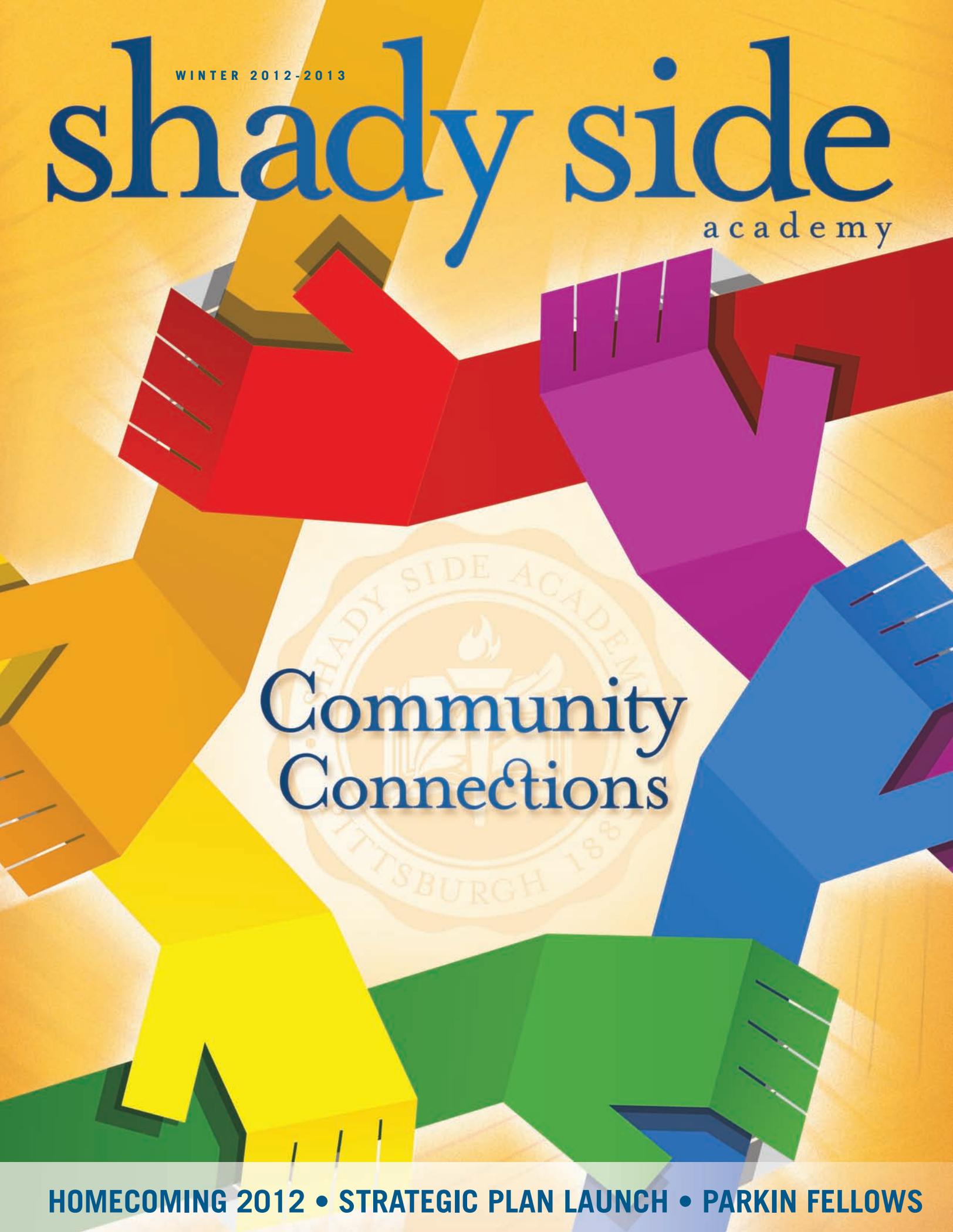


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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## DEAR SHADY SIDE ACADEMY COMMUNITY:

I'm not a sailor. My dad was more of a work-around-the-house kind of guy, and with seven kids, he had neither the time nor the inclination to take up new hobbies. My late father-in-law, an avid sailor, tried to teach me something about the sport, but his approach was more Ahabian than I was accustomed to. A gentle, soft-spoken man on shore, he became somewhat of a tyrant on deck, barking orders and using a seaman's vocabulary that I was utterly unfamiliar with. During the obligatory afternoon sails with him, I must confess that I spent more time fantasizing about a possible mutiny than enjoying the fresh breezes, sea spray and adrenalin rush that comes when slicing through the waves on an aggressive heel.

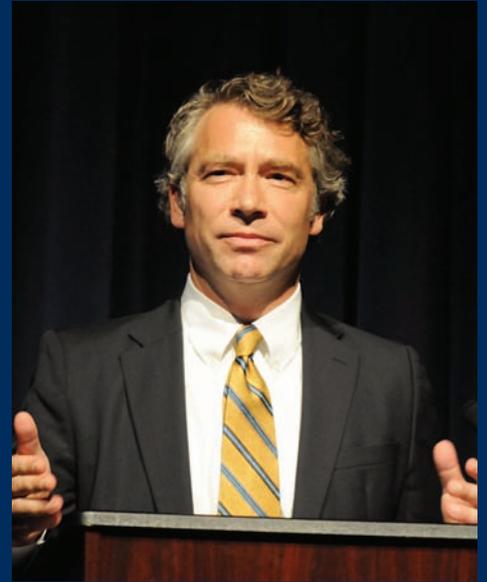
My kids, on the other hand, who have spent the past eight summers in Nova Scotia, have grown up on the water. Sailing is second nature to them. They are as comfortable in the cockpit of a small sailboat as most of us would be on the seat of a bike. I admire their skill, their knowledge and their "cool as a cucumber" attitude no matter how gusty the wind or how big the swells.

One of my great joys is watching my kids race their boats. In the stressful minutes leading up to the start of a race, with anywhere from 25 to 50 boats jockeying for position – often with only inches to spare between boats running in parallel lines and often in opposite directions – it's easy for skippers, young and old, to get overwhelmed. But once

that start horn blows, and all of the boats turn into the wind and cross the start line, the chaos immediately settles into a thoughtful calm. Each skipper knows the broad outline of the course and where the finish is, but has to consider carefully how he or she will get there. Even minor adjustments to the sail or the tiller can have a significant impact on the outcome of the race.

With the approval of Shady Side Academy's Strategic Vision in May 2012, and the official rollout on Oct. 19, we as a community understand the broad contour of the course we have charted and where the finish line is. The "start horn" has blown, and we are in the "thoughtful calm" stage, actively engaged in planning the implementation of the six goals of the Strategic Vision over the coming months and years. We're off to a promising start, and I'm grateful to our faculty and staff for the work they have done already. I'm especially grateful to our trustees, alumni and parents, whose support is so important and essential to this endeavor.

With the help of Andy Mozenter, our strategic planning consultant, we have prioritized 11 strategies pulled directly from the different planks of the Strategic Vision. We have assembled small committees for each of these strategies, and each committee is assigned the task of coming up with a time frame and implementation plan. The work of the committees will be coordinated by the Strategic Planning Committee, the core group that helped to shepherd the strategic planning process over the past year and a half. We are also putting in place a mechanism to regularly



communicate our progress to the larger Shady Side community. It is so important to keep our community updated and also to invite feedback about what we have accomplished to date.

I am very happy to be chairing what I am calling the "Balanced Program" strategy committee. We'll be looking at our PK-12 curricular and extracurricular programs, with an eye toward ensuring that we have the right balance of academics, arts and athletics in each division. The watchword in education circles these days is flexibility, and we'll be taking a close look at the way we structure our academic and non-academic requirements to make sure that we are offering our students the flexibility that they need in their daily schedules.

Please stay tuned for progress reports on the Strategic Vision. There are so many great things happening at Shady Side, and we'll be sure to keep you posted!

Sincerely,

Tom Cangiano  
Academy President

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**Corrections**

The Ruth and F. Walter Jones Service Prize was established by the children of Ruth and F. Walter Jones, not F. Walter Jones himself, as listed in the In Memoriam section of the summer 2012 issue.

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER'S BOOK WINS AWARD

Middle School English teacher **Dr. Sara Kajder's** book, *Adolescents and Digital Literacies: Learning Alongside Our Students*, received the 2012 James N. Britton Award sponsored by the Conference on English Education of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). The book explores how technology is allowing for new teaching opportunities, and recognizes that because of technology, students read and write on a regular basis outside of the classroom. Kajder received the award in Las Vegas on Nov. 16, 2012, during the annual NCTE Conference.

## TAKE IT TO THE TOP

Seven seniors were named semifinalists in the 58th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented students will continue in the competition for some 8,300 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million that will be offered in the spring of 2013. The semifinalists are **Shivum Bharill, Maclean Calihan, Tara Lee, Maggie Leech, Christopher Sawicki, Ayesha Shah and Paul Steenkiste**. Also, 15 seniors were named commended students by the National Merit Scholarship Program. **Mohsin Ahmad, Mia Borelli, Perry Cao, Harrison Gottlieb, Alexandra Janczewska, Audrey Koi, Mary McLaughlin, Alok Nimgaonkar, Dominic Oliver, Danielle Perelman, Virat Reddy, Hibiki Sakai, Antonio Satryan, Alexandra Smith and Lia Winter** were among 34,000 commended students nationwide recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Also recognized was senior **Elisa Ogot**, who is among more than 1,600 outstanding black American high school seniors who were named semifinalists in the 49th annual National Achievement Scholarship Program. These students will continue in the competition for 800 Achievement Scholarships worth more than \$2.5 million to be offered in the spring of 2013.

## A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

The Senior School Gargoyle Society presented an adaption of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Nov. 1-4, 2012, in the Peter J. Kountz Black Box Theater. The play starred seniors **Justin Barnes and Julia Gasbarro** as Oberon and Titania, and was directed by faculty member **Dana Hardy-Bingham**.



## MYSTERY AT SHADY ACRES

Middle School students performed *Mystery at Shady Acres* on Nov. 8-9, 2012, for students, family and friends. More than 20 students participated in the fall drama production, which is the largest cast the Middle School has seen in recent years.



## JUNIOR SCHOOL TEACHER NAMED TO ENDOWED CHAIR POSITION

Junior School teacher **Lisa Anselmo** was recently named to the Rea Chair in Humanities, an endowed chair position at the Academy, for a five-year term retroactive to the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year. Anselmo was selected after Middle School teacher Martha Banwell, who was named to the chair last spring, retired in the summer of 2012.

## THE JOHN H. COHEN FAMILY PRIZE

The John H. Cohen Family Prizes for 2011-2012 were awarded at Senior School Convocation on Aug. 28, 2012. These book prizes are given annually for general improvement in scholarship, physical vigor, citizenship and character to a member of the Third, Fourth and Fifth Forms. The 2012 recipients were **Wilson Conley, Carla Erb and Isabel Aiken**, respectively.



## THANKFUL SECOND GRADERS

The second grade class performed a play about Thanksgiving, with four students serving as reporters after the turkeys went on strike to protest Thanksgiving. After very humorous interviews with pilgrims, Native Americans, a family, cranberries, squash and a football team, everyone learned that the true meaning of Thanksgiving is being thankful.

## SENIOR SCHOOL TEACHER WINS YALE EDUCATOR AWARD

Senior School mathematics and philosophy teacher **Dr. John Sutula** was chosen as a recipient of the 2012 Yale Educator Award, given to outstanding educators whose work inspires their students to strive for excellence at the highest level. In 2012, 90 recipients represented 33 states and 12 countries. Sutula was one of four recipients from Pennsylvania. Sutula was nominated by SSA alumnus and Yale freshman **Yuval Ben-David '12**.

## ALMUNUS DONATES ORIGINAL SCORE OF SSA ALMA MATER

The son of the man who composed Shady Side Academy's alma mater has donated the original hand-written score for the song to the school. The gift was made by **Art Howard '58**, son of the late Robert V. Howard, who served as SSA's director of music from 1929-1954 and composed the alma mater in 1936. In 2004, Howard donated the piano on which his father composed the alma mater. The framed score and piano now sit inside the lower entrance of the Hillman Center.

## SSA BECOMES A MEMBER SCHOOL OF CITYTERM PROGRAM IN NYC

The Senior School has become a member school of CITYterm at the Masters School in New York, an interdisciplinary, experience-based semester program organized around an intensive study of New York City. By becoming a member school, Shady Side will receive priority admission for at least two qualified students to CITYterm per semester. Junior **Claudia Mihm** spent the fall 2012 semester at CITYterm and was the first SSA student to participate in the program. Junior **Sara Eismont** is participating in the spring 2013 semester.



## JUNIOR SCHOOL TEACHER WINS JEFFERSON AWARD FOR VOLUNTEERISM

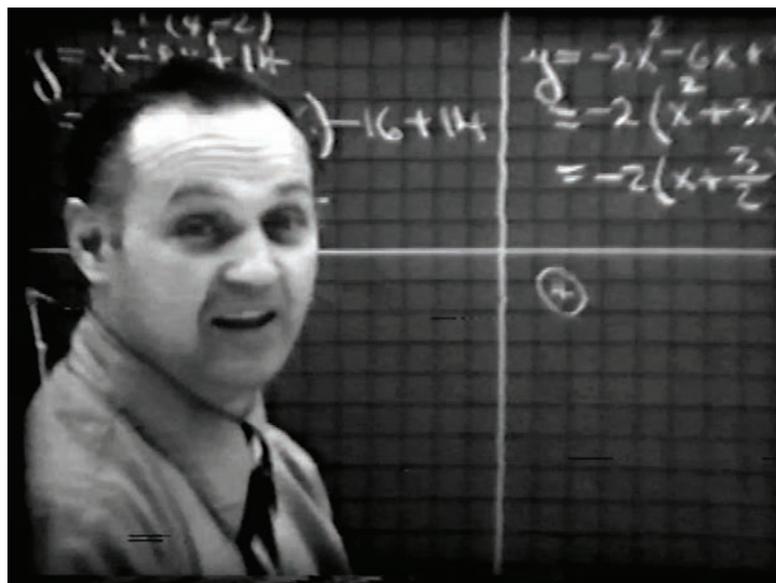
Junior School teacher **Marci Anderson**, who leads a nonprofit organization that rescues greyhounds and finds them good homes, was named a recipient of a 2012 Jefferson Award for public service in the Pittsburgh community. Anderson is one of 50 Pittsburghers honored with Jefferson Awards in 2012 by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. All winners will be honored at a reception in April 2013.

## SSA LAUNCHES FACULTY, STUDENT BLOGS

Shady Side launched two new blogs in fall 2012 to help prospective and current families learn more about what makes Shady Side so special. The Faculty Blog ([www.shadysideacademy.org/faculty](http://www.shadysideacademy.org/faculty)) features semi-monthly posts by teachers at all three schools on a range of topics, while the Student Voices Blog ([www.shadysideacademy.org/studentvoices](http://www.shadysideacademy.org/studentvoices)) features semi-weekly posts by students about life at the Senior School.

## NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

Five seniors signed National Letters of Intent (NLIs) to attend and play sports at NCAA Division I institutions next year. The letters were signed during the NLI early signing period from Nov. 14-21, 2012. The following students signed letters: **Shannon Gramley** - University of Louisville, golf; **Madison Pollock** - Columbia University, crew; **Coleman Strohm** - Lafayette College, baseball; **Felicia Tissenbaum** - Stanford University, lacrosse; **Alexander Young** - Furman University, lacrosse.



## 40 YEARS AHEAD OF HIS TIME

Joe Pavlovich, faculty emeritus, former Mathematics Department chair and holder of the Richard King Mellon Chair in Mathematics, recently uploaded 80 video lessons in Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 to YouTube. These lessons represent a sample of those that he produced at SSA in 1971-1973. The program, called Individualized Instruction in Mathematics, was used at the Senior and Middle Schools for a number of years and allowed students to progress at their own pace. The technology and equipment of that time proved too cumbersome, however, and the program was abandoned. In the first four months of their posting, the videos received more than 2,000 views on YouTube. To view the videos, visit [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search "Joseph Pavlovich."

## SPEECH & DEBATE STUDENTS FARE WELL AT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Junior **Shaun Gohel**, sophomore **Tyler Demchak** and sophomore **Shea Minter**, all members of the Speech & Debate Team, represented Shady Side in the International Independent Schools' Public Speaking Competition (IISPSC) in Calgary, Alberta, on Oct. 25-28, 2012. A total of 42 schools entered the event from the United States, Canada, England, India, Bermuda and Cypress. As a team, Shady Side finished 10th overall and was second among the seven U.S. schools competing. Gohel finished sixth individually and qualified for the world championships in South Africa in March 2013.

## SHADY SIDE ACADEMY LAUNCHES OFFICIAL IPHONE/IPAD APP

Shady Side Academy has launched a new official iPhone and iPad app for all members of the SSA community. The free app can be found in the iTunes App Store by searching for the app named "Shady Side." The Shady Side app pulls information directly from the SSA website and takes the most popular features mobile. Features include directories, news, calendars, photos, athletics schedules and school contact information. Download the Shady Side app today!



## MICHAEL J. FARRELL STADIUM DEDICATED

Shady Side officially dedicated the Michael J. Farrell Stadium on Sept. 14, 2012, before SSA's football game against Valley. The new home grandstand and press box are the final pieces of the Grandizio Athletic Complex, which started construction in 2008. The stadium construction began in May 2012 and continued through the summer in order to be finished for the 2012 fall sports season. The completion of the stadium was made possible by a significant gift from current SSA parent and former trustee Michael J. Farrell.



## THE SSA FARM IS BORN!

On June 2, 2012, 22 students, parents and faculty joined together for the inaugural planting of the SSA Farm, a 40x100-foot vegetable garden on the far fields of the Senior School campus. The volunteers planted a variety of vegetables that were harvested later in the season. The harvest was given to the SSA dining halls and sold at the Fox Chapel Farmers Market, held weekly on the Senior School campus.

Throughout the summer, volunteers watered, weeded and harvested the vegetables. Once school was in session, students in a new PE Farm class took over. Led by Science Department Chair Derek Wagler, the students harvested more than 200 lbs. of summer veggies, planted the late fall harvest, weeded and turned

the soil over for fall, built and filled compost bins, helped build a perimeter fence, created a straw bale maze for Homecoming, cleaned up the greenhouse for winter, and continued to sell produce at the Farmers Market. Another curricular connection was made when students in Cari Batchelar's Architecture class worked to design plans for a "green" farm shed to be constructed in the future.

The SSA Farm is yet another example of the Academy's ongoing commitment to sustainability and to weaving it more tightly into the curriculum. In addition to providing fresh produce to the dining halls and Farmers Market, the goals of the farm include: providing interdisciplinary, hands-on learning experiences for students; educating students about the work of farming and food production; providing opportunities for student leadership and mentoring; and creating a community of volunteers with a common interest.

"We see this as an opportunity for students to literally get their hands dirty and be involved in growing their own food," Wagler said. "As something humans have done for millennia, it is the ultimate interdisciplinary activity, combining economics, science, social science, history and more."

Future plans include engaging environmental science students for soil testing, water usage analysis, and research on what types of crops to plant based on climate and soil type. Younger students will also have a chance to get involved in the farm, either through SSA summer camps or the Junior and Middle Schools.

