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THIS ISSUE OF CONNECTIONS IS DEDICATED TO CHIP SMEDLEY, who taught at LCDS from 1985 to 2008. His classes included history, Model United Nations and too many other courses to list here, and he had a profound impact on the students who would go on to know Chip as more than a teacher, as a mentor and friend. His 20 years at the helm of MUN stand as Chip's greatest institutional contribution to the school. For many students, it would be impossible to conceive of a Country Day experience without him. It would certainly have been impossible to put together this issue of Connections. We miss him, but he remains close to our hearts and to the spirit of Lancaster Country Day School.



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On the cover: A woman and child at an outdoor market in Ambositra, Madagascar. Tom Rickers '98 journey has taken him from Country Day to Kabul and beyond. Read how on Page 18.

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## LANCASTER COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

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# THE *Historic* IMPORTANCE

OF PERFORMING A SERVICE | A message from Steve Lisk,  
Head of School

“Let us not be afraid to help each other,” said President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in a 1938 address at Marietta, Ohio. The man widely considered one of America’s greatest presidents viewed service, to one’s country, to one’s fellow man and to basic human dignity, as a guiding force and a living idea in his own life. Surely part of this conviction was born within FDR, as an innate part of his character. But equally surely, his education at the Groton School nurtured and fortified his belief. Cui servire est regnare, reads the Groton motto, “For whom service is perfect freedom.”

Country Day’s motto echoes the ancient wisdom that the mind is not a vessel to fill but a fire to light. Fax mentis et cordis incendium gloriae, “The spark that kindles the mind and heart illuminates a lifetime.”

The tradition of independent schools exalting and instilling the spirit of service in their students is as old as independent schools themselves. The 2,000-member National Association of Independent Schools says that almost all member schools offer some kind of public service education and more than 85 percent report benefits such as better “preparing citizen leaders, expanding the school’s impact in the community and increasing school awareness.”

On any given day at LCDS, a group of Upper School students plans their summer service trip to Nepal while their classmates in the Literature of Service course volunteer at Reynolds Middle School. There, they continue their custom of assisting Nepalese students, which includes more than 25 hours helping Lancaster’s broader community of Nepalese refugees. Director of Service Learning Mike Simpson ’91 has brought renewed vigor and dedication to the service curriculum, which extends across all divisions and touches all grades.

In the Middle School, science teacher Barbara Bromley has made sustainability not just a cornerstone of her class, but of the school’s Strategic Plan as well. Lower Schoolers learn the importance of recycling and how they can help the environment, but our younger students learn something else too.

With responsible and civic-minded upperclassmen to look up to, every child at Lancaster Country Day School grows up not just learning about service, but seeing service in action and absorbing the idea that service is *cool*. And as we all know without needing confirmation from scientists or prophets, cool is an inexhaustibly deep well from which future behavior springs.

## IN THE NEWS

### Diverse Crowd Attends Crispus Attucks MLK Breakfast

*Intelligencer Journal* | January 20, 2014

Cheryl Holland-Jones ’72, executive director of Crispus Attucks, is featured in an article about the organization’s annual MLK breakfast.

### Creating the Lap of LUXE-ury

*Lancaster County Woman* | January/February 2014

Ana Kitova ’92 discussed running her business, LUXE Salon and Spa in Lancaster.

### President’s ‘Hour of Code’ Initiative May Inspire Future Computer Programmers Here

*Sunday News* | December 15, 2013

LCDS used the national “Hour of Code” initiative as an opportunity to introduce computer science skills at a young age.

### North Star Moves on to Elite Eight

*Sunday News* | November 5, 2013

The Lancaster Country Day boys soccer team made school history with its first appearance in the state’s round of 16, but played like a team that had been there before.

### Top Gun Violence Public Health Experts to Discuss Effective Ways for Communities to Reduce Gun Violence

*Sacramento Bee* | October 19, 2013

Patti Hassler ’73, vice president of communications for the Children’s Defense Fund, talked on effective ways to reduce domestic gun violence.

### WGAL Reporter Returns to Work

*Sunday News* | September 22, 2013

Chris Cooke ’87, a Lancaster orthopedist, supported his wife, WGAL reporter Meredith Jorgensen, through her bout with cancer.

### The High School Challenge

*The New York Times* | September 3, 2013

Computer Science teacher Mike Schmelder had a question in The New York Times science section’s High School Challenge. His question is No. 5 in the quiz.

Visit [news.lancastercountryday.org/in-the-news/](http://news.lancastercountryday.org/in-the-news/) for news about LCDS, its students and alumni.



### Athletics Hall of Honor Nominations

LCDS is accepting nominations for the Athletics Hall of Honor through April 1. To submit nominations, visit [www.lancastercountryday.org/HallofHonor](http://www.lancastercountryday.org/HallofHonor)



Natalie Miller ’14 and Grace Zechman ’16 finished third in the girls tennis PIAA District III Doubles Tournament, which qualified them for states.

## CONNECT

### Alumni Portal

Country Day’s new website hosts an alumni portal, where you can submit a class note, see event photos, upcoming event dates, digital Connections content and our alumni awards. To stay connected to your classmates, you can also update your contact information here for the alumni directory. [www.lancastercountryday.org/Page/Alumni](http://www.lancastercountryday.org/Page/Alumni)

### Facebook

[www.facebook.com/lancastercountryday](http://www.facebook.com/lancastercountryday)

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Vinita Amanullah



Kevin Walling

**Vinita Amanullah** and her husband, Shakeel, are the parents of Adil '22 and Farah '26. She is a board-certified pediatrician practicing at Grace Pediatrics, part of Northern Lancaster County Medical Group. She is also the owner of Journey to Mom LLC, a website that specializes in maternity and baby products. She joins the board as president of the Parents Association.

**Kevin Walling** and his wife Denise are parents of Luke '19 and Zoe '17. Walling is the senior vice president, chief human resources officer and a member of the global leadership team at Hershey Co. He has more than 25 years experience in human resources for multinational corporations and recently served as an adjunct professor at the Alex G. McKenna School of Business at Saint Vincent College.

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS

**Meg Shields** and her husband, Pat, own Fromuth Tennis, a national tennis wholesale distributor. They are the parents of Amy '17, as well as three other children who attended school in Berks County. An experienced board member, Shields previously served in leadership positions at The Reading Public Museum, The Junior League of Reading, The Colonial Oaks Foundation and Berks Women in Crisis. She currently serves on the advisory council to the College of Arts & Letters at the University of Notre Dame, and is also a board member at The John Paul II Center for Special Learning. She is also the aunt of Teddy '17, Carter '18 and Maggie '23 Auman.

**Tom Socie** is the president of MJ Earl Inc., one of the oldest distributors of industrial paper products and related supplies in the nation. Tom and his wife, Cindy, are the parents of Lindsay '17 and have both been active volunteers at LCDS, perhaps best known for hosting a tailgate party every year at homecoming and FundFest. Most recently, Tom played a central role in creating the athletics department booster club, Cougar Club.



Meg Shields



Tom Socie



The planets all seemed to align for Country Day's second Take A Child Outside Week, which saw students spontaneously breaking into song, weaving necklaces from UV beads and writing poetry inspired by the beauty around them. It's hard to imagine better weather for the interdisciplinary jamboree, a fact Middle School science teacher Barbara Bromley is all too aware of. "It was perfect," said the Green School Coordinator and founder of Take A Child Outside Week at LCDS, adding drolly, "And that's the one part I have absolutely

no control over." All three divisions took part in the event, which, along with a picture-perfect picnic, left very little to be desired. "Last year was the first year we did it and there were a lot of unknowns," Bromley said. "This year, everyone had a much clearer understanding of how to use all the resources we have," as well as where using them fell into each teacher's curriculum. Bromley stressed one point most: "I need to make clear that none of this could have happened without our parent volunteers. And I don't mean, 'It wouldn't have been as good,'" Bromley said. "I mean we simply couldn't have done it without so many parents helping to make it such a success. It was fabulous."



## CREATIVITY to SCALE

For his senior project, Ben Fitzsimmons '14 built a scale model of Lancaster Country Day School. The Senior Honors Project requirements state that the project should aim toward the person's own interests and expand upon them. So it seemed natural to Ben do something involving the plastic bricks that have been such huge interests of his all his life. "It was extremely hard," he explained. "I had to use pieces very effectively, and had to decide which details were the most important to include. Many parts of the school have different angles or curves that are not as easy to build with LEGO bricks. One of the hardest parts was making sure that everything was stable. The whole ground is raised up, so I needed sufficient supports so it wouldn't collapse." The model currently resides in the Russo Boardroom, where it gains a lot of attention.



For an extended interview with Ben and a slideshow of the model, go to [www.news.lancastercountryday.org/2014/02/19/lego/](http://www.news.lancastercountryday.org/2014/02/19/lego/)



## FACULTY NEWS

Theater teacher **Jeremy Kendall's** original play, "Humble Honor: Witness to Gettysburg" was presented January 25 at the Ware Center in Lancaster. The emotional one-man piece weaves together stories of unknown soldiers and civilians whose lives intersected at the Battle of Gettysburg as they fought, died and witnessed.

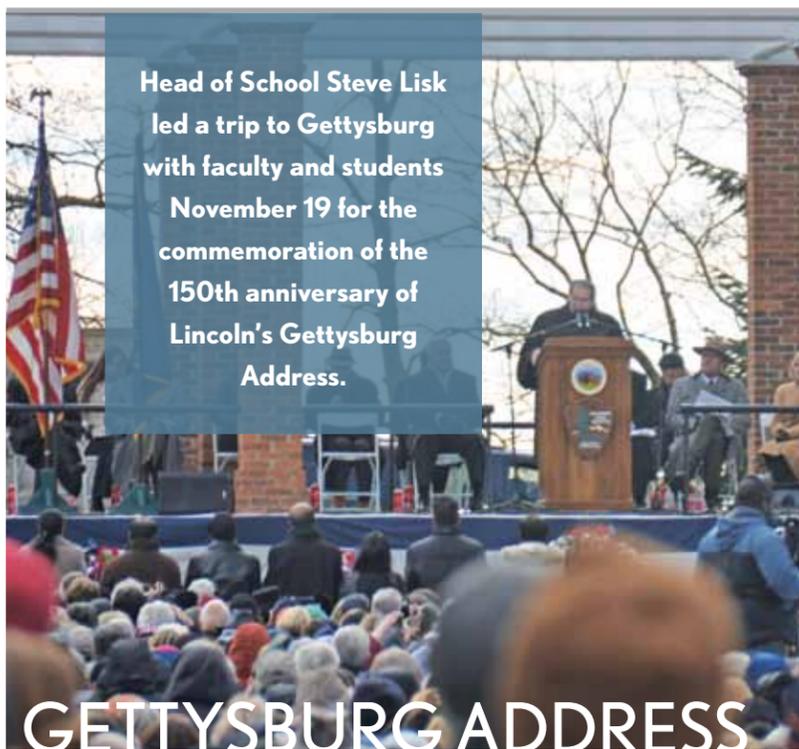
Human Resources Generalist **Brenda Tarvin** earned her Professional in Human Resources accreditation at the Human Resources Certification Institute.

Chief Advancement Officer **Shelby LaMar** presented at two independent school conferences in January. At the 44th annual national CASE/NAIS conference, he co-presented "Simple Stewardship That Inspires Donors And Advances Relationships" to 250-300 development peers on the nuances of donor relations. He also served on a panel at the annual ADVIS Development Workshop on the topic of the EITC/OSTC program, which allows Pennsylvania business to attain a tax credit for up to 90 percent of the value of the gift to a qualifying nonprofit.

In July, Athletic Director and Varsity Boys Basketball Coach **Leigh Block** earned his Certified Athletic Administrator designation through the NIAAA (National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association).

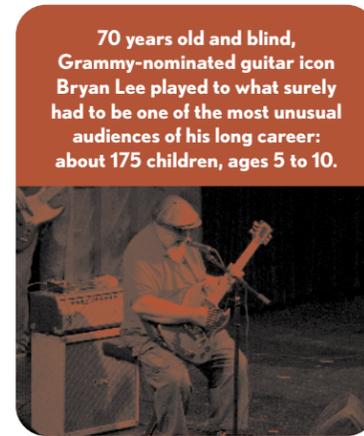
Head of Upper School **Eric Bondy** will serve on a PAIS accreditation team in April at a Philadelphia-area independent school.

