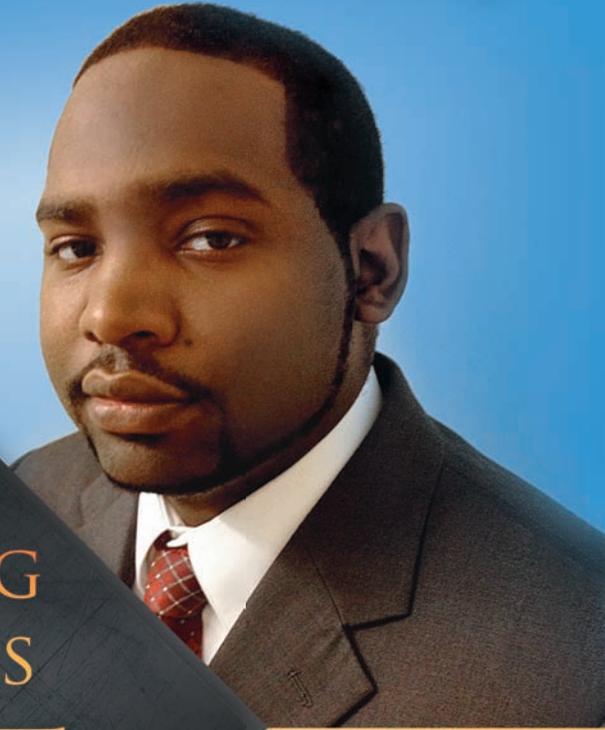


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DEAR SHADY SIDE ACADEMY COMMUNITY:

In November, I attended the Senior School's fall drama production, an adaptation of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Classic Shakespearean lines were interspersed with contemporary vernacular, and the result was a thoughtful, humorous and evocative performance. In fact, an extra show had to be added to satisfy the demand for tickets. Led by first-year theater teacher Dana Hardy-Bingham, Shady Side students participated in the writing of the play; the acting, of course; the live music; and all of the behind-the-scenes work. It was a fantastic way to harness the many talents of our students and make the show a true SSA community production.

A few days earlier, I attended the Middle School's fall play, *Crimes and Rhymes*, a contemporary whodunit featuring classic fairy tale characters. Once again, students were involved in every aspect of the production, and their passion and commitment were noteworthy. I attended the special performance for our Junior School students, who were thoroughly amused and entertained. At the conclusion of the show, music teacher Jeff Gross, who co-directed the play with fellow arts faculty members Randy Broker and Susan Richards, asked the audience if they had any questions. It was amazing to see how many students from first to fifth grade asked thoughtful, well-articulated questions.

People who know Shady Side know the arts are vitally important to our school. In addition to our dedicated, passionate arts faculty, we are fortunate to have a host

of talented student musicians, singers, actors and artists. We are also lucky to have such an incredible facility, the Hillman Center for Performing Arts. Thanks to the tremendous work of Executive Director Sarah York Rubin, we see not only wonderful student performances at the Hillman, but also an impressive schedule of performances by world-class professional artists. One of my other favorite places is the Benedum Visual Arts Center, an incredible space that originally housed the Senior School's power plant. At any given time, visitors to the BVAC can observe students sketching architectural designs, exploring painting techniques or throwing a ceramic pot, with our accomplished faculty providing guidance, support and inspiration.

As I think about the student performances, exhibits and literary works I've seen in my short time here, I know Shady Side is a place that encourages artistic exploration. As American writer William Inge wrote, "Nobody is bored when he is trying to make something that is beautiful, or to discover something that is true." From pre-kindergarten through the sixth form, the visual, musical and performing arts are a vital part of our curricular and extracurricular program.

Many of the recent strides the Academy has made in enhancing students' artistic experience came as a result of our last strategic plan, which identified the arts as an area of opportunity. Over the past few months, as we have been gathering



feedback from our community to help shape Shady Side's next strategic plan, it has been rewarding to find that the arts is now perceived as one of our strengths. It just goes to show that when an organization has a shared vision and a clearly defined roadmap to reach its goals, then an area of opportunity can become an area of strength in just a few years' time. As we begin to identify our next strategic priorities, I have all the confidence in the world that Shady Side Academy will again rise to the challenge. I encourage you to visit www.shadysideacademy.org/strategicplan for the latest news on the strategic planning process.

Sincerely,

Thomas M Cangiano

Tom Cangiano
Academy President

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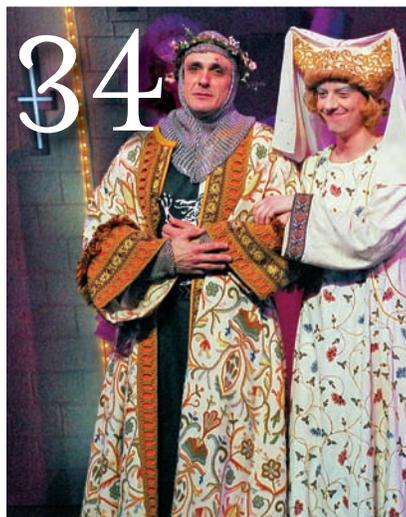
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Correction:

In the "In Memoriam" section of the 2011 Summer Issue, Henry Posner '37 was incorrectly identified as a partner at the Hawthorne Group; his actual title was chairman. Also, all of his sons were Shady Side graduates: Henry '73, Jim '75, Paul '77 and Rob (deceased) '78.

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NO TRICKS, BUT PLENTY OF TREATS

Students at all three schools were decked out in un-boo-lievable costumes for Halloween. Sixth graders at the Middle School enjoyed an afternoon Halloween party on Oct. 28, while the Junior School hosted a parade around the gymnasium on Oct. 31. Senior School students were allowed to dress in costume on Oct. 31 in exchange for a donation to Junior class. That evening, Academy President **Tom and Linda Cangiano** hosted a haunted walk in the woods on the Senior School campus, featuring a bonfire and lots of goodies.

SENIOR SCHOOL HOSTS ANNUAL GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Grandparents' Day was held at the Senior School on Friday, Oct. 21, 2011. After breakfast and morning assembly, grandparents accompanied their grandchildren to morning classes and lunch.



WHEREFORE ART THOU ROMEO?

The Senior School presented an adaptation of William Shakespeare's classic tragedy *Romeo and Juliet* Nov. 4-6 in the Peter J. Kountz Black Box Theater. Shakespeare's original tragedy with its elegant language was combined with a modern-day sensibility in this updated but classic story of star-crossed lovers. The play was adapted by Senior School Theater Director **Dana Hardy-Bingham**, in cooperation with a team of student writers headed by junior **Danielle Plung**. The play starred freshmen **Julian Schwartz** and **Shea Minter** in the title roles of Romeo and Juliet, respectively.

SIX JUNIORS ACCEPTED TO WESTINGHOUSE SCIENCE HONORS INSTITUTE

Six juniors were accepted to the 2011-2012 Westinghouse Science Honors Institute (WSHI), sponsored by Westinghouse Electric Co.: **Mohsin Ahmad, Alexandra Janczewska, Rohit Joshi, Paul McCullough, Ayesha Shah** and **Felicia Tissenbaum**. WSHI is a free program for high school juniors from Western Pennsylvania and the surrounding communities who demonstrate a strong interest in science and engineering and who are of high scholastic standing. Approximately 400 juniors are accepted into the program each year.



GERMAN STUDENTS PACK THE HILLMAN FOR MADSEN CONCERT

Hundreds of students of German from schools across Western Pennsylvania packed the Hillman Center for Performing Arts on Oct. 25, 2011, for a free concert by Madsen, one of Germany's most popular rock bands. The concert was sponsored by Goethe Institut and part of Madsen's 12-city U.S. tour. The 660-seat Richard E. Rauh Theater was filled nearly to capacity with students and teachers from Shady Side Academy, Blackhawk, Canon-McMillan, Mt. Lebanon, Fox Chapel, Allerdice, Connellsville, Brentwood, West Allegheny, South Range (Ohio) and even the University of Pittsburgh.



GO... GO... GO-CARTS!

On Oct. 31, 2011, juniors and seniors in **Mark Skinner's** Physics II class tested homemade go-carts in a three-part challenge that included an obstacle course, odometer trial and a timed half-lap around the quad. The three- or four-person teams were responsible for the driving and construction of the carts, which had to meet specific criteria including an original frame, steering system, brakes and axles.



SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM IN TOP 10% NATIONWIDE

The Speech and Debate Team, by virtue of its great success last year, has placed in the top 10 percent of National Forensic League chapters nationwide and subsequently earned membership in the prestigious "100 Club." The team is coached by faculty member **Mary Krauland**.

STUDENT RAISES FUNDS FOR NEW FLAGPOLE AT ATHLETIC COMPLEX

Junior **Mike Pohl**, founder of the Senior School Flag Club, led a student effort to raise more than \$7,000 to buy and install a new flagpole at the Grandizio Athletic Complex. The new 40-foot pole and flag were installed at the stadium just in time for the National Wheelchair Veterans Games, held at the complex August 3-5, 2011.



CRIMES AND RHYMES

The Middle School staged the fall play *Crimes and Rhymes* for Junior and Middle school students on Nov. 3, 2011, and took the stage the following evening for parents and friends. More than 15 students participated in the fairytale comedy production.



SSA HOSTS NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES

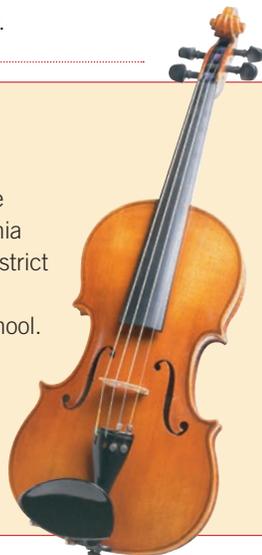
Shady Side Academy served as the host site of the archery, track, field and Kids' Day events of the 31st National Veterans Wheelchair Games on Aug. 3-5, 2011. Events were held at the Grandizio Athletic Complex on the SSA Senior School campus.



The National Veterans Wheelchair Games is a multi-event sports and rehabilitation program for military service veterans who use wheelchairs for sports competition due to spinal cord injuries, amputations or certain neurological problems. Attracting more than 500 athletes each year, it is the largest annual wheelchair sports event in the world. The 2011 games were held Aug. 1-6 in a variety of venues around Pittsburgh, including the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, the University of Pittsburgh's Trees Pool, Princess Lanes Bowling Center and Shady Side Academy.

STUDENTS NAMED TO PMEA HONORS ORCHESTRA

Two Shady Side Academy students were selected to participate in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Honors String Orchestra Festival, held Nov. 12-13, 2011, at Carson Middle School. Junior **Tara Lee** earned second violin, first chair and junior **Kelsey Broker** got second violin, eighth chair, following the Sept. 12 PMEA auditions at North Allegheny Senior High School.



THIRD GRADE SCHOOLS SENIOR SCHOOL ON RECYCLING

The third grade class, which is leading recycling efforts at the Junior School, visited the Senior School on Sept. 29, 2011, to give a presentation at assembly on recycling and encourage recycling at all three campuses. Senior School students showed their appreciation with a standing ovation.



FRESH AND LOCAL

Local families enjoyed having a new source for farm-fresh produce at the new Fox Chapel Farmers Market at Shady Side Academy. The weekly market was open to the public every Wednesday from June 15-Oct. 19, 2011, at the Senior School campus and featured fresh, locally sourced seasonal produce, food and specialty items. In addition to fruits and vegetables, vendors offered cheese, honey, eggs, grass-fed meats, desserts and handmade items. The Farmers Market was started by SSA as a part of its ongoing commitment to sustainability and promoting healthy eating habits.



JUNIOR SCHOOL GETS A FACELIFT

The Junior School underwent a major facelift over the summer of 2011. The Academy's facilities team made significant improvements to all of the common areas of the main building, including new flooring, lighting, ceilings and a new Shady Side blue and gold paint scheme. The kindergarten hallway features new brick arches that mirror the arches outside the building, new window benches and a new tile floor with touches of blue and gold. The cafeteria was updated with new round tables and blue chairs, plus new tile and paint. The gymnasium underwent a stunning transformation, as new lighting, paint, flooring and window work made it a much brighter space for classes and school events. The light wood gym floor is emblazoned with the Shady Side seal and five Guiding Principles. Outside, the building features updated signage, including a new SSA seal on the side of the building.



MIDDLE SCHOOL RAISES MORE THAN \$1,400 FOR BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Middle School students, faculty and staff raised more than \$1,400 for the Shadyside Boys and Girls Club by participating in several different service projects the week of Sept. 26, 2011. Fundraisers included a school-wide dress down day, a bake sale and participation in the "Run Shadyside" 5K run and family fun walk.



GO PINK!

The Middle School girls field hockey team raised \$1,243 during the month of October to support breast cancer education and research. The girls held a "Pink Out" during their Oct. 1 game, which raised funds through a 50/50 raffle. They also sponsored a school-wide dress down day and bake sale. Proceeds were donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

A week later, Senior School students, faculty and staff also went pink, raising \$1,672 through participation in Lee National Denim Day on Oct. 7. All funds were donated to the Women's Cancer Programs of the Entertainment Industry Foundation.



SHADY SIDE ACADEMY NAMED ONE OF PITTSBURGH'S TOP WORKPLACES

Shady Side Academy was named one of "Pittsburgh's Top Workplaces 2011" by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* based on results of an employee survey. SSA was among 85 companies to be honored as one of the best places to work in the region in a special section published Oct. 6, 2011. Shady Side was the only private primary/secondary school on the list.

"We are honored to be included among the list of Top Workplaces in Pittsburgh, particularly since the judges were our own employees," said Academy President **Tom Cangiano**. "We are dedicated to providing a positive work environment where every faculty and staff member feels valued and appreciated."



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LUNCH AND LEARN

The Parents' Association hosted the first Lunch and Learn of the 2011-2012 academic year on Oct. 5, 2011, with new Senior School Head **Katharine Vavpetic** and her husband, Joe. More than 50 parents gathered at Eastover to hear the Vavpetics talk about their speech and debate experience at The Hotchkiss School, sharing the model they created and the lessons they learned. As a nod to Vavpetic's French degrees, traditional French faire was served.



SIXTH GRADE VISITS RIVERQUEST

The sixth grade class took a trip with Pittsburgh RiverQuest on Sept. 21, 2011. While on board, students traveled the Ohio, Allegheny and Monogahela Rivers and analyzed chemical and physical water quality indicators. They also investigated macroinvertebrates, birds and native fish species. Students learned about each element of the river ecosystem and how these elements are interconnected.



SCIENCE STUDENTS TRAVEL TO ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

On Sept. 15, 2011, advanced biology and environmental science students took a trip to Meadville, Pa., to work with staff members from Allegheny College. Students studied the health of WoodCock stream, analyzing parameters such as dissolved oxygen, nitrates, ferrous iron and turbidity. This is an extension of what students have been doing in class, testing the health of the streams near the Senior School campus.

TOP HONORS

Eleven seniors were named semifinalists in the 57th annual National Merit Scholarship Program and will continue in the competition for 8,300 scholarships worth more than \$34 million to be offered this spring. The nationwide pool of semifinalists represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors. The semifinalists are **Yuval Ben-David, Shamika Dighe, Cody Han, Jenna Hebert, Peter Kann, Christopher Leech, Campbell Nilsen, Vivek Nimgaonkar, Alexander Rodosky, Athif Wulandana and Amy Zhang.**

In addition, 12 seniors were named as commended students in the National Merit Scholarship Program: **Jack Bagamery, Alexander Brown, Aaron Budd, Erin Gorse, Rowdy Kanarek, Max Kaplan, Jacob King, David Lembersky, Alexa Levy, Caitlin O'Connell, Eric Rabe and David Steiner.**

Alexis Allen and Jenna Hebert were among more than 1,600 outstanding black American high school seniors named semifinalists in the 48th annual National Achievement® Scholarship Program. These students will continue in the competition for 800 Achievement Scholarships® worth more than \$2.4 million.



HOCKEY HELPS CLUB PARTNERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS HOCKEY TEAM

Members of the Senior School "Hockey Helps" Club participated in hockey skills instructional sessions for special needs players from the Steel City Icebergs at the McKnight Hockey Center on Oct. 15, and again on Oct. 29, 2011. Under the direction of Icebergs head coach Jarron Gass, the SSA students led skill drills and participated in scrimmages with the Iceberg players. Club members participating included seniors **Alex Rodosky, Ian Lodin, Chad Trice and Rick Villani;** juniors **Will Bensur, Dom Oliver, Alec Hardman, Mike Zidasek and Ethan Misour;** sophomores **Jake Kleindl, Eric Baum and Keaton Baum;** and freshmen **Samantha Smith and Wilson Conley.**

MIDDLE SCHOOL INTRODUCES CHINESE LANGUAGE OPTION

The Middle School completely restructured its world languages curriculum for 2011-2012, including the addition of Mandarin Chinese as a new language option. In the new "Flex Language Program," students take one trimester each of Spanish, Latin and Chinese in sixth grade, then choose one of the three languages to pursue in seventh and eighth grade.

Mandy Fong, founder of the All Ages Chinese School, was hired as the new Middle School Chinese teacher and began teaching the first sections of sixth grade Chinese this fall. In the sixth grade class, students gain a basic understanding of the Chinese language and acquire listening, speaking, reading and writing skills, though Fong's primary focus is on speaking skills.

"I am amazed by the students' enthusiasm in speaking Chinese," said Fong. "They will greet me in Chinese in the hallway. They count in Chinese at soccer games with Mrs. Fravel. Mrs. Kotowski told me she found two girls speaking Chinese in the classroom by themselves. I am pleased that students are using Chinese as much as they can on campus."

