hawaii and we have been all over the world the last year (Tuscany being a favorite!). In 2017 we will be following a couple who is getting married on every continent! We're also doing some awesome non-profit and commercial work, from hospitals to local bakers and maple sugar distributors, real estate investment firms and national yoga festivals! I love the diversity in being a photographer and have made it my life's passion. Who else gets to say that their client list ranges from Fortune 500 CEOs to Suri Alpacas?! PDS was without a doubt at the foundation of this life with an amazing teacher and inspiration in Mrs. H! The further away from high school I become, the more grateful and appreciative I am for all the opportunities and enrichment. Am I too old to return?"

Andrew Breitenberg wrote, "My wife Mariah and I have two babes. Me with kids! Craze. But I love it more than anything! Wills Moses Matthew is three and Isobel Grace is one. We were in Cape Town, South Africa for seven years and moved back in late 2014 to pursue a career change (from street artist to tech startup CEO...only slightly less insane than having two kids)."

I was able to catch up with some of our classmates this summer as well, **Janie Egan** Bertelson, **Louse Sturges**, and **Tom Anderman**



Mandy Rabinowitz '97 with her new husband David Plonsky

all made the trip out to Pebble Beach for my wedding to David Plonsky in August. Along with my sister, Mia Rabinowitz Cote '01, it was great to look out and see the faces of PDS friends. It made the weekend extra special to be able to share with them.

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Joanna Woodruff Rominger: It's crazy to think that it's been 15 years since we've graduated from PDS! From engagements, weddings, babies, graduations, and world travels, there have been many exciting things happening for the Class of '99 over the past 15 years. Here are a few updates from our classmates:

Sharon Herbert loves life up in VT. She graduated from the New England Culinary Institute this summer, and was their class speaker! She recently left her job at Burton to start a new adventure of owning her own business. Good luck, Sharon!

Alex Mathews wrote from the East Coast of Africa, "I'm currently living in Tanzania, where I've been working for a micro-insurance startup company. We are building new ventures to provide insurance services to the lower income population. The company is based in Switzerland, but I'm on the ground in Africa working on various projects. It's a big change from renewable energy, and an even bigger challenge, but there's never a dull moment. I'll be climbing Kilimanjaro later this summer."

Maren Levine Hefler also wrote: "I am still living on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. Jackson will be 7, and Syas, 5. This past summer, the boys went to a day camp in the woods of Rockland County, NY, where they got to build campfires, and make art out of twigs. There's nothing better than having them come home dirty and happy." Maren added the addition of a girl to her family of four. Arrowyn joined the Hefler crew in the late summer.

Amanda Suomi Gorrie and Rob Gorrie welcomed a happy and healthy baby boy, Noah Orion Gorrie, on May 12, 2014. Living in Brooklyn, NY, they are enjoying their new roles as parents...sleepless nights and all!

Janine Winant Cooper, and her husband Jon Cooper, work for LifeVest Health, a healthcare technology company that her husband started. They are living in Hopewell, NJ with their two boys, Gilbert who is 2 1/2, and Theodore, who recently turned a year.

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Sapna Thottathil sent news, which just missed the deadline for the fall *Journal*: "I'm excited to announce the release of my book—*India's Organic Farming Revolution: What it Means for our Global Food System*. This book is based on several years of research on sustainable food systems in Europe and India and explores questions around local food, being an ethical consumer, and Fair Trade and organic production. I will be speaking about the book at various events across the country in the next few months, and it would be wonderful to see PDS alumni! If you're interested in learning more, please check out my Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/indiaorganicrevolution>."

Lia Nielsen wrote, "I recently launched Simply Sustainable, LLC with showrooms in Lambertville, NJ and New York, offering a curated collection of environmentally-friendly building products, associated consulting and design services. Four years ago, my husband Jason Kliwinski, and I founded the Green Building Center so we could make 'green' easy and accessible. We've spent a great deal of time teaching and lecturing around the country with the goal of making sustainable design and construction the first choice for everyone."

Natasha Jacques Nolan:

I have been very busy since the last *Journal*, and I love seeing all the updates in the *Journal* and on Facebook. January 11th we had the grand opening for GiGi's Playhouse Hillsborough; it was a great success. GiGi's Playhouse is a Down syndrome achievement center that offers free therapeutic, educational and social programs for the Down syndrome community and their families. The first gala was March 14th.

I hope everyone is well and I look forward to seeing everyone at the 15th reunion!



Piper Nolan, daughter of **Natasha Jacques Nolan '00**, enjoying playing on the stage of GiGi's Playhouse

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Shanique Street sent in an update, "I currently live in DC, a city I absolutely love! I have been here for about three and a half years and recently started a job as a program manager with the Learning Tours program at CARE USA. The new job is particularly special because I first heard about the organization when a PDS alum, Dede Pickering '71, spoke to members of our class for Career Day in 2001. After hearing about CARE's focus on international women's issues, I knew I wanted to work there some day. Before that I was a senior program specialist at Graduate School USA, where I helped design and implement projects for the State Department's International Visitor Leadership Program. In terms of our class, **Ilana Goldfarb** Lanciotti and I speak pretty often/all the time. Hope everyone is doing well!"

