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DEAR SHADY SIDE ACADEMY COMMUNITY:

A year ago in this magazine, I shared with you the news that we had officially kicked off a strategic planning process at a joint retreat of SSA’s Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors in April 2011. Our goal was to identify the core values and historic strengths of Shady Side, to highlight the challenges and opportunities we face today and in the coming years, and ultimately to craft a unique, compelling vision for Shady Side’s future. With the help of our expert consultant, Andy Mozenter of Concentrics, we developed a detailed calendar of steps for the coming year to help us reach that goal.

It was daunting to think of the work that lay ahead of us, but we aimed to have our “Strategic Vision” completed and approved in the spring of 2012. I’m very happy to announce that the Strategic Vision for Shady Side Academy 2012-2017 was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees on May 17, 2012.

From the beginning, we knew that the only way a Strategic Vision would be embraced by our community was if the process itself was truly inclusive. Therefore, we sought to engage as many constituents as possible during an extensive data-gathering phase. More than 2,000 alumni, parents, faculty, staff and students shared feedback about their Shady Side experience through detailed online surveys last fall. Mozenter conducted individual interviews with 24 key stakeholders and held focus groups with parents, faculty, administrators and students. In November more than 80 people representing SSA’s various constituencies, as well as some guests from other Pittsburgh institutions, participated in a two-day Strategic Planning Conference to review data, identify common ground themes and begin generating a shared vision for Shady Side’s future. A 30-person Steering Committee comprised of trustees, alumni, faculty, staff, parents and students met regularly throughout the year and played a key role in constructing the surveys, analyzing the data, debriefing the conference outcomes and shaping the Strategic Vision. Throughout the year, a core eight-person Strategic Planning Committee kept the process moving along through bi-weekly conference calls and additional meetings, with Mozenter guiding us every step of the way. When we finally vetted a draft of the Strategic Vision with the Board of Trustees, Board of Visitors and Steering Committee this spring, we knew from their response that we had succeeded in capturing so much of what so many shared with us during the process. The Strategic Vision truly resonated with everyone.

Steve Halpern ’74, trustee and co-chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, helped to write Shady Side’s last strategic plan in 2001. He surmised that the greatest difference in the two plans was that the last plan was inward looking, while the new plan is very much outward looking. I would have to agree. This plan is one that looks as much beyond the gates of Shady Side as it does within. A key component of the plan involves providing more opportunities for our students and faculty to engage with people, schools and organizations beyond our three campuses – not just in Pittsburgh, but around the world. It also recognizes the unique strength of our outstanding alumni network and seeks to better leverage that to strengthen the Shady Side experience. I would also add that the plan does not lose sight of Shady
Shady Side’s great history, and it looks to the past for inspiration about the kinds of things we should be doing in the future.

We plan to officially roll out the Strategic Vision to the Shady Side community at a celebratory launch event at the Hillman Center for Performing Arts on Friday, Oct. 19. Please mark your calendar now and plan to join us for this very special event. For our alumni who live out of town, I will be sharing the Strategic Vision with many of you at our alumni receptions in cities across the country during the 2012–2013 school year. The Strategic Vision will be available on our website this fall as well.

In the meantime, we’ve already begun the process of implementation planning by developing timelines and outlining priorities and resource needs for each of our six strategic goals. There is still much important work to be done, for we fully recognize that even the best strategic plan is meaningless if it simply sits on the shelf.

In closing, I would like to extend my deep gratitude to the many people whose commitment and thoughtfulness resulted in such a comprehensive, ambitious plan. Thanks to all of the members of the Strategic Planning Committee: Trustee and Co-Chair Steve Halpern; Board Chair Mary Jo Dively; Trustees Eben Adams, Liz Concordia and Jim Wolf; Board of Visitors Member John Duff; and SSA Director of Communications Jen Roupe. Thanks as well to all of the people who took the time to complete a survey, attend a focus group, serve on the Steering Committee and participate in the November retreat. Finally, thanks so much to Andy Mozenter and his team at Concentrics for skillfully shepherding us through such a comprehensive, engaging and rewarding process.

I look forward to sharing our Strategic Vision with you in the fall!

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Tom Cangiano
Academy President
CUM LAUDE SOCIETY INDUCTS 26

The Shady Side Academy Chapter of the Cum Laude Society inducted 26 new members on April 24: seniors Yuval Ben-David, Alexander Brown, Lindsay Cozen, Shamika Dighe, Erin Gorse, Cody Han, Conor Hannon, Jennifer Hebert, Max Kaplan, Jacob King, Adi Krupski, Porter Ladley, Emily Lamm, Christopher Leech, Alexa Levy, Kelly Marous, Naveen Menon, Lauren Myers, Vivek Nimgaonkar, Ann Pooley, Alexander Rodosky, Tess Rosenbloom, David Steiner, Chadwick Trice, Elizabeth Vuchinich and Amy Zhang. The keynote speaker at the induction was alumna Leah Schwartz ’07, a Harvard graduate working on Wall Street.

MS SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Shady Side Academy Middle School Science Olympiad Team won the Pennsylvania State Tournament, held at Juniata College April 27. SSA placed first out of 36 teams and advanced to the national tournament in Orlando May 18-19, where the team placed 26th. It marked the team’s third state title and seventh trip to nationals in the past 10 years. Nine students earned first-place awards in their events at the state competition: Mark Antosz, Ciaran Beckford, Connor Colombo, Claire Holthaus, Angie Kim, Michael Miller, Roy Navid, Krishna Patel and Tom Scherlis.

TRAVELING MUSIC

Senior School music students enjoyed spring trips to Chicago and New York City on April 20-22. The choir and strings students, accompanied by faculty members Dr. Dan Brill, Mary Krauland and Charles Shafer ’06, went to New York City to participate in a clinic with Memphis cast member Monette McKay, who taught the students the show’s finale. The band students traveled to the Windy City with Stan Nevola and Sue Whitney and performed at Columbia College in downtown Chicago.

FOUR SENIORS WIN NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Four seniors were named National Merit Scholars in the 57th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Jenna Hebert, Christopher Leech and Vivek Nimgaonkar won National Merit $2,500 Scholarships and Cody Han won a National Merit PPG Industries Foundation Plant Community Scholarship, a corporate-sponsored scholarship that provides a renewable stipend of $1,500 for up to four years. The four were among 3,500 winners chosen from 15,000 finalists nationwide. Hebert was also one of only 800 black seniors named a National Achievement Scholar.
Shady Side Academy received a significant gift from current parent and former trustee Michael J. Farrell to complete the athletic stadium in the Robert J. Grandizio Athletic Complex on the Senior School campus. Farrell’s gift is funding construction of a grandstand on the home side of the field and a three-level brick press box. The completed facility will be named Michael J. Farrell Stadium in his honor. Construction on the stadium began in early May, with the goal of being completed by the fall 2012 season.

Farrell has been instrumental in making the entire Grandizio Athletic Complex a reality, having served as chair of the GAC fundraising committee since its inception. His recent gift is one of more than 100 commitments from dedicated Shady Side alumni, parents, grandparents and friends that helped make the complex possible. The first phase, completed in 2008, included a multipurpose turf playing field, state-of-the-art lighting system, resurfaced track, new jump pits and a modern timing system infrastructure. The second phase, completed in 2009, included a stadium entrance plaza housing ticket booths and concession stands. The completion of the grandstand and press box is the final phase of the project. The complex is named in honor of Bob Grandizio Sr., an iconic fixture at SSA for more than 40 years as a teacher, coach, athletic director and alumni director.

Farrell’s three sons – Mike ’08, Chris ’10 and Jake ’13 – have all attended Shady Side and been part of the football program under Head Coach Dave Havern. Farrell cites his sons’ outstanding experiences in the classroom and on the field, as well as the unselfish support and guidance they’ve received from teachers and coaches, as the primary reasons for his ongoing support of the Academy. In 2010, Farrell gave $1 million to establish The Michael J. Farrell Chair for Support of Faculty Compensation and Professional Growth in Honor of Thomas N. Southard, President (2001-2010), which funds yearly grants to outstanding teachers at all three schools of the Academy.

“I want to acknowledge the leadership of Academy President Tom Cangiano and former president Tom Southard in this process, as well as the committee members and the many donors that have made this a reality,” said Farrell.

“Shady Side is a really special place. My oldest two sons, Mike and Chris, benefited from a premier academic institution as well as a broad-based athletic program. Both are doing great at Penn State in the classroom. Mike has been able to extend football to the next level and was named Academic All Big Ten in football for the second straight year. Jake is on track for similar achievement on and off the field. All these things weighed heavily in the decision to make this gift.”

“Mike Farrell just gets it,” said Havern. “He has seen, from a parent’s perspective, Shady Side’s unique ability to provide not only a rigorous academic climate but also an impressive history of athletic success. Here’s a guy whose generosity has been instrumental not only in all that’s been accomplished with the Grandizio Athletic Complex, but who also created a million-dollar endowment that benefits our faculty compensation.”

“Mike Farrell has been a tremendous supporter of Shady Side over the years, and we are truly grateful for all that he has done on behalf of the Academy,” said Cangiano. “The new stadium will be fantastic, and I can’t wait for opening day!”

“Mike Farrell’s wonderfully generous gift will allow SSA to have one of the finest and most beautiful facilities in Western PA,” said Grandizio.

The athletic complex is utilized by many of Shady Side’s Middle and Senior School teams throughout the school year, including football, field hockey, soccer, lacrosse and track and field.
SENIOR SCHOOL CELEBRATES GLOBALFEST

The Senior School held its annual GlobalFest Week Feb. 13-17 to celebrate SSA’s diverse community. The week began with an all-school assembly, where students gave announcements in 21 different languages. Students enjoyed a sampling of ethnic foods at GlobalFeast and capped off the week with the annual GlobalFusion performance, where students showcased their musical and dance talents.

SCIENCE TEACHER WINS ALBERT EINSTEIN FELLOWSHIP

Senior School Science Department Chair Dr. Kathy Malone was one of only 19 educators nationwide to win an Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship for 2012-2013. The prestigious fellowship program, awarded by the U.S. Department of Energy, offers K-12 science, technology, engineering and mathematics educators who have demonstrated excellence in teaching the opportunity to serve in the national education public policy arena in Washington, D.C. Malone will serve her fellowship in the Directorate for Education and Human Resources, Division on Research and Learning, with the Discovery Research K-12 program at the National Science Foundation. Malone was the only teacher from Pennsylvania selected for 2012-2013.

ORIGINAL THEATER WORKS FESTIVAL

It was standing room only in the Kountz Theater on May 14-15 for the Senior School Original Theater Works Festival, showcasing four student one-act plays. The pieces, written by Shea Minter, Anna Matia, Theresa Diffendal and an anonymous author, were full of emotions and encompassed the subjects of friendship, depression, relationships, horror movies and freedom.

PERFECT SCORE

Seventh grader Jacob Lokay earned a perfect score on the 2012 National Latin Exam. This is the second year in a row that an SSA seventh grader earned a perfect score, as Connor Colombo had that distinction last year. It is quite an honor, as only 252 students out of more than 18,600 who participated from around the world attained such a score this year.
SCREENING OF MISS REPRESENTATION DOCUMENTARY

More than 150 students, parents, faculty, staff and community members attended a free screening of the documentary Miss Representation at the Hillman Center March 8. The film examines the effects of the media’s misrepresentation of women. After the screening, audience members engaged in a panel discussion with Senior School Nurse Erinn Kasubinski, Senior School Director of Personal Counseling Creighton Runnette, parent Lisa Koi, Middle School Psychologist Dr. Claudia Henry, and Senior School Dean of Students Wendy Skinner.

MATHCOUNTS SUCCESSES

Eighth grader Roy Navid placed fourth at the Pennsylvania MATHCOUNTS Competition on March 23-24, becoming the first SSA student ever to qualify for nationals. Navid placed 26th at the national competition in Orlando May 10-13. The Middle School was also one of 266 schools nationwide to achieve Gold Level Status in the 2012 MATHCOUNTS Club Program, after students successfully completed six rigorous math challenges during the year. MATHCOUNTS is a math enrichment program designed to inspire excellence, confidence and curiosity through creative problem solving and critical thinking.

LYNNE VOELP REED DAY

The annual Lynne Voelp Reed Day was held the afternoon of April 13 at the Junior School and featured a carnival including games, face painting, tattoos and a moon bounce. Senior lifers helped run the events along with parents.

STUDENTS HONORED BY ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Three Senior School students were honored by the Asian American Heritage Committee of the Federal Executive Board of Pittsburgh for excellence in academics, extracurricular activities and community service. Senior Athif Wulandana received the 2012 Outstanding Indonesian-American Student of the Year Award. Junior Shivum Bharill was a finalist and honor awardee for Outstanding Indian-American Student of the Year, and junior Tara Lee was a finalist and honor awardee for Outstanding Chinese-American Student of the Year.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB BEAUTIFIES VACANT ETNA LOT

The Senior School Environmental Club, with the help of other SSA volunteers, is transforming a vacant lot in Etna into a sunflower garden. They started by spreading compost on April 29, and returned to plant sunflowers on May 20.

SSA MAGAZINE WINS CASE AWARD

Shady Side Academy Magazine was honored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), winning a Bronze Award in the Independent School Magazines category of the 2012 Circle of Excellence Awards. This international awards program recognizes outstanding work in advancement services, alumni relations, communications, fundraising and marketing as judged by peer professionals. Winners are selected based on a number of factors, including overall quality, innovation, use of resources and the impact on the institution or its external and internal communities. A total of 36 entries were received in the Independent School Magazines category.
MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTS FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Middle School students performed the winter musical Fiddler on the Roof March 1-2. Set in Tsarist Russia in 1905, Fiddler on the Roof tells the story of a father attempting to maintain his family and Jewish religious traditions while outside influences encroach upon their lives. The musical starred eighth grader Max DeGregorio as Tevye, eighth grader Julia Shelby as Golde, eighth grader Phoebe Thompson as Tzeitel, eighth grader Riya Gohel as Hodel and seventh grader Felicia Reuter as Chava.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents and special guests joined students at the Junior School and Middle School on April 12 and 13, respectively, for Grandparents Day. Guests enjoyed musical performances by the students and visited classrooms with their grandchildren.

SENIOR SCHOOL PERFORMS THE MUSIC MAN

More than 75 students participated in the Senior School winter musical production of The Music Man, performed Feb. 10-12. An affectionate tribute to Smalltown USA, The Music Man follows fast-talking salesman Harold Hill as he cons the citizens of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a kids’ band. Junior Matt Ferree starred as Hill and senior Erin Gorse as Marian Paroo, the librarian with whom he falls in love. Other students in the cast included senior Molly Lowery; juniors Blake Beckemeyer, Joe Bray, Kelsey Broker, Carianne Lee, Alex Smith, Noah Sprock and Paul Steenkiste; and sophomore Shaun Gohel. Junior School fifth grader C.J. Coyne played Marian’s younger brother Winthrop, while other fifth graders played members of the kids’ band.

A GLEE-FUL A CAPPELLA WEEK

Performances by a cappella groups from Yale University and Kenyon College highlighted a weeklong celebration of choral music at SSA, dubbed “A Cappella Week,” Jan. 6-13. Yale’s New Blue and Kenyon’s Take Five and The Kokosingers performed at assemblies at the Middle and Senior schools, as did SSA’s own Chamber Choir.

SSA DEBATERS COMPETE IN TWO NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Five members of the Senior School Speech and Debate Team competed in two prestigious national tournaments in May and June. The Public Forum Debate teams of juniors Perry Cao and Shivum Bharill, and juniors Anthony Costa and Tony Satryan qualified for the National Catholic Forensics League (NCFL) Grand National Tournament, held in Baltimore May 25-27, and the National Forensics League National Tournament, held in Indianapolis June 10-15. Junior Ayesha Shah qualified for the NCFL nationals in Original Oratory. The team is coached by faculty member Mary Krauland.
**JUNIOR SCHOOL PERFORMANCES**

**FIRST GRADE TAKES THE BIG APPLE!**

On May 1, first graders performed “First Grade Takes the Big Apple,” where students took a ride on their very own Magic School Bus to New York City, sharing lots of fun facts and information along the way. The show included several musical performances, including a show-stopping number to *New York, New York*, complete with Rockettes-style kickline.

**KINDERGARTEN GOES UNDER THE SEA**

The kindergarten class performed its underwater-themed play May 16-18 for family and guests. The students shared fun facts about the ocean and its inhabitants in between animated songs and dances.