To learn more, visit [www.shadysideacademy.org/ssafarm](http://www.shadysideacademy.org/ssafarm).



## JUNIOR SCHOOL IMPLEMENTS NEW SINGAPORE MATH CURRICULUM

Junior School students are learning math a new way this year, as SSA became one of the first schools in Pittsburgh to implement a Singapore Math curriculum, called *Math in Focus: A Singapore Math Approach*. The change was implemented by new Junior School Head **Ellen McConnell**, who came to SSA from Isidore Newman School in New Orleans, where she saw student learning and test scores soar once Singapore Math was implemented.

“Singapore Math” refers to the mathematics curriculum used in Singapore, which has consistently scored at the top of international mathematics comparison studies for the past 15 years. *Math in Focus* is the U.S. edition of Singapore’s most widely used program. It is an innovative approach to teaching math that focuses on problem solving, deep understanding and the use of model drawing to drive the acquisition and application of mathematical skills. The principles underlying the program are drawn from a solid base of

foundational research that has identified effective approaches to mathematics teaching.

*Math in Focus* teaches the same content as traditional mathematics programs, just in a way that emphasizes understanding and flexible thinking. It teaches children how and why math works, so they will be better able to use math in real-life situations.

SSA teachers began preparing for the new curriculum in June, when a trainer introduced them to the program. In July, 11 teachers attended the Math in Focus: Singapore Math Community Institute in Chicago, where they learned directly from the program’s authors as well as implementation specialists and professional development trainers. As the program was implemented this fall, a professional consultant visited the school to assist teachers and answer questions. In addition, a math night for parents was held in October to explain the new program in depth and answer questions.

## IPAD PILOT PROGRAM LAUNCHES

Thanks to a donation from current parent Dr. Joe Borelli, an iPad pilot program has been implemented at all three schools for 2012-2013 with promising success.

At the Junior School, the iPads add an easy-to-use and fun way for teachers to enrich the curriculum by allowing faster and more portable access to online content. The fifth grade implemented a 1-to-1 iPad program, while a mobile iPad cart is available for use by any grade. Fifth grade teacher **Lisa Anselmo** uses the iPads to teach about the Middle Ages through a curriculum called “History Alive!” “Students access text, interactive maps, assessments and customized presentations via their iPads,” said Anselmo. “The classroom experience is richer with iPads in the mix.”

Kindergarten teacher **Francine Gardiner** is excited about how, at their core, the iPads are usable by anyone. “I love the tactile nature of the iPad, and kindergarten children especially find this tool appealing,” said Gardiner. “This aspect will motivate and encourage creativity and critical thinking.”

At the Middle School, teachers are using iPads to expand multimedia learning opportunities. English teacher **Dr. Sara Kajder** uses the iPad to better structure her class. She has organized a virtual “bookshelf” and plans to have students record videos of themselves talking about their reading preferences and writing styles, which she hopes will develop into regular blogging and vlogging for the class website. “The class iPad has already become as essential to our learning work as pen and paper,” she said.

In the sciences, sixth graders are using the WeatherBug and iHurricane apps to discover more about weather patterns while seventh graders are using the iPad to learn about cell structure with video and text, and eighth graders are using them to conduct research for their solar house projects.

Music teacher **Jeff Gross** is using the Garage Band app to record rehearsal sessions to enhance critiques. He also sees the iPad as a tool for teaching music. “I have found some amazing fun apps for students to learn notes of the staff, how to play piano, how to mix their own music, and so much more,” said Gross. “These tools help to make creating music so much more accessible to students this age.”

Senior School teachers are excited about the iPad’s ability to make the classroom more dynamic. Biology teacher **Elyse Zheng** says that students are excited to use the technology, and she looks forward to using the iPads to generate feedback from students during class to better adjust her lessons.

History teacher **Matt Weiss** is bringing an old document into the 21st century by using the iPad to access a searchable U.S. Constitution. German teacher **Dana Burgard** is making hypothetical language lessons more realistic by attaching audio files to specific locations in Google Maps.

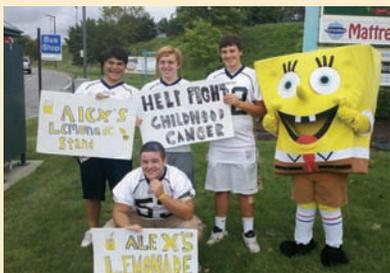
Teachers at all three schools who are using iPads meet periodically to share ideas and experiences. Additionally, Junior School computer teacher **Karen Sandora** has created a wiki for teachers to share information and resources online.



# COMMUNITY IMPACT

SSA students participate in community service projects throughout the year, demonstrating respect, responsibility and kindness, three of the Academy's Guiding Principles. Here are some of the projects they organized during fall 2012:

- On Sept. 1, 2012, the Shady Side Academy football team gathered in Robinson to help raise money for Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, an organization dedicated to fighting childhood cancer. The team, which partnered with Old Navy, helped raise more than \$2,200 for the foundation by collecting donations and selling concessions.
- Students at the Junior and Middle Schools raised nearly \$1,300 for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts through dress-down days on each campus in November. The Middle School raised \$850,



which was donated to The Salvation Army's Disaster Relief Efforts. The Junior School raised \$439 for Literacy Lifeboats, an initiative by the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project to provide schools that were hard-hit by Hurricane Sandy with

needed books and classroom supplies.

- Senior School students in **Guido Giuntini's** Economics class raised more than \$2,700 for the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank in less than a week through a class project related to marketing. Six teams of students created public service announcement videos about hunger and posted them on YouTube, seeking donations to the Food Bank. The six videos generated 53 gifts totaling \$2,730, with the winning video netting \$980 in donations.
- The Middle School's Community Service Committee participated in the Shadyside 5K/Family Walk Oct. 6, 2012, benefitting the Boys and Girls Club of Shadyside. Proceeds went towards the club's mission of keeping children off the streets and engaged in positive activities.



- Second graders broke the record for the annual Junior School Thanksgiving food drive by collecting 1,622 non-perishable food items for a local food bank. Each year as an interdisciplinary service project, the second grade spearheads the school-wide drive, educating their schoolmates about hunger and encouraging them to support the drive. The students delivered the food to the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood, and also visited the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank to see how the warehouse distributes food to local pantries for families.
- Students in grades PK-12 raised more than \$1,300 for pediatric cancer through "Wear a Hat for Cancer" Days at each school in September 2012. Students were invited to make a donation in exchange for wearing a hat to school, with funds donated to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. The effort was led by senior Samantha Goodman, a pediatric cancer survivor herself.
- On Oct. 14, 2012, 13 senior school baseball players, along with Head Coach **Bob Grandizio Jr.** and three parents, conducted a baseball clinic for special needs players from the Miracle League of Southwestern PA. The clinic was led by sophomore Andrew Scherbarth and members of the SSA Baseball Club, which was founded by Shady Side baseball players who hope to combine their love of the sport with community service.



# HOMECOMING 2012-2013

BY JAMIE BRUSH '98 / PHOTOGRAPHY BY JAMES KNOX

On a picture-perfect Western Pennsylvania fall weekend, hundreds of alumni, faculty, students and parents made their way back to campus for Homecoming on Oct. 12-13, 2012.

Alumni began to arrive on campus early Friday morning. Some took campus tours, ate lunch in McCune Dining Hall and even participated in classes at the Junior, Middle and Senior Schools. Simultaneously, a small but dedicated group of golfers was teeing off in early-morning, frosty conditions at the Fox Chapel Golf Club for the annual golf outing.

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. Christopher Bender '72**, delivered a powerful message honoring those who were being celebrated. From Memorial Hall, alums processed to the Benedum Visual Arts Center, where a gathering was already underway for the opening reception of alumni artist **Monica Kapoor '97**. Kapoor's show "The Shape of Things" remained on display in the Gailliot



Angela DiGioia '02 accepts the Paul R. Pigman '52 Prize from President Tom Cangiano, surrounded by family members, Tony and Cathy DiGioia, Noelle DiGioia '05 and Tony DiGioia Jr.

Gallery and in the Hillman Center for Performing Arts on the Senior School Campus through December 2012.

McCune Dining Hall was festively decorated for the president's reception, which 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 current parent and Board of Trustees member **Kara (Salvitti) Conomikes '87**. Conomikes gave a perfectly polished and heartfelt acceptance speech reminding all present of the importance of staying connected with the SSA community. Tom Cangiano then presented the Paul R. Pigman '52 Prize for alumni service to the community to **Angela DiGioia '02**. DiGioia serves communities near and far with her work with Operation Walk, Hope Funds for Cancer Research and Salud Para Niños Clinic at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.



Robert E. Walker Award recipient Kara (Salvitti) Conomikes '87 and President Tom Cangiano



Leon Haley '82 and Alex Howson '82

Saturday morning came very quickly for some alumni who had been celebrating into the wee hours of Friday night. Another cold and frosty 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. Current student **Joe McMahon '13** was the first runner across the finish line, with current parent Maggie Lally and the rest of the pack not far behind.

As the day of activities continued, the fall weather could not have been more cooperative. Children of alums and Junior School students enjoyed a theater performance by Opera Ignite, *Opera? No Way!* in the Richard E. Rauh Theater. The Kids Karnival, run by the SSA cheerleaders, was a hit for all ages. Face painting, bouncy obstacle course, balloon artist, candy and carnival games provided something for everyone to do between the student athletic contests.

In varsity athletic action, boys soccer won 4-0 over Deer Lakes and girls soccer beat Avonworth, 6-0. Also, girls field hockey defeated Aquinas Academy, 5-0. In the most heated contest of the day, the varsity football team, who went into the game as huge underdogs, battled to the end and lost 31-26 to Jeannette. In keeping with tradition, athletic team captains from reunion classes were recognized during the halftime of the football game.

At the conclusion of what was 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.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Homecoming 2013, which will take place Sept. 27-28, 2013. Classes ending in 3s and 8s will be celebrating their reunions. To be involved with reunion planning, contact Director of Alumni Relations Jamie Brush '98 at 412-968-3032 or [jbrush@shadysideacademy.org](mailto:jbrush@shadysideacademy.org).



Peter Bolanis '47 and Jim Hardie '47



Kristen Markitell '13 sang the national anthem.



Alumni artist Monica Kapoor '97 discusses her show, which was on display at the Galliot Gallery.



Members of the Class of 1950, along with family and friends, attended the memorial service in remembrance of Paul Jenkins '50.



Kids Karnival



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



The annual children's theater performance featured Opera Ignite.



Alumni Golf Outing participants at the Fox Chapel Golf Club



The student section was fired up at the varsity football game.



Mrs. Janet Stewart (center) congratulated Al Stewart Memorial Shady Stride winners, current parent Maggie Lally and senior Joe McMahon.



Holly Stewart '13 officially started the Shady Stride.



David Curry, Peter Bolanis and Jack Kintner, on behalf of Chris Kintner '87



Ken Squires



Kirk Baird



Phil Rogers



Victor Novak, Will Rodman, Dave Ressler and Dan Mancosh



Steve Lee and Peter Ellis



Marty Calihan



Nick Terezis, Eric Garrard, Tom Worrall, Doug Henry, Rod McMahon and Julie Srodes



Holly Hill, Racquel (Gonzales) Kramer, Bentley Weiner, Arif Ali, Ronnie Corpuz, Anjelica Singh, Rob Ferguson and Bryan Gentile



Liz Pohl and Dave Pettit



Jennifer (Yates) Polecretti and Britton Wean



Zak Klinvex, Jordan Foley, Laura Daigneau, Kyle O'Donovan, Ross Brendel, Katherine Lee, Alfonso Costa and Charlie Magovern



**Class of 1942**

Seated L to R: William Pettit, David Bennett

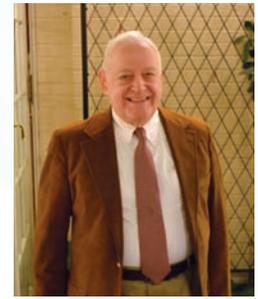
Standing L to R: Thomas Cosgrove, John Davis, George Gilmore



**Class of 1947**

Front Row L to R: Aims Coney, William Patterson, Arthur McSorely, Jack Kintner

Back Row L to R: David Curry, Peter Bolanis



**Class of 1952**

Tom O'Shaughnessy



**Class of 1962**

First Row L to R: John McGee, Tom Benghauser, Martin Monk, Mead Over, Jeff Morrow

Second Row: John Dickson

Third Row: Tom Celli, Louis Martone, Kirk Baird, Fred Half, Gil Sanes

Fourth Row: Harley Trice, Larry Succop, Al Stuckeman, Eric Williams



**Class of 1967**

First Row L to R: Barry Hootman, former faculty member Barclay Palmer, Phil Rogers

Second Row L to R: Pat Loughney, Chris Skelly



**Class of 1972**

L to R: Aims Coney, David Ressler, Will Rodman, Daniel Mancosh



**Class of 1977**

L to R: Peter Ellis, Tekla Hilton, Miroya Stabile, John Marous



### Class of 1982

(From top of stairs down) Marty Calihan, (Michelle and Barack Obama), Leon Haley, Carolyn Molingowski, Ted Wiegand, Alex Howson, Troy Tafel, Greg Ficety, Ron Salvetti, Stan Ference, Jeff Spear, David Rattner (Mitt Romney)



### Class of 1987

Sitting L to R: Karen Wishnev, Jill Swensen Wing, Becca West, Kara Salvitti Conomikes, Corina Caminos, Lillian Wu, Darlene Henze Wisniewski, Melissa McSwigan Miller, Martha Runnette, Craig Blank

Standing L to R: Rod McMahon, Gus Schroeder, Eric Garrard, Thomas Lee, Brian Heil, Rakesh Surampudi, Stephen Choi, Adam Steiner, Scott Engelberg, Bahlin Singh, Nick Terezis, Matt Fenton, Doug Henry, Eric Barnfather, Larry Jacobson, Matt Lhormer, Clark Slater, Jake Ploeger, Matthew Meyers, BJ Siegel, Steve Rock, Ed Mitre, Peter Wymard, Tom Worrall, Brett Randall, Lauren Ratner Milne, Sharman Leventon

Missing from photo: Barbara Lando, Brian George, Shari Grandizio, Ivan Amayo, John Roscow, Julie Srodes



### Class of 1992

Director of Alumni Relations Jamie Brush '98, Arif Ali, Bentley Weiner, Anjelica Singh, Laura Ferguson, faculty member Sue Whitney, Rob Ferguson, Holly Hill, Veronica Corpuz, Kambra McConnel



### Class of 1997

Front L to R: Matt Kamin, Sean Gray, Michelle Semins, Barbara Swartz

Standing L to R: David Turner, Jordan Strassburger, Stephanie Halpern, Liz Pohl, Eve Semins Hagerty, Peter Rackoff, Monica Kapoor, Alexandra Marks, Albert Lin, Lynda Robinson, Lacey Cass Lupetin, Nicole Antonino Cugliari, faculty member Sue Whitney



### Class of 2002

Jacquelyn DiSilvio, Meredith Boyle, Angela DiGioia, Britton Wean, Danielle Katz

Back L to R: Michael Gleason, Amy Zidell

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### Class of 2007

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ACADEMY OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCES

# Strategic Plan

By Jen Roupe / Photography by James Knox

President Tom Cangiano and Board of Trustees Chair Mary Jo Dively formally announced the Academy's five-year strategic plan to the community on Oct. 19, 2012, at a celebratory event held at the Hillman Center for Performing Arts. Approximately 350 parents, alumni, students, faculty and staff gathered to hear the Academy's strategic vision for the future, in an engaging event highlighted by student performances, videos and presentations by faculty, students and alumni.



The plan, entitled *Challenging Students to Think Expansively, Act Ethically and Lead Responsibly*, provides a roadmap for the next five years as it commits to raising the standard for educational excellence in Western Pennsylvania and to becoming a “world-class” institution. The plan includes six main goals, with specific strategies outlined to achieve each goal:



**1. Academic Program:** Deliver a rigorous academic experience renowned for preparing students to excel and lead in a complex, rapidly changing global society.



**2. Faculty:** Invest in faculty and ensure the preservation of the faculty-student relationship that lies at the heart of the Shady Side Academy experience.



**3. Students:** Provide a distinctive student experience that develops outstanding scholars, ethical leaders and global citizens.



**4. Community Connections:** Leverage our robust alumni and parent network to establish meaningful connections and collaborative relationships locally, nationally and internationally that enhance the value of the Shady Side Academy experience.



**5. Physical Resources:** Leverage our extensive physical assets on each campus to support and enhance programmatic goals in an efficient and environmentally responsible manner.



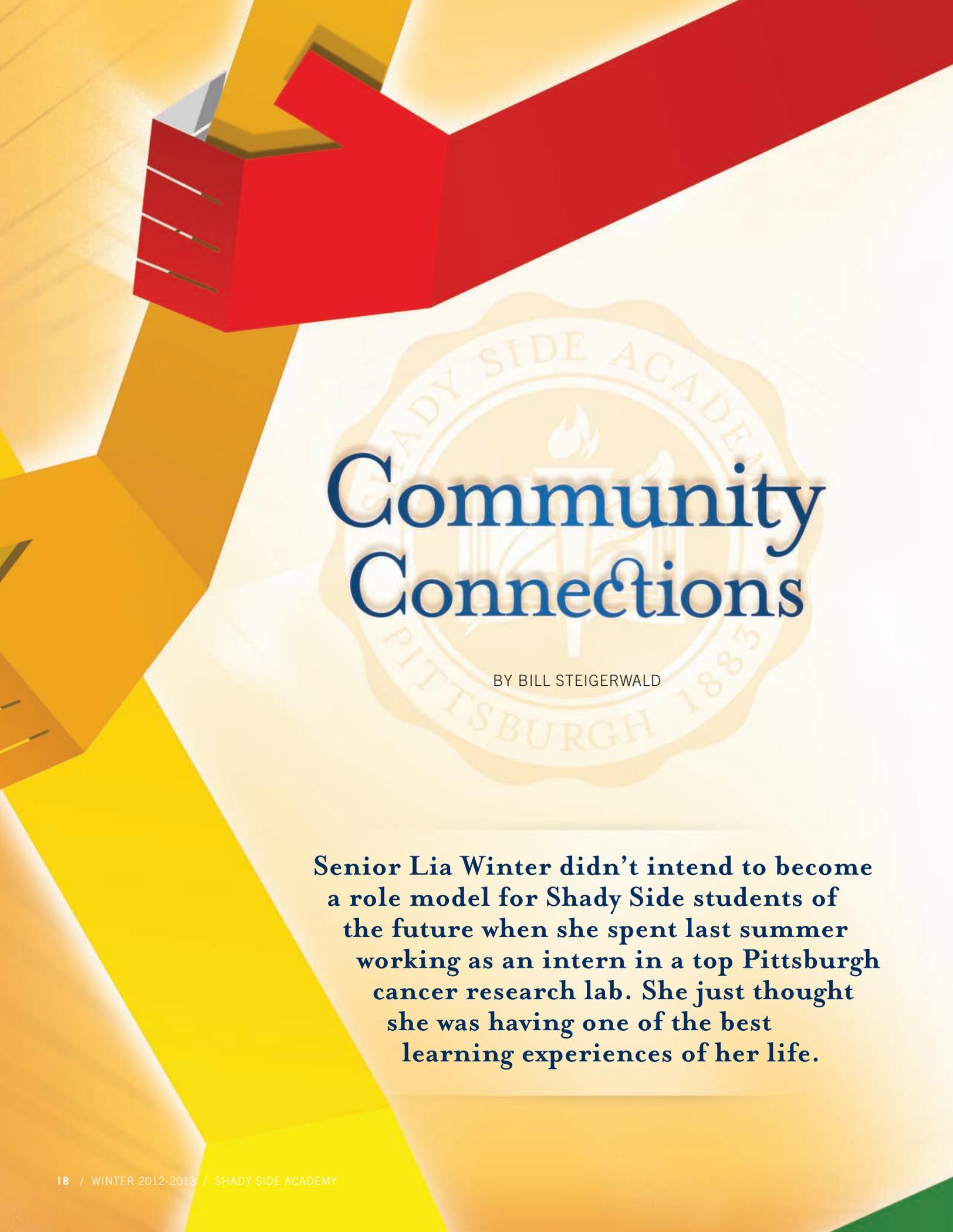
**6. Financial Sustainability:** Develop a financial master plan to support the mission of the Academy and the goals of this strategic vision.

