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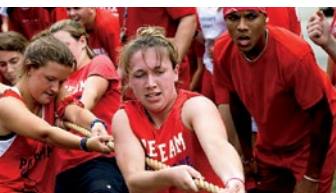
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Dear Potomac Community,

When I wrote last year of my plans to retire as Head of School, I spoke of my first tour of Potomac's campus, guided by beloved teacher and administrator Nora Mancha. The natural wonder of the fields, hills and woodland trails left me filled with awe. The commitment to experiential learning and excellence was apparent and striking. The importance of community was palpable.

In the 13 years since that first walkabout, I have affirmed repeatedly that I have one of the best roles in education. Although I served previously at excellent schools, no service has been as rewarding as my years here. And as I prepare to leave Potomac in June, I observe a great and dynamic school on a continuing trajectory of growth. I am honored to have led the School during a transformative period, and I am proud of the work we have done together. We have grown

much during this time, and those constants we have valued throughout our 100-plus years of history — generosity of spirit, character and civic engagement — are the strengths that give us such great promise.

We are an extraordinary, diverse learning community enriched by the systematic exploration of “big ideas” and the power of interpersonal attunement and collaboration in the pursuit

of excellence. We are justifiably proud of our students, our faculty, and our family of parents, alumni and friends. The community-wide commitment to our mission, the care we show for one another, and the shared passion for our students and their future combine to create an ethos unmatched by any other school with which I have been affiliated. In fact, I believe this spirit is unique to Potomac. It remains with us for the rest of our lives.

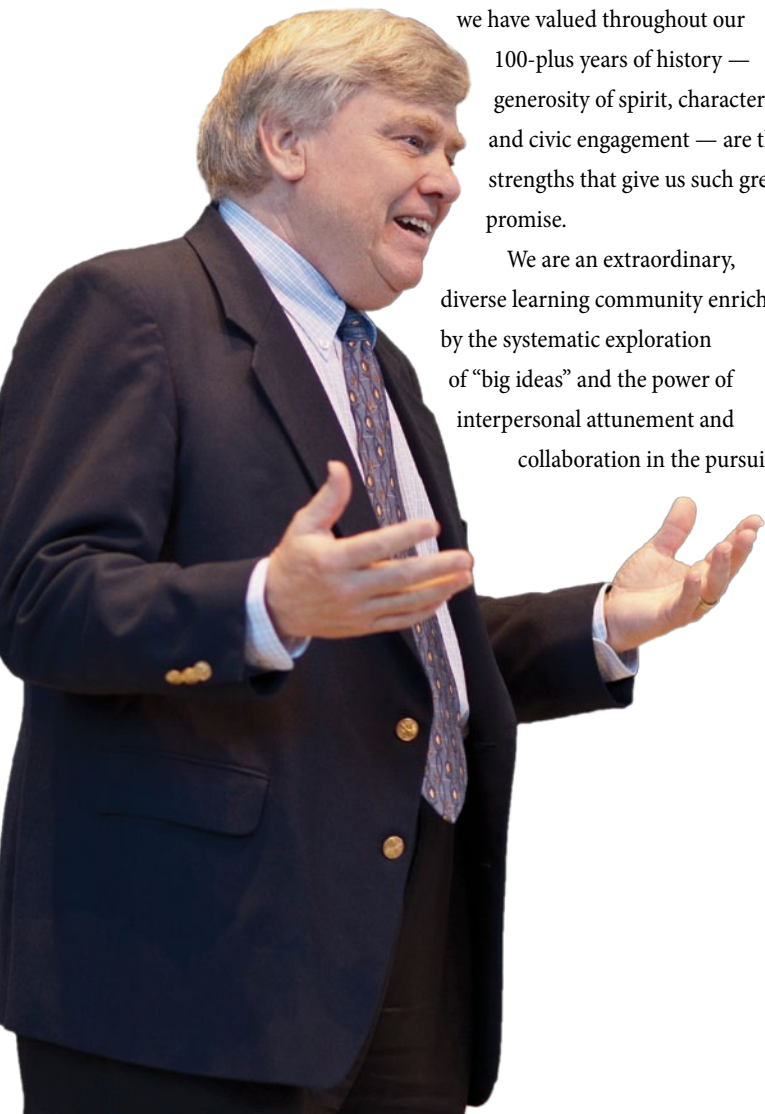
Carol and I treasure most the wonderful people — students, alumni, colleagues, families, trustees and friends — we have come to know through our years at Potomac. I am extraordinarily privileged to have partnered with many, many people to achieve significant milestones over the last decade. I am honored by the unflagging support throughout my tenure. There are really no words adequate to fully express my appreciation.

I once heard an alum remark, “You never really leave Potomac.” I am not so much leaving Potomac as taking Potomac with me as I consider new ways to contribute to learning and community.

My best wishes and my thanks,



Geoffrey Jones



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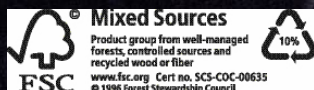
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and as though magically timed, a hush
broken by roars of sheer delight."

—Sheila O'Marah, "The Art of Transition," Page 12



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AN ERA OF Unprecedented Growth and Development

**After 13 Years of Visionary Leadership,
We Bid Farewell to Head of School Geoff Jones**

Introduction by Bill Cook, Assistant Head of School for Academics

Geff Jones' leadership of The Potomac School over the last 13 years resulted in an era of unprecedented growth and development in every aspect of School life. During his tenure, the "walk of life" educational vision went from a dream to a reality on a long pathway uniting the campus's architectural and outdoor spaces in a seamless whole from the kindergarten through the Upper School. These physical changes were mirrored by an increasingly dynamic spirit of unity between the School's four divisions, creating a more sophisticated, integrated and well-articulated curriculum. Throughout these changes, Mr. Jones has been a uniquely self-effacing leader. Though tireless and resolute in his pursuit of the School's mission, he has been absolutely selfless in his style, always preferring to empower others rather than occupy center stage. His iron-willed determination to pursue the School's mission has been an inspiration to everyone who has worked with him.



Broadened range of curricular offerings in Upper School.

Graduates have attended 150 different colleges and universities since 2005.

Completed construction of new Upper School in fall 2006.

The Past
13 Years





Improved technology integration, bringing wireless infrastructure and access to every classroom and office.

Redesigned math curriculum grades 5-10.

Introduced science and engineering program (SERC) for Upper School students to pursue in-depth study and research.

Opened new Lower School in Fall 2009.



An Interview with Head of School Geoff Jones

Q: What was Potomac like when you first arrived in the fall of 2000?

A: Potomac was a school that was growing, and that wanted and needed to grow. With the relatively recent addition of the Upper School, it was clear to the community that if you're good and you want to be great, you've got to continue to grow. That is who we are.

There was still the idea that each division had its own unique strength and added something very special to the School. But at the same time, we knew we had the opportunity to integrate the K-12 experience. Many schools, even K-12 schools, don't have the chance to do that because they're not together on one campus or because of the admissions practices and patterns. One-third of our students join us as kindergartners and first-graders, and there is a strong expectation they're going to stay in the School for a long time. So we were excited to explore and develop the K-12 experience.

Q: What are some ways in which you've seen Potomac grow and change?

A: We've come to know a lot about cognition over the past decade. We understand so much more about different learning styles and how the mind works, and we are able to put that understanding into practice in the classroom. An example of that is the change in the language program. For years Potomac did not offer foreign language before the seventh grade. The more we began to understand how the mind works and how children learn, we came to the realization that learning another language, particularly during the Middle School years, really promotes a higher level of functioning across all of the disciplines.

Q: How has technology changed things?

A: Changes brought on by rapidly changing technologies impact every aspect of our daily lives, and this includes the ways in which we learn. All of us have had to become better and more sophisticated at how we communicate, access information and engage with each other in a more collaborative way. Of course, this means that we have to be developing new skills and upgrading our existing understandings all the time; this is the premise of lifelong learning. Learning from and with each other across the Web adds meaning and perspective while fostering creative and generative thinking in a way that was impossible just a decade ago.

A variety of technology tools and applications enrich our learning environment across all of the academic disciplines. This has enhanced and transformed learning through such resources as



Placed highest focus on professional growth for faculty and staff.

Second place finish three years in a row at North American VEX Robotics Championship; first and second place in 2012.

Added nine adjoining acres to campus.

Virginia State Debate Champion 2008, State Co-Champions 2009, first place at Washington Area Catholic Forensic Finals 2010.





mobile, multimedia labs that allow students to direct, edit and publish video to a broad audience with a device that can fit into a pocket. Students can blend math and science data with graphic design to create visuals that have become the data equivalent of the age-old saying “a picture is worth a thousand words.” Students can solve real-world problems with tactile tools like robotics and sensors, and they can access a wide array of real-time resources from around the world.

Technology is changing and will continue to change the fundamental nature of schooling. This is an historic time to be in education, and Potomac is excited to be a leader in this transformation.

Q: As we’ve expanded our enrollment, we’ve also added more teachers. Are there particular qualities that describe Potomac teachers?

A: Inspired teaching is the norm at Potomac and a natural result of the outstanding talent of the teachers we recruit and the School’s commitment to professional development. Modeling for students the importance of lifelong learning, our faculty members are constantly exploring ways to expand their expertise and develop their craft. Potomac provides teachers with myriad opportunities for professional development that enrich the intellectual life of the

Vision takes imagination. Follow-through takes courage. Over his 13-year tenure at Potomac, Geoff has exhibited both virtues. What he has accomplished is nothing short of stunning. Walter Lippmann observed that “the final test of a leader is that he leaves behind in other men [and women] the conviction and the will to carry on.” By every measure, Geoff has led well. Those he leaves have conviction, will and a robust enthusiasm for continuing to grow. Quite a fine legacy, I would venture!

— Sheila O’Marah, Dean of Faculty and Upper School English Teacher

Geoff has seized opportunities and tackled challenges in steadfast pursuit of our mission with vision, wisdom and grace. But what I will remember most about Geoff is the glimmer in his eye and the gentle smile on his face when he told stories about Potomac students, ranging from academic and athletic successes to an encounter with a second grader in a hallway that morning, for he never forgot it was ultimately all about our kids.

— Larry Culp, Chair of the Board of Trustees

Geoff Jones is an extraordinary educator. As our Head of School, he has led our institution and our community with vision, rigor and grace. We have been privileged to have Geoff and Carol as our friends. Eight members of our family have attended Potomac — our five children and now three of our grandchildren. The Potomac that Geoff nurtured and enhanced has been a wonderful blessing to our family and to independent school education. Thank you, Geoff!

— Bobbie and Bill Kilberg, Parents of Alumni and Current Grandparents

Mr. Jones has had a tremendous presence on our campus. Every member of the Potomac community is very familiar with him because he has attended and supported every major campus event, from concerts to assemblies. I vividly remember seeing him on the sidelines during football games, cheering our team and fostering support. My class, the great Class of 2013, arrived at Potomac the same year as Mr. Jones, and later this year we will depart with him. From the beginning, we were lucky to have you, Mr. Jones.

— Jack O’Brien, Senior

Dedicated new Turf Field in fall 2010.

Increased enrollment from 875 (2006) to 1015 (2012).

17 ISL and 33 MAC championship teams, 10 Mid-Atlantic Squash Championships and 7 State championships.

Restructured every aspect of our business operations, balancing budgets annually since 2002.



School and spark contagious enthusiasm for the art of teaching. By aligning School enrichment initiatives with their own professional goals, Potomac teachers exemplify the love of learning that is at the heart of the Potomac community.

Over the last decade as we have learned more about the development of the mind, we have been able to improve and refine the science of teaching. But part of that science confirms that teaching is also an art. Teaching is professional, but also very personal. The ideas in a work of literature, the logic in an equation, the observation in a laboratory are important content. But, for the true transfer of knowledge to take place, the teacher must derive joy from and inspire joy through the act of teaching and connecting with his or her students; all are learning and growing together.

Q: What do you consider your greatest achievement?

A: My role as an educator and leader has been to pilot and guide the extended School community on the journey toward excellence. Passion for my own and the community's continuous growth and learning drive my work. Every day I seek new opportunities to connect with people and ideas, build knowledge and skills, and work toward both specific and visionary goals. My work is to create the spirit of companionship and trust necessary to motivate growth and bring thoughtful resolution to the challenges and complexities that come naturally with progress. I am ever thankful to be a part of this exemplary learning community.

Q: You've been a big proponent of diversified leadership — giving people the autonomy to think creatively and supporting faculty who want to run with new ideas.

A: Day by day we are sustained and grow through the energy and ideas that are generated by the students, faculty, staff, administrators, parents and alumni who constantly engage each other in rich dialog and action. They form teams, committees, clubs, task forces, etc., that lead in a particular area or initiative and become incubators for spinning out individual leaders who develop an important voice. One of the greatest joys in our work in education is to see and honor every individual's emerging voice.



Q: Where do you think we stand on diversity these days?

A: I do not think diversity is something we can achieve in the sense that you can say, "We are diverse." As we say in our Mission Statement, a learning community is intellectually and morally strengthened when many different voices, viewpoints and backgrounds are engaged. Diversity and inclusion are essential as we learn to communicate effectively and to develop and maintain productive, interdependent and respectful relationships. The foundation for higher learning is based on these kinds of relationships.

I think we have made real progress in our understanding of the ideas of inclusivity and engagement. And we have made progress in recognizing that there is always the potential for tensions and difficulties. We are committed to developing skills to work our way through whatever challenges we encounter. Most fundamentally, we recognize the importance of developing respectful ways to understand and regard divergent perspectives and points of view.