**THIRD GRADE STATE FAIR**

On March 6, the third grade held its annual State Fair. The fair kicked off with a musical performance at assembly, featuring *America the Beautiful*, *Yankee Doodle* and *Soldier, Soldier*. Afterwards, family and guests visited classrooms to view the dioramas, postcards, letters, books, biography dolls and videos each child created for their assigned state. Students also wore T-shirts with self-created state logos. The fair ended with a reception featuring food from every state.

**FOURTH GRADE GREEK MUSEUM**

On April 26, the annual Fourth Grade Greek Museum was held for parents and guests. Throughout the second floor, students were dressed as various Greek historical figures, standing on decorated pedestals (desks). Guests pushed a button on each pedestal to hear the statue give a speech about his or her personal history. The Greek Museum is an interdisciplinary class project that integrates literature, writing, history, costume design and public speaking.

**FIFTH GRADE CELEBRATES AMERICA’S MELTING POT**

On March 13, the fifth grade class performed the play “We Come From Everywhere,” a celebration of the melting pot of America and of Shady Side. The play took place on a train and featured a locomotive stage with lights and smoke, which students “drove” through the gym at the end of the show. Musical performances included songs, a Cherokee dance, African drum performance, and a dance number to *Coming to America*.
COMMUNITY IMPACT

SSA students participate in community service projects throughout the year, demonstrating respect, responsibility and kindness, three of the Academy’s guiding principals. Here are some of the projects they organized during spring 2012:

• Two hundred students and 100 parents, faculty and staff participated in the Academy’s second annual MLK Day of Service on Jan. 16. Students from all three campuses volunteered at locations throughout the city, benefitting eight nonprofit organizations: the East End Cooperative Ministry, Bethlehem Haven Shelter, Braddock Carnegie Library, the Pittsburgh Project, Pittsburgh Toy Lending Library, HealthSouth Harmarville Rehabilitation Hospital, the Kingsley Center of East Liberty and the Woodlands Foundation. Students in grades PK-4 worked at the Junior School making potholders, placemats and canvas bags stuffed with donated items for families who receive services through the East End Cooperative Ministry. Students in grades 5-6 prepared meals in the Junior School cafeteria that were delivered to residents of Bethlehem Haven, a homeless shelter for women. Students in grades 7-12 volunteered at a number of locations around the city doing renovation and cleanup work, building a greenhouse, and visiting with residents of a homeless shelter and rehab hospital.

• Dozens of Senior School students spent their spring break helping others near and far. Thirty members of the Service Learning group volunteered at several nonprofit organizations in the Pittsburgh area during March 19-23. They did everything from renovating homes for Habitat for Humanity to packing groceries for the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank. More than a dozen students traveled to New Orleans, La. to join the St. Bernard Project, rebuilding homes in the ninth ward. The trip was organized by senior Alex Levy. The St. Bernard Project has built more than 400 homes in the areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

• Members of the Senior School Service Learning group joined the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank’s Produce to People Program on March 10. They distributed 25,000 pounds of food to more than 500 families.

• Students at the Junior School raised more than $1,250 for Project Bundle-Up through two projects. The kindergarten class participated in Bounce for Bundle-Up, raising funds for every bounce of the basketball during a three-minute time frame. The entire school participated in a dress-down day on St. Patrick’s Day, collecting additional money for the cause. Project Bundle-Up provides warm winter coats, hats and gloves to children in need.
• Eight members of the Senior School Service Learning group volunteered at Bethlehem Haven on April 14. They helped build shelves and organize household goods for the nonprofit that provides services to women, including emergency shelter, transitional housing and employment services.

• Students marked National Pay It Forward Day on all three campuses during the week of April 23-27. The Junior School organized a Lost & Found sale, selling unclaimed items to benefit children’s education in Haiti. Charley Johnson, the president of the Pay It Forward Foundation, spoke to students at the Middle School and Senior School to inspire them to commit acts of kindness. Senior School students also organized a pancake dinner and auction to support education in Haiti.

• Middle Schoolers raised more than $650 and collected hundreds of books for the East End Cooperative Ministry through a dress-down day and book drive on April 24. Eighth grader Abigail Minard organized the event in honor of the school’s beloved late librarian, Audrey Ashworth, who passed away last year. All of the money and books were donated to EECM’s Children and Youth Services Department, which focuses on programs for tutoring, life skills training, day camps and other needs in the community.

• Third graders at the Junior School raised $2,000 for the American Heart Association through Jump Rope for Heart on April 19. Students collected pledges from their family and friends for this annual class community service project.

• Middle School students raised more than $800 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through a Pennies for Patients competition. The sixth, seventh and eighth grade classes competed to see who could collect the most spare change. The event was organized by seventh graders Cristina Bermudez, Crosby Deliman and Zoe Horne.

• Fourth graders at the Junior School organized a Furry Friends Project to collect items for the Animal Rescue League of Pittsburgh April 30-May 4. Students collected more than 900 items, including dog and cat food, animal toys, blankets and towels. The Animal Rescue League provides temporary shelter, food, medical attention and comfort to all abandoned, neglected and injured animals brought to the shelter.

JUNIOR/MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCERT

Students in grades K-6 joined together to welcome family and friends on April 19 for the annual Junior/Middle School Concert. Kindergarten and first grade sang I’m So Glad and the second and third grades sang Wacky Song and Take Time for Life, directed by Ms. Price. Ms. Modic led fourth grade instrumentalists in Centurion and Green Onion Rock and fifth grade instrumentalists in Waltz Petite and Golden Dragon Overture. The Middle School String Ensemble performed Badinerie, Flower Duet and Hallelujah, and the Core Choir performed Here, There, and Everywhere, My Funny Valentine and Canter, directed by Mr. Gross. Mr. Broker directed the Jazz Ensemble in Reboot, Superstition and Livin’ On A Prayer.

TWO TEACHERS NAMED TO ENDOWED CHAIRS

Two teachers were named to endowed chair positions at the Academy for five-year terms beginning in 2012. Martha Banwell, who has taught English at the Middle School since 1999, was named to the Rea Chair in Humanities. Sue Whitney, who has taught mathematics and coached girls’ cross country at the Senior School since 1991, was named to the Mellon Chair in Mathematics. Both endowed chairs provide an annual stipend to the faculty member.

A PROMISING YOUNG WRITER

Eighth grader Abigail Minard was one of 85 students nationwide to earn a Certificate of Recognition in the National Council of Teachers of English Promising Young Writers program for 2012. Only 13 eighth graders in the state of Pennsylvania were honored, including four students in Pittsburgh. The Promising Young Writers program aims to stimulate and recognize students’ writing talents and emphasize the importance of writing skills among eighth graders.
BLUE + GOLD = GREEN

BY JENNIFER (GROSS) BAILS ’94
t’s Friday before Spring Break, and the third graders at
the Junior School are more boisterous than usual at lunch
hour, as near-record high temperatures for mid-March
beckon them outside to play. It’s also the morning before
St. Patrick’s Day, and perhaps fittingly for this story, the
total class is decked out in various shades of green on
dress-down day.

The kids breeze through the lunch line, filling their plates with
baked tilapia, whole-wheat pasta with homemade tomato sauce,
and a healthy dose of fresh green beans. Some choose from the
smorgasbord of fruits and vegetables—much of it organic and
locally grown—at the salad bar. This is not the tasteless, industrial
cafeteria fare you remember from childhood.

After they finish eating, one by one, the students file past three
large bins and carefully sort what’s leftover on their trays. With
seven months of practice, the process is now second nature to
these wonderfully sincere eight- and nine-year-olds, who have
earned a reputation as the “recycling patrol.”

Each Friday after lunch, the third graders fan out across the
Junior School and collect the recycling bins to carry them to the
Dumpsters behind the building. In the fall, they even took center
stage at the Hillman Center for Performing Arts to teach the more
laissez-faire Senior School students, whose older habits die a little
harder, a thing or two about proper waste disposal.

“They get really mad when people don’t do the right thing and
when the rules aren’t followed,” proud teacher Tekla Hilton ’77
says. “This is a good small place to learn how to take ownership
of something and how to be responsible
citizens. They take those recycling lessons
home and share them with anyone who
will listen.”

For instance, the students know any
plastics go into the blue recycling cans.
Non-recyclable waste goes into the gray
trashcans. And all food scraps—including
more than a fair share of those fresh green
beans (sorry, parents)—get tossed into the
yellow compost bins.

Shady Side Academy students are making hundreds of
decisions like these every day about the waste they generate as part
of a single-stream recycling and composting program launched
this past fall at all three schools. Where should I put that banana peel or
yogurt container? What about my paper napkins and plastic bottles?

“It just helps to remake stuff so we don’t have to destroy things
to make other stuff,” explains third-grader Mason Hampers, as
he tosses a banana peel into the compost bin. “And to set a good
example,” chimes in classmate Rory Engel. “And so we can save the
planet,” adds their friend Gabi Jegasothy, thinking globally.

Indeed, these individual choices might seem small, but their
collective impact is big. It is all part of an Academy-wide initiative
under way to reduce Shady Side’s ecological footprint and teach
students about sustainable living and how to be more mindful of
their impact on the Earth.

This “greening” movement began under the leadership of
immediate past president Thomas N. Southard, who eliminated
non-biodegradable Styrofoam from the dining halls and kick-
started the widespread use of e-mail at the school instead of paper
communications. He also transferred major print publications
online, including the S-Book directory and annual report, and
supported a “green” redesign of Shady Side Academy Magazine.

In addition, Southard raised special funds for the $6.8 million
environmentally responsible renovation of century-old Rowe
Hall, the first high school building in Pennsylvania to earn the
prestigious LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental
Design) gold certification. A rainwater harvesting system and

“We are trying to get Shady Side—and Pittsburgh—to
a level that many independent schools have
already reached. Hopefully we can be a force for
change by doing the right things ourselves.”

President Thomas M. Cangiano
energy-efficient mechanical and electrical systems have translated into significant cost savings for the Academy and create a better environment in the building and beyond.

Building on Southard’s momentum has been a priority of his successor, President Thomas M. Cangiano, since coming to Shady Side in July 2010. One of his first goals was to launch a more programmatic, comprehensive effort to “go green.”

“It’s really a regional challenge. If you go to an independent school in the Northeast or on the coasts, they are more advanced with respect to this issue,” Cangiano says. “We are trying to get Shady Side—and Pittsburgh—to a level that many independent schools have already reached. Hopefully we can be a force for change by doing the right things ourselves.”

There are three “E’s” to the benefits of this undertaking—economic, environmental and educational. The less water, energy, paper and other resources the Academy consumes, the lower its costs and the smaller its eco-footprint. The same equation holds true for the amount of waste generated. And any school in the early 21st century, Cangiano says, has an ethical obligation to teach its students about sustainability and how to be responsible members of their community—and citizens of the Earth.

“We are trying to draw better connections in our science curriculum with resource use and conservation,” Cangiano says. “It also dovetails nicely with the fact that we are just coming out of strategic planning, and the question of sustainability has been a topic of those discussions.”

It’s a discussion that’s taking place across all three campuses, in the dining halls and classrooms, gymnasiums and administrative offices.

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For instance, the school’s food service provider, Metz Culinary Management, now sources as much organic and seasonal local produce as possible. That means cultivating relationships with nearby providers like Keystone Farm and Penn’s Corner Farm Alliance—and teaching the students about where their food comes from and how it came to be on their plates, according to Cindy Wise, Metz general manager.

Meatless Mondays and Trayless Wednesdays (to cut back on food waste and dishes) are regular events, and even some of the pickiest eaters are trying new foods like broccoli rabe and blue hubbard squash.

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Those conversations continue every Wednesday afternoon from June through October, when students and their families flock to the Fox Chapel Farmers Market at Shady Side Academy on the Senior School campus. Now in its second summer, the market draws some 250 people a week from the school and the community with its one-stop-shop for local vendors selling everything from fresh-cut flowers to cage-free eggs, honeycrisp apples to bunches of kale.

“One goal is for people to see that Shady Side cares about sustainability and farm-to-table initiatives,” says Director of Programs David Chottiner, who runs the market. “What I love the most is when I see a Shady Side student or parents just sitting and chatting with a farmer about food. That’s such a tremendous learning experience.”

It’s a learning experience that’s also happening through the single-stream recycling program, where paper, plastics, metals and other materials are mixed in the collection stream instead of being sorted by the user. It took a few months to get everyone on board (the third grade was a key ally), but the hard work is paying off.

“They get it now,” says Amy Nixon, head of the Middle School.” It’s becoming a part of the culture here, and the kids have taken charge of it to help their classmates.”

A recycling committee of seventh- and eighth-graders helps make sure everyone at the Middle School does the right thing at mealtime. The sixth-grade class even wrote a letter to Metz, which had already cut back significantly on the use of disposables, asking the food service company to replace plastic cups used for dessert with dishware.

Efforts like these mean the Academy now recycles nearly 50 percent of its trash, generating 46 tons of recyclable material from the start of school through December. About 52 tons of food scraps were also collected from the dining halls in that time; Pittsburgh–based AgRecycle collects this organic material for composting. Altogether, these efforts will keep an estimated 200 tons of waste out of the landfill this school year.

“We have reduced our waste, increased our recyclables and added the food compost, all without increasing our budget,” says Paul Francioni, director of buildings and grounds. “It’s a win-win.”

For the past two years, the grounds crew at Shady Side has also been using its own compost for landscaping made from the leaves and organic material it collects on all three campuses. “There’s virtually not a piece of lawn material or branch of a tree that leaves this site,” Francioni says.

A major effort is also under way to make Shady Side’s beautiful and historic—but also old and leaky—buildings run more efficiently. “Here at Shady Side, our buildings go from the Flintstones to the Jetsons,” Francioni says. “And we are trying to bring everything up to the Jetsons mode. It’s a challenge.”

So far, almost all of the incandescent light bulbs in the buildings have been replaced with compact fluorescent and LED lighting. Better energy management controls have been installed, such as Web–based systems to reduce power consumption in unoccupied buildings and after hours, a dehumidification unit in Curry Gymnasium that pumps energy back into the pool water as it heats up, and more energy–efficient condensing boilers. All of the windows are also being replaced on the Senior School and Middle School campuses with insulated, double–pane glass—no small task.

“One everything is online, I think we’ll see 15 to 20 percent in energy savings,” Francioni predicts. “That’s about $80,000 a year at the Senior School alone on gas and $30,000 to $40,000 on the electric bill.”

“Going green” means everyone must do their part, and efforts at conservation and waste reduction are also being made by school’s administration, starting with the “green” redesign of this very magazine. Rather than using virgin paper, Shady Side Academy Magazine is now printed on paper certified by the Forestry Stewardship Council, made from recycled fiber, and uses solvent–free vegetable–based inks. In doing so, each issue

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saves 22 mature trees and 14 million BTUs of energy, reducing greenhouse gas emissions by some 2,000 pounds.

The Academy also moved its Report of Philanthropy online in 2008, saving paper and money alike. “Donors received the change well—they recognized that we were making better use of their money by spending it on our students and teachers rather than by printing 10,000 copies of a fancy book each year,” says Jennifer Roupe, director of communications.

Perhaps a bigger change came in the 2009-2010 school year when the Academy replaced the 250-page spiral bound S-Book given to every student with an online PDF and searchable electronic directory. Some families have been slower to adapt to this change in Shady Side tradition, according to Roupe.

“It’s been a challenge because some parents are used to having an S-Book in their kitchen drawer or glove compartment,” she says. The Parents Association prints and sells about 400 S-Books to families who still want a print version, but the books are much smaller, so it’s yielded a 60 percent reduction in the amount of paper being used.

Cutting back on paper use is also happening by moving school-to-parent communications online wherever possible. A new website launched in 2009 has secure portals for parents, students and faculty/staff to access handbooks, forms, e-newsletters and other internal documents. It means fewer field trip reminders crinkled into backpacks and a more responsive, open line of communication between teachers and parents.

Teachers can post their syllabi, homework assignments, and even engage in discussions with their students online, reducing the amount of paper used in the classroom.

“I’m really proud that we are doing a better job at maximizing our communications efforts while minimizing resource use,” Roupe says. “I don’t feel we’ve had to sacrifice anything—we have stronger communications and we’re greener.”