Assistant Head of School and Head of Lower School **Christina Simonds** and Assistant Head of Upper School **Todd Trout** attended a two-day workshop on the new state and federal safety protocol requirements for violent intruders/lockdown procedures and received certificates of completion. They will train the entire faculty and staff on what they learned in the fall and are developing curriculum to train parents and students.



Head of School Steve Lisk led a trip to Gettysburg with faculty and students November 19 for the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

## GETTYSBURG ADDRESS



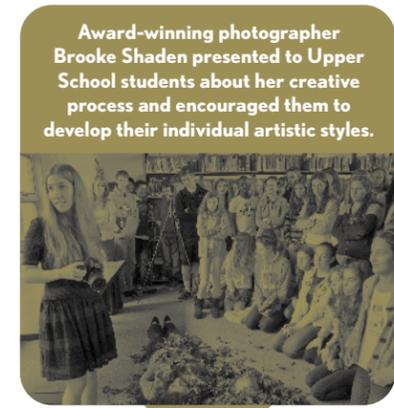
70 years old and blind, Grammy-nominated guitar icon Bryan Lee played to what surely had to be one of the most unusual audiences of his long career: about 175 children, ages 5 to 10.

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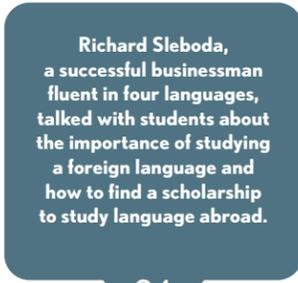
On the LCDS fields, USA National Field Hockey Team goalie Jackie Kintzer put the Middle School field hockey team through the national team's warm-up.

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Award-winning photographer Brooke Shaden presented to Upper School students about her creative process and encouraged them to develop their individual artistic styles.

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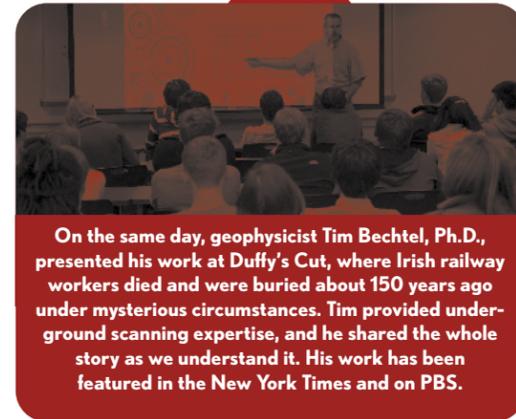
Richard Sleboda, a successful businessman fluent in four languages, talked with students about the importance of studying a foreign language and how to find a scholarship to study language abroad.

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## CLASSROOM PLUS

*On a regular basis, LCDS welcomes a diverse range of professionals who present their expertise to the students. If you have a specialty you'd like to share, contact Shelby LaMar at lamars@lanastercountryday.org.*



On the same day, geophysicist Tim Bechtel, Ph.D., presented his work at Duffy's Cut, where Irish railway workers died and were buried about 150 years ago under mysterious circumstances. Tim provided underground scanning expertise, and he shared the whole story as we understand it. His work has been featured in the New York Times and on PBS.



F&M art professor Jun-Cheng Lui talked to eighth grade and Chinese language students about Chinese brush painting, in an event sponsored by Project Arts.

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Heather Woodbridge's music theory class was working on building and naming chord inversions, a rather dry and difficult task made, if not quite fun, at least far easier and more accessible by the iPad. "It definitely helps," Woodbridge said. "The iPad makes life so much easier for me and the students," she continued. "For example, if a student has trouble with minor thirds but there's only two exercises on minor thirds in the textbook, they can use a separate practice app and just listen to different examples of minor thirds until they understand it." In

## BETTER UNDERSTANDING LIFE through the iPad

Juliette Winterer's biology class, not only have kids' backpacks gotten lighter by several pounds, but their e-textbook allows them to watch videos, explore animations and even helps them study. "It is pretty amazing," said Winterer. In September, she and her class headed outside armed with their iPads and multifunction probes, measuring devices the school bought with the proceeds from last year's Children's Challenge. The sensors can measure everything from temperature to light intensity to CO2 concentration, and they transfer their findings to the iPad. Winterer gave the students a deceptively simple assignment: Go ask a real world question that you can answer with these probes. "The goal was to figure out how to ask the question you're trying to ask," she said. "Then forming a hypothesis and testing it right there, on the spot. They did great and the whole thing was just really cool."

# When IS SHE EVER GOING TO USE THIS in the *real world?*

By Elizabeth Wallace



VICTORIA GARDNER  
COATES' '86 JOURNEY  
FROM ART HISTORIAN  
TO GOP POLICYMAKER

It's tough to imagine that many art history undergrads go into it with the intention of becoming a conservative policy advisor. Third-generation LCDS alumna Victoria Gardner Coates '86 didn't, but that's exactly what the former University of Pennsylvania art history professor has done: After working for four years side-by-side with former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, Coates absorbed a rich foreign affairs education and now serves as the national security advisor for Texas Senator Ted Cruz.

Coates, a published academic who, in addition to Penn, has taught at Dickinson, Washington College and the University of Delaware, formally entered the world of political discourse in 2004 when she started a blog, "Elephants in Academia."

After the 2000 Bush-Gore election, Coates said, "Academia was kind of a tough place to be" a conservative. "When I was at college in the '80s, the percentages might have been 65/35, but after 2000, the drop-off in any presence of conservatism in academia was dramatic. You became kind of a freak."

Having fundamentally different political views than the majority of her peers "really stifled dialogue," she said. While the world of art history scholarship might seem an unlikely

forum for a political proxy war, Coates said partisanship within her department did indeed extend to both "scholarly methodology and personal relationships."

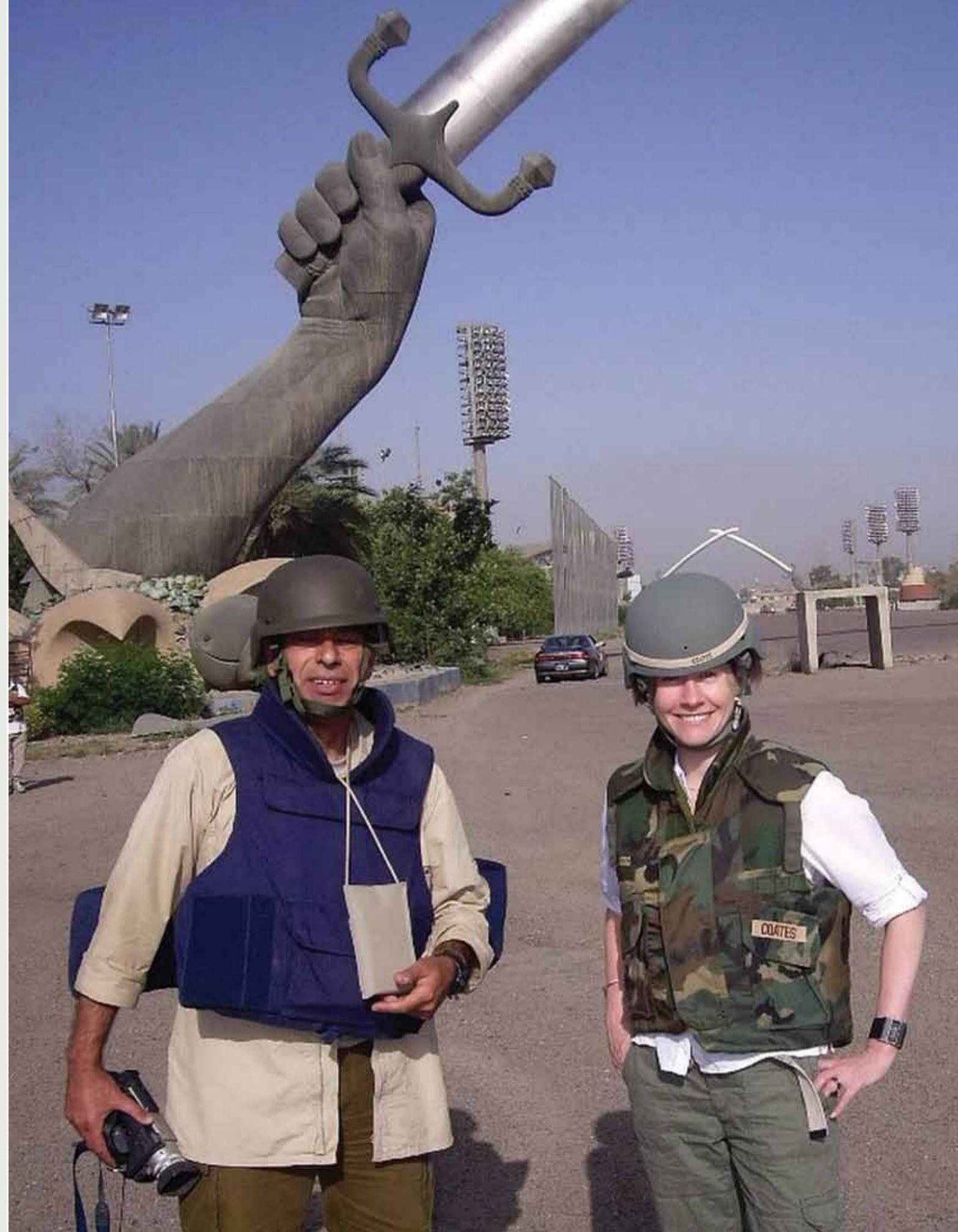
As an outlet for her appetite for politics, Coates started blogging about political culture and bias in academia. Eventually, Coates' personal commitment collided with the universe's serendipity, and her blog became a stepping stone into the world she

had only observed from the outside.

And that's how the junior senator from Texas got a senior advisor able to analyze Tajikistan or Titian, depending on what a given situation demands.

If it seems strange that an art historian would transition so easily into politics, it makes perfect sense to hear Coates tell it. "Mine is a somewhat eccentric background sheet," she admits. That sheet starts at Lancaster Country Day School, where Coates was a lifer and first bitten by the political science bug.

As a student in Model United Nations, which in its earliest years was co-taught by Chip Smedley and Mel Kohn, Coates traveled to The Hague in 1986 for the THIMUN Conference. The class then headed to West Berlin, which was three years away from becoming just "Berlin" again with the fall of the wall.



MUN “was, and is, a great service to the school and a formative experience for me,” Coates said. Country Day gave its students a lot of freedom, but not at the expense of helping shape a world outlook, Coates said. “It encouraged what seemed like off-the-wall interests, and let us pursue those, and gain a lot of confidence in ourselves. The collective approach of the faculty was towards guiding, but not directing, our interests, and encouraging us to branch out.” She counts among her mentors the former English department chair Ann Mussleman, headmaster John Jarvis, and Donna Luttrell, who, depending on the day, taught English, was head of Upper School, dean of students and served too many other roles to list here.

Coates proceeded on to Trinity College in Connecticut, where she changed her major from political science to art history after spending fall of her junior year in Rome. She went on to earn a master’s from Williams and a doctorate from Penn, and has taught at numerous colleges on topics ranging from the art of Renaissance Florence to the relationship between French painting and French national identity.

Coates was pregnant with her first child (daughter Gardner, now 12) when the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 took place. That event took her interest in politics to a much deeper and more profound place, “trying to grapple with what the world would look like in the new millennium.”

That was one issue addressed at “Elephants in Academia,” and readership began to grow. Her work got picked up by the large conservative blog RedState, for which Coates did original work, including covering press conferences for then-Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

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As a blogger who doubles as a professor naturally might, Coates tried to focus on primary sources. “My method was simply to watch Rumsfeld’s full press conferences and then discuss what he actually said.” That research culminated in a long, thoroughly annotated post in which Coates took Washington Post legend Bob Woodward to task for what she saw as a series of misleading statements in his 2006 book “State Of Denial.”

“Rumsfeld found it refreshing that someone actually listened to what he said rather than Woodward’s sensationalism,” Coates said. Rumsfeld offered Coates an interview for RedState.