Sarah Maloney Schoenholtz (pen name Sarah Blake) wrote in to share the following, "My first book of poems, *Mr. West*, is out with Wesleyan University Press. It's an unauthorized lyric biography of Kanye West. Hope you'll check it out!" The Alumni Office also learned that Sarah was interviewed on the radio about her book. The link is: <http://www.newsworks.org/index.php/art-entertainment-sports>.

Scott Schaub wrote in to say, "My wife Katie Emhof Schaub and I recently bought our first house in Pennington, NJ, which is where we both grew up. With the new house came our first dog, Madison, an adopted Staffordshire Bull Terrier/Rhodesian Ridgeback mix. This past spring, Katie took a new job with The Independent Traveler/Cruise Critic, which is a company started by Carlton Tucker's wife... small world! I am still working in Princeton for Pinneo Construction as a project manager, and am currently the President of the Corner House Foundation board; a local, nonprofit organization providing leadership, prevention, treatment and outreach programs to young adults and their families. We also work with PDS students to provide mentoring and leadership to the area's youth."

Jessica Tamayo sent the following, "I just stepped into the role of director at Gazebo Park School, a unique child-centered, eco-conscious outdoor early childhood program on the grounds of the Esalen Institute in Big Sur, CA. Would love to share the magic with

What's new?

Let your class correspondent know!

some PDS alums. **Julie Wilson** and **Peter Harrington** (who actually told me about the program) ventured out here recently."

Ilona Spiro reported, "I recently had a great brunch with **Emelia Meckstroth** and **Dan Anderson** in Cambridge, MA. We are all living and working in the Boston area and get together as regularly as we can. Emelia is working as an editor for the Museum of Fine Arts; Dan works in Boston Public Schools; and I am the creative director for a full-service catering company, where I also head up the specialty cocktail program. We are all enjoying Boston in spite of all the recent snow. Hope everyone is doing well!"

Evan Joye said, "Hope everything is good with all you still young at heart panthers out there! I'm finishing up the final year of med school, waiting for residency match day this March, living, loving, and eating lots of hand-rolled dumplings in my apartment in Chinatown, NYC. Come and drop by; you will have to bring your own chopsticks though."

Last but not least, **Grant Schmucker** and I were married on October 18, 2014 in Princeton, NJ. The ceremony took place at Trinity Episcopal Church in Princeton and the reception was held in a tent behind Pretty Brook Farm on the PDS campus. Our bridal party included **Michael Sieglen**, **Chris Palsho**, Nick Sardar '01, Ashton Todd '01, **Julie Wilson**, Elizabeth Sayen '03 and Page Schmucker '00. Wilson Weed '01, Lee ("Chip") H. Bristol III '78 and Henry ("Hank") P. Bristol II '72 all performed readings at the ceremony. It was an incredible weekend of celebrating (with lots of PDS alums in attendance) and we loved having nearly ALL of our family and friends together for the occasion.

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Hey Class of 2003, time flies when you're having fun! Since starting to work at HotelTonight last summer, I've taken part in some exciting product changes at the company. In February, I was happy to witness, in-person, HotelTonight win the TechCrunch Crunchie for Best On-Demand Service



Allison Marshall '03 at HotelTonight's offices in San Francisco

at the Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco. In December, I had a great visit with **Alyssa Briody**, **Emily Hamlin**, **Katie Weber**, and **Morgan Weed** to celebrate **Eleanor Oakes**'s 30th birthday in New York City.

Emily Hamlin wrote, "Adventures ahead for us! We're moving to San Jose, Costa Rica in August where Kathleen just accepted a position at the Country Day School to teach science and do some counseling. I'm so grateful to continue working remotely for Global Online Academy and be able travel alongside her. Looking forward to 'dusting off' my Spanish (thanks Kelly Dun) these next few years!"

Joey Joiner, **Julia Tamulis**, **Bianca Gersten**, **Steve Dool**, **Justin Revelle** and **Laura Spritzer** had so much fun at Bianca's 30th birthday party in NYC January 31st.

Ben Johnson wrote, "Hi everyone! Still working at Tough Mudder and living in New York. Following a few trips to Colorado to see family and ski over the holidays, I will be spending the next few months getting ready for a trip to Everest base camp in April. Minus the cold, all is wonderful; hope to see many of you soon."