"I have been impressed by the sixth grade students' ability



to write complete sentences in perfect Chinese after just two months," said Middle School Head Amy Nixon. "They thoroughly enjoy the class and have picked up on the oral nuances as well as how to write Chinese characters in an amazingly short period of time. I have no doubt that a number of these students will choose to continue their study of Chinese into high school and beyond."

Shady Side students now have the ability to study Chinese for seven straight years, from grades 6-12; Chinese has been taught at the Senior School for 25 years.



SENIOR SCHOOL PARTNERS WITH ASSIST

In 2011-2012, Shady Side Academy began a partnership with ASSIST, a program which places students from around the world in American independent secondary schools. The mission of ASSIST is to promote mutual understanding, cultural interchange and a more peaceful world by providing opportunities for outstanding international students to attend independent schools on one-year scholarships. Shady Side recognizes the value of expanding students' view of the world and engaging with others who have different life experiences and perspectives.

The Academy welcomed its first ASSIST scholar this year, junior **Lucia (Lucy) Giurini** of Rovinj, Croatia. Giurini lives in Morewood House during the week and spends weekends with her SSA host family, Dr. and Mrs. Hebert and their daughter, Jenna, who is a senior. Prior to coming to SSA, Giurini attended an Italian School in Zagreb and took 14 subjects, including four languages. She was class president and involved in cheerleading and dance. This year, she is taking the regular SSA course load and is playing field hockey. Lucy has also become involved in Speech and Debate, which is not offered at her school. "Coming to Shady Side has been wonderful for me," said Giurini. "I love being in the dorm and my host family. I have made so many friends; the community has been very welcoming."

IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE

Second grade students performed *A Rumpus in the Rain Forest* on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011, for students, teachers and parents. The students performed several songs, which included realistic sounds of the rain forest, made entirely by the students. Each student had a speaking role in the play, which was about a group of frogs who wanted to see the top of the rain forest. They enlisted the help of toucans, boas, ants, a jaguar, sloths and monkeys, and were also visited by some explorers and a shaman. Sprinkled throughout were interesting facts about the rain forest that the students have been studying during the first term.



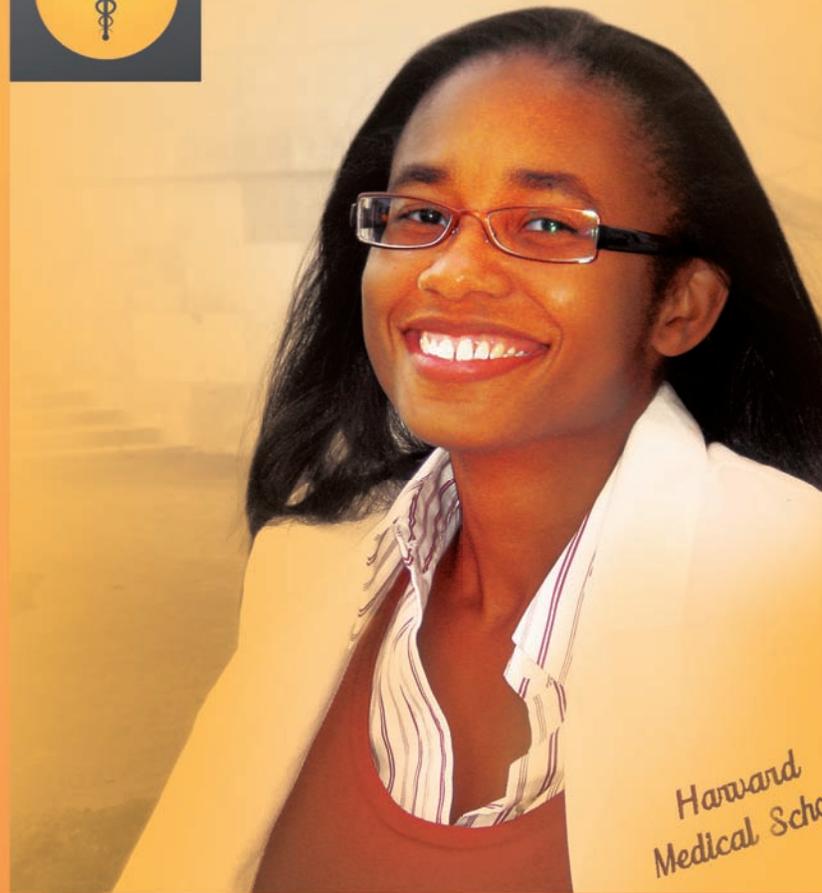


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FROM THE TIME CHARITY CELESTE GLASS '01 GOT HER FIRST PLASTIC DOCTOR'S KIT AT AGE 5, SHE WANTED TO BE AN M.D., A PASSION THAT HAS PROPELLED HER FROM SHADY SIDE ACADEMY TO HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL.



Many kids want to grow up to be a doctor, but then reality — a killer college chemistry course, perhaps, or a new interest — gets in the way. But from the time **Charity Celeste Glass '01** got her first plastic doctor's kit at age 5, she wanted to be an M.D., a passion that has propelled her from Shady Side Academy to Harvard Medical School.

Now a fourth-year medical student, the 28-year-old is specializing in surgery.

She is grateful for the opportunities that opened up after she received a scholarship to Shady Side Academy through the Fund for Advancement of Minorities Through Education. FAME, as the nonprofit is better known, gives need-based scholarships and support to academically qualified African-American students so they can attend one of six independent schools in the Pittsburgh area.

"FAME is a great program," Glass said. "I was fortunate to go to some of the best schools in the country."

FAME began 17 years ago when the board chairs of five area independent schools including Shady Side joined forces to establish the program to address the scarcity of minorities, said Constance Horton, the group's executive director.

During the program's inaugural year in 1994-1995, one FAME scholar enrolled at each of the original partner schools: Shady Side Academy, Sewickley Academy, The Ellis School, Winchester Thurston School and St. Edmund's Academy.

Participation has grown tenfold, with 66 African-American students attending those five original schools and a new partner, The Kiski School. This year, Shady Side Academy has 13 FAME scholars, including 11 at the Senior School and two at the Middle School.

"We often hear parents say, 'There is no way I can afford it. Why would I look into it?' But we are saying, 'These places are welcoming, and there are financial resources,'" said Horton. "These kids are all bright and talented and capable of succeeding, but they just don't have the funds."

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Partner schools also benefit from the presence of the FAME scholars.

"The students bring in their own unique worldview, and the multicultural experience adds to the enrichment of all students," said Floyd Cephas, trustee emeritus at Shady Side Academy and interim executive director of FAME from 2001- 2002.

The influx of African-American FAME scholars has also attracted more minority families to the partner schools.

"For a long time, people would say, 'I don't want my son or daughter to be the only student of color in a class or the only African-American in his grade level,'" Horton said. "Now they don't feel so isolated."

FAME pays \$7,800 to each scholar, and the individual schools cover the remaining need. FAME, which is funded by individuals, businesses and foundations, doesn't just give students scholarships and plunk them in a new environment. The scholars also receive tutoring, mentoring, field trips and leadership training. The support continues at the school level. Jessica Parker, Shady Side Academy liaison to FAME and co-director of the International Program at the school, gives ongoing support. "I catch up with all of the students a number of times over the course of the school year, whether it is through scheduled meetings or a little chat when I see them around school. I check in with them to see how things are going, encourage them to seek help when they are struggling in a class and remind them I am always available to them. I will reach out to a teacher if I think it is necessary."

That support has paid off: all 76 alumni of FAME are either attending a four-year college or have graduated from one.

Modeled after the Fund for Independent Schools of Cincinnati, the program is also designed to connect talented African-American students with potential employers and to create a more diverse future. "We let them talk to community leaders," Horton said. "We take them to corporations."

The 20 FAME alumni from Shady Side Academy are making their mark in their fields. Here are snapshots of four of them.

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Harvard Medical School is so all-consuming that **Charity Celeste Glass** has been known to put in the occasional 16-hour day.

Not that she is complaining.

"I love what I do, no matter how hard I am working," she said. "I could have chosen a different profession, but this is what I love."

Becoming a surgeon requires a combination of technical skill and judgment. "One of my mentors told me that what makes a good surgeon is not just cutting but knowing when to operate and when not to operate," Glass said.

As if all that weren't demanding enough, Glass is also finishing up a master's degree in public policy at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government during her medical school breaks. She wants to influence the policy debate on health care reform, possibly as an advisor to a state.

"I felt like the policy makers were having one conversation regarding the economic viability of programs, and physicians were having another conversation about their experience on the ground," she explained. "You want to be able to speak both languages."

That's vintage Glass, combining her love of medicine with broader humanitarian interests. Her father, Michael, instilled a strong sense of altruism in his children, who were volunteering on their own by age 12.

"The greatest influence on my life has been my father," Glass said. "I always said if I can be one tenth the person he is, I will succeed. I don't know a man who is more intelligent or more giving or more open to change."

Her father is the CEO of Dress for Success Pittsburgh and makes yearly trips to Uganda to volunteer at an elementary and middle school there.

He has always stressed academics. Knowing Charity was bored in her public school, he would challenge her at home. She was thrilled when her FAME scholarship sent her initially to St. Edmund's in seventh grade and then to Shady Side Academy for high school.

When the academic standout arrived at Harvard College, she passed over traditional premed majors like biology and chemistry in favor of philosophy. "When else in my life am I going to be surrounded by smart people talking about really good books?" she

said. "It was too good to pass up."

To say that she impresses others is an understatement.

"She is such a phenomenal young lady — personable, witty, academically sharp," Cephas said. "Her beauty emanates from within her spirit."

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At age 7, **Jamie Jackson '05** would watch recorded broadcasts of the evening news, turn on the closed captions, and deepen his voice to match the anchor's baritone as he read the news into his toy microphone.

Even as a wannabe broadcaster, he knew his lines.

His desire to become a TV journalist only intensified when he entered Shady Side Academy in ninth grade as a FAME scholar and started working as reporter/trainee at WPXI-TV in Pittsburgh. At age 15, he was shadowing reporters in the field, observing, asking questions and even writing a little copy.

"I was the youngest person hanging out at Channel 11," he said.

"The news director saw my passion. I would go to the fires, a water main break, a desecrated Quran in Pittsburgh, the big news of the day. They showed me the ropes."

Now a morning news anchor at WLFJ, the CBS affiliate in Lafayette, Ind., the 24-year-old still thrives on the rush of the news cycle: "You never know what you are going to get in this business. Every day is an adventure."

While building his career in the fast-moving daily news business, he also founded J. Jackson Enterprises, his five-person web design and video production company in Virginia Beach, Va. He also hosts a public affairs talk show for Trinity Broadcasting Network.

His broadcast career has taken him around the country, allowing him to meet President Obama, cover the Virginia Tech shootings and host a five-hour art auction for PBS.

Jackson also finds time to do mission work in developing nations such as Haiti and Honduras.

When the Penn Hills native received his FAME scholarship as a freshman, he was thrilled. But four months into his Shady Side career, personal tragedy struck.

IN HIGH SCHOOL, JAMIE JACKSON '05 WAS A NEWS FANATIC WHO DEVoured THREE PAPERS A DAY. NOW HE'S A NEWS ANCHOR. HE SAID SHADY SIDE GAVE HIM THE CONFIDENCE AND SKILLS TO FIND HIS OWN PATH AND PURSUE HIS LOVE OF BROADCASTING.



His beloved grandmother, Alfreda Tyson, the woman who had raised him, died. Jackson was devastated.

"The only mother I had known was gone," he said. "It was a very difficult time. The Shady Side community was there for me."

In high school, he was a news fanatic who devoured three papers a day. His habit was encouraged by his godmother, Catherine Baker Knoll, the former lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania. He also worked at Shady Side Academy's radio station. He said Shady Side gave him the confidence and skills to find his own path and pursue his love of broadcasting.

He landed his first broadcast job at the age of 19 while studying at James Madison University. As a reporter for WHSV, the ABC affiliate in Harrisonburg, Va., he would pop out of class to cover breaking stories. Wearing both student and broadcaster hats exhausted him. And he would become embarrassed when his professors interrupted their own lectures to ask, "Didn't I see you on the news?"

After graduation, Jackson landed a job as general assignment reporter at WTOV, the NBC affiliate in Steubenville, Ohio.

In 2010, he left the station and devoted himself to building his own business full-time. He liked running his own startup and

figured his TV news days were over.

But one day, while on a mission to Honduras, he got a call from a CBS affiliate in Indiana. A news executive who had seen him on YouTube offered him his current job, which he began in late October.

Once again, he is back in the thrill of the daily news game.

"It's been such a fun ride," he said. "I owe so much to Shady Side Academy. They embraced what I wanted to be when I grew up."

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Terrel Andrews '06 spent his childhood hanging out at Bat's Barber Shop, his father's business in East Liberty. While Andrews would sweep up the newly cut hair on the floor, his father would hold forth to his customers on politics, sports and neighborhood gossip.

"I want to be a barber too," Andrews told his father, Kevin, known by the nickname "Bat."

But his father told him to go to college. He could always return to the old-fashioned family barbershop down the road.

Andrews, a recent graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, followed his father's advice. A business major who specialized

TERREL ANDREWS '06, IS A RECENT GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE AND A SALESMAN FOR A COMPUTER SOFTWARE COMPANY. INSPIRED BY HIS FATHER'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND HIS OWN LOVE OF MARKETING, HE HOPES TO OPEN HIS OWN BRAND MANAGEMENT CONSULTING FIRM.



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in marketing, he is a salesman for a computer software company.

Inspired by his father's entrepreneurship and his own love of marketing, Andrews hopes to open his own brand management consulting firm soon.

"The sense of family and pride and ownership — you can't get it working for someone else," he said. "I always find myself critiquing ads. I helped my girlfriend start an event planning business."

Andrews enrolled at Shady Side Academy in ninth grade. While he appreciated the opportunities the FAME scholarship afforded him, he took a while to adapt to his new environment.

"I loved it," he said. "The teachers were great — they gave me extra help my first year. But my second year, I had caught on. I took AP biology and other sciences."

He also played fullback and linebacker on Shady Side's football team.

He was so interested in science that he entered college as an engineering major. But he quickly realized that he didn't like working alone in the lab. So he changed majors to business. "I am a people person," he said.

Horton agrees. "He is both very smart and also a very funny guy and so down-to-earth. He is so charismatic. That is part of being a leader. You have to be able to enjoy life."

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Raediah Lyles '09 would hear the laughter as she soon as she stepped onto the neighborhood basketball court. "Who's this little girl?" the teenage boys would say. "What can *she* do?"

Turns out, the little girl could sink shot after shot. She'd grown up playing with her male cousins and had an aggressive style that let her hang with the boys.

She wasn't invited to join the boys' pickup games — at least not at first.

But Lyles was determined to be a basketball player.

The same perseverance that has made her a basketball player on a full scholarship at Shippensburg University also made her a determined student and leader while she was at Shady Side Academy beforehand.

Growing up, Lyles' mother Sharon made it clear that her daughter could only play basketball if she succeeded in academics. Lyles applied herself to her studies.

But transferring to Shady Side Academy introduced her to a whole new way of thinking about learning. "A lot of people read the

material, memorize it, take a test and forget it. Shady Side taught you how to apply the knowledge you learned. You take it a step beyond it. It absolutely made me appreciate learning more. Shady Side taught me how to think critically. They taught me how to write papers. They taught me time management. It was like a miniature college.”

Those skills made the transition seamless from high school to college, where the 20-year-old is majoring in human communication studies and minoring in coaching and exercise science. She juggles her class work with a demanding basketball schedule and stretches herself in leadership roles. She is resident assistant in a dorm, president of the Multi Ethnic Student Association, a mentor for a third grader, and a member of both the Emerging Leaders Institute and the Advanced Leaders Institute. She received intensive leadership training at college that mirrored the training she had already received at Shady Side Academy, where she served as president of the Black Student Union, a prefect in the girls’ dorm and other roles.

“I learned at Shady Side that you have to be well-rounded and that it is okay to step up to leadership positions because that is the only way to get what you want sometimes. There is a time to sit back

and be a leader by example. But if you really want to get things done sometimes, you have to be assertive. ”

Lyles also has been inspired by her mother, Sharon, who has battled complications from diabetes and breast cancer.

When the high school senior made an overnight visit to Shippensburg University last March, her mother insisted on coming along, even though she was suffering from a diabetes-related leg infection. “I want to be part of this 100 percent,” she told her daughter.

The night after the campus visit, Sharon became gravely ill and was rushed to a hospital. “The doctors said they don’t know how she made it,” Lyles recalled. “My mom is the strongest soldier and hero I have ever seen in my life. She has been on the brink of losing her life three times. When all else fails, she tells me I can do it.”

In turn, Lyles inspires others. “She is such a joy,” said Horton. “You think of this radiant person when you think of her name. When she walks into a room, she completely changes the atmosphere. People naturally follow her.”

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For these graduates, the FAME program was a launching pad to help them pursue their dreams and forge their own way.

“Shady Side Academy taught me how to fly,” Jackson said. “They gave me space and let me spread my wings.”

Horton said Jackson and many other FAME scholars have an entrepreneurial spirit that was nurtured at the independent schools. “These schools do a great job of encouraging you to think outside the box, cultivate your ideas and put them into action,” Horton said.

FAME helps its alumni develop those leadership skills years after high school graduation. Horton calls them, knows all the twists and turns of their education and careers, and is always on the lookout for an introduction or internship.

“Once I got out of school, I got a call from Constance: ‘Hey what are you doing? Keep me up to date. Are you going to be in town for the summer? We will help find you a job,’” Andrews said. She connected him to an internship at Marc USA, a Pittsburgh advertising agency.

“FAME is so much more than writing a check,” Andrews said. “If you need a social outing, if you need tutoring, if you need someone to talk to because you have trouble adapting to new scenery, they are there for you.

“I am grown, I have a job and my own apartment, and I am still part of FAME.”