A brochure outlining the complete strategic plan was distributed at the launch event and mailed to all alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends of the Academy in late October.

Visit [www.shadysideacademy.org/strategicplan](http://www.shadysideacademy.org/strategicplan) to: download a PDF of the brochure, which outlines the full strategic plan; watch the six-minute strategic vision video; watch a video recording of the entire launch event; watch a video of some attendees' reactions to the plan; or view a photo slideshow of the launch event.

Look for the strategic plan icons above in this and future issues of the magazine to denote stories related to the plan's key goals.



A graphic illustration of two hands, one yellow and one red, holding a red ribbon that extends across the top of the page. The background is a light yellow with a faint watermark of the Shady Side Academy seal.

# Community Connections

BY BILL STEIGERWALD

**Senior Lia Winter didn't intend to become a role model for Shady Side students of the future when she spent last summer working as an intern in a top Pittsburgh cancer research lab. She just thought she was having one of the best learning experiences of her life.**



Winter was an unpaid intern for eight weeks at the Hillman Cancer Center, which is part of UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside. Working in a research lab supervised by Dr. Michael Lotze, a professor of surgery, immunology and bioengineering at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, was the perfect summer job for someone with a serious interest in biomedical research and long-term plans to become a doctor.

Winter's first experience in a professional medical lab was not about fetching coffee or washing beakers. It was a hands-on internship, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., working alongside grad students and medical students.

After three weeks of learning basic lab procedures, she was conducting her own research project. She even had her own mice to dissect. She isolated their cells, did real experiments and presented her results to her lab mates and Dr. Lotze.

"Being able to do work that really mattered was definitely the best part of the internship," said Winter, who plays ice hockey and captains the soccer and lacrosse teams at SSA.

"I wasn't just being treated as sort of 'the lab slave.' I was given the responsibility for my own project. There were a few times when I messed up. But as I got into the flow of everything, it really started making sense to me. I think I produced some pretty high-quality work."

Winter's early adventure in biomedical research happened by chance. Her science teacher, Stephanie Montemurro, tipped her off about the internship

with Dr. Lotze, the father of two Shady Side grads and part of the Academy's network of parents that helps students connect with opportunities in the community.

But from now on, thanks to Shady Side's comprehensive new strategic plan, the opportunity of landing a priceless internship like Winter's is going to become a regular, more formalized part of student life.

One of the major goals of the plan, formally known as *Challenging Students to Think Expansively, Act Ethically and Lead Responsibly: A Strategic Vision for Shady Side Academy 2012-2017*, is called "Community Connections." It seeks to connect Shady Side students with the outside world in a systematic way. Its goal is to leverage the Academy's "robust alumni and parent network to establish meaningful connections and collaborative relationships locally, nationally and internationally that enhance the value of the Shady Side experience." President Tom Cangiano is excited about every aspect of the strategic plan, but he's particularly interested in the Community Connections piece.

Cangiano said Shady Side's many accomplished alumni and parents are "a phenomenal resource to our students and our school. I'm always impressed with how extensive our alumni network is, both

## “I think it goes back to the sense of community that Shady Side developed that makes everyone want to get involved and stay in touch.”

geographically and in terms of professional experience and expertise.”

As part of the strategic planning process, he met with dozens of alumni in Pittsburgh and around the country. He encouraged them to become more closely involved with current students, and he listened to what they wanted to see happen at the Academy. “One thing we heard over and over again from alumni,” he said, “was that they would love to be a resource for current students and for grads like themselves.”

To that end, he said, the Academy is determined to build up a strong network of enthused alumni who can more actively interact with current students. “We’re going to put together programs where we call them in for career days and they can talk about their own paths. It’s huge. It’s something Shady Side alums really want to do, because they are passionate about the school and want to be connected with it in some way.”

Fritz Woelfel '04 is one of the many enthused alums Cangiano met on his journeys. One of 40 members of the Alumni Council, he’s a graduate of Duke and is now doing graduate work

at Harvard Business School. Since his Shady Side days, Woelfel has met with current students and recent grads to talk about colleges and careers, and he’s been active in alumni circles in Chicago and now Boston.

Shady’s Side alumni network is already well-established locally and nationally, Woelfel said, but he believes it’s still important to solidify and upgrade it. The idea is to get a greater percentage of alumni involved, he said, not just in donating money but in reconnecting with the Academy and their former classmates. “I think it goes back to the sense of community that Shady Side developed that makes everyone want to get involved and stay in touch.”



Lia Winter '13 and Dr. Michael Lotze

Woelfel said that for him, keeping in contact with Shady Side rekindles the excitement and good feelings he felt when he went there. “I had a lot of great times at Shady Side. Talking to other alumni or a current student brings back a lot of good memories and reconnects me to the school.”

He shared an example from a recent alumni reception in Boston. “We all shared some personal stories about our time at Shady Side. One of the stories was about my favorite teacher from seventh grade. When I realized I hadn’t spoken to him since I graduated from high school, I felt terrible. I felt I had to reach out to him and shoot him an email just to see how things are going. So I think talking to these younger grads and alumni is really beneficial to reconnecting with Shady Side.”

Another alum excited about fortifying the alumni-student relationship is Whitney Menarcheck '06. A Pittsburgh resident now working as a mental health counselor for Alliance Medical, Menarcheck joined the Alumni Council in 2012, but she’s kept in close touch with the Academy since graduation.

The St. Joseph University grad has returned to campus as often as possible to see school plays and catch up with her



Head of Senior School Katharine Vavpetic and President Tom Cangiano visit with Eric Rosenblum '88 at the Google Headquarters in Mountain View, Calif.

former teachers, and she's paid attention to the latest Academy news via *Shady Side Academy Magazine* and newsletters. But now her role is more official. Rather than just catching up with people she knew from her school days, she said, she hopes "to forge new relationships with current students and show them what it's like to be a Shady Side alum."

The advantages to students of interacting closely with alumni are obvious. But Menarcheck said alumni also benefit from the relationship – and not just by being able to network with other alums. It makes her proud to see that her school is continuing to produce academically strong students with excellent character and still offering students everything that made her experience at Shady Side so great.

For her, she said, working with current students is a way she can repay Shady Side for what it gave her. "I take a lot of pride in being a Shady Side alumna," she said. "I was very fortunate to be able to go to the school and to continue having a relationship with it is my way of saying I still appreciate it. I think what's going on is great and I'd like to support it so more students can benefit from it in the way I was able to."

Coming up with new ways to more actively engage alumni like Menarcheck and Woelfel with current students is one of the tasks of the Community Connections Committee, chaired by trustee and parent Judy Granato. She said though the Academy has always done a lot to involve alumni, "it hasn't been as formalized as we'd like it to be."

Granato's committee is working to come up with ideas and events that could be repeated annually. "For example, we'll have alumni return to the three schools and show students how Shady Side helped them get to where they are today, have career days at the Senior School and have various internships and shadow programs."

Another idea has to do with further engaging the Board of Visitors, a group of alumni from around the country that meets once a year at Shady Side. The alumni have always been good about talking informally with students about careers and college, Granato said. "But our plan this year is to further engage them with a panel discussion not only at the Senior School, but

perhaps at the Middle and Junior schools as well."

Granato said making Community Connections is not a new concept. "It's taking what we have at Shady Side and expanding on it, making it systematic, sustainable and repeatable. It's important to students and to the long view of what Shady Side is."

In addition to increasing the involvement of alumni, the strategic plan also calls for formalizing



Paul Steenkiste '13 (center) volunteered at the Braddock Carnegie Library for the 2012 MLK Day of Service



Service Learning students volunteer at the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

and expanding the Academy's community service efforts.

As Senior School service learning director Michele Ament knows well, an impressive number of students already engage with the outside world through the Service Learning program, which is the voluntary club for those who want to do community service after school, on weekends or during spring break.

The long list of community connections Middle and Senior School students made last year testifies to their values and generous spirit. Ament challenged every student in both schools to do eight hours of service this year. That amounts to two four-hour Saturdays, for example.

Most of her regular volunteers – about 40 kids in all – easily surpassed that minimum last year. And she estimates as many as 250 kids took part in at least one of dozens of projects.

They worked with community groups like Redd Up Pittsburgh and Habitat for Humanity, helping at the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, holding blood drives and food drives, and raising money for everything from breast cancer research and poor people in Haiti to flood victims in New England.

At the Junior School a “giving tree” is set up during the holidays, which allows every student to chance to buy a gift for a needy child. Each grade also participates in a service project during the school year.

Ament said she hopes the Academy will be able to do more projects like the several it did last year for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, when 300 members of the SSA community, including 200 students in grades PK–12, performed service projects at eight locations around the city.

In one project, a busload of more than 40 Middle and Senior School students traveled to the Larimer neighborhood in Pittsburgh and helped the Kingsley Association build a greenhouse for a community garden out of recycled plastic bottles. Middle School Head Amy Nixon

said doing the work was itself an enriching experience. But the most powerful part of the day for the kids was taking a walk through the Larimer neighborhood to the community garden.

“There were vacant lots,” she said. “Some houses were in great shape, some in not-so-great shape. Just being there and letting the kids actually walk around and see the neighborhood they were going to help was one of the more important parts of the day.”

Senior Paul Steenkiste, president of the Senior School Student Council, guessed he spent 10 weekends doing community service last year. But he said his most memorable experience was with SSA's Alternative Spring Break program, when he and a dozen other students flew to New Orleans for a week and helped rebuild a house in the Katrina-ravaged Ninth Ward. The students did their own fundraising and paid for their own airfare.

These volunteers aren't the only students already doing good works in the community. Sarah York Rubin, the executive director of the Hillman Center for Performing Arts, has what she calls “a lovely core group” of about 50 Senior School students who help her build special connections with local libraries, schools and other outside institutions.

In addition to overseeing the music and theatrical performances on the Hillman Center's busy stages, Rubin makes an effort to share some part of those professional artists with the outside community. For instance, when an a capella group sang on campus, she also arranged for them to appear at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Acting as a facilitator or producer, Rubin often takes a snippet of the performance (or a local replica of it) on the road to places like the YMCA, the Carnegie Library or the African-American Musical Institute. When she puts on story times at local libraries for kids under 5, the books are often themed to match what's appearing at the Hillman Center and there's always a theatrical element accompanying the readings.

Shady Side students occasionally perform, but mostly they help to run the events. Rubin said her "road shows"

— which average one a week — do triple duty. They teach students about the value of community service, provide them with leadership experiences and strengthen the Academy's ties with the community at every level.

Rubin hopes that the strategic plan's emphasis on Community Connections will mean she'll have more resources to make Shady Side and its stages a resource for the whole community. Someday she'd like to see the Academy invite performing cultural groups from around the world to stay on campus, work with students, host workshops and take the workshops out into the community as well.

That kind of global thinking is just what Cangiano likes to hear. One of his favorite parts of the strategic plan is the goal of building on the international connections Shady Side already has. Inspired by his recent experience as president of the American College in

Sofia, Bulgaria, Cangiano plans to enhance the relationships the Academy has made through its language program with schools in France, Germany, Spain and China, primarily through electronic means.

It's only in its earliest stages, but the Junior School is already using the Internet to link its students with

schools around the world. Skype allowed the fourth and fifth grade book clubs to hold videoconferencing sessions with their counterparts at a Mt. Lebanon school last year. Third graders participated in a creative writing and drawing project with students at Indian Hill School in New Jersey. And for four years, first graders have exchanged blogs and brief video clips with kids from Ashdale Primary School in Perth, Australia.

Cangiano, whose arrival three years ago instigated the writing of the new strategic plan, has one very specific long-term goal for Shady Side. He wants the Academy to aspire to a new level of greatness.

"For too long Shady Side tended to benchmark itself against other schools in Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania," he said. "We're trying to set our sights higher than that. We want to compare favorably with the top schools in the United States and the world in terms of how we prepare our students for college and for life."

For Cangiano, to fully prepare bright, morally responsible students means getting them out into the community at an early age. So whether it's finding an internship for someone like Winter, having a senior be able to confer with a successful alum about where to go to college, or sending a group of Middle School students to serve meals at a homeless shelter, from now on he'll be making sure Shady Side kids get more connected with the world beyond the campus gates.

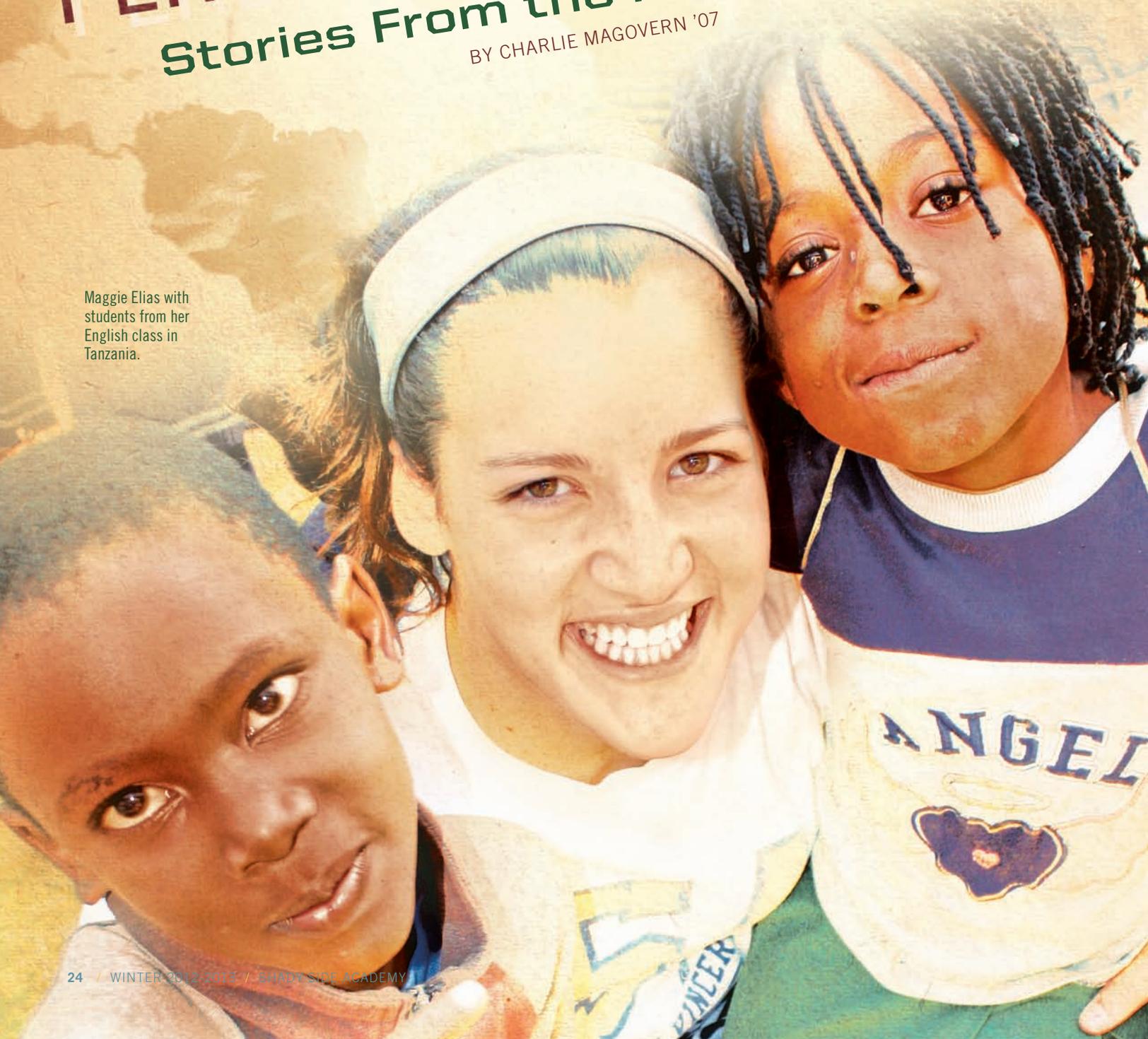


Junior School students skype with their counterparts at a Mt. Lebanon school

# GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES, PERSONAL CONNECTIONS

Stories From the Parkin Fellows  
BY CHARLIE MAGOVERN '07

Maggie Elias with  
students from her  
English class in  
Tanzania.





**T**hey traveled to five continents and eight countries. Some built shelters and others taught English. One protected sea turtles. After the thousands of miles traveled and hours of volunteer service, the value of the Parkin Fellowship for Global Service isn't best revealed by asking what was learned, but rather how the lesson was learned.

While the services that the eight Senior School students who received Parkin Fellowships for the summer of 2012 performed act as tangible reminders that their time abroad was far from a vacation, the greatest lessons learned were all products of personal connection. Each fellow remembered most the power of forming friendships and establishing trust, which allowed them the chance to reach the full learning potential of a Parkin Fellowship.

### Maggie Elias '13

The value of education is commonly connected to the student's future, but that doesn't mean its powerful rewards can't be experienced in a short period of time. Maggie Elias learned just how quickly a teacher can affect a student while teaching the concept of time to a class of children who spoke Swahili, the native language of Tanzania.

As one can imagine, it took the entire trip for her students to fully comprehend the subject, but when Winfrieda, one of her students, stood up in front of the class and correctly explained what she learned, in Swahili, to the class, Elias felt the sense of accomplishment that comes from seeing a student master a subject. The satisfaction was magnified, though, when four other students correctly solved each of the problems Elias put on the board for them to do.

"I finally felt like it was a success and that they had finally gotten what we were teaching," said Elias. "It really brought into focus how people don't need materials and money to be happy."

### Carianne Lee '13

Unlike the other Parkin Fellows, Carianne Lee's experience was her second time at the same school in the village of Haojiping in the Hunan province of China. Predictably, she was more comfortable in her environment and took the responsibility of mentoring first-time

teachers in addition to strengthening the bonds she had previously made with the students, specifically a girl named Lucy.

During her first trip to China, Lee met Lucy, a smart and friendly but also taciturn fourth-grader. When she returned, Lee was pleased to see that Lucy had developed confidence and become a more assertive student. "I got to see her grow over the two years," said Lee. "She made the most of the opportunities given to her."