James Ramos wrote, "I recently had my third appearance in *Delbarton Today* magazine as I have been in the alumni picture at the last three Delbarton weddings I've attended. Why I end up in these pictures is a story too long for the update. Regardless of reason, it has become a tradition. Since all of my friends from Delbarton are now married, I figured now is the appropriate time to provide this update. I'd like to congratulate my friends Patrick and Courtney Donnelly, David A. and Gabriela Lewis, Jr. and Patrick and Allie Featherston (all men were Delbarton class of



'03 Classmates from left: **Alyssa Briody**, **Emily Hamlin**, **Allison Marshall**, **Katie Weber**, **Morgan Weed**, **Eleanor Oakes** in New York City in December



'03 Classmates from left: **Joey Joiner**, **Julia Tamulis**, **Bianca Gersten**, **Steve Dool**, **Justin Revelle**, **Laura Spritzer** in New York City in February



James Ramos '03 (right) with friends from Notre Dame and Delbarton



'03 Classmates from left: **Al Alsop**, **Eleanor Oakes**, **Rich Dreher**, **Andrew Gentile**, **Erich Matthes** at **Michael Highland's** wedding in August



The Sayen/Schmucker wedding was truly a PDS affair — pictured from l to r, top to bottom: Elizabeth (Betsy) Bristol Sayen '69, Henry P. Bristol II '72, Paul Giancola, Jeanie Gorman Wilson '69, Cary Bachelder Dufresne '77, Martha Tattersall Giancola '78, Michael Sieglen '02, Julie Wilson '02, Ashton Todd '01, **Margaret Lee Sayen Schmucker '02**, **Grant Schmucker '02**, Clark Bristol '07, Page Schmucker '00, Brett Haroldson '02, Adam Vigiano '00, Morgan Kelly Ehne '02, Chris Palsho '02, Mia Rabinowitz Cote '01, Nick Sardar '01, Kristin France Sardar '01, George Sanderson (faculty), Rachel Bristol '09, Mimi Matthews '14, Elizabeth Sayen '03, Seth Potter (former faculty), Benjamin Bristol '13, Wilson Weed '01.

2003) on their beautiful weddings. They were all wonderful affairs at which I may have discussed the fact that every ranking of high schools over the past few years has PDS ranked considerably higher!"

Michael Highland wrote, "Chrissy and I got married on August 23rd; we had the ceremony at an island chapel on Squam Lake in New Hampshire. My folks hosted the party and it was pretty awesome. Some PDS friends (and their lovely spouses, which is still weird) came and we had a good old time. I've been told as long as we don't finish sending out thank you cards, our marital bliss will continue indefinitely. Life in LA continues to be weird and entertaining. We're moving to larger place the end of the month in Del Ray, which in the local parlance is pronounced *Dehtraaaaah*."

Christopher Campbell wrote, "I spent the majority of 2014 deployed with the 13th Fighter Squadron in the Middle East. Halfway through the deployment my unit was called into combat to aid Iraqi and Kurdish forces repel ISIS. We escorted air-drops and evacuations on Mount Sinjar, delivering over 114k meals and 35k gallons of water to save 40k Yazidi refugees. We also helped the Iraqis recapture and secure the city of Mosul and the Haditha Dam. Our final few sorties included airstrikes in the city of Kobani, where ISIS had created a stronghold. The deployment was tough, both physically and mentally, but I think the mission was entirely worthwhile."

"I am happier to report that Melissa and I will be moving again. I have been accepted to USAF Test Pilot School at Edwards AFB, CA. We are thrilled to leave the cold winters of Misawa, Japan for the warm Mojave Desert,

outside of Los Angeles. We will travel to the base in late June and would love to meet up with fellow PDS alumni in the region."

Jon Headley wrote, "I took an opportunity to move and am managing Latin America for American Express corporate credit portfolios. I manage Mexico, Argentina, Spain, the Caribbean, and underwriting. I'm the happiest I think I could be, and have been here for a year and looking forward to the future. I recently had my 30th birthday and celebrated it with friends from college and Princeton, cruising Mexico on a yacht (including Laura Spritzer)." Jon has also been recognized three times globally by his company's global excellence award for superior leadership; he's won each time in a new location and now in international scopes.

2004

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From **Helena Fishbein**: "My husband is Michael Warfel (the same person I took to our senior prom and who watched an entire season of PDS girls ice hockey). We got married January 18, 2015, on the beach in Southwest Florida, where we live. **Lauren Nohe** Tigani was my Matron of Honor."

Nanette O'Brien-Blake is working on her doctoral dissertation on representations of food in modernist literature and life-writing, and is in the second year of her DPhil in English at Wolfson College, Oxford, under the supervision of Hermione Lee. She is organizing a conference in Oxford for September

2015, titled, 'After-Image: Life-Writing and Celebrity.' She lives in London with her husband Bill O'Brien-Blake, who teaches economics and politics at the Forest School.

From **Scott Rosenberg**: "Life is good. The company I founded, iDox, is growing and things are very busy. I still live in Philadelphia, but with a lot of business near Princeton, I am still often in the area. Aside from work, golf and skiing still remain my passions, and I am happy I can still enjoy both with friends and family. My best to all the '04's!"

Allie Rubin is living in New York, working as the associate counsel at the New York City Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice. On March 7, she married Jason Meizlish. PDSers who attended the wedding included: **Susannah Blair**, **Lily Mitchell**, **Brett Downey** and **Carly Berger**.