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Award-Winning Poet Naomi Shihab Nye Visits Dec. 7-9



Nye encouraged the students to discover the world around them and use that as inspiration in their own writings.



Shady Side Academy welcomed award-winning Palestinian-American poet, writer, anthologist and educator **Naomi Shihab Nye** for a three-day visit Dec. 7-9, 2011. Her visit included readings, presentations and workshops for students and teachers in grades K-12 on all three campuses, and culminated with a free public reading and lecture on Dec. 9 at the Hillman Center. Nye's visit was arranged by a committee of librarians and English teachers.

Her first stop was the Junior School on Dec. 7, where she talked to students in the library. Nye shared stories about how she became a writer, which started when she wrote her first poem at age six. After sharing her own beginnings, Nye encouraged the students to discover the world around them and use that as inspiration in their own writings. In between her animated conversation with the students, Nye read some of her own works and sang her songs while telling the stories behind them. Students also had the opportunity to ask Nye questions, and they presented her with a book of their own poetry called *Dodging Raindrops*.

The following day Nye visited the Middle School, where she held a reading and workshop for each grade. She shared the background stories of some of her popular poems, which each grade read in

advance of her visit. She also encouraged each student to write for 5-7 minutes a day, stating "Don't save your writing for a special time." For the workshop portion, students answered a series of questions about the world around them, which they then formed into unique poems and shared with the group.

Nye began her final day at the Senior School with a writing workshop for 25 students in grades 9-10. She then spoke at community assembly, where she shared stories of her upbringing and background stories on some of her work. A Q&A session with **Alex Levy '13** followed, as she was asked a variety of student-submitted questions. After lunch in the dining hall with a select group of students and faculty, Nye led an advanced writing workshop for 18 students in grades 11-12. The juniors and seniors submitted writing samples in advance of the workshop, with Nye providing feedback and thoughts during the session.

"An Evening With Poet Naomi Shihab Nye" at the Hillman Center for Performing Arts concluded the three-day event. Nye delivered a poetry reading and commentary, followed by a Q&A session. After the show, Nye was available for book signing and photos.



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HOMECOMING 2011

BY JAMIE BRUSH '98 / PHOTOGRAPHY BY JAMES KNOX

From as nearby as across the road to as far away as Norway, hundreds of alumni, faculty, students and parents made their way back to campus for Homecoming 2011 on Oct. 14 and 15.

Alumni began to arrive on campus early Friday morning. Some took campus tours, ate lunch in McCune Dining Hall and even sat in on classes at the Junior, Middle and Senior Schools. Simultaneously, a small but dedicated group of golfers was teeing off in a steady rain at the Pittsburgh Field Club for the annual golf outing. Congratulations to **Chuck Whitehill '66** for finishing the day with the low score.

As the evening events began, alumni and faculty gathered in Memorial Hall to remember those who passed away in the past year. The presider of the ceremony, **Rev. Dr. Gus Succop '71**, delivered a message about the importance of friendships, citing many examples of those he treasured from his days at SSA. From Memorial Hall, alums processed to the Benedum Visual Arts Center, where a gathering was already underway for the opening reception of alumni artist **Jessica (Hughes) Breedlove '93**. Breedlove's show, "Vibrations



The Briston family, shown here with President Tom Cangiano and Alumni Council President Rob Ferguson '92, were on hand to accept the Paul R. Pigman '52 Prize, on behalf of their daughter, Leah Briston '06.

of Color: A Joyful Chaos," remained on display in the Gailliot Gallery and in the Hillman Center for Performing Arts on the Senior School Campus through November 2011. If you missed her show, visit www.jessicambreedlove.com to see her work.

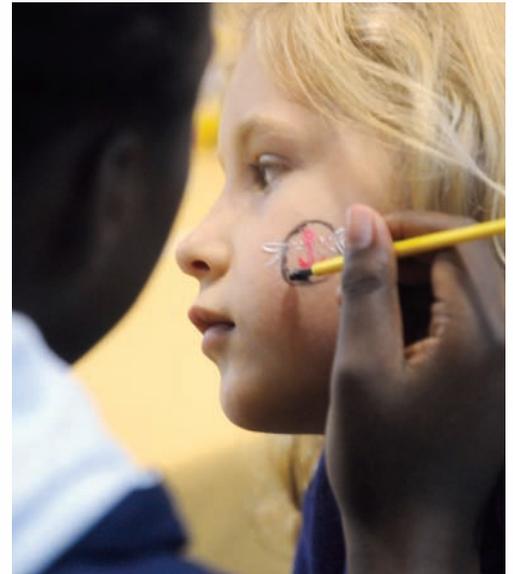
Due to high winds, the President's Reception and Alumni Awards Ceremony were moved indoors to McCune Dining Hall. The reception offered alumni and faculty their first formal chance to reconnect. The inviting and familiar atmosphere was ideal for reminiscing over cocktails, carving stations and hors d'oeuvres. The program began with a brief address from Academy President **Tom Cangiano**, who then presented the Robert E. Walker Award for alumni service to **Sandy Sauereisen '84**. Sauereisen gave a colorful acceptance speech reminding all present of the importance of staying connected with SSA. Alumni Council President **Rob Ferguson '92** presented the Paul R. Pigman '52 Prize for alumni service to the community to **Leah Briston '06**. Briston, who is currently serving in the Peace Corps in Uganda, sent along a video acceptance speech, which was shown to the audience as her parents, Pam and Bill Briston, and brother, **Ben Briston '07**, accepted the award on her behalf.



Senior School arts faculty member Cari Batchelar and alumni artist Jessica (Hughes) Breedlove '93



Puppeteer Joann Kielar entertained the children with a colorful performance.



Kids Karnival



Hugh Lynch '45 and Harvey Golomb '61 shared a laugh at the President's Reception and Alumni Awards Ceremony.

Saturday morning came quickly for some alumni who had been celebrating into the wee hours of Friday night. A cool and crisp morning had runners wide-eyed for the Al Stewart Memorial Shady Stride, as **Holly Stewart '13**, granddaughter of Al Stewart, sent the runners off with a bang. **Sean Hannon '09** was the first alumnus to cross the finish line, with the rest of the pack not far behind. President Cangiano also participated, finishing third overall.

Children of alums and Junior School students enjoyed a theater performance by puppeteer Joann Kielar, who used a colorful array of puppets to act out children's stories in the Kountz Black Box Theater. The Faculty and Alumni Tailgate was held in Curry Gym due to the windy conditions, and although the majority of the Kids' Karnival was canceled, there was candy, face painting and a balloon artist to keep the little ones busy.



"Shady Ladies" from the Class of 1976: Bahra (McConnel) Eddy, Stacy Anderson, Sallie Belle Davis and Betsy (Wertheimer) Franklin

In an effort to create new traditions, President Cangiano and his wife Linda hosted the 50th Reunion class at Eastover for a tailgate prior to the varsity football game. The event was as a nice way to unite classmates prior to the reunion dinner that evening.

In varsity athletic action, boys soccer won 5-0 over Deer Lakes, and girls soccer beat Avonworth, 3-1. In similar fashion, the varsity football team rolled over Apollo Ridge, 41-6. In keeping with tradition, athletic team captains from reunion classes were recognized during halftime of the football game.

At the conclusion of what turned out to be a beautiful fall afternoon, alumni quickly made their way back to their cars eager to get to their class reunion gatherings, which were held on campus and throughout the city at various venues.

The date for Homecoming 2012 will be announced later this year. Classes ending in 2s and 7s will be celebrating their reunions.



Junior School students sang at the alma mater at the football game.



Robert E. Walker Award recipient Sandy Sauereisen '84 shared a laugh with President Tom Cangiano.



Alumni enjoyed the opportunity to catch up at the Friday evening reception.



The 50th Reunion class enjoyed a pre-game tailgate at Eastover.



Holly Stewart '13 started the Al Stewart Memorial Shady Stride with a bang.



The Stewart family with Shady Stride winner Sean Hannon '09.



The football team takes the field.



Members from the Class of 1961 gathered at the 50th Reunion Tailgate.



Jeff Varadi '66 and Chuck Whitehill '66 hit the links at the annual golf outing.



Enthusiastic football fans celebrate SSA's 41-6 victory.



The Senior School cheerleaders were on hand to help at the Kids Karnival.



Scotti Mulert



Hugh Lynch '45, Jim Hackett, Tim Lynch, Jack Singer (standing in for Gene Chwerchak) and Peter McIlroy



Casey Wolff, Paul Zugates and John Sikina



George Panzak



Mike Vogan, Dave Fawcett and Jim Silverblatt



Dan Schreiber and Mark Stiffler



Jeff McIlroy and Matt Lerch



Constantine Davides, Matt Laman, Kelly (Sayre) Woodson, Bobby Grandizio, Shawn Becket and Peter Woodson



Matt Kramer, Courtney (Chesin) Vadnais, Jimil Wilson, Anne (Mulock) Westbrook, Laura Grandizio, Laura Felder, Mark Herleman and Tom Pohl



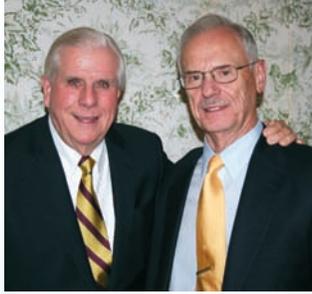
Valli Muthappan, Kris Sukanich, Annie (Succop) Tigano, Brian Gumberg, Steve Siger and Mac Lynch



Jay Mangold



Class of 1941
Bob Dismukes



Class of 1946
Scotti Mulert and Ed Jew



Class of 1951
David McCullough, Bill Hill,
George Kennedy



Class of 1956
Bill Houston, John Ferguson, Frank Wiegand,
Bill Markus



Class of 1961
Front Row Left to Right: Bill Clarkson, Art Avlon, Ole Drangsholt, Tim Lynch, Ric Wetzig, David Lott, Jay Ferguson, Carl Osthaus, Jary Wallace, Bill Schenck
Back Row Left to Right: George Milligan, Bill DelVecchio, Geoffrey Meredith, John Allen, Tom Schmitt, John Hughes, Paul Woodruff, Ed Wettach, Pete McIlroy, Jack Singer, Jordy Miller, Buzz Hutchison, Phil Davidson, Harvey Golomb, Walter Rhodes, David Hauk



Class of 1966
Front Row Left to Right: David Guy, Jeff Varadi, Scott Becker, Jack Smiley, Bill Hughes
Back Row Left to Right: John Harrison, Rich LaMagna, Bill Wallace, Casey Wolff, Chris Abernethy, Paul Zugates, Jay Reich, David Patterson, John Sikina, Lance Labun, John McClester, Don McCormick, Creston Baumonk, Mark Donely, Don Lynn, Chuck Whitehill



Class of 1971
David Roderick, Gus Succop, C.J. Rau, Tad Cassidy, Graham Powers, George Panzak, Richard Katz, Frank Morgan, Tom McGough, Mark Schwartz, Tron McConnell



Class of 1976
Front Row Left to Right: David Anderson, Stacy Anderson, Betsy Wertheimer Franklin, Mike Vogan, Sallie Belle Davis, John Hammer, Bahra McConnel Eddy, Rick Wentley, Jim Silverblatt
Back Row Left to Right: Ted Vasser, Bill Knepper, Doug Mancosh, Dave Fawcett, Kurt Pankopf, Maury Burgwin, Richard Begg



Class of 1981

Greg Cominos, Nelson Person, Bill Tippins, Ron Davenport, Will Garrett, Catherine Vodrey, Tyler McClay, Rich Easler, Dan Schreiber, Mark Stiffler, Eric Sauereisen, Gary Middleton



Class of 1986

Left to Right: Brendan McLaughlin, David Roscow, Charles Asher-Walsh, John Saaty, Paul Henderson, Jay Alexander, Erik Selz, Jeff McLlroy, Eric Letsinger, Laura Karet, Peter Katz, Gregg Lippard, Ingrid Wecht, Peter Taylor, Rick Kalson



Class of 1991

Front Row Left to Right: Doug DeLuca, Kelly Hendershot DeLuca, Stephanie Gonzales, Sharon Brentley, Jen Senan Laman, Rebecca Harper, Nate Nassif, Kent Siefers

Back Row Left to Right: Mike Chase, John Babson, Bob Grandizio, Shawn Becket, Jon Kamin, Aaron Strauss, Matt Laman, Constantine Davides, Jeff Toig, Brian Gefsky, Doug Spear, Jon Haglund, Zach Morris, Rob Slifkin



Class of 1996

Front Row Left to Right: Tyler Wean, Josh Hammerstein, Chris Ward, Tej Datta, Senior School Math Faculty Sue Whitney

Second Row Left to Right: Bill Ferguson, Drew Sokol, Emily (Towbin) Levenson, Mark Kramer and Jimil Wilson

Third Row Left to Right: Fran Wymard, Brendan Lupetin, Hans Pedersen, Nick Hartner, Annie (Mulock) Westbrook, Courtney (Chesin) Vadnais, Lauren (Pinsker) Kushner, Laura Felder, Jackie Talbot and Blake Stanton



Class of 2001

Front Row Left to Right: Alanna Williams, McKenzie Craig, Johanna (Schwartz) Miralles, Josh Marks, Mac Lynch, Kara Dempsey

Second Row Left to Right: Mike Casey, John Rhoades, Roy King, Annie (Succop) Tigano, Abhishek Mehta, Adam Bell, Brian Gumberg, Steve Siger, Valli Muthappan

Third Row Left to Right: Brian Cannon, Matt Cianflone, Chase Gladstone, Imraan Farukhi, Kris Sukanich



Class of 2006

Front Row Left to Right: Andrew Abranovic, Jonathan Spero, Charles Petredis

Back Row Left to Right: Doug Ray, Charles Zuzak, Bart Blystone, James Lee

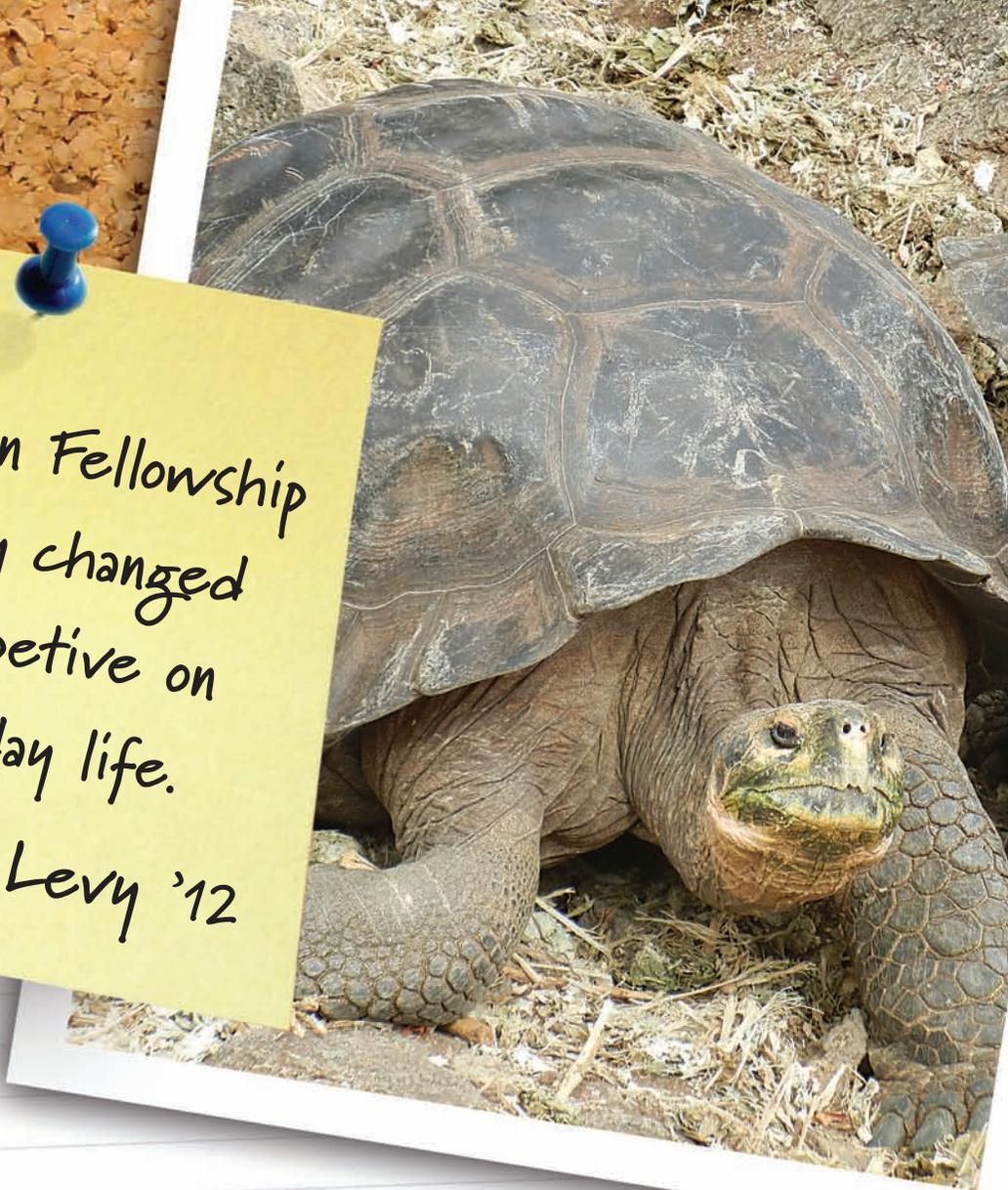


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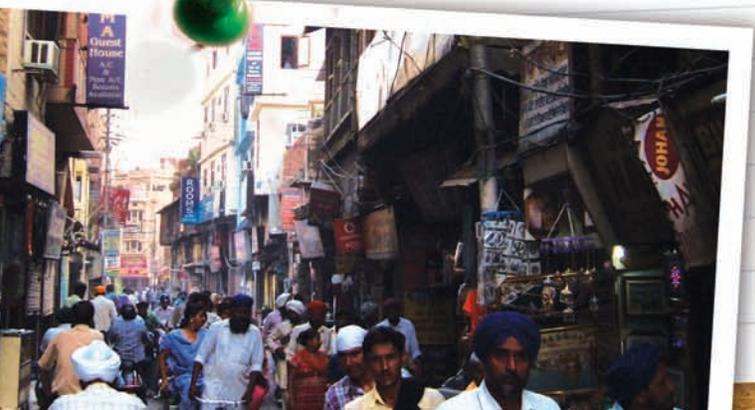


My Parkin Fellowship
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-Alex Levy '12



BY LINDSAY KOVACH / PHOTOGRAPHY COURTESY OF STUDENTS AND FACULTY

From the breathtaking views of 15-million-year-old caves in Costa Rica, to the dusty, beaten dirt roads of Haiti, to the small village huts in India, Shady Side Academy students and faculty had a wide array of experiences far away from our Pittsburgh area campuses this past summer. A select group of the SSA community lived in nine different countries, spanning five separate continents, and learned more about life, balance and adjustment in a matter of weeks than most will learn in their lifetime.