Change is happening in the Shady Side Business Office, too, which has reduced its mailings, eliminated desk printers and introduced more efficient centralized units to save on expensive toner costs and allow for double-sided printing to cut paper use, and now uses remote check processing to limit car trips to the bank.

According to Vice President for Finance Tom Arnold, increasing efficiency is as much about building a better school as it is about conserving natural resources. “I think the term ‘green’ has been around so long that even if we would title this initiative ‘going green,’ people would just say, ‘It’s about time. You should’ve been there already,’” Arnold says. “It’s really about the continual improvements in our processes and connectivity to our day-to-day activities that creates an educational value for our students, faculty and staff.”

Indeed, a key component of Cangiano’s “green” vision involves making sure Shady Side helps students understand the importance of sustainable living and fosters a knowledge of and respect for the environment. That starts in the classroom, drawing connections across disciplines and integrating environmental themes into the curriculum. That could mean students might work on the SSA Farm for PE credit, study the

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cost/benefit analysis of alternative energy in economics, learn the science of air pollution in chemistry, or read *Silent Spring* in an English course. Environmental volunteerism could also become part of a student community service requirement.

“Eventually these kids will be running the planet—for some of them, it feels like they already are....It’s not just about cleaning up the cafeteria. It’s about their future.”

Amy Nixon, Head of the Middle School

For the fourth year, members of the Environmental Club participated in the national Green Cup Challenge, which calls upon students to measure and reduce their school’s electricity intake over the month of February. The club members and Powers read the electricity meters at all of the Senior School buildings and calculated their energy use—and also spread the word about the need to reduce power consumption. “We’re making kids more aware and hopefully helping them to realize that they can make a difference,” Powers says.

In May, ground was broken on the far fields of the Senior School for the new SSA Farm, which will be tended by students, faculty and staff and provide fresh vegetables for the dining hall and Farmers Market. Moving forward, Senior School Head Kate Vavpetic would also like to see an environmental focus more seamlessly woven into the school’s curriculum and culture. “It should be so integrated into the daily fabric of life at Shady Side that we don’t even need an Environmental Club anymore,” Vavpetic says.

That also ties into the imperative of the Academy to provide an ethical education for its students, she continues. “We want to teach the students about what their obligations are to our community, Pittsburgh and beyond. It’s changing the language from what kind of footprint will you leave behind to what kind of handprint will you make to improve our world. The possibilities are endless.”
New Head of Junior School

ELLEN McCONNELL

Ellen McConnell joined Shady Side Academy as the new head of the Junior School on July 1, 2012. She succeeds Cheryl Little, who retired at the end of the 2011-2012 school year after more than 30 years as a teacher and administrator at SSA.

McConnell has more than 15 years experience as an independent school teacher and administrator at the elementary level. She most recently served as assistant head of the Lower School at Isidore Newman School – a coeducational, college preparatory independent day school for grades PK-12 in uptown New Orleans – since 2008. There she oversaw curriculum, professional development, divisional operations, budget and discipline. Her achievements at Newman include: building an iPad lab for grades PK-2; designing a balanced literacy curriculum for grades PK-1; creating phonemic awareness and phonics assessments that follow students through the Lower School; writing and editing the Lower School curriculum section of the school’s self-study for re-accreditation; facilitating curriculum changes and introducing new programs such as “Singapore Math,” “Lucy Calkins Writing: Units of Study” and “Words Their Way”; constructing the master schedule; crafting online report cards; and supervising, evaluating and mentoring faculty members.

Prior to Newman, McConnell spent six years at Trinity School in Atlanta, Ga., including five years as a kindergarten teacher and one year as an instructional technology specialist. In the latter role, she planned, designed and implemented the structure necessary to maintain a 21st Century Learning environment for grades 1-6 and designed and wrote the technology curriculum for grades PK-6. McConnell spent the first seven years of her teaching career in New York City, serving as a kindergarten teacher at The Marymount School and The Caedmon School, and as a technology coordinator at The Dalton School.

A native of Cresskill, N.J., and a graduate of Dwight Englewood School in Englewood, N.J., McConnell earned her Bachelor of Arts in psychology and history from Wellesley College in 1995, and a Master of Arts in communications, computing and technology from Columbia University Teachers College in 1996.

Q. What initially attracted you to the position at Shady Side?

There are so many things that attracted me to Shady Side, beginning with my incredible conversations with different people at SSA. First I talked with [Academy President] Tom Cangiano, who couldn’t speak more eloquently about the school. Then I spoke with Lance Ruttenburg, an alumnus, board member and parent who connected with me in New Orleans, where he went to college at Tulane. Lance was able to compare the two cities and made Pittsburgh sound irresistible. I also spoke with Margot Stafford who, as a parent, spoke so highly of the school, but also what she’d like to see as we continue to move into the 21st century. By speaking with such a variety of people with a variety of viewpoints, I could really get a feel for a school that is extremely proud of its history and at the same time, one that is always looking to get better. I’ve lived my life as an educator with that same philosophy. While I knew Shady Side’s national reputation as a school of excellence, I was very happy to hear that it’s always looking to improve.

Upon first researching Shady Side on its website, I was also pleased to see the five Guiding Principles were honesty, kindness, respect, responsibility and safety. These five principles so simply guide everything I do as an educator, and I look forward to using them as the lens through which we do everything in the Junior School.

Q. What was your first impression of SSA? Of Pittsburgh?

My first impression of SSA was truly formed on my tour with Caroline, Josie and Koji, my fifth grade tour guides. If a school could produce such incredible children, it must be doing something right! These fifth graders were smart, funny, humble, affable and loved their school! If a parent is looking at SSA as a place to send their 4-year old, then all they need to do is meet these wonderful tour guides and say, “How do I get that?” Clearly, the 4-year old needs to spend their vital, formative years at SSA.

As for Pittsburgh, my sister-in-law is from Pittsburgh, and for the past 20 years she has sung its praises. Well, I was so happy to see her during my winter holidays and say, “I finally get it!” The people, the city, the history, (maybe not the weather)… have me sold.

Q. How would you describe your leadership style?

When I think about leadership, I constantly return to a phrase I learned in Reggio Emilia, Italy, in reference to learning: “Niente senza gioia.” Translated it means “Nothing without joy.” This is how I lead. I look forward to spending a lot of time getting to know how Shady Side earned its national reputation of excellence. I plan on spending a lot of time observing.
in classrooms and getting to know all of the teachers, the curriculum and, most importantly, the students.

As a leader, I genuinely care for the whole school community: faculty, students, families. I make myself available to all members of the community in order to listen, guide, offer support and act as their cheerleader. I thrive in learning about people as individuals, knowing their passions and interests. With students, I look beyond grades and test scores to see the whole child.

As a leader, I am always reminded that learning is a continuous process. Solving problems, thinking critically and creatively, making decisions - these and countless other skills are required inside and outside of a formal classroom. 21st century skills need to be woven throughout the day in a multitude of ways. Education is not limited to the classroom and does not end at 3 p.m.

As a leader, I am always asking, “What’s best for the child?” By keeping this question central in my mind and using the community as a sounding board, I am a collaborative, inclusive, reflective decision maker who leads, sets goals and takes responsibility. As a community of learners, a school must continue to adapt and take risks, to push our thinking and engage our minds beyond what is comfortable and “safe.”

As a leader, I am a member of a team. It is vital to be an effective communicator whom the faculty, students and parents respect. I strive to help people on my team bring their best to the table, and I surround myself with people whose skills complement my own. Schools are not run by individuals but by groups of committed educators.

As a leader, I believe in progressive, child-centered education. Children must play an active role in their learning process. I support an integrated, child-centered curriculum that is based on discovery. I support inquiry, hands-on activities and thought-provoking discussions. In addition, I see cooperative and collaborative learning as key components of the curriculum in order to promote teamwork and demonstrate the merit of peer feedback. Education in this century is not so much about accumulating knowledge, but about being curious, collaborative and creative.

Q. What has been your proudest moment as an educator?

There have been so many wonderful, proud moments during my years as an educator. As a kindergarten teacher, I’ve had the privilege to teach many children how to read. What an unbelievable gift! To open up the world of books to children – it doesn’t get any better than that. But when a child struggles with it, there’s nothing more heart-wrenching. I’ll never forget a phone call I received one evening from a parent in my class. A mom called me because her daughter, who was struggling, read a sign in a local restaurant that said “step down.” She and her daughter both turned to each other and said, “We have to call Ms. McConnell!” What a feeling to receive that phone call. When the light bulb goes off, the sky is the limit!

Q. What are your primary goals in your first year as school head?

I plan on shaping a vision of academic success for all students by building grade-level benchmarks throughout the Junior School. I will also be working with the SSA learning specialist, reading specialist and guidance counselor to build protocols for a learning center. We will also be implementing a new math curriculum called Singapore Math that will really benefit our students as well as stand out among area independent schools.

Another thing I plan to do is create a warm, positive climate hospitable to education by building “The Shady Side Way,” a character education program that provides a lens through which all of our decisions can be viewed based on SSA’s Guiding Principles: honesty, kindness, respect, responsibility and safety.

I look forward to cultivating leadership in others by working with teachers and other adults to assume their part in realizing the school vision. We will always be improving instruction, enabling teachers to teach at their best and students to learn at their utmost. Shady Side’s Junior School is known for differentiated instruction in all classrooms, and I look forward to continuing that.

With my background as a technology coordinator, I plan on building a stronger technology program to bring SSA to the forefront in Pittsburgh-area independent schools. Technology provides so many opportunities to collaborate and grow as learners, and I plan on building our technological resources.

One of my long-term goals is to renew the outdoor physical space. We have such an incredible campus, and I look forward to building a natural, outdoor, environmental playground that demonstrates our commitment to educating young children.

Q. What do you do for recreation and relaxation?

My father taught me how to play when I was a little girl, and I have continued to have fun out on the softball diamond. My favorite, though, is to play softball with my friends. My father taught me how to play when I was a little girl, and I continue to have fun out on the softball diamond.

Q. Anything else you’d like to share?

I just can’t wait to become a part of the Shady Side community. I have already begun building relationships with the Junior School teachers, as well as Tom [Cangiano], Amy [Nixon] and Kate [Vavpetic], and I look forward to working on strategic initiatives between all three campuses.
One hundred and twenty-eight members of the Class of 2012 received their diplomas at the Shady Side Academy Senior School Commencement Exercises on June 8, 2012. PNC Chairman and SSA past parent James Rohr gave the graduation address, telling graduates to remember the values of customer focus, respect, integrity, diversity, teamwork, quality of life and performance. Vivek Nimgaonkar delivered the senior speech, impressing upon his classmates the importance of the journey, not just the destination, and commending his fellow graduates on their support and kindness. Academy President Tom Cangiano presented the Posner Award for Meritorious Faculty Performance to English Teacher Liz Garvey and World Languages Department Chair Carol-Jean McGreevy-Morales, and the Ruth and F. Walter Jones Service Prize to Facilities staff member Diane Curry. Visit www.shadysideacademy.org/commencement for video highlights from the ceremony, including Rohr’s commencement address, as well as photo slideshows of the ceremony and legacy family photos.
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University of Vermont

Monica Srinivasan
University of Pittsburgh

David Steiner
Yale University

William Supowit
University of Pittsburgh

Theodore Teris
Carnegie Mellon University

Chadwick Trice
Carnegie Mellon University

Graham Versaw
Allegheny College

Richard Villani
New England College

Elizabeth Vuchinich
Dickinson College

Joshua Weinberg
Tulane University

Emily Wilson
University of Pittsburgh

Athif Wulandana
Northwestern University

Grant Zentgraf
United States Navy

Greger Zentgraf
Triangle Tech

Amy Zhang
University of Chicago
The 81 members of the Class of 2016 were officially promoted to the Senior School at Middle School Closing Exercises on June 7, 2012. Academy President Tom Cangiano welcomed students and families to the McKnight Hockey Center and Middle School Head Amy Nixon presented awards to students and faculty. Form II class speaker Phoebe Thompson gave remarks on behalf of her class, reminding them to “keep calm and carry on.” Senior School Head Katharine Vavpetic officially welcomed graduates to the Senior School before graduates received their certificates. Visit www.shadysideacademy.org/commencement to view more photos of the event.
Class of 2016

Phoebe Thompson
2012 MIDDLE SCHOOL PRIZE WINNERS

SIXTH GRADE ACADEMIC AWARD ................................. Chelsea Carver
BETTY C. LABUN CITIZENSHIP AWARD .................. Leila Skinner
AUDREY ASHWORTH SIXTH GRADE AWARD .............. Claire Thompson
BLANCHE C. WICK MATH AWARD .......................... Eric Wolf
ERWIN W. COLE AWARD ..................................... Christopher Caputo
FORM I IMPROVEMENT AWARD .................... Jacqui Huggins, Aaron Karenchak
DAVID MCNAUGHER MARSH MEMORIAL AWARD ..... Brendan Brazinski
ILDRA H. ELLEr AWARD ....................................... Phoebe Thompson
WILLARD E. MEAD ENGLISH AWARD....................... Roy Navid
CHARLES P. SHRIVER MATH AWARD ...................... Caroline Certo
FORM II ETHICS AWARD .................................. Eric Barnfather, Jr.
ROBERT B. STIFFLER ATHLETIC AWARD ............... Donald Szlachetka, Christine Anderson
BETSY H. WATkINS FORM II IMPROVEMENT AWARD .. George Aivaliotis
E. BRUCE HILL MEMORIAL AWARD ....................... Connor Colombo
DAVID A. MANCOgH AWARD ................................ Abigail Minard
DRAMATIC CLUB BEST ACTOR ............................ Maxwell DeGregorio
DRAMATIC CLUB BEST ACTRESS ........................... Julia Shelby
DRAMATIC CLUB ACHIEVEMENT .............................. Abigail Minard
KENNETH M. VASKO MEMORIAL AWARD ................ Vincent Yeh
On June 6, 2012, the 44 members of the Class of 2019 were promoted to the Middle School as part of Junior School Closing Exercises. School Head Cheryl Little encouraged the fifth grade class to make good choices and Academy President Tom Cangiano presented the certificates. Middle School Head Amy Nixon concluded the ceremony by officially welcoming graduates to the Middle School. Visit www.shadysideacademy.org/commencement to view more photos of the event.
The Junior School held its annual Moving-Up and Recognition Day on June 5, 2012, celebrating the end of the school year and honoring retiring Junior School Head Cheryl Little for her 30 years of service. The event included musical performances, a slide retrospective and the presentation of medallions by fifth grade students to fourth graders symbolizing the handing over of school leadership. Visit www.shadysideacademy.ort/commencement to view more photos of the event.
Thanks to the generosity of the late Henry Posner Jr. ’37, his wife, Helen, and the Posner family (which includes their four sons, Henry III ’73, James ’75, Paul ’77 and the late Robert ’78), the Academy has extended the honor of The Posner Award for Meritorious Faculty Performance to 14 faculty members since 2004. The purpose of the Posner Award is “to recognize, inspire and reward those faculty members at Shady Side Academy who, through their special ‘gift of teaching’ and mentoring, have affected, in a highly special way, the learning, development and lives of one or more individual students. This award, presuming as it does a high quality of teaching in all Shady Side faculty, recognizes and honors a teacher of transcendent influence, one whose impact on a particular student or group of students has been uniquely beneficial and enduring.”

Nominations for the Posner Award are submitted by students, parents, alumni and administrators of Shady Side Academy. Traditionally there are one or two recipients each year among PK–12 faculty members. This year’s two recipients were presented with their Posner Awards during Senior School Commencement on June 8.

**LIZ GARVEY**
**SENIOR SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER**

Elizabeth “Liz” Garvey has been teaching English at Shady Side Academy Senior School since 1991. She holds a bachelor’s degree in government from Harvard College and a master’s degree in English from Washington University.

Garvey’s selection as a 2012 Posner Award winner was based on several letters of recommendation from current and former students. They included a great many examples of her dedication, enthusiasm, patience and persistence, and describe how she instills a love of literature in her students and challenges them to become better writers. Former students remember Garvey as always cheerful, caring and willing to selflessly give of her time to any students, and they marvel at how strongly her lessons resonate with them years beyond graduation.

One current student recalled how Garvey ignited his passion for writing and selflessly gave of her time over winter break to help him with his college essays. He wrote “She instilled a love and passion for writing within me, transforming me as a student. And her influence on me does not stop there…Ms. Garvey is a remarkable teacher and individual with her innate ability to nurture a love for writing combined with her profound caring.”