After he resigned in November 2006, however, the interview was cancelled. But as Rumsfeld began to pursue a memoir and needed a researcher, his staff asked Coates if she knew anyone who might help. “None of the academics I knew would go near him,” Coates said. “I remarked to my husband that it was really a pity because it was going to be such an interesting project, and he said, ‘Why don’t you do it?’” So Coates sent her CV to Rumsfeld, interviewed with him in Washington, and landed the job of organizing his archives and other research for his 2011 memoir, “Known and Unknown.”

For four years, Coates worked alongside Rumsfeld as his director of research, and by close study of her boss, became quite knowledgeable on foreign policy herself. “It was not a career goal,” Coates said, “but after having studied the formation of national security policy from the perspective of Congress, the White House, and the Pentagon from Vietnam to Iraq under Don Rumsfeld’s watchful eye for four years, people started asking me questions. And I started answering.”

In 2011, Coates was again tapped by the blogosphere. Chip Roy, a colleague of Coates’ from RedState and the director of the office of state-federal relations for Texas Governor Rick Perry, hired Coates to work on the governor’s 2012 presidential campaign as a foreign policy advisor.

After that election, Roy became chief of staff to the new junior senator from Texas, Ted Cruz — and again Roy brought Coates onto his team, as senior advisor for national security policy.

“Like him or hate him, it would be hard to deny that Ted Cruz is a remarkable person,” Coates said of her controversial boss. Cruz vaulted into the national spotlight when he became the face and voice of the Republican effort to defund the Affordable Care Act. That move saw the GOP-controlled House shut down the federal government for 16 days.

“It’s really quite extraordinary, the number of principled stands [Cruz] has been able to take, which isn’t easy in Washington,” Coates said.

Coates’ job involves helping the senator form policy, looking for opportunities for him to act on issues, from supporting stronger economic sanctions against Iran to defending religious liberty in the military, and crafting language for his

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speeches. “It’s a little hard to script him.” she admits. “There are no average days working for Senator Cruz.” Coates splits her time between an apartment in Washington and home with her husband and two children in Philadelphia.

Coates doesn’t while away her downtime either. She has successfully woven her two passions — art and government — into a just-finished book that will appear in August: “David’s Sling: A History of Democracy in Ten Works of Art” analyzes a series of western democracies through 10 objects ranging from the Parthenon to Picasso’s Guernica.

Though she has now worked for three prominent politicians, Coates defies the Washington bureaucrat stereotype. “I like to do new and challenging things that force me out of a comfort zone.” As far as what’s next, Coates will only say, “After the series of unlikely events that made up the last few years, one thing I have done is stop predicting. My goal is to do a good job right now. That’s the best thing I can do for preparing for future opportunities. It’s preparing to be lucky.”



PAGE 11 | Victoria at the Swords of Qādisiyah Bridge in Baghdad, where she travelled in March 2007 as a correspondent for Redstate.com.

PAGE 12 | LEFT: Victoria with Naghmeh Abedini in the Senate Dirksen office building, October 2013. Naghmeh is wife of American Pastor Saeed Abedini, who has been imprisoned in Iran for more than a year. Senator Cruz has been an outspoken advocate for Pastor Saeed’s immediate and unconditional release.

RIGHT: With former Vice President Dick Cheney and former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld in the Rumsfeld Foundation offices, February 2011.



PAGE 13 | TOP: Victoria seated behind Senator Cruz in the Senate Judiciary Committee-Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights hearing “The Syrian Refugee Crisis” Jan. 7, 2014.

LEFT: With Senator Cruz in the hallway of Fox News’ Washington, D.C. bureau after an interview on Greta van Susteren’s “On the Record” in January, 2014.

RIGHT: With Secretary Rumsfeld at his home in St. Michael’s, Md. in May, 2012.



# REPRESENTING *The* REPRESENTATIVE

By Elizabeth Wallace



Asked whether government can help people, Leslie Peterson Merrill '73 says she doesn't just believe in it; she's seen it done.

Take the time that Merrill, an adviser to Maine Congresswoman Chellie Pingree, helped a Haitian earthquake survivor leave his country and move to Maine.

Kesner "Salvi" Salvent was buried under rubble after the 2010 cataclysm wrecked much of the country's buildings and decrepit infrastructure. He was rescued but couldn't get proper medical care. A friend of Salvent's called his brother, a Haitian man living in Maine. That man's mother-in-law, based in Pingree's district, called the congresswoman's office for help and was put in touch with Merrill, Pingree's constituent services representative for immigration.

Merrill arranged for Salvent to board a Navy hospital ship in Haiti, where he received medical care that saved his life. With Merrill's assistance, Salvent eventually landed in Maine and found a job as a medical assistant in Portland.

A situation "that extreme is not usual," Merrill said, but her work alters the course of people's lives regularly. Merrill helps constituents "navigate their way through bureaucracy" within the federal government. Specifically, she wades through State

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Department and immigration matters, including visas, passports, customs and housing. Merrill advises Pingree accordingly and travels to Washington, D.C. regularly to meet with the appropriate federal agencies.

She also coordinates the nomination and interview process for candidates who want to apply to West Point or the academies of America's other armed services. All applicants need a congressional recommendation. "It's mostly administrative, but it's fun to see these young people who want to give back to their country."

An interest in politics "was imbued from an early age," Merrill said. As young as 6 and living in Maryland, she accompanied her mother to the floor of the Capitol to watch the Senate in action and would stay up late on election nights as the returns came in.

After Merrill's father, a Navy pilot, died when she was 9, she, her mother, and brother, David, moved to Lancaster, where Merrill's mother was from — and where she enrolled in Lancaster Country Day School in fifth grade. "I had a great education. That's where I learned French. Thanks to the background I got at Country Day, my French was good enough to pursue at Smith, and I did my junior year

in Geneva." Merrill studied French and international relations in college; global culture and democracy remain great interests, as does travel. She took the Foreign Service exam, given to all aspiring consular officers, and at one point considered pursuing a diplomacy career in the State Department.

Over the four decades since she left LCDS, Merrill has served at almost every level of government. She clocked days in the late '70s as an intern in Senator John Heinz's office and as a research analyst for the National Security Agency in Maryland, where she analyzed signals intelligence looking for foreign threats to the U.S. She served as deputy director to two Pennsylvania governors, Dick Thornburgh and Bob Casey, in their Washington, D.C. offices in the '80s.

In 1990, she got married and moved from Washington to Portland, Maine. Finding no jobs on the federal level in Portland, Merrill worked for Portland's chamber of commerce and the transportation department, and campaigned for several congressional candidates. Tom Allen won a seat and hired Merrill as his constituent services representative — and that's the job she has held for the past 13 years (she retained her position after Allen lost reelection, and Rep. Pingree was sworn in).

"At the start of my career in D.C., the focus was on the big policy picture and was something I relished," Merrill said.

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When she was offered her current job, she was excited to work on the federal level again, but hesitant about doing casework rather than policy. "Thankfully, I said yes and for the most part, have enjoyed every day. I actually find the work I do now the most rewarding, because you can have a positive effect on one person at a time and take real world examples that might lend themselves to a legislative solution back to Washington," she said.

But not every day inspires Capra-esque faith in the public sector.

"Doing casework can be very frustrating," she said. A recent constituent she worked with is a good example. A Rwandan man is living in Maine and not yet a U.S. citizen and therefore doesn't have a passport. When his mother became ill, he applied for the appropriate documents to travel home. Merrill worked with him and with immigration to try to expedite the process, but the documents didn't arrive until the day of his mother's funeral. The system isn't perfect, she acknowledges, but her goal is to make it easier all around.

"I don't think we can be a collection of individuals doing our own thing. We have to work together, whether on roads, education, whatever it might be," Merrill said. "Otherwise it's anarchy."




For more than 25 years, Country Day's Model United Nations class has literally changed the lives of some of its students, compelling them into government or law. Other students, if perhaps less directly moved, nonetheless shared in the rarefied and exciting air of sitting in a class to learn how to understand the world and try to affect positive change in the largest MUN conference, The Hague International Model United Nations, or THIMUN.

Chip Smedley served as the teacher and guide of MUN for more than two decades. His lively, creative and curious mind inspired the same in his students, who had to confront major global concerns and understand their own place in them, to best appreciate the places of others.

Since 2010, Sam Schindler has ably continued to enrich the tradition and experience of MUN, a class that remains a singular part of the Country Day education. This year's MUN class first toured the historically rich city of Prague before heading to the Hague to represent Ecuador at the 46th installment of THIMUN.

A member of this year's delegation, Rachel Reiss '14, returned from the 10-day trip full of accolades for the conference. "Getting to know different people from all over the world is the best part of the experience," she said. "THIMUN was the highlight my senior year."

The school accepts gifts in Smedley's memory to benefit the Model United Nations program. Donations can be sent to LCDS, 725 Hamilton Road, Lancaster, PA 17603.





# No SLEEP 'till KABUL

*One teacher's timeless advice continues to animate  
Tom Rickers' journey around the world*

BY MICHAEL SCHWARTZ  
PHOTOS BY TOM RICKERS

THE TRAFFIC IS TERRIBLE AND THE SMOG IS OPPRESSIVE, BUT ONCE YOU GET USED TO THE OCCASIONAL DIN OF ORDNANCE EXPLOSIONS, YOU CAN MEET A LOT OF FRIENDLY AND WELCOMING AFGHANS IN THEIR NATION'S CAPITAL OF KABUL.

“Except for the bombs that were always going off... Yeah, I know how that sounds,” said Tom Rickers '98. Even for someone with work commutes as exotic as his, Rickers had to chuckle at that rather farcical qualifier.

“Kabul's not for everyone, but it was an experience to have. It's not like anything else out there,” said Rickers. Although in fairness, his work has yet to take him to other tourist hotspots such as Mogadishu, Somalia, or Sanaa, Yemen, to fully flesh out his frame of reference.

A graduate of New York University and Johns Hopkins' School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Rickers spoke via Skype from Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, where he has been working as a management and security consultant since August.

Rickers' employer helps clients with a range of needs related to governance and security. That can include advising a ministry on reforming security policies and procedures, conducting risk assessments for government facilities and commercial developments, or training security personnel to deal with unique security threats.

In August 2012, his work took him to Kabul, though in a different, and more controversial, capacity. He and his group were part of a team of contractors providing research to the U.S. Army to assist in its Human Terrain System (HTS) program. With an annual budget of \$150 million, HTS aims to provide military intelligence in the form of a better understanding of local populations, or the “human terrain.”



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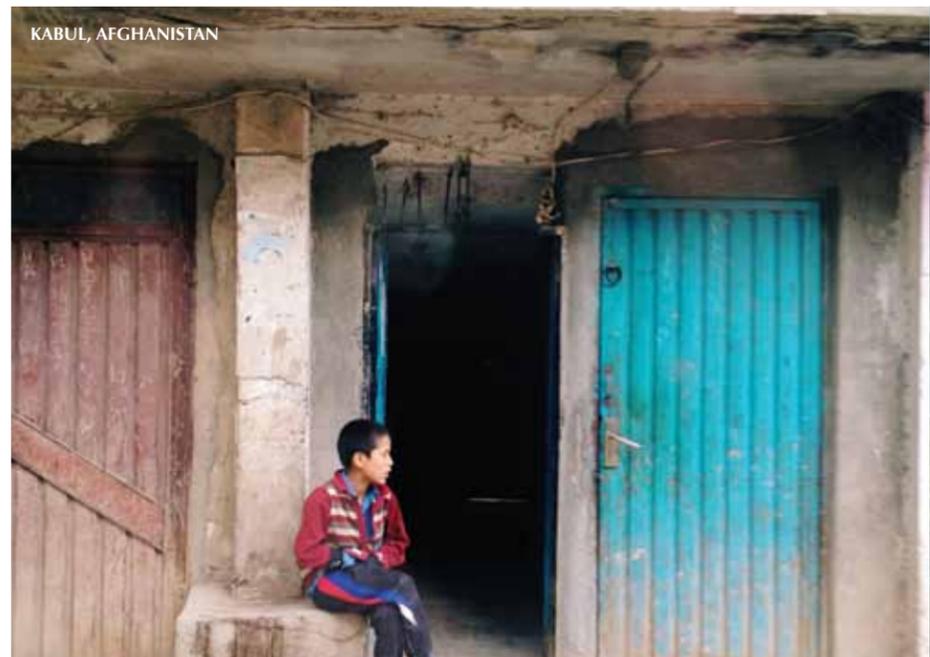
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To this end, HTS employs anthropologists, political scientists, linguists and experts from other disciplines to help collect, analyze and interpret the information gleaned from the populace. The American Anthropological Association said in 2007 that HTS represented an “unacceptable application of anthropological expertise” and the program remains a subject of academic and media scrutiny.