Lily Mitchell reported, "I'm firmly rooted in Texas but happily came back to the East Coast for Allie Rubin's wedding in March."

Katie Levine White gave birth on February 9, 2015 to Steven Wayne White

2005

Need Correspondent

Rajiv Mallipudi (Pudi) is having a great time on his third year clinical rotations at the Ohio State University College of Medicine. This fall he will be applying for an emergency medicine residency. He also keeps busy by continuing to personally train his peers in the gym, and is still dancing, acting and bodybuilding. This winter he aims to lead his ice hockey team to another undefeated intramural championship. He'll dedicate the win to his PDS ice hockey captain, **Will Denise**.



Chris Haldane '05 and his bride **Ashley Goldsmith**

The Alumni Office has learned that **Chris Haldane** was married to Ashley Goldsmith this past September. PDS classmates in the wedding were: **Jim Butler, Evan Crumiller, Peter Martin, Ryan Palsho, Alex Realmuto** and **Danny O'Brien**.

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Shira Concool wrote with very sad news and a request, "I wanted to personally share with the PDS community that my brother, **Avi '09**, died in May 2014, after a year battling brain cancer. My family and I are hoping to collect any photos, videos, or stories that folks have about Avi. You can email them to me at sconcool@gmail.com. We really appreciated many of Avi's classmates who visited us over the summer and shared memories of Avi." Our class's condolences go to the Concool family during this difficult time, and all of us, who fondly remember Avi, are encouraged to write with memories.

Shira also wrote with happier news; she is engaged to **Derrick Ashong**, and her sister, **Micaela '02**, is about to become a mother. "I am excited to be marrying my best friend in September and to become an aunt... My fiancé, **Derrick**, and I currently live in Baltimore, MD. He is an emergency medicine resident at Hopkins and I work as the Assistant Director of Career Services at Stevenson University. It's been quite a year, but I am enjoying getting to know Charm City and hope to be in touch with PDS folks who are down this way."

Esther Kim told us more good news, "I will be getting married this July to **Alex Ruder**. We will be moving to Columbia, South Carolina after the wedding because he just got an appointment as a professor in USC's Department of Political Science. We're excited to move down south and eat some BBQ." Congratulations to **Esther** and **Alex**!

Frequent class notes contributor **Arvind Thambidurai** wrote with "no real news" (but,

as far as I'm concerned, all news is appreciated news): "Santhra and I are doing well, we're located in quiet South Brunswick, NJ. I remain working within J[ohnson] & J[ohnson] Supply Chain—specifically e-commerce, while Santhra is a high school math teacher. As of now, our family size remains stable at us two plus the cats (Patty and Lucy). Hope everyone else is doing well!"

Sarah Mischner is also busy at her day job at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. But she writes that "by night, I'm also performing with folk-rock band, **Thee Shambels**; we recently crowd-funded our first full-length album, *Lonely a la Mode*!"

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Claire Alsup left her job in New Orleans running a James Beard nominated restaurant, **Domenica**, in the fall. She spent the last few months in Italy and Bulgaria working on sustainable farms, vineyards, and restaurants. She is now doing freelance restaurant consulting and public relations and is also helping develop an app for restaurateurs and chefs. She is applying to master's in food studies programs for the fall.

Nicole Auerbach is now covering both college football and college basketball for **USA TODAY**, which allows her travel all over the country to cover games and write features. She also spent the fall as a college football studio analyst for the Big Ten Network. She lives in New York City.

Jacqui Bowen just started working at the New York Historical Society as an assistant registrar.

Katie Briody is living in Nashville in the first year of a clinical and mental health counseling graduate program at Vanderbilt, and teaching yoga.

Kristina Budelis is currently getting a Master's at Tisch's Interactive Telecommunications Program (ITP) and living in Fort Greene, Brooklyn, near a few other PDS grads. She also shoots, directs, and edits videos on a freelance basis for organizations including *The New Yorker*, *Vogue*, *Makerbot*, and *BAM*.

Maria Cannavo graduated from Northeastern University this past May. She received her master's degree and Certificate of Advanced

Graduate Studies in School Psychology. In July 2014, she began her career as a school psychologist in a K-8 charter school in Boston, and absolutely loves it!

Nina Crouse is living in Central Square in Cambridge, MA and working in the meeting and event planning industry. She hangs out with alums **Ali Hiller**, **Vish Gupta**, and **Maria Cannavo** quite often in Boston. Over Thanksgiving, she went to visit twin sister, **Allie Crouse**, in Santiago, Chile and completed the W trek in Patagonia's Torres del Paine National Park.

Devin Ershow is a production coordinator, helping run the offices of different movies and TV shows such as *Orange is the New Black* and a Christmas comedy starring **Seth Rogen** and **Joseph Gordon-Levitt**. He recently wrote three feature screenplays, which he is trying to shop around to studios and agents so he can follow his dream of being a writer. In January, he got engaged to his girlfriend of over four years, **Emma McCormack**.