Before she left, Lee gave Lucy a Chinese-to-English dictionary as a gift. For Lee, it was Lucy that helped her gain an appreciation for the dedication it



Above: Carianne Lee and Lucy, a student in China

Below: Students in China

takes to be an effective teacher and gave her the experience of connecting with an appreciative and gifted student. "Education is something I am definitely looking into and I want to spend a year or two teaching English and seeing the world through education," Lee said.



## Joseph Klein '13

You're never too old to learn, but it's also true that you're never too young to teach. Just ask Joseph Klein, who found himself learning more from Constantine, a 7-year-old at the Pro Vita orphanage in Valea, Screzzi Romania. Unlike the state-run orphanages, the Pro Vita orphanage welcomes volunteers from around the world in an effort to connect cultures.

"I was intending to go there to teach the kids about American life and to give them social interactions, but the ironic part was that he was the one teaching me simple Romanian phrases that most 4-year-olds already know," said Klein.

Unfortunately, Klein's project was cut short due to the spread of an illness due to poor sanitation, but nonetheless his experiences with Constantine gave him a broader perspective about the nature of learning.

"Coming from high school, you expect your knowledge to come from your elders or teachers, but the lasting impression that the trip had on me was that here's this 7-year-old teaching a 17-year-old about Romanian life lessons," Klein said. "Not all of your knowledge comes from older people."

## Selina Yossef '14

Selina Yossef was concerned about earning the trust of the Lakota Sioux tribe when she travelled to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota for her fellowship. It didn't take long for the members of the Sioux, particularly the White Bull family, for which her group was building a house, to trust her.

But following the death of a member of the tribe, the Lakota Sioux invited her to attend the funeral. The ceremony lasted five hours, and went on late into the night to honor a young man who had just finished college, a revered accomplishment within the tribe.



Joseph Klein's Parkin Fellowship took him to Valea, Romania

As it turns out, Yossef earned something greater: respect. The Lakota Sioux that Yossef helped rarely invite visitors to ceremonies, which made the invitation to the funeral a prodigiously meaningful gesture.

Earning that respect had a profound effect on Yossef because, she says, it made her realize that her Parkin Fellowship is really an ongoing endeavor, just like the difficulties that tribe faces.

"You can't just go there for yourself," she said. "You have to help people more. It can't be that one time you went there and 'gained appreciation for what you have.' You have to keep giving and be respectful to people."

Yossef has plans to return to the reservation this summer and continues to send items, such as apple trees, to the reservation.

## Taylor Duncan '13

Taylor Duncan volunteered at Nutre Hogar, a center for severely malnourished children in Panama, where she experienced firsthand the challenges

faced by the children at the orphanage, which struggles to maintain the standard of living due to its scarce amounts of resources.

"Going to Panama was something that I wanted to do since my freshman year," said Duncan. "For me, this was a deep, personal experience, as I could relate to some of the sick children. Upon arriving in Nutre Hogar, when I saw those gleaming eyes of small children, arms outstretched, I was forever changed."

## Aya Agha '13

Aya Agha also went to Africa, but dealt mostly with an older age group while volunteering at a vocational school in Pemba, Mozambique. Mozambique is one of the poorest countries in the world, hovering around 12th with an average GDP of 1,000 per capita. While the people she worked with were raised in the poorest of circumstances, their spirits were overwhelmingly hopeful. In her time there, she met dreamers who focused only on their futures despite growing in such a challenging environment.



Maggie Elias with her students in Tanzania

One boy, named Frederick, was particularly memorable for his charismatic optimism as he explained his dreams of becoming a successful businessman. Frederick's ambition was influential to Agha, who returned knowing that a dream is equally powerful regardless of its origins.

"The students at the school were all very passionate about what they wanted to be in life, and they had such huge dreams about being doctors and businessmen and women," said Agha. "I learned to always dream big, because you never know what will happen."

### Tarah Wright '14

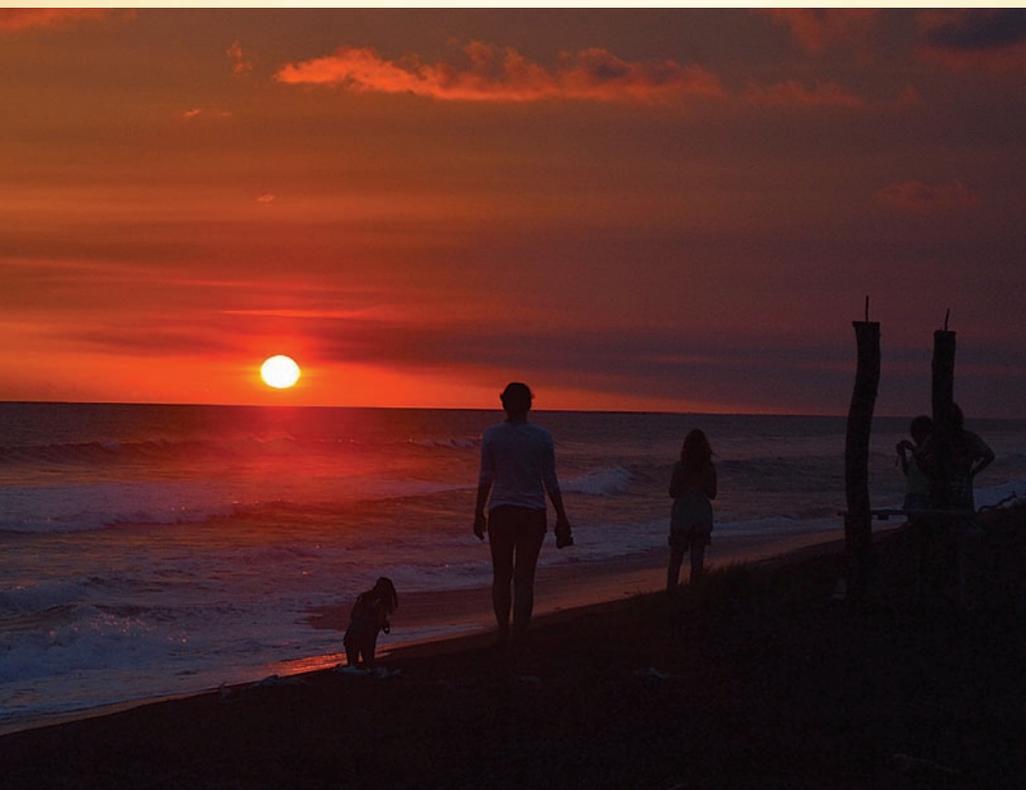
Tarah Wright travelled to Senegal, where her project involved caring for abandoned children and building a daara, which is a center built for the purpose of teaching the Koran to children. Known as "talibés" in Senegal, most of the children are forced to beg for food, or the money to buy food. The children are also abused and lack a place to bathe.

Regardless, Wright discovered that what the children really desired was to love and be loved, which was all they really needed to be happy.

### Sophie Wecht '14

Sophie Wecht combined her love of animals with her commitment to community service by volunteering in Mexico to help protect sea turtle eggs on the beach. There were two shifts during the night, which required Wecht to help bury the turtle eggs in the corral in order to help protect them from poachers. Once the eggs hatched, she would then collect the baby turtles and take them to the ocean to ensure that predators, human and otherwise, didn't snatch them up.

Additionally, Wecht participated in a biodiversity research study about crocodiles by collecting data such as measurements of baby crocodiles and the number of animals living in the lagoon.



Sophie Wecht protects sea turtle eggs on the beach in Mexico



Above: Shady Side students, faculty and President Tom Cangiano with executive director of Classrooms Without Borders Dr. Zipora Gur

Right: Auschwitz I



# POLAND PERSONALLY

BY NOAH SPROCK '13

About a year ago, I was presented with the opportunity to travel over the summer to Poland and study the Holocaust. History has always fascinated me, and what better way to learn than to go to where history happened? But, honestly, I didn't have a good reason why I wanted to go. After all, I'm not Jewish. When family and friends would ask, "Why Poland?" I never could come up with a concrete answer. But shortly after my arrival, I was submerged in the despair of the horrific events of the Holocaust, and I no longer needed to justify the trip. My life was instantly changed, and this journey was one that I will never forget.

Shady Side Academy was one of five independent schools in the Pittsburgh region to participate in the "Poland Personally" study seminar this summer through Classrooms Without Borders and the Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh. President Tom Cangiano, along with two faculty members and nine students, represented Shady Side on this trip.

In preparation, we gathered monthly to prepare ourselves and our emotions for what we would see and experience while abroad.

We watched documentaries, listened to lectures and read hundreds of pages of historical accounts to make an effort at fathoming this atrocity. Unfortunately nothing, and I mean absolutely nothing, could even begin to prepare us for what we saw and experienced in Poland. For the first time in my life, there were simply no words to describe the emotion I was feeling.

After an unplanned 30-hour delay in Chicago, we arrived in Warsaw severely jet-lagged, yet anxious to get started. After a brief tour of Warsaw, we checked into our hotel and had a fantastic welcoming meal. Then, of course, there was the lody (ice cream) – lots and lots of it. Later in the evening, we had the opportunity to explore the Old Town of Warsaw. Cobblestone streets lined with quaint restaurants, coffee shops and boutiques lead to the large central part of Old Town that overlooks the Vistula River. The beauty I saw that night in a place once filled with devastation only foreshadowed what was to come. It was a serene moment. If I had known then what I would see on the rest of the trip, I would have never left the Old Town of Warsaw that evening.

My companions and I were blessed with the rare opportunity to travel with a Holocaust survivor, Howard Chandler. Chandler grew up in Kielce and was sent to Auschwitz in 1944 with his brother and father. The day he was separated from his mother, sister and younger brother in 1942 in the market square outside their home was the last time he ever saw them. They weren't as "fortunate" as the men of the family, who were sent to work in an armaments factory. Rather, they were sent to Treblinka, where they were immediately gassed and killed. As Chandler shared the painful experience of how families were torn apart, it impressed upon us to be appreciative for what we have, because some aren't as fortunate.

When we returned to Chandler's hometown, he talked about his childhood and the day his family was separated. To hear his story firsthand and stand





where it actually happened was, truly, an extraordinary experience. However, the most profound experience was standing in a barrack at Birkenau (Auschwitz II), listening to this man, a survivor, recall his story to us. I have no words to describe how this touched the depth of my soul.

Senior Micaela Saperstein said she was struck by the fact that “Howard Chandler can still live after experiencing so much death.” What mesmerizes me about Chandler is that someone who has dealt with so much is still able to share his story, no matter the pain it causes. Howard Chandler is a brave man. Howard Chandler is a hero.

The day we visited Majdanek, I was finally able to put a scope on the Holocaust. Majdanek is the only death camp remaining that could be up and running tomorrow. It’s quite scary to think about, especially when walking through the gas chambers, that if this were an operational camp, you could drop dead at any minute. At the end of the camp was an open-aired dome that covered 13 tons of human ash. When learning about the Holocaust in history class, the numbers didn’t really mean anything to me because they’re so big. But when I saw 13 tons of human ash with bones sticking out at Majdanek, the numbers became tangible. In that moment, the Holocaust became real to me. I was finally able to see the vastness of the destruction that I couldn’t even imagine before.

Stanley Nevola, Senior School music teacher, agreed. “The most significant part of the trip was the pile of human ash at Majdanek,” he said. “It made me question my faith, my happiness and my family perspective.”

I mentioned the beauty of the Old Town of Warsaw. We found the same beauty surrounding the camps we visited. Among the destruction and desecration, flowers were blooming, butterflies were flying about, and the sun was glistening. Tree-lined cobblestone streets with unvarying brick buildings looked like suburbia of the past. The irony of it is that there is so much beauty in a place of so much death and destruction.

Senior School History Department Chair Kyle Smith reflected, “I was struck at the many sights of sheer beauty and human interaction that were a part of the tapestry of these horrible places I visited.”

When we began our pre-trip meetings in January 2012, I wasn’t sure how we were going to mesh as one big group. None of us really knew anyone from the other schools, and as time went on, it didn’t seem like that was going to change. I must say the 30-hour delay in Chicago helped a great deal, but the real camaraderie began when we got to Poland. Without sounding cliché, what began as 40 separate individuals transformed into one big family due to the circumstances we were placed in. As

I look back now, it’s amazing how such unique individuals came together as one when needing each other the most. During our journey in Poland, we shared many moments of tears. I now consider these people to be some of my closest friends, and that is the direct result of this trip and the experiences we faced together.

I think trips like this one are often overlooked in an educational setting. This may not necessarily be true at Shady Side Academy, but in general, people often think that what we learn in the classroom is sufficient. I suppose that before this seminar I too felt that trips like this were more like vacations than educational experiences. However, going to Poland changed all that for me. No matter how much you think you know about the Holocaust, you become clueless when put into its actual setting. Being there changes your perspective on life.

“This wasn’t just a trip, it was the experience of a lifetime, where we entered a completely different world of evil and destruction,” said senior Ali Sarner. “Looking back in time and living in the present with such an amazing man like Howard Chandler gave us hope that the memory of those lost and currently living will never be forgotten.”

My generation is the last generation to be able to learn from survivors directly. It is now our responsibility to share Chandler’s story and so many stories like his, when they don’t have voices of their own. We are responsible for the education of future generations on this subject in history. I’ve never felt more empowered, now that I have been to Poland and have been awakened.

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Students learn from scholar Avi Ben-hur at the last remaining wall of the Warsaw Ghetto





# NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD *of* TRUSTEES



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is an associate professor and doctoral program director at the School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh. She is also the associate director of the Public Health Social Work Training Program at the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public Health and serves as co-director of the Faculty Diversity Seminar, a program sponsored by the Office of the Provost. She received a

bachelor's degree in social work from Livingstone College, a master's degree in social work, a master's degree in public health and a doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Copeland has twin daughters, Camara '12 and Camden.

**WILLIAM DIEHL** taught science at Shady Side Academy Senior School for 40 years. During his tenure, he served as department chair three times, coached football, baseball, tennis and soccer, and was



a dorm parent for 12 years. Diehl holds a B.A. in biology from Kenyon College, an M.A. in limnology from West Virginia University and an M.P.H. from the University of Pittsburgh. He has been the recipient of the Posner Award, the Heinz Chair for the Sciences and the Carnegie Science Award for High School Educators. He resides in Fox Chapel with his wife, Barbara. They have two children, Sarah '93 and Nathan '95.

**ALEXANDER MOSER '90** is the director of marketing at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, where he oversees all marketing, advertising and communications. In addition, he manages a



community relations department, and develops and executes all Seven Springs Mountain Resort events. Prior to Seven Springs, Moser spent nine years with the Pittsburgh Pirates, most recently as manager of creative services. He holds a B.A. in English from Franklin and Marshall College. Moser currently serves as the president of the SSA Alumni Council. He and his wife, Faith, have two children, Ike and Max.



## DR. SANDY SAUERISEN '84

joined the faculty of UPMC St. Margaret Family Medicine Residency in 1998 and is currently the medical director of the UPMC St. Margaret Lawrenceville Family Health Center. She received her bachelor's degree in biology from Northwestern University, earned her medical degree from Hahnemann University, and completed her residency training at Thomas

Jefferson University in Philadelphia. She then obtained her master's degree in public health from the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health and Hygiene. Sauereisen previously served on the SSA Alumni Council and was the recipient of the Robert E. Walker Award for dedicated alumni service. She and her husband, Dr. Mark Taylor, live in Fox Chapel with their three children, Madison '14, Christian '18 and Claire.

## MAZEN F. YOUSSEF is

president of Cellogique Corporation and NextCell Medical Corporation. Cellogique Corporation distributes cosmetic dermatology products in the Middle East through specialized boutique stores and by setting up regional medical centers. NextCell Medical Corporation develops cosmetic dermatology products that are distributed on a national and



international level. He is an alumnus of International College, Beirut, Lebanon, and received his bachelor's and master's degrees from San Diego State University. He and his wife, Suzan, have three children, Fuad '18, Aya '19 and Tarek '22.

## NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

**Lauren Bowser** joined the Middle School as a world languages teacher, having previously been a teaching fellow in the French Department at the University of Pittsburgh. She has her bachelor's degree from California University of Pennsylvania and her master's degree from West Virginia University. Bowser completed her graduate work in Nantes, France.

**Andrea Benítez** is the new after school and summer school director. She previously taught language arts and social studies in Puerto Rico for seven years. Benitez earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Duquesne University.

**Molly Braver '94** returned to her alma mater as a Middle School social studies teacher. She has her B.A. in sociology from the University of Colorado at Boulder and her M.A. in secondary education in social studies at Duquesne University. Braver has taught at Knoxville Middle School and most recently at Taylor Allderdice High School.

**Andrea Cespedes** joined the Middle School as a world languages teacher, after working as a part-time replacement at the Junior and Middle Schools last year. She earned her bachelor's degree from University of South Florida and her master's degree from Duquesne University.

**Denis Cronin** joined the Senior School as a world languages teacher. He earned his B.A. in Spanish and Latin American studies from Colby College. He also studied abroad in Buenos Aires, Argentina, for five months. Cronin previously taught Spanish at the Tilton School.

**Molly Girts** joined the Middle School as social studies teacher, having previously taught at the University of Pittsburgh in the Political Science Department. She received her B.A. and M.A. in political science from the University of Pittsburgh, and recently completed a master's degree in education from Carlow University.

**Lisa Harvey** joined the Junior School as the speech and language pathologist. Harvey was previously employed at DePaul School for Hearing and Speech. She holds

a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Pittsburgh and a master's degree in speech-language pathology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

**Dr. Sara Kajder** joined the Middle School English faculty, having previously worked as a secondary English teacher in Virginia, and a professor at Virginia Tech and the University of Pittsburgh. She completed her undergraduate work in English literature at the University of Pittsburgh, and received her doctorate from the University of Virginia.

**Amy Katz** joined the Middle School as a full-time learning specialist, having served as an independent consultant for the past three years. Katz received her B.A. from Antioch College and her M.A. from the University of Pittsburgh. Before coming to SSA, Katz worked in numerous independent schools in Pittsburgh and was an educational diagnostician at the Children's Institute of Pittsburgh.

**Tim McGuigan** joined the Middle School faculty, teaching Form I and II English, as well as sixth grade Study Skills. He also conducts the after-school tutorial program. Previously, he taught language arts for six years in the Shaler and Sto-Rox school districts. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Arts in Teaching, both from the University of Pittsburgh.

**Daniel Proulx** joined the Senior School as a mathematics teacher, having previously taught at the University of Colorado and Boulder Preparatory High School. He earned his B.A. in mathematics from Connecticut College and his M.A. in mathematics from the University of Colorado.

**Kristen Rohr** joined the Middle School, teaching a section of sixth grade English. She previously interned for the English Department at the Senior School in 2011-2012. Rohr earned her bachelor's degree in English literature and her master's degree in secondary English education from the University of Pittsburgh.

**Claudine Runnette** joined the Junior School faculty as the school counselor. She holds a B.A. in speech and hearing sciences from

Washington State University and an M.A. in marriage and family counseling from City University. She is a licensed mental health therapist, and most recently worked as a behavioral specialist in the Fox Chapel Area School District.