Q: What do you wish for Potomac's future?

A: I am confident that Potomac will continue its search for excellence, that it won't become complacent in that process. We are, of course, a learning laboratory. We want to learn from best practices and research. We want to learn from our own experience. We want to learn from each other. The world is changing; it's a dynamic place. We, too, must be dynamic. ♦

Dramatically increased ridership of transportation system; initiated shuttle service.



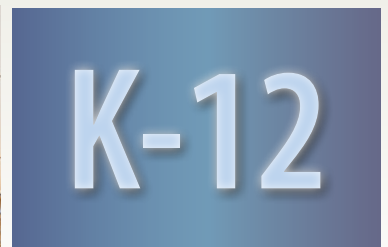
Constructed Flag Circle Building to house administrative offices in 2012.



Increased focus on a diversity program that addresses engagement and provides skills for resolving conflict.



Established curriculum mapping and Understanding by Design, a framework for integrating study and evaluating learning across all four divisions.





Holly Green Gordon '86
Wants to Change
the World with the
Film *Girl Rising*

Lights, Camera,

SOCIAL ACTION



Take a long look at these photographs. What do you see? A Cambodian girl with a book.

Girls in school uniforms in Haiti and Nepal. Holly Gordon '86 sees something more: a world revolution with the potential to diminish poverty, child mortality, disease, corruption... Educating girls in developing countries, says Holly, is not just good for girls, it's good for everyone. And that's the point of *Girl Rising*, the film at the center of the social action campaign 10X10: Educate Girls, Change the World, for which Holly serves as Executive Director and Executive Producer.

A movie that aims to change the world demands a new kind of publicity, and that's where Holly comes in. "Instead of making a film and then building a campaign right before the film's release, we decided to turn that model on its head," says Holly. She and the film's policy, non-profit and corporate partners started planning their promotional strategy before there was even a film to promote, with the goal of garnering 1 billion media impressions and inspiring 1 million actions in support of girls.





Holly Green Gordon '86 at the 2013 Sundance Film Festival, where the official trailer for *Girl Rising* premiered

Three Things I Learned at Potomac

- 1. Work Hard.** "Mrs. Imogen Rose taught me about hard work. Even the hardest Latin assignment — you just have to get through it. You might not always get it right, but you've got to keep trying. Her level of expectation was really, really high. When I say this project [the 10X10 Campaign] is hard, it's hard the way Latin was hard. It's *really* hard."
- 2. Get Together.** "Gathering of the community is a very powerful act. One of my best memories of Potomac is the assemblies. 'No man is an island, entire of itself. Each is a piece of the continent, a part of the main.' We used to memorize poems [like this one] and perform them at assemblies. If you think about the model of *Girl Rising*, it's about taking tools and information and gathering with your community and sharing them."
- 3. Give Back.** "Getting a great education means you have a responsibility to the community around you. There was always that subtext at Potomac: we were being launched into life with an incredible education. We need to use that to better society."

Part of their approach is to spread a feeling of ownership as far as it will reach. Sure, the film has a single director, Academy-Award-nominated Richard Robbins. But it has 10 writers and 10 stars (all women from developing countries). And if you saw the film when it debuted in March, you saw it because one of your neighbors elected to bring it to your community. When it airs on CNN in early summer as the first documentary acquired by CNN Films, it will reach and hopefully engage an even wider audience. Bringing the campaign to scale has been one of the hardest things Holly has ever done. But it's been worth it. Why? Because the stakes are high — and rising.

The following is a condensed transcript of a phone interview with Holly.

- **My parents told me I could be anything I wanted to be**, and they made a lot of sacrifices for me to have the kind of education that I had. Discrimination against women and girls doesn't make sense to me: it's not good for anyone.
- **I'll tell you about the story of Suma.** Suma is from Nepal, and at the age of six she was sold into slavery in a practice called *Kamalari*. For six years she labored in houses far away from her parents and was traded three different times. Ultimately she was rescued and later educated. It was during that time in the education program that she realized that *Kamalari* was slavery and that slavery was wrong.
- One of the things that I found most moving is that when Suma journeyed home after she had been freed from her final master's house, she could no

longer speak the local dialect that her parents spoke. She had been away for so long that she could no longer communicate with her parents. 🙏 Today she is in school and thriving. She has dedicated herself to ending *Kamalari* in her community and the communities around her. She is working with the organization that first rescued her, and she is fighting to make sure that no girl or boy suffers the same kind of experience that she did.

► **It all goes back to poverty.** If you're in a desperate situation, you have to make decisions about your resources. Very often parents who send a child to labor in somebody else's house as a slave do so because they think that is what's best for her, that it will allow her the best opportunity to put food on her plate every night. It's a short-term solution that doesn't have long-term benefits.

► **Our goal is to follow the *Inconvenient Truth* model.** What was the offshoot of that? Hundreds and hundreds of organizations focused on climate change and changes in behavior. The reason it had that impact is because global prosperity and the hope of the world is at stake.

► **One thing I want to make clear** is that all of the girls in our film are extraordinary human beings, but what they've been through is actually quite ordinary. Their stories are emblematic of what millions of girls face. ♦

Four Ways to Make Change

Speak: Contact members of Congress and let them know it's time for change.

Go: Travel around the world and volunteer with girls.

Lead: If you are now or one day in a position of power, make policy decisions that will increase educational opportunities for girls around the world.

Share: Raise awareness through word of mouth and social media. Anyone with a pen or access to a computer can change a mind. And that, says Holly, is the first step to changing lives.

Educate Girls, Change the World

- When 10 percent more of its girls go to school, a country's GDP increases an average of 3 percent. (Council on Foreign Relations)
- When female farmers are educated, crop yields rise. (Food Policy)
- Educated mothers are 50 percent more likely to immunize their children. And when more girls are educated, a country's malnutrition and HIV rates decline. (UNGEI, the Council on Foreign Relations)



After 20 Years as a
Potomac Teacher and
Administrator, Mrs.
O'Marah Begins a
New Phase



The Art of Transition

By Sheila O'Marah,
Dean of Faculty and Upper
School English Teacher

The word “transition” suggests a gentle pace of moving in a different direction. Maybe today, maybe tomorrow, maybe some time in the future. But not right now.

By contrast, change — the word itself — is a blunt instrument. There is no escaping the explicit or the implicit.

Social scientists tell us that after death and public speaking, change most unsettles — if not alarms — us. There is an irony here, as change is dynamic, where stasis is stagnant. And yet, we resist

change. And I am no different. However, so I do not appear too timid and resistant, let me say that change on the scale of leaving Potomac would unsettle the most rational of beings.

Metaphorically, I am relinquishing what for 20 years has been my middle name: Potomac. What's in a name? Well, quite a bit: connection, legacy, identity, shared values, among other things. I have lived and delighted in my middle name.

We all know the story of the little boy who whistled in the graveyard in an



attempt to reassure himself. My “whistle” is this mantra: Change is dynamic. Change is dynamic. But it is difficult muffling the sound of competing thoughts: This (fill in the blank) is my last...opening assembly with the kindergartners escorting the Lifers into Chester; the ritual of the homecoming bonfire, brilliant orange torches glowing against the darkened sky, and as though magically timed, a hush broken by roars of sheer delight. These are the last performances, athletic contests, student and faculty art shows, and so on.

Time left with splendid students, spectacular colleagues, fine and generous parents shrinks a bit every day. The sand is beginning to rush.

In this state of change, or transition, to use the gentler term, I think it wise to remind myself of the dynamism I mentioned that accompanies change. Transition invites self-examination. In fact, it demands self-examination. It is a time to address hovering thoughts left hanging because the known is so comfortable: it would be fun to...I would like to

pursue...I never finished what I began so long ago...am I living the life I had hoped to live? Transition offers the opportunity to change the lens and thereby see new adventures and possibilities, opportunities and relationships.

Transition opens out. Through the process of transition we become cartographers mapping horizons beyond our present scope. ♦

Mrs. O'Marah will be returning to Boston to live near her family.



Figure of Speech

Through Distance Learning, Clay Whitehead '98
Brings Speech Therapy Closer to Home

For many, the term “speech therapy” summons the sound of a stutter. But to Clay Whitehead '98 and the 3.5 million children who receive speech therapy each year, it's about so much more. “This is fundamentally about how you communicate with the world around you,” says Clay. That's why he and his four-year-old company, PresenceLearning, are dedicated to connecting children with speech therapists around the country. What's different about PresenceLearning? It's online. And study after study shows that this new approach really works. Clay says, “Our students are actually beating the national averages in terms of outcomes.”

Known formally as speech-language pathologists, speech therapists address not only speaking but reading, writing and hearing. Needless to say, difficulty in any of these areas can seriously affect a student's academic and social progress. “It's very isolating,” says Clay. “These are children who are afraid to hold up their hands in class or speak around their peers.”

Finding the right therapist to address a child's specific needs is critical. Yet until now geographic location has severely limited the matchmaking process. Through PresenceLearning, parents can now connect their children with exactly the right specialist, while also eliminating travel time and reducing costs to overstretched school budgets. What's more, live video chats are particularly appealing to digital natives, with therapy sessions seeming more like video games — but with a

personal touch. “We hear stories about kids getting up to hug the computer monitor goodbye.”

With degrees from Princeton and Stanford, and now a successful company doing business in 22 states, Clay might strike you as someone who has breezed through life with luck and intellect always on his side. But you would be mistaken. In kindergarten at Potomac, Clay remembers carefully tracing the letters for “aardvark” in his alphabet book, only to notice that his classmates had already moved on to words like “X-ray,” “yak” and “zebra.” It was the first sign of a learning disability.

“People think of special needs as uncommon,” says Clay. “One of the things we see every day is that special needs are in many ways the most common needs.” Unfortunately, in the 1980s when Clay first discovered his trouble with reading, learning disabilities were misunderstood at best. He left Potomac briefly to attend a school specializing in such challenges. In fourth grade, Potomac welcomed him back, along with a new friend: technology.

“They made some accommodations for me to have a computer in the classroom, which wasn't too common at the time,” says Clay. “That's really how I learned to read and write.”

Clay's bright-sided nature leads him to believe that his difficulties with learning actually worked to his advantage. “Having a learning disability means you're always being taught to think differently, which has been helpful in my career.” Complementary to that, says Clay, was Potomac's

culture of encouraging students to “take initiative and lead in any way you can. There was no one saying, ‘No, you can't do that.’”

So when Clay and PresenceLearning co-founder Jack Lynch saw an opportunity to improve special education through online technologies, they thought, *we can do that*. Pursuing that opportunity has allowed Clay to focus on what he calls a double bottom line: growing a successful business and

“Having a learning disability means you're always being taught to think differently, which has been helpful in my career.”

helping others. The latter of which, Clay says, is central to the Potomac ethos, “both the sense of responsibility for the larger world and the culture of actively doing things to improve the world around you.”

Beyond speech therapy, PresenceLearning has expanded to include occupational therapy and will continue to explore other areas of special education, always with the mission of making the best technology available to the best clinicians, therapists and teachers. “Education is fundamentally about people,” says Clay. “What technology does best is play a supporting role in helping great teachers to help students achieve their goals.” ♦

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Career-Changer Monique Péan '99 Is Changing the Luxury Jewelry Industry

After transforming herself from Wall Street broker working at Goldman Sachs to jewelry designer in 2006, Monique Péan set about transforming the luxury jewelry industry. Her striking, nature-inspired designs and her use of sustainable, unusual materials (e.g., fossilized wooly mammoth and dinosaur bone) have garnered press attention most designers only dream of. Monique and her designs have been featured in, among others, *Vogue*, *Marie Claire*, *Vanity Fair*, *Forbes*, the *Wall Street Journal* and the *New York Times*, and she was named one of *Oprah Magazine*'s "Ten Women on the Rise" and "One to Watch" in *Fortune Magazine*'s "40 Under 40" in 2010. More importantly, her success has proven that high-end doesn't have to mean high-impact. Monique and her collections are inspiring fashion-conscious designers and icons (First Lady Michelle Obama wears her designs) to reduce their environmental footprint, one fossilized walrus tusk bracelet at a time.

THE TERM: Tell us about your decision to change careers not long after your sister, Vanessa '07, tragically passed away. How does her memory influence your work today?

MONIQUE PÉAN: By the age of 16, my sister, Vanessa Péan, a Potomac high school student, had visited Haiti and, recognizing the need for improved conditions for children, set up a foundation to fund scholarships at a high school there. She had such a passion for helping others, and I wanted to become more involved in philanthropic activities. I have always been passionate

about art and design, so starting my own sustainable jewelry line was a natural way to express my creative side while also having a positive social impact.

What was the biggest hurdle you had to overcome in growing your business from a start-up to a very successful brand?

When I began designing jewelry, there were very few sustainable fashion lines. Sustainability wasn't closely associated with luxury. Since then, the green movement has definitely made strides in the fashion world, and eco-friendly and sustainable options are becoming more readily accessible.

How significant is the environmental impact of high-end jewelry?