For six Senior School students, the summer of 2011 meant traveling to various locations around the globe and immersing themselves in new cultures, unfamiliar languages and giving back on a global level. The students were granted this opportunity as part of the Parkin Fellowship program, which Fred Parkin '59 established in 2006 to award travel grant money for Senior School students to perform service or environmental

projects outside of the United States. In the five years since its inception, the program has seen 40 Senior School students travel to every inhabitable continent around the globe.

For all of the fellows, the day-to-day experiences in their respective countries provided a rare glimpse in to the lives of the locals. "The coolest part of my trip was that I got to know Israel from a unique perspective," said **Alex Levy '12**,

who spent three weeks working at a home for adults with special needs in northern Israel. "Traveling around the country with my family beforehand, I got a sense of the country and its history. However, spending three weeks in Kishorit allowed me to gain a deeper insight into the lives of the Israeli people."

For **Tess Rosenbloom '12**, who traveled to the Dominican Republic, to work in a Haitian refugee camp, she learned not to take the little things for granted. "My trip made me realize how lucky I am to get to go to school. Many of the children in the Republic are not given the opportunity to get an education, let alone through high school and college. It opened my eyes to the importance of a good education."

Shivum Bharill '13 had a similar experience. "We take the simple necessities for granted," said Bharill, who spent three weeks in northern India working with a local college collecting water samples and ensuring the water was fit for consumption. "At one point we tested water from a middle school and found it to be heavily contaminated. After seeing this firsthand, I can appreciate how lucky we are just to have clean water on a daily basis."

With a new level of understanding for different cultures, the fellows returned to the United States forever impacted. "My Parkin Fellowship certainly changed my perspective on day to day life," said Levy. "[My trip] allowed me to see the ability every person has to live a happy and fulfilling life, regardless of their limitations."



Along with fellow research team members, Shivum Bharill spent time collecting water data at a local medical college in Amritsar, Punjab, India.

(Left) Tess Rosenbloom led various activities during her Parkin Fellowship at a Haitian refugee camp.

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to go to school.
-Tess Rosenbloom '12



Alex Levy took the time to brighten the day of a resident at the adult care home she volunteered at in Kishorit, Israel.

Melanie Dorn assisted students at Colegio Tomas de Belanga in the Galapagos Islands in the province of Ecuador



Similarly, three members of the Shady Side faculty chose to spend their summer breaks broadening their cultural and intellectual horizons. Through Benedum Teaching Fellowships, these teachers traveled across borders, worked with different people and gained valuable experience to bring back to the classroom.

Originating from the Paul G. Benedum Teaching Endowment, the Benedum Teaching Fellowships provide funding for the purpose of strengthening professional development through a summer experience, which will lead to personal growth and enrichment, and to permit faculty members to maintain a sense of intellectual vitality and excitement about their work. These fellowships

allow recipients to play an active role in determining the kinds of experiences that will be most useful to them. Benedum recipients chose a spectrum of enriching experiences. Professional development can help a novice teacher gain insight and finesse, and it can remind a seasoned professional of the passion for the subject originally undertaken.

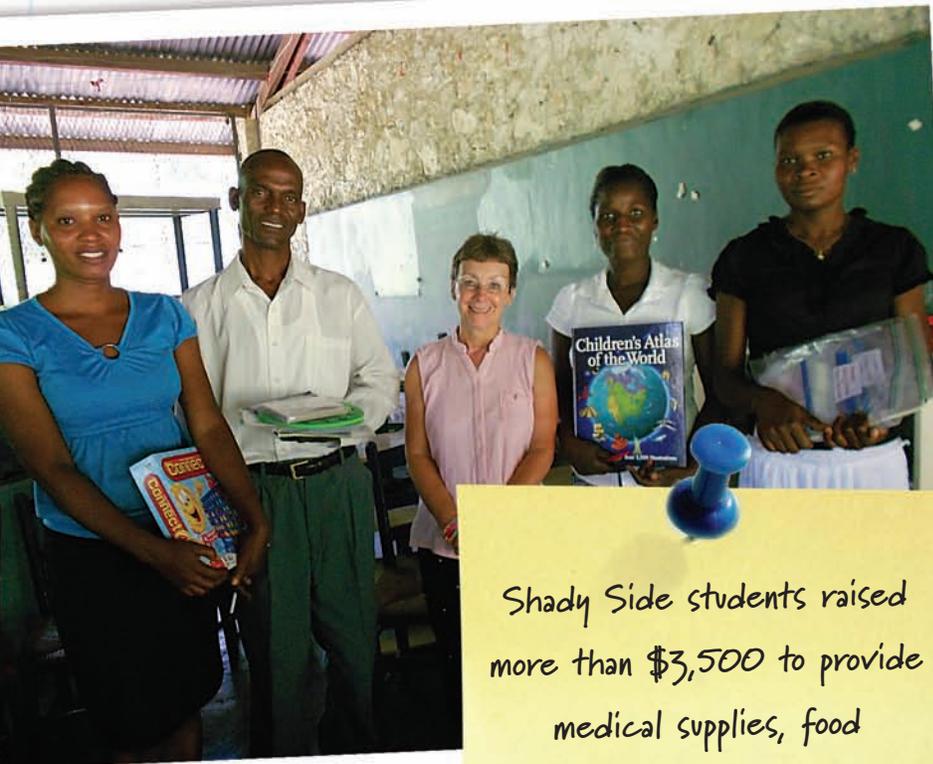
Junior School pre-kindergarten teacher **Melanie Dorn** received a Benedum to travel to the Galapagos Islands for two weeks. While there, Dorn volunteered at a local elementary school, assisting with the PK-Kindergarten English class.

John Wizzard, Senior School science teacher, spent his summer studying at the

Oxbridge Academic Program for Teachers in Oxford, England. He participated in a program called “Boundaries of Scientific Knowledge” which focused on physics, mathematics, math modeling and environmental studies.

Junior School first grade teacher **Carol Hendershot** visited Haiti for two weeks, where she volunteered at the Hôpital Albert Schweitzer and a Haitian school. Through various fundraising projects, Shady Side students raised more than \$3,500 to provide medical supplies, food and learning tools to the children of the village. Hendershot hoped that her trip will allow a permanent relationship to form between SSA and the village of Deschapelles, to which many people have come after fleeing from Port-Au-Prince following the earthquakes.

For the faculty members, the Benedum Fellowships allowed the time to complete valuable research outside of the classroom. Wizzard said, “My classes were stimulating and educational, while the tours of museums, colleges, libraries and local historical sites were not only culturally enriching, but the highlight of my week long seminar.” He added how valuable it was converse with fellow educators, stating, “I was able to meet and work with fellow teachers from all continents, and some of us are still sharing information through email.”



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Junior School first grade teacher Carol Hendershot presented books to staff members at a local school in Haiti.





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Parkin Fellowship Awardees

Dorn was also able to forge new working relationships, and friendships, with staff at the Colegio Tomas de Berlanga, a PK-12 school in Santa Cruz, where she volunteered. "Through my work with the PK and K, I supported a first-year English teacher by helping plan activities and sharing various songs and classroom management suggestions. In November, we worked together on a project sharing the details of a day in each of our countries, which expanded our relationship to include the PK students at Shady Side."

"My gratitude and thanks are extended to Mr. Benedum for providing the funds to attend the seminar and the Benedum Teaching Fellowship selection committee for granting me the fellowship," said Dorn. "I highly recommend that other faculty members take advantage of this opportunity to enrich their lives."

(Below) Senior School faculty member John Wizzard spent his Benedum Teaching Endowment studying at Oxford University, Oxford, England.



Athif Wulandana '12 traveled to Jogjakarta, Indonesia, and volunteered with a temporary shelter for three weeks. The shelter was founded to house refugees from Mount Merapi's eruption. Athif, along with volunteers from local colleges, learned about disaster management, organized events for the refugees and tutored children. He also lived in the shelter complex for two weeks.

Campbell Nilsen '12 spent 20 days in Cambridge Bay (Iqalukuttiaq), Nunavut, in the Canadian Arctic, working with the Nunavut Literacy Council and the local cultural center as an intern, helping with mailings and publishing. The Nunavut Literacy Council works to increase literacy in all four official languages of Nunavut, but especially in Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun. He also helped preserve artifacts and worked with children at the local cultural center.

Tess Rosenbloom '12 traveled to Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic, where she spent her time working in an impoverished Haitian refugee camp. During her stay, she taught English and basic mathematics to the children. She also organized and led activities, including trips within the local area.

Jacob (Jack) King '12 traveled to Costa Rica to volunteer with Projects Abroad in the National Park Barra Honda. The park is situated above an intricate cave network and as recently as several decades ago was only farmland until the natives made an effort to conserve the ecological wonders of the region. For four weeks, King spent his time working with local park staff to maintain the park and conducted nature observations with the park biologist to record ecological data trends.

Alex Levy '12 traveled to Kishorit, a kibbutz in northern Israel for adults with special needs. For three weeks she lived and worked with the members of Kishorit, as well as a group of Israeli volunteers that had been living there for the past year. She worked at the Kibbutz doing various tasks, ranging from serving meals to taking care of horses.

Shivum Bharill '13 traveled to northern India for three weeks, completing a self-designed program with the local medical college in Amritsar, Punjab. He took water samples from villages and tested them to ensure they were fit for consumption. Bharill then advised these villagers on how to keep their water supply safe. He also visited an immunization clinic, which provided most necessary vaccinations to the community free of charge.

Joe McMahon '13 spent three weeks traveling throughout Ecuador with a Global Works program. During his time there, he helped initiate the construction of a therapeutic playground for a children's rehab center. McMahon and his group then made a stop in a lodge in the rainforest of Ecuador to learn about the culture of the indigenous and the life in the rainforest. He finished his trip with a homestay in a rural village in the Andes Mountains doing various projects for and with the inhabitants.



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JAY W. CLEVELAND JR.

is president and CEO of Cleveland Brothers Equipment Company Inc. He joined Cleveland Brothers in 1988 as a management trainee and has held numerous positions through the years, finally being appointed to his current position in 2000. In 2001, he was named dealer principal by Caterpillar. Cleveland is a 1988 graduate of

Lycoming College, earning a degree in business administration. He and his wife, Mary, reside in Fox Chapel with their children, Jay '14, Garrett '18 and Charlotte '22.



NITA RAI-GOHEL, M.D., is an internist currently in practice at Pine Richland Medical Associates in Gibsonia, Pa. She earned her doctorate from Kasturba Medical College in India and did her residency and chief year at the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. She has been in practice for 14 years and was medical director at Sterling Medical Associates prior to

moving to her current practice. She has been involved in residency teaching in primary care at West Penn Hospital, as well as involved in various committees at the hospital. She and her husband, Dr. Shyam Gohel, reside in Fox Chapel with their two children, Shaun '14 and Riya '16, both SSA lifers.



ROB MULLIN '93

is the director of corporate planning and analysis for EQT Corporation. He has held the position since November 2010, with previous experience at Duquesne Capital Management and Highbridge Capital Management in New York City, N.Y. Mullin holds a B.S. in business administration from Washington and Lee University. He also has served on the SSA

Board of Visitors since 2004. He resides in Point Breeze with his wife, Brooke, daughter, Abigail, and son, Sean.



LANCE RUTTENBERG '86

is president of American Textile Company, headquartered in Duquesne, Pa., with more than 200 employees locally and more than 400 throughout the U.S. Ruttenberg joined the company in 1991 and was appointed president in February 2011, having previously served as chief operating officer from 2008-2010 and executive vice president, operations,

from 2003-2007. Ruttenberg earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from Tulane University and an M.B.A. from the Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh. He and his wife, Nicole, have three daughters, Elle '23, Reese '25 and Brooklyn.

NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

Muriel Fox Alim joined the Middle School English faculty, having previously been program director for FAME and an English teacher at Winchester Thurston. Alim is a graduate of The Ellis School, Spelman College and has her M.A.T. from the University of Pittsburgh. She is also a Form I advisor.

Dana Hardy-Bingham joined the Senior School theatre arts faculty. She received her B.A. in theatre arts from Lewis and

Clark College and her M.F.A. in theatre arts from the University of Iowa. Throughout her career, she has taught acting to students in grades 1-12 at touring companies, charter schools and public schools.

Mary Bushnell joined the Senior School faculty, teaching history and English. She earned her B.A. in English and American studies from Connecticut College and her M.A. in American studies from Trinity College. Bushnell also serves as assistant

coach for varsity girls soccer and varsity girls basketball.

Amy Davidheiser is the Academy receptionist and calendar coordinator. She holds her bachelor's degree in theater from Allentown College and worked as an equity and educational stage manager for several years.

Jeff Day is vice president for development, overseeing the Alumni & Development Office. He has spent more than 20 years

in independent schools, holding positions of leadership in development, alumni relations, admissions, and as a teacher, dorm advisor and coach. He worked most recently at Episcopal Academy. He is a graduate of Bates College.

Mandy Fong joined the Middle School as a Chinese teacher, as part of the new Flex Language Program. Fong is the founder of the All Ages Chinese School and has taught Chinese at Providence Heights Alpha School, Carlow Campus School and worked with the after-school Chinese program at Franklin Park Elementary School. She received her B.A. from National Chengchi University in Taiwan and her M.B.A. from Ohio University.

Sara Fracasso joined the Athletics Department as assistant athletic trainer. For the past two years she served as head athletic trainer at Seneca High School in Louisville, Ken. She earned her B.A. in athletic training from Marshall University, as well as her M.S. in physical education with a concentration in sports administration.

Jeffrey Gross joined the Middle School faculty as a teacher of choral music and strings. He came to SSA from the Propel Schools and Sacred Heart Elementary School. Prior to that, Gross was a professional opera singer and worked with a number of local choral groups. He has his degree from the Mary Pappert School of Music at Duquesne University.

Amy Harrison joined the Academy as the assistant to the President's Office. She is a graduate of Michigan State University, where she received her B.A. in advertising and communications. She most recently worked for Girl Scouts of Western Pennsylvania, and also worked as a Middle School library assistant in the past.

Elizabeth Kline joined the Middle School English faculty. Kline has worked the past two summers as a camp counselor for SSA Summer Programs. She is a graduate of Denison University and has her M.A.T. from Chatham University. Kline also teaches the new sixth grade study skills course.

Alexandra Korshin joined the Middle School faculty as a part-time Spanish teacher. She is a recent graduate of Oberlin College, where she received her B.A. in comparative literature and minored in Hispanic studies. Korshin is also fluent in Italian and spent the previous summer teaching Italian at the Concordia Language Villages in Minnesota.

Cheryl Kotowski joined the Middle School faculty, teaching Spanish and French. She worked previously as a Spanish and French teacher and in the International Baccalaureate program at the International School of Prague. She also taught Spanish at the Taipei American School and, most recently, at Clarendon Hills Middle School. Kotowski has a B.A. in Spanish and social science from Drake University.

Benoni Outerbridge joined the Junior School as the new director of After-School Discovery. He has experience with children in grades K-12 as a teacher, counselor, camp director and curriculum director. Outerbridge holds a bachelor's degree in human ecology from the College of the Atlantic, a master's degree in secondary social studies education from New York University and a master's of library and information science from the University of Pittsburgh.

Kimberly Price joined the Junior School as the PK-5 music teacher, having previously worked as a sabbatical replacement for Ruth Ann Modic in instrumental music during the 2009-2010 school year. She holds a bachelor's degree in music from Stetson University and a master's degree in music education from Carnegie Mellon University. She is currently working on her doctorate.

Creighton Runette joined the Senior School as director of personal counseling. He is a licensed mental health therapist who previously served as coordinator of program services at Pressley Ridge Day School. Runette graduated from New England College with a B.A. in psychology and from Antioch University with an M.A. in couple and family therapy.

Emily Schaknowski joined the Senior School health and physical education

department as a sabbatical replacement for Patti Gurson. She earned a B.S. in health and physical education from University of Delaware. She also coaches girls field hockey and girls lacrosse.

Nathalia Segall joined the Senior School world languages faculty, teaching French and Spanish. She earned her M.A. in foreign languages from the University of Pittsburgh, completing her year-long student teaching at The Creative and Performing Arts High School. She earned her B.A. in international politics and French language and culture from Pennsylvania State University.

Megan Vrcic joined the Junior School as receptionist. She previously worked at the Pace School as a milieu therapist. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh in the areas of psychology, education and communications.

Kate Vavpetic joined the Senior School as head of school. She attended the Institut d'Etudes Politiques and Université de la Sorbonne in Paris while earning her bachelor's degree in international relations and French from Mount Holyoke College. She holds a master's degree in French studies from New York University. She worked at The Hotchkiss School since 1998, most recently serving as the school's first associate dean of faculty.