Vish Gupta is finishing his second year of medical school at Boston University School of Medicine. He is over the weather in Boston and hopes to move to California one day.

Rachel Heller is currently living in Boston, working at a deaf community organization and as a freelance American Sign Language Interpreter. She enjoys living in Jamaica Plain neighborhood, in particular the yoga studio she frequents, where she has run into **Katie Brossman '08**!

Ali Hiller recently left Manhattan to move to Cambridge, MA and started a new job in recruiting at **FSG**, a nonprofit consulting firm. She got engaged this past summer to **Ian Rorick**, whom she met at Dartmouth, and is planning a June wedding.

Joe Horowitz completed his undergraduate degree in managerial economics at Bentley University and then launched his career in the Boston area doing strategy consulting for a boutique firm. Last fall he made the move to the DC Metro Area to take position as a director of strategic analytics for a company that runs a network of career education schools.

Alex Lescroart is currently living in Washington, DC and recently left her job as a consultant at **Deloitte** to work for **Opower**, a software company that helps utilities reduce energy consumption and helps consumers lower their energy use and costs.

Derek Mayer moved to Austin, TX in August 2013. He coaches the University of Texas, Austin lacrosse team and is the partnership manager at **TechConnect**. He spends his winters skiing with Park City residents **Maddie Ferguson** and **Jon Chow**. They have been friends since kindergarten. That's 20+ years!

G.J. Melendez completed his doctorate on HIV epidemiology at the University of Oxford in July and is in his second year on the faculty there.

Laura Nelson is currently living in Houston, TX and planning a March wedding. She has been busy with her on-air endeavors with

major Houston networks and working as the Director of Programming and Communications for one of Houston's newest Jewish congregations. Her fiancé Ben Rose just started his own law firm, and the two of them can't wait to get married and travel to Bali and Tokyo after their wedding!

Aniella Perold is working toward her MA/PhD in clinical psychology at the New School for Social Research in NYC. She is a graduate assistant at the University's Center for Attachment Research, which focuses on early childhood relationships and their impact on later development. She continues to write on a freelance basis and lives in Queens with her husband, an illustrator and infographics artist.

Alex Ratner recently moved to Palo Alto, CA to start a PhD in computer science at Stanford. He mentioned he recently ran into **Penelope Smith** with some of their college friends out in San Francisco.

Shilpa Reddy joined the Peace Corps after graduating from Boston University and served as a health and sanitation volunteer on the coast of Ghana. Many of her projects focused on HIV, malaria, maternal and child nutrition, and youth empowerment. After completing her service in April, she traveled around southern Africa and started pursuing a master's in public health at NYU this past fall.

Alicia Siani had been working in Washington, DC for Congressman Rush Holt for several years, serving as his legislative assistant on education and health policy. When Congressman Holt retired from Congress earlier this year, she took an opportunity to continue working on health policy for a maternal and child health advocacy organization in Chicago, IL.

Ben Turndorf works at a boutique consultancy that helps food businesses launch and grow. He lives with his wife in Brooklyn.

James Weeks is getting an MA in acting from the Royal Central School of Speech & Drama in London.

Joe Yellin is currently at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He finished up his third year last July and is taking a year out to pursue clinical research at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, as part of the Benjamin Fox Orthopedic Research Fellowship. He will return for his fourth year at Penn this July/August.



Tess Glancy '08 with her parents with Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy

2008

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Tess Glancey has served on the staff of Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-California) for the past year, advising the Leader on digital communication and social media strategy. She attended the State of the Union Address this past January and is looking forward to the Pope addressing Congress in the fall.



Hannah Epstein '08 at the Super Bowl

Hannah Epstein continues to work at NFL Films. Best part? The SuperBowl of course! Hannah flew to Phoenix with the NFL Films crew and shot the game from midfield! She will be traveling to Israel for the next six months on the NFL's off-season. She'll be teaching lacrosse to local high schoolers.

Pat Murphy has produced and filmed a 27-minute documentary called, *Crossroads of the Revolution*, on the historical significance of the Battle of Princeton and the 10 days leading up to it. The documentary aired on Princeton Community TV in early February.

Engagements/Weddings for the Class of 2008! **Emma Morehouse** got engaged to boyfriend, Marshall Hatcher on January 16.

Remy Gunn proposed to girlfriend, Amanda Leonard, **Pam Lee** got engaged to Luke Foco, and **Emily Exter** also got engaged to boyfriend, Stephen Lampshire. **Diana D'Argenio** was married to Gregory Michael Itzen in February. We wish them all the happiness in the world!

Alexa Maher and **Theo Brown** report that they are still enjoying working at PDS in the Lower School.

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From **Ashley**:

Spenser Gabin is currently living in California and working as a videographer at ZeeBlue. He was recently featured in an article about the effectiveness of email collection in business advertisements.