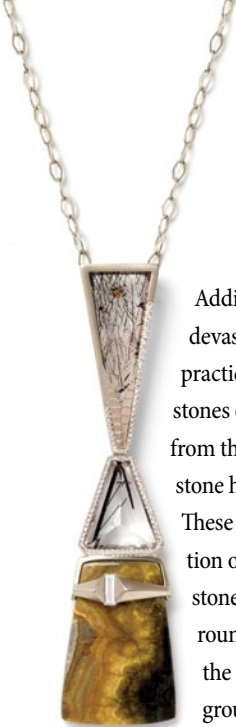
Gold mining is an environmentally destructive process that releases cyanide, lead and mercury into local water sources. Mining enough gold for one wedding band can produce over 20 tons of waste, and there is already enough gold available to last the jewelry industry for the next 50 years.

In an effort to limit the significant ecological damage and human toll caused by gold mining procedures and reduce the demand for the mining process, I use only 18-carat recycled gold and recycled platinum in my pieces. The recycled gold and platinum are identical in quality to their newly mined equivalents and come from a number of different sources, including existing jewelry.



Photos provided by MONIQUE PÉAN.





Additionally, I utilize fair trade and conflict- and devastation-free stones to promote fair business practices and sustainability. What makes fair trade stones coveted is that they are closely tracked from the mines to the market to ensure that every stone has been handled according to strict protocols. These protocols include environmental protection of the mining sites, fair labor practices at the stone-cutting factories, and protection of the surrounding area where the stones are mined to reduce the impact on wildlife, streams, watersheds and groundwater.

You've used fossilized woolly mammoth and fossilized walrus ivory in your collections. How are they harvested and what do you like about them?

Seven years ago, I packed my warmest clothing and chartered a plane from Gnome to Shishmaref, just south of the Arctic Circle, where I traveled by dog sled to the local village. I spent time with Alaskan Native subsistence hunters and experienced their environment, including the melting glaciers and the erosion problems that they are facing. Fossilized materials, including fossilized woolly mammoth, are floating to the surface as the ice melts, and the fossils are gathered by the local native artisans. Artisans showed me these amazing fossilized materials that are thousands of years old with vivid color patterns due to the mineralization process.

I am fascinated by the unique qualities of fossilized woolly mammoth and fossilized walrus ivory. The minerals in the earth and in the ocean change the color of the ivory over tens of thousands of years, creating one-of-a-kind rare hues. The more color that appears in a fossil, the more rare it is.

Why do you make a point of working with indigenous artists to create your designs?

My father worked in [international] development when I was growing up, and when my family traveled to the regions that he worked in, my parents always made sure that we learned about and were exposed to local indigenous cultures. I have always been inspired by native art and culture. Learning about Alaskan art, I was inspired to visit the Arctic Circle and work directly with the artists. I wanted to experience their environment firsthand and incorporate their culture into my designs. After working with Alaskan Natives, I saw opportunities to work with other indigenous groups around the world, and these relationships have become an instrumental aspect of my business. I now work with artisans in

over 10 countries including Guatemala, Peru, French Polynesia, Colombia, Brazil and the Philippines.

How do you choose which charities to support with proceeds from your jewelry?

When I first learned that almost 1 billion people in the world do not have access to clean drinking water and that diseases related to dirty water and lack of sanitation kill more people annually than all forms of violence, I felt compelled to help address the water crisis. "Charity: water" is an inspiring organization that works to provide clean drinking water to impoverished communities around the world, and they have been my main philanthropic partner. While my philanthropic work tends to focus on the water crisis and international development, there are so many great causes, and I am constantly on the lookout for organizations to support.

How did Potomac prepare you for the work you're doing now?

Potomac provided me with a great educational foundation in an intellectually stimulating environment that was crucial to my development. Most importantly, Potomac instilled in me a desire to learn, which has never gone away and continues to drive me forward from a personal and professional standpoint.

Tell us about your latest collection.

My latest collection, K'ATUN, was inspired by my most recent visit to Mayan archaeological sites throughout Guatemala. While I was there, I saw the Mayan pyramids of Tikal, which were monumental. The collection's name, K'ATUN, denotes a unit of time in the Mayan calendar and references my interest in the life cycles of nature. When I examined the system of the Mayan calendar, the theme of repeating symbols and shapes also emerged. I approached the design process from an architectural perspective, exploring compounding shapes and structures. I am also very excited about this collection as it is my first in which I have incorporated fossilized dinosaur bone and Guatemalan jade.

Besides minimizing your environmental footprint and hopefully influencing other designers to do the same, you seem to be changing the definition of what is precious and beautiful. Is that one of your goals?

Absolutely. I would love for people to view my pieces as art, history, nature, luxury and fashion all in one. I aim to create pieces of wearable art that can be passed down for generations. ♦



Potomac's beloved and iconic
black gum "Swing Tree"



Our Remarkable Trees

Through Decades of Change, Potomac's Leafy and Coniferous Sentinels Endure



The black gum (also known as black tupelo) of the Gum Tree Field

Students, parents and teachers come and go. Even our buildings renew and reposition. But Potomac's trees grow through the generations; they are, in one sense, our history. Potomac alumni and students alike fondly revere the beautiful and iconic trees across our campus — from the Swing Tree, to the Gum Tree, to the hollies in our courtyards, to the saplings in the nursery.

And rightly so. According to Jeff Kirwan, Emeritus Professor

of Forestry at Virginia Tech and author of *Remarkable Trees of Virginia*, Potomac's black gum (sentinel of the Gum Tree Field), is "the most beautiful specimen I've seen anywhere." It's also the second largest black gum in the state, measuring 85 feet tall, with branches spanning about 110 feet and a trunk more than 14 feet in circumference. Potomac boasts another magnificent black gum, the beloved Swing Tree. A third specimen overlooking the football field (former lower field) died

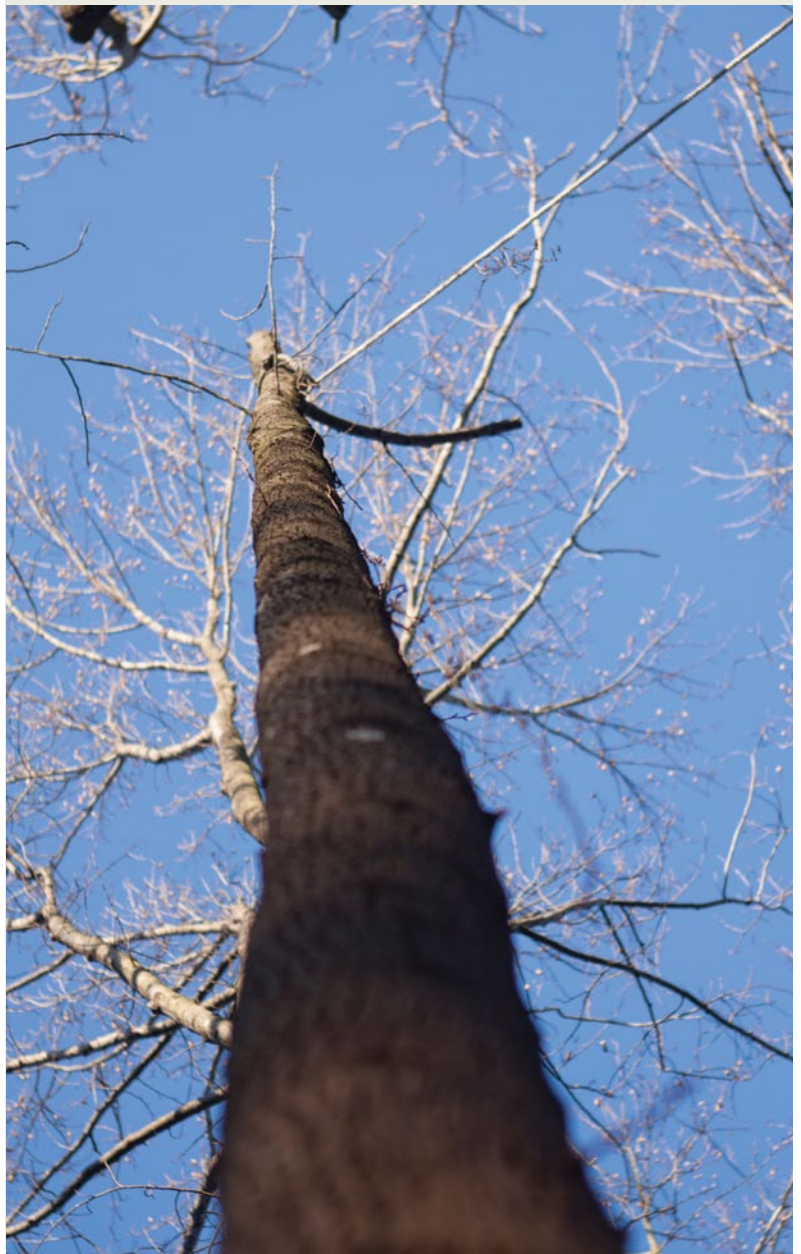


and was replaced by alumni at Reunion 2011.

Kirwan prefers the moniker black tupelo, the original name bestowed by Native Americans, for these long-living masterpieces of nature. “These black gum trees can live up to 600 years if well cared for,” Kirwan said. There is no way to tell the age of Potomac’s trees without cutting them down, but Kirwan says the tupelo at the Gum Tree Field is

Harvesting the New Maypole

It was a day to be celebrated and remembered, probably forever. Alumni joined Middle School students and teachers in the early morning fog of January 29 for the harvesting of the new Maypole. Following a Middle School music teacher (Mr. “Pied Piper” Nadel), singing away to favorite May Day songs, the large troupe snaked its way into the woods where a beautiful but terminally injured tulip poplar awaited. Environmental Sustainability Coordinator Bern Hoffmann ’86 first cut a wedge from the trunk and then started chopping. The students yelled — what else? — “Tim...ber!” and the poplar fell just as Environmental Studies Coordinator Albert Pingree ’00 had planned. The tree was then hauled back to School for drying and preparation for its big debut on May Day, April 26.



certainly older than our 109-year-old School.

Another important campus specimen is the European larch found in Head of School Geoff Jones' back yard, a tree native to Europe, planted by a previous Headmaster. There are actually two of these larch trees, side-by-side, registering second and third largest in the state of Virginia. These two are examples of deciduous conifers that lose their needles in winter.

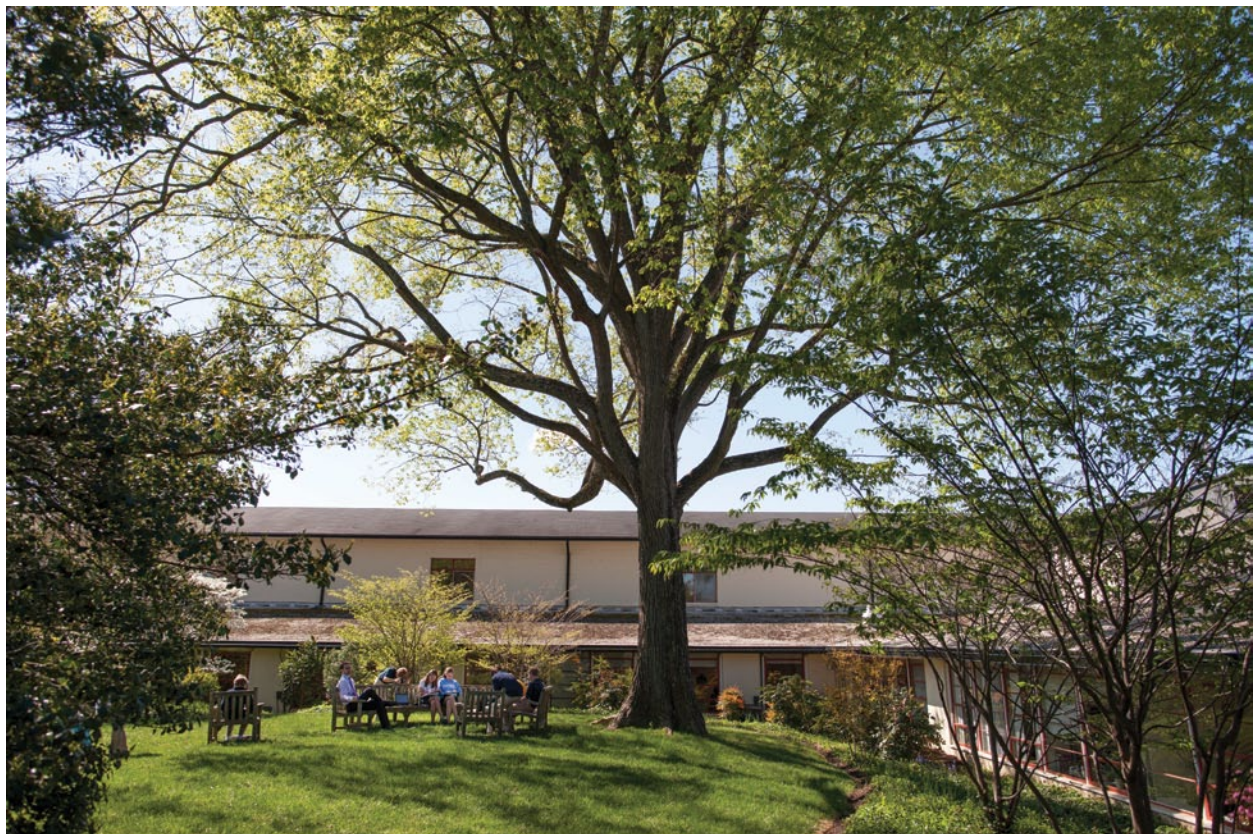
While not technically "important" trees, the two massive American hollies in the Pingree Garden and the Holly Tree Square are impressive for their size and beauty. The state of Virginia is blessed with two national champion hollies, located in Alexandria and Hampton Roads.