Rickers’ role involved conducting public opinion research in all of Afghanistan’s 34 provinces. However, he wasn’t out strolling through Kandahar poppy fields with a clipboard and a smile. “American staff never left Kabul,” Rickers said. “No. 1, it’s not feasible for most people to travel that way, and No. 2, we wanted truthful answers, and native Afghans are much more likely to speak frankly to native Afghans about their perceptions of America than they are to Americans.”

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PITHY WISDOM THAT HAS GUIDED RICKERS FOR THE BETTER PART OF TWO DECADES.”

But for all the controversy surrounding HTS, Rickers offered a sober and slightly bemused take on his work there. “There was very little visibility as to whether any of our research was used, or helpful or in any way helped shape American counterinsurgency policy.”

Rickers’ path from Country Day to Abu Dhabi by way of NYU and SAIS began in Chip Smedley’s MUN class, eventually wending its way through a decade in Washington, D.C. “MUN was really my first opportunity to get out, so to speak,” Rickers said. “There was something

about that experience, and the possibility of working in that world really made me start paying attention to global relations and awareness and that’s what got me started.”



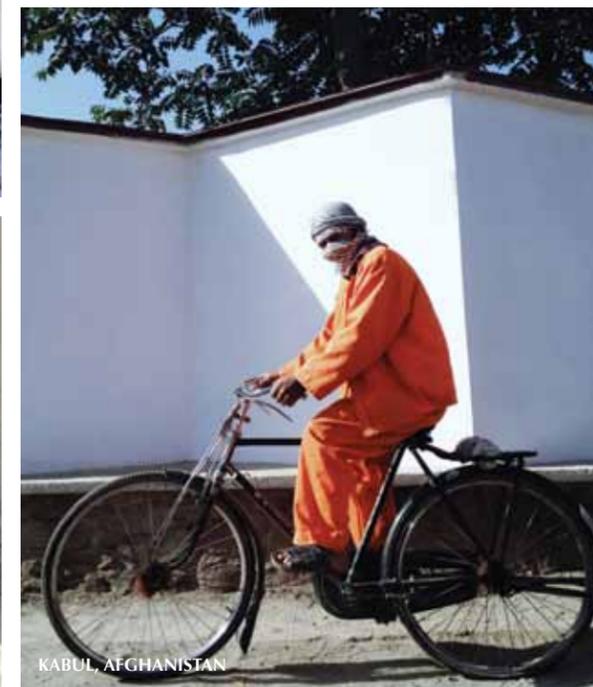
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His interest in foreign policy took him somewhere domestic that he never thought he'd go: the managing editor's desks at two bimonthly policy journals, *The National Interest* and *The American Interest*.

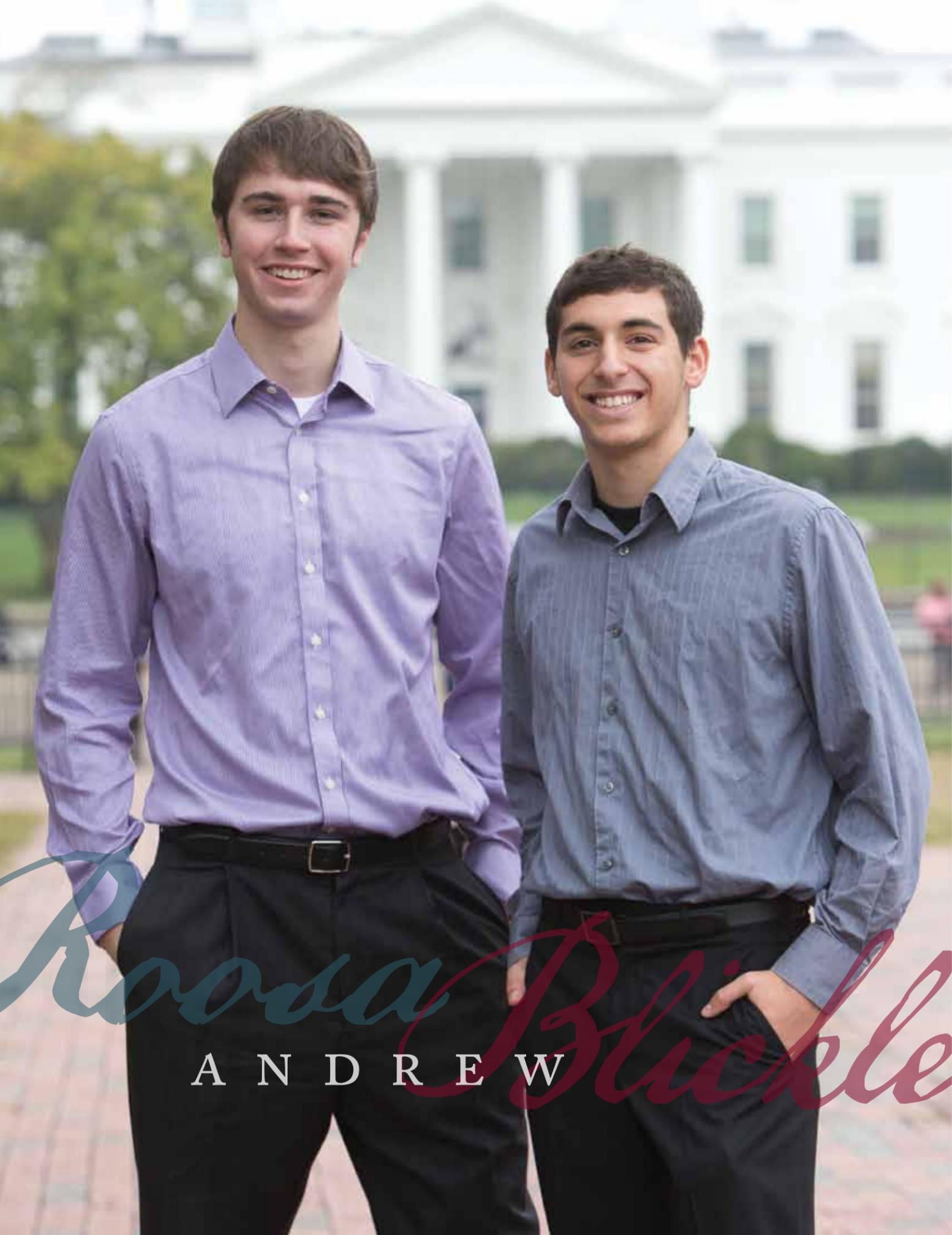
"I never really expected or intended to go into journalism, but I was casting around looking for jobs, and I loved to read about that kind of stuff, so getting paid to do it seemed like a pretty good gig. At the start, the foreign policy piece appealed to me, but I really started to appreciate the design and creative aspects as I got more into it," Rickers said.

After a while at both magazines, Rickers began to feel restless, as well as a bit of that dangerous, easy complacency borne of jobs that no longer challenge. "I got to the point where I had been doing this for six years, I'm in my late 20s and thought that if I'm going to make this my career, I need to decide that I'm going to make this my career. But the combination of never planning to go into journalism in the first place plus the volatility of the industry made me turn back to the part that I initially liked, which was the policy.

"I spent a lot of time thinking and waiting for the universe to tell me what to do and once I realized that wasn't going to happen, it made my decision to go to SAIS a lot easier," he said. Rickers studied international relations and international economics at SAIS, widely considered the world's best graduate school on the subjects, and whose alumni include former Secretary of State Madeline Albright, former Secretary of the Treasury Tim Geithner and former National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski.

It was his former MUN teacher, however, who imparted the practical and pithy wisdom that has guided Rickers for the better part of two decades.

"I was actually just thinking about this the other day," Rickers said. "If there's one thing from Country Day that still sticks with me, that I still think about, it's Smedley saying, 'You can sleep when you're dead.' Nobody ever said, 'I missed that amazing experience, but boy, I got a great night's sleep.'"



# ONE *city*, TWO *paths*, INFINITE DESTINATIONS

BY MICHAEL SCHWARTZ

*Recent LCDS graduates Andrew Blickle '12 and Andrew Roosa '10 both live and study in Washington, D.C. They are the next generation of young people who want to make a difference through some form of public service. Blickle is studying political science at American University, and his interests extend to both politics and policy. He has worked on several political campaigns and focused his studies largely on civil rights, taking classes on anthropology and the psychology of racism, as well as studying race and incarceration in America.*

*Roosa, a senior at George Washington University, is working toward a B.A. in criminal justice with minors in psychology and Spanish. He has interned with INTERPOL, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and now the FBI. He wants to be an FBI agent, a passion that was born while he was a student at Country Day.*

A N D R E W

*Blickle*

## What brought you to Washington?

**AB** I came to Washington really for the excitement. There is always something going on, whether that is political, social, or most often, both. Being in Washington has allowed me to feel like I am an active participant in the world I am learning about. I have gone to the Capital on a few occasions, and I no longer feel like a tourist. Now, when I am there, it is for a protest, a march or a celebration. It is a completely different, exciting feeling.

**AR** I wanted to move to a big city when I was touring schools my senior year at LCDS, I didn't have a great idea of what I wanted to do during my four years of undergrad. The admissions offices at D.C.-area schools really made a great pitch that the nation's capital is the best city in the world to try new things and meet incredible people. Not only does each college in this relatively small "big city" seem to produce excellent students but also unparalleled opportunities to work with people who make a difference, even as an undergraduate.

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## Based on what you've seen firsthand, what's the most common misconception people have about the FBI/political campaigns?

**AB** Working on a political campaign and being heavily involved in politics both at home and on campus, I feel that the biggest misconception people have is that it does not work. You can change somebody's mind during these debates, whether about political campaigns, civil rights and liberties, religion, whatever. And when political activists call your home or knock on your door, and you act as if they are there solely to annoy you, that is disheartening. Because the next door I knock on might be someone who was looking to volunteer, and because I found her she would go on to register voters and participate herself. These things are written off as annoyances, but they really do matter.

**AR** I feel as if a lot of people see the FBI as an agency that only employs people with law enforcement backgrounds. This couldn't be further from the truth. A significant majority of the people I work with came from completely different careers before choosing the FBI, including computer scientists, accountants, lawyers, psychologists, chemists, elementary school teachers and athletic trainers.

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### Were there any specific teachers at Country Day who helped you decide to do what you're doing?

**AB** Dr. Clatterbuck was really the teacher that got me thinking politically. This feels a little odd, because I only ever had him for World Civ 1, which was admittedly not my favorite class. However, our conversations inside and outside of the classroom inspired me. Mr. Simpson also helped shape me, as a teacher, a coach, and as someone I could talk to about absolutely anything. But I really think it's unfair to single only them out, because I truly feel that every teacher I had at LCDS helped me grow. I became well-rounded intellectually and in general due to the faculty and the culture at LCDS. And I had some of the best friends in the world at LCDS, who always let me be me (whoever that was). And all that has certainly helped me in Washington.



**AR** I had the chance to take Mr. Simpson's Postmodern Literature course during my senior year, where we were able to do an independent study on anything we wanted for the second half of the year. I chose serial killers, mainly due to my love for TV shows like "Dexter" and movies like "Silence of the Lambs." That semester was a really cool opportunity to research things you wouldn't typically learn about in a high school classroom. I luckily got the chance to visit an FBI office in Harrisburg and meet with an agent who had substantive experience interviewing serial killers. Talking with an FBI agent about the intersection of crime and psychology gave me an idea about what classes I would take at GWU and an idea of where I wanted to go afterwards. I keep up with former teachers as much as I can, via email, LinkedIn and visits back to LCDS whenever I can. It's always great to walk through the halls and feel like you never left.

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### Give us a sense of what you hope to be doing five years after graduating college.