A former student wrote “For me, not only has Ms. Garvey taught me how to write a coherent analytical essay, but, through her own example, she has shown me how rewarding it can be to get excited about learning. She has profoundly shaped my approach to academics, and she has helped me to appreciate the power of genuine enthusiasm.”

A third nomination submitted by two former students was written, perhaps fittingly, in the form of a Shakespearean sonnet, not only because Garvey inspired their love of Shakespeare, but also because “we feel it is appropriate to challenge ourselves as Ms. Garvey always challenged us.”

**DR. CAROL-JEAN MCGREEVY-MORALES**
**SENIOR SCHOOL WORLD LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT CHAIR**

Carol-Jean McGreevy-Morales has been teaching at Shady Side Academy since 1974 and is currently chair of the Senior School World Languages Department. She holds a bachelor’s degree in French/Spanish from Wilson College, a master’s degree in teaching from Duquesne University, and a Ph.D. in international education from the University of Pittsburgh. Her research in Chiapas, Mexico, living with a Mayan family, was supported by Fulbright and Tinker grants.

Ask McGreevy-Morales to describe herself, and she will say that her concern is how language fluency affects one’s personal life, and that her joy is teaching French and Spanish to adolescents. Ask her current and former students about her, and they will use words like “mentor” and “inspiring.”

One former student recalled how she nurtured his interests in international studies and volunteerism, two threads that he still follows today. In his Posner Award nomination, he wrote “Dr. McGreevy helped me identify a lifelong passion and interest that at the time I didn’t know I had…What means the most to me though is that Dr. McGreevy thought so much of me at a time in our lives when there can be some natural insecurity. I was not a National Merit scholar or a stellar athlete, but I really liked meeting people from different cultures and learning from them. Dr. McGreevy helped me see that my interest was something worthwhile. She taught me that others can benefit from those interests and she encouraged me to try…She helped give me confidence that I could do these things and after each small success she told me to keep going.”

A past parent recognized her vision and leadership in the World Languages Department, writing “Dr. McGreevy-Morales has built a world-class language program at Shady Side that has made a difference in the lives of many young people – students at Shady Side and across the globe.”
Five Longtime Teachers Retire

Five beloved members of the Shady Side Academy faculty retired in 2012 after teaching at SSA for a combined total of 150 years. Upon their retirement, Academy President Tom Cangiano praised what he called a “phenomenal group of teachers” to whom it was going to be hard to say farewell. “When I think of teaching, I think of these individuals and the effect that they have had at Shady Side,” Cangiano said. “They will be missed.”

Christine Czapleski
Senior School Mathematics
26 Years

Christine Czapleski began her teaching career at Mercyhurst Preparatory School in 1966, and has since taught mathematics at Kennedy Christian High School, North Catholic High School and Shady Side Academy since 1986. She served as department chair at each of these institutions and held the Mellon Chair in Mathematics at SSA. She has been awarded a GTE GIFT grant for teachers, a Chevron Bright Idea Award, a Tandy Technical Scholar award and the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching Math and Science. When she is not teaching, she enjoys spending time with her grandson and racing Flying Scot sailboats with her husband, Tom. “As I reflect on my time at SSA, I think what most stands out for me are the people with whom I have had the pleasure to work,” said Czapleski. “I worked with wonderful faculty members who provided intellectual and emotional support over the years. I was stretched beyond my comfort zone by administrators who asked me to do things that I never thought I could do. Most importantly, I taught exceptional students. There is no one greatest memory, only many years of working at my dream job.”

Cheryl Little
Head of Junior School
30 Years

Cheryl Little began her career as a third grade teacher in the North Allegheny School District. After taking time off to stay at home with her three children, she returned to the work force as a substitute teacher at the Junior School. After a few months, she was asked to fill in for a maternity leave, teaching fourth and fifth grade social studies. At the end of that year, she was hired as a part-time science teacher to create and teach a new hands-on science curriculum, and soon she was asked to teach science full time to grades K-5. Little was on the forefront of bringing technology to the Junior School, and under her direction, the science department was the first to have a computer connected to the Internet, to attempt videoconferencing and to use the videodisc to enhance teaching. She was the recipient of the the Carnegie Science Center’s Science & Technology Award for Excellence. In 2001, Little left teaching to direct the Academy’s self-study for accreditation, then to be the K-12 curriculum coordinator. She was appointed head of the Junior School in 2004 by President Tom Southard. Shortly after, she presented to the Board of Trustees the need to begin a pre-kindergarten program. Little was instrumental in creating the vision for the PK building, the teaching philosophy, and also writing the initial curriculum. “The opening of that building is one my proudest moments at Shady Side,” said Little. “I trust that I leave the Junior School community a better place. I hope that I have made a difference. I will always be grateful for the opportunity to lead this wonderful school. The students, parents and teachers have been a wonderful blessing.”

William Sauer
Junior School Faculty
29 Years

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Bill Sauer began his teaching career at Fox Chapel School District in 1973, where he stayed for 10 years. While there, he coached football, wrestling and golf at O’Hara Junior High School. He began teaching at Shady Side Academy Junior School in 1983 as fifth grade social studies and mathematics teacher. When he is not teaching, he enjoys spending quality time with his grandson, Will. He also enjoys playing golf, working out and traveling with his wife, Connie. “I’ll never forget what may very well be the most special moment for me at Shady Side,” said Sauer. “Many years ago, I was in my classroom correcting student papers. One of my fifth grade students stopped by my room and asked me if I could come to the music room, because Mrs. Young needed to see me right away. As I entered the room, the entire fifth grade stood up and began to sing a medley of Armed Forces pieces of music in honor of Veterans Day and specifically to me. As they sang the Navy song Anchors Away, I could feel tears begin to well up in my eyes. I made it a point to look at each of the 40 students. Such a special moment will never be forgotten and will always be cherished.”
Awards Honor Outstanding Faculty and Staff

A number of awards are presented annually during Commencement Week to recognize excellence, dedication and service by faculty and staff.

The Ruth and F. Walter Jones Service Prize is awarded in honor of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jones to a member of the SSA community who, by willing and selfless service, has contributed to the quality of the Academy and enriched it by example. This year’s recipient was Transportation Coordinator Diane Curry, who has served the Academy for 17 years in a variety of roles.

The Class of ’61 Faculty Award for Excellence, established in 2011 in honor of the class’ 50th reunion, recognizes an exemplary and dedicated Senior School teacher in his or her first or second year who shows the promise of an extended career and has made significant contributions to students and colleagues. The inaugural award winner was Kegan Borland.

The President’s Award for Distinguished Staff Service is awarded to an individual who has exemplified the heights of excellence on a day-to-day basis through their actions, job performance, work ethic and positive relationships with colleagues. This year’s recipient was Garage Mechanic Jeff Allman.

25 Years of Service awards went to Senior School Teachers Scott Aiken and Terri Haas, Athletic Department Assistant Terri McPherson, Tuck Shop Manager Charlotte Reddinger and Deans’ Office Assistant Michele Zentgraf.

FRANK MCCARTHY
SENIOR SCHOOL MATHEMATICS
34 YEARS

Frank McCarthy worked for three years as a dynamics engineer for Lockheed Missiles and Space Company before embarking on his teaching career, which included overseas positions at the University of Saudi Arabia, American College of Switzerland and St. Johns International School. He has taught math at Shady Side Academy since 1978. “My greatest memory of Shady Side will be all of my classroom work with the students,” said McCarthy.

CHRIS HOLT
JUNIOR SCHOOL ART
31 YEARS

Chris Holt started teaching art at the Junior School in 1980. “My goal in teaching art has been to develop a lifetime enjoyment and appreciation of art in my students, and for them to make it a part of their lives,” said Holt. “Through SSA, I have explored many art forms and was able to share those experiences with my students and colleagues.” She held the Rea Chair in Humanities for 10 years. Holt is a practicing blacksmith and is involved with the Pittsburgh Area Artist Blacksmiths Association and Artist Blacksmiths Association of North America. She is also a master gardener with Phipps Conservatory. Holt has been frequently published regarding the teaching of art, as well as about her own blacksmithing art, and has presented at many conferences. Holt has been featured on PCN’s Profile TV series and will be appearing in the forthcoming book by Latifa Sayadi, Striking Women, Mild as Steel.

Five Longtime Teachers Retire (continued)
The Hillman Center for Performing Arts concluded another blockbuster season in 2012! In its sixth year, the Hillman Performing Arts Series' robust and award-winning programming animated the Rauh Theater with orchestral performances, dance, and internationally acclaimed comedians.

The Platters and The Marvelettes kicked off the 2012 half of the series with classic hits and catchy beats. The Platters' famous love power ballads *Only You*, *Unchained Melody* and *Smoke Gets in Your Eyes* wowed the audience, especially when couples were invited to the stage to dance. True divas, the glamorous Marvelettes had everybody clapping to their up-tempo performance and fiery banter. As they belted out *Please Mr. Postman*, the first Motown song to make it to No. 1 on the Billboard Chart, the famous tune was met with cheers!

Mozart filled the Hillman halls in February, when the talented Carnegie Mellon Chamber Orchestra performed. World-class conductor Ronald Zollman led the ensemble of prodigal musicians. Zollman's program provided a delightful insight into Mozart's much-loved *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*. The group also performed two serenades composed by Antonín Dvořák: *Serenade for Wind Instruments, Cello, and Double-Bass in D* and *Serenade for Strings in E Major, Op. 22*.

At the end of March, the Hillman's audience was thrilled with the *Elements of Humor* Comedy Tour. The lineup included some of the best comedians in the country, including two top 10 nominees for “Best Club Comic” at the Second Annual Comedy Awards: Ted Alexandro and Hannibal Buress. Tour producer Dan Allen, *He’s Just Not That Into You* author Greg Behrendt and Moth Radio Champion Faye Lane also kept the audience in stitches with jokes, rants, observations and stories.

The Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre concluded the Hillman Performing Arts Series with flair. Choreographer Derek Deane’s *Hungry Heart… We All Have One* brought Bruce Springsteen’s music to life with a café setting and a juke box. In the second act, the melodies of George and Ira Gershwin inspired the beautiful *Shall We Dance*. The Gershwin piece, enlivened with Viktor Plotnikov's incredible choreography and the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre's talented dancers, was commissioned by alumnus Richard E. Rauh ’58.

The 2011-2012 Hillman Performing Arts Series was incredible, but the 2012-2013 series promises to be the best yet! At the end of October, illusionist Bradley Fields will open with a haunting act, *Out of Thin Air!* November features the Duquesne University Tamburitzans, America’s longest-running multicultural song and dance company. In January, Enchantment Theatre will perform *The Velveteen Rabbit*, complete with a Rabbit Jamboree to follow the show. In February, the Hillman Center for Performing Arts teams with Gateway to the Arts to present Attack Theatre + Cello Fury. (Gateway artists will offer an interactive intermission.) The Glenn Miller Orchestra will swing its way to the stage in March. And, as a special event in April, NPR celebrity and *This American Life* producer Ira Glass will lecture for the community!
Marking its 10th anniversary, Untucked 2012 began with a week full of festivities designed to excite the student body and engage Untucked alumni.

The Untucked committee organized a tie-dying day and cookie feed on the senior quad, where they sold tickets to the concert featuring the acclaimed Los Angeles band, Rooney. On Friday, May 18, 2012, Untucked alumni joined the current committee in celebration of the 10-year milestone with hors d’oeuvres and conversation that lasted throughout the evening. Saturday, May 19, concert and carnival day, brought with it an early taste of summer. With the blue skies and 90-degree temperatures, many attendees were tempted to take a dip in the dunk tank. The family carnival featured inflatables, carnival games, a fun photo zone, and arts and crafts. The activities kept the more than 1,000 children, students, parents, faculty, staff and alumni at the event busy in the McKnight Hockey Center. The outdoor plaza hosted many recognizable and tasty Pittsburgh food trucks, including Franktuary, Holy Smokes Barbecue and the Goodie Truck. Needless to say, the concert and carnival-goers were well-fed and entertained.

The main attraction of the night, the concert headlined by Rooney, began shortly after the carnival ended. Playing to throngs of screaming teenagers and groupies, Rooney rocked an incredible set of its own songs along with some cover songs from other notable bands. Founded in L.A. in 1999, Rooney is known for its unique fusion of 1980s pop music and British Invasion rock. The band’s most anticipated song of the night and the last to be played, *When Did Your Heart Go Missing?*, brought the house down. After the concert, the band took some photos and mingled with fans outside on the plaza, where free food and a DJ kept the party going into the night.

Untucked is a student organization at Shady Side Academy Senior School that has donated more than $100,000 to local...
nonprofits since its founding in 2002. The committee, comprised of 13 students and two faculty members, raises money to support local organizations while providing a fun-filled community event. The Woodlands Foundation and the Pittsburgh Mighty Penguins were this year’s beneficiaries. Both organizations provide services to children and adults with disabilities and offer them opportunities to participate in sports and camp. The students on the Untucked committee spent time volunteering with children at the Woodlands Foundation, and children and adults from the Woodlands joined in the celebration at Shady Side Academy.

Ultimately, the 10th anniversary of Untucked was a great success. This year’s show raised more than $10,000 for The Woodlands Foundation and The Mighty Penguins, but more importantly, it brought awareness to these wonderful, local organizations.

Stock up and save — just in time for Homecoming!
Place your order prior to Oct. 1, 2012, and save 10%. Just enter code HC2012 at checkout!
boys basketball

By Jake Ellis '12

The boys basketball team again proved itself to be one of the top teams in the WPIAL Class AA field, finishing 18-7 overall. The team showed a great deal of depth in addition to an abundance of senior leadership. The boys secured their position as the dominant force in the section by again winning the section title. The boys also made an impressive playoff run that included victories over California and Frazier in the WPIAL tournament, as well as a bid to the PIAA state playoffs. With a wealth of talent returning in guard Dan Marous, and forwards Aaron Horne and Chuck Calabrese, the future of the program looks promising.

girls basketball

By Kelcei Edmonds '12

The girls basketball team made great strides in the 2011-2012 season. Led by captains Kelcei Edmonds and Katie Natoli, the girls battled to a 10-13 record and a third-place finish in the section. The season was highlighted by a come-from-behind win over Wilkinsburg, in which Edmonds returned from an injury to rally the Indians to a 64-54 victory. The girls WPIAL playoff run ended sooner than everyone was hoping, but with the return of underclass talent such as Jane Sheerer and Gabby Harchelroad, the team looks to be in a position to make a run at the championship game in the years to come.

girls prep ice hockey

By Lia Winter '13

The girls prep ice hockey team had an exciting season, coming in seventh overall in the WIHLMA league and third in the B bracket at playoffs. The girls went on four trips and hosted two home weekends, one of which was the playoffs. Just two years ago, the future of the girls prep ice hockey program was in jeopardy, as it barely had enough girls to field a team. But, due to the recruitment efforts of this year’s graduating seniors, the team managed to obtain the extra girls needed to keep the program alive. The addition of seven new freshmen gives the team hopes of a promising future. The team was led by senior captains Ashley Ferree and Rachel Diehl, along with senior assistant captains Audrey Buckman and Ruby Scalo.
WRESTLING

By Nolan Wise ’14

The wrestling team made great improvements this year, continuing to rebuild a traditionally dominant program. The season highlights included a down-to-the-wire match against Avonworth, as well as a tight battle with Riverview that had playoff implications on the line. Sophomore Nolan Wise emerged as a team leader and was awarded the Lehigh University Club Award as the squad’s most valuable wrestler. Additionally, Max Prizant made amazing strides in his abilities and was recognized as the team’s most improved wrestler. The team plans to add some new faces to strengthen the lineup as it looks to the future.

BOYS PREP ICE HOCKEY

By Rick Villani ’12

The boys hockey team enjoyed another successful season this winter. Taking on the role of road warriors, the team endured a travel schedule that included games in six different states as well as Ontario, Canada. The experience of the away games proved to be a galvanizing force that bonded the boys as they put together one of the better seasons of recent years. Ty Gradwell and Dom Oliver proved to be offensive threats and finished statistically among the league leaders in the MPHL. Senior Rick Villani anchored a stout defense that was the key component to many victories this season. The senior class laid the foundation for success for the program and the boys should be tough to beat in the years to follow.