Tree conservation is an important focus of our campus sustainability and environmental education initiatives.

Potomac seventh graders participate in an "adopt-a-tree" program, with each student tracking a specific tree for a full school year, making detailed observations about its leaves, fruit, bark, habitat and other factors, and recording the data in narrative and numerical form. Students pay close attention to the tree's growth and health, and even write a first-person story from the perspective of this tree they have observed so well. ♦

Right: Virginia's second and third largest European Larch trees grow in the back yard of the Head of School's residence.

Below: Our amazingly healthy American Elm adorns the Pingree Garden.



Potomac Has a New Website

May we suggest a point of entry?



www.potomacschool.org/voices

Eighteen teacher, student and parent bloggers
share their stories.



Shift, Shuffle, Settle

By Emily Hoechst, Potomac Parent

Emily is the mother of Grant (grade 11) and Stephanie (grade 8). She teaches political philosophy at Georgetown University and writes a blog for the redesigned Potomac School website at: www.potomacschool.org/voices/emily.

“Change is the only constant.”

— Heraclitus

As parents, we are used to marking the changes in our children as they grow. When they are babies, these changes are fast and frequent. As they get older, the changes spread out but seem more substantial — first preschool, then “real” school, then activities. (Swimming was a biggie; I remember fearing my kids would sink to the bottom like pudgy pink stones.) In between the milestones there are long stretches of ordinary days, punctuated by a few vacations, a few fevers, but (if we are lucky) no major catastrophes. Sure, there’s a broken arm here, a tooth knocked out there, disappointment over a game lost or a friend who moves away, but the hours, days and months move inexorably forward. When our kids were 7 and 9, high school and college seemed impossibly remote. First there were table manners and multiplication tables to master.

The constant changes made me crave the security of a routine, which remained frustratingly elusive. Just when it seemed I had gotten a handle on how to structure a good day, things would change. Having made

my peace with cooking dinner every night for the whole family, (the research having shown this was the only sure way to keep my kids from becoming druggies or dropouts), suddenly our son is in the school play, with rehearsals twice a week until 7:00 pm, or our daughter's basketball team draws the 8:00 pm practice slot on Thursdays. Shift, shuffle, settle. Having grown to treasure unstructured Saturdays after the overscheduled weekdays, suddenly one child or the other (or both) is committed for an entire weekend at orchestra rehearsal or an art workshop or a lacrosse tournament. Shift, shuffle, settle. At the last minute, the playoff game that was to take place in Montgomery County gets switched to Manassas. On a Friday night at 5:00 pm. Shift, *cuss*, shuffle, settle.

Sensing that establishing a "routine" was probably futile, we abandoned our quest and decided our new mantra would be: "roll with it." Family schedules changed month to month, it seemed, and so too did the kids; almost overnight our sweet-cheeked boy became a full-blown teenage male, and our quiet and shy little girl woke up one day with gorgeous curls and a wicked sense of humor. Gone were the Legos, sticker books, *Arthur* on PBS, glitter nail polish and Beanie Babies; in their place came young adult novels, cell phones, video games, driving lessons and SAT prep courses. "Roll with it," my husband, Tim, and I say to each other, when the oldest brings the entire band over to rehearse in the basement, or our youngest goes away for a month to camp. We continue the pattern from when they were small: shift, shuffle, settle.

And then — wham! We realize our oldest is a junior in the Upper School, that he will be living in our house for another 18 months

and then moving out, and that three short years later his sister will follow.

Of all the changes the kids brought into our lives, this is one for which I feel the least prepared: at some point, first one and then the other will leave the nest, move out and move on, potentially forever. This parenting gig, which has consumed our days and nights for the last 16 years, turns out to be just a temporary assignment. Now, when the labor-intensive work is done and they are turning into really

interesting young adults who can make their own meals and are fun to be around, they up and leave. Parenting is unique in that, if you do it well, you work yourself right out of a job. As one of my favorite

authors Anna Quindlen wrote when two of her three kids were off to college, "I've been demoted to part-time work. Soon I will attain emerita status. This stinks."

Sure, they will always be our kids, but there is no getting around the fact that this phase is drawing to a close. I suspect no job, hobby or yoga class will even come close to demanding the time and energy I've put into the hardest — and most rewarding — work I've ever done. Quindlen walks into her sons' empty rooms and feels in them "the ghosts of my very best self." I'm starting to have that haunted feeling, too.

Time again to go back to what we know. Shift, shuffle, settle. ♦

Parenting is unique in that, if you do it well, you work yourself right out of a job.





THE POWER OF *Planning*

By Emerita Trustee Betsy Duff (Patrick '08 and Maggie '12)

For many of us, the phrase “charitable giving” brings to mind an incessant, impersonal stream of phone calls and direct mail from organizations with which we have a limited, if any, connection. As a result, we often give reactive, largely disengaged, gifts in an effort to silence these pleas for support.

Wouldn't you prefer to take a more proactive approach to your philanthropy and make meaningful, directed contributions that support the people and programs you know and care about most?

Planned, or legacy, giving may be the answer. Planned gifts can be made in lifetime or at death as part of your overall financial and/or estate plan. They articulate your charitable priorities through a longer-term approach to supporting the organizations you love. And planned gifts are a win-win for both the nonprofit beneficiary (such as The Potomac School), and for you, the donor.

Planned gifts — of any amount — offer flexibility in terms of the types of assets that can be donated. Cash, appreciated securities, real estate, artwork, partnership interests, personal property, life insurance or retirement plans are all good candidates for consideration — although some assets work better with some planned gifting structures than with others. Planned gifts can be designed to provide a range of financial benefits to the donor, including income tax benefits (such as income tax deductions or avoidance of capital gain recognition), estate tax benefits (such as moving residual values to heirs without estate tax), or both.

In many cases, legacy gifts enable donors to make larger gifts than they could make from their discretionary income, and may also alleviate concerns that a large charitable donation might impact the family's future financial security. An estate planning attorney can work with you to draft the appropriate documenta-

tion that serves to maximize the benefits and protect both you and the School. A tax advisor will help think through the tax issues. Members of Potomac's Development and Finance Offices are available to participate in your planning and will work with your tax and legal advisors to arrive at an optimal solution for your family.

A planned gift is seen as reflecting a lifetime charitable priority and a commitment to an organization whose impact on a family has been so great as to warrant this highest level of support and remembrance. Many planned gifts result in multi-generational

Perhaps the greatest benefit of a planned gift is the knowledge that your gift is certain to inspire others, generating a deeper, broader culture of giving throughout the Potomac community.

support for a nonprofit, with children hoping to continue the legacy of support begun by their parents. Such multi-generational donor loyalty is especially likely when the nonprofit is the children's *alma mater*. And perhaps the greatest benefit of a planned gift is the knowledge that your gift is certain to inspire others, generating a deeper, broader culture of giving throughout the Potomac community.

Please consider including The Potomac School in your charitable plans by making a legacy gift. The benefits to the donor are substantial, while the benefits to Potomac are immeasurable.

For more information about planned giving opportunities and membership in Potomac's Second Century Legacy Society, visit www.potomacschool.org or contact Potomac's Associate Director of Development, Jinene Christian, at (703) 749-6326 or jchristian@potomacschool.org.

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alumni activities

Potomac Panther

OCTOBER



New York Net@Night October 17

One-hundred-and-fifty alumni from five Washington-area independent schools gathered at the Bloomberg Tower in October to meet, network and enjoy a spectacular evening overlooking New York City. Kevin Sheekey, Georgetown Day School (GDS) alumnus and Chairman of Communications and Government Relations at Bloomberg L.P., spoke to the group about progress in New York's charter schools and positive changes throughout the city during both the Giuliani and Bloomberg administrations. Alumni from Potomac joined fellow New Yorkers from GDS, Sidwell Friends, Holton-Arms and Maret for this multi-school Net@Night event to encourage networking and career-building.



Alice Mackenzie '78, Rolf Grimsted '78



Lisa Shimamura '90, Mary Singer '02, Kate Buchanan '02, Richard Bennett '02, Liz Cheek '02, Ben Rose '00

OCTOBER



Scotch & Suits in Boston October 18

Drinks and conversation at men's clothing store Alton Lane drew more than 50 alumni. Special guests Sheila O'Marah, Alex Thomas and Tom Harding reconnected with alumni, sharing stories and catching up. Special thanks to our wonderful alumni host committee Jody Goehring '99 (VP of Operations at Alton Lane), Wendy Arundel '77, Vail Breed '98 and Jessica Ohly '98.



Jessica Andrus '98, Joanna Steckler Goldman '98, Melissa Deland '98, Vail Breed '98, Liesl Bradford '98, Jessica Ohly '98



Patrick Collins '03, Alex Thomas (faculty), John Gee '03, Stephen Serene '08



Caroline Feigert '08, John Gee '03, Charlie Sullivan '03, Patrick Collins '03, Stephen Serene '08



Emily Duncan '00, Jeremy White '91, Annie Harris Kettler '05



Fall Frolics October 20

One of Potomac's most beloved traditions, the 35th Annual Fall Frolics Carnival and Homecoming Football Game, brought out more than 150 alumni. The Alumni Hospitality Tent was a hot spot for reconnecting with friends and faculty and stocking up on spirit items. Alumni enjoyed food, fun, games, prizes and shopping at the Nearly New boutique and Potomac Bazaar. Many stayed for the Homecoming football game against the Avalon School. Thank you to the host committee: Annie Harris Kettler '05, Emily Duncan '00 and Jeremy White '92. Plus a special thanks to Rob Mathias '77 for being the voice of Fall Frolics, emceeing the festivities all day long.



Heather Wilson '96 and brother Jonathan Wilson '98 with daughter Hazel and wife Katy Johnson

DECEMBER



College Bowling Night December 20

Our alumni had a ball bowling with their buddies at the first Potomac Bowling Night for college-age students. Alumni from the classes of 2009–2012 reunited during their winter break to enjoy food, fun, friends and bowling at Lucky Strike in Chinatown, DC.

Photo right: Fiona Donovan '09, Doug Wackerle '09, Stuart Price '09, CeCe Conner '10, Margo Thronson '10, Tory McCaffrey '10, Lucy Gibson '11, Shivani Kochhar '10, Maggie Nelsen '10, Eliza Sherman '09, Isabelle Conner '09, Phillips Mitchell '09, Ryan O'Shea '09



JANUARY



Maypole Celebration January 29

Singing songs and remembering May Days past, alumni and past parents joined the Middle School in a ceremony to retire the current Maypole and harvest a new one. On page 21, read how Environmental Sustainability Coordinator Bern Hoffmann '86 and Environmental Studies Coordinator Albert Pingree '00 carefully selected and cut down the tree that will become the centerpiece of Potomac's most beloved tradition. We were joined by Greg and Susan Lewis, parents of Chris '98, Marc '02 and Trevor '06, who head the Washington Revels.



Alumni, past parents, Middle Schoolers and other Potomac community members make their way into the woods.



Greg Lewis, Elizabeth Sinclair '64, Susan Lewis



Bern Hoffmann '86, Albert Pingree '00

FEBRUARY



Net@Night Washington, DC February 6

For the second year in a row, Potomac and four other local independent schools hosted Net@Night in Washington, DC. Generational Guru Annie Lehr spoke with Potomac alumni and others from the DC consortium of local independent schools about bridging generational gaps in the workplace. More networking opportunities and career-oriented events are in the works. To get involved contact Laura Miller, Director of Alumni Relations, at lmiller@potomacschool.org.



Phyllida Spingarn Alcantar '61, Page Blankingship '72



Cate Rooney '08, Emma Rocks '08



Heather Wilson '96, Milly Hejtmanek '00



Nate Smith '99 and friend, Adam Smith '01, CJ Fahey '01, Evan Dannemiller '00, Kristin John, Steven John '01, Matt Kline '01



Alex Thomas (faculty), Chad McMahon '02, Kelly Greenwood '97, Rob Lee (faculty)



Connect the Coasts February 12-13

Faculty members Alex Thomas and Rob Lee joined the Alumni Office on a journey west to reconnect with alumni in San Francisco and Los Angeles. First stop: San Francisco. Alumni came together at Hotel Monaco for drinks, food and reminiscing. The next day we landed in LA, where more than 50 alumni from the classes of 1969 to 2005 gathered at the SLS Hotel to share stories from the past and present. Thank you to our host committees: San Francisco — Ryan O'Shea '09, Peter Prowitt '04, Rachel Dyke '03, Clay Whitehead '98 and Gary Hill '79; and LA — CJ Fahey '01, Matt Kline '01, Valerie Stempler '01, Danny Adrien '96, Clark Landry '95 and Eric Lodal '94. If you live on the West Coast, be sure to update your information so we can invite you to future events and so you can connect with classmates through the Potomac Alumni Mobile App.



Claudia Krieger-Myers '72, William Myers, Martha Soyster Hynes '69

FEBRUARY



Washington Caps Night February 21

Potomac alumni cheered the Washington Caps as they took on the New Jersey Devils. A large group of faculty including Rob Lee, Cas Blanchard and Terry Cummings, plus alumni, parents and students, met up for a pre-hockey party in the Verizon Center Clubhouse, then took their seats and rooted for the home team.



Robbie Shiver '06 of Monumental Sports & Entertainment worked with the Alumni Office to organize an evening with the Washington Caps.

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ALUMNI FALL GAMES



Alumni, current students and parents played a great game of soccer on a beautiful day. Coach Marcelo Valencia spent the day reconnecting with players and organizing the games. See our Potomac Panther Facebook page for more photos.