**Lindsay Rusnak** joined the Junior School as a pre-kindergarten teacher. She received her bachelor's degree at Otterbein College and her master's degree from DePaul University. She has teaching experience at elementary schools in Powell and Columbus, Ohio, as well as New Orleans. She most recently worked as a substitute teacher and private tutor in Pittsburgh.

**Heidi C. Wall** joined the Senior School mathematics faculty. She earned her bachelor's degree in economics from Amherst College and master's degree in education from Harvard University Graduate School of Education. She previously taught mathematics at Deerfield Academy and Yarmouth Academy.

**Britton Wean '02** joined the Junior School as the new part-time art teacher. After graduating from SSA, Wean attended St. Lawrence University, earning her B.A. in art. She returned to Pittsburgh after teaching art at Trinity School in Atlanta, as well as working for a residential builder and real estate broker in Mississippi.

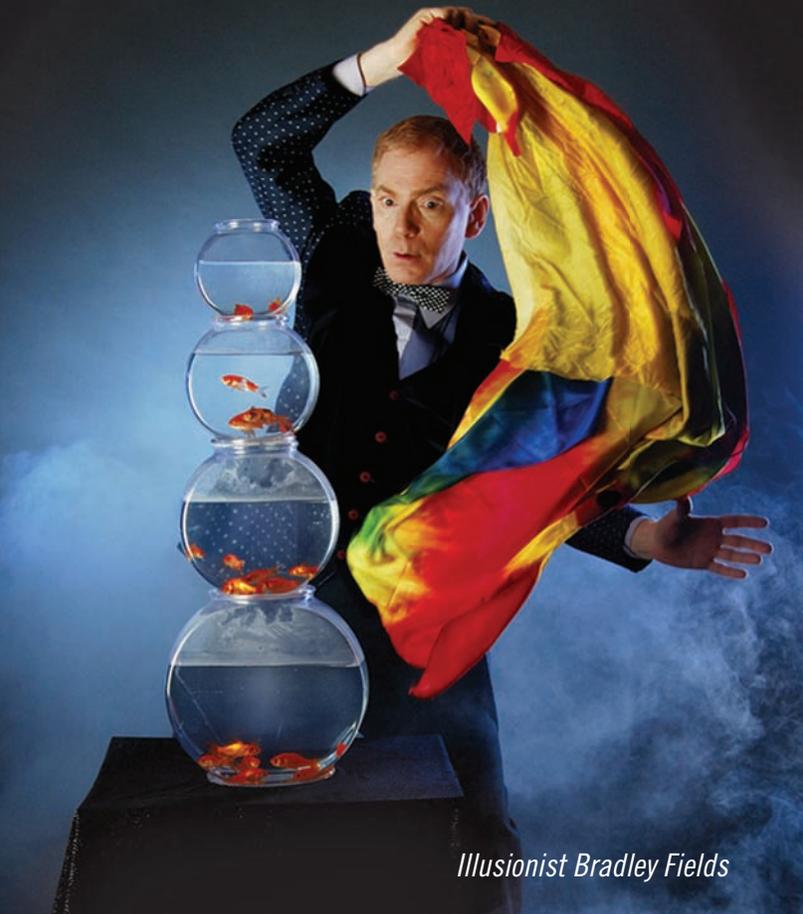
**Michael Williams** joined the Middle School social studies faculty, after spending last year at SSA doing his student teaching under the auspices of Chatham University. Williams earned his B.A. in history from Syracuse University and his M.A.T. in secondary education from Wesley College.

**Kristin Wilson** joined the Senior School science department as a one-year sabbatical replacement for Dr. Kathy Malone. She graduated from North Carolina State University with a B.S. in biochemistry, a B.A. in chemistry and an M.A. in genetics. She previously taught science at the Bolles School in Florida.

# THE HILLMAN GIVES BACK

BY JACLYN M. STERNICK

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*Illusionist Bradley Fields*

*Duquesne University Tamburitzans*



A critical part of the Hillman Center for Performing Arts' mission is to foster relationships with organizations, institutions and individuals throughout the Pittsburgh community. For the 2012-2013 Hillman Performing Arts Series, Executive Director Sarah York Rubin pursued collaborations with local groups to enrich programming for patrons and catalyze a more robust community outreach program.

Bradley Fields offered a magical opening to the series on Oct. 20, 2012, with *Out of Thin Air!* Before Fields' performance, Rubin brought in the Carnegie Science Center to offer kids of all ages the chance to create scientific illusions. Audience members could experiment with liquid nitrogen ice cream, ultraviolet detecting beads and more. The interactive preshow made the night a memorable experience for everyone, especially the children that arrived in Halloween costumes.

The Hillman Center also has been expanding its outreach through the Cooper-Siegel Community Library in Fox Chapel and the Carnegie Library of Oakmont. Rubin and members of the Shady Side Academy admissions team continually host craft workshops, educational activities, story times and a reading incentive programs related to each Hillman Series production. Before the Duquesne University Tamburitzans graced the stage with folk music and dance on Nov. 10, 2012, readers who checked out a book or DVD about Eastern Europe had a chance to win tickets to the show or even meet ensemble members and learn a dance at one of the libraries. On the night of the show, the Tamburitzans delighted the audience with their elaborate costumes, cheerful energy, elite dance skills and impressive musicianship.

On Jan 19, 2013, Enchantment Theatre's adaptation of a classic children's tale *The Velveteen Rabbit*, complete with a Grammy-winning soundtrack, provided a great link between arts and literature. To complement the performance, a fun-filled, educational "Rabbit Jamboree" was held after the show. The Children's Museum of Pittsburgh offered Warhol-esque rabbit pop art; Rabbit Wranglers and Pittsburgh House Rabbit Club (two rabbit rescue groups) brought live bunnies to teach about bunny care and adoption; and the boutique petcare hub Animal Nature shared carrot cake and crafts with all participants. In addition to the Rabbit Jamboree, there was a Bunny Sleepover and Bunny Brunch at the Cooper-Siegel Library, and The Children's Museum held two matinee previews of Enchantment Theatre's fantastic performance.

The community partnership will continue for the second half of the series. The Hillman Series partners with Gateway to the Arts to bring Pittsburgh-based talent to the stage Feb. 16, 2013, with *A Modern Twist: Attack Theatre + Cello Fury*. Head-banging beats, passionate strings and provocative agility will intertwine to create a fresh take on instrumentation and dance. During an interactive intermission with Gateway teaching artist Curtis Reeves, audience



members of all ages will have the opportunity to express sound and movement and make visual art. In addition, alumni artist Jessica Breedlove '93 will exhibit her own modern art in the Hillman lobby. The evening will overflow with creative innovation.

On March 2, 2013, the timeless Glenn Miller Orchestra is sure to keep feet tapping with its catchy big band tunes. This evening will certainly prompt nostalgia with the opening of a new exhibit in the Hillman lobbies: *Vintage Radios From Pittsburgh and Beyond*. The exhibit is curated by sound engineer Mel Check, who worked at KDKA for 34 years, in addition to running road broadcasts for the Pirates, Steelers and Penguins. Check will bring a great selection of microphones, tubes and radio paraphernalia from his private museum of more than 800 radios.

Check's exhibit will still be on display as the 2012-2013 Hillman Series concludes on April 13, 2013, with a thought-provoking look at the life work of one of America's most engrossing contemporary journalists, Ira Glass. *Reinventing Radio: An Evening With Ira Glass* will not only celebrate Glass's talent for telling stories, but will also assert the impact well-told stories have on people every day. The Hillman is grateful to be partnering with local public radio stations WYEP and WESA, which will offer two preview conversations with Glass to radio listeners in the region.

Talented performers, caring community partners and engaging activities make for an all-around enticing experience at the Hillman Series in 2012-2013.



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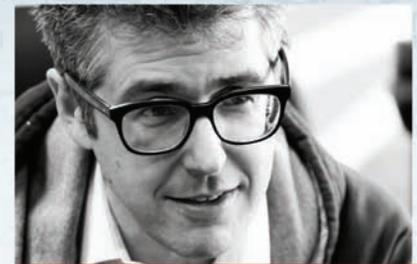
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# Mark Jackson '74 & Andy Mathieson '74

Building an innovative community for young adults with autism

BY CRISTINA ROVALIS  
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MARK JACKSON '74





Mark Jackson '74 has always worried about his son Christopher finding his own way in the world. Will he find adulthood isolating and lonely? Will he be safe? Constant worry is part of every parent's job description, but throw autism into the equation, and the sleepless nights rise exponentially.

It was 2009, and Christopher, a nonverbal 18-year-old, was thriving at the renowned Boston Higashi School for children with autism, but would have to leave once he turned 22. Then what?

That matter weighed heavily on Jackson and his wife, Patty, who couldn't find any suitable housing options for him near their home in California. They wouldn't be around forever to take care of Christopher, and they needed a solution for his lifelong care. "It sort of kicked us

young adults with autism.

On Nov. 10, 2012, Sweetwater Spectrum, a residential community for 16 young adults, opened on a picturesque 2.8 acres in the heart of wine country in Sonoma, Calif. Christopher, now 21, will move in early 2013 into a four-bedroom house in an innovative community that boasts an organic farm, fruit orchard, greenhouse, pool, exercise room and art and music rooms among its amenities. His new address will be located just 45 minutes away from his parents' house.

"We created a community where the kids can be accepted," said Jackson, president of the board of the nonprofit Sweetwater Spectrum. "The typical group home can be very isolating for someone with autism. They don't make friends easily. Half of our children don't speak

One friend in particular stepped up to help. Jackson didn't even have to ask Andy Mathieson '74 to back his newest venture. That's the kind of friend Mathieson has always been.

In 1966, Jackson and Mathieson arrived at Shady Side Academy as fifth graders. Jackson was shy while Mathieson was outgoing, but the two boys shared a love of sports and hit it off right away.

On the soccer field, Jackson played right wing while Mathieson played left. They also teamed up at doubles tennis. Mathieson recalled how Jackson, a natural athlete, always kicked into high gear when a game was on the line. "We would be down 4-0 in the challenge match, and Mark would decide that was enough," he said. "The next thing, we would be up 6-4."

Jackson loved math and was especially



"We created a community where the kids can be accepted."

in the pants," Jackson said. "There was no good fit for him."

At the same time, Jackson's friend, Dr. Carolyn Klebanoff, was battling the same anguish over the future of her daughter, Jane, who also has autism. Given the dramatic increase in childhood autism, Jackson and Klebanoff knew other parents were staring down the same kind of fears. So, frustrated by the lack of options, Jackson and Klebanoff decided to undertake the monumental task of creating a new housing community for

They want to be with their peers, someone who understands them."

Sweetwater's mission is "Life With Purpose." To that end, residents will work in jobs or day programs so they become integrated into the fabric of Sonoma, which has welcomed the project warmly. Volunteer chefs, yoga instructors and other professionals are already signing up to teach classes at Sweetwater.

Jackson and his dedicated Board of Directors know they could not have pulled off such a daunting project alone.

inspired by his Shady Side calculus teacher, Jesse Mase, who provided him with a firm foundation for his future business studies and career as a real estate developer. "He was an awesome teacher," he said.

Mathieson was grateful for the enduring friendships he forged at Shady Side as well as the dedicated teachers "who were enthusiastic about their subjects and shared this passion with students. I graduated very well prepared for college," he said.

Mathieson and Jackson went on their college tour together, visiting campuses on

the East Coast. After graduation, Jackson headed to Middlebury College and Mathieson to Yale. They began separate lives, but still made time to visit one other.

Their paths kept crossing. In 1981, Jackson enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley's School of Business. The next year, Mathieson also headed west to attend Stanford University's Graduate School of Business. Even their romantic lives were uncanny parallels. Soon after Mathieson started dating his Stanford classmate, Ann, Jackson began seeing her best friend and roommate, Patty. Both pairs eventually married.

Spectrum Advisory Board and is a member of the fundraising team, which has raised about \$8.4 million so far. "Andy has been fantastic," Klebanoff said. "He has been so helpful in giving us his experience in philanthropy. He never missed a meeting. He is such a devoted friend."

Mathieson didn't hesitate to do whatever he could for a cause so dear to his friend. "I greatly admire and respect how they handled the adversities of raising a child with autism," he said of the Jacksons.

The first symptoms of the condition appeared when Christopher turned 2. The once-talkative little boy started

Christopher was spared the ridicule that many children with his condition experience in middle and high school. A new national study found that nearly half teens affected by autism have been bullied – three times the rate for all students.

While home-schooling shielded Christopher from mistreatment, it did not provide enough structure for such an active and impulsive child. As he grew older, he frequently alarmed his parents by running away from home, sometimes jumping over a neighbor's eight-foot fence to escape.

Jackson knew that Christopher needed



“Every stick, brick and nail was designed for our children’s behavior.”

Even fatherhood arrived with surprising synchronicity. Six months before Christopher was born, the Mathiesons had their first child, Abby. "So much of our lives have been together," Jackson said of Mathieson. "He is like family." In fact, Jackson's current office is located just 50 feet down the hall from his lifelong friend's at Fairview Capital Investment Management LLC, the investment advisory firm Mathieson founded. The two families live five minutes apart – the Jacksons in San Anselmo and the Mathiesons in Kentfield.

"He has been there with us from day one with Christopher," Jackson said. "More than anyone else, he saw what we went through."

Mathieson joined the Sweetwater

withdrawing into his shell. Then he stopped speaking altogether. He was diagnosed with autism, a developmental disorder that at the time affected only one in 3,000 children. Today it occurs in one out of 88 and the odds jump to a staggering one in 55 boys.

Though Christopher attended classes for the first few years of elementary school, he later switched to home-schooling so therapists could give him individual attention. Jackson, who worked as a real estate developer then, would watch with amazement as his son put together a 200-piece jigsaw puzzle in a few minutes, sometimes mixing up two puzzles to give himself a challenge. "I would pay a lot of money to spend one day in my child's brain," he said, a common wish of parents whose children have autism.

more intensive care. That is when he and Patty learned about the Boston Higashi School, which attracts students with autism from around the world. Christopher's first day of class there was Sept. 11, 2001, the day the world changed forever.

After that unsettling start, Jackson struggled with the reality of living across the country from his child. "It was horrible for the first two years," he said. But he eventually realized Higashi was the best place for Christopher, who thrived in the school's structured environment. The arrangement also allowed the couple to devote more attention to their younger son, Jake. "Though they rarely complain, there is no question that the sibling of someone with autism gets the short end of the stick," Jackson said.

In 2009, the Jacksons received a phone call from a state official who wanted to discuss Christopher's future housing options. The person felt a group home would not be a good fit because of the boy's propensity to run away. There was no other known option.

Many parents are caught off-guard as their children with autism approach young adulthood. "They are so busy," Jackson explained. "It takes a lot of effort dealing with issues around therapy and school and just getting to sleep. Often, they don't wake up until the child is 18, and they realize they have to deal with it."

Both Jackson and Klebanoff were staring down deadlines. They would need to come up with better options by the time their children graduated from their respective programs.

"We can do it," Klebanoff told Jackson. But they didn't know yet what 'it' would be.

It started out as a real estate deal. Within four months, Jackson, who had retired as a real estate developer in 2003, found the tract of land, owned by the city of Sonoma. He jumped through the necessary hoops to re-zone the property and comply with environmental regulations. "He put together a \$10 million real estate project in a northern

California community," Mathieson said. "That requires an extreme amount of skill, expertise and perseverance."

With the land deal nearing completion, the team set about designing a community for young adults with autism. Jackson consulted with researchers at Arizona State University's Stardust School of Design about how to minimize harsh sounds, lights and smells that could overwhelm residents with autism.

They took all the architects' recommendations to heart. "We have a radiant heating system, which is very quiet," Jackson said. "The houses are set back from the street and there is special sound insulation. We have natural light with very few fluorescent bulbs."

Sweetwater Spectrum was built with high-impact drywall, because a few residents have a tendency to punch holes in the walls. "Every stick, brick and nail was designed for our children's behavior," Jackson said. When the consultants from Arizona State visited Sweetwater Spectrum recently, they were thrilled. "They were completely blown away that we had taken their research to heart," Jackson said.

Sweetwater Spectrum was also designed with family gatherings in mind. The grounds include community spaces for

parties and barbecues. "Families need an outlet," Jackson said. "It is nice to have someone else who can understand autism. We know some families who will not admit to their friends that they have a child with autism."

Jackson hopes to help other parents replicate the basics of the community as a growing number reach out to him. "Autism has gone from a blip to the predominant development disorder," he said. "It is really frightening. Eighty-five percent of those who are diagnosed are under age 22. Ten years from now, the need for housing will be off the charts."

Mathieson calls his friend "a national expert on putting projects like this together. Mark is becoming a resource for lots of parents and communities who want to do the same thing. He is contacted daily."

The calls come from all over the United States, even the world. "I got a phone call from Saudi Arabia yesterday and one from Maine the day before," Jackson said.

For Jackson's part, Sweetwater Spectrum has given him a sense of purpose. "I truly love doing this," he said. "I sleep better at night. I wake up enthusiastic about Christopher's future."

Christopher, who has seen photos of the community he will be moving into, also seems enthusiastic about the change. "He packs his suitcase every day," his father said. "He knows something is up."



Opposite Page: Mark Jackson was all smiles as construction began on the Sweetwater Spectrum facility.

Left: Andy and Ann Mathieson, alongside Mark and Patty Jackson

BROCK BERGMAN '03  
JAKE KLINVEX '05  
JIM AMBROSE '05

BUILDING LOYALTY WITH LOYALTREE

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“I NEVER UNDERSTOOD WHY I HAD TO PUT ON A SUIT AND PICK UP A BRIEFCASE AND WORK FOR A LARGE COMPANY FOR YEARS AND LIVE IN A SMALL APARTMENT IN NEW YORK. WHY DO I HAVE TO WASTE 10 YEARS OF MY LIFE TO DO WHAT I WANT TO DO?”

—BROCK BERGMAN

Once again, Brock Bergman '03 was purging his inbox of unwanted marketing emails. As he clicked through message after unopened message, he shook his head. He hadn't realized that signing up for merchant loyalty programs would give retailers carte blanche to bombard him with promotions for things he would never, ever buy.

He also detested the loyalty cards they handed out that dangled the possibility of a free coffee or other reward after 10 visits. “I would have 30 cards in my drawer with three punches each,” he said. The promotions seemed more like a customer-repellant program than a tool for building loyalty. There has to be a better way, he thought.

But as he cleaned his email inbox one day in 2007, Bergman had an epiphany that turned his irritation into inspiration. As the son of an entrepreneur, he had always known he would start his own company. His big idea finally arrived in the form of an electronic loyalty rewards program. And when smart phones and apps exploded onto the scene a few years later, they provided the perfect vehicle to deliver his plan to businesses and consumers.

In May 2010, Bergman started LoyalTree, a website that allows members to download a free app, scan receipts electronically and receive vouchers on their phones. In turn, retailers

receive detailed sales and demographic information about their customers.

In July 2011, Bergman was forging ahead with the project when he got a call from another young entrepreneur. Jake Klinvex '05 was moving back to Pittsburgh to start his own clothing company and wanted to suss out the local startup scene. He wasn't a friend of Bergman's, but he'd studied with him at both Shady Side Academy and Villanova University. The two had sometimes made small talk around campus, but they didn't really know each other.