**AB** I really don't know what I plan on doing after graduation. One thing I love about American University is the interdisciplinary majors. My double major is actually five departments: communications, law, economics, government, and mathematics. For my next step, I will be applying for internships at the Center for American Progress and the Urban Institute. I find think tanks interesting because there, as opposed to Congress, political ideas are based on research and evidence, and "political science" is really a science. While Congress has made me cynical, it has not made me apathetic, like it does some people. Rather, it has inspired me to do what I can to solve problems, and I think right now that is easier to do from the outside.

**AR** Five years from now I want to be at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va., training to become a special agent. The FBI has an important mandate and the capability to investigate a wide variety of crimes, such as violent crime, terrorism, health care fraud and espionage, to name a few. My experience interning with them so far has made me aware that there are endless career opportunities. On the other side of the coin, FBI agents do a tremendous job communicating with victims and the general public, which makes me feel profound respect for the people who do very difficult but necessary jobs.

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### How do you think your generation will make an impact?

**AB** Our generation gets a bad rap for being lazy simply because we love technology.

But our generation has already been vital to the rapid spread of information. The free press in America has never been freer. Our generation is the one that will help America progress socially. We have already done so much and have so much time left. In Washington, especially, it appears to be my generation that is working, while those in charge are the ones who are being slowed by petty differences. People in my generation care about each other (even people who are different), care about the environment and care about the future. We will not be too busy staring at our iPads to make a difference.

**AR** A lot of my friends at GWU come from different countries and walks of life, yet all have a similar attitude about Washington, D.C. and the rest of the country. They're not going to settle for the complacency that a lot of people in this city seem to have already done. Whether they are working for nonprofits, banks, international organizations, hospitals or on Capitol Hill, my classmates are going to learn from and improve the current situation in this city.

# DERIVATIVES & INTEGRALS

## OF CAREER CALCULUS

By Michael Schwartz

When Bianca Heslop '01 was an undergrad at Franklin & Marshall College, she found herself in the decidedly not-unique position of knowing exactly what she didn't want to do, but having a far murkier idea of what she did.

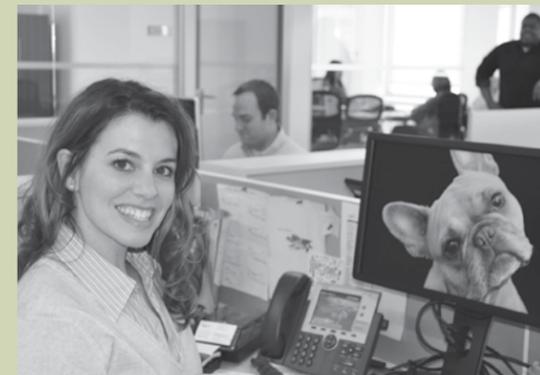
Heslop graduated with a double-major in anthropology and psychology, a minor in theater and an unwavering conviction that she did not want to be a lawyer. "Absolutely not," said the lawyer, now a senior compliance examiner with the National Futures Association, which regulates trading of certain derivatives. Derivatives are financial instruments that derive their value from something else, such as a stock index or a bond interest rate.

She went on to articulate a truth many, many liberal arts majors before her have learned for themselves as well, "When it comes to job opportunities, you're not necessarily relegated to, or only qualified to do what you majored in."

So what were Heslop's qualifications to help ensure financiers comply with Dodd-Frank? "I enjoyed writing and my parents thought I was very argumentative and that law would be a good fit," she said.

She earned her J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh, an experience she described as "very competitive, very challenging and not very collaborative, but made somewhat easier by the writing skills that I learned at Country Day and F&M." Before graduating, Heslop interned for a managed care provider. She likened her work, far removed from the romanticized world of courtroom litigation, to "solving a puzzle," which she found both fascinating and creatively satisfying.

Her current job is similar, she said. "I love it. I think of it as 1934, when securities were unregulated."



### A DODD-FRANK PRIMER

*The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, or Dodd-Frank for short, became law in the summer of 2010. Written by former Congressman Barney Frank and Senator Chris Dodd, the law aims to redress the myriad wrongs wreaked by the 2008 financial crisis.*

*While it doesn't replace the wall between investment and commercial banking created by the Glass-Steagall Act in 1933, it does seek to achieve the following:*

- Increase openness and accountability throughout the financial system
- End the idea of an institution being "too big to fail" by figuring out an orderly way to wind down a large, failing bank
- Protect taxpayers from future bailouts, as well as predatory lending practices
- Improve the stability of the financial system as a whole

Asked if attending Country Day influenced what she does today, Heslop laughed. "I'm a lifer," she said. "How could I not have been influenced?"

In fact, Heslop's experience continues to influence students in Manhattan. She volunteers with the nonprofit New York Cares, tutoring kids preparing to take the SAT. On her first day of working on the writing section, she opened up her papers and found "the keynote approach to writing a thesis paper handout from Mrs. Taylor's 10th-grade English class. That came in handy," she said.

Beyond essay structure and the finer points of collegiate English syntax, Heslop remembers Country Day as the place where she met her closest friends, became a more dexterous thinker and, also like many others before her, "endured five years of Bostock rolling his eyes at me."

"Abbye Churchill '02 and I have been best friends since we were 4, so I've always been close with her mom [Middle School science teacher and Green School Coordinator Barbara Bromley].

"I've been following the gardening goings-on at school and I think it's great," Heslop said. Mrs. Bromley "is doing with the whole school what she used to do with just her students, and I'm glad to see that. She always had us outside looking through the leaves and turning over rocks in streams to see what was underneath. To see that she's still doing that, but on such a bigger scale is awesome.

"Being willing to say yes, being willing to try new things, being willing to be open. That's what Country Day gives you," Heslop said.

"That's what it gave me, at least."

A LONG WAY

# Away, NEVER FAR AWAY FROM HOME

BY MICHAEL SCHWARTZ

**T**ropical cyclone Yolanda struck the Philippines Nov. 8, 2013, causing little more than a light rainstorm in the capital, Manila. What the Philippine government, the American Embassy and U.S. Counselor for Political Affairs Eric Kneedler '91 didn't know was that by the time the Category 5 typhoon passed, it would become the deadliest on record, killing more than 6,200 people and devastating broad swaths of the country.

"It took 12 hours or so for the extent of the damage to come into focus, and it was far more devastating than Philippine government officials had anticipated," Kneedler said. "I flew down to Tacloban three days after the storm with members of the Ambassador's Country team, and it was a very grim picture. It was worse than anything I'd ever seen." That includes the Indonesian city of Banda Aceh, after it was decimated by the 2004 tsunami that wreaked havoc throughout Southeast Asia and along thousands of miles of the Indian Ocean coast. Kneedler was stationed at the American Embassy in Jakarta a year after the storm hit and surveyed the slow return to normalcy.

He spoke from Manila, where he had just come from dinner with visiting Florida Senator Marco Rubio, as well as the

Philippine secretaries of foreign affairs and defense. "The secretaries couldn't have been more grateful for our relief efforts," Kneedler said. "The quick U.S. response helped save thousands of lives."

Kneedler stressed that the ongoing recovery and rehabilitation process is a Philippine government-led effort. The U.S., as a treaty ally and long-time friend of the Philippines, has responded to the needs of the host nation wherever and whenever possible, helping the Philippines accomplish what it can't on its own. In the immediate wake of the storm, that help came in the form of more than 13,000 military personnel, 66 aircraft, 12 ships and more than 2,500 tons of relief supplies.



“One of the most important things the U.S. government did immediately after the storm was fly supplies down to the affected areas and then use the aircraft to transport people out,” Kneedler said. The U.S. military ultimately conducted more than 1,300 flights and ferried approximately 20,000 people to safety. “There’s a long way to go, but slowly life is returning to normal thanks to a remarkable resiliency. Communications are functioning again, markets are up and running, and positive things are happening.”

The warm and engaging attaché is quick to point out that dealing with horrific natural disasters represents a tragic, but mercifully small outlier in his 15 years with the State Department. After graduating from Country Day, Kneedler went on to earn a B.A. from Pomona College and his master’s from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, or SAIS. He took the Foreign Service Exam and began his career as a diplomat in 1998. “Happily, the exam wasn’t quite as competitive in ’98 as it is now,” Kneedler laughed.

“...WHAT MIGHT SEEM LIKE A RELATIVELY UNCONVENTIONAL TRACK IN LIFE CAN LEAD YOU SOMEWHERE YOU NEVER IMAGINED, AND ALLOW YOU TO HAVE AN IMPACT.”



Foreign Service Officers spend years deployed in different countries and move about as Foggy Bottom dictates. Kneedler’s first posting was to Hong Kong, before being sent to Mauritius, an island nation two-thirds the size of Rhode Island and 1,200 miles off the southeast coast of Africa. From there, Kneedler came back to Washington before heading on to Indonesia and Thailand. These deployments entailed intensive, year-long coursework in the languages and cultures of the respective countries.

FSOs spend their first, and sometimes second tours doing what amounts to the housekeeping of U.S. diplomacy, regardless of which branch of the Foreign Service they aspire to. For the most part, this means a handful of years working at purely consular functions, processing visas, conducting interviews for visa approval, American

citizen services and so on.

Kneedler met his wife in Washington shortly after joining the Foreign Service and she later became a diplomat as well. The couple has two children, a 10-year-old son and 8-year-old daughter. Their childhood couldn’t be more different than his own, Kneedler said, though the diplomat says that’s purely an observation and not a value judgment.

“I had an absolutely idyllic upbringing in Lancaster, and I wouldn’t trade it for anything,” Kneedler said. “I’m still best friends with people I met in high school. My kids are being exposed to the world and that’s priceless, but their upbringing will be very different than my own.”

Echoing many other alumni, Kneedler said that his “first real international political exposure was through MUN. To have Chip Smedley as a mentor and friend growing up was incredibly valuable to me.” Kneedler’s international indoctrination began before he even left the house, however. His mom taught French at Country Day for many years and his dad worked as a French professor before eventually serving as president of Franklin & Marshall College. “My parents sparked an interest in overseas travel at an early age,” Kneedler said.

He offered some wisdom for Country Day’s current crop of near-graduates. “It’s easy to grow up with the sense that the path to professional fulfillment only goes through traditional fields like medicine or law but the world is changing very quickly. If you keep an open mind and remain flexible, what might seem like a relatively unconventional track in life can lead you somewhere you never imagined, and allow you to have an impact.

“And if anyone’s interested in the Foreign Service, feel free to put them in touch with me,” Kneedler said.

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*For anyone interested in donating to the ongoing Philippine relief effort, please consider the following organizations:*

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**WORLD VISION**  
[www.worldvision.org.ph](http://www.worldvision.org.ph)

**WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME**  
[www.wfp.org/donate/typhoon](http://www.wfp.org/donate/typhoon)

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**  
[www.crs.org/countries/philippines](http://www.crs.org/countries/philippines)

**SAVE THE CHILDREN**  
[www.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMG1p14E/b.6150549](http://www.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMG1p14E/b.6150549)

**UNICEF**  
[www.unicef.org/philippines](http://www.unicef.org/philippines)

1 | Aerial shot of typhoon-affected area.

2 | Super Typhoon Haiyan, known in the Philippines as Typhoon Yolanda, made landfall Nov. 8, 2013. It killed more than 6,000 people, left 7,000 missing, and affected 16 million more. The storm demolished infrastructure across the central Philippine islands and destroyed nearly 90 percent of homes in Tacloban, the area’s largest city with a pre-storm population of 220,000.

3 | U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Xavier L. Cannon and members of the Philippine Armed Forces assist civilians off of a C-130 aircraft Nov. 13 at Villamor Air Base.

4 | Tacloban residents displaced by Typhoon Haiyan fill the cargo hold of a C-17 military transport plane. Task force personnel conducted search and rescue, supply drops and personnel airlifts.

5 | Kneedler and his family with President Barack Obama taken in November 2012 in Bangkok.

6 | American sailors and Philippine civilians work together to load a helicopter.

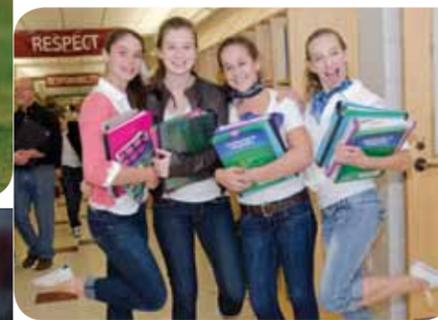
7 | Recipients of typhoon relief assistance.