Top: Max Ausbrook '13 and Jimmie Guntle '05

Bottom: Jeff Diamond '07, Jeff Nichols '07, Jamie Beddow '07, Greg Namrow '07 and Aaron Kur '07

150-Plus Shoot, Score, Cheer and More

Our annual Alumni Fall Games on the day after Thanksgiving was a tremendous success, with terrific weather and throngs of post-Potomac, post-turkey alumni and alumni parents in attendance, not to mention an enthusiastic group of coaches, faculty, and current parents and students. We had a big turnout for squash; co-ed soccer was friendly but competitive, featuring alumni from the classes of 1973 to 2012; and the newly added touch football game was a hit. Alumnae and current students played a fun basketball game; we are calling for more women basketball players to come back next year. The annual boys basketball game was the day's final event, with the alumni team claiming a close victory.

In the evening, our 21-plus crowd headed to our annual After-Thanksgiving Alumni Night at George to catch up over drinks and watch athletic highlights videos.

Special thanks to:

Alumni Squash Captains: Justin Stilwell '05 and Charlie Lonaeus '07

Alumni Co-ed Soccer Captains: Andrew Warin '03, George Barsness '06 and Annie Harris Kettler '05

Alumni Flag Football Captains: Aaron Kur '07, Conor McNerney '11 and Patrick Duff '08

Alumni Boys Basketball Captains: Peter Prowitt '04, Tim Prowitt '08, Sean Sullivan '02 and Brent Locey '04

Host Committee: George Barsness '06, Trenholm Boggs '99, David Brady '04, Emily Duncan '00, Sandy Gentles '94, Patrick Harris '04,



Alumni and current students mix it up on the squash courts. Thanks to the Keating brothers for organizing the games throughout the day. See our Potomac Panther Facebook page for more photos.

Win Huffman '01, Taylor Kelly '02, Annie Harris Kettler '05, Aaron Kur '07, Reed Landry '99, Jenna Linden '02, Conor McNerney '11, Peter Prowitt '04, Tim Prowitt '08, Emma Rocks '08, Cate Rooney '08, Patrick Scanlon '02, Justin Stilwell '05, Charlie Sullivan '08, Jamie Sullivan '96, Andrew Warin '03, Jeremy White '92 and Zoe Williams '07

Plus: The Alumni Governing Council and all the coaches that came out to play, especially Marcelo Valencia, Levi Franklin, Ross McEwen, Rob Lee, Cas Blanchard and Terry Cummings

Save the date for this year's Fall Games on November 29, 2013.



Azzi Fudd '21 and Patricia Yeonas '15



Campbell Millar '11, Olivia Kobayashi '15, Laura Persinski '15, Rebekah Ausbrook '12, Erin Cummings '12, Samantha Kaplan '12, Casey Mann '12, Kathleen Smith '11 and McKenzie Millar '04

news on campus



STEPHEN ALLEN PHOTOGRAPHY

Potomac Names John J. Kowalik 14th Head of School

Potomac announced with great excitement on February 8 that John J. Kowalik, Headmaster of The Peck School in Morristown, New Jersey, will be the next Head of School beginning in July of this year. Larry Culp, Chair of Potomac's Board of Trustees, said, "John Kowalik is a wise and gifted educator with a rare combination of inspirational leadership capabilities and exceptional management skills. He is the right leader to build on Geoff Jones' remarkable achievements at Potomac during the last 13 years."

For almost 30 years Kowalik has served as a teacher, coach and leader at two of the nation's outstanding independent schools. During his 10 years as Headmaster of The Peck School, Kowalik led a rigorous academic program and cultivated a nationally recognized character formation initiative.

Prior to joining The Peck School, he was Dean of School and Assistant Headmaster at Delbarton School in New Jersey. Kowalik taught Advanced Placement European History and Advanced Computer Applications, and was a successful football coach, compiling a 138-29 record in 16 seasons, including two state championships and nine conference championships.

Kowalik's education includes the Executive Management Program at Dartmouth's Tuck Business School; an MA in Educational Administration from Columbia University; and a BA in Political Science from Williams College. He is a past trustee of the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools.

"I am thrilled and honored to join the Potomac community and continue the strong growth and academic programs that have made Potomac one of the finest schools in the nation," said Kowalik.

On Campus: An Archaeologist, an Opera Singer, a Presidential Candidate



Bridgette Cooper

The critically acclaimed classical singer Bridgette Cooper, named one of the “Voices of the New Millennium” in her Carnegie Hall debut, performed pieces by Handel, Debussy, Strauss, Gershwin and more, interspersing her singing with tales of her own journey as an opera singer.

December 5



Fred Thompson

Potomac parent and 2008 presidential candidate Fred Thompson shared his experience serving two terms in the U.S. Senate, acting on television and in movies, and leading the line of inquiry that revealed the audio-taping system in the Oval Office, which ultimately led to President Nixon's removal from office.

November 7

Distinguished Speakers Series

Introducing Potomac students to a broad array of viewpoints, subject matter and people, supporting the School's mission to foster each student's intellectual development, love of learning and strength of character.

Open Questions Forum

Featuring significant thinkers, explorers and creators, and fostering audience engagement, in partnership with the Harvard Club of Washington.



Nick Card

Scottish archaeologist Nick Card presented dramatic findings from The Ness of Brodgar, his remarkable excavation site in Orkney, Scotland. Predating both Newgrange and Stonehenge, the Ness of Brodgar has recently overturned the timeline of prehistoric events in the British Isles.

December 3

Banner Year for Model United Nations Team



At the 32nd Virginia Model United Nations in November 2012, all 14 Potomac participants performed with distinction, and two earned honors. Senior Emma Wright scored the most significant win in Potomac's Model UN history, earning the Outstanding Delegation award for her historic role-play on the 1971 Supreme Defense Council of the USSR. Freshman Jack Martin earned a Commendation for his role play as Minister of Mines, Oil and Energy for the Ivory Coast. This three-day event was designed to simulate the negotiation and problem-solving process of the United Nations. Thirty schools and more than 400 students represented more than 50 nations, presenting position papers and participating in committee meetings, crisis sessions and General Assembly forums.



Potomac Stages Difficult Journey

By Mark Dewey, Upper School English Teacher

Mr. Dewey (father of Christian '05, Olivia '06 and Grace '12) blogs for Potomac's redesigned website at www.potomacschool.org/voices/mark. This review was originally published in *The Dewey Digest*, an online collection of opinion articles written by Mr. Dewey and his Column Writing class. Read more at www.deweydigest.com.

I left Potomac's November 2012 production of *Journey to the West* thinking about ideas, not about people — compelling ideas I wanted to remember. As soon as I got to my car, I wrote a few of them down:

"The obstacles on the journey to the western heavens are components of our own personality."

Ain't that the truth.

"The divine resides in formlessness."

Right: because form is a kind of limitation, and limited divinity wouldn't make any sense.

"When you've passed the 81 ordeals, nothing can harm you again."

That reminds me of a guy I know who used to say, "When you discover that you're bearing what you didn't think you could bear, then you are truly bearing." Bearing, he believed, was the ultimate achievement. He was round of body, and he wore his hair in a braid to the waist, and after speaking he removed a wooden comb from a pouch on his belt and cleaned his mustache.

Components of my personality that constitute obstacles on my journey to the western heavens and elsewhere: impatience,

over-rationality, preoccupation with cause and effect, preoccupation with minor details like that guy's mustache comb, which was carved to look like a bear on top. I wonder if he bought the comb to help him bear whatever it was that he didn't think he could bear. I wonder if he wove that strip of cloth into his braid to serve as a talisman or a symbol of something.

The divine resides in formlessness, I remind myself, returning to the task at hand. The formlessness idea makes sense, because things like story lines are artificial tools that reduce experience to shapes that I can get my head around, and if God exists his head must be around everything already. From that thought, for no good reason, my mind jumps back to the guy with the braid and the comb. I remember that his thumbs were attached to his hands at a funny angle, so he held the comb in a funny way — and the nagging memory of that guy with his thumbs and his comb and his braid underscores one of the challenges in staging a play like *Journey to the West*, which is that people persist in our imagination longer than ideas do.

Journey to the West is an idea play. It was adapted for the stage by Mary Zimmerman from a piece of fiction published by Wu

Cheng'en in 1592. The program notes explain that the play is "based in part on the famous pilgrimage of the monk Xuanzang, who travelled overland through China to India and back in search of Buddhist sutras," which are ideas boiled down to enigmas or paradoxes, such as, "If the master would just stand still, we'd be there." So the place we're trying to reach is wherever we are when we stop trying to reach a place?

This production urges us to approach the world from an unconventional perspective even before it begins: we enter the theater through the door that leads to the wings, and we sit in risers on the stage itself, which is larger than we thought, like the stage of life, little of which is reserved for finite forms like ordinary stories or coherent narrative arcs that depend on the rational process of cause and effect. This play doesn't tell an ordinary story, with foreseeable events in the lives of characters whose motivations resemble our own. That's why I left the theater thinking of ideas.

What then holds our eye and our imagination, in the absence of conventional narrative? Faces, voices, choreography, the interplay of light and shadow.

The set designed by theater manager Mark McLaughlin and



theater teacher Michael Bergman is a series of doors made of lattice and fabric. They glow and catch the shadows of people behind them. A series of vignettes unfolds in front of those doors, some of them comic, some of them thought-provoking, some of them more like dance than story. There's a slow-motion fight scene, for example, that looks like it might have been choreographed to the rhythms and patterns of T'ia chi ch'uan.

Some of the actors are especially good at projecting an attitude or a visual impression. Junior Thor Schooner releases a relentless stream of energy that fixes its attention on this, then that, then this, then that, shifting its focus so quickly and completely that you wonder how he keeps his thoughts from crashing into each other. Senior Russell Goldman shines in a hilarious gag as a peach-picking Chinese maiden with a Georgia accent. Senior Tyler Ricchetti and freshman Nick Berray are fun to watch as men who drink the waters of conception and get pregnant. And senior Ella Jones has taught her face to speak a language that's every bit as evocative as the lexicons of dance and music. The most moving passage in the play is a scene in which Jones plays a girl whom Goldman is searching for and cannot find, even though she is right beside him, looking alternately up at his face and out at the audience. "But where is she?" Goldman keeps asking, and Jones keeps answering with her face. None of us could repeat what she's saying, but we understand her perfectly.

It may be true, as one of the characters asserts, that we are born with no ideas and everything from that moment on is false conception, including truth itself, and the sutras Xuanzang wants to find. Does that explain why we can't find the people right beside us? I don't think so; I think the play's wrong about that. There may not be much room on life's stage for coherent forms, but there's a little. And yearning for coherence is one of the little things that make people more compelling than ideas. The Potomac Theater Department deserves a lot of credit for trying to attach them to each other.



The STEPS Advisory Committee:
Co-Chairs Levi Franklin and Stephanie
Hines, Rob Lee, Dawn Jefferson,
Don Firke and David Grant

STEPS Mentoring Program Aims to Strengthen Engagement

High School is an experience that can be difficult for almost every student at some point in time. For some, especially those who are transitioning from another school, who may feel different, or who are struggling academically or socially, it is especially challenging.

Now in its second year, the STEPS Program (Strengthening Engagement at Potomac School) provides support and guidance through faculty and peer mentors to about 20 students who voluntarily participate in the program. Recognizing that each student's strong engagement on every level — academic, extra-curricular, social and emotional — is key to his or her success, the program provides that extra bit of care and attention when needed.

Sophomore Michael Thompson talks about feeling shy when he came to Potomac as a new ninth grader. Through the support STEPS provided, he developed the self confidence to initiate friendships. "This year I'm more open. I'm more myself. And I

feel like I'm building deeper relationships," said Thompson.

After a year or two in the program, some students become STEPS ambassadors, helping others who may be struggling with some aspect of school life. Senior Jordan Dawkins is such an ambassador. She appreciated her time as a participant in the program, often speaking with Coach Franklin (STEPS Co-Director with Upper School Librarian Stephanie Hines) about school issues and problems. "He listened; sometimes he gave me advice, but he also gave me the room to fix the problems myself."

The program's overall goal is to enable students to value their voices within the larger school community, to confidently explore their individuality, and to embrace Potomac as their own.

"The key for me is to get all students to work to their full potential," said Don Firke, Upper School Head. "We consider each individual's particular strengths and weaknesses and then figure out how we can help to make him or her more successful."

athletics highlights



A former Airborne Ranger and Green Beret, wrestling coach Ryan Snyder (at right) lives and breathes wrestling.

Wrestlers Make History with First MAC Tournament Title Win and Regular Season Co-Championship

This most ancient of sports has found new life at Potomac, with record numbers of boys joining the sport, crowds packing the Landry Wrestling Room and victories piling up from season start to finish. A host of historic wins this season included Bishop Ireton (49-27); St. Albans (51-21); and defending conference

champions, Sidwell (49-25). Potomac then capped its performance with the Panthers' first-ever MAC championship tournament title and co-championship banner for the regular season. The wrestlers' record-setting winter also included a sixth-place finish at the Virginia State Tournament and special recognition for "2013 Exemplary Performance

for a Mid-Size School."

Head Coach Ryan Snyder does not merely instruct or train. He infuses the sport into the very being of his athletes, demanding every ounce of their concentration and physical resources. And the wrestlers have responded, pushing themselves to their limits, excelling in match after match.