Chris Remington is currently living in Harlem and working as a news associate for CBS. He's been spending his free time in the city running, attending movie screenings, and doing volunteer work.

Ashley Smoots is currently living in Atlanta and earning her Master of Public Health degree in Epidemiology from Emory University.

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Alejandra Arrué is working for Teach for America in Fort Worth, TX as a bilingual 4th grade teacher.

Evan Quinn is continuing his music editing and production side business (Evan Quinn Music) and is living in Nashville, TN working in finance.

Anna Otis wrote: "I am currently living in New York and have been working for Ralph Lauren for the past six months. I am looking to move into the marketing sector of the company in the coming months and am excited to continue pursuing a career in fashion."

Cody Exter said, "I'm living in NYC working in advertising sales for CBS Sports; I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our fifth year reunion."

Christos Philippou is still doing photography as a side job; he was commissioned as an army officer in May at graduation from college.

Daniel Khan sent in, "Hey! I graduated New York University last May, 2014 and currently attend New Jersey Medical School."

Adrienne Esposito is now living in Houston, Texas. She had the awesome opportunity to travel to NYC to work a trade show for Leighelena.

Raquel "Alex" Phillips graduated a semester early and since then began working in film and television. She currently works as a development coordinator in Brooklyn, and is also producing a web series in LA. She has volunteered at Sundance Film Festival, Toronto International Film Festival, Tribeca Film Festival, New York Film Festival, and at the Paley Center for Media, and her latest script was just accepted to a major screenwriting competition.

Alexandra Feuer: I am still working as a mental health tech at Carrier Clinic in Belle Mead on the Adolescent Unit; I moved to Doylestown, PA in March.

Can't wait to see everyone for our fifth year reunion! Thank you to our Reunion Committee, **Neal Bakshi, Tara Glancey, Brooks Herr, Nina Limaye, Josh Meekins, Adam Oresky, and Boris Shkuta.**

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Maxime Hoppenot '11, Rui Pinheiro '12 and Tufts University Mens Soccer are the 2014 Division III NCAA Champions! Pictured are Rui Pinheiro (second from left) and Maxime Hoppenot (far right).

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From **Peter:**

Eric Powers shared, "Wow, where to begin?? Another great six months at Boston College! Fall brought much excitement, my first taste of living in a real apartment, new classes, and,

of course, new friends! Currently, Boston is buried in what feels like 10 feet of snow! Spring Semester truly is a misnomer! Ha ha! I truly enjoyed my last few weeks patrolling the treacherous waters of Edgartown, but feel somewhat saddened gorilla that my idealistic summers there have ended... for now! While my burrito-roller group was rebuffed by Qdoba, we've moved onto Boloco and feel confident that this local company will take us on! In order to continue to express myself, I've moved on from the online fan fiction and have worked on writing plays! I have also tried to use my communication skills in front of the camera, look for me on Sports Center in about 15 years! Of course, after all this time and personal growth, there's always that part of me that yearns for the lazy days in the nook, the adrenaline rush of the Lisa McGraw Webster Rink, and my time as a priest on Halloween. Sometimes, I'm sure we all feel like 'peaked in high school' Rob Lowe in those DirecTV ads, but what's wrong with that?"

Callie Schneider wrote, "Call me an archer because I've hit the Target! Target Corporation, that is. This summer, I'll be working at their headquarters in Minneapolis. Looking forward to meeting any fellow Panthers that may be out there—feel free to find me on LinkedIn! I'm spending this spring semester at the University of Cape Town and have loved embracing the local culture. Oh!! I also went bungee jumping off a 243 meter tall bridge. There's a video of me doing it: tinyurl.com/calliejump. As they say here in South Africa, 'see you later!' (they speak English, too)."

Nick Banks is enjoying Lake Forest College and has set his eyes on becoming President of the Student Government for his senior year. He hopes to be elected with his platform of nicer mattresses in campus housing, more options at the dining hall deli counter and a sock hop fundraiser dance. He will be working in Chicago this summer.

Peter Powers is studying in Granada, Spain this spring. The last time he went was with a PDS trip in 2008. Feel free to follow his updates on Instagram and Facebook, using the hashtag #peterinspain.

From **Cara Hume:** "I seriously can't believe we're almost seniors in college!! It felt just like yesterday

when we were hanging out in the nook and writing our credos. **Emily Janhofer** and I have created an Instagram together, @thefoodfeud. Follow us for some yummy looking pictures of food! Feel free to send me entries; we're always looking to expand."

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Leah Falcon interned for Juma Entertainment this past winter. She worked as a production associate for the World Dog Awards, which included a screen credit. The show aired on the CW Network as a special in January and re-aired at the end of February. She enjoyed assisting the producers before the show with research, as well as during filming; she hopes to continue working in television production in the future.

Leah is looking for some help. If you are interested in taking over as class correspondent for Leah, please contact class notes editor Ann Wiley (awiley@pds.org).