BOYS PREP SQUASH

By Chris Bush

While the squash team was marked with youth and inexperience, the team did not let that hinder its upward progress throughout the season. Led by Head Coach Michael Smith, the boys worked their way to a 4-4 record around their Midwest tournaments, defeating Miami Valley, Woodberry Forest and Westminster School to seal the consolation bracket of the Mercersburg tournament. Captains Tyler Edwards and Jimmy Grote proved to be strong contenders and motivators throughout the season. Edwards and Grote, along with teammate Ryan Mengel, earned an undefeated record in the Pittsburgh Squash League playoffs. Shady Side had another contending team in the Pittsburgh Squash League, which consisted of Adi Krupski, Will Vincett and Teddy Ross.
**GIRLS PREP SQUASH**

By Chris Bush ’13

The girls squash team was able to improve dramatically over the season. With first-year Head Coach Darrell Schmidt, and the experience of team captains Annie Pooley, Lindsay Cozen and Betsy Vuchinich, the team developed its skills and had a great time on the courts. It was a great season full of learning and successes, and they look forward to next season.

**BOYS SWIMMING**

By Alexis Concordia ’12

The boys swimming team again proved that it was an exciting team to watch throughout the season. In a year that involved rebuilding due to the loss of key seniors, the boys made their own mark with notable accomplishments. Season highlights included co-captain Grant Zentgraf setting new pool and team records in the 100-yard breaststroke, in addition to earning a WPIAL second-place finish. Additionally, co-captain Chris Leech earned runner-up honors in the 50 free. Capping off the stellar season, the boys 200 free relay team of Leech, Thad Ellis, Ryan Koul and Zentgraf claimed gold in both the WPIAL and PIAA Championships. The team finished third at WPIALs and PIAAs.

**2011-2012 WINTER SPORTS RECORDS**

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**GIRLS SWIMMING**

By Alexis Concordia ’12

The girls swimming team had another outstanding season. The girls’ fourth-place finish at the WPIAL Championships was the culmination of a great deal of hard work. Individual honors included Destin Groff and Courtney Collins finishing third in the 200 IM and 100 free, respectively. The girls had two state qualifiers in the 100 butterfly as Emily Jaffe finished second and Collins fourth. The girls also found success in the team relays as they claimed runner-up honors in both the 200 medley and 200 free. The team has great young talent and should contend for the title again next season.
BOYS TRACK AND FIELD
By Dennis Briggs ’14
The boys track and field team had a great season, despite missing the Allegheny Conference postseason by just a few points. Fifty athletes competed alongside captains Jack Bagamery, Tyler Petrucelli, Dennis Briggs and Josh Loper, and ended the season with an overall conference record of 5-3. Plagued by injuries, the team stayed resilient, and 11 athletes qualified for WPIAL Championships. Six boys placed in the top eight in their events at the meet, earning medals. Senior Reggie Mitchell won the 2012 WPIAL boys long jump title and earned a trip to Shippensburg for the PIAA meet, where he placed seventh. Fourteen juniors return next season to lead the team, including new captain Maxwell Young and returning captains Loper and Briggs. The team will have the privilege of experience, and the drive and know-how to excel.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD
By Emily Lamm ’12
With an impressive 7-1 section record, the SSA girls track and field team proved to be a dominant force once again. The young squad was led by captains Molly Lowery, Emily Lamm and Alexa Miller. For the third time in four years, the team qualified for WPIAL semifinals. While falling short of the finals, the girls were proud of everything they accomplished. Once the team-driven meets concluded, 12 athletes advanced as WPIAL individual qualifiers. Eight made it to the finals, including Sara Deiseroth in the 400m, Tara Wright in the 300m hurdles, Mackenzie Klinvex in the 3200m, Kelcei Edmonds in discus and shot put, Lowery in javelin, Lamm and Miller in the 1600m and 800m, as well as the 4x400m relay team. Edmonds placed third in discus and seventh in shot put, the 4x400m relay team composed of Deiseroth, Jane Sheerer, Wright, and Lamm placed eighth, and Lamm won the 1600m run and placed sixth in the 800m. Miller placed third in the 1600m. Edmonds, Lamm, and Miller went on to PIAA Championships at Shippensburg University to further compete. All in all, the season was marked by a unified enthusiasm and a desire to excel.
**GIRLS LACROSSE**

By Lia Winter ’13

The girls lacrosse team had a very strong year and finished the regular season 11-2. The team started training in March with new Head Coach Emily Schaknowski, who played lacrosse at the University of Delaware. Noelle Digioia ’05, who played at Brown University, assisted Coach Schaknowski. Senior captains Audrey Buckman, Alexis Concordia, Dima Kharma and Annie Pooley did a great job leading the team. Over spring break, the girls trained in Florida for a week and spent time getting to know each other. As the season went on, the team spent a lot of time creating and perfecting new plays, as well as a zone defense that proved to be very successful. The team finished second in its section behind rival Peters Township, which gave Shady Side its only loss in the regular season. Shady Side faced Seneca Valley in the first round of the WPIAL playoffs and won 11-4 to advance to the semifinals against Pine Richland. The team played a hard-fought game, but the season was cut short by a 16-11 loss. The girls worked incredibly hard and made it one step further in the playoffs than last year.

**BOYS LACROSSE**

By Chris Bush ’13

The 2012 boys lacrosse team demonstrated that it is not how you start the season that matters, but how you finish. After a rocky beginning, the team had an incredible run through the playoffs that extended to the WPIAL finals and the PIAA quarterfinals. One of the season highlights was a big playoff win over powerhouse Mt. Lebanon in the WPIAL semifinal game. Individual accomplishments for the year included senior midfielder Pat Callaghan earning first team All-WPIAL and All-Midwest honors. The team finished with a 10-10 overall record.

**BOYS TENNIS**

Andrew Geisler ’12

The boys tennis team had a strong squad this spring, but it was the players’ motivation to exceed their 2011 season that drove them to be great. Led by seniors Aaron Budd, Naveen Menon and Vivek Nimgaonkar, the boys avenged last year’s finals defeat to win the WPIAL Class AAA team championship and finish as the PIAA runner-up. The boys also found gold in the WPIAL doubles championship with Chris Grubbs and Alok Nimgaonkar claiming the crown and advancing to the PIAA quarterfinals. Vivek Nimgaonkar also finished as the WPIAL singles runner-up and qualified for the PIAAs. With a core of talent returning to the court next season, the team will look to defend its title and to prove that tradition does not graduate.
2012 SPRING SPORTS RECORDS

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BASEBALL

By Eric Larkin ’13

The baseball team again proved that it is one of the premier programs in Western Pennsylvania. Led by seniors Andy Geisler, Ben Hartz, and Mike Holzinger, the team earned its fourth consecutive section championship. With strong pitching and solid run support, the team made an exciting run to the semifinals of the WPIAL playoffs and qualified for the PIAA playoffs, finishing with a 17-4 overall record. Individual honors included Hartz being named the WPIAL Class AA player of the year. With a talented core returning next season, the baseball team should again prove to be a dominant force on the diamond.

SOFTBALL

By Rachel Diehl ’12

The girls on the softball team worked hard and played even harder. Their efforts did not go unnoticed as the team made great improvements from years past. The progress can be attributed to the leadership of senior tri-captains Rachel Diehl, Ashley Ferree, and Katie Natoli. With a strong group of underclassmen, the girls look to build on the success of this season for years to come.
Joe Kennedy’s 10-year search for a long-buried document ended as he barreled down the interstate at 65 mph. He was seated in the passenger seat, browsing a historical website on his laptop when he pulled up a newspaper ad dated Sept. 26, 1836. Two words blazed from the screen: “Haney” and “slave.”

“Pull over,” he told his mother, Jean Megginson Kennedy, who was driving from Pittsburgh toward Washington, D.C., that April day in 2009. She checked the rearview mirror, looking for a police cruiser. No, he told her, he wanted her to stop driving so she could brace herself for incredible news. Facing him was a newspaper advertisement for the slave sale of his great-great-great-grandmother, Hanie Megginson.

On the berm of the road, mother and son laughed and then cried over the discovery. “It was a magical moment,” Kennedy said. “It’s so rare to find this. I didn’t even know if the document existed. It was exhilaration beyond belief.”

Six months later in October 2009, Kennedy founded Riverbends Inc. (www.Riverbends.org), a Pittsburgh-based nonprofit that helps people reclaim their family history. While the Internet has led to proliferation of genealogical services, Riverbends focuses on African-American genealogy, where the obstacles are formidable and records are often nonexistent.

To retrace his own family’s history, Kennedy, 43, spent countless hours and thousands of dollars of his savings combing census data, roaming graveyards and collecting photos and recipes from far-flung relatives. The search soon took on a life of its own. When he joined his mother for that road trip in 2009, he brought along his laptop and spent most of the drive using his cell phone as a wireless modem. He couldn’t bear to squander even a moment of research time.

“Part of the reason I formed a nonprofit is so African-Americans in particular and other people in general won’t have to spend 10 years and all of their money doing this,” Kennedy said. “Along the way, I learned so much about free resources and how to take advantage of digital technology.”

With the motto “Family history is your birthright,” Riverbends works with schools, religious and corporate groups and other organizations to develop presentations and curricula tailored to their needs.

Kennedy has partnered with Shady Side Academy Middle School this year on two social studies projects related to his work. In the fall, he shared a presentation on his own ancestry during a seventh grade unit on slavery. He then returned in April to teach the students how to construct their own family tree on MyHeritage.com as part of a lesson on immigration. Kennedy told students to guesstimate birthdates and the spellings of surnames and record common nicknames. He showed Dr. Michael O’Neil’s class how to log on to EllisIsland.org and Ancestry.com to search for their ancestors, some of whom came to this country through Ellis Island.

After receiving interview coaching from Kennedy, students called their relatives to fill in the gaps in their family histories. Kennedy urged them not to rush: “If you only say, ‘When is your birthday and what is your maiden name?’ and then
Students then drafted a report on what they learned about their family history and immigrant experiences and what they still wanted to know. Kennedy was thrilled by the enthusiastic response to the project.

“They were fascinated by how they learned about their own history just by asking and doing some online research, and they were particularly interested in learning about each other’s histories. I was moved by the attention and respect the students paid to the variety of immigrant experiences,” Kennedy said.

“They do not have to spend 10 years on it like I did, but they must understand that this kind of research does take some time.”

Amy Nixon, head of the Middle School, said, “I was really happy to have Joe Kennedy work with our seventh graders on their family trees for a lot of reasons. It was a great way for them to start conversations within their own families, and it was fun to hear all of the things they learned and had no idea about before. In sharing their stories with their peers, the students began to understand the amazingly wide variety of experiences their families had, but in the end, how very similar they were. The fact that Joe had gone so far back in history with his own family was tremendously inspiring to everyone.”

O’Neil said, “My students commented repeatedly that Mr. Kennedy’s lessons made history more relevant to them. It sparked their curiosity concerning historical events in the lives of their ancestors. A number of students mentioned that their families experienced a bonding over the discussions of their ancestors.”

Seventh-grader Cristina Bermudez, for example, was excited about mapping out a family tree that started in her native Chile, where most of her relatives still live. She vividly remembered Kennedy’s fall 2011 presentation in which he outlined his odyssey to find his ancestors, despite the scarcity of written records. “He never lost hope,” Bermudez said. “That was inspiring. I can’t believe how far back he went.”

Kennedy traced his family tree all the way back to 1726. Along the way, he discovered that his eighth maternal grandmother, Elizabeth “Betsy” Berry, belonged to a branch of the family who were “freeborn men and women of color.” But this freedom required them to carry papers that described their physical features and keep another copy registered at the courthouse. “Any white person could demand to see your papers at any time,” Kennedy said. “If you couldn’t whip them out, you risked being captured back to slavery or going to jail. You were constantly in danger of the person tearing up the record. Even though they were free, the freedom was tenuous.”

Kennedy said the documents reflect a degrading form of apartheid. But today, preserved as a historical record, they provide him with a detailed physical description of people who lived before the advent of photography.

The more Kennedy dug, the more he was rewarded with narratives, especially about the Megginson branch of the family, who settled near Lynchburg, Va. He found the notice of the sale of Hanie – the paper misspelled her name – in the same ad announcing the sale of farmland and a horse.

Hanie’s life fascinated Kennedy. “I call Hanie the real-life Miss Jane Pittman,” he said. “She was born in 1796 and died in 1901 at the age of 105. She lived the first 70 years of her life in slavery. She lived to see her son, Albert Megginson, become one of the largest landowners in that area of Virginia. Three years after the Civil War, he started purchasing farmland when most blacks and whites were penniless.”

Though he never learned to read or write, Albert founded the Megginson School for black children in the 1870s and donated land for a black cemetery and a black church. “He was born as a slave and died illiterate, but Albert was almost like Andrew Carnegie,” said Kathleen Ealing, executive assistant at Riverbends. Kennedy is raising funds to purchase and restore the family’s homestead, which he plans to use as a museum for Riverbends.

His father’s side of the family, the Kennedys of Philadelphia, was filled with musicians, a talent Joe inherited. His great-great-grandfather John Kennedy was a prominent trumpet player, caterer and restaurateur in Wilkes-Barre whose death made front-page news for three days straight.

With a lawyer’s eye, Kennedy overcame one dead end after another to locate his ancestors’ documents. “Graves were unmarked,” Ealing said. “People didn’t have last names. The births and deaths were not reported in the paper, even post-slavery. But Joe is a lawyer. He knows how to research.”

“I CALL HANIE THE REAL-LIFE MISS JANE
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AND DIED IN 1901 AT THE AGE OF 105.”
His research has made him the keynote speaker at his family’s large reunions, where relatives come from around the country to hear him speak about their ancestors. Kennedy’s aunt, Theresa Turner of Upper Marlboro, Md., said relatives are so enthralled by his research that they leave inspired enough to start their own family trees. “It has spread like wildfire,” she said. “Millions of dollars couldn’t compensate for what he has done for generations of our family. He has such a captivating spirit.”

Kennedy was an accidental genealogist. As a young man he aspired to be a transplant surgeon. But he credits his well-rounded education at Shady Side Academy, which he attended from kindergarten through high school, with infusing him with a love for both the sciences and the liberal arts. “I developed a love of learning at Shady Side,” he said. “I lived in the music room and the library.”

After receiving his B.A. in political science from the College of Wooster, he earned his law degree in 1993 from Cornell University Law School, where he served as the first black editor-in-chief of the Cornell Law Review. He began his career as an attorney for Reed Smith LLP and Mellon Bank.

Kennedy left his legal career in 1999 and briefly considered a life in politics before starting his work for nonprofits. About the same time, he and four other lawyers (including Hugh McGough ’74) started a musical sketch comedy troupe called the “Absolute Pitts,” Pittsburgh’s version of the Capitol Steps.

In 2001, Kennedy landed a dream job — working alongside his idol Fred Rogers as director of operations at Family Communications, Inc. “It was a big change from working with 200-page credit agreements to working with Fred Rogers and puppets every day,” he said with a laugh. Kennedy co-produced the Emmy-nominated documentary Fred Rogers: America’s Favorite Neighbor.

Rogers taught Kennedy more than the ins and outs of award-winning children’s television. “He talked about the importance of family relationships and understanding the powerful ways that families can be instruments of growth and change,” Kennedy said. He had just started researching his family tree, and Rogers’ message pushed him to persevere.

In September 2008, Kennedy left Family Communications to begin work on starting Riverbends. To fund the project, he raised capital through donations, grants and foundations. He chose the name as a unifying theme for the various branches of his family tree. All 78 of the ancestors he has found lived along the bends of rivers. Riverbends, which is also the title of the book he is writing, symbolizes the connecting threads between the generations.

He keeps making those connections from the past. When he pores over the documents about Hanie Megginson, he thinks of how she kept going under the most degrading circumstances. “The experiences were horrible, inexcusable,” he said. “But they happened, and I try to think about her strength. When I compare my difficulties to someone who spent the first 70 years of her life in slavery, I have a better perspective on being stuck in traffic on Route 28. I marvel at how my forebears got through their days.”

Kennedy said his journey as a genealogist has made him feel more connected with his own family — and to the rest of humankind. “You may have to go back into the mists of history, but you realize that every human being is at least distantly related to every other human being,” he said. “Each of us has an important part of the puzzle of human history to tell.”
John B. Taylor is a towering figure in the field of macroeconomics, the inventor of the Taylor Rule of monetary policy, a serious advisor to American presidents and central banks worldwide.

But he’s not above pulling a prank. Consider how he once interrupted his Economics I lecture at Stanford University. “Why aren’t you taking notes?” he called out to a young woman sitting in the front of the vast lecture hall.