"Wrestling is more about

life than it is about the sport," says Snyder. "You're exposed out there, all by yourself. The mental margin of error between winning and losing is so small. Your frame of mind can make all the difference."

If victories are lessons in life, the Potomac wrestlers have a great start on their futures. But Snyder has never dwelt on the team's success.

"We have the 24-hour rule. If something good happens, we can be excited for 24 hours. And the same is true if something bad happens. The next match always begins 0-0. The kids take that rule and apply it to their academics and their other life challenges."

Watching Snyder is witnessing a coach at one with his wrestlers. He perches on the edge of the mat, coiled as if ready to elude a move, now down on one knee, now back in his chair, always exhorting his wrestlers in a calming, yet commanding manner. "Breathe. Breathe. Breathe. Stay behind the elbows. You're okay, you're okay." The cadence is reassuring; the words encouraging.

It's clear from the body language that every wrestler in the room is listening to what this former Airborne Ranger and Green Beret has to say. And Snyder directs his difficult practice sessions with the same intensity that he displays during matches. He exhorts his wrestlers to maximum effort with a litany of mantras that the students will probably be hearing in their heads for the next few years. "Being great means being good all the time." "What happens when no one is watching? Are you still doing the right thing?"

A typical practice begins with 30 sets of push-ups, decreasing by sets of five until every athlete has done 105

sets of two push-ups, followed by a standing jump. This drill is interspersed with the same number of sprints across the room and band shots: a sort of crawling, plunging exercise with the front man held back by an elastic band and Ryan barking, "Shot, stand, sprawl." Snyder says the biggest confidence builder besides winning is knowing you are in the best possible shape. "If your conditioning is sound, your muscle memory will take over. Just move and react," he says.

Snyder joined the Potomac wrestling staff four years ago and became head coach last year when Steve Bissell — "the coach who got the team up and going" — retired. This

year 25 boys tried out for the varsity team, with another 17 joining the IS team. As Boys Athletic Director Rob Lee notes, "We used to have to forfeit one, two or even more matches because we didn't have a wrestler in that weight class." Not anymore.

Snyder has been commuting between McLean and the family farm in Iowa where he has been living and working for eight months of the year. "It's a state that lives and breathes wrestling, like football in Texas," he says. Unfortunately for Potomac, Snyder has recently married and will be leaving Potomac for full-time living in Iowa at the end of the season.

Senior Gabe Corrochano pins his opponent in a match against Georgetown Day School.



A Near Perfect Season for Boys and Girls Squash

By Hunter Heflin, Junior

Hunter writes for the Upper School newspaper, *The Current*, and blogs for Potomac's redesigned website at: www.potomacschool.org/voices/hunter.

Potomac varsity squash dominated the court this year: the girls finished the season undefeated, with a historic 7-2 win against powerhouse Roland Park; and the boys suffered only one loss. This impressive record proves that Potomac squash has turned the corner.

"[The team] had an expectation of doing well, and they met that challenge," said Mark Lewis, head coach of both teams. Several players, including junior captains Kira Keating and Cameron Bahadori, compete outside of school for a national ranking through an organization called U.S. Squash. Kira is currently ranked second in the country among players 17 and younger.

"This year we've upped our game, definitely in our match play, but I think it stems from our work in practice," said senior girls captain Caroline Resor. "I think we're more focused this year than we were last year, and most of our practices have been a little tougher."

Although squash is played in a 32-by-21-foot rectangle, the players must be extremely well-conditioned. During rallies, they are constantly changing direction, so agility and quick feet are a huge advantage.

"The hardest drill is not necessarily done with a racket," said Cameron, explaining that court sprints pose the toughest challenge.

Squash players must have mental as well as physical stamina. At higher levels of play, rallies can last upwards of two minutes, and mental discipline is key to defeating an opponent. Squash is



Girls varsity squash co-captain Kira Keating is currently ranked number two in the country among players 17 and under.

a multi-plane sport, and players must think carefully about where they place their shots. Cameron described it as "chess at 135 miles per hour."

Potomac squash teams foster a unique atmosphere in which players are always competing with each other to climb the ladder, but at the same time they support each other in their endeavors to improve. Sometimes when younger players enter near the top of the ladder (such as this year's talented new underclassman Nghi Nguyen), there is animosity and tension. But Coach Lewis was quick to note that "they've assimilated well" and that the competition "makes the team a little more cohesive."

According to Coach Lewis, this season's mantra was "go for it," meaning go get the ball, and try to return every shot. "It sends the message 'I'm not giving up,'" he said, "and that puts enormous pressure on your opponent."

This mentality, coupled with the focus the Panthers bring to practice every day, has certainly contributed to both teams' successes, notably the boys' win in the MAC

Championship at Episcopal High School this February, in which junior Caden Petersmeyer won a thrilling 12-10 fifth game to seal the victory. The girls team also won the MAC Tournament — without losing a single game.

Hard work, team unity and a love of squash paid dividends for this year's varsity team. Congratulations to the Panthers on a fantastic season!

Girls Varsity Tennis Dominates with 12-1 Record

By Caroline Meisel, Senior

Caroline was a co-captain of the girls varsity tennis team this year, and she is the sports editor for the Upper School newspaper *The Current*.

Five-hour-long pre-season practices beginning at 8 am sounded rather daunting to the returning members of the girls varsity tennis team after a long, relaxing summer break.

Bullis School and Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart. Although the girls knocked out Flint Hill 7-0, their later matches against Bullis and Stone Ridge proved more difficult. Bullis had strong singles

Ridge's top three singles players each hold rankings in the top 50 in the girls 18-and-under Mid-Atlantic Region. Finally, after losing to Stone Ridge for six straight years, Potomac's team left the courts victorious, boasting a close 4-3 win.

Following an amazing regular season, the second doubles team with seniors Rachel Chason and Soraya Batmanghelidj won their division of the ISL Tournament, and fourth singles player sophomore Gracie Meisel was a finalist in her division of ISL.

The Panthers then qualified for the Virginia State tournament. Holding a ranking of second in the state, the team earned the second seed position in the tournament. In the quarter-final match against Bishop O'Connell, Potomac went undefeated. In the semi-finals, Potomac lost an intense, nail-biting match against the future State Champions, Cape Henry Collegiate, 4-5.

Although the Panthers had a dominant season, the team will remember more than just the wins and losses: "Coming out of the fall, we are not only left with the legacy of an amazing season, but we are also left with some incredible bonds and friendships," said senior Soraya Batmanghelidj.



Senior Rachel Chason (background) and freshman Gabrielle Cecchi

But after numerous matches, crosscourt forehands and team lunches, their efforts paid off, especially since deciding matches often came down to the player with the most endurance.

During the regular season, the squad finished with an amazing 12-1 record. Notable victories included matches against Flint Hill School,

players on their roster, and the entire match came down to the third doubles team of junior Megan Graves and sophomore Madeline Lui. With the support of their teammates, Megan and Madeline fought hard and sealed the deal for Potomac, 4-3. In their match against Stone Ridge, the Potomac players again were met with a tough battle. Stone

POST-SEASON Awards

Congratulations to the following athletes for their selection to fall or winter All-State, All-Met or All-League teams.



All-State

Cross Country

Rachel Greaney: First Team
Hale Ross: First Team
Kyle Sanok: First Team

Football

Jalen Broome: Second Team – Offense; Honorable Mention – Defense
Colton Haney: First Team – Defense
Johnny Read: Second Team – Defense; Honorable Mention – Offense
Sean Spasoff: First Team – Defense

Indoor Track

Caroline Dove: Honorable Mention
Sophie Dunkleberger: Honorable Mention
Julia Keller: Honorable Mention
Grace Moses: Honorable Mention

Tennis

Tammy Vo: First Team
Kathleen Wilson: First Team

Wrestling

Gabe Corrochano
Brendan Ryan
Tyler Sanders
Sean Spasoff
Eli Ulanet
Cope Whitney

All-Met

Cross Country

Hale Ross: Honorable Mention

All-League

Basketball

Logan Samuels
Hedieh Yazdani

Cross Country

Rachel Greaney
Hale Ross

Field Hockey

Lauren Carter

Football

Jalen Broome
Randy Frank
Colton Haney
Josh Hansan
Jack O'Brien
Michael Parent
Johnny Read
Ben Rietano
Sean Spasoff

Soccer

Max Ausbrook
Dan Wasserman
Hayat Yaghi

Tennis

Tammy Vo
Kathleen Wilson

Wrestling

Gabe Corrochano
Jack O'Brien
Brendan Ryan
Tyler Sanders
Sean Spasoff
Eli Ulanet
Cope Whitney

alumni connections

lower school

Kindergarten Class of 2025

Tyler Langman (Nicholas Langman '94 and Jennifer Langman)

Cormac McDowell (Robert McDowell '78 and Jennifer McDowell)

1st Grade Class of 2024

Charlie Lettow (Carl Lettow '85 and Alexandra Lettow)

George Stoodly (Anne Metcalf '79 and John Stoodly)

Josephine Stump (James Stump '91 and Sarah Stump)

2nd Grade Class of 2023

Ben Gerkin (Allyson Bloom '92 and Daniel Gerkin)

N.J. Langman (Nicholas Langman '94 and Jennifer Langman)

Andrew Lay (Prentiss Vallender Lay '85 and Mark Lay '76)

Parker Longwell (Natalie Washburn Longwell '86 and John Longwell)

Miles Malawer (Eric Malawer '92 and Erin Malawer)

LuLu Tierney (Andrew Tierney '80 and Laurel Tierney)

Finn Willems (Megan Bartsch Willems '84 and Rene Willems)

Sage Wolf (Steven Wolf '69 and Lisa Kelly)

3rd Grade Class of 2022

Natasha Edwards (Anita Winsor-Edwards '79 and William Edwards, Jr.)

Teddy Gerkin (Allyson Bloom '92 and Daniel Gerkin)

Harrison Kehler (Charles Kehler '84 and Margaret Kehler)

Jennifer Kitchen (Erik Kitchen '68 and MaryAnn Kitchen)

Elias Lerner (Renee Lettow Lerner '83 and Craig Lerner)

Madeline Schermerhorn (Sarah Kilberg Schermerhorn '95 and Scott Schermerhorn)

Riley Schermerhorn (Sarah Kilberg Schermerhorn '95 and Scott Schermerhorn)

middle school

4th Grade Class of 2021

Caroline Dunn (Annabelle Redway Dunn '85 and Jackson Dunn)

Emily Dunn (Annabelle Redway Dunn '85 and Jackson Dunn)

Will Fearey (Paul Fearey '78 and Gretchen Fearey)

Anabel Kadri (Sarah McClure '82 and Jamal Kadri)

Marisa Kadri (Sarah McClure '82 and Jamal Kadri)

Elisabeth Oskoui (Ramin Oskoui '78 and Katrina R. Oskoui)

Jackson Schermerhorn (Sarah Kilberg Schermerhorn '95 and Scott Schermerhorn)

Isabel Tierney (Andrew Tierney '80 and Laurel Tierney)

5th Grade Class of 2020

Mikaela Catto (William Catto '78 and Kristina Catto)

Enrico Cecchi (Enrico Cecchi '85 and Andrea Cecchi)

Holly Crowley (Ayse Uzer Crowley '85 and Kenneth Crowley)

Michael Johnson (Alisa Hyman '00)

Caroline Lay (Prentiss Vallender Lay '85 and Mark Lay '76)

Anna Lerner (Renee Lettow Lerner '83 and Craig Lerner)

Mary-Shea McDowell (Robert McDowell '78 and Jennifer McDowell)

Kate Newton (Virginia Young-Newton '83 and David Newton)

Annabel Resor (James Resor '75 and Catherine Scott)

Jack Stoodly (Anne Metcalf '79 and John Stoodly)

6th Grade Class of 2019

Ellen Oskoui (Ramin Oskoui '78 and Katrina Oskoui)

Keeley Schulman (Andrew Saltonstall '82 and Tamara Saltonstall)

Megan Kenna Sharkey (Christine Rosenhauer Sharkey '83 and William Sharkey)

Megan Tierney (Christopher Tierney '79 and Ann Tierney)

intermediate school

7th Grade Class of 2018

Mary Kate Ausbrook (Keith Ausbrook '73 and Kate Ausbrook)

Courtlynn Caskin (Christopher Caskin '77 and Cameron Caskin)

Hayden Cherouny (Merrell Redway Cherouny '82 and Preston Cherouny)

Rebecca Crawley (Anne Sprunt Crawley '69 and Drury Crawley)

Lily Longwell (Natalie Washburn Longwell '86)

Nicholas McKalip (Hope Jewett McKalip '81 and Frederick McKalip)

TJ Sharkey (Christine Rosenhauer Sharkey '83 and William Sharkey)

Miles Wilson (Speke Wilson '79 and Julia Wilson)

8th Grade Class of 2017

Cece Catto (William Catto '78 and Kristina Catto)

Maggie Ewing (J.C. Ewing '78 and Ruanne Ewing)

Claire Pitzer (Lavinia Lemon Pitzer '82 and Andy Pitzer)

Trey Schulman (Andrew Saltonstall '82 and Tamara Saltonstall)

Ted Tierney (Christopher Tierney '79 and Ann Tierney)



upper school

9th Grade Class of 2016

Gabrielle Cecchi (Enrico Cecchi '85 and Andrea Cecchi)

Tyler Crowley (Ayse Uzer Crowley '85 and Kenneth Crowley)

Wyatt Lindsey (Jennifer Lindsey '81 and Mr. William Lindsey)