Nathan Verbanets joined the Academy as assistant director of programs, after being assistant director of Shady Side's Day Camp Discovery for the past two summers. He holds a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in secondary social studies from the University of Pittsburgh.

Derek Nussbaum Wagler joined the Senior School science faculty. He had been teaching biology, chemistry and physics at Middleton-Cross Plains Area Schools in Wisconsin for the last seven years. He has a bachelor's degree in biology from Goshen College and a master's degree in environmental soil chemistry from Purdue University.

HILLMAN CENTER FALL SHOWS DELIGHT AND AMAZE

BY SARAH YORK RUBIN / PHOTOGRAPHY COURTESY OF PERFORMERS

The Hillman Center for Performing Arts continues to delight audiences with talent from Pittsburgh and around world. In addition to orchestral, operatic and dance performances, this fall the Hillman was proud to present unprecedented acts in the form of a zoologist accompanied by live animals and an illusionist with magic and mystery in tow.

The 2011-2012 season opened in August with a classical music performance featuring Sarah Chang and members of the Pittsburgh Symphony. Recognized as one of the world's greatest violinists, Chang has played in symphonies all over the world, and was in Pittsburgh this summer as a special guest of The Advanced Chamber Music Seminar, held on Shady Side Academy's Senior School campus. Later in the month, yet another world-renowned musician played for audiences as Octavio Brunetti and his eponymous quintet accompanied professional tango dancers in *The Americas - In Concert*. The famous Argentinian tango pianist shared his country's music and dance in a delightful performance sponsored by the Caminos family.

Fantastic Mr. Fox graced the stage in September, as Roald Dahl's classic tale of man versus animal was brought to the Hillman by Pittsburgh's own Microscopic Opera Company. Talented vocalists dressed in imaginative animal costumes acted out the comically sweet opera on a set featuring a sculptural tree suspended over a Danish-modern fox den. Audience members were seated on the stage to enjoy the small-scale opera up-close while experiencing the live



Fantastic Mr. Fox



Magic of the Night

orchestra playing in the pit. Shady Side Academy Middle School music teacher **Jeffrey Gross**, a former professional opera singer, played Farmer Bunce in the cast.

One week before Halloween, a haunted magic show kicked off the 2011-2012 Hillman Performing Arts Series with Illusionist Stephen Knight's *Magic of the Night* on Oct. 22. A dynamic combination of music, lights, special effects, pyrotechnics and a huge HD screen, he proved that even the ancient art of magic can be aided by cool, modern technology.

Live animals stole the show in the Hillman Series' second performance, *Animal Exploration With Jarod Miller*, on Nov. 12. Miller, American's youngest zoo director, entertained the audience with a baby zebra, wildebeest, 100-pound snapping turtle, king vulture and more, as well as educated them about each animal's behaviors and habitats. We are happy to say that the first non-human guests at the HCPA were a big success!

The winter and spring portions of the 2011-2012 season feature The Platters and The Marvelettes in Concert on Jan. 14, the Carnegie Mellon Chamber Orchestra on Feb. 18, Elements of Humor Comedy Tour on March 24 and the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre on April 21. To learn more, visit www.thehillman.org.



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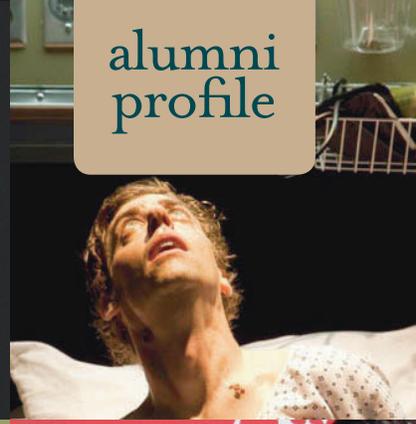
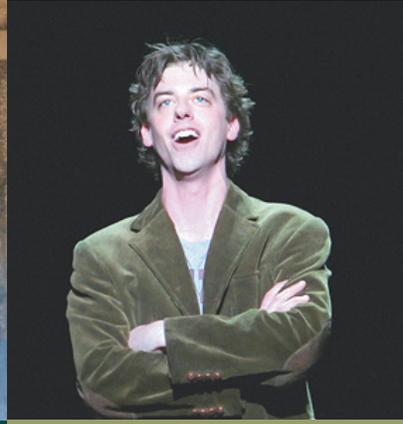


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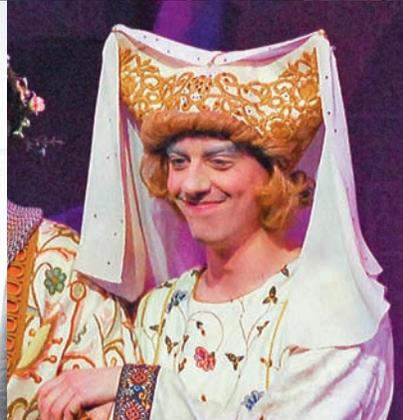
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CHRISTIAN BORLE '91

*Broadway Star Makes
Leap to Network TV*

BY CRISTINA ROVALIS
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One week, **Christian Borle** '91 crooned "Chim Chim Cher-ee" and "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" on a Broadway stage, tap dancing and swirling a soot-covered brush with puckish delight. The next week, he transformed himself into a man ravaged with AIDS and abandoned by his lover.

Going from Bert the chimney sweep in *Mary Poppins* to a prophet of doom in *Angels in America* would give many actors a serious case of whiplash. But Borle is known for his range, a man whose mind and body are so flexible that a former drama professor called him "Gumby."

The 38-year-old has morphed from Emmett Forrest in *Legally Blonde: The Musical* — a role which earned him a Tony nomination — to Jimmy Smith in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* to Not Dead Fred in *Monty Python's Spamalot*.

While well-known among musical theater fans, he walks largely unnoticed through the streets of New York City, where he lives.

That may change as he enters American living rooms in the upcoming NBC series *Smash*, which debuts in February. Backed by Steven Spielberg, the show's storyline is about the making of a Broadway musical about Marilyn Monroe. Borle will play a gay composer opposite Debra Messing, who landed the role of the production's lyricist.

"I already hit the lottery in just getting the role," Borle said, the excitement in his melodic voice palpable through the phone line. "My mother is very, very, very happy. But you never know where it is going to go. I am trying very hard to just take it one step at a time. It can air and maybe people don't respond. Then it has a short life. Or, it's a huge hit and all of the sudden, it's this thing."

Since filming of the first 14 episodes of *Smash* began this past fall, Borle has had to adjust to the rhythm of TV versus the stage. "If you do a *Mary Poppins* or *Angels in America*, you do the same thing night after night," he said. "You can fine tune. You show up at work and say, 'Tonight, I'm actually going to get it right,' which you never really do.

"But with TV, we did a couple of scenes in the pilot, and we will never do them again. It's hard to leave it behind."

He is inspired by what he calls the "fearlessness" of Messing, a primetime veteran who enjoyed a long run on *Will & Grace*. "She has such a great sense of adventure," he said.

Borle plans to infuse his composer character with a "raging intellect." "There's something about music — and the way people think about music and create music — that lends them all a similar, cerebral sense of humor," he said.

That should come naturally to Borle, a man who showcased his comedic flair in a musical eBay commercial, got laughs for his dry humor in *Spamalot*, and whose first email exchange with this writer began, "Nice to meet you, albeit via the series of pneumatic tubes that is the interweb."

Playful and brainy, indeed.

As a sophomore at Shady Side Academy, Borle didn't seem like a natural showman at first.

Standing just 4-foot-11, he was small and shy. He played tennis, "but couldn't hang because I was so small." A self-described nerd, he loved watching *Star Wars* and reading and drawing superhero comics. But one day during a school dance, the sophomore picked up the mic and started to belt out a tune.

The notes certainly struck a chord with choir director Daniel Brill. Borle's singing was in perfect pitch that floated over the wiggling masses like a "silver flute."

As soon as the song ended, Brill rushed over and introduced himself. "You have a great sound," Brill told Borle. He invited him to try out for musicals.

Later that year, Borle's friends dragged him to a tryout for *Oklahoma!* He didn't gravitate toward competitions, but his



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shyness melted away on stage and a rush of adrenaline surged through him as he tried on different roles. "I came alive," he said. He landed the role of Will Parker and he was hooked. He loved the sense of community in the theater.

Brill, now chair of SSA's Arts Department, knew Borle was a natural. "As soon as he stepped on the stage, the lights hit him," he said. "He was on. He never had any stage fright. But it was not about ego or overacting. It was never, 'Look at me.'"

Borle kept landing roles in musicals, and his love of theater deepened. So did his love of drawing. He would spend hours in his bedroom in Fox Chapel, drawing Batman, Spider-Man and other superheroes while listening to show tunes.

"Should I act or draw?" he asked himself. He chose acting because it was more social.

Brill didn't sugarcoat the life of an actor. It was a ridiculously hard way to make a living, he told his star student. But Borle wanted to go for it, even though he came from a scientific family. His father, Andre, was a doctor and professor of physiology at the University of Pittsburgh, while his mother, Lee, was assistant to the dean of medicine.

One day in the car, he asked his father, "Do you mind if I am not a doctor?"

"Not at all," he recalled his father replying. Both parents were just happy that he had found something that gave him great joy. Borle called his parents' acceptance "a great gift."

The 17-year-old wanted to go away to college, but his friends told him he would be silly not to apply to the premier drama program at Carnegie Mellon University in his hometown. Gary Kline, associate teaching professor of musical theater at Carnegie Mellon, remembers meeting a "gangly kid with great big eyes." "He looked like he could play the geeky kid next year," Kline said. "He had a plain voice."

But if he was raw, he was also driven to improve.

"This guy was like Gumby, bendable and movable," Kline said. "He wanted to learn everything. He has so much drive and spirit. He came in a blank slate and went so far in four years. His heart was in the work."

"I taught him a physical kind of singing, moving the body with the voice. He developed a beautiful bravado so there was a ping that could cut through the theater. It had laser beam quality to it, bright and clear."

During Borle's junior year, he and his classmates were scheduled to do a cabaret performance in Pittsburgh, Kline said. A huge storm moved in, making the roads all

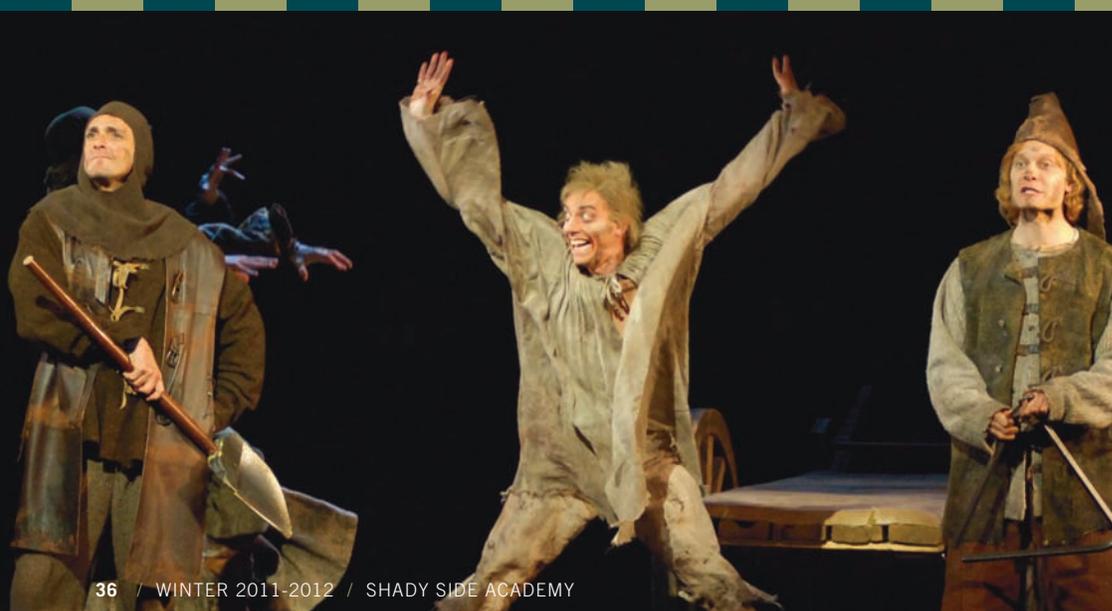
but impassable. Kline suggested canceling, but Borle and his classmates insisted that the show go on.

"We risked body and limb to get there," Kline said.

Kline watched the late-blooming teen shoot up to 5'10", his face fill in beneath his wide blue eyes, his voice blossom into a high baritone. "He has grown into something extraordinary," he said. "He has grown into his looks and become handsome."

After graduation, Borle moved to New York City at age 21 and landed his first acting job — but it wasn't exactly Broadway. He worked as an elf at Macy's Santaland, rotating posts as "a cash register elf, a wishing tree elf, a photograph elf, a greeting elf." He said elves were warned that they would be "pink-listed" — banned from Santaland forever — if they didn't stay on until the New Year, a policy that discouraged staff from quitting the day after Christmas.

Borle quit early, but he had a good excuse. He was offered a job in *The Who's Tommy* in Germany. His bosses at Macy's understood, but even so, his elf days were over. "I was pink-listed. I carry the shame to this day, but it was worth it," he quipped.



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He tended bar to pay the bills, but his starving artist days were cut short when he landed a replacement role in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* on Broadway in 2002. It was great fun, but as a replacement, he was below the radar, omitted from the theater reviews.

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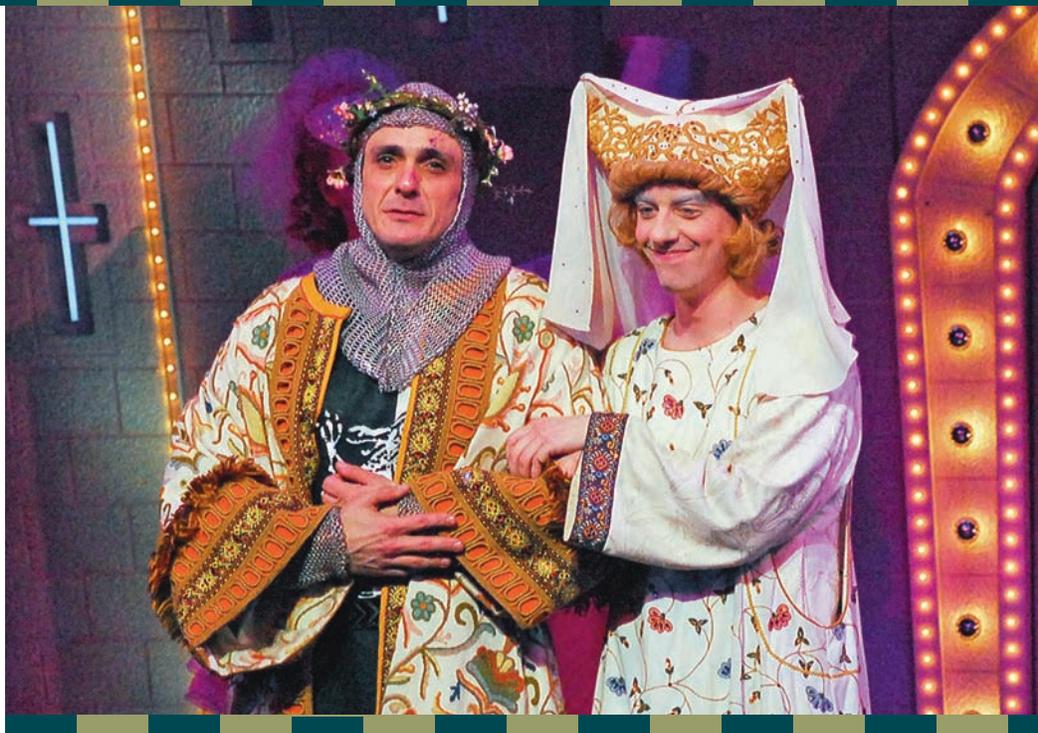
From there, in 2007, he landed the role of Emmett Forrest in *Legally Blonde: The Musical*, earning praise and a Tony nomination. Kline, his former college professor, said. "The show is a sea of silliness, and there was Christian Borle really doing his acting. He anchored the show. He was fearless and inventive. He was so proud of his Tony nomination."

Borle relishes the chance to play new characters. "All those roles have pushed me in different ways vocally," he said. "I sang in *Millie* in a different way than I sang in *Spamalot*. Then, *Legally Blonde* was a completely different style as well."

The next year, he charmed crowds on the *Mary Poppins* stage as Bert, the role made famous by Dick Van Dyke in the Julie Andrews movie 42 years earlier. "You start with the Cockney accent and go from there," he said. "I wanted to make him an actual person as opposed to a caricature, but parts of it had to be larger than life. It was a balancing act."

His former teacher, Brill, came to Broadway to see him. "He had a spark and a twinkle in his eye, but he didn't copy Dick Van Dyke," Brill said with evident pride. "He made it his own."

All the tap dancing made every performance a workout. "He had to have the suit altered because he lost so much weight — and Christian doesn't have a lot of weight to lose," Brill said. "Every show was like an aerobics class." A singing aerobics class, at that.



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He put down his chimney brush in June of 2010, and a week later started rehearsing the role of Prior Walter in *Angels of America*. To prepare for the U-turn from whimsy to anguish, he spent a week at his sister's rural farm. He was honored to be in the acclaimed Tony Kushner play.

His own life mirrored the devastation he portrayed on stage. His father was gravely ill (and never recovered) as Borle was plunging into this dramatic role about death. "There was an entire time of my life where I was living in fear of mortality or loss," he said. "It was a really potent, Technicolor time in many ways. It was enormously helpful to have that outlet during that very difficult time."