Startled, the other students looked up from their notebooks. “I don’t go to school here,” the woman said. “I am visiting from Princeton.”

The class booed. “This is Stanford. You can’t be at an economics class at Stanford. You should go,” he said sternly, as the eyes of his students widened.

The interloper looked down, crestfallen. As she stood up to leave, Taylor called out, “Let’s vote. Should we let her stay?”

By this point the students were whispering among themselves. What was going on? Why was the ordinarily genial professor holding a humiliating vote on whether to oust a student?

Then Taylor let his class in on a secret. The young lady was indeed a Princeton student, but she also happened to be his daughter, Jennifer.

He had used a planted audience member—a maneuver straight out of a standup comic’s handbook—as a launching point to discuss the economic concept of barriers to trade or keeping goods out. In that case, the excluded good was education. “He uses ‘edu-tainment,’” said his wife, Allyn. “He uses costumes, games, prizes, auctions. He brings family members in for skits. He always makes economics dynamic.”

While some people dismiss economics as the “dismal science,” it is anything but boring in the hands of Taylor, a renowned economist who earns his living making complicated concepts accessible to green freshmen, savvy Federal Reserve members and U.S. presidents.

“John is one of the giants of the field today,” said Thomas Simpson, an economist and former member of the staff of the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System. In fact, Simpson mentioned Taylor in the same breath as Nobel Prize-winning economists Milton Friedman and Edmund Phelps.

With the economy battered by the subprime mortgage crisis, Taylor, who is the Mary and Robert Raymond Professor of Economics at Stanford and a senior fellow at the Hoover Institute, has been a regular on the talk-show circuit. In appearances on CNBC, Fox News and other cable networks, he has been discussing his recent books _Getting Off Track: How Government Actions and Interventions Caused, Prolonged, and Worsened the Financial Crisis and First Principles: Five Keys to Restoring America’s Prosperity_, for which he won the 2012 Hayek Prize.

Taylor argues that the government has made things worse because it has gone astray of its founding principles and has not followed the predictable rules that kept the economy humming along in 1980s and 1990s.

“Predictable policy,” Taylor said, “means tax rates are clear to people, you get a sense of what monetary policy is going to be. And then people don’t have to keep guessing. Right now there’s so much of the tax code that is being changed every year, payroll tax is supposed to be changed and the income tax. And that causes uncertainty. If we just get it back to a more stable policy, it would help the economy a lot.”
While Taylor teaches at Stanford and also has a position at Stanford’s Hoover Institution, his criticism of economic policies crosses party lines. “Both parties have been responsible for good policy. Both parties are responsible for bad policies,” he said.

An economist today is a lot like a weatherman in the middle of a huge snowstorm. But unlike the meteorologist who gets jazzed pointing at all the cold fronts on the weather map, Taylor gets no joy in analyzing or explaining the nation’s economic ills. “I find it more disappointing and frustrating. You say, ‘Gee, if they just followed the policies that were working pretty well in the 1980s and 1990s.’”

His distress over the federal government’s rapid expansion of the national debt was evident during another recent family skit in his classroom. This time he brought in his grandchildren—a newborn and a two-year-old—in front of his students, who oohed and ahhed. “They are the ones who are going to suffer from the debt,” he told them. It was another memorable teaching moment from a world-famous economist.

In economic circles, Taylor is most famous as the father of the Taylor Rule, which provides central banks, such as the Federal Reserve, with guidelines for setting short-term interest rates, based on inflation and unemployment. He devised an algebraic formula that central banks can use to raise the interest rate by a certain amount when inflation picks up and cut it by a specified amount to spur the economy during a recession.

He had spent years devising the formula so central banks could act on a set rule rather than on the discretion of its members. When he presented his idea in 1992, Taylor had no idea it would create such a sensation in the world of economics. But as soon he heard Taylor’s presentation, Allan Meltzer, a renowned economist at Carnegie Mellon University, knew Taylor was on to something big. “It is a simple believable rule that works,” said Meltzer. “He is a formidably good statistician.”

Others listened too. The Federal Reserve Board asked Taylor to come in and make a presentation. Federal Reserve district banks in Cleveland and San Francisco also sought his advice. His rule’s influence spread internationally. The Bank of England and the Bank of Japan asked Taylor to consult on their policies. It was thrilling. And as his rule spread around the world, it was dubbed “The Taylor Rule.” “He’s a pretty modest guy,” his wife Allyn said. “He would have never named it that.”

Economics is often thought of as a highly analytical field. And it does require excellent math and statistics skills. But Taylor said a skilled economist uses both highly technical skills as well as softer skills such as history, politics and writing.

“Economics is this very interesting combination of techie and fuzzy,” he said.

Taylor said he received a well-rounded education as a five-day boarder at Shady Side Academy, which he attended from freshman year through graduation. He said the foundation Shady Side gave him in writing and the sciences was “just extraordinary.”

As a freshman at Shady Side, he also learned how to take notes efficiently and separate the main point from trivia. Mr. William Sayles taught him how to write “WGAD”—short for “who gives a darn”—in the margin next to extraneous details. Learning how to hone in on the important points and block out trivial information helped him excel at Princeton, where he graduated in 1968, summa cum laude, with a degree in economics.

Taylor recalled how some friends in college once asked to borrow his notes in preparation for a test, and he said, “Sure, go ahead.” When a friend returned the notes the night before the test, Taylor recalled with a laugh, he said, “Boy, these were really terrific. We memorized all the ‘WGADs.’”

After receiving his Ph.D. in economics at Stanford in 1973, Taylor became a professor at Columbia University. He was fascinated by the academic discipline of economics, but he wanted to apply it to the federal government’s monetary and tax policy. In
1976, he landed a job as part of the Council of Economic Advisers at the White House under President Ford, the first of many public service appointments.

“Alan Greenspan was the chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers then, and I got to know him quite well there. Ford lost the election, and Greenspan went back to New York, so I became very close with him at the time. It was a tough time in the economy.”


Taylor also intersected with history during the presidential campaigns of George W. Bush, Bob Dole and John McCain. He served as the candidates’ economic advisor as they developed policies and presented them to the voting public. “One of the under-appreciated and fascinating parts of public policy is working on presidential campaigns,” he said. “It’s maybe more important than actually working in an administration, because a lot of policy decisions get decided in the campaign.”

Taylor called the 2000 campaign of George W. Bush “one of the best campaigns I’ve seen. He chose his economic plan very early, and he invited people like me to come down to Texas and go over it.”

In contrast, the 2008 campaign of Senator John McCain was derailed, in his view, by the severe financial crisis. “You are running and you’re the same party as the incumbent, and the economy is falling apart under the incumbent’s watch.”

Taylor advised McCain not to overreact but to respond to the crisis. Instead, McCain suspended his campaign and announced he would return to Washington to work on bailout negotiations. “That probably hurt him,” Taylor said. “But the main thing was the crisis. There wasn’t much you could do about that.”

In 2001, Taylor was named U.S. Treasury undersecretary for international affairs, a post he held until 2005. He was responsible for U.S. policies in international finance such as currency markets, foreign investment and international debt.

In anticipation of the allied invasion of Iraq in 2003, Taylor and his staff devised a plan to create a new currency to replace the Saddam dinar, which was an easily counterfeitable currency with the dictator’s face on it. “I set up a new central bank,” he said. “The central bank that they had before was essentially just a way for Saddam Hussein to give favors to his friends.”

The new currency, the Iraqi dinar, rolled off printing plants around the world and was flown into Iraq, stuffed into the cargo holds of 27 747s. “It was a heady experience,” said Taylor, who went to Iraq three times.

For all of his accomplishments, Taylor has always been respectful of the people who worked under him. Research assistants, fresh out of college, would meet with him in his impressive office overlooking the White House. “When they spoke, John listened,” said former Federal Reserve staff member Simpson.

Taylor, though a high-powered U.S. official, also never condescended to the new cabinet officials in Iraq, the minister of finance and others who were just learning their jobs, Simpson said, recalling his trips to Iraq with Taylor.

Or as George Shultz, former U.S. secretary of state under Ronald Reagan and Taylor’s colleague at the Hoover Institution, put it, “John treats everyone the same, whether he is talking to the speaker of the House or the president or a graduate student or someone cutting his grass.”

Shultz also said that Taylor is a natural for the high-stakes world of public policy. “He doesn’t panic. When there is a crisis, he isn’t going to lose his head.”

Taylor’s wife, Allyn, calls public policy “his extracurricular activity.” But whether he is counseling a president or lecturing in front of a class or just hanging out at home, Taylor sees the world in terms of well-thought-out economic principles. If a family member is going skiing, Taylor will talk about maximizing the return of the day by taking the lift early. If he’s going to the grocery store, he will talk about opportunity cost. To John B. Taylor, economics is everywhere he looks.
SPRING DOWNTOWN LUNCHEON

Sponsored by the Shady Side Academy Alumni Association, this year’s Spring Downtown Luncheon was held on April 25, 2012, at the Allegheny HYP Club in downtown Pittsburgh. The featured speaker was Mary Jo Dively, the chair of the Board of Trustees. She spoke with attendees about the school’s strategic planning process and answered questions along with Academy President Tom Cangiano. Alumni and current parents were invited to network and mingle prior to the discussion.

IN-COLLEGE BRUNCH

Alumni from the Classes of 2008-2011 were invited to join the Class of 2012 for a post-holiday brunch on Jan. 2, 2012. More than 75 young alumni and faculty members attended the brunch and were able to share stories and advice. This year’s lunch was held in the Benedum Student Center.

TEAM SSA SUPPORTS RACE FOR THE CURE

For the fifth consecutive year, Shady Side Academy brought together alumni, students, parents and faculty to walk or run in support of the fight against breast cancer. The SSA Race for the Cure team, sponsored by the Alumni Association, had 25 participants at Schenley Park on Mother’s Day. The group raised more than $3,400 for breast cancer research. Thanks to all who participated, especially those who made the extra effort to raise money for this important cause.
ALUMNI RECEPTIONS ENGAGE ALUMNI THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

California was the first stop for the Alumni & Development Office in 2012. It had been more than two years since there was an alumni event on the West Coast. On Feb. 7, 2012, John Taylor '64, professor of economics at Stanford University, hosted SSA alumni at the Stanford Faculty Club. It was the first event held in Palo Alto and with eight SSA alumni currently studying there as undergrads, it was a great stop on the trip. More than 25 alumni attended and were happy to have an event “on the Peninsula.”

The very next evening, the renowned St. Francis Yacht Club was the setting for the San Francisco Alumni Reception. More than 40 alumni, including five Board of Visitors members, turned out to welcome President Tom Cangiano to the Bay Area. A special thank you goes to Board of Visitors Member Andy Mathieson '74 for securing a spectacular venue.

The last stop in California was Los Angeles, where Jim Rothenberg '64 hosted alumni at the California Club. Thirty guests attended, and each reflected on their time at SSA and shared a memory with the group. Everyone agreed that while SSA is many miles from L.A., they still hold their alma mater close.

A few weeks later, it was back to the West Coast for a visit to Seattle. Jay Conte ’53 was instrumental in organizing the reception, which was held at the Seattle Tennis Club and attended by 20 alumni. Senior School Head Kate Vavpetic and Middle School Head Amy Nixon were also in attendance as a result of the 2012 NAIS Conference taking place that same week in Seattle. Everyone enjoyed an update on SSA’s year and strategic planning process, and attendees shared stories about life adventures that led them to Seattle and the Great Northwest.

Over spring break, the Alumni & Development Office spent a few days in Florida, traveling to Naples and Boca Raton to visit alumni, parents and past parents along the way. Bruce Wiegand ’65 and his wife Barbara hosted a lovely luncheon in Naples on March 20, 2012, at the Port
ALUMNI RECEIPTIONS (continued)

Royal Club. Forty guests attended the luncheon and enjoyed the beautiful beachfront views. On March 22, 2012, Sam and Joan Prizant, parents of Cindy (Prizant) Stadtlander ’80 and Tracy (Prizant) Levy ’84, hosted an evening reception at St. Andrew’s Country Club for 35 guests, including alumni, current parents, past parents, a few SSA students who were on spring break and Senior School math faculty member Rick Tony.

To round out the spring of 2012, the Alumni & Development Office traveled to Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and New York City. On May 22, 2012, more than 60 guests attended an alumni reception at The Cosmos Club in D.C., which is heavily populated by SSA alumni. Board of Visitors member Kerry Hannon ’78 introduced President Cangiano, who gave an update on SSA.

The next evening, Board of Visitors member Ted Bream ’73 hosted alumni at The Union League. One of the largest turnouts of alumni in Philadelphia in recent years created a great atmosphere and a memorable event. The guests were entertained by an unforgettable impression of former Assistant Headmaster Lowell Innes by Board of Visitors member George Graham ’55.

The last stop was an evening reception in New York City. Bill Wallace ’66 hosted alumni at The Metropolitan Club and made heartfelt opening remarks reflecting on SSA and its legacy. A rainy night in Manhattan didn’t deter alumni from getting together. More than 70 guests attended the reception as the regional event tour ended for the year.

The Alumni & Development Office encourages all alumni to keep in touch with SSA and to attend the regional events, which are held throughout the country each year. If you have been out of touch with Shady Side, please feel free to update your information by contacting Director of Alumni Relations Jamie Brush ’98 at 412-968-3032 or jbrush@shadysideacademy.org.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ONLINE NETWORK

If you haven’t registered for SSA’s online network, now is the time! The Engagement Committee of Alumni Council has implemented some additions to the network. The goal of this initiative is to collect information from SSA’s alumni that will let the Alumni & Development Office know if, how and when our alumni would like to be involved on campus, with our students and with their fellow alumni across the globe. Please visit www.shadysideacademy.org/alumninetwork to see what’s new. Perhaps you would like to speak on campus to students, or offer internship opportunities to SSA students and alumni. The Alumni Association Online Network’s new features will make those connections possible.
The Alumni & Development Office would like to thank Rob Ferguson ’92 for his leadership and service to the Academy during the past two years as Alumni Council president. He kept the Council and the Alumni Association focused on their goals and motivated to embark on new initiatives. Ferguson will continue his service on the Board of Trustees. Alex Moser ’90, who is the director of marketing and communications for Seven Springs Mountain Resort, will be the new Alumni Council president, serving from July 1012 through June 2014. SSA would like to welcome him as he begins his two-year term as president.
BOARD OF VISITORS ANNUAL MEETING

The 11th annual meeting of the Shady Side Academy Board of Visitors was held Friday, May 4, 2012, at the Senior School campus. As a follow-up to the group's 2011 meeting, which helped kick off the Academy's strategic planning process, this year the BOV spent the day engaged in vetting a near-final draft of the Strategic Vision developed over the past year. In the morning, SSA President Tom Cangiano gave his annual report to the BOV and then presented the draft of the Strategic Vision. After lunch, BOV members joined the Board of Trustees for a work session led by strategic planning consultant Andy Mozenter of Concentrics Inc., to elicit feedback and discussion about the plan. Afterwards, a brainstorming session was held to tap the BOV's collective expertise regarding possible implementation strategies for plan goals centering around alumni and community engagement. Attending the 2012 meeting were BOV co-chairs Margaret Hazlett '84 and Rob Mullin '93, as well as Jumoke Adebimpe ’96, Ron Davenport ’81, John Duff ’59, George Egan ’78, Kerry Hannon ’78, Alex Howson ’82, John Kramer ’57, Linda LaMagna ’83, Doug Mancosh ’76, Abhishek Mehta ’01, Jim Morris ’59, Fred Parkin ’59, the late Peter Sauer ’95, Kimberly Shariff ’89, Catherine Vodrey ’81, former SSA administrator Betsy Watkins, Annie Westbrook ’96, Jim Wolf ’70 and Tom Worrall ’87. The Board of Visitors, founded 11 years ago by Kramer and Ed Grefenstette ’85, serves as a tremendous asset to the Academy by providing perspective, feedback, suggestions and fresh insight.

Thank you for making the Blue & Gold Fund 2011–12 Goal – WE DID IT!

The faculty, staff and students of Shady Side Academy thank you for being a part of our success story:

• We surpassed this year’s goal of $1,125,000
• More than 1,500 alumni, parents, grandparents, corporations and friends contributed this year
• Our alumni met the $25,000 Alumni Trustee Challenge to provide $50,000 total in support for faculty and financial aid

Look for the online Report of Philanthropy coming this fall for more details on the outstanding support for Shady Side.
Included in this section are news items received through May 16, 2012.