Catie Mathias (Robert Mathias '77 and Sarah Mathias)

Konrad McKalip (Hope Jewett McKalip '81 and Frederick McKalip)

Grace Moses (David Moses '76 and Daphne Barbour)

Toby Robinson (Farida Moreau Robinson '80 and Scott Robinson)

10th Grade Class of 2015

Brooks Arundel (Peter Arundel '75 and Brady Arundel)

Christopher Caskin (Christopher Caskin '77 and Cameron Caskin)

Grace Cherouny (Merrell Redway Cherouny '82 and Preston Cherouny)

Kelly O'Gorman (Scott O'Gorman, Jr. '76 and Melissa O'Gorman)

Emma Resor (James Resor '75 and Catherine Scott)

Max Speil (Jane McAllister '70 and Steven G. Speil)

11th Grade Class of 2014

Nicholas Arundel (Peter Arundel '75 and Brady Arundel)

Liam Catto (William Catto '78 and Kristina Catto)

Rosemary Ewing (J.C. Ewing '78 and Ruanne Ewing)

Adam Moses (David Moses '76 and Daphne Barbour)

Anna Regan (Nina Howard Regan '78 and William Regan)

Sydney Robinson (Farida Moreau Robinson '80 and Scott Robinson)

12th Grade Class of 2013

Max Ausbrook (Keith Ausbrook '73 and Kate Ausbrook)

Philip Bennett (Frank Bennett III '73 and Teri Bennett)

Randy Frank (Randolph Frank, Jr. '72 and Susan Frank)

Jack O'Gorman (Scott O'Gorman, Jr. '76 and Melissa O'Gorman)

Caroline Resor (James Resor '75 and Catherine Scott)

Allegra Wilson (Speke Wilson '79 and Julia Wilson)

Devon Winsor (Curtin Winsor III '78 and Deborah Winsor and Noelle Winsor)



message to alumni

ALUMNI GOVERNING COUNCIL

Growing, Changing and Preserving the Values We Hold Dear

Dear Fellow Alumni,

An essential measure of the strength of a school is its alumni. Schools with healthy alumni involvement and support add immeasurable benefits to an institution, from admissions and development, to networking and prestige. The Alumni Governing Council (AGC) was established in 1990 by Trustee and current parent Keith Ausbrook '73 with the help of Janet Trowbridge Bohlen '43 (Trustee Emeritus and past parent) and Sally Hand Herren '54 (past parent and past faculty). Representing Potomac's largest constituency group, the AGC has a mission to increase the global reach of the alumni network, Reunion participation and Annual Giving.

From its inception the AGC was instrumental in hosting and organizing popular Potomac events, such as Christmas Revels and Reunions. Over the years its influence and focus changed to adapt to the needs of the School and, at the same time, worked to preserve key aspects of the School's traditions and values. In recent years, the alumni community has become a vibrant and active force at The Potomac School. From a low of only four members a few years ago, the AGC climbed back to the 26 active members it has today. Alumni participation in the Annual Fund has risen from 10 percent several years ago to 18 percent last year, with a goal of growing even further.

Today the AGC is a thriving group that has introduced exciting new initiatives, such as an involved Young Alumni group and regular networking events. The Potomac Way Committee is currently defining its role in School traditions and working with leaders of the senior class to help our new Upper School forge its own traditions. The Alumni Advisory Committee to the Head Search was active in recruiting interested alumni to the committee and involving alumni in the search for a new Head of School. The recent success of Reunions has also been bolstered by AGC engagement. All in all Potomac has a thriving, active community of alumni volunteers, who are working hard to reinvigorate and reconnect alumni to the School. They are here to listen to and serve the alumni community. If you have ideas or are interested in serving, please contact me (annrmaclean@aol.com) or Laura Miller (lmiller@potomacschool.org), Director of Alumni Relations.

Sincerely,



Ann Renzy Maclean '86, AGC President



class notes

Be Connected

Class Notes is the most popular and well-read section of *The Term*. It provides a forum for classmates to share news of their personal and professional lives, ranging from accolades and personal accomplishments to news of births and deaths, and anything else fellow alumni might find interesting.

We want to thank you, the alumni community, for sharing your news and photos with your classmates over the years. This section would not be possible without the leadership of the Class Correspondents. As you know, Class Correspondents serve a vital role in helping alumni maintain a lifelong affiliation with Potomac. Throughout the year, Class Correspondents gather class news and photos for the fall and spring issues of *The Term*. So when you get an email calling for class notes, make it a priority!

Send your notes to your Class Correspondent, whose contact information is listed at the top of each class column. If no Class Correspondent is listed, send your class notes directly to term@potomacschool.org or Alumni Office, 1301 Potomac School Road, McLean, VA 22101.

Don't See Your Class Year?

If your class year doesn't appear in Class Notes, it means we didn't receive any notes from your year. We really (really) want to hear from you! Send your notes and photos to term@potomacschool.org.

Be a Connector

Don't be the class without notes! If your class does not have a Class Correspondent and you would like to fill that role, please contact Laura Miller, Director of Alumni Relations, at (703) 749-6356 or lmiller@potomacschool.org.

1938

REUNION YEAR 75TH

Thank you, John Dugger, for your many years of service as the Class Correspondent. John has stepped down this year, but he hopes that one of his classmates will volunteer to pick up where he left off. Contact the Alumni Office at alumni@potomacschool.org if you are interested in volunteering or would like to send in a note.

1940

Elizabeth Huidekoper Clark reports that she has moved from TX to Ft. Lauderdale, FL. She writes, "At 87, I have not had a baby this year!"

1942

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1943

REUNION YEAR 70TH

1944

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1946

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Carol Exnicios Tucker writes, "My son, Michael '73, who lives in Connecticut, spent part of the holidays here walking the legs off me and Toto and cooking marvelously imaginative vegetarian dishes for us. I'm so fortunate to have the other two children living within walking distance. **Ello '80** is supervisor of financial assistance at four local nonprofit hospitals, and looks after her two dogs, several chickens and a horse; **Marshall '76** handles business development for the power company here; his wife, Silvie, is a paralegal, and their two children, now 10 and 7, keep us all hopping. So goes life in Tampa."

Lisa deKauffmann Walker said she still lives in her New York apartment with her new cat, Tinkerbelle, and that **Carol Tucker** is godmother to one of her three children, Matthew, who lives in Washington.

The class extends sympathy to **Julie Merrell Harris** whose husband, Forest, died last fall. He was such a gracious host to those of us in the Class of '46 who gathered several times at their home in McLean, VA. Julie says she is doing well and considers herself fortunate to have a downstairs apartment that is often occupied by family and friends.

Jerrie Kohlmeier Bartlett thanks everyone for sharing their news. Jerrie reports that she and Allen

continue to be in good health, still playing tennis and going to MacMahan Island, ME, in August. They are in the midst of moving from their beloved 1837 townhouse in Center City, Philadelphia, to Cathedral Village, a retirement community about 40 minutes away. She says it is the hardest move they have ever made and that along with lots of hard work comes many conflicting emotions. Their children in CA and CT help out as much as they can.

1948

REUNION YEAR 65TH

1949

Class Correspondent

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1951

Ronna Hitchcock Hoffman writes, "I live part-time in Indian Wells, CA. I have four married children and 10 grandchildren. I run a ranch in central OR."

1952

Class Correspondent

Louise "Beebe" Graham
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Hello to everyone, and best wishes to all. Two pieces

of sad news for us all: **Bettina Hartley Tierney** died this past fall. I hope you all saw the picture of Bettina and her children in the fall issue of *The Term*. She stayed connected to Potomac both through her children's educations there and her participation in alumni events, and always spoke of what fine things were going on at Potomac.

The other unhappy news is that **Sue Hawes** lost her husband last year. Her writing for last year's notes appears later in this column.

Sorry to say, **Jane Anderson Moon**, my computer lost your most recent update. Jane lives in Orange, CA, with husband Marion, both now retired. Jane had quite an extraordinary career for a woman growing up when we did. Among many other interests and activities, she now is teaching adults writing at a nearby college. You go girl! When I emailed around some of the news I had received, Jane and **Florry Hubbard** got in contact for the first time since fifth or sixth grade. Love that email.

Linda Barnes has a different address but still lives in Northampton, MA, where she moved from NYC several years ago.

Jane Casey Hughes lives in Chevy Chase, MD. We have not seen each other in decades, but we have a mutual friend who travels between Manchester, NH, and Washington, DC, so we hear about each other. Her life is very busy and interesting, says our friend.

Julie Hamm Finley shares, "I am leading a pretty straightforward life in DC. On the Board of the Atlantic Council, also on the Foreign Policy Leadership Council at Brookings. I was the National Finance Co-Chair for Jon Huntsman; I became Chair of his campaign in September. Now I am going through no-longer-useful papers and looking forward to reading the books that have piled up in the library." Julie was in Manchester before and during the NH primary, but we didn't connect. Next time!

Sue Hawes writes, "I am still active in the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. Daniel Ellsberg, of Pentagon Papers fame, is speaking at our next meeting. Santa Barbara is a beautiful place to live and wonderfully interesting. We look out on the ocean and islands, and in summer go to the RI house I share with my sister, **Hat '50**. There we look out on the Sakonnet River and the other ocean. Things are going well, just lonely, as it is for others in this situation. I had a very nice summer in RI with family and friends, including two very close, longtime friends (since we were 11 or 12) who no longer have their husbands. And I am lucky that our two sons both live in (this huge) CA, so I do see them, especially Dan who is 'close.'"

Carol McCune Kirtz still lives near Boston and spent some time with **Sue Hawes** this past summer in RI.

Davis Kennedy and I almost re-met while his sons were at Dartmouth, but life interfered so we corresponded instead. His life is busy; last I heard it was extra busy, as a son was marrying.

Jeannette Townsend Brophy and I always hope to catch up with one another in the summer, but haven't been able to in ages. Our families gather at the same times in both houses, and life gets really busy. She looks well, and I wave when I catch a glimpse of her. This is a small town.

Your secretary (**Louise "Beebe" Graham**) continues to live happily in NH, still involved in community organizations, politics and church activities (food pantry and thrift shop). My older daughter lives 40 miles away, so I see her and her two children frequently. Sarah, the younger daughter, lives in Riverdale, NY, and spends as much of school vacations as possible here with her

three young children playing in the country.

I hope all goes well with those I haven't seen or heard from recently. If you find yourselves in NH, please call. I would love to catch up.

1953

REUNION YEAR 60TH

Class Correspondent

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1957

Courtney Hagner writes, "The year 2012 was a wonderful year for me in that my partner and I had a major celebration in Washington, DC, in June called the 75/70/25 celebration. It was my partner's 75th birthday, my 70th birthday and our 25th year together. One-hundred-thirteen people helped us celebrate under the most perfect weather conditions. I was so glad to have gone to **Tinky Ostermann's '32 'Celebration of Life'** event this past December. It was really the perfect goodbye to such a wonderful lady. My family is well, our health is fine, and we have moved from Georgetown to a lovely co-op in Adams Morgan. What more do I need?"

Kathy Weaver Orme enjoys spending time with her husband, Ned, on their farm in Trappe, MD.

Jane Vander Poel and her husband, Edoardo Lenzetti, celebrated New Year's Eve with the **Ormes** and reminisced about the good old days at Potomac.

1958

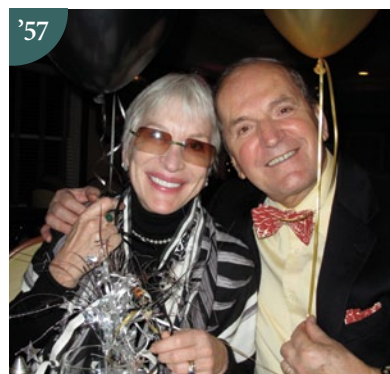
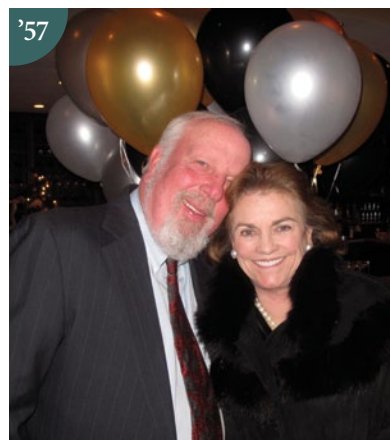
REUNION YEAR 55TH

Barbara Kent Lawrence reports, "My sixth book and first novel *Islands of Time* will be published this May. Two reviews to entice you: '...a page turner of a novel about first love, its loss and the near hopeless pursuit of recapturing that for which one was unprepared.'; 'An amazing insight into the longstanding cultural divisions of the Maine coast and the possibility of transcending them through human compassion and understanding.' Please visit my website: www.barbaralawrence.com. Potomac helped me love going to school, and I've spent most of my life in education. I taught for many years, most recently at Northeastern and Lesley Universities, and have done research in education and written about small schools. Now I'm writing more and teaching less, but serve on our local school committee. I feel very fortunate to live with my partner Bob in the same town as my daughter and three of our grandchildren."

Bettina Brown Irvine writes that her oldest son, Andrew, married in June in Lake Tahoe in true "California hippie" form. Her granddaughter Willow arrived on Bastille Day. She adds, "Willow is officially 1/8 Native American — officially registered, not because she has high cheekbones!"