Over lunch at a North Side restaurant, Bergman and Klinvex clicked right away, their ideas bouncing off of one another like sparks. They were, it seemed, kindred entrepreneurial spirits.

A few days later, Bergman fired off a follow-up email to Klinvex outlining his suggestions for the younger man's new business. He was always willing to help a fellow entrepreneur. But he couldn't help asking Klinvex, “Hey, have you thought of taking a position at LoyalTree?”

Klinvex hadn't intended to work for anyone else ever again. He was launching his own men's apparel company that would allow customers to order one of 54 size combinations that would fit better than the off-the-rack options of S, M, L, XL and XXL. The service would provide customization faster and for less money than custom-tailored clothing. The lean college graduate came up with the idea because he always had trouble finding clothes that fit.

He was poised to launch his second startup. At age 19, while a student at Villanova, he started his first company, Persontation, a video communications tool for businesses. He helped fund the venture with \$15,000 of his own savings - money he had scrimped since the age of 12 while caddying and working other jobs. He also convinced his friends to invest. Persontation, which was purchased by eMoney Advisor in May 2009, helped put him through college, not to mention gain valuable business experience.

After selling his company, he lost control of it. It was no longer his baby. He yearned for that fire again, and Bergman was nothing if not fired up. “I saw a guy who can sit down with anyone and sell them what he was doing in 10 minutes,” he said of that lunch meeting. Klinvex wanted in on the bottom floor of this mobile technology company. He figured he could start his custom clothing company later.

In September 2011, the two young entrepreneurs reached a deal in which Klinvex became a partner of LoyalTree.

Outwardly, the two entrepreneurs have different styles. Bergman, 28, is intense and driven, peering out of rounded glasses as he talks rapid-fire about his company. His mother and friends kid him about being “an 80-year-old person in a 28-year-old person's body.” By contrast, Klinvex, 26, is more soft-spoken, measures his words and makes the occasional self-deprecating joke. He is an understatement to Bergman's exclamation point.

Bergman viewed these differences in style and approach as assets. When it came to choosing a partner, he'd wanted a compliment, not a clone. His father, Jeff, who'd started his own mobile MRI company, had given him that advice.

"Jake and I challenge each other," Bergman said. "I am very visual and do graphic design. I notice every pixel. He is more big-picture and knows what has to be accomplished with pixels. Often, I am very quick to the point. He thinks things through to make sure we approach things the right way."

They share more than their educational background. Both caught the entrepreneurial bug at an early age, eschewing the conventional wisdom that college graduates should pay their dues at large corporations before striking out on their own.

"I have never liked working for anyone else," Klinvex said. "You have to go slower if you have an idea. You have to get approval." He does what he can to encourage young entrepreneurs: "I wish more kids would take that risk at college."

Bergman agreed. In fact, he was so devoted to spreading the self-starter gospel that he embarked on an unusual adventure the summer after his junior year at Villanova. He traveled the country to make a documentary on successful entrepreneurs.

He and his roommate bought a dilapidated RV on eBay for \$3,000. Subsisting on granola bars, canned tuna and ramen noodles, and crashing in RV campgrounds, they roamed the country filming luminaries ranging from NFL franchise owners to zookeepers to movie producers.

Bergman wanted to discover what made successful people tick. Never mind that the RV kept breaking down and that the air conditioning and radio stopped working as they racked up miles. He was inspired hearing the same advice over and over: Follow your passion. Do what you love.

He edited some of the footage and showed it to other college students so they could see beyond the traditional career trajectory. "I never understood why I had to put on a suit and pick up a briefcase and work for a large company for years and live in a small apartment in New York," he said. "Why do I have to waste 10 years of my life to do what I want to do?"

He would rather own less and wake up every morning excited about work: "I don't need another car or a pair of \$300 boots. I would rather do something I love."

Bergman and Klinvex hold another shared belief – that their Shady Side Academy education has given them a jump-start on their entrepreneurial dreams. "I owe everything to Shady Side," said Klinvex, who enrolled at SSA in

Middle School. "If I didn't go to Shady Side, none of this would have happened. It 1,000 percent formed who I am. If you go to Shady Side, you are expected to be successful."

Bergman agreed: "They instilled in us that hard work takes you very far. They gave us the feeling that we can control our lives."

Both men channeled that sense of destiny into LoyalTree, which, as of November 2012, has been downloaded by about 30,000 consumers and 256 businesses in its test market of Pittsburgh and is going nationally. Customers scan receipts into their phones and get vouchers and other rewards electronically. In turn, businesses customize rewards to their actual purchases – not just ages or zip codes. "It's the future of commerce," Bergman said.

When it was time to take LoyalTree national, the two partners hired another Shady Side Academy graduate. They needed a people person, and Jim Ambrose '05, one of Klinvex's best friends, was the natural choice to become director of development.

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**A**mbrose, 25, and Klinvex are second cousins, but they didn't get to know each other until Ambrose transferred to Shady Side Academy in high school. They became friends after



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—JIM AMBROSE

bonding on the football field - Ambrose playing receiver and cornerback, Klinvex fullback and linebacker. They also played in the outfield together on the baseball team.

The cousins stayed close during college. Ambrose studied architecture at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he had a football scholarship. He was skilled in math and drawing, and architecture seemed like a good fit. As he recalls, “I wanted to do something in life where I said, ‘I built that.’” Though he interned as an architect and enjoyed drafting designs for a brewery and train station, he decided that it was not the career for him.

Klinvex thought Ambrose was a natural in business given his outgoing personality. “He has a way of connecting with people,” he said of his cousin. “He is the life of the party.”

During his fifth year of college, while working on his architecture thesis, Ambrose stuck one toe in the business world by helping Klinvex work out some of the logistics for his startup clothing company. When he learned that his friend had changed course to work with Bergman, he inquired about a job too.

“I am in. No questions asked,” he told his cousin. He had confidence in his snap decision: “You just get a feel for people. Coming from a background of Shady Side Academy, you know everyone is trying

their best. I want to start a company with people who push themselves to the limit.”

Fresh from working back-to-back 22-hour days, Ambrose said, “I don’t care how long I work, how stressful it is. The fact that I could be with one of my best friends building something that could literally change a lot of industries is very exciting for me.”

In fact, Ambrose and Klinvex now room together in a Shadyside apartment, and they get along well. “There is not enough time to fight,” Ambrose said with a laugh. “We are either working or unwinding from work.”

During work hours, Ambrose is out selling the competitive advantages of LoyalTree. Though LoyalTree has competitors, Ambrose says it is the only app on the market that connects the loyalty program directly to the point-of-sale cash register, making it convenient for both the retailer and consumer. The app also lets users search for other nearby businesses like the ones they already frequent. The startup got a big break when Coke decided to use LoyalTree to reward customers of its Taco Mac restaurants.

The company markets its platform to merchants, who in turn talk it up to their customers. “We want it to feel authentic,” Bergman said.

Bergman is thrilled to be on the frontlines of e-commerce. Even as a little

kid, he was fascinated by marketing and would tell his parents why certain TV commercials worked and others didn’t. So it’s only natural that he now spends his days trying to help businesses reach customers in cyberspace. “We are trying to solve how commerce works in a digital age,” he said.

He is grateful for the help his business has received along the way. As he grows his business, Bergman gets advice from his father, Jeff. “He helps me, but he is not overly intrusive,” he said. “He wants me to learn things on my own.”

The partners have also been helped by the Shady Side Academy Alumni & Development Office, who introduced them to other entrepreneurs and key contacts. In fact, one of LoyalTree’s investors is a Shady Side Academy graduate.

The company, which has seven full-time employees and two part-timers, just hired another Shady Side graduate, Hillary Friedman ‘04, to do customer support. “More than half of our employees are from Shady Side,” Bergman said.

Klinvex looks over at Ambrose and Bergman and smiles. “We couldn’t have dreamed in high school that this would have happened.”



# fall sportsbriefs



## FIELD HOCKEY – WPIAL CHAMPIONS

By Gabrielle Harchelroad '15

The field hockey team continued its dominance this year, winning both the section and WPIAL titles. The team was coached by **Erin Weir**, **Emily Schaknowski** and **Heidi Wall**, and led by senior captains **Micaela Saperstein** and **Audrey Koi**. The girls went undefeated in section play, advancing to the WPIAL championship game after beating Winchester Thurston in the semifinals, 4-2. In the championship game, Shady Side pulled off a 2-1 overtime victory against Sewickley Academy, with goals from seniors **Isabel Aiken** and **Sydney Mordoh**. The win marks the third championship in just four years under Coach Weir. The team qualified for the PIAA tournament but lost in the first round.



## GIRLS TENNIS

By Anisa Khalouf '13

The girls tennis team proved its strength during the first match of the regular season with a win against North Allegheny, one of the most dominant teams in the WPIAL. Shady Side quickly established itself as a leading contender for the WPIAL championship with the welcome addition of **Emma Perelman** and **Lindsey Miller** as freshman singles players. The team remained undefeated, finishing the regular season with a 16-0 record and defeating Fox Chapel to win the section title. In the WPIAL semifinals, Shady Side managed an impressive 3-2 win against North Allegheny. The girls ended as the WPIAL runner-ups, qualifying for the PIAA championships in Hershey, Pa., where they lost to the No. 1-ranked team out of Philadelphia in the quarterfinals.

## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

By Josh Loper '13

Boys cross country once again proved it can run with the best. The team compiled an undefeated section record for the second year in a row en route to another section title. The team's success carried over to the WPIAL Championships as SSA placed sixth, narrowly missing the cut for the state competition. Senior **Max Young** placed 22nd at WPIALs with a time of 18:11. The effort was good enough for Young to qualify for the PIAA championships, where he finished 116th overall.



## FOOTBALL

By Chris Bush '13, Jake Farrell '13 and Josh Loper '13

The 2012 season proved to be a year of outstanding accomplishments as the football team was once again one of the top programs in the AA classification. Faced with the loss of key players from last year's squad that reached the WPIAL quarterfinals, Shady Side was yet again a force in the Allegheny Conference and earned a sixth consecutive bid to the WPIAL playoffs, but lost in the first round to an undefeated Washington squad. Captains **Chris Bush**, **Josh Loper** and **Matt Granato** anchored a highly disciplined unit that was prolific on offense and disrupted opponents' game plans. Shady Side players earned 19 all-conference honors this season, including Loper being named the Defensive Player of the Year.

## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

By Jake Farrell '13

The girls cross country team proved hard to catch in the 2012 season. Led by junior **Rebkah Tesfamarian** and senior **Rebecca Roman**, the girls were able to secure key victories in the section over Ford City and Kittanning. The Altoona Invitational proved to be the time when the team hit their stride, placing 10th overall. The girls finished the season on a high note, winning their last four meets and placing eighth at the WPIAL championships.



## 2011-2012 FALL SPORTS RECORDS

Varsity Teams	W	L	T	PCT.	Team Accomplishments
Boys Soccer	12	5	0	0.706	WPIAL First Round
Girls Soccer	17	5	1	0.773	WPIAL Semifinals, PIAA Semifinals
Football	6	4	0	0.600	WPIAL First Round
Boys Golf	8	2	0	0.800	Section Champions
Girls Golf	8	6	0	0.571	
Boys Cross Country	8	0	0	1.000	Section Champions, 6th Place WPIAL
Girls Cross Country	6	2	0	0.750	8th Place WPIAL
Field Hockey	12	4	1	0.750	Section Champions, WPIAL Champions, PIAA First Round
Girls Tennis	20	2	0	0.913	Section Champions, WPIAL Runner-Up, PIAA Quarterfinals
<b>Totals</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.764</b>	
<b>Junior Varsity and Freshman Teams</b>					
JV Boys Soccer	6	5	0	0.545	
JV Girls Field Hockey	4	4	1	0.500	
JV Football	0	3	0	0.000	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.455</b>	
<b>Overall Totals</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.718</b>	



## GIRLS SOCCER

By Lia Winter '13

The girls soccer team made history this season by advancing deeper into the PIAA tournament than any previous team. Led by seniors **Mary McLaughlin, Holly Stewart, Felicia Tissenbaum** and **Lia Winter**, the team finished the regular season with an overall record of 12-4-1 and a section record of 10-2. The girls advanced to the WPIAL semifinals, where they lost 3-1 to Greensburg Central Catholic. They advanced to the PIAA playoffs after winning the WPIAL consolation game against Mohawk, 5-2. After beating Fairview and Sewickley in the first two rounds, they once again met Greensburg Central Catholic in the PIAA semifinals. The girls played a hard-fought game, and at the end of regulation and two overtime periods, the game was tied 3-3 and would be decided by penalty kicks. Unfortunately, GCC made all of its shots and beat Shady Side by one goal.

## BOYS SOCCER

By Dan Marous '14 and  
Evan Brazinski '14

The boys soccer team again proved to be a top contender in Class AA this year. With a second-place finish in the section and another consecutive playoff berth, the boys had a successful season, despite a tough loss to Indiana in the first round of the WPIAL playoffs, 3-2. A major highlight of the season was a 2-1 victory over AAA powerhouse Fox Chapel. The team was led by a core group of five seniors, including captain **Mike Mathieson**.



## BOYS GOLF

By Ollie Dowd '13

The boys golf team, led by senior captain **Troy Berglund**, had an outstanding season highlighted with standout efforts both individually and as a team. Individually, Berglund won the section title and qualified for the WPIAL championship. **Harrison Gottlieb** also had a strong showing in the individual section competition, taking seventh overall. Ultimately, the team enjoyed a great season, finishing with a 8-2 record.



## GIRLS GOLF

By Tori Winter '15

The girls golf team worked hard and, with the help of coach **Helene Gosse**, was able to complete a successful season with a record of 9-7. The team was led by senior captains **Samantha Goodman**, **Shannon Gramley** and **Maclean Calihan**, who continuously provided support and leadership to their teammates. Gramley, Goodman, **Tessa Ganassi** and **Charlotte Redican** reached the WPIAL qualifiers, and Gramley qualified for the WPIAL individual championship, where she placed fourth. Gramley also advanced to the PIAA individual championship and finished ninth.



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# alumni events

## A FALL FULL OF TRAVEL

The Alumni & Development Office kicked off its annual travels with a stop in Atlanta in late September 2012. Alumni, former faculty members and even a current parent enjoyed the reception at the Peachtree Club. A few weeks later, and after the buzz of Homecoming, Boston alumni gathered at the Fairmont Battery Wharf on Nov. 1, 2012, on the heels of superstorm Sandy's pass through the region. It turned out to be a great evening for an event on the waterfront. Finally, at the end of November, and in an effort to reach Shady Side's alumni and friends who are further afield, the Alumni & Development Office planned a southwest trip, which included stops in Denver, Dallas and the Phoenix/

Scottsdale area. At each of the receptions, the focus was SSA's recently launched strategic plan and the future goals and vision of the school. President Tom Cangiano and Vice President for Development Jeff Day met many new people along the way and were happy to deliver some of Shady Side to those who are spread across the country. Thanks to all of our alumni who organized and suggested locations for the mentioned receptions. The Alumni & Development Office continues their travels with stops in New York City, Florida and Philadelphia in February, and Chicago and California in March. Visit [www.shadysideacademy.org/alumni](http://www.shadysideacademy.org/alumni) for more photos of the receptions.



Atlanta Alumni Reception



Boston Alumni Reception



Phoenix/Scottsdale Alumni Reception



Dallas Alumni Reception



Denver Alumni Reception

## ALUMS HIT THE COURT AND THE ICE

The alumni hockey game was held over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend this year, with the men taking to the ice on Friday, Nov. 23, 2012, in the Roy McKnight Hockey Center. More than 25 alums joined their former teammates for a friendly competition. The following day, Saturday, Nov. 24, the alumni men's basketball game was held in the Mellon Gymnasium. 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.



Alumni hockey players



L to R: Eric Levicoff '95, Jeff Pollock '80, Grant Foley '11, Mike McAllister '93, Chris Ward '96, Max Schneider '04 and Bart Brush '93

## FALL DOWNTOWN LUNCHEON

Sponsored by the Shady Side Academy Alumni Association, the 2012 Fall Downtown Luncheon was held Nov. 7, 2012, at the Allegheny HYP Club in Downtown Pittsburgh. The featured speaker was **Jason Lando '95**, police lieutenant for the City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Police. Alumni and faculty took advantage of the opportunity to mingle and network prior to Lando's presentation, which included an engaging and lengthy Q&A about his most notable moments on the job.



Senior School faculty members Chris Czaplinski, Cari Batchelar and Sue Whitney with speaker Jason Lando '95



Matt Fisher '95, Geoff Melada '96, Jason Lando '95, Jose Amayo '94 and President Tom Cangiano



# classnotes

Included in this section are news items received through Nov 1, 2012.

## 1940

**Ben Dangerfield** writes: "We still have a granddaughter and two great-grandsons, ages 4 and 5, living with us. I spoke with **Henry Hunter** recently."

## 1944

**F. R. Bailey** writes: "I am a bit over 31% reading, for the second time (at least), the 26 volumes of Joseph Conrad, and working on my last boat model."

## 1946

**Richard Franken** notes: "My wife, Judy, and I live in Lion's Gate Continuing Care Retirement Community in Voorhees, N.J. We have been here for five years, since its inception, and we love all of the activities, the beautiful grounds and the wonderful friends that we have made."

**Scotti Mulert** writes: "A retiree since 2000, I am currently a volunteer with the Southpointe Marcellus Shale Chamber of Commerce, in the role of ambassador."

## 1953

**Ned Boshell** reports: "I still enjoy traveling. I will be taking trips with my grandchildren to Norway and Northern Italy this summer. And I still visit the Rolling Rock Club!"

**Eugene Helsel** writes: "Shari and I are looking forward to visiting campus in the fall of 2013 and renewing old friendships."

## 1955

**John Dennis** reports: "I was recognized recently as one of the most influential leaders of the university town of Corvallis, Ore., in the past century."

**Jerry Fincke** writes: "In my retirement as a lawyer, my wife and I have opened up a

combination commuter bus terminal, smoke shop and candle store in Monroe, N.Y."

## 1958

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

## 1959

Texas Review Press published **Mike Lieberman's** first novel, *Never Surrender—Never Retreat, A Novel of Medical Politics in Texas*. The book is available on Amazon. From the book jacket: "Bill Morgan had everything — or at least he did until, as chair

of the board of Travis College of Medicine, he severed a 70-year relationship between the college and its principle teaching hospital and touched off a blood feud between them. He and Dean Dan Maffit provoke a struggle with the hospital's board chair, Jimmie Rutherford, and its CEO and ex-Israeli operative, Sandy Wechsler, in which the two institutions vie for prestige and dominance and for the physicians who serve them. We follow Morgan's fate in the ensuing conflict as his ambitions bring him face-to-face with his inner demons and insecurities. In the wake of the turmoil, the lives of physicians, administrators and board members spin out of control. This novel of medical politics asks us to consider how not-for-profit institutions make decisions and how these decisions unmoor people's lives in unpredictable ways and run the risk of violating the public trust."

## 1963

**Hans Kellner** writes: "I'm currently a professor of English and chair of the faculty at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. We would welcome more applicants from SSA."