1933
Donald Kerr writes: “I am chaplain of the Ivy League Club and St. Andrew’s Society. I am 96.”

1940
Bob Thompson reports: “I am still in good health at 90, and am on no meds. I retired in January 2012. I like to garden and walk nine holes of golf.”

1946
Patrick McCurdy writes: “I am sorry to miss the reunion, but it’s getting harder to travel. It’s also getting harder to face the shrinking class roster.”

1949
Don Conner reports: “My daughter, Susan Hunkele, age 57, died on May 12, 2011. She is survived by her husband, William, two daughters and four grandchildren. A life-long struggle that ended too soon.”

1952
Lou Friedman writes that he “continues to work on anti-nuclear issues as a member of Beyond Nuclear, www.beyondnuclear.org.”

1953
Ned Boshell notes: “I was in Vietnam recently for the conclusion of an underwater archeology project (The Battle of Bach Dang in 1288) and to look at rice paddies for the Global Farm Project. Vietnam is symbolic of the shift of economic power from the West to the East.”

1955
Charlie Beares writes: “Nadine and I have moved back to Pittsburgh after a 50-year absence. I would love to hear from any SSA friends.”

1958
Jim Wechsler writes: “My wife, Ann, and I moved to Seattle last August to be close to our grandson. Leaving Utah’s political climate behind has been an additional benefit, although Seattle is quite wonderful all by itself.”

1961
Barbara McCadle (widow of William McCadle) writes: “Bill passed away on Nov. 23, 2011. He had many fond memories of his four years at Shady Side and the classmates that made those years memorable indeed.” (see obituary on page 67)

1962
Tom Celli writes: “Our lives are always exciting! Our office is now working in Bulgaria on a planning assignment for a private high school. I have been a regular traveler to Bulgaria, where I serve on the Board of Trustees of The American University in Bulgaria. The country is fascinating, growing its economy at 6-7% per year and open to new ideas for education, capitalism and democracy. Celli-Flynn Brennan Architects & Planners continues to be busy with planning and architecture assignments for academic and religious institutions and commercial clients in six states. Jeannie and I are lucky that both children are in Pittsburgh. Our daughter, Delta-Marie, is a VP for JP Morgan, managing a global team on technology projects, while our son, Michelangelo ’91, is an internationally-known marketing consultant with his own firm, The Cornucopia Group. He has just returned from a six-city speaking tour in India, where he addressed the Academy of Chief Executive Officers on marketing issues.”

1965
Jeff Lott reports: “I am retiring after 20 years as editor of Swarthmore College alumni magazine. Next will be a book about the college to be published in 2013. I am still enjoying baseball umpiring.”

1968
John Whitehill writes: “The class of 1968 joins the SSA community in being grateful for the life of our teacher, F. Walter Jones.” In family news, he shared: “My daughter Madeline works with Bob Grandizio’s daughter, Lara, at the School for the Blind. Maddie will be taking online courses from Gallaudet University on her pursuit to be a deaf-blind specialist. Jack, my native Iowan, had his bar mitzvah in June. It is a good world and getting better.”

As class agent, Whitehill also notes: “Larry Gilberti’s daughter is at a start-up after

1978
Carl Kurlander, executive producer of the Steeltown Entertainment Project, served as the honorary chair for the Pittsburgh Fashion Story to benefit Partners for Quality. The theme of the event was Hollywood and film in Pittsburgh. Also attending the event were Partners for Quality Fashion Show committee member and Alumni Council members Amit Grover ’01 and Beth Maher ’01.
Harvard, Ted Cmarada has an actress on Broadway and an entrepreneur in D.C., James Guttman’s daughter was recently married, and John Wechsler has the nicest, most attractive and accomplished triplets.”

Andy Hanson’s daughter went to Tulane after Katrina and is now living in Nicaragua where she directs interns who are doing sustainability projects. His son will be attending Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University.

Tom Jones’ oldest son, Tom Jr., lives in Houston after working his way through Texas A&M. He is working for an industrial valve company.

Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack’s sons are lawyers active in public service. Jess heads a Des Moines homeless center with a dedication to homeless veterans. Doug started a Denver-based nonprofit that provides solar power technologies in Namibia and recently to Navajo reservations. He is marrying Dr. Jane Lopez, who works for the Rose Foundation on education issues.

Bill Mullins’ daughter Katherine heads to a two-year research fellowship at NIH following graduation from Wesleyan this spring. His son, Tom, attends Carnegie Mellon University, where his grandfather was a professor and Dean of Carnegie Institute. He is a freshman in computer engineering.

Ed Strauss reports from New York City: “Our daughter Louisa graduated from Johns Hopkins in May with bachelor’s degrees in art history and political science. She’s had a fabulous time there, spending a semester in Paris, leading campus Tours, and interviewing applicants for admission. Younger daughter Ellie is in 10th grade at Trinity School, a place very much like Shady Side at its best, and a seven-minute walk from our apartment. She’s been there since the start, as was Louisa (K-12). I spoke with Miles Charest on the phone earlier this year. He’s living in Washington, D.C., feisty as ever.”

Paul Krause is a professor in the Department of History the University of British Columbia, where his wife of 25 years, Sima Godfrey, also teaches. Their son, Ben, graduated from Amherst and has been pursuing his doctorate in theoretical math at UCLA. Daughter Lulu just graduated from Haverford, where she gave the valedictory speech. She is a comedian, vocalist and dancer.

Hugh Scott writes: “I am expecting my third grandchild, and my son has returned safely from two combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.”

The class of 1990 is turning 40 this year. Raimee (Reiter) Gordon had a party to kick off the big year, celebrating with fellow ’90 alums Sarah (Perkins) Stallings, Amy (Werrin) Berman, Wendy (Rock) Greco and Megan (Dardanell) Olsen.

1973
Russell Guy reports: “Barbara and I continue to live in Colorado. I am now in my 10th year as director of security for the Cincinnati Bengals. Our daughter, Emily, is a freshman at Wake Forest.”

1980
Catherine “Kat” (Evans) Heald writes: “I continue to travel back and forth to Asia, exploring new and emerging remote lands such as Burma, Mongolia and the two Koreas, on reconnaissance for my clients.”

Jeff Pollock was re-elected to the Advisory Board of the Collaborative Law Association of Southwestern Pennsylvania (CLASP), which he co-founded in 2006 to help clients avoid costly, stressful and time-consuming litigation to solve their disputes.

1981
Andy Neimann writes: “I am in my 21st year with Corning and am now the global supply chain director for Corning Life Sciences. After 15-plus years on the commercial side of the business, I’ve now become an operations guy. Go figure. We are back in Acton, Mass., after spending 3½ years in the Netherlands. It was a great experience for the whole family. We visited 11 different countries in Europe while we were there. Now my kids ask, where in the world are they going to next.”

1976
Rick Wentley welcomed SSA President Tom Cangiano and the SSA alumni team on their recent visit to Palm Beach and Boca Raton, Fla. Rick proudly displays his Shady Side Blue & Gold behind the counter and alongside his framed pictures of famous visitors to his p.b. Boys Club Surf Shop in Palm Beach.
we going for vacation this year? We set the bar high. They want more! It's great! They have a much more global view on life now. My daughter is going to Peru this summer and my middle son is going to Spain. Both are likely to be fluent in Spanish before high school graduation. My two boys are driving now – gotta love the insurance premiums. But life is good, and I feel very fortunate. I hope all our classmates are doing well. I still think of SSA all the time.”

Mary (Arn) Haught has been living and practicing law in Austin, Texas, for 22 years. She writes: “For years, my husband and I have traipsed along behind our athlete daughters to various destinations, and we are now following our (freshman) college golfer Haley around the country to tournaments. We've been in Nashville, Orlando, Phoenix, Westchester, and are heading to Arkansas, Oklahoma and Arizona. Technically we have an empty nest, but we keep following the kids around! Kristen is 22 and just graduated from the University of Texas at Austin. She's busy hunting for a job in medical device sales, and with all due modesty, she would be fabulous if she can get her foot in the door. Haley is 19 and a freshman at St. Edward’s University here in Austin. If anyone is in the Austin area, I would love to see them – I would really enjoy visiting with any classmates who are in the area. I am in Pittsburgh with increasing frequency these days, too.”

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From Alison Fragale: “Our second son, Payton Harris was born on Nov. 28, 2011, joining big brother Jordan Bradshaw (almost 3). And yes, the middle names are a throwback to the Burgh! We’re still in Chapel Hill, N.C., so anyone passing through who wants to watch some decent college basketball should give us a call.”

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Alex Moser has been elected president of the SSA Alumni Council, beginning in July 2012.

Christina (Lobes) Dorrell writes: “I started working at New York-Presbyterian Hospital in September. I’m doing operational efficiency and finance work. It’s been great and I love it. My girls, Claire and Louisa are 4 and 3 and they never stop talking. Ever. I’m sure everyone will be shocked by that. If any classmates are ever on the upper East Side of Manhattan, look me up.”

Christian Borle won the 2012 Tony Award for Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Role in a Play for his role as Black Stache in the Peter Pan prequel Peter and the Starcatcher.

Doug Spear reports: “It was great seeing so many friends at the 20th reunion and to be back at SSA. About a month later, we welcomed our third daughter, Charlotte Lilly, to our family. She joins big sisters Natalie and Marni with us in Atlanta.”

Richard Feldman and Lauren Cluett welcomed a son, Darren Powell Feldman. He was born in NYC on Feb. 8, 2012. Richard serves as director of the strategic transactions group for BGC Partners, Inc., a leading global intermediary to the wholesale financial markets.


Graham Westerberg writes: “I am enjoying things outside of Washington, D.C. I am the assistant athletic director at the Holton-Arms School in Bethesda, Md. My wife and I are blessed with two beautiful girls, Grace, 6, and Mackenzie, 2.”

Geoffrey Melada received the Golden Quill Award from the Press Club of Western Pennsylvania for his cover story about homeless advocate Dr. Jim Withers in the May 2011 issue of Pittsburgh magazine. He also published a Q&A with classmate Aarti (Majmudar) Mann, who plays Priya on the hit CBS comedy The Big Bang Theory, in the magazine’s February 2012 issue.

Ashhad Toor reports: “Big things happened for me at the end of 2011. I got married in Riviera Maya, Mexico, to a wonderful woman, Catherine, who actually cheered against our football team while she was at Pine-Richland. We also bought a house in Monroeville. Would love to catch up with local alums in the area.”

Drew Gifford is working as an engineer at Seegrid in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Candace Otto MacDonald reports: “Dylan William MacDonald was born Oct. 20, 2011.”

Ryan Kushner writes: “Last year I received my M.B.A. from the Presidio Graduate School, where I met my fiancée, Amanda Ravenhill. We both work at the intersection of sustainable business, technology and innovation here in San Francisco and will be married in August 2012 in Maine.”
1997

Floyd (Chip) Cephas Jr., married Ashley Clark of Pittsburgh on Oct. 29, 2011 at The First Baptist Church of Pittsburgh in Oakland. The reception was held at the LeMont Restaurant on Mt. Washington. The couple resides in Pittsburgh.

Left to right, Floyd A. Cephas Sr., SSA trustee emeritus; Shirley Cephas, SSA Middle School receptionist; Ashley and Chip; grandmother, Zula Thomas; Daniel Cephas ’04, and Cynthia Cephas.

2001

Amit Grover and Elizabeth Maher have announced their engagement. Grover is a graduate of Hamilton College and currently a vice president with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, Pittsburgh, where he has earned the CFP® and CIMA® designations. He was recently promoted to branch manager of the Butler, Pa., office. Maher is a graduate of Loyola University. She has completed her master’s in elementary education at the University of Pittsburgh and is a first grade teacher at Richland Elementary. The couple is planning a wedding in the second half of 2012.

2005

Rainey (Donahue) Redd and her husband Emory welcomed their second daughter, Rainey Marie, on May 8, 2012. She joins big sister Rhodora, who celebrated her first birthday in March.

Lauren Catalano writes: “I graduated from The Duquesne University School of Law on June 3, and will be taking the Pennsylvania Bar Exam this summer. I will be receiving an award in recognition of the pro bono work I completed during two different law clinics while in school.”

2003

Mike Schowalter will be graduating from Jefferson Medical College in June 2013.

Dana Voelker was recognized with the Ruth Abernathy Presidential Scholarship by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance at its national convention in Boston, Mass. The scholarship is awarded to and recognizes student alliance members who have achieved academic excellence, showcased leadership in the profession of physical education, and a commitment to his/her school and community through professional activities or volunteer services. Graduate recipients receive a $1,750 scholarship.

2008

Luke Franchuk, a senior at Westminster College, was honored for the best paper presented on his panel at the Western Pennsylvania Regional Phi Alpha Theta (national history honor society) conference in March. The paper, “Thank Allah for Oil: Saudi Arabia, Royal Succession and Religious Tradition,” was written for a course on monarchs and dynasties.

2012

I intend to apply to Ph.D. programs in the fall.”

Brett Bergman reports: “I am working and living in Pittsburgh. I have been working for a start-up R&D engineering firm. I also was accepted to CMU and plan to start school this fall for biomedical engineering, engineering technology and innovation management.”

RT Tourek says: “Over the past year, Jim Ambrose, Jake Klinvex, Kevin Rich ’04 and I have been the core members of Pittsburgh’s premier softball team. Dominating the competition in convincing fashion, we have amassed a record of 28-2.”

2005

John Nagel reports: “I’m currently living in Athens, Ga., and working at the UGA bookstore. I graduated on May 5, and I’m getting my M.B.A. in managerial leadership. Hope to see everyone at the 10 year.”

Jon Weingarden writes: “I’ve been working at Western Psych for three years now.”

John Mortimer writes: “I am currently finishing up work on my classes and will begin researching for my thesis next year. I am working on my M.A. in ancient and medieval history at Indiana University of PA.
2009

Paige Kiliany is in her junior year at Carnegie Mellon University and working this semester in New York City behind the scenes on an off-Broadway production of *The Lady From Dubuque*. She also designed dance numbers for the SSA spring musical, *The Music Man*.

Elizabeth Rosenberger graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of Science in natural sciences, pre-medicine option, and a minor in chemistry. She is a member of the Sigma Alpha Lambda National Leadership and Honors Organization and was inducted into the Outside of the Classroom Curriculum Honorary Society, graduating with special distinction. She also recently completed her first of the three-year accelerated program at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine School of Pharmacy. She works as a pharmacy intern at Walgreens and is a member of several pharmacy clubs and organizations.

2000

On Oct. 8, 2011, Ashwin Ramakrishna and Lauren (Donaldson) Ramakrishna ‘02 were married in Pittsburgh. Many SSA alums attended, including Raj Datta, Alok Desai ’94, Andrea (Hohler) Karsko, Sunitha Malepati, Alessandra Raimondi, Kate Schelbe, Jessica Wagoner and Sara Wagoner ’06. History teacher Matthew Weiss was also in attendance.

2006

Jay Mangold and his wife Bonnie were married at the Montelucia Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz. Shady Side Academy was represented by the following guests: Standing: Hunter McKain, former Academy President Tom Southard, Jay Mangold, Bonnie Mangold, Stewart West ’05, Brendan Scott ’09 and Sara Mangold ’09. Seated: Donna Southard, Anita Chandra, Karen West ’75 and Matthew Diehl. McKain and Diehl served as groomsmen, and West was the best man.

2008

Joshua Falk received the J. E. Wallace Sterling Scholastic Award for distinguished academic performance at Stanford University on April 28. One of Stanford’s most selective academic awards, the J. E. Wallace Sterling Scholastic Award is based on overall academic performance and presented to the top 25 students of each year's graduating senior class in the School of Humanities and Sciences. A very special part of this award is the in-person recognition of the pre-college teacher whom the recipients’ name as having most influenced their scholastic career. Josh named SSA science teacher Bob Reiland, who joined him at the awards luncheon.
in memoriam

The Academy expresses its deepest sympathy to the families of the following Shady Side Academy alumni and friends. Although we are unable to include remembrances of all, we sincerely value the special involvement in and contributions to the Shady Side Academy community during their lives. These listings include all information received by May 23, 2012.