For all his success, Borle faces the actor's occupational hazard of worrying about his next paycheck. "It is common phobia among actors," he said. "Insecurity is rampant. Over the last couple of years, there would be moments when I would be between jobs, and you really do think, 'Maybe I will never work again.'"

His role in *Smash* will add another dimension to his resumé. The fact that Spielberg is backing the project is an added thrill to the science fiction fan who loves the director's movies.

One day, he and other cast members were doing an early reading, which was interrupted by a speaker-phone call from Spielberg. The famous director said hello to the cast, and Borle felt a chill. "I could not believe what was happening," he said. "It was like an out-of-body experience."

Kline believes this TV role will give Borle a whole new set of fans.

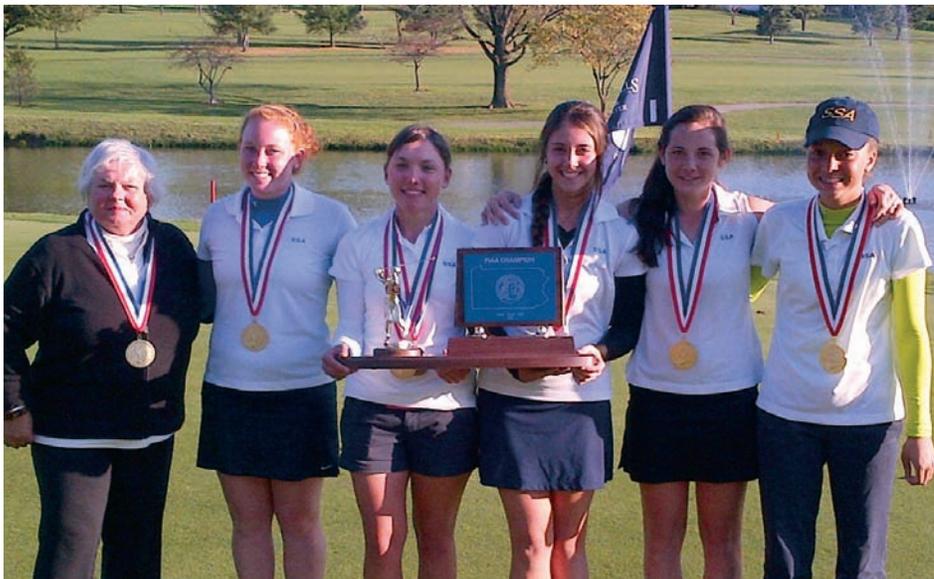
"You cannot really be a name just doing Broadway," Kline said. "The *Smash* role is a huge breakthrough for him. It will give him currency."

And once again, Christian Borle will bend himself in a new direction.

The pilot for *Smash* will air on Monday, Feb. 6, 2012, at 10 p.m. on NBC.



fall sportsbriefs



GIRLS GOLF – WPIAL & STATE CHAMPIONS

by Andy Geisler '12

The girls golf team had high hopes and great expectations as they entered the 2011 season. What they did not know was that they would excel far beyond the predictions to have a dream season. Led by co-captains **Kendall Allen** and **Michelle Bucklew**, the team rolled to a perfect 8-0 record in claiming a section title. The girls then cruised to a WPIAL Championship, beating second place Fox Chapel by 46 strokes. The girls moved onto York, Pa., where they won their third PIAA Championship in four years. Individually, Allen shot a 166 to place ninth in the state. With key members like **Lauren Waller** and **Shannon Gramley** returning, the girls will look to defend their title in 2012.

FIELD HOCKEY – WPIAL CHAMPIONS

by Alexis Concordia '12

The girls field hockey team had a banner year in 2011. The girls amassed an 18-1-1 record while going undefeated in the district on their way to their 11th WPIAL championship. The team was led by a talented group of seniors in **Erin Gorse**, **Audrey Buckman**, **Alex Levy**, **Alexis Concordia**, **Dima Kharma** and **Sabina Rizzo**. The seniors made a breakthrough in the state playoffs in eliminating Belleville Mennonite by a score of 3-0. The win marked the first time Shady Side has advanced into the second round of the PIAA tournament. With a talented group returning, the team looks to continue its title run in 2012.





FOOTBALL

by Jake Ellis '12 and Jon Laufe '12

The football team had another standout year as the 2011 squad put together a memorable season. Led by captains **Jake Ellis, Andy Geisler** and **Reggie Mitchell**, the team went on a seven-game winning streak that ran into the quarterfinals of the WPIAL Championships. The team again brought home the Allegheny Conference title, giving the senior class three conference championships in their four years at SSA. The Indians developed a high-powered offense that put up nearly 30 points per game while allowing less than two scores per contest. With a core of returning starters, coach **Dave Havern** looks to build on the success of the 2011 team in the years to come.

BOYS GOLF

By Ollie Dowd '13

The boys varsity golf team, led by senior captain **Brendan Gramley** and junior captain **Troy Berglund**, had an outstanding season highlighted with a section championship. The team lost their first match of the season, but went undefeated in the rest of the regular season. The team also won the IPSL Tournament in convincing fashion. Individually speaking, Gramley qualified for the PIAA state championship and placed 34th in the state.



2011 FALL SPORTS RECORDS

Varsity Teams	W	L	T	PCT.	League Standing
Boys Soccer	11	8	1	.579	
Girls Soccer	16	5	0	.762	3rd Place WPIAL
Football	8	3	0	.727	Conference Champions
Boys Golf	13	2	0	.867	
Girls Golf	12	0	0	1.000	Section Champions, WPIAL Champions, PIAA Champions
Boys Cross Country	10	0	0	1.000	Section Champions, 5th Place WPIAL
Girls Cross Country	9	1	0	.900	12th Place WPIAL
Field Hockey	18	1	1	.950	Section Champions, WPIAL Champions
Girls Tennis	20	4	0	.833	WPIAL Runner Up, PIAA Runner Up
Totals	117	24	2	.830	
Junior Varsity and Freshman Teams					
JV Boys Soccer	9	6	6	.600	
JV Girls Field Hockey	3	2	1	.600	
JV Football	2	3	0	.400	
Totals	34	15	0	.694	
Overall Totals	122	90	11	.575	



BOYS SOCCER

By Ollie Dowd '13

The boys soccer team enjoyed a much improved season this year. Led by senior captains **Dan Mathieson, Mike Holzinger, Jacob Demand** and **Sascha Demetris**, the Indians finished the season with a 11-8-1 record, a playoff berth and the promise of future successes. The team proved resilient after senior goalie **Andrew Boyle** broke his leg halfway through the season. Several goalies stepped up to fill his position, but freshman **Brendan Leech** came up with the best performance when he and the Indians prevailed in their first-round WPIAL playoff game by way of penalty shootout. The boys look to contend for the WPIAL title in years to come with many key players returning.

GIRLS TENNIS

by Rachel Diehl '12

The girls tennis team had a season to remember. The team battled all season, working hard in order to find themselves in the PIAA Championship, making the state finals for the fifth time in six years. With standout performances by **Lindsay Cozen, Rachel Diehl** and **Alexa Miller** in the state tournament, the team had huge wins over Unionville and Wissahickton to finish as the PIAA runner-up. With sophomore **Kelly Mengel** and many underclassmen returning, the Indians should continue their domination of the court in seasons to come.



GIRLS SOCCER

by Lia Winter '13

The girls soccer team proved that once again they are a top team in WPIAL Class A soccer. Led by seniors **Molly Magovern, Ruby Scalo, Anne Pooley** and **Jenna Rosenbloom**, the girls racked up a 16-5 record and a third-place finish in the WPIAL tournament. The season was highlighted by a 1-0 win over Wilmington in the PIAA state tournament. That game saw both a phenomenal goal from scoring threat **Maggie Scott**, as well as key saves in a shutout by **Olivia Cochran**. The team battled injuries all season, often shuffling the lineup every game. The attitude and effort of the girls, combined with their talent, made for a memorable season.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

By Ollie Dowd '13

Boys cross country was once again led by captain **Jack Bagamery**, who continued his remarkable high school career, highlighted with a 14th place finish in the state championships. Bagamery and fellow senior captain **David Lembersky** led the team to an impressive season, culminating in a 5th place finish in the WPIALs despite the freezing cold rain. Up-and-coming junior **Max Young** also stepped up this season by qualifying for states. The team will look for the underclassmen to lead the squad next year.



GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

By Emily Lamm '12

The girls cross country team had a strong regular season, finishing with an 8-1 record. The season was one defined by dreadful weather conditions, with most courses turning into mudslides. The WPIAL Championship was no exception, as the girls had to run through high winds, rain, snow and, of course, loads of mud. The WPIAL team consisted of first-year runners **Angie Kim** and **Rebkah Tesfamariam**, sophomore **Mackenzie Klinvex**, juniors **Ali Sarner**, **Alex Janczewska** and captain **Sara Policastro**, and senior **Emily Lamm**. Unfortunately, the team did not meet its goal of qualifying for the state meet and finished 12th out of 35 teams. Individually, for the fourth consecutive year, Lamm was a medalist at the WPIAL Championship and qualified for the PIAA Championship. All in all, it was an incredible season marked by a drive for success and great leadership.



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alumni events

ALUMS HIT THE COURT AND THE ICE

In an effort to boost participation, the alumni and alumnae basketball games were played over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend this year. On Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011, two groups gathered in Mellon Gymnasium to reunite and shoot some hoops. Over in the Roy McKnight Hockey Center, more than 20 alums joined their former teammates in a friendly competition on the ice. The annual basketball and ice hockey games had a great turnout, with family and friends cheering them on from the stands. Thanks to everyone who participated and brought friends along to join.



Front Row: Ed Levicoff '98, Mike McAllister '93, Bart Brush '93, Eric Levicoff '95, Grant Foley '11
Back Row: Julie (Lovett) Quaid '89, Mark Lovett '01, Richard Greer '99, Chris Ward '96, Damien McGill '96 and Brian Gumberg '01



Front Row: Drew Singer '08, Joe Tutro '07, R.K. Galey '05, Trip McSorley '22, Adam Goebel '04
Back Row: Luke Racek '09, Mike Mitrakos '09, Mike Lee '90, Joe Charlson '88, R.J. McSorley '89



Noelle DiGioia '05, Maggie Bodenlos '06, Stephanie Woelfel '06 and Katie Sheerer '07.

ALUMNI & DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

In order to reflect current and ongoing roles in the Alumni & Development Office, former Coordinators of Alumni Engagement Jamie Brush '98 and Lisa Page have received new titles. Brush will now serve as the director of alumni relations, focusing on directly serving and engaging our alumni and parents of alumni. Page is now director of donor relations, working with parents and grandparents, as well as continuing her role as coordinator of the 50th reunion classes.

ALUMNI GATHER IN THE WINDY CITY AND BEAN TOWN

Class Agent **Ryan Ruskin '86** hosted the Chicago Alumni Reception on Nov. 10, 2011, at the Racquet Club of Chicago. More than 25 alumni were in attendance to meet with President Tom Cangiano and Vice President for Development Jeff Day, who is new to the Academy this year. More and more alumni call Chicago home these days, and SSA was glad to have the opportunity to reconnect.

Less than a month later on Dec. 1, 2011, alumni gathered for the Boston Alumni Reception, held at The Back Bay Hotel. President Tom Cangiano was happy to be back in his hometown, as he welcomed more than 15 alumni to the event. Vice President for Development Jeff Day was also in attendance to socialize and gain further perspective on the Academy. Thank you to all who attended.



Chicago Alumni



John Babson '91, Rick Lyon '69 and Jeff Winokur '69 at the Boston event

DOWNTOWN LUNCHEON

Sponsored by the Shady Side Academy Alumni Association, this year's Fall Downtown Luncheon was held Nov. 21, 2011, at the Allegheny HYP Club in Downtown Pittsburgh. The featured speaker was alumna **Bentley Weiner '92**, a coordinating producer for HBO Sports, who won her fourth Sports Emmy in 2011 for her work on the series *24/7 Penguins/Capitals: Road to the NHL Winter Classic*. Alumni had the chance to network and mingle prior to Bentley's presentation, which included clips from her work throughout the years.



Bentley Weiner '92 and Academy President Tom Cangiano



Veronica Corpuz '92, Rob Ferguson '92, Weiner and Raquel (Gonzalez) Kramer '92



Jimil Wilson '96, Drew Gifford '97 and Bill Ferguson '96



classnotes

Included in this section are news items received through Nov 1, 2011.

1933

Donald Kerr writes: "I am past president and current chaplain of our Ivy League Club in Sarasota, Fla., the secretary and co-president of the Princeton class of 1937. I am also chaplain of the Sahib Shrine. I am 96 years old, so 1933 is a long time from 2011."

1939

Bill Wood writes: "Living comfortably in retirement at home in beautiful, warm Miami, Fla."

1940

Ben Dangerfield writes: "I am still in Wallingford, Pa., with my wife of 63 years, Dorothy. With us are our granddaughter and two great-grandsons, now three and five years old. We traveled to Costa Rica in June."

1942

Sandy Reed reports: "The great class of 1942 is rapidly passing into history. I had a splendid dinner recently with **John Davis** and his wife, Mary, in Pittsburgh. John and I keep in email and phone contact with a diminished circle that is composed of ourselves, **David Bennett** and **Bill Pettit**. I live in Green Valley, Ariz., and write for a local magazine to keep busy."

1950

Jack McElravey writes: "We had dinner with **Jim Roush** and his wife, Ann, in late March in Geneva, Ill."

1951

John Harper writes: "Since 2004, my wife of some 53 years and I have lived in London, following 10 years as a financial advisor to USAID in Central Europe. We have one daughter in London, another in Hong Kong, and our son is in New York. We very much enjoy our five granddaughters, ages 7-14."

1953

Gene Helsel reports: "It is hard to believe Shari and I have been living in San Diego 33 years. We plan to be back for my 60th. Our granddaughter, Kate, is a freshman at Schreyer Honors College at Penn State. She ran the Pittsburgh marathon and finished in 3 hours, 40 minutes, which qualifies for the Boston Marathon."

Ned Boshell writes: "The summer months were spent in Chicago, so we avoided most of the Dallas record-high temperatures and drought. We have returned from our annual trip to the Edinburgh Scotland Festival and Cowal Highland Games, this year introducing three more grandchildren to their Scot heritage. This fall, we will be in Turkey for our underwater archeology activities, and then we will visit Ukraine to investigate farmland investment opportunities."

1954

Dave Adams reports: "We are now in Austin, Texas, where my wife, Pat, is head of Austin Trinity Episcopal School, grades K-8. We are helping to keep Austin weird."

1955

Ira Kuhn writes: "After 29 years, I have sold my R&D company and moved from McLean, Va., to Reston, Va. I continue with active spinout R&D ventures and think tank affiliations."

1957

John Hassenplug reports: "I am sort of retired and spending time at Lake Tahoe and our house in Mexico (vrbo.com/263272). Come see us."

1959

Rick Taylor writes: "I was married to Shannon on Aug. 7, 2010."



1960

J. William Jahn, USAF colonel, ret., was elected as the Rotary International District 7430's governor for 2011-12. Beginning July 1, 2011, Jahn oversees the activities of 48 Rotary Clubs in Pennsylvania's Bucks, Berks, Lehigh, Montgomery and Northampton counties. He has been a Rotarian for 29 years.

1960

Gus Tarasi reports: "I rejoined Wells Fargo after a seven-year hiatus."

1963

Dan McKeon writes: "I retired as catalog librarian emeritus from Princeton Theological Seminary in May 2008."

1964

John McGowan reports: "I am still living between San Francisco and San Jose in California, and just retired for the second time from the position of chief risk and legal officer for HP Credit Union, and resumed consulting on a part-time basis, working with a negotiation training firm."

1966

David Patterson was in Las Vegas in November for a legal conference and

visited with **Jeff Varadi**. The two caught up on the last 45 years of their lives. David has three sons, and two of them have an organic foods business in Pittsburgh and are opening up a store in Lawrenceville. Their website is <http://www.wildpurveyors.com> and includes a video about their new retail store.

1971

Jack Miller was newly ordained as a reverend at Saint Boniface Church, Pittsburgh. Miller is employed by the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation as director of gift planning/easements. He is also principal of Miller Consulting, which provides development consulting to the Byzantine Catholic Church Seminary. He and his wife, Donna, have three children and two grandchildren.

1973

Rick Pivrotto writes: "I had the pleasure of seeing classmate **Kevin Kelly**, who lives in Greenwich, Conn., and who is a managing director at UBS Securities in Stamford. He still hits 300-yard tee shots and remains an ardent member of the Steeler Nation."

1976

Doug Mancosh writes: "My wife, Kathy, and children, Megan, 20, and Kate, 17, are living in Rhode Island. Megan is at Wake Forest and Kate is at the Wheeler School. Kathy and I are beginning to eye the empty nest with mixed emotions, but have enjoyed a wonderful time."

Janet Chesley Denton reports: "My family and I are living in the metro Atlanta area. In October 2010, my sweet husband unexpectedly passed away, so the year has been full of readjustments and creating a new 'normal' for the children and myself. I purchased a Mediterranean restaurant in May 2011, Azar's Mediterranean Café, in Buford, Ga. Nothing like the restaurant business to take your mind off of any peace and quiet. It's been quite a switch from the field of education. Our daughter, Megan, 25, has returned from extended missions work in Zambia, and Christen, 23 is a senior at UGA majoring in accounting, and Ben, 15, is a sophomore enjoying basketball and current technology gadgets. All are at home

with me and it's a blessing to have them close. Hope all is well with the class of '76."

1978

Carl Kurlander writes: "On Nov. 9, 2011, we launched the Steeltown Film Factory in the Regent Square Theater. It has really become an important connector between Pittsburgh and Hollywood with advisers like 300 producer Bernie Goldmann, Lionsgate's John Dellaverson, *Good Will Hunting* producer Chris Moore and many others connecting to the growing Pittsburgh film community. See www.steeltownfilmfactory.org for more information.