Congratulations to **Davon Reed**, who plays for University of Miami, and was named to the All-Atlantic Coast Conference Academic Men's Basketball Team.

2014

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Hadley Phares' mother reported that Hadley "is happily attending NYU-Tisch."

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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.

82 Robert C. Bernhard
Father of Anne Marie Bernhard Holloran '93

William F. Brossman
Grandfather of Katherine Brossman '08 and William F. Brossman III '17

Chantal Callan, former PDS French teacher

Olivia "Cis" Chappell
Mother of Elizabeth "Lissa" Thomas Hastings '76, Stephen Thomas '81, Christopher "Kip" Thomas '82, Hilleary Thomas '84; Grandmother of Annabel Thomas '20 and Elizabeth Thomas '22; and Mother-In-Law of PDS Online Communications Manager Evan Thomas

Margaretta Cowenhoven '30
Aunt of Charlie Stuart '62 and Great-Aunt of Craig Cowenhoven Stuart '87 and Lauren H. Stuart '89

Kenneth Janney Dawes '84
Brother of Joseph Coffee, Jr.; sister of Colleen Coffee Hall '63 and uncle of Meghan Hall Donaldson '89

Kevin Delany
Husband of Joan Kennan '54

Henry N. Drewry, former Trustee

Victor Elmaleh
Grandfather of Sarah Elmaleh '02; Father-in-Law to Annie Williams '74

Val Fitch
Husband of Daisy Harper Fitch '52

Thomas George
Father of Geoffrey George '79

Ann Gips
Mother of Rob Gips '71, Donald Gips '78 and Ellen Gips Nee '81

Margaret S. Goheen
Mother of Anne Goheen Crane '59, Gertude "Trudi" Goheen Swain '61, Stephen Goheen '63, Megan Goheen Lower '68 and Charles Goheen '74

Georgia P. Gosnell
Grandmother of Nicholas H. Travers '03, Peter D. Travers '08, Georgia B. Travers '09 and Mary G. Travers '14

James J. Harford, Sr.
Father of James J. Harford, Jr. '73

Garrett M. Heher '49
Father of Garrett M. Heher '84

James M. Hester
Father of Janet Hester '72

Helen Ann Keegin Hetherington '54
Sister of Stafford Keegin PCD '57 and Mary Elizabeth Keegin Colley '62

Constance Jordan
Mother of Past Trustee and Past Alumni Director Stephanie Briody; and Grandmother of Alyssa Briody '03, Patrick Briody '06 and Caitlin Briody '07

Theodore G. Kane
Father of Theodore Gibbs Kane, Jr. '61, Richard Kane '70 and Katherine "Candy" Kane Blaxter '74

John K. Kim
Father of Thomas Kim '97

Barbara Kneubuhl '64

Roberta Harper Lawrence '38

Mack N. Leath
Father of former Middle School teacher Stephanie Hancock; Grandfather of Emily Hancock '17 and Clayton Hancock '20; and Father-in-Law of former Head of the PDS Middle School Steve Hancock.

Frank Lepkowski
Husband of Ann Hunter Lepkowski '78

Joan F. Lonergan
Mother of Sinclair Bedan Clarke '76, Aimee Lonergan Coolidge '81 and Katherine Lonergan Main '83

Thomas N. Loser
Father of Leslie Loser Johnston '66

Paul Lyness
Father of Diana Lyness Amick '66 and Elizabeth "Lit" Lyness Anderson '72

Miroslav Martinovic
Father of Maria Martinovic '15

L. James Meigs
Father of Margaret Meigs '70; Susan Meigs '73 and James Meigs '75

Arthur P. Morgan '37, former Trustee
Father of Ann Morgan Battle '67, Catherine Morgan-Standard '70 and Cynthia Morgan Pastuhov '72; and Father-in-Law of Craig Battle '62

Robert Naumann
Husband of Marina Turkevich Naumann '56; Father of Kristin Naumann-Juros '82 and Andrew Naumann '84; Brother-in-Law of Tassie Turkevich Skvir '62; Uncle of Nika Skvir-Maliakal '90 and Kyra Skvir Frankel '94

Victoria V. O'Donaghue
Sister of Stacey Valdez Lorenceau '67 and Marjorie "Midge" Valdes '70

William D. Pettit '38
Brother of Mary Petit Funk '41; and Father of Penelope Pettit Kreinberg '64

Jude T. Rich
Father of Jessica Horton Rich '06

Estelle R. Robinson
Mother of Eve Robinson '70

Frances Rossmassler
Wife of former Trustee Peter Rossmassler '47; and Mother of William R. Rossmassler III '82, Thomas B.S. Rossmassler '86 and Richard R. Rossmassler '91

Vivianne Russell
Mother of Anne Russell-Barrett '75 and Barbara Russell Flight '77

William H. Scheide
Father of Louise Scheide Marshall '60, Barbara Scheide '63 and John Scheide '63