8 | After presenting his credentials to Philippine President Benigno Aquino III at the Malacanang Palace, U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines Philip Goldberg stopped by Luneta Park to lay a wreath at the Rizal Monument Monday, Dec. 2, 2013. With him were Deputy Chief of Mission Brian L. Goldbeck, USAID Country Director Gloria Steele and U.S. Embassy Political Counselor Eric Kneedler (in red tie).



# HOMECOMING & ALUMNI WEEKENDS 2013

Homecoming and Alumni Weekend 2013 was a rousing success with a reassuring return to tradition: The Students stomped the Faculty in the Cougar Bowl, ending the teachers' historic one-game winning streak. Color Wars, the Run For Home, benefitting Habitat for Humanity, the bonfire and everything else that animated Spirit Week ended Saturday under a warm, late-summer sun. With the close of Spirit Week, the opening of Alumni Weekend swung into form. Head of School Steve Lisk hosted a tour of the school on Saturday and recognized Mary Sue Farmer '38, who was celebrating her 75th class reunion. On Friday, a cocktail party for alums of all years commenced with the Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony. The school recognized Barbara (Bentley) Brower '58, Jeff Woodland '87, Ashley Moore '90 and Matt Mersky '06 for their athletic achievement.







### Country Day Students Take Art to White House

"The biggest gift the President has ever received, of this type..."

That was the Secret Service's appraisal of the twin, life-like statues of Nixon and Sen. George McGovern which a group of Lancaster Country Day School students (above) undertook to deliver personally to the White House Wednesday morning.

When they arrived at the East gate, as invited, they momentarily threw the staff for a loss however.

After unloading and setting the statues up in a reception room, the students were asked to cart them around the block to the nearby Executive Office building, to a "gift" office which receives items given the President.

Afterward, the students were given a red carpet tour of the White House and asked to come back again for a peek at the President's Oval Office.

Meanwhile, the statues were dispatched to a warehouse to await eventual construction of the Nixon Library.

The students are shown outside the White House after the tour. The north portico is in the background. The students include Dorsey Eshelman, Beth Gause, Jonathan Gaynor, David Kegel, Andrea Lowenkopf, Beth Robbins, Andrew Stauffer, Louise Woolworth and Nancy Zink. At left is Mrs. Charles Patton of East Petersburg, their art teacher who supervised the project. At right is Headmaster John Jarvis.



Students at Lancaster Country Day School gather around the plaster of Paris statues they made last Fall of President Nixon. At left, hand wrestling George McGovern. A news photo of the project received international attention. The students will take it to Washington on Wednesday, to present it to the President in a White House ceremony. From left, the students are, Dorsey Eshelman, Beth Robbins, Nancy Zink, Andrew Lowenkopf, Jonathan Gaynor, David Kegel, Beth Gause and Andrew Stauffer. Louise Woolworth was not present.

### WEDNESDAY AT WHITE HOUSE Country Day Students to Give Nixon Plaster Art

By JACK MOORE  
New Era Staff Writer

Senator George McGovern is finally going to make it to the White House. President Nixon will escort him. And would you believe that they'll make the trip in a panel truck from Lancaster?

With a contingent of students from Lancaster Country Day School?

The journey will take place Wednesday morning.

**"REASONABLY ACCURATE"**

Of course — it isn't going to be THE Senator McGovern and THE President Nixon. But they'll be larger than life and, as they say in contest rules, "reasonably accurate facsimiles."

Which is all a way of reporting that those life-sized plaster of Paris sculptures of the two presidential candidates hand-wrestling that were created by a ninth grade art class at Country Day — the ones which received national and world-wide publicity last Fall through reprinting of a New Era photo — are going to be presented to President Nixon and eventually will become part of the Nixon papers and memorabilia collection in the yet-to-be-built Nixon Library.

It all started out as an art class project at the local school, an exercise in election year caricature.

But the student artists chose to use a mold technique developed in the 1960s by sculptor George Segal and produced an arresting life-sized display.

The New Era photographed it and ran a story on November 4. The Associated Press picked up the photo and over-viewed it in members all over the nation. It appeared on the front page of the National Observer. Papers used it in Alabama, Texas, California and Alaska. It appeared in newspapers in Rome and Israel.

The student's wrote to Nixon after the election, offering him the sculptures as an unique memento of his landslide election victory.

**ARRANGE DATE**

Senator Hugh Scott, Republican leader in the Senate, and Miss Sarah Ann Stauffer of Rohrerstown, Pennsylvania's national committee's national committee, endorsed the idea and arranged a date for Wednesday when the presentation will be made.

John Nidecker, a deputy special assistant to the President on his congressional liaison staff, will accept the statues in a brief White House ceremony.

Nidecker said Monday that he doubts that the President will show up, but said that the students and their group will be given a special tour of the White House.

The statues, he said, will stay only briefly at the White House, will eventually wind up in a warehouse with other gifts where they'll be stored until the Nixon Library is completed.

# CLASS NOTES

Submit a class note to the school, attention Dulcey Antonucci: [antonuccid@lanastercountryday.org](mailto:antonuccid@lanastercountryday.org)

**1930s**.....  
**CLASS OF 1939**  
**ALUMNI WEEKEND** Plans for your 75th reunion are underway for **2014** October 10 & 11, 2014!

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**1940s**.....  
**CLASS OF 1941**  
 Emily Detwiler Uhl writes, "My husband, Dick, and I are pretty well and have three wonderful middle-aged daughters and three grandchildren. Hooray!"

**CLASS OF 1942**  
 Jeanne Haverstick Hoster is still living in Alexandria Heights, Fredericksburg, Va. She attended two graduation parties for her great-grandchildren — one from high school and one from college.

**CLASS OF 73**  
 Released in October by Globe Pequot Press, "Hidden Treasures: What Museums Can't or Won't Show You" by Harriet Baskas includes a chapter on a Nixon/McGovern plaster of Paris sculpture made in 1973 as a class project under the direction of former art teacher Mary Elizabeth Patton. The chapter includes the story of its creation and comments from the Nixon Library and museum about why they don't display it. The sculpture is shown in the upper right corner of the book cover. In January 1973, a group of students traveled to the White House along with Mrs. Patton and Headmaster John Jarvis to personally deliver the sculpture to the president. According to a New Era article from Jan. 11, 1973, (see opposite page) after setting up the statues in the White House reception area, the group was asked to take them around the corner to the gift office.

**CLASS OF 1943**  
 Ann Slaymaker O'Reilly is living in Essex Meadows Retirement Community in Essex, Conn. She is coming to Lancaster on May 1 for two days. To connect, email her at [Oreilly140@aol.com](mailto:Oreilly140@aol.com).

**CLASS OF 1944**  
**ALUMNI WEEKEND** Interested in helping to plan your 70th reunion?

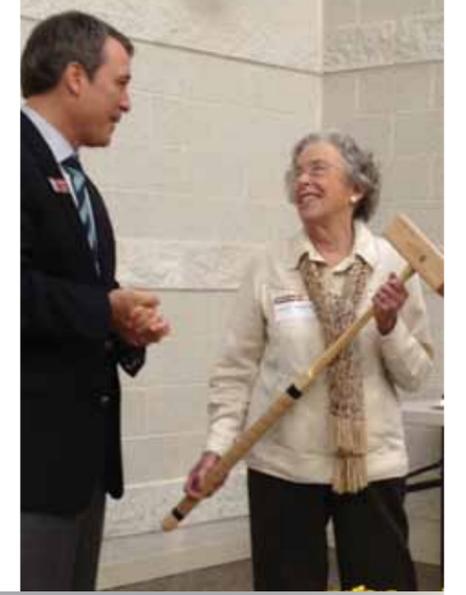
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**CLASS OF 1945**  
 Jane Hess Heidenreich writes, "Ted and I moved into a retirement community here in Exeter, N.H. Adjusting very well to our new life and a great group of people, a well-run institution and a caring attitude!"

**CLASS OF 1949**  
**ALUMNI WEEKEND** Interested in helping to plan your 65th reunion?

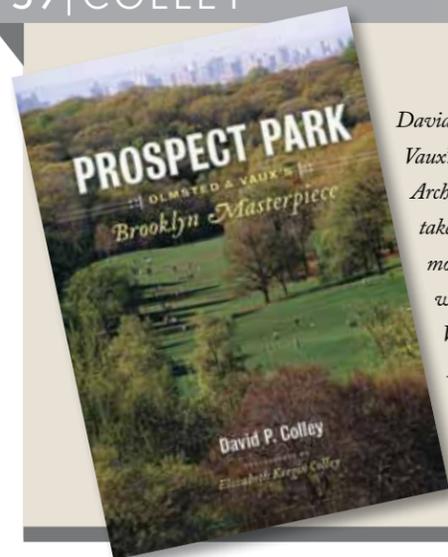
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Joie Feagley wants her classmates to know she is a tech dinosaur and proud of it. No computer and no email. She still loves living in New York City, although this winter weather has prevented her from going out to the opera and theater. And now retired, she is a full-time caregiver to her companion, Butterscotch: her Garfield-like cat.



**ALUMNI WEEKEND**  
 During Alumni Weekend, Head of School Steve Lisk presented Sally Jarvis with a croquet mallet inscribed: "John A. Jarvis Competitive Croquet Tournament, Sally Jarvis, Clerk of the Court."





David Colley's '59 seventh book, "Prospect Park: Olmsted & Vaux's Brooklyn Masterpiece," was published by Princeton Architectural Press in August. The book includes photographs taken by his wife, Elizabeth Keegin Colley. It is the first monograph written about the famous Brooklyn park that was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux, creators of New York's Central Park. New York Magazine called the book "a lusciously photographed volume." David lives in Easton, Pa.

## 1950s

## CLASS OF 1951

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## CLASS OF 1954

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WEEKEND  
**2014** Interested in helping to  
plan your 60th reunion?

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Class Correspondent  
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Barbie Breneman Talbot is selling her house in Lancaster and moved three blocks away to the new development called Grandview. Her daughter Helen is living in Virginia and teaching autistic children. "She is enjoying it very much. Julie is co-owner of Fenz Restaurant in Lancaster. They are doing very well!"

## CLASS OF 1954

Class Correspondent  
Eunice Fulton Blocker  
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## CLASS OF 1956

Susan Rohrer Breig writes, "Am keeping a very active life, hiking, biking, kayaking and some skiing, all after shoulder replacement a year-and-a-half ago. Also enjoying Dixieland jazz as often as I can find it around Connecticut."

## CLASS OF 1958

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Susannah Benson's youngest son, Brett, was married June 29 to Kerry McGrath in the Laurel Highlands of western Pa. They are now settled in Pittsburgh's Mt. Lebanon area, Brett involved in data, Kerry in teaching. Posy L'Hommedieu Courtney '58 was Susannah's indispensable rehearsal dinner advisor. She writes, "Despite a last minute move to the enclosed Penn Scenic Lodge to escape hurricane-force winds, rain and hail, Posy arranged the gorgeous rehearsal dinner centerpieces of large lilies, curly willow and twinkling lights. What a trooper! After my husband's December 2010 death, eldest son Darrow and I continued to live in the Willow Street area. Darrow is involved in security as an account manager. Saranna Brown Miller '58 and I discovered common interests in genealogy and local history. We enjoyed several recent get-togethers and look forward to more."

## CLASS OF 1959

ALUMNI  
WEEKEND  
**2014** Interested in helping to  
plan your 55th reunion?

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Mary Martha (Molly) Batchelder Solbak was granted emeritus status in January, to hold her title after retiring as Archdeacon for Deacons for the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

IN  
MEMORIAM

## CLASS OF 1941

Margaret Schaeffer Hoar

## CLASS OF 1943

Evelyn Whiting Adamson

## CLASS OF 1949

Anne Kirk Jadick

## CLASS OF 1962

Janessa Nisley

## 1960s

## CLASS OF 1960

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Barbra Dunlap Michael muses from the wintry beauty of Maine:

Now, if you suspect you could be  
A human bean for someone else,  
Give it a try. Ask for help.  
Find out for yourself.  
Are we ever, ever alone?