## 1971

**Gus Succop** shares: "I had the opportunity to visit with Secretary of Agriculture **Tom Vilsack '68** at the Democratic National Convention. I expressed greetings from one SSA alum to another. He was a senior my freshman year. We agreed that with the death of Walter Jones, one chapter of SSA has come to an end while a new one has begun."



## 1981

Six SSAers traveled to Nags Head, N.C., in August 2012. Front: **Catherine Vodrey** with her kids, **Henry Klein '11** and **Lillian Klein '14**; Back: **Caroline Monsour '14**, **Gary Middleton** and **Nicholas Barnes '11**.

## 1964

**John Taylor** has been awarded the Hayek Prize by the Manhattan Institute of New York for his book, *First Principles: Five Keys to Restoring America's Prosperity*. He was presented the award on May 31, 2012, in New York City.

## 1966

Immigration attorney **Casey Wolff Esq.**, a partner in the firm of Paulich, Slack & Wolff, has been recognized by *Florida Trends Magazine* as one of the Florida Legal Elite attorneys as chosen by his peers for 2012. Wolff moved to Naples in 1990 from Pittsburgh where he began practicing law in 1978. Wolff practices in the fields of immigration and international transactions and has represented foreign clients from more than 145 different countries.

**Chris Abernethy** was recently in touch with Cameron Witherspoon, his eighth grade math teacher at the Middle School, who provided him with access to some vintage photographs of Pittsburgh dating from the early 1900s to the beginnings of the Pittsburgh Renaissance. Douglas Haney donated the photographs to the SteelCactus Foundation. **John Harrison, Myron Grauer** and **David Guy** all shared anecdotes and memories about Mr. Witherspoon in email conversation.

## 1969

On the passing of former faculty member Miles Charest, **Bruce Herwald** writes: "Miles Charest was different from the rest of the faculty in the turbulent late 1960s. He was born in our parents' generation but always felt like he was in ours. What other teacher would sing 'yummy, yummy, yummy, I've got love in my tummy' in class? Who else would openly discuss current events with such passion and intellectual curiosity? His warmth, his openness, and above all, his zany humor will always be fondly remembered. My wife, Fran Huegel (Middle School, sixth grade 1964-1965), and I have restored a wonderful old home in Brittany, which we probably never could have felt comfortable about attempting without the language skills I acquired in part from Miles. Bonne nuit Miles. On se rappellera vous."



## 1981

**Susan Povich** and her husband, Ralph Gorham, were featured in a *New York Times* article about couples who work together, which ran Sept. 26, 2012. Susan and her husband own and operate Red Hook Lobster Pound in Brooklyn. They have a 7-year-old daughter and a 13-year-old son.

## 1978

**Kerry Hannon's** latest book is available now, *Great Jobs for Everyone 50+: Finding Work That Keeps You Happy and Healthy ... and Pays the Bills*. A press release states: "Award-winning career transition and retirement expert Kerry Hannon, a regularly featured expert and contributor to *Forbes*, *USA Today* and *Money* magazine and AARP jobs expert, brings us an informative guide on how to find profitable and rewarding jobs for those over 50. The comprehensive book comes at a crucial time when the job market is depressed and people of all ages are struggling to find work."

## 1981

**Will Garrett** writes: "I've been married to Laurie for 23 years and we have two daughters, Kristen, 17, and Kathryn, 14. We've lived in Lincoln Park in Chicago for almost 25 years – although I still bleed black and gold, as my family will tell you! I've been at McKinsey since 1990, except for a four-year stint at General Electric in the late 1990s. After too many years on the road working with railroads and airlines, I've switched over to run the strategy practice for the past few years, with much less travel. I tried very hard to raise my kids as Northwestern Wildcat zealots, but my efforts were rewarded by their interest in theater and *Glee* instead!"



## 1984

**Dr. Roy Kim** traveled to Malawi in June of 2012 with Operation of Hope. Operation of Hope is a plastic surgery charity with the mission to deliver life-changing reconstructive plastic surgery for those living where such procedures are not otherwise available. Cleft lip, cleft palate and burn reconstruction procedures are the bulk of their plastic surgery efforts. While in Malawi, Kim helped 21 patients in five days, performing corrective surgeries for cleft lip and palate. He thoroughly enjoyed working with the other volunteers and was moved by his patients' stories. The patients in Malawi range in age from infancy to adulthood, and the procedures helped them achieve a sense of normalcy and dignity, with improved appearance and function in speech and eating.

Roy has participated in previous charitable missions, but was especially touched by the graciousness of the Malawian people. This was his first trip to Africa, so it was a new experience and a pleasure to meet so many wonderful people. He plans to return in August 2013 for another week of operations. To learn more and view photos of the proud Malawian patients, check out Roy's Malawi Blog. Donations are welcome to Operation of Hope.

## 1983

**William Vodrey** notes: "Look for me in the Stuttgart art museum scene of *The Avengers*. I'm in a tuxedo, crossing from left to right, just beyond the string quartet. I was a walk-on extra for the last night of filming in Cleveland in August 2011, and had a blast."

## 1987

**Craig Niemann** writes: “We are moving to Boston after many years in Grand Rapids, Mich. We are looking forward to the change and adventure.”

**Jonathan Zittrain** was appointed chair of the Open Internet Advisory Committee in May 2012. The committee was called for by the Federal Communications Commission to track and evaluate the effects of the FCC’s Open Internet rules and to provide recommendations to the FCC regarding policies and practices related to preserving the open Internet. Zittrain currently serves as a Harvard Law School professor and is the co-founder and director of the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University.

## 1989

**Adam J. B. Lane** released his second children’s book, titled *Stop Thief!* The book follows a boy named Randall through a Pittsburgh-inspired city as he rescues his best stuffed friend, Mr. Pigglesworth, from a snatcher. Lane wrote and illustrated the book, which was published by Roaring Brook Press. Lane’s first book, *Monsters Party All Night Long*, was published by Chronicle in 2004.



## 1995

**Scott Koedel** writes: “We hope this happy news finds everyone well. Christel, Katniss and I are very pleased to share with everyone the birth of Kaia Zoe Koedel, born Aug. 3, 2012, at 2:28 p.m. She was born at home in Ocean Ridge, Fla., weighing 6 lbs, 3 oz., and 19 inches long. Mother and daughter have both come through in great shape. However, with two daughters only 17 months apart, I don’t stand a chance.”



## 1994

**Jill (Strassburger) Barkin** shares: “My husband, Adam, and I are thrilled to announce the arrival of our second son, Eli Zander Barkin, born July 21, 2012. Big brother Jacob loves his baby brother and we are all enjoying life in Denver. Please drop a line if your travels find you in Colorado.”

## 1993

**Marc Buzzelli** writes: “I finished my intern year of residency at Maryland General Hospital in Baltimore, Md., in June 2012, and beginning July 1, I started my radiology residency at Georgia Health Sciences University Medical Center in Augusta, Ga. So my wife, Heidi, and I, and our two daughters, Giada and Francesca, have relocated to Augusta but hope to return to Pittsburgh when I complete my training.”



## 1996

**Jessica (Jewell) Lalley** writes: “My husband, Paul, and I welcomed our second daughter, Reagan Elizabeth, April 12, 2012. Her older sister, Felicity, is very proud now that she is an official big sister.”

## 1994

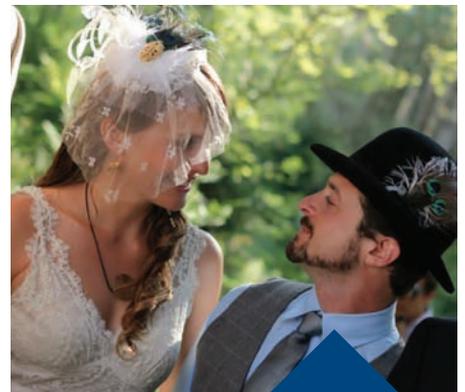
**Greg Nussbaum** writes: “I would like to share the birth of our second son, Gabriel Miles, on March 31, 2012. Our first son, Will, turned three in December 2012. We live in Sterling, Va., about 15 miles west of Washington, D.C.”

## 1995

**Roland Criswell** was featured in a commercial for ESPN’s “It’s not crazy, it’s sports” campaign. Criswell, who runs Coston Funeral Homes in Pittsburgh, was featured in the spots which “explored the trend of sports-themed funerals and expressions of fandom postmortem.” Criswell was selected by ESPN for his “Ultimate Steelers Fan” layout he did in 2005, which received national attention.

## 1996

**Nicole (Birch) Ndumele** has finished her third year as an attorney for the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department in Washington, D.C. She and her husband, Chiadi Ndumele, reside in Silver Spring, Md.



## 1996

**Ryan Kushner** married Amanda Ravenhill during the summer of 2012 on the island of Islesford, Maine. The two met while getting their M.B.A.s in San Francisco. See their Facebook pages for more info and pictures - and give a shout if you’re ever in San Francisco!



## 1996

**Tyler Wean** shares: "My wife, Kristi, and I got married Aug. 20, 2011, in Cashiers, N.C. We have been living in Arlington, Va., and just bought and moved into a new house. I am working as an engineer with Naval Facilities Engineering Command."

## 1997

**Eve (Semins) Hagerty** and her husband, Chancey Hagerty, welcomed a son, Oliver Lincoln Hagerty, on Aug. 5, 2012.

## 1998

**Angela (Giorgianni) Adams** and her husband, Brian Adams, welcomed their first child, Maria Angelina Adams, on Nov. 2, 2011.



## 2007

**Jordan Foley** was commissioned into the United States Navy on May 29, 2012. He graduated from the Naval Academy first in his class for Military Order of Merit and in the top one percent academically. Foley also served as brigade commander, the highest ranking midshipman, for the spring semester. He will be joining the submarine force in 2014 after his two-year master's degree at MIT in space systems is complete, a program reserved for select Navy officers. Pictured above is Jordan and his high school sweetheart, **Katie Miller '08**, celebrating after the traditional "hat toss." Also pictured is Jordan receiving his first salute from his little brother, **Grant Foley '11**. Grant is attending the Merchant Marine Academy.

## 1999

Poet, photographer and former SSA Homecoming alumni artist **Andrew Seguin** had a gallery showing of "The Whale in the Margin: Cyanotypes Inspired by Moby Dick" at The Design Center at Penhollows, Pittsburgh, from Nov. 3-21, 2012. An accomplished poet and photographer, and grandson of renowned Pittsburgh-based artist Virgil Cantini, Seguin began pursuing

the cyanotype photographic process in 2008. Since then, has used this process as well as other cameraless methods of photography to explore the intersection between art and language. Seguin is also known for "Collected on Penn," a photo essay funded by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council that documented Penn Avenue, the longest road in Pittsburgh. He currently resides in New York City.

## 2002

**Luke Wholey's** Wild Alaskan Grille is now open at 2106 Penn Avenue in Pittsburgh.

## 2004

**Cpt. Ronalee Balog** recently completed her master's degree in public administration. She is currently the headquarters company commander in the U.S. Army Special Forces Qualification Course at Camp Mackall, N.C.

## 2005

**Bernie Balbot** performed in the Pittsburgh Irish and Classical Theatre's production of *The Pitmen Painters*, which ran May 31-June 23, 2012, the University of Pittsburgh's Henry Heymann Theatre.



## 2002

The Cannon family at Kevin and Lauren's wedding: **David Cannon '06**, Lauren Cannon, **Kevin Cannon**, Katie Cannon (Brian's wife) and **Brian Cannon '01**.

**Danielle Papincak** notes: “I am finishing my post-sac pre-med studies at the University of Pennsylvania and going to medical school in the fall of 2014. I also got engaged this year and will be married in 2014, as well.

After spending two years in China doing research on an independent documentary and working as an editor and translator for *LEAP*, a contemporary art magazine based in Beijing, **Benny Shafer** returned to the U.S. in 2011 to begin a Ph.D. program in anthropology at Harvard University. This past summer he split his time between working on a documentary project about little people who live and perform in a theme park in southwest China, and a 16mm film portrait



## 2008

As a member of the William Smith tennis team, **Joanie Hilton** received doubles honorable mention recognition from the All-Liberty League. Hilton received all-league doubles recognition all four years of her career and garnered all-league singles honorable mention as a sophomore. She led William Smith with a 20-6 singles record in the 2011-2012 season, including an 11-4 mark at the No. 3 spot. Hilton was selected the Liberty League Performer of the Week twice and also was named to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-Academic team.

of Braddock, Pa., where he plans to continue filming this winter. In the coming years, he hopes to write his dissertation and shoot a film project on a troupe of itinerant circus performers and musicians from northwest China.

## 2007

**Jacqueline Allen** will be attending graduate school at Monmouth University for school counseling.

## 2008

**Alexandra Bodnarchuk** graduated from Ohio University in 2012 with a B.F.A. in dance performance and choreography and a B.A. in French. Soon after returning to Pittsburgh, she was hired by Attack Theatre to teach dance for Pittsburgh Public Schools' nationally renowned Summer Dreamers Academy. She was recommended to Bricolage Adventurous Theater Company by Attack Theatre, and was cast in the groundbreaking interactive production of STRATA,

called the most ambitious theatre project in local history. In STRATA, participants went from room-to-room interacting with the actors, each of whom portrayed a character that challenged the participants' preconceived ideas or values. Bodnarchuk's "infinity room" portrayed the last remnants of a prom, where she interacted and danced with the participants.

## 2009

**Tim Giel** played in the Cape Cod Baseball League in summer 2012. He was selected as an all-star in the organization that bills itself as “the premier amateur baseball league in the nation since 1885.” Giel had a 0.74 ERA through 24- $\frac{1}{3}$  innings at the time of the league's July 28, 2012, all-star game, which was nationally televised on Fox College Sports. A right-hander, and senior at Columbia University, Giel pitched a scoreless inning of relief that evening at Whitehouse Field in Harwich, Mass.



## 2009

**Sam Colletts**, who plays football at Lebanon Valley College, picked up two preseason All-America honors, being named to the first team by USA College Football and to the third team by the Beyond Sports College Network. His USA College Football honor makes him eligible to participate in the USA Football Holiday Bowl Senior All-Star Game. Colletts earned first-team All-ECAC and All-MAC honors in 2011, starting all 11 games at center to lead LVC's record-breaking offense. He was also named to the MAC Sportsmanship Team and was a captain for 2012.

The Academy expresses its deepest sympathy to the families of the following Shady Side Academy alumni and friends. Although we are unable to include remembrances of all, we sincerely value the special involvement in and contributions to the Shady Side Academy community during their lives. These listings include all information received by Nov. 1, 2012.

## ALUMNI

Frank S. Bissell '31  
 Francis B. Black '42  
 Lester Boss '46  
 William Herdman Clark Jr. '56  
 Lester A. Dunmire '42  
 Richard W. Gladstone '63  
 Nicholas R. Hunter '37  
 Richard Isay '52  
 Marten R. Jenkins '52  
 Bruce R. Kauffman '47  
 Robert Moeller '67  
 Marne Obernauer '37  
 Peter Sauer '95  
 David Q. Steele '44  
 John K. Todd Sr. '36  
 Roger F. Williams '35  
 Archibald Woodruff '59

## FAMILY, FRIENDS AND FORMER FACULTY MEMBERS

**Joan Davis Bream**, mother of Ted Bream '73, SSA Board of Visitors

**Loretta Colvin**, mother of Academy bus driver Terry Colvin

**Eileen Coyne-Homsher**, sister of Senior School faculty member Daniel Coyne, and aunt of Olivia '17 and CJ '19 Coyne

**Miles Charest**, former faculty member, French and Russian

**Janet Demmler**, wife of former Chair of the Board of Trustees and Trustee Emeritus John "Jack" Demmler '50 and mother of Richard Demmler '78, Ralph Demmler '80, and Carol Carty '81

**Carl Dougherty**, father of Facilities staff member Carla Dougherty

**Elizabeth English Duer**, mother-in-law of former faculty member Alex Howson, grandmother of Alex Howson Jr. '82, the late Thomas Howson '86 and Janet Howson '90

**Gene Fairman**, mother of Francis Fairman IV '75 and Mimi Fairman '82

**Dorothy Jane Gennaccaro**, former Middle School art teacher, 1970-1989

**Margaret F. Houston**, wife of John Houston II '59, mother of John Houston III '85 and mother-in-law of William McCrady Jr. '86

**Ellen Kander**, mother of Ben Kander '08

**Lance Kurke**, father of Jamie '11 and Max '18 Kurke

**John C. Marous**, father of John Marous '77 and Leslie Davis '81, father-in-law of Stephen Davis Jr. '79, grandfather of Charlotte Marous '07, John Marous '08, Molly Marous '10, Kelly Marous '12, Daniel Marous '14, Stephen Davis III '16 and William Davis '18

**Edward E. McDaniel**, father of Jeff McDaniel '88 and grandfather of Noah McDaniel '16 and Charlotte McDaniel '21

**Victor Novak**, father of Dr. Victor Novak '72

**Clementine Reiland**, mother of Senior School faculty member Bob Reiland

**Mary Schultheis Rullo**, mother of Hannah Rullo '11

**Gloria Sauer**, mother of former Junior school faculty member Bill Sauer, and grandmother of Susan Sauer '98

**Mark Schneider**, father of Max Schneider '04

**Henry Shaw**, father of Donald Shaw '70

**Leandrew J. Williams**, grandfather of Nia '08 and Rashaad '12 Phillips

## FRANK S. BISSELL '31

Frank S. Bissell passed away Sept. 9, 2012, at the age of 99. He worked at The Hill School as a faculty member and became the guiding force behind the creation of a nationally celebrated wrestling program that amassed 17 prep national team championships, with 44 of his wrestlers as individual weight class champions and two NCAA champions. In 1958, Bissell was recognized in New York's *Herald Tribune* for his excellence in coaching and shaping young wrestlers. Bissell is survived by his wife and their three children: two daughters, Burma Bochner and Jean Rudd, and son, F. Steven Bissell.

[Information provided by family]

## FRANCIS B. BLACK '42

Francis Bryan Black of Cincinnati, Ohio, passed away Sept. 18, 2012. He was the son of the late William Black and Mildred May Black. He was born in Pittsburgh on July 29, 1923, and graduated from Shady Side Academy and Dartmouth College before serving in World War II in the 2nd Marine Division. He went on to graduate from the University of Pittsburgh with a B.S. in business administration and from The Pennsylvania State University with a B.S. in dairy husbandry. Black's career in the dairy business took him from Pennsylvania to New York and Ohio. He was the husband of Margaret Gleason Black, who preceded him in death by three months. They were married 62 years. He is survived by five daughters: Barbara Black Pollock, Betty Ellen (Kevin) Lane, Maggie (Phil) Battenberg, Molly (John) Dowling and Ann Black; six grandchildren: Tim (Vicki) Pollock, Megan (Jordan) Cuthrell, Will Dowling, Jaye Battenberg, Carolyn Battenberg and Alexander Goellner; great-granddaughter Riley Pollock; and niece Jane Mackey Cole and nephew Bill Mackey.