Margaret "Trika" P. Smith-Burke '61
Sister of Cary Smith Hart '64

Jean Samuels Stephens '53
Mother of Carroll Stephens '72, David Stephens '77 and Elizabeth Stephens Ellsworth '79

Enid Woodworth
Wife of Former Trustee Newell Woodworth; Mother of Pam Woodworth '70, Newell "Buzz" Woodworth '73, Sarah Woodworth-Gibson '79 and Samuel Woodworth '82; Grandmother of Caroline Woodworth '05 and Heidi Woodworth '07; Aunt of John Claghorn '68, David Claghorn '71 and Lower School faculty member Susan Ferguson; and Great-Aunt of MacAdie "Maddie" Ferguson '07

Martha Heath Yerkes '42

Letters to the Editor

Editor's Note: In the Fall 2014 *Journal*, we featured a photo in the "Snapshots" section of the 1934-1935 Princeton Country Day School Ice Hockey Team. We asked our readers to help us identify everyone in the photo. Here is a sampling of the letters we received. Thank you for solving some mysteries, loyal readers!

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1934-1935 Princeton Country Day School Ice Hockey Team

1 Mrs. Robert H. (Julie) O'Connor MFS '43 writes:

I'm pretty sure that the boy between Charlie and Harold Erdman is my brother Perry MacKay Sturges [PCD '39]."

2 Wilhelmus B. Bryan III PCD '39 writes:

"I believe sitting between Charlie and Hal Erdman is Mac Sturges '39, not Don Young '35, and the coach shown in the picture I believe is Mr. Dealy, who coached hockey at PCD for a number of years, I might add very successfully!"

3 Jody Erdman '72 writes:

"Harold Erdman '39 was selected to be on the 1948 U.S. Olympic Hockey Team. He was inducted into the PDS Athletic Hall of Fame."

4 Dr. Matthew H. Crocker '81 writes:

"I was delighted to see a photograph of the PCD 1934-1935 Hockey Team of which my father was a member. I spotted him immediately from the photo. Unfortunately, I noticed in the credits that he was incorrectly identified in a couple of different ways. You got his name right, but that's about it. His name was not John (Jack) Cooper, class of '35, but John ("Johnny") Crocker class of '38.... "Johnny" was indeed the captain of the Harvard varsity hockey team and was involved as a civil rights activist, and he did work at Trinity Church as its Rector for over a decade."

David Sayen '64, who originally helped identify the boys in the photo, writes:

"In the middle row, the first 5 boys are listed correctly. The 6th person in the row is John Crocker and it is he who is captain for the Harvard hockey and a minister active in civil rights who worked at Trinity Church in Princeton. Harold Erdman '39 is also in the Athletic Hall of Fame.... I wanted the school to know what an accomplished group of fellas these boys were. Thanks for including the photo in the PDS *Journal*. It meant a lot."

Can You Help Us Complete the Collection?

We are trying to gather a complete collection of Princeton Day School *Journals* for the school archives.

There are a few gaps and we are hoping there may be some stashed away in your attic or desk drawer that you no longer want. As you do your spring cleaning, please keep an eye out for the following issues and let us know if you would like to give them to PDS by emailing communications@pds.org or calling 609-924-6700 x1280. Thank you!

1966-1969

(some of these may be in newsletter format)

Spring	Fall
1974	1974
1975	1975
1979	1976
1988	1977
1989	1979
1990	2004
1991	
1993	



Imagine the Possibilities: In the Beginning



Poet and author Georgia Heard was among the first artists to come to Princeton Day School as part of the inaugural year of *Imagine the Possibilities* in 1996, along with illustrator Earl Lewis and author and storyteller Rafe Martin. We can only assume that she liked the experience: she came back to PDS in 1997 for the second year of the program and again in 2005 for the 10th anniversary of *Imagine the Possibilities*. Here she is with a group of happy students in 1997. Can you help us identify the students in the photo? Send your comments to communications@pds.org. Thanks!

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Arianna Rosati '88

Princeton Day School Alumni Board Member

“It’s no exaggeration to say that going to PDS for high school changed the course of my life. My teachers and my peers instilled the values, the sense of humor, the love of learning, and the hunger for new adventures that continue to inspire and motivate me today. PDS also taught me that it’s important to give back to the community that gave so much to me. These are traditions worth preserving, cultivating, and nurturing, which is why I’ve included Princeton Day School in my estate planning. This type of gift will help provide incredible opportunities to PDS students in the years to come.”

The May Margaret Fine Society: Established in 1998, the May Margaret Fine Society recognizes those loyal alumnae/i, parents and friends who have informed the school that they have made provisions for Princeton Day School in their estate plans. Including the school in their will, establishing a charitable trust while maintaining life income, or naming the school as a life insurance beneficiary are some of the ways these individuals have helped secure the long-term strength of Princeton Day School.

If you have included Princeton Day School in your estate plans or would like to learn more about including the school in your estate plans, contact Kathy Schulte, Director of Advancement, at 609-924-6700 ext. 1255 or kschulte@pds.org.



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