Mary Barlow writes from Vermont, "Gale and I just returned from a cruise from Valparaiso, Chile, to Tahiti, which stopped at Robinson Crusoe Island, Easter Island, Pitcairn, Fakarava and Bora Bora. There's a lot of ocean out there. Had lectures on history, culture, navigation, stars, WWII in the Pacific and ate way too much great food. On our way back [now] to Vermont for the fun part of winter. Working with Habitat for Humanity in Vermont and our village Community Club. Have three cats, Spunky, Tucson and Magic. Spent November in Arizona and Florida. Traveled 8,000 miles with Tucson and Magic; Spunky doesn't travel. Haven't been to Lancaster in several years."

Kim Stephenson Sullivan writes [edited from French by Anne Slater] "about our bilingual family in London. Our son, Lee, is married (since 2005) to a Parisian, Lorraine. They have two children, Lucille, 5 and Louise, 22 months. They lived in Paris until 2010. Lee always speaks with the children in English, Lorraine in French, at home. Their move to London presented a challenge for speaking French: The world of languages changed over-

night! Rob and I are members of a French conversation group in Chapel Hill — twice a month. It's a project for the whole family. I always think of Miss Flaherty...I wish it hadn't been 40 years since I studied French!"

Liz Atlee Jones writes from Lancaster that she and Bill keep busy with the usual things, but the highlight of her week is having her grandson with her. She is looking forward to spring.

Anne Campbell Slater writes, "Between pharmaceuticals, the wonderful new gym nearby and young friends (to say nothing of three teenage grandsons), I keep on keeping on. I am a team-leader and part-time volunteer librarian for a Philadelphia elementary school; revel in a monthly French reading group; knit as much as my mother did, but not as professionally. I read voluminously and sing in the choir of the church where I've been a member for 48 years in April. Three rescue cats with literary names, Sister Carrie, Sir Roger de Coverly and Clémentine keep me warm on winter evenings."

Lyn Hartman writes from Yakima, Wash., "My significant other, Wil, died of brain cancer in October. He was a European-trained chef who owned two restaurants and an inn. Through our years together we traveled extensively. Wil had a wicked sense of humor and I loved how he made me laugh — even at myself! He was a good man. My children are happily married and each have two sons. My son, a VP at Morgan Stanley, completed his fourth

Ironman Canada Triathlon last August and is now training for an Olympic Triathlon and has inspired his sister. Both families are only two and a half hours away by car so I see them often. I travel to France once or twice a year and usually stay in Burgundy, where I've made several French friends. Last spring, however, I took my daughter with me for three weeks and let her choose the itinerary. We had a blast! Currently I live with an 11 year-old shih tzu mix and an almost 4-year-old purebred black standard poodle. The Pacific Northwest is beautiful and my life in retirement has been a happy one."

Pat Sayles writes, "I live in Lawrenceville, N.J., with my daughter and three cats. My son is in Raleigh, N.C., working for Century Link. I'm also looking forward to spring and my 50th college reunion in May."

## CLASS OF 1961

Class Correspondent  
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Alix Shuman Roth is enjoying retirement and volunteering at Good Samaritan Hospital in the Cancer Care Infusion area. She loves making a positive difference in a patient's infusion experience and says it is extremely rewarding.

## 70 | HERR

Mike Herr '70 writes, "I have finally become my own boss! As of Oct. 1, I am now a solo practitioner in West Hartford, Conn., running an osteopathic manipulation-only practice. I am walking-distance from home and from my wife's work, so we can meet for lunch at times. This is a dream-come-true for me; the business side is very healthy, my receptionist is wonderful and I am 'all set,' as they say in these parts."

## CLASS OF 1964

ALUMNI  
WEEKEND  
**2014** Plans for your 50th  
reunion are underway for  
October 10 & 11, 2014!

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Class Correspondent  
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## CLASS OF 1965

Nancy Dodge writes, "As I sit here in Nome, Alaska, listening to the winds howl, I smile knowing that it is six degrees warmer here than in Lancaster." She is working part-time there as the psychologist for the school district and the youth facility. She is also the Ambassador to Alaska for ShelterBoxUSA, an international humanitarian disaster relief organization that provides temporary shelter and materials to people who have experienced a natural disaster or conflict. She is beginning her training as a first-responder and fundraiser, with the support of Rotary International, a global partner. She also spends her time traveling, hiking, camping and helping friends and family. She writes, "Next year I really hope the class of 1965 can pull-off our 50th reunion!"

## 63 | ELLIS



John A. "Jib" Ellis' '63 novel, "Bandstand, The Search for Oak Island Gold" (historical fiction) should be available on Amazon. He had major eye surgery in September and still sees double but realizes he is only inconvenienced in the grand scheme of things. He met his daughter, Martinka, in Morocco for her birthday in November. They toured there for three weeks, then went to London for a quick stop before she went back to Switzerland and he to Martha's Vineyard. Here they are for her birthday breakfast in Essouira, Morocco, Nov. 11, 2013.

## CLASS OF 1966

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**2014** Plans for your 45th reunion are underway for October 10 & 11, 2014!

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## 1970s

## CLASS OF 1971

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## CLASS OF 1974

ALUMNI WEEKEND  
**2014** Plans for your 40th reunion are underway for October 10 & 11, 2014!

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**Sara Hall Bremner** and her husband, Daniel, live in Ashland, Va. She works in the Randolph-Macon College campus store, where she was excited to meet a former LCDS teacher in January. She and her husband have three married children and nine grandchildren, for a family of 17. They are active in church and are currently in their second year studying with the Christian Counseling and Training Center in Richmond to prepare to counsel others. Sara hopes to visit Lancaster in the near future.

## CLASS OF 1975

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## 75 | DRAKE

*Gordon Drake '75 is currently working for Rob McGrath as a general contractor. Rob is owner of a local burrito shop, Roburritos, and the Hotel Fulton. They are restoring the Hotel Fulton and recreating the restaurant that was there, as well as rehabbing the five (soon to be six) apartments in the building. He writes, "It has been quite an undertaking. Many of you may remember the place as The Fulton Bar. It unfortunately fell into uncaring hands and eventually was closed. When we reopen in the spring we will be serving 'Good Food, Done Well,' in the genre of traditional American cuisine. There will also be a whiskey distillery on premise." He continues, "As for LCDS life, my son Ralph is in the 10th grade and continues to enjoy his time here. Ralph is turning 16 soon and we have begun the college search. Man the days fly by. Didn't we just graduate a few years ago?"*



## CLASS OF 1976

Class Correspondent  
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**Stephen Smith** moved back east to Philadelphia in early 2013, after 30 years in Northern California, working in technology sales in Silicon Valley. He and his wife, Leslie, are enjoying their first full year of seasonal changes, great cheesesteaks, hoagies, bagels and New York-style pizza. He was very surprised to find an extremely vibrant entrepreneurial community in the Philly area and recently jumped on board with a new start-up company, working on getting the product off the ground. Stephen and Leslie also very much enjoyed getting together with Robin Montgomery-Lapp and Dorsey Elliot with spouses, and **Gordon Drake '75** at a recent LCDS event in Lancaster. He says, "Too many great stories from times that seemed like only yesterday. Or OK, at least maybe last month!"

## CLASS OF 1977

Class Correspondent  
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## CLASS OF 1979

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**2014** Interested in helping to plan your 35th reunion?

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## 1980s

## CLASS OF 1983

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**2014** Interested in helping to plan your 30th reunion?

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**Debby Dodds**, who performs with Portland's "Spilt Milk" comedy show, was interviewed about her sense of humor for the website FunnyIsPretty.com. Read the interview here: [www.funnyispretty.com/sarah-silverman-magic-debby-dodds/](http://www.funnyispretty.com/sarah-silverman-magic-debby-dodds/)

## CLASS OF 1986

Class Correspondent  
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## CLASS OF 1987

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**William Korner** is a sales manager for Interstate Technologies in Chicago. He recently completed the Project Management Professional Certification and is working toward his Certified Information Systems Security Professional Certification. He invites all LCDS alumni in the Chicago area to look him up.

## CLASS OF 1988

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**Amy McCrae Kessler** and her husband, Andrew, founded Turning Earth, a company focused on renewable energy, recycling and compost. [Turningearthllc.com](http://Turningearthllc.com)

## CLASS OF 1989

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**2014** Plans for your 25th reunion are underway for October 10 & 11, 2014!

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**Rev. Mark S. Peake** was named Moderator Elect of the Presbytery of San Jose in The Presbyterian Church (USA) for 2014 and Moderator for 2015. Mark and his family have moved from Del Rey Oaks to Monterey, Calif.



## 93 | REUNION

The class of 1993 celebrated its 20th reunion.

## 1990s

## CLASS OF 1990

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## 92 | DEPIETRO

**Melissa Bloom DePietro '92** and her family have been busy enjoying fun experiences the past year. They took their first vacation to Disney World, spent a week in Ocean City, Md., with the entire family; went to Ocean City, N.J.; visited family in northern N.J.; went to Hershey Park in the Dark and Zoo America at night; Dutch Wonderland; trained dolphins at the National Aquarium in Baltimore and took a behind the scenes tour of the aquarium with a guide. Melissa and Anthony donated their hair for the third time to Beautiful Lengths, and Missy participated in her 10th Walk to End Alzheimer's disease, raising a combined total of \$12,426.51.



## 97 | HIGHFIELD

*Jonathan Highfield '97 and Julene Thomas, now Julene Thomas-Highfield, married October 31. They live in Williamsburg, Va. He plans to leave culinary teaching to open an artisan bakery called Bakehouse at Chelsea, Wood Fired Bread and Pizza located in Norfolk, Va. He plans to be open by March.*

## CLASS OF 1994

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**Adam Griffith** got engaged to Susan McDowell and started a Ph.D. program in geography at University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

## CLASS OF 1996

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**Guy Burkholder** sustained a serious brain injury in a car accident November 17. His mother, Marianne, taught at LCDS from 1988 to 2001, and his brother, J.D., studied in the class of 1999. Along with his wife, Emily, Guy is the father of five children, including triplet infant daughters. A fund for medical expenses has been established in his name at [www.gofundme.com/Guy-Burkholder](http://www.gofundme.com/Guy-Burkholder)

**Casey Golden** is still living in Minneapolis running GoodLook Recording studios and making lots of local, national and commercial records, voice-overs and ads. He was also recently hired as an adjunct professor at the Art Institute International, Minnesota, where he teaches entertainment marketing and management, and recording techniques.

## CLASS OF 1997

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**Rebecca Gentry** is the owner of City Ballroom dance studio in downtown Lancaster. In February, she celebrated three years of business.

**Anne Corrigan Bay** married Travis Bay on April 22, 2013 in Florida. They reside in Columbus, Ohio.

## CLASS OF 1998

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**Ross Wolman** is a cantor at a large synagogue in the suburbs of Chicago. He has been out of school for seven years and lived in Jerusalem for two during his time at the seminary. He is a professional singer and clergyman and spends lots of time with bar/bat mitzvah students.

**Shayna Watson** was the event chair for the NAACP-Lancaster Branch Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Commemoration Service January 19 at The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster. She is chaplain resident at Lancaster General Health Systems and economic development chair and member of the executive committee for the NAACP-Lancaster Branch.

**Alex Minehart Goodman** and Sam Goodman welcomed their daughter Violet Patricia Goodman this summer. Jake and Elwood, their Plott hounds, are adjusting to their new baby sister as well as her cousin, Georgina Accomando.

## 99 | BELL ISAACS



*Michael and Lauren Bell Isaacs '99 welcomed a daughter, Evelyn Jean Isaacs, born September 25. 7 pounds, 1 oz. 20 1/4 inches long!*



## 00 | SNYDER MOYER

*Piera Snyder Moyer '00 and her husband, Justin, celebrated the birth of Gryffin Hoyt Moyer October 25, 2013.*

## CLASS OF 1999

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**Robert Laffey Jr.** is now the learning specialist at Severn School in Severna Park, Md., coaching middle school basketball and varsity baseball. His wife, Sarah, gave birth to their second daughter in July.