ALUMNI

David F. Alpern ’53
William B. Blackburn ’48
Thomas H. Boyd ’43
George B. Holmes ’42
Paul R. Jenkins ’50
Richard Ketchum ’39
William McCordle ’61
William T. McCullough ’49
Arthur I. Murphy Jr. ’36
A. Curtis Stone ’80

FAMILY, FRIENDS AND FORMER FACULTY MEMBERS

Elmer Arnold, father of Vice President for Finance Tom Arnold and grandfather of Griffin Arnold ’22
Jack Austin, father of Lisa ’76 and John ’78
Gretchen Bushmen, wife of Facilities staff member Jim Bushmen
David B. Fawcett, father of David Fawcett III ’76, Daniel ’80, and grandfather of Claire ’07
Judith Germain, mother of Pamela Germain Matt ’76
Dorothy Gilpatrick, mother of former trustee David Gilpatrick ’81
Robert Greene, father-in-law of Senior School faculty member Michele Greene
W. Laverne Hamilton, father of Junior School faculty member Marilyn Martens and grandfather of Owen ’22 and Reese ’25
James Hayes, father of Junior School faculty member Theresa Crisanti
Susan Hunkele, daughter of Don Conner ’49
Fred Joss, former Middle School faculty member and father of Taylor Joss ’02

Janet Kreiger, wife of Trustee Emeritus and former Chair of the Board Karl Krieger ’49, and mother of Jeff ’73, Kirby ’78 and Karen
Earl A. Leuch, father of Junior School faculty member Janice Brozek
Jennifer Loper, mother of Joshua ’13 and Tyler ’14 and sister of Alumni & Development Office staff member Lisa Page
Rebecca D. Miller, mother-in-law of Facilities staff member Jodie Miller
Olive L. Thompson, mother of Facilities staff member Dale Thompson
Margaret Horne Weis, mother of Joseph F. Weis III ’78

DAVID F. ALPERN ’53

David F. Alpern passed away Dec. 8, 2011. He was 76. Alpern practiced law from 1960 through 2011. He joined his father’s firm, which became known as Alpern & Alpern, and practiced mostly commercial law for more than 50 years. One of his more notable lawsuits was the settlement among the members of the Audubon String Quartet. Coverage of this case landed Alpern in the New York Times and in The New Yorker magazine, as well as a broadcast spot on NPR. He was a graduate of Shady Side Academy, the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, and Yale Law School. Alpern loved politics and was an avid reader. He was an active advocate for civil rights in the 1960s. He loved the visual arts and had extensive knowledge of art history and design. He was instrumental in fundraising for the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts expansion. He also performed over a span of 50 years as a supernumerary in opera productions. Alpern was a lifelong world traveler. He always sought to learn more about art, history and culture. Alpern served in the U.S. Army during the Berlin crisis. Alpern is survived by many close friends, including longtime companion, Molly Younigling; friends Ray and Helen Faye Rosenblum, Michael and Sherle Berger, Jon Prince and Jennifer Poller, Jay and Lynn Rayvid, Sidney and Shirley Stark and Gena Wodnicki. He is also survived by two nephews, Bruce (Debbie) Alpern, of Crested Butte, Colo., and Steven Alpern of Sonora, Calif.

[Information excerpted from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette]

WILLIAM B. BLACKBURN ’48

William Boyd Blackburn, 81, of Oldsmar, Fla., and Van Buren Point, N.Y., and 40-year former resident of Mt. Lebanon, Pa., passed away on Feb. 18, 2012. Blackburn was born in Cambridge, Mass., in 1930 to James B. Blackburn and Anna Louise Miller Blackburn. He grew up on Richland Lane in Pittsburgh and graduated from Shady Side Academy and Mercersburg Academy. He graduated from Allegheny College, where he met his wife of 59 years, the former Joann Dilley of Greenville, Pa., who survives him. Blackburn received his master’s degree and doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Blackburn (as he was known to his students) retired from the Bethel Park, Pa., school district after a long career in teaching. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Ann and Susan, as well as son-in-law Charles Preston, grandson Douglas (Andrea) Preston, sister-in-law Nancy D. Wherry, brother-in-law Judge Michael Wherry and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his two brothers, James Jr. and Oliver.

[Information excerpted from the Observer Today]

THOMAS H. BOYD ’43

Thomas H. Boyd, 86, of Mountain Lakes, N.J., passed away at home with his family on Dec. 25, 2011. Son of pediatrician Dr.
David Hartin Boyd and Janet Mabon Boyd, Boyd attended Shady Side Academy and Bowdoin College before serving honorably with the U.S. Navy in World War II. His career was in sales for the chemical industry, working for Pittsburgh Coke & Chemical, Heyden Chemicals, Tencneco Chemicals and Perstorp Polyls, before retiring in 1994. “Tom” loved playing golf and shot six holes-in-one. He was also a member of Rockaway River Country Club in Denville, N.J. for 50 years. He is survived by his wife of 62 years “Sis,” their children, spouses and grandchildren: daughter Trudy (Jerry) Jackson of Louisville, Ohio, and children Tom and Wendy; daughter Marion Butler of Mountain Lakes, N.J., and son Peter (Christian); daughter Janet Boff of Glen Side, Pa., and sons Dan and Mark; son Thomas Hartin (Iana) Boyd Jr. of The Hague, Netherlands and children Michelle and Thomas III.

[Information excerpted from the Daily Record]

GEORGE B. HOLMES ’42

George B. Holmes died peacefully Feb. 1, 2012, at his home in Washington, D.C. A native of Pittsburgh, he simultaneously entered Yale University and the U.S. Navy’s officers training program in 1942. He served in the Navy throughout World War II, attaining the rank of lieutenant J.G. After returning to Yale and graduating in 1945, he spent a year at the University of Lausanne studying French. In 1949, he joined the newly formed Central Intelligence Agency. In his 32-year career there, he served in Brussels, Stockholm, Yaoundé, London and Malta, and was awarded the Career Intelligence Medal. His major passions throughout his life were sailing and a cappella singing. In 1950, he co-founded The Augmented 8, a men’s a cappella group still active in the Washington area today. In retirement, he became an active volunteer for a variety of causes: chairman of Friends of Music at the Smithsonian; first chairman of the Washington Revels; board member of Washington Hospice; and president of the Yale Club of Washington.

He was also a long-time docent at the Washington National Cathedral and vice chairman of the National Cathedral Association. Holmes also had a special connection to the Shady Side Academy Junior School, as his grandparents’ home on Braddock Avenue (“Holmhurst”) became the Arnold School in the 1920s and then became the SSA Junior School when SSA merged with Arnold in 1940. John Grier Holmes, a member of a pioneering Pittsburgh banking family, and his wife, Sue Ella Horne Holmes, raised their family in the massive house. Their sons, Joseph Horne (George’s father) and Nathaniel, graduated from Shady Side in 1900 and 1903. Holmes is survived by his wife of 61 years, Nancy Trowbridge Holmes; three children, Brock Holmes of Chevy Chase, Md., Kate Holmes Caldwell of Severna Park, Md., and Sarah Holmes Morris of Bethesda, Md.; and four grandchildren.

[Information excerpted from the Washington Post]

PAUL R. JENKINS ’50

Paul R. Jenkins, former chair of the Shady Side Academy Board of Trustees (1980-1984) and retired foundation executive, died May 16, 2012. He was 80. Jenkins was a loyal and dedicated SSA alumnus, trustee emeritus and Founders Society Lifetime Member. Over the last 30 years, he remained very involved on the board, most recently as a member of the Endowment and Finance Committee. He and his wife A.J. were loyal subscribers and patrons of the Hillman Performing Arts Series. As the chief executive for nearly three decades of the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, Jenkins played a significant role in shaping the economic revitalization and cultural enrichment of West Virginia and greater Pittsburgh. A Pittsburgh native, Jenkins was born in 1932 to Mary Elizabeth Reiber and Paul W. Jenkins. He attended Shady Side Academy and Princeton University, where he earned a B.A. in history. Following graduation from Princeton, Jenkins attended the University of Michigan Law School. There he met and married Alice Jane Davis, and the two settled in Pittsburgh in 1957. Jenkins began his career that year as an associate with the law firm Campbell, Thomas & Burke (now Sherrard, German & Kelly, P.C.), later becoming a partner. His association with the Benedum Foundation began two years later when it became a substantial grant-making institution. Jenkins served as counsel, assisting with the foundation’s various legal affairs. His assistance was so valued that in 1970, he was appointed the foundation’s chief executive. In 1977, he was elected to the Board of Trustees, on which he continued to serve following his retirement in 1998, being named an emeritus trustee in 2003. In 1996 Jenkins was named a “Distinguished West Virginian,” the first time a non-West Virginian was so honored. The Pittsburgh Center for the Arts honored him with a Cultural Award, and he received honorary doctoral degrees from the University of Charleston and West Virginia University. He was a founding director, member of the Executive Committee and treasurer of the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, which named him a lifetime trustee in 2009 for his leadership and vision in creating Pittsburgh’s Cultural District. Jenkins also served on the board of the Center for the Arts and Sciences of West Virginia. He served the First United Methodist Church of Pittsburgh as board chair twice. Jenkins was a devoted husband and father. He was known by friends for his wit, humor and joie de vivre. One of his favorite pastimes was fishing on the lakes and bays of Ontario, Canada. He is survived by his wife, Alice Jane (Davis) Jenkins, his sons, Davis ’77 (Pamela) of Chicago, Ted ’80 (Holly) of Andover, Mass., and Walter ’84 (Laura) of Pittsburgh, his brother, Marten ’52 (Gail) of Pittsburgh and six grandchildren.

[Information provided by SSA and the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation]

RICHARD M. KETCHUM ’39

Richard M. Ketchum, an author and editor who co-founded Country Journal, a magazine that offered a blend of the bucolic and the practical, particularly to city folk
William McCullough ’49

William T. McCullough III passed away Sept. 20, 2011, in Coral Gables, Fla. He was born in 1930 in Pittsburgh, graduated from Shady Side Academy in 1949, and received his bachelor’s degree in economics in 1953 from Allegheny College, where he was a member of the SAE fraternity. After college, McCullough was in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1953 to 1955. He served in California and had duty in the Far East, including evacuation of refugees from North Vietnam to South Vietnam. His ship was the U.S.S. Montrail. He was honorably discharged as a lieutenant J.G. He was with a family company, McCullough Electric Company, until 1958, at which time he was employed as a bank trainee at the First National Bank of Miami. He was with the bank for more than 20 years and became senior vice president and investment officer of Southeast Bank. He then joined the brokerage firm of Paine Webber in Coral Gables as an investment executive. From 1989 to 2008, he was an account executive with Young /Stovall and Company in Miami. He served on the board of directors of WPBT Channel 2, recording for the blind, and the former Country Club of Coral Gables, and was a member of The University Club. He is survived by his wife Martie, two children, Stephen Douglas of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Connie (Rick) Riddle of Tampa, and a granddaughter Hope, as well three nephews and a niece.

[Information excerpted from the *Miami Herald*]

Arthur I. Murphy Jr. ’36

Arthur I. Murphy, Jr., M.D., passed away Jan. 10, 2012. He was the husband of the late Jean E. Murphy; father of Ann Murphy Dammon, Donald (Joan) Murphy ’72, Craig Murphy ’74 and Kent (Sarah) Murphy ’77; brother of the late Charles Murphy; grandfather of Andrew A. Dammon, Jeremy F. Dammon, Tessa J.A. Murphy, Zachary T.G. Murphy, Alexander I.G. Murphy and Sophia J.G. Murphy.

[Information excerpted from the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*]

A. Curtis Stone ’80

A. Curtis Stone died suddenly on April 26, 2012, at the age of 50. After graduating from Shady Side Academy, “Curt” attended St. Lawrence University, where he played football and lacrosse and earned a degree in economics. He spent most of his life developing technology for the improvement of quality of life, ranging from surgical to assisted computer devices. He was an avid supporter and coach of East End Lacrosse and Pittsburgh Youth Lacrosse. Stone is survived by his wife, R. Anne Stone, daughter Pegeen, and son Alden. He is also survived by his father, Dr. Charles Stone, mother Susette, brother Dr. Jeffrey Stone, nephew Bradford (Tori), and aunts Jane Grove (Nathan) Fishkin, Bonnie (Robert) Miller, and Ann (Kenneth) Thompson.

[Information excerpted from the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*]

William Mccardle ’61

William Simon (“Mac”) Mccardle Jr. died Nov. 24, 2011, in Monterey, Calif. After playing soccer, basketball and running track at Shady Side Academy, Mccardle attended Princeton. In 1966, he married his high school sweetheart, Barbara “Moxie” Bach, and they headed west. Mccardle received his law degree from the University of California at Davis in 1970 before working in the legal division of the California Welfare Department in Sacramento under Gov. Ronald Reagan. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserve in San Francisco treating Vietnam War burn victims. From 1972 to 2002, Mccardle served as a deputy district attorney in Monterey County, where he was the top felony prosecutor. In 1988, he tried a 17-year-old murder case opposing famous defense attorney Melvin Belli. His peers said he was a brilliant lawyer and a fierce advocate for the victims of crime. Mccardle loved to hunt along the Big Sur Coast, and he constantly pursued his joy of golf. He leaves behind his wife, Barbara, their two daughters, Kerry and Laura, and four grandchildren, Kayla, Mac, Jordan and Lee.

[Information provided by classmate Jack Singer]
Known as “Mr. Shady Side,” F. Walter Jones touched the lives of thousands of students during his 43-year career as a teacher, coach, admission director, day camp director and athletic director at Shady Side Academy. He took the school’s Guiding Principles to heart, teaching honesty, respect, responsibility, kindness and safety simply through how he lived his life and interacted with those around him. On Feb. 18, 2012, Jones passed away at the age of 89.

Jones graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, where he was a standout basketball player and captain of the team. He was honored as the Outstanding Senior of the Class of 1944 with a plaque that can be found in the Omicron Delta Kappa Walk of Fame between the Cathedral of Learning and Heinz Chapel.

Immediately following graduation, Jones committed himself to educating young people at Shady Side Academy. While he chose to mold the next generation, his daughter, Nancy Artz, says he did not envision himself as a mentor.

“He was the type of person who if he saw something needed to be done he set about doing it,” said Artz in a Pittsburgh Post-Gazette interview. “He wasn’t trying to put himself forward as an example, but a lot of people noticed what he was doing and tried to follow that example.”

These sentiments were echoed by dozens of former students, coworkers and friends who shared their memories on a website created by Mr. Jones’ family, http://fwalterjones.com.

“Walter was an exemplar of the values he instilled,” wrote Robert F. Maloney III ’64. “His boundless passion for competition, sportsmanship and excellence instilled important life lessons that serve me still. It was at Shady Side that I learned that great achievements are possible and best realized through dedication to hard work, thorough preparation, teamwork and having fun.”

Henry Cauley ’73 shared: “More than anything, he taught me that regardless of what’s in front of you or how badly you are behind, never give up, never back down and never ever stop believing in yourself.”

“I met Mr. Jones so many years ago, but he has touched my heart and stirred a passion that lives within me today,” wrote Stephanie Gonzales ’91.

After he retired from Shady Side, he established the Ruth and F. Walter Jones Service Prize to honor individuals within the school who displayed selfless service. It is another example of his dedication to SSA, one that could remain long after he left.

“Shady Side Academy has lost a true icon who epitomized the teacher, counselor, coach model so valued in our community,” said Academy President Tom Cangiano. “Countless other legends cite him as primarily if not solely responsible for the people that they are today. We will miss Walter in ways that words cannot express.”

Jones had a wide-range of interests from camping and fly fishing to art, poetry and playing the harmonica. He was a volunteer at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, a renowned painter of watercolors and a founding member of the Pittsburgh Society of Artists.

Jones was the devoted husband of the late Ruth Templeton Jones and the father of Nancy Artz (John), Tom (Jeanine), Cathy Schmid (Steve), Ken and Sam (Teresa). He was also the grandfather of 14 and great-grandfather of two. He is also survived by his brothers, Donald, Richard (Charlotte) and David (Kitty).

A public reception to celebrate Jones’ life was held at Shady Side on March 3. Memorial contributions may be made to Shady Side Academy in care of the F. Walter Jones Scholarship Fund, 423 Fox Chapel Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238.
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The classes of 1962 and 1987 will be celebrating their 50th and 25th reunions, respectively. Stay tuned for a detailed schedule of events available online at www.shadysideacademy.org/homecoming.

For more information call Jamie Brush ’98 or Lisa Page in the Alumni Office at 412-968-3032 or 412-477-2252.