[Information provided by family]

## LESTER W. BOSS '46

Lester Boss passed away March 12, 2012, at the age of 83. Boss was a manufacturing engineer for Westinghouse Electric for 32 years. He was a co-founder and board member of Allegheny East MH/MR, which is now Milestone Centers Inc. He is survived by his wife, Gussie Marshall Boss; children, Peggy Boss of Syracuse, N.Y., Janet (Michael) Hogan of Russell, Pa., Marshall (Elizabeth) Boss of Monument, Colo., and Eugene E. Boss of Monroeville, Pa.; and grandchildren, Heather, Jeremy, Joshua (Leah), Melinda (Nathaniel) and Christopher.

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

## WILLIAM HERDMAN CLARK JR. '56

William "Herd" Herdman Clark Jr., 74, of Grand Lake, Colo., passed away Aug. 8, 2012. He was born July 23, 1938, to Dorothy and William Clark of Pittsburgh, Pa. Clark graduated from Shady Side Academy, Dickinson College and American University. His career was spent in program management and evaluation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation. Upon retiring from government service, he became the owner and manager of 50-year-old Beacon Printing in Denver. He is survived by his wife, Yvonne; niece, Julie; two nephews, Tom and Mike, all of Pittsburgh. He is also survived by step-children and step-grandchildren, Renee, David, Hannah and Caleb, Adam, Shelly, Benjamin and Nate. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Barbara.

[Information excerpted from the *Sky-High News*]

## LESTER A. DUNMIRE '42

Dr. Lester A. Dunmire, age 86, passed away July 21, 2012. He was born Aug. 7, 1925, in Duquesne, Pa., to the late Glenn and Bessie Botkin Dunmire. Well known for his medical expertise, Dunmire retired after 40 years as a surgeon at West Penn Hospital. He was also a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include wife, Enid Mitchell Dunmire; children, Lester Dunmire Jr., Dr. Susan Dunmire and

her husband Dr. Samuel A. Tisherman; grandchildren, Robert Tisherman '08, Sara Tisherman '09 and Rebecca Tisherman '09; and brother, Glenn Dunmire Jr.

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

## RICHARD W. GLADSTONE '63

Richard W. Gladstone, Esq. passed away Oct. 1, 2012. He graduated from Shady Side Academy, Lehigh University and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Law school accomplishments included Law Review and the Order of the Coif. Gladstone then joined the Pittsburgh law firm of Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, where he practiced for more than 30 years, serving on its executive committee and as chairman of the Litigation Department, doing commercial work for such Pittsburgh companies as Westinghouse and Alcoa. Gladstone is the beloved husband of Diana L. Gladstone. He is survived by children, Chase (Meaghan) Gladstone and Sheppard (Omar) Gladstone; their mother, Virginia Gladstone; grandchildren, Addison, Asher and Evan; and stepchildren, Dr. Genevieve Hunkele and Janelle Hunkele. He is son of the late Doris and Richard Gladstone.

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

## NICHOLAS R. HUNTER '37

Nicholas Hunter, age 94, passed away July 9, 2012, in Holland, N.Y. He graduated from Shady Side Academy and Cornell University. Hunter served his country in the Merchant Marines during WWII, and worked as corporate safety director of Dunlop Tire & Rubber Co., from which he retired in 1980. Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Julia; children, Janice (John) Bos, Joshua (Wendy) Hunter, Cynthia (Richard) Dimitroff, Anne (Michael) Stomp; and grandchildren, Cindi Anne Hodskins, John Hodskins, Patricia (Michael) Sullivan, Shelly (Thomas) Shaver, Sarah (Mahendra) Chintomby, Joshua Hunter, Richard, Daniel and Brian Dimitroff, and 12 great-grandchildren.

[Information provided by family]

## RICHARD A. ISAY '52

Richard A. Isay, a psychiatrist, psychoanalyst and gay-rights advocate who won a pitched battle to persuade his own profession to stop treating homosexuality as a disease, died June 28, 2012, in New York City. He was 77. At his death, Isay was a professor of psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medical College and a faculty member at the Columbia University Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research. During the era in which Isay trained, homosexuality was viewed as a "lower level of psychological development." It was something to be cured in therapy, and openly gay professionals were barred from training as analysts at institutions accredited by the American Psychoanalytic Association. Troubled about his own sexuality, he thought psychoanalysis might help, and he had 10 years of therapy. In the early 1970s, soon after the analysis ended and he was supposedly "cured," he realized, he said, that he was homosexual. By then, he had a wife and two sons. For a time, he lived as a closeted gay man, but he worked with gay patients and began writing about the idea that homosexuality was normal, not an illness. He did not tell his wife he was gay until 1980. They stayed married for another nine years to keep their family together. Isay continued to present his ideas at professional meetings, where he acknowledged that he was gay. Even though the American Psychiatric Association stopped classifying homosexuality as a disease in 1973, many members of the American Psychoanalytic Association continued to regard it as an illness. Isay tried reasoning, badgering and other forms of persuasion for about 15 years, but the analysts held firm. In 1992, backed by the American Civil Liberties Union, he threatened a lawsuit to force the association to promise not to discriminate against gay people. The group relented, issuing position statements that it would not discriminate in training, hiring or promoting analysts. It also formed committees to educate member institutions on its changed policies. In 1997, the group became the first national mental health organization to support gay marriage. By then, Isay had long had a relationship with Gordon Harrell, an artist about 20 years younger than he. They were married last year

in New York City in the living room of Isay's son Josh, a political consultant. Isay was born on Dec. 13, 1934, in Pittsburgh. He graduated from Haverford College and the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, completed his residency in psychiatry at Yale and trained at the Western New England Psychoanalytic Institute. In addition to his sons and husband, he is survived by Jane (Franzblau) Isay and four grandchildren. Richard Isay wrote several books, including *Being Homosexual* (1989), *Becoming Gay* (1997) and *Commitment and Healing: Gay Men and the Need for Romantic Love* (2006).

[Information excerpted from the *New York Times*]

### **MARTEN JENKINS '52**

Marten R. Jenkins passed away Nov. 4, 2012. He was born in 1934 to Mary Elizabeth Reiber and Paul W. Jenkins and grew up in Pittsburgh. He attended Shady Side Academy, Williams College and the University of Michigan Law School. He began his career in 1960 as an associate with the law firm Campbell, Thomas and Burke (now Sherrard, German and Kelly, P.C.), later becoming a partner and retiring in 1999. He is survived by his wife, Gail Geissinger Jenkins; sons, Martin (Lucy) Jenkins Jr., of Shepherdstown, W.Va., and Reece Jenkins of Toyko, Japan, and Charles (Torrey) Jenkins of Wallingford, Pa.; and five grandchildren.

### **BRUCE R. KAUFFMAN '47**

Bruce R. Kauffman, 83, of Waverly, Ohio, and Boca Raton, Fla., passed away July 29, 2012. He was born April 7, 1929, to the late Garrett and Doris Dean Kauffman. He married the former Nancy Jane White, who survives. Also surviving is his son, Greg (Sheri Weinberg) Kauffman, of Chillicothe, Ohio; daughter, Linda Anadale, of Olney, Md., grandchildren, Daniel and Sarah Kauffman, and John Anadale; and a sister, Elaine Haid, of Darien, Conn.

### **ROBERT E. MOELLER '67**

Dr. Robert E. Moeller died May 22, 2012, in Oxford, Ohio, at the age of 62. Moeller was born in Chicago in 1949. He went to high school at Shady Side Academy, and did his undergraduate work at Dartmouth College. He earned his Ph.D. from Cornell University in aquatic ecology, followed by postdoctoral work in paleolimnology at the University of Minnesota and Michigan State. His love of limnology and devotion to research led his work to be the centerpiece of his life. His breadth of understanding in limnology was impressive and included lake physics and chemistry as well as biology. His focus in more recent years was on the ecology of ultraviolet radiation and its effects on the microscopic plants and animals that dominate the open waters of lakes. He is survived by his father, John S. Moeller, of Pittsburgh, and his three sisters, Siri Margerin of San Francisco, Calif., Andrea Moeller of Los Angeles, and Betsy Moeller Sally of Harvard, Mass., as well as three nephews.

[Information provided by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*]

### **MARNE OBERNAUER '37**

Marne Obernauer, 93, passed away Oct. 10, 2012, in his home in West Palm Beach, Fla. He was born and raised in Pittsburgh, and graduated from Shady Side Academy and Cornell University. Shortly thereafter he accepted a commission as an officer in the U.S. Navy and served in World War II in a division of Naval Aviation called "Lighter than Air" (blimps). After the war, Obernauer began his career in the hospitality industry, eventually focusing on the wine and spirits industry. In 1955, he became owner and operator of a New York State winery, which produced Great Western wines and champagnes. After merging that company with the Taylor Wine Co. in 1961, he later moved on to become a leading wholesaler, acquiring Bohemian Distributing Co., then the largest wholesale distributor of wines and spirits in Southern California, and later Beverage Distributors Co. of Colorado, now a member of the Charmer Sunbelt Group. He was predeceased by his wife of 71 years, Joan Strassburger Obernauer.

He is survived by his son, Marne (Peggy) Obernauer, Jr.; daughter, Wendy Obernauer Damon; brother, Somer Obernauer; one granddaughter; three grandsons; and one great-granddaughter.

[Information provided by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*]

### **PETER SAUER '95**

Former Shady Side Academy basketball player Peter Sauer died July 9, 2012, while playing basketball near his home in New York. He was 35. Born in St. Louis Nov. 9, 1976, Sauer moved to Pittsburgh as a child and played basketball for four years at Shady Side Academy. He graduated as the school's all-time leading scorer with 1,890 career points and 999 rebounds. As a senior in 1995, Sauer missed 14 games with a broken wrist, but still put up 21.7 points per game. He led the Indians to a state championship that year, playing alongside his brother Alex, then a sophomore. One of the most recruited players in Western Pennsylvania, Sauer elected to attend Stanford University. At Stanford, he was a member of four consecutive NCAA tournament teams. As a junior in 1998, Sauer averaged 9.2 points and 4.6 rebounds per game, and captained the Cardinals to the school's second-ever Final Four. He was a two-year captain as a junior and senior, and started every game his final two years. After graduating from Stanford with an economics degree, Sauer played basketball overseas for a few years before settling in New York, where he worked in finance. In 2001, he married Amanda Swank, a Lower Burrell native who graduated from The Ellis School. The two moved to New York when Sauer returned from playing basketball in Italy. Sauer's father, Mark, served as president of the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1991-1996. His mother, Georgia, served as the fashion editor of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* from 1993-1998. Sauer is survived by his wife and three daughters, as well as his parents, Mark and Georgia Sauer, and his younger brother, Alex.

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

## DAVID Q. STEELE '44

Dr. David Quinn Steele, of Wilcox, Pa., died June 27, 2012, at the age of 85. In his practice as an orthopedic surgeon, his patients loved him for his gentleness and for the respect he showed them and their families. Born Oct. 20, 1926, in Pittsburgh, Steele was the son of Dr. Paul B. and Anne McNeill Steele. He graduated from Shady Side Academy, Yale University and the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Steele served part of his residency at Philadelphia's Penn Presbyterian Medical Center, then joined the U.S. Air Force in 1952. Promoted to captain, he worked as a doctor in Wiesbaden, Germany, during the Korean War and was discharged in 1954, according to his wife, Lorry Steele. He then returned to Pittsburgh, where his father, one of the first orthopedic surgeons in Pittsburgh, and older brother, Dr. Paul B. Steele Jr., ran a practice at Allegheny General Hospital. He was finishing his residency there when he met his future wife, then a student nurse. The couple was married May 2, 1958. They had three sons, David Quinn Steele Jr., currently of Argentina, William Scott Steele III of St. Marys, and Charles Ward Steele, also of St. Marys. After finishing his residency, Steele joined the family orthopedic practice. From 1967-1971, Steele served as the team physician for the Pittsburgh Penguins, and from 1972-1986, he and his brother served as the team physicians for the Pittsburgh Steelers. After his brother retired and left the orthopedic practice to him, Steele decided it was too much to handle alone and sold the practice. Steele decided to work as a traveling substitute doctor, and after he took care of Dr. David H. Johe's practice for a few weeks, Johe persuaded him to move to St. Marys in 1994. What was supposed to be a part-time job at Johe's orthopedic practice quickly became full-time, though, because Steele's patients liked him so much that his name quickly spread. Steele was a diplomate of the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons member.

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

## JOHN K. TODD SR. '36

John K. Todd Sr. passed away Oct. 3, 2012. Todd was born in Pittsburgh to the late Charles Stahlin Todd and Flora Kirkpatrick Todd. He was educated at Shady Side Academy, The Hotchkiss School and Evans School in Arizona, at the University of Virginia and St. John's College, Annapolis. He began his career as a cowboy, having learned to ride, herd cattle and rope steers at Evans School, and concluded his career as a yacht broker for the Lippincott Yacht Sales. During World War II, he and his first wife, Sarah Withrow Todd (later Mrs. W. Stuart Thompson), moved from Easton, Pa., to a ranch south of Tucson, Ariz., with their six-week-old son, Charley. After two years of ranching, a drought and the war brought them back to Easton. In the early 1950s, they managed and owned Sports and Specialties Shop in Easton. Todd's life as a sailor began in the mid 1930s, when his parents, with John and his sisters Lenore (Todd Long) and Flora Jane (Todd Soper), moved to the Eastern Shore from Pittsburgh. He has been a member of the Tred Avon Yacht Club since the mid 1930s, and became an avid and accomplished Star Boat sailor. He was also a yachtsman, beginning with his ownership of his beloved Babe in the late 1930s. The high point of Todd's sailing life came in Havana, Cuba, in 1955. At the Havana Yacht Club, at age 38, he skippered Boomerang to win the first race of the World Championship of the International Star Class. Todd's greatest love was for his family: for his three sons; for his dear wife, Charlotte (Golden Dowes Todd) and her son, Bob, and his children; and for his extended family.

[Information excerpted from the *Star Democrat*]

## ROGER F. WILLIAMS '55

Long-time oilman Roger F. Williams, 95, passed away May 4, 2012. Williams was born in Pittsburgh on Sept. 16, 1916, the second of three sons of William Ward Williams and Cora Frederick Williams. He attended Shady Side Academy and Kiski Prep School, as well Cornell University and

the University of Pittsburgh, where he earned his degree in petroleum engineering. During World War II, Williams was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. After returning from the war, he began a long career in the oil and gas business, beginning in positions with several major companies and ultimately striking out on his own as an independent operator, drilling wells in many fields in the United States and Canada. Roger is survived by his wife of 37 years, Lucienne Wuischpard Williams, of West Hartford, Conn.; children, Roger (Shellie) Williams Jr. of Edmond, Okla., Elizabeth Williams (John Carroll) of Evanston, Ill., and Peter Williams of Tulsa, Okla.; grandsons, Ethan Williams of Edmond, Okla., and William Carroll of Evanston, Ill. He was preceded in death by his two brother, William and Norman Williams.

[Information submitted by family]

## ARCHIBALD WOODRUFF '59

Archibald M. Woodruff, 70, died Feb. 8 2012. He was born August 24, 1941, in Summit, N.J., to Archibald M. Woodruff and Barbara Bestor Woodruff. He graduated from Shady Side Academy and went on to earn his B.A. in statistics at George Washington University, his M.A. in philosophy of science at the University of Pittsburgh, and his Ph.D. in philosophy of religion in a joint program of the University of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Between 1974 and 1979 he served as co-pastor of five Presbyterian churches in the canal region of Delaware. He taught at the University of New Mexico from 1981-1986. In 1987, he and his wife began 22 years as mission co-workers of the Presbyterian church in Sao Paulo, Brazil. They retired to Doraville, Ga., in 2009. He is survived his wife, Linnis Cook; three brothers, Paul B. Woodruff of Austin, Texas, Nathan V.E. Woodruff of Vernon, Conn., and Timothy R. Woodruff of Wilmington, Del.

[Information excerpted from the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*]

# calendar of events

February 5		Middle School Conference Day, No Classes
February 7		New York City Alumni Event, see SSA website for details
February 8-9	7:30 p.m.	Senior School Winter Musical: <i>West Side Story</i> , Hillman Center
February 10	2 p.m.	Senior School Winter Musical: <i>West Side Story</i> , Hillman Center
February 15		Early Dismissal for Faculty In-Service
February 16	7:30 p.m.	Hillman Performing Arts Series Presents Attack Theatre + Cello Fury, Hillman Center
February 18		Presidents' Day, Academy Closed
February 20-21		Florida Alumni Events, see SSA website for details
February 22		Conference Evaluation Day, No Classes
February 25-26	4-9 p.m.	Blue & Gold Fund Support Drive
February 28	7:30 p.m.	Senior School Winter Music Concert, Hillman Center
February 28		Philadelphia Alumni Event, see SSA website for details
March 1	7:30 p.m.	Middle School Winter Musical
March 2	7:30 p.m.	Hillman Performing Arts Series Presents Glenn Miller Orchestra, Hillman Center
March 13		Chicago Alumni Event, see SSA website for details
March 15-April 1		Spring Break, No Classes, Classes Resume April 2
March 18-22		California Alumni Events, see SSA website for details
April 1		In-Service Day, No Classes, All Three Schools
April 11		Middle School Grandparents' Day, Dress-Up Day
April 12		Junior School Grandparents' Day and Lynne Voelp Reed Day
April 13	7:30 p.m.	Hillman Performing Arts Series Presents An Evening With Ira Glass, Hillman Center
April 18	10 a.m.	Junior School/Middle School Concert, Junior School
April 24	7:30 p.m.	Middle School Spring Concert, Hillman Center
April 29-May 2	4-9 p.m.	Blue & Gold Fund Support Drive
May 2	9-11 a.m.	Middle School Admissions Open House for Prospective Parents
May 7	7:30 p.m.	Senior School Big Band Concert, Hillman Center
May 8	9:15-11 a.m.	Junior School Open House for Prospective Parents
May 10-11	7:30 p.m.	Senior School Original Theatre Works Festival, Hillman Center
May 11	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Senior School Open House for Prospective Families
May 12	2 p.m.	Senior School Original Theatre Works Festival, Hillman Center
May 14	8-10 p.m.	Senior School Honors Choral and Strings Concert, Hillman Center
May 18	4-9:30 p.m.	Untucked Carnival and Concert, McKnight Hockey Center
May 20		Junior School Evaluation Day, No Classes
May 22	8-10 p.m.	Senior School Honors Instrumental Concert, Richard E. Rauh Theater
May 27		Memorial Day, Academy Closed
May 30-31		Middle School Early Dismissal
May 31		Junior School Conference Day, No Classes
June 3		Junior School Field and Picnic Day Middle and Senior Schools, No Classes
June 4	9:30 a.m.	Junior School Moving Up Ceremony, Kennywood Day, 11:30 Dismissal Middle School Academic Awards, Kennywood Day, 12:30 Dismissal
	1:30 p.m.	Senior School Prize Day
June 5	9:30 a.m.	Junior School Closing Exercises, 11:30 Dismissal Middle School Athletic Awards, 12:30 Dismissal Senior School, No Classes
June 6	9 a.m.	Middle School Closing Exercises, McKnight Hockey Rink Senior School, No Classes
June 7	9 a.m.	Senior School Commencement, Senior Quad
June 8	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Summer Programs Open House
June 10		Summer Programs begin

Shady Side Academy events are subject to change. For the most current information, please visit [www.shadysideacademy.org/calendar](http://www.shadysideacademy.org/calendar).



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