## 03 | SMITH



*Laura Smith '03 married Wadib Etabbakh October 5 in Lancaster. Allison Walker '03 and Greg Davies '03 were in attendance. Wadib is originally from Morocco, but the couple now resides in Washington, D.C., where he works as a flamenco guitarist and Laura works for Classical Movements, a concert touring company for professional orchestras and choirs.*

## 2000s

### CLASS OF 2000

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**Emily Sedlis** and **Christopher Russo '01** were married in January in New York. Emily is a clinical dietitian at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. She graduated from Connecticut College and also received a bachelor of science degree in nutrition and food science from Hunter College. Christopher is a senior associate on the growth equities team in the investment management division of Morgan Stanley in New York. He graduated from Colgate University and received an M.B.A. from Columbia.

## CLASS OF 2001

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**Christopher Russo** and **Emily Sedlis '00** were married in January in New York. Emily is a clinical dietitian at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. She graduated from Connecticut College and also received a bachelor of science degree in nutrition and food science from Hunter College. Christopher is a senior associate on the growth equities team in the investment management division of Morgan Stanley in New York. He graduated from Colgate University and received an M.B.A. from Columbia.

**Sean Maloney** married Courtney Clark June 29. Sean is a graduate of the Rochester Institute of Technology. He is a Ph.D. candidate in computer science at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Courtney is a graduate of the University of Kansas. She is a senior information architect at Forum One Communications. They live in Santa Barbara, Calif.

## CLASS OF 2002

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**Brian Kehrer** is technical director of "Nightmare: Malaria," an iOS and Android game developed by the company Psyop in partnership with the Against Malaria Foundation to draw attention to the malaria epidemic.

## CLASS OF 2003

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**Whitney Carlson Ryan** married Scott Ryan August 14, 2010. They have two children, Mackenzie Lynne, born June 20, 2011 and Jackson Spencer, born January 12, 2013. In March 2013, they purchased a 200-year-old historic home in Keene, N.H.

**Laura Smith Etabbakh, Greg Davies, Morgen Beaver Walker, Greer Longer, Matt Heinle and Lauren Allwein-Andrews** met up at Annie Bailey's in Lancaster in November to celebrate their 10-year reunion. Lauren writes, "Wish more of our classmates could've made it but we had a nice time reminiscing and catching up!"



### 07, 08 | RAFF/ARNOLD

Jeremy Raff '07 married Elizabeth Arnold '08 June 22, 2013 in Lancaster. Kate Roosa '08 and Ben Goldberg '07 were in attendance. The newlyweds reside in Ardmore, Pa. Elizabeth is a fourth-grade teacher in North Philadelphia and Jeremy is the director of The Mix at Arbor Place in Lancaster.

### CLASS OF 2004

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Li-at Friedman is engaged to Jerry Mascho. She is a motion graphics producer with Yahoo in Sunnyvale, Calif. A May 2014 wedding is planned.

Melisa Baez is program director for the Children Deserve a Chance Foundation in Lancaster. The students of the SunRise program spent one February morning in the LCDS gymnasium doing workouts and learning principals of competition, one of the six pillars of the foundation, as they moved into their second week of the program.

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### CLASS OF 2005

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Emily Casey is a graduate student in art history at the University of Delaware. She helps to introduce other graduate students to the decorative art objects, American furniture and the research resources at the Winterthur Museum in Wilmington.

Nora Joyce is the "What in the World?" program coordinator at the North Museum of Natural History & Science in Lancaster. The program exposes area students to careers in STEM fields and demonstrates the importance of science and math in particular.

### CLASS OF 2006

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Caitlin Rye got married to Walter Banta May 25.

### CLASS OF 2007

Stephen Lockey IV and Deanna Ross '08 are engaged. They are both graduates of Franklin & Marshall College. Deanna is a 2012 Teach For America corps member who earned her master's from the University of Pennsylvania. Stephen is a second-year medical student at Georgetown University School of Medicine. A fall wedding is planned.

### CLASS OF 2008

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Deanna Ross and Stephen Lockey IV '07 are engaged. They are both graduates of Franklin & Marshall College. Deanna is a 2012 Teach For America corps member, completing her Master's Degree at the University of Pennsylvania. Stephen is a second-year medical student at Georgetown University School of Medicine. A fall wedding is planned.

Gabrielle Piraino graduated with an M.S. in publishing from Pace University in May 2013. She now works in the content and production department at MeeGenius, the No. 1 children's book app.

### FORMER FACULTY & STAFF LUNCHEON



The annual Former Faculty and Staff Luncheon took place October 15.

### 09 | BERKOWITZ



Andrew Berkowitz '09 works for Teach for America, teaching Spanish at a low-income school in Atlanta, Booker T. Washington High School, Martin Luther King's alma mater. He writes, "Without the influence of Sra. Heim & Sra. Heath, I would not be here today. I am in my second semester of my first year of teaching and I am absolutely loving teaching high school, despite the challenges and obstacles that come with it. Perhaps one day I will return to teach at Country Day!"

### CLASS OF 2009

**ALUMNI WEEKEND 2014** Interested in helping to plan your 5th reunion?

Contact Kristen Casale at kristen.casale@bucknell.edu or Sherry Vernet, special events coordinator, at VernetS@lanastercountryday.org or 717-392-2916, ext. 330.

Taylyn Hulse is an assistant language teacher with the Japanese Foreign Exchange Program (JET). She teaches English in Ojiya, Niigata, and has created a letter-exchange program between her students in Japan and LCDS ninth-graders.

Lisa Auster-Gussman graduated from the University of Richmond with a bachelor's in psychology and will be pursuing a doctorate in social psychology at the University of Minnesota, where her research will focus on health decision-making and self-regulation.

Grace Chesters graduated cum laude from Dickinson College with a double major in international business and management and Spanish. She moved to Philadelphia in August to work for PNC Bank, in the Corporate and Institutional Banking Development Program.

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### 11 | BIRON

Dusty Biron '11 is a junior at Bowdoin College. In January, he presented a seminar about his summer chemistry research to interested LCDS students.



### 11, 13 | DANNEHL & CAPIZZI

In October, Alexandra Dannehl '11 (University of New Hampshire) and Devon Capizzi '13 (Boston University) played against each other on their respective college rugby teams.

### 2010s

### CLASS OF 2011

Alexandra Dannehl is studying applied mathematics at The University of New Hampshire and just received the Smart Scholarship. She has lined up an internship for the summer of 2014 with the Department of Defense, as well as a job once she graduates.

### CLASS OF 2012

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Michael-Daniel Richards was named to the Dean's List at Champlain College for the fall semester.

Julia Casselbury transferred from Boston College to The College of William & Mary. In women's tennis there, she posted six singles wins and advanced to the finals of the A-2 singles flight at the Elon Falls Invitational.

### CLASS OF 2013

Mary Frances Gallagher received her second AP Scholar with Distinction award and has been named a National AP Scholar. She is attending Brown University.

Alison Charles was named to the Dean's List at Penn State University for the fall semester 2013.

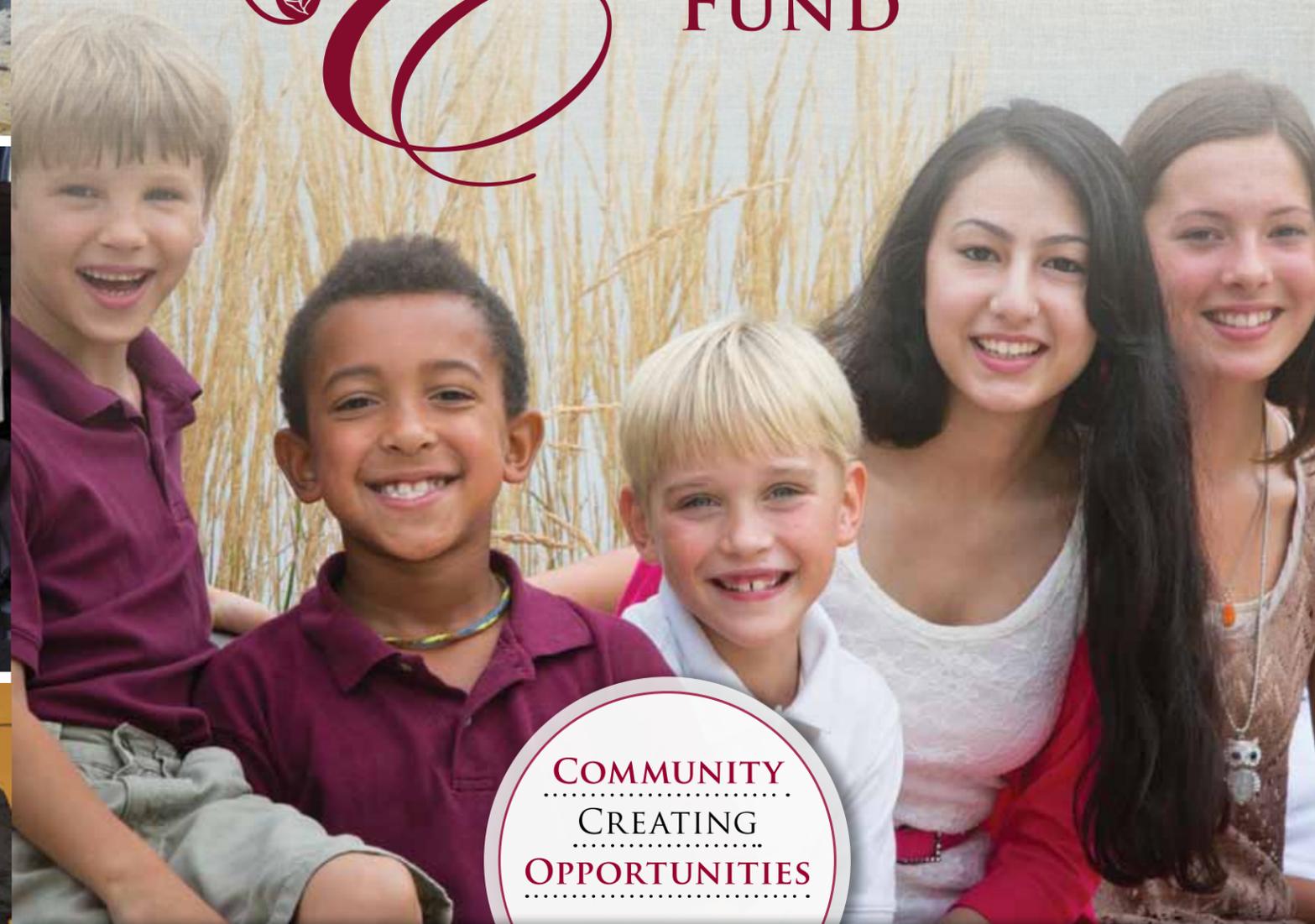
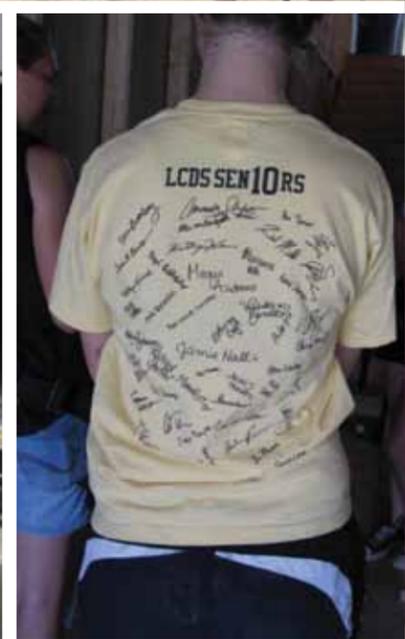


### 12 | WOLF

In January, Teddy Wolf '12 helped prepare LCDS mock trial students for their upcoming trials. He was a mock trial student during his time at LCDS.



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LCDS began its work with the group in 2001, partnering with homeowner Greta Wiegand to build her home. In addition to student volunteering, the school has also consistently raised both funds and awareness for the organization. Said Habitat for Humanity, "Through service learning projects, the annual Race for Home, the Ice Festival and starting its own Upper School Habitat For Humanity Club, the school's commitment to service and community is exemplary."



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– Ami Landis, Parent and Chair of the 2013-2014 Excellence Fund

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– Todd Trout, Faculty Member and Parent

"I give annually to the Excellence Fund because someone was there supporting me when I received the best possible education at Country Day. It's my turn to give back to a quality institution and our future leaders who count on our support."

– Tony Spleen '82, Alumnus



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