Quite a few of our more than 60 advisers are from SSA, including *Ice Age* screenwriter **Peter Ackerman '88**, *The Cleveland Show* writer/producer **Jonathan Green '91** and *Two and a Half Men* director **Jamie Widdoes**, who is shooting a pilot for the new Steeltown/WQED Pittsburgh Innovative Media Incubator.

Also, our film, *My Tale of Two Cities*, which features SSA's **Bob Grandizio**, **David McCullough '51**, and the school itself, came home after playing 25 cities across North America and it made its broadcast premiere on WQED on Thanksgiving at 8 p.m.

I also recently worked with Napa Valley Film festival organizer **Marc Lhormer** to show our polio film, *The Shot Felt 'Round The World*, which has been picked up for international distribution by Mercury Media. By the way, the first person to get the Salk polio vaccine was SSA student **Bob**



1979

Chip Burke's surprise 50th birthday party in June 2011.

Front row: **Peter Mathieson, Chip Burke, John Rieck '77, Chip Perkins**

Back row: **Steve Davis, Brian Dawson, Gordon Fisher, Jim Gilmore**

Kirkpatrick. We are also launching our Take a Shot at Changing the World digital media contest (www.takeashotcontest.org), which gives middle and high school students a chance to make a film about changing the world and win \$5,000. You can get an overview of all this at www.steeltown.org.

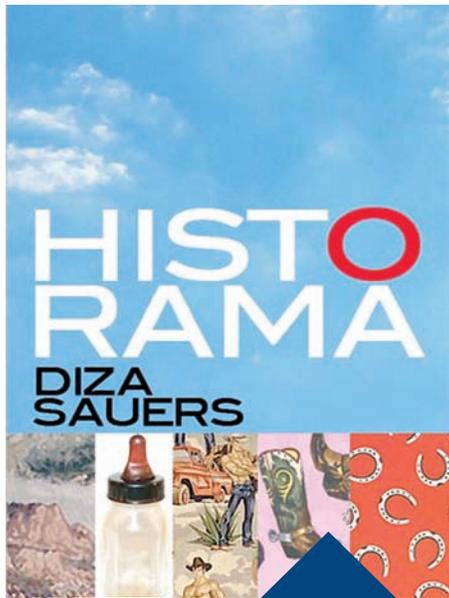
1981

Patricia Foxen writes: "I've been appointed a faculty fellow at American University's Center for Latin American and Latino Studies. It's sort of a status position (no teaching for now), and my real job is still serving as the deputy director of research at the National Council of La Raza, a civil rights and advocacy organization in D.C. I was sorry to have missed the reunion and would be thrilled to hear from any SSA alums who are in, or passing through, the D.C. area!"

Amy Berk Erlbaum lives and works in Philadelphia with her husband, Steven. Her son, Sam, is a junior at Vanderbilt and her son, Max, is a freshman at Penn.

Mike Frankovich's father, Mark William Frankovich, passed away in October 2011. Mike sent this lovely appreciation of his dad: "After serving as a supervisor/troubleshooter for many of the hot steel rolling mills in the tri-state area (rolling tables which he built), my dad still managed to find the time to teach me how to hunt, fish, catch a fly ball and help me build something for a science project at school. He could draw, sketch and mathematically define any given idea on a scrap of paper in a matter of minutes. As a lover of history, especially the Civil War, my dad brought us with him on many family vacations to Gettysburg. He attended history classes at Pitt on an ongoing basis, where he broadened his knowledge of military conflicts around the globe. He was truly a renaissance man, a loving husband and father, and an amazingly involved grandfather to my sons, Joshua and Ethan."

John Goldblum and wife, Asmita, are still living in Beachwood, Ohio. Their eldest, Andrew, 20, is a pre-medical student sophomore at Emory and is the starting goalie for their soccer team. John writes, "My son's best friend and teammate at Emory is **George Stewart's** nephew!" Ryan, age 18, is currently a freshman at



1981

Along with Simone Gers, **Dianne “Diza” Sauers** has authored a textbook entitled *Academic Reading, Writing, and Thinking: A Literature and Writing Process Approach*. It will be published in January 2012. In September 2011, Sauers’ novel *Historama* was published as an e-book. *Historama* is available for download on Amazon.com.

Emerson College, where he is in the film program and currently hosts a popular sports talk show on the Emerson radio network. Janavi, 14, is a freshman at Cleveland’s Hathaway Brown School and just completed a successful season as a freshman on the varsity volleyball team. Raedan, 11, is in sixth grade at University School, where he excels in basketball, lacrosse and cello.

Adam Haus writes: “I’ve worked at Houghton Mifflin Harcourt educational publishers since 1999, currently as a senior manager in the Technical Production Services area. There have been many changes in the publishing business, which keeps it interesting. I’ve also been playing music of many types (jazz, swing, Brazilian, Latin) on mainly guitar and bass for many years. Music is still one of the best hobbies I can think of, and I have met many friends through bands and gigs. Thanks to the miracle of YouTube, I’ve even made friends and collaborated with

musicians outside the U.S. You can find me on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/swingbossa>.”

Lisa Hench Rist writes: “I am very sorry to have missed our 30th reunion at SSA! It sounds like all had a wonderful time. We were in D.C. watching a Georgetown soccer game, as our younger son is a freshman there and playing on the team. Speaking of which, I also happen to know that **Amy Berk Erlbaum’s** son, Max, is a goalie for Penn’s soccer team, as is **John Goldblum’s** son at Emory. How about that, Class of ‘81? My older son will be graduating from Brandeis University in the spring with a degree in American studies. As for me, besides adjusting to an empty nest, all is much the same. I continue working in market research for the Duke University Health System. I, of course, now plan on getting in great shape, learning a new foreign language and possibly a musical instrument. The possibilities are endless!”

John Mateer and his wife, Jean, live in England, where he works as head of film and television production at the University of York. He writes, “I’m currently working as visual effects producer on the feature film, *The Knife That Killed Me*, which is backed by Universal Studios.” Mateer has been at the University of York since 2001. In 2005, he was awarded a University Forum Teaching Fellowship for Excellence and Innovation in Teaching, one of only three recipients university-wide.

David Porter writes: “I’ve been married for 18 years to Dr. Carol (Alperson) and have two kids, Sophia, 14, and Joseph, 12. My family and I will spend next summer in Israel.”

Curt Voss lives in Philadelphia with his wife, Kate, and their sons Jack, Charlie and Carter. Curt works for Live Nation.



1981

In April 2011, **John Tadler** and his sister **Jen Tadler ’83**, along with their mother, Joan, and sister, Ann, threw a surprise 75th birthday party for their father, Bill Tadler. Bill taught English at SSA from 1971-1989, and lived in Ellsworth (now Hunt) with his family. Alumni party guests included **Chris Bonatti ’82, Stanley Ference ’83, Hilary Harley Spector ’82, Christian Huygen ’82, Gary Middleton, Sue Repp ’83, Carol Richardson Drew, Willow Wedemeyer ’83, Catherine Vodrey, and William Vodrey ’83**. Faculty guests included Bill Diehl, Buddy Hendershot, Sarah Eldridge, Joe Felder, Angela Irvine, Mary Krauland, Carol Jean McGreevy-Morales, Karen Serdy and John Sutula.



1983

Marni Josephs Grossman, Harper Scheetz McArthur, Ellen von der Heyden Gillespie and Katie (Hoopes) Mihm enjoyed a Class of 1983 weekend in NYC, where they “dashed to the finish” in a 5K, ending at the NYC marathon finish line.

1984

Leigh (Grandizio) Boyer and her husband, Ken, announced the birth of Tobin Tyler on July 26, 2011. Tobin joins siblings Sonny, Cullen, Emma, Callie, Briana, Dillon and Blaise at the family home in O'Hara Township, Pa.

1986

Laura Shapira Karet has been promoted to CEO of Giant Eagle, the region's largest supermarket chain. She succeeded her father, David Shapira, who has been CEO of the O'Hara-based grocer since 1980. Karet previously served as chief strategy officer for Giant Eagle, and also worked at Proctor & Gamble and Sara Lee.

1988

Eric Rosenblum was recently featured in a *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* article about Google Offers. Rosenblum, who serves as Google's director of product management and commerce, led the group of Pittsburgh engineers who developed the site. Google Offers is Google's answer to Groupon, and connects consumers to services and products through product searches, online shopping and Google Wallet. Pittsburgh was one of five cities where Google Offers launched.

1990

Brook Swinston writes: “Since 2007, my wife, Lin, our daughter, Beatriz, 4, and I have moved from Detroit to Pittsburgh to Hong Kong, and now to Shanghai. Our life is quite cross-cultural, and we are blessed with strong faith, good health and tremendous happiness in our family. I lead PPG's Protective and Marine Coatings business development in Greater China.”

1991

Jeff Toig, an executive with wireless carrier Cricket Communications, led the team at Cricket that created Muve Music, billed as the wireless industry's first plan to combine unlimited music downloads with voice, data and web browsing for a flat rate of \$55 per month.

David Mallin reports: “My wife, Aiqin Jie Mallin, and I welcomed a daughter, Samantha Jie Mallin, on Oct. 16, 2011, in Pittsburgh.”

1993

Marc Buzzelli writes: “I graduated cum laude from the American University of Antigua College of Medicine at the end of March 2011. I began my internship year of residency at the University of Maryland Medical Center, Maryland General Hospital, in Baltimore, on July 1, 2011. In other news, my wife, Heidi, and I, along with our 22-month old daughter, Giada, welcomed our second daughter, Francesca Valentina, on Dec. 16, 2010. She was 6 lbs., 7 oz., and 21 inches.”

Scott Ventura reports: “I am happy to report that I got married to one of my college classmates, Mara Hagle, on Sept. 24, 2011. I met her immediately after arriving at UR in 1993, but we didn't start dating until 2010. **Chuck Tuchinda** was one of my groomsmen. I am now living in the northern suburbs of Chicago, which is where Mara is from originally.”

1994

Brian Reif lives in Flagstaff, Ariz., with his wife, Sarah, and daughter, Eliza. He is completing his doctorate at the University of Northern Arizona in botany and forest service.

1998

Julie Medina Gal-or and her husband, **Rowan Gal-or**, welcomed baby Zachary Ezra, 6 lbs., 11 oz., on May 29, 2011.

David Brand writes: “In October, my company launched a new ventless gas room heater that is 99% efficient and costs pennies an hour to operate. The Thermablaster wall heaters are available in Ace Hardware stores and Grainger across the U.S. For more information, visit www.thermablaster.com.”

Dan Leers, a curatorial fellow at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, organized MoMA's 26th annual *New Photography* exhibition, running Sept. 28, 2011–Jan. 16, 2012, in The Robert and Joyce Menschel Gallery. This year's exhibition featured six artists: Moyra Davey, George Georgiou, Deana Lawson, Doug Rickard, Viviane Sassen and Zhang Dali. These artists, hailing from Canada, China, England, Holland and the United States, exemplify the diversity and international scope of contemporary photographic work.

2000

Melissa (Hammar) Lindstrom reports: “My husband, Erik, and I welcomed daughter, Hadley, on Feb. 22, 2011. She joins big sister, McKenna, and big brother, Braxton.”



2002

Dean DeLuca married Sara Sebben in Pittsburgh in September 2011.

Front row: **Christina (Zona) Cummings, Mandi (DeLuca) DeVito '04** and **Ross Ruffner**

Back row: **Will Klein, Dirk Bonessa, Ian Cummings, Dean DeLuca, Kevin Draper** and **Jeff Wilfong**



2004

Mandi DeLuca '04 married AJ DeVito in May 2010. In attendance were (left to right) **Abby Bodenlos, Brianna Bayer, Missy Fleck, Mandi DeLuca, Brian Sloan** and **Dean DeLuca '02**



2004

Brian Sloan married Katie Youell in Charlottesville, Va., in June 2011. SSA classmates in attendance included (left to right): **Eric Sloan '00, Dave Scott '05, Stew Bennett '05, Will Scott '05, Brian Sloan, Julie Doubleday, Mandi (DeLuca) DeVito** and **C.J. Sloan '98.**

2001

Angela (Zona) Carr and sister **Christina (Zona) Cummings '02** received the ranking of No. 789 on the *Inc.* 500/5000 list for the fastest-growing privately owned companies in the country in 2010 for their company Turbie Twist, LLC. Angela was featured in the June 2011 edition of *Inc.* Magazine.

2004

Katie Callaghan works for Corporate Executive Board, Washington, D.C., since graduating from Villanova University in 2008.

Julia Hendrickson writes: "I've been working happily as a writer, a printmaker, and as the gallery manager for Corbett vs. Dempsey in Chicago, but I'm taking a break to pursue a master's in art history at the Courtauld Institute of Art in London."

2005

Alex Avakian writes: "I own and run a very successful clothing company now. Check it out at www.dailybreadpa.com. It consists of streetwear for hip hop and skateboard people. My mother is very proud. We work with Mac Miller and a bunch of other really sweet artists. Life is good!"

Evan James Frye earned a Master of Science degree in energy and mineral engineering from The Pennsylvania State University in August 2011. He is very fond of ducks and enjoys a fine woolen sweater. "Shout out to the Class of 2005 and our men and women serving this great nation."

2006

Daniel Callaghan completed his first year of medical school at Georgetown University. He graduated from Boston College in May 2010, and volunteered in a hospital last summer in Ghana, and this summer in India.

James Lee writes: "I am working in Washington, D.C., as a geospatial analyst for Esri, the GIS industry leader."

2007

Nicole Antonuccio launched a blog for young professionals in Pittsburgh: <http://www.youngburghers.tumblr.com/>

2009

Michael Mitrakos is a sophomore attending Miami University of Ohio, where he made the Deans List as a freshman, majoring in Finance and in the Chinese business program. He also played Junior A ice hockey with the Queen City Steam out of Cincinnati, Ohio and they competed in the Junior A national championships. He currently plays for the Miami of Ohio club hockey team.

Tim Giel completed his sophomore baseball season and compiled a 1.71 ERA coming out of the bullpen for Columbia University. He was 1-2 with five saves and 26 strikeouts in 26 innings.

2010

Clay Scott and a friend recently launched a new "Yinzer" iPhone app, which serves as a humorous dictionary of the "Pittsburghese" language. Users can scroll through an alphabetized list of Pittsburghese words, and when they click on a word, they will see its definition and the word used in a sentence. They can also hear a recording of the word pronounced by a true "yinzer," and a recording of the word being used in a funny phrase. The Yinzer app is currently for sale in Apple's iTunes AppStore for \$0.99.

Chris Mengel plays tennis for the Duke Blue Devils. Last spring, as the No. 3 singles player, he went 33-11 and set a school freshman record with 10 ACC victories. He was 22-16 playing doubles and was one of four players named to the conference all-academic team.



2005

Nick Petrelli married Betsy on Sept. 17, 2011, in Baltimore.

Top Row (left to right): **Stewart West, Jay Mangold '06, Steve McKnight, Ben Washburn, Karen West '75**

Bottom Row (left to right): **Tiffany Shento, Jake Klinvex, Jim Ambrose, Betsy Petrelli, Nick Petrelli, John Mortimer**

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 are current through Nov. 1, 2011.

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FAMILY, FRIENDS AND FORMER FACULTY MEMBERS

W. Walter Braham, father of Robert Braham '83 and Nancy Braham Buchanan '86

Mildred Caplowe, mother-in-law of Senior School faculty member Joe Felder

Audrey Hilliard, wife of Thomas J. Hilliard Jr. '38 and cousin of Henry Hillman '37

Lois Kelly, mother of Technology Office staff member Erin Tarasi and grandfather of Nicholas Tarasi '17

Lester Lave, father of Jonathan Lave '86

Donna Lewis, mother of Senior School faculty member Bonnie McCarthy, mother-in-law of Senior School faculty member Frank McCarthy, and grandmother of Kate McCarthy '04

Elizabeth Mariotti, mother of Business Office staff member Debra Bell

Ann Magovern, mother of Jim Magovern '72 (deceased), George Magovern Jr. '70, Susan Magovern '76, Frances O'Connor '79, Ann Magovern '86 and Mary Scott, and grandmother of Charles '07 and Molly Magovern '12, Matt '14 and Thomas O'Connor '16, and Patrick '06, Brendan '09, Peter '11, and Maggie Scott '14

Charles McClure Jr., father of Senior School faculty member Scott McClure

HARRISON P. DILWORTH III '51

Harrison Parry Dilworth III, 78, passed away June 21, 2011. He attended Shady Side Academy, Georgetown University and the University of Michigan Law School. Dilworth practiced probate law for more than 50 years and volunteered for many different organizations. He especially loved working with his therapy dog, Molly, and was an avid reader, gardener and long-time member of the Edina Chorale. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Rosemary Kenney; his children Anne Dilworth, Elizabeth Dilworth, Julia (Bob) Manygoats, and Harrison (Cynthia Levine) Dilworth IV; grandchildren Pascal, Conan and Carmen Manygoats; his sister Stephenie (Charlie) Crane, sister-in-law Janice Dilworth and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother Everett Dilworth.

[Information excerpted from the *Star Tribune*]

FRANK F. DONNELLY '44

Frank F. Donnelly, 84, passed away June 27, 2011. He was the beloved husband for 58 years of Constance Shanahan Donnelly; loving father of Frank (Sally) Donnelly Jr., Harry (Maribeth) Donnelly '74, Mary Margaret (Greg) Benckart '79, Carolyn (Alexander) Johnson '81, and the late Denise Donnelly; and grandfather of Connie, Cortney, Greg, Elizabeth, Meg,

Matthew, Carolyn, Haines, Mary '10, Frank, Katy '15 and Ann.

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

THOMAS G. FERGUSON JR. '46

Thomas Gordon Ferguson Jr. of Placerville, Calif., passed away Aug. 10, 2010. He was born in Pittsburgh to Drs. T. Gordon and Irene Ferguson. He graduated from Shady Side Academy and Carnegie Mellon University. While stationed in the Air Force in Texas, he met and married his wife, Virginia "Gini" Chambers. Ferguson was active in Rotary International as a district youth organizer and oversaw the District Youth Exchange Program. He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Jill Elizabeth Ferguson. He is survived by his wife of 58 years; his brother, Herbert Ferguson of Allison Park, Pa.; children, Susan (Doug) Loshbaugh of Fairbanks, Alaska, T. Geoffrey (Renee) Ferguson of Placerville, Calif., and Andrew (Kim) Ferguson of Corinth, Texas; four granddaughters; and one cousin.

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

JAMES L. FOSTER JR. '44

James L. Foster Jr., 84, passed away March 27, 2011, in Latrobe, Pa. He was born June 16, 1926, in Pittsburgh, a son of the late James L. Foster Sr. and Bessie Hall Foster. Foster served as a sergeant with the Army during World War II. He had spent most of his professional career as a petroleum engineer for Stanbac in Holland. He also had been employed by Kennametal in Latrobe and as a supervisor of inspections for Latrobe Steel. He was a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers and the Society of Mechanical Engineers. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Betty

Buell and Jane Frye. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Ann Hugus Foster; a daughter, Susan Ann Foster, of Bridgeport, W.Va.; two sons, James (Jennifer) Foster, of Seattle, Wash., and Dr. Charles (Toni) Foster, of Nottingham, Pa.; and three grandchildren, Emily, Ian and Nathaniel Foster.

[Information excerpted from TribLive.com]

PETER B. FOSTER '57

Peter Bayard Foster passed away May 30, 2011. He was 71 years old. Foster practiced law in Harrisburg for more than 35 years. He started his career as assistant district attorney in Allegheny County and served as a deputy attorney general in the Shapp administration before establishing his private law practice in Harrisburg. Over the years, he handled cases of many types, from criminal defense to civil litigation and contract law. Foster was devoted to his family, including his sister, Pauline Mullins (Brian Mullins '59) and brother, Dr. Howard (Hulya) Foster '63, all of Pittsburgh, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Foster's father, uncles and numerous cousins graduated from Shady Side Academy and his sister, Polly Mullins, was a member of the Junior School faculty from 1985-1997.

[Information submitted by family]

BURTON L. HIRSCH '36

Burton L. Hirsch passed away June 13, 2011, at the age of 92. Hirsch, a mortician, and his wife, the late Ruth Leff Hirsch, founded the Hirsch Funeral Home in 1947. They billed themselves as the only Jewish funeral home in Squirrel Hill. He sold the funeral home in the late 80s to a chain of mortuaries, which continued to operate the home under the Hirsch name. A fire badly damaged the funeral home in January 2009 and it never reopened. Hirsch was a member and past president of the Jewish Funeral Directors of America, a member by invitation of the National Selected Morticians (now called the Selected Independent Funeral Homes) and

past chairman of the Pennsylvania State Board of Funeral Directors. He was also president of the Pittsburgh Region of Bnai Zion, a Jewish foundation that provides assistance to humanitarian projects in Israel and America. He served on the board of the Jewish Assistance Fund and was a past president of the Jewish National Fund in Pittsburgh. A graduate of Shady Side Academy, Hirsch attended Washington & Jefferson College. He graduated from the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science and would receive an honorary degree from that school later in life. He served in the Army during World War II, rising to the rank of second lieutenant in the medical administration corps. He is survived by his daughter, Maxine Hirsch Petteway, as well as several cousins and friends. His son, Loren Hirsch, preceded him in death.

[Information excerpted from the *Jewish Chronicle*]

ROBERT McELDOWNEY JR. '36

Robert McEldowney Jr., 92, died Oct. 3, 2011, in Naples, Fla. He was born April 8, 1919, in Johnstown, Pa., to the late Robert McEldowney and Helen Nicholson McEldowney. He graduated from Shady Side Academy and from Princeton University with bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering. From 1941-1950, he worked for Taylor-Wharton Iron and Steel Co. in High Bridge, N.J., starting as a manufacturing apprentice and advancing to assistant plant superintendent. In 1942, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving on active duty until 1946 and attaining the rank of major. He was assigned as a radio-radar-communications officer in the Marine Night Fighter Squadron VMF (N) - 543, remaining in that capacity through the entire Okinawa battle and occupation duty at Omura, Kyushu, Japan. His squadron was awarded the presidential unit citation.

In 1950, he joined a civil engineering and land surveying partnership in Clinton, N.J., with John E. Studer. The firm was incorporated in 1970 as Studer and

McEldowney. After Studer's death in 1973, McEldowney became president, from which he retired in 1982.

He was a licensed professional engineer and land surveyor, a fellow and life member of the American Consulting Engineers Council and National Society of Professional Engineers, a fellow of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping and the New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors, from which he received a lifetime achievement award in 1983. He was also a life member of the New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers and served as president of the Northwest Jersey Chapter of the New Jersey Society of Professional Engineers.

He authored a number of published professional articles and lectured at Rutgers University extension courses in surveying business. In 1996, he wrote and published his autobiography, *So Now My Hair Is White*.

On June 28, 1941, he married Mary Kinter of Braddock, Pa., who died in 2008. They had two children, a daughter, Alice McEldowney Jones, who died in 1983, and a son, H. Clay McEldowney of Pittstown, N.J. He is also survived by his daughter-in-law, Kathryn Scanlon McEldowney, and four grandchildren, E. Ashby Jones IV, Blaine Kinter Jones, Erin McEldowney Cosgrave and Ryan Kinter McEldowney. His sisters, Helen McEldowney Patterson and Ann McEldowney Elgin preceded him in death.

[Information submitted by family]

RICHARD H. MILLER '38

Richard H. Miller of Pittsburgh passed away Oct. 30, 2010. He is survived by Janet W. Miller, his loving wife of 64 years, and his four children, Pamela Miller of Indianapolis, Ind., Janet (Edward) Lawson of Duxbury, Mass., Richard (Barb) Miller Jr. of Fox Chapel, Pa., and Charles (Carolyn) Miller of Gainesville, Ga. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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

STEWART N. POOL '47

Stewart Newell Pool, of Bonita Springs, Fla., and Willsboro, N.Y., passed away Oct. 9, 2011, at the age of 83. Pool was born in Pittsburgh on Feb. 17, 1928, and lived in the area for most of his life until his retirement to Florida in 1998. He attended Shady Side Academy and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1954 after serving two years in the United States Air Force. His working career spanned 36 years with U.S. Steel Corp., where he served as sales manager for numerous tubular products. He served as assistant manager of sales in Baltimore and returned to Pittsburgh as eastern division manager of sales for Standard Pipe Products. He was well known in the field until his retirement in 1989. He was a member of the Pittsburgh Field Club, the University Club and St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Gibsonia, Pa. In 1957, Pool and his family moved to Mars, Pa., where they bought an old farm on 30 acres of land. On weekends for the next 20 years he restored and rehabilitated the 1860s farmhouse and grounds. After a two-year term of working in Baltimore, he returned to Pittsburgh, living in Allison Park. He married Alexandra Elizabeth Potts in 1952 in Wilmington, Del. He is survived by his wife, Alexandra; a daughter Marguerite (Craig) Phillips of Arlington, Va.; a son Hugh (Jane) Herman of New York City; he was predeceased by a son, Stewart Newell Pool Jr. in 1980. The couple has four grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister, Jane Pool of Pittsburgh, and two brothers, Henry Pool of Pittsburgh, and Frank Pool of Americus, Ga.

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

ANDREW J. REIGEL '85

Andrew J. "Andy" Reigel of Elizabeth Twp., formerly of Hampton Twp. and Fox Chapel, passed away Oct. 23, 2011. He was born in Milwaukee, Wis., on Oct. 3, 1966, to Dr. Donald (Gay) Reigel of Hampton Township and Ann Klebs (Fred) Albitz of Bella

Vista, Ark. Reigel was a 1985 graduate of Shady Side Academy and an honors graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. In addition to his parents, he is survived by a brother, Christopher (Jennifer) Reigel, step-sister, Carin (John) Constantakis and step-brothers, Steven (Tammy) Albitz and Christian (Stacey) Albitz.

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

WILLIAM F. SKINNER '50

William "Bill" F. Skinner II, 78, of Williamsburg, Iowa, formerly of Sioux City, passed away April 21, 2011, in Iowa City, Iowa. Skinner was born June 24, 1932, in Marburg, Germany, the son of W. Sherman Skinner and Helen Loetscher Skinner. He graduated from Shady Side Academy, Hamilton College, and Princeton Theological Seminary. Skinner was united in marriage to Jane Haggard on June 11, 1955, in Tupelo, Miss. They had four children. Skinner served as a pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church in Dowingtown, Pa., from 1957 to 1961, the Glading Memorial Church in Philadelphia, Pa., from 1961 to 1971, and the First Presbyterian Church in Sioux City from 1971 to 1997. He was also active in his community, as he served on a number of committees and agencies. He was elected to the Sioux City Council in 1977 and served as mayor for two years, 1980 to 1981. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from Morningside College in Sioux City in 1981 and was named Sioux City's Man of the Year in 1981. He is survived by his wife, Jane of Williamsburg; four children, William (Lori) Skinner II of Voorhees, N.J., Catherine (Jim) Sladek of Iowa City, Iowa, Nancy Skinner and partner, Marcy Beitle of New Vernon, N.J., and Robert (Jody) Skinner of Boston, Mass.; nine grandchildren; a brother, Sherman (Lorrie) Skinner of Inlet, N.Y.; and a sister, Sarah Skinner of Oak Park, Ill. He was preceded in death by his father, W. Sherman Skinner; mother, Helen; and his stepmother, Frances Skinner.

[Information excerpted from *Sioux City Journal*]

RICHARD C. SOUTH '42

Richard Cameron South, 86, passed away July 2, 2011. South was born Feb. 13, 1925, in Pittsburgh, a son of the late Furman South Jr. and Elva Cameron South. He attended Shady Side Academy and Cornell University until he was called to serve in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Artemis in the Pacific. Upon returning to college, he met and married Betty Lou Heyroth, while he finished his degree at the University of Pittsburgh. He and "Bets" raised their family in Mt. Lebanon until her death in 1975. Subsequently, he met Dolores Flanagan Finigan of Coraopolis Heights, and they married in 1977. South spent most of his career working for Lava Crucible Refractories Inc., a Pittsburgh company founded by his father, and for Saxonburg Ceramics, which became part of the Lava holdings. He retired in 1989, having served as senior vice president of sales and marketing for many years. Among his most cherished accomplishments were his work with the Refractories Institute, a national organization he chaired for three consecutive terms, and the relationships he built through that association. In addition to his wife Dolores, he is survived by his children, Carolyn (Bill) Achenbach of Charlottesville, Va., Richard (Carrie) South Jr. of New Alexandria, Pa., Kathryn South of South Burlington, Vt., John (Marisa) South of Chester, N.Y.; a brother Furman South III (Frances) of Sewickley, Pa.; stepchildren Susan (Ron) Rosen of Pittsburgh and Naples, Fla., Shawn (Chuck) Davis of Mt. Lebanon and Patrick Finigan of West Palm Beach, Fla., as well as 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sisters, Marian French and Helen Straub, and his infant grandson, William James South.

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

JOHN H. VOIGT '48

John Hume "Jack" Voigt, 80, passed away Oct. 11, 2010. He was the beloved husband for 54 years of Lydia Stone Voigt; father of Ellie (Bill) Leap, Louis (Lise) Voigt and John (Maryellen) Voigt Jr. He was the grandfather of Wesley, Alexandra, Rachel, Hannah, Jacqueline and Daniel.

[Information excerpted from the *Philadelphia Inquirer*]

WILLIAM H. WOODWELL '47

William H. Woodwell, 82, of Ligonier, Pa., died June 1, 2011. He was born Oct. 29, 1928, in Pittsburgh, a son of the late John Knowles and Alice Herron Woodwell. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother John Knowles Woodwell Jr. Woodwell attended Shady Side Academy and the Salisbury School in Salisbury, Conn. After graduating from Brown University in 1951, he served in the U.S. Air Force

as a lieutenant during the Korean War. He was a teacher at the Salisbury School and did graduate work at Trinity College before returning to Pittsburgh to start a career in banking and investment services. In the late 1950s, he took a job with the Commonwealth Trust Co., a Pittsburgh bank that was founded by his grandfather, William Anderson Herron. After Commonwealth Trust merged with Union National Bank in 1962, Woodwell continued working in the trust management and investment areas, serving as vice president until 1985. At that time, he joined the Pittsburgh investment advisory firm Henry H. Armstrong Associates, where he worked until his retirement in 1991. Woodwell served on the boards of the Edgewater Corporation, the Visiting Nurses Association, the Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children, Canterbury Place, the Fort Ligonier Association, Homewood Cemetery and Solid Comfort Fishing Club. In addition, he was a longtime board member of the Pittsburgh Association for

the Improvement of the Poor (now Family Resources), which was co-founded by his great-grandmother Louisa Herron. In 1960, Woodwell married Margot Bell of Pittsburgh. They lived in Point Breeze and Squirrel Hill until moving to Ligonier in 1994. They also have a home in Vero Beach, Fla., and spent time each summer at the Solid Comfort Fishing Club on the French River in Ontario, Canada. In addition to his wife, Woodwell is survived by three sons, Davitt (Tishie) Woodwell of Pittsburgh, William (Kimberly) Woodwell Jr. of Maurertown, Va., and James (Melinda) Woodwell of Washington, D.C. He also is survived by six grandchildren, James, Johanna, Elizabeth, Dean, Margaret and Elliot. His granddaughter Nina passed away in 1997. Woodwell was a member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Solid Comfort Fishing Club, Rolling Rock Club and the Moorings Club.

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

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calendar of events

February 3		Junior School Conference Day, No Classes
February 7		Middle School Parent Conference Day, No Classes
February 7	6 p.m.	Palo Alto, Calif., Alumni Reception, visit SSA website for details
February 8	6 p.m.	San Francisco Alumni Event, visit SSA website for details
February 9	6 p.m.	Los Angeles Alumni Reception, visit SSA website for details
February 10-11	7:30 p.m.	Senior School Winter Musical, Richard E. Rauh Theater
February 12	2 p.m.	Senior School Winter Musical, Richard E. Rauh Theater
February 18	7:30 p.m.	Hillman Performing Arts Series Presents Carnegie Mellon Chamber Orchestra, Richard E. Rauh Theater
February 20		Presidents' Day, Academy Closed
February 21	9:15-10:30 a.m.	Junior School Pre-K and Kindergarten Acceptance Event for Newly Admitted Families
February 21-22	4-9 p.m.	Blue & Gold Phonathons
February 24		Evaluation Day, No Classes, All Three Schools
February 29	7:30 p.m.	Senior School Winter Concert, Richard E. Rauh Theater
March 2	7:30 p.m.	Middle School Winter Musical
March 13	6:30 p.m.	Senior School Reception for Newly Admitted and Form II Families
March 14	7-8:30 p.m.	Middle School Reception for Newly Admitted Families
March 16-April 1		Spring Break, No Classes, Classes Resume April 2
March 19-23		Various Florida Alumni Receptions, Locations and Times TBA
March 24	7:30 p.m.	Hillman Performing Arts Series Presents Elements of Humor Comedy Tour, Richard E. Rauh Theater
April 6		Good Friday, Academy Closed
April 9		In-Service Day, No Classes, All Three Schools
April 12	8:30 a.m.	Middle School Grandparents' Day
April 13	8:45 a.m.	Junior School Grandparents' Day and Lynne Voelp Reed Day
April 17		New York City Alumni Reception, Location and Time TBA
April 19	10 a.m.	Junior School/Middle School Concert, Junior School
April 21	7:30 p.m.	Hillman Performing Arts Series Presents Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, Richard E. Rauh Theater
April 30-May 3	4-9 p.m.	Blue & Gold Phonathons
May 2	9 a.m.	Middle School Open House for Prospective Parents
May 3	8 p.m.	Senior School Honors Choral and Strings Concert, Richard E. Rauh Theater
May 4	9:15 a.m.	Junior School Open House for Prospective Parents
May 9	8 p.m.	Senior School Honors Band Concert, Richard E. Rauh Theater
May 12	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Senior School Open House for Prospective Families
May 14	7:30 p.m.	Senior School One-Act Plays
May 16	8 p.m.	Senior School Jazz Band Concert
May 17	7:30 p.m.	Middle School Spring Concert, Richard E. Rauh Theater
May 19	4-10 p.m.	Untucked Festival and Concert, McKnight Hockey Center
May 20	12:30-2 p.m.	Middle School Form II Cookout, Eastover
May 22		Washington, D.C., Alumni Reception, Location and Time TBA
May 23		Philadelphia Alumni Reception, Location and Time TBA
May 25		Junior School Evaluation Day, No Classes
May 28		Memorial Day, Academy Closed
June 3	11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Fifth Grade Graduation Picnic, Eastover
June 4		Junior School Field and Picnic Day, 11:30 Dismissal Middle and Senior Schools, No Classes
June 5	9:30 a.m.	Junior School Moving Up Ceremony, Kennywood Day, 11:30 Dismissal Middle School Academic Awards, Kennywood Day, 12:30 Dismissal
June 6	9:30 a.m.	Junior School Closing Exercises, 11:30 Dismissal Middle School Athletic Awards Day, 12:30 Dismissal Senior School, No Classes
June 7	9 a.m.	Middle School Closing Exercises, McKnight Hockey Rink Senior School, No Classes
June 8	9 a.m.	Senior School Commencement

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