1960

Stephanie de Sibour writes, "I am happy to report that I am into year 22 at Ivymount School. We have a large concentration of students with Autism and see remarkable progress both in understanding and educating this population. I am still living in Washington, DC; both sons (**Josh '91** and **Matt '93**) live in Brooklyn, NY; one grandson (see photo) lights up my life. I also acquired a house in Dorset, VT (in case any alums are up that way)."



Top: Kathy Weaver Orme '57 and husband Ned celebrating New Year's Eve • Jane Vander Poel Lenzetti '57 and husband Edoardo Lenzetti celebrating New Year's Eve

Eve Auchincloss Lilley writes, "All is very well with the Lilley clan — still living in Washington, DC, and, happily, we are all status quo. My four wonderful stepchildren are all married, giving Bill and me a total of 10 grandkids ranging from age 5 to 21 — the full range of experience! I am still in the field of learning disabilities and quite, quite busy with testing and assessment of children of all ages. And, miraculously, this body still enables me to indulge my passion, ballet classes. I am loving my service on several boards and am most involved with The Washington Ballet, not surprisingly! So with our two dogs and large extended family and good friends, life is filled with gifts. Love to all."

1961

Allan Ackerman reports, "Still in Chicago after 17 years, and get to Washington, DC, a few times a year for work and family (unfortunately in that order); often find an excuse to drive by the turnoff for Potomac on Dolley Madison Boulevard and then where we used to live just before the GW parkway. Daughter Molly, two children and aviator husband are in Newport, RI. Son Sam and industrial psychologist wife and baby are, I'm thrilled to say, in Chicago. Would love to catch up with/get to know any alums out here."

Judith Putzel writes, "I retired from working at the Counseling Center at Keene State College and continue to do crisis intervention work in NH and nearby states. Here in NH, I have responded to bank robberies, lay-offs, suicides in organizations, deaths of co-workers, difficult ER situations, and difficult calls for first responders (police, fire and EMTs). I have spent time down in CT after the Sandy Hook shootings.

Also spend a lot of time with my two grandsons who live nearby. This year we will celebrate my father's 100th birthday."

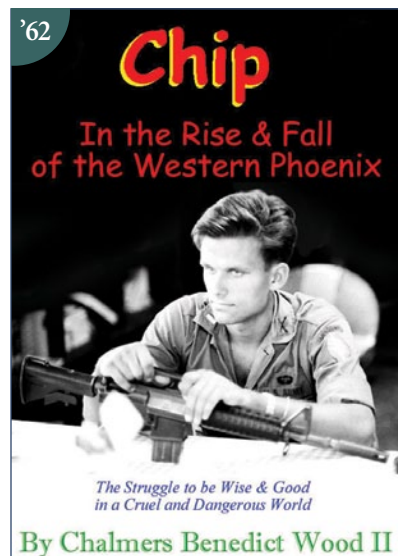
1962

Class Correspondent

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Snowden Wainwright Kirby-Smith writes, "I was in Singapore this summer staying with my oldest daughter and my two granddaughters, and hope to go back in a month or two with my other daughter. I enjoy painting and doing clay and etchings."

Louise McVickar Marx writes, "We've been blessed with another wonderful year. We are having fun with our six grandsons, with another addition on the way. We've enjoyed taking cruises — a great way to travel and avoid the hassles of airports, packing and unpacking, etc. Last year we went from Barcelona to Lisbon, and this year we will go down the Dalmatian Coast."



Top: Stephanie de Sibour's '60 grandson, Francis, son of Matt Stinchcomb '93 • Chalmers "Chip" Wood's '62 recent book, *In the Rise & Fall of the Western Phoenix*

Carol Mattusch is again plunging into the classics. She writes, "I'm one of the speakers in the Department of Greek, Etruscan, and Roman Antiquities at the Louvre for a study day on ancient bronze statuary on February 12, 2013. The title of my talk is 'The Name of the Artist, the Fame of the Bronze, and the Bane of Multiples.'"

Rhea Topping, whom we've not heard from in absolute ages, sent us this news. So glad you're back in the loop, Rhea. A fly fishing school. How cool is that! She writes, "I was sorry to miss the Reunion! Often wonder what happened to all the boys in our class! I have had a fly fishing school in Upperville, VA, for the past 15 years; spend my summers teaching fly fishing in Montana, and for three months in the winter in Patagonia, Argentina, I bring clients down to fish (where I am right now!). Divorced years ago and took maiden name back. Contact info for those who want to be in touch: Rhea Topping's Mayfly Adventures, LLC, 9404 Patrick Lane, Upperville, VA, 20184; rheatopping@gmail.com; www.rheatopping.com; (540) 592-3006; Skype: rheatopping."

Kate Douglas Torrey writes, "Here's a very quick rundown on news from Chapel Hill: both Allen and I have recently retired, and so far we are enjoying the freedom of setting our own calendars (even while missing the colleagues from work). After a wonderful bicycle trip in California to celebrate retirement and our 40th (!) anniversary, I spent a lot of time working on the Obama campaign this fall; along with our local Literacy Council, it was my 'job.' (And while we didn't carry North Carolina, I'm very proud of the hundreds of thousands of new voters we registered and of how close the race was.) We are delighted that our second grandchild (a girl this time) is expected in March. Our son and daughter-in-law and their son live in Carrboro, NC, just a few minutes away, so we are extraordinarily fortunate to be able to see a good deal of them. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2013."

Chalmers "Chip" Wood says, "It looks like I have reached a level of stability, including having stopped smoking, where I can write a book. Will it sell if the cover features me crying like our leaders? My Chinese publisher wants me to use a photo from Vietnam '69 (see left) instead. What do you think?" Read Chip's blog at: <http://voices.yahoo.com/obama-et-al-chip-log-9678311.html?cat=37>

As for your secretary (**Deborah Johansen Harris**), 2012 has been the best of years and the worst of years. Got a fabulous, part-time job as Communications Director and Missioner for the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts. Love my work with parishioners and writing up a storm of articles for our quarterly magazine and e-newsletter. Our new bishop is full of good spirit, and I'm allied with his views on social justice, environmental issues and other worldwide political concerns. Our sad news is that my husband, Ted, lost the sight of his right eye, I have to return for more hip surgery, and my father died last October. I don't know how many of you remember my dad, but he was pushing the envelope up until the end with radical new uses of architectural technology and several books. I feel his spirit is still with us, but miss him terribly. Hope to hear from more of you in the next issue.

1963

REUNION YEAR 50TH

Class Correspondents

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Leni Chapman Preston continues to work diligently on health care issues in MD.

Marisa Knowlton Domeyko and her granddaughter Pandora spent a cold January night in sleeping bags on a sidewalk in NYC to get tickets to *Saturday Night Live*. That is dedication! Marisa and Leni are chairing the 50th Reunion.

Wendy Millar Phillips still lives in NY, ardently studying Spanish. She and her husband, John, enjoy their time with their four sons and families. She is chair of the 50th Reunion class gift.

Edie Warner and her husband, Denny Kinch, are in the beginning stages of building a house on Mercer Island, near Seattle, and hope to be in it by late fall. She looks forward to seeing everyone at the Reunion!

Chris Ripman and his sweetie, Elizabeth Locke, celebrated her daughter's marriage, and persevered through health challenges, then did the Christmas Revels in Cambridge — she as assistant stage manager and props mistress, and Chris singing bass in the chorus. This version of the Revels took place on the *Carpathia* in 1907, sailing from Ireland to NY. Chris is also very proud of his colleagues at Ripman Lighting Consultants, who helped his company win 12 awards for excellence in lighting design in 2012 — a new record for the team.

French Gamble Wallop continues to work with her overseas clients through her company, Strategic Vision US. She divides her time between Washington and London. One of her clients in Oslo has developed a Zero CO2 emissions process for all coal-fired and gas-fired plants. Her son, Scott, and his friends are a very happy center in her life. She recently acquired two puppies, one yellow lab and an English cocker spaniel, whom she describes as loads of fun and full of mischief.

Liz Jessup is a DC-based real estate agent and builder. She recently started a new company, CMS, Commercial Management Services, www.cmsofdc.com. Her son Malcolm is in remission from his cancer, and is looking to restart his career as a tabla player. Liz's daughter Alex and her husband are expecting their first child (and Liz's first grandchild) this spring.

Kim Sellon Newhart has been spending lots of time in Washington with her 99-year-old-mother, who

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emerged fairly unscathed from a stroke in 2011. Kim's last Broadway show, *End of the Rainbow*, was a critical success, but closed earlier than expected. Her job as company manager was grueling. Kim's husband Chase is a director (in theater) and a professional photographer. They currently live in NJ with their terrific rescue dog, Beau. Kim is looking forward to the Potomac Reunion. "It should be a blast."

Harriet Sweeney Fraunfelder and her husband, Eric, split their time between France and Washington, DC. Harriet is very active with her late mother's botanical garden, The Kampong, which is part of the National Tropical Botanical Gardens.

Anne Williams, another New Yorker, had a wonderful visit in DC during January with Leni, Marisa, Harriet and Liz. She continues to pursue international development assignments. She is really excited about the Reunion.

1964

Class Correspondent

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Thomas Bradley took early retirement in 2010 to travel with his wife, Christine, through Europe. They still live in Boise, ID, with their son Colbey who was recently married. They are considering returning to the DC area later on this year but haven't decided for sure.

Laura Merriam Fay and her husband have bought a house in Vero Beach, FL, and they are considering leaving San Francisco, where they've been since they married. Her youngest, Francesca, is in NYC, and her eldest, Alexandra, lives in Pound Ridge with her husband and three children (a boy and twin girls).

Katherine (aka Kiki) Farquhar is a town commissioner in Brookeville, MD. An Associate Professor at American University for more than two decades, she's energetic in her eighth year of directing the MS in Organizational Development Executive Education Program. "We've instituted an International Residency, and I so much enjoy traveling to Johannesburg, Amsterdam, Port-of-Spain." Her three daughters Alexa (28), Lucy (26 and newly engaged) and Suzy (21) continue to light up her life. Katherine also wrote that she thinks all the time about the incredible legacy left by **John Langstaff**, former faculty.

Nicola Rose Walder wrote that she retired from teaching four years ago and her husband, John, also retired then. "We fill our time very happily gardening, walking our dogs and looking after our grandson Nicholas, who is almost two and a half" (son of their eldest son, James). Their second son, David, is just finishing a two-year job in Japan, where he has been living with his wife and son. The youngest, Charles (31), lives in London but is hoping to move soon to L.A.

Having retired from working at George Mason in the summer of 2011, **Jennifer Owen Murphy** continues to be active in a couple of professional organizations. Her children are fully grown, married and quite successful. Happily, they all live within two hours of her. "Our grandchildren range from 19 months to 19 years! My oldest grandchild is at William and Mary, and his sister just received notice of admission to UVA. All the rest [of the grandchildren] are wonderful, of course!" Jennifer also wrote that **Guru Sangat Angleton** is in India, due to return to this area soon. I (**Alison Peake**) am still living in Hartford and teaching Spanish at Conard HS in West Hartford. Retirement? Not so sure when that will happen! My son Trevor (35) lives on Capitol Hill with his wife, Maggie.

Morgan (daughter, 32) lives in NYC but works in DC at a consulting firm. Avery (daughter) will be 30 in April. She and her husband have been living abroad (Slovenia, Austria, Slovakia and now Germany) because he is a professional hockey player. Life is good, health is good. Thanks to you all who wrote me back. As for the rest of you delinquents, we always like to hear from as many classmates as possible.

1965

Class Correspondent

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Whit Knight writes, "I live in Prescott, AZ. I have lived here since April 2010. I've lived in CT, NY, MA, MT and KS, to name a few 'homes on the range.' I'm a Lifetime Member of the International Freelance Photographers Organization (IFPO); was certified as an IFPO Master Photographer about 10 years ago; was inducted into the IFPO Freelance Photographers Hall of Fame in 2008; and was awarded an Honorary Degree of Distinction (H.D.D., which is *not* a medical condition) by the IFPO that year, as well. I've been a freelance photojournalist (September 1991-April 1999: Hersam Acorn Newspapers, formerly the Acorn Press newspapers) as well as a Dance Photographer (1990-1999; October 2002); was a college news features writer (The Way College of Emporia *Jot & Tittle*, a monthly newsletter; and Thiel College's *The Thielensian*, a weekly newspaper); did a stint as a Thiel College radio DJ (WTGP, 88.1 FM); was a dance party DJ (once); have hunted pheasant ('bagged' one) and caught bluefish (three, off the island of Martha's Vineyard); have sipped champagne on board a catamaran off the island of Kauai (between some *very* large 'rollers'). I attended the Orme School from 1964 to 1969, 8th through 12th grades; received academic awards for biology (junior year) and geology (senior year); was awarded outstanding member of the after-school desert survival program (senior year) and a Latin III award (junior year); have (as part of an elite group of students) rafted down the Colorado River (through the Grand Canyon, Lee's Ferry to Phantom Ranch), then hiked out; served in the U.S. Air Force (third generation Air Force), 1969-73 (Griffiss Air Force Base, Rome, New York; Kimpo Air Base, Yong Dong Po Ku, Republic of South Korea; Zweibruecken Air Base, Zweibruecken, West Germany). I've been a Christian layman (nondenominational) since 1975. I received a nonaccredited bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Hamilton University in 2004. I've been married twice (and divorced); one son, from my second marriage; two adopted daughters (second, as well); three step-kids (first). Catch my breath. I've joined three dating sites (one, twice); and have been on Facebook since Summer 2009. I do *not* go by, 'Whitney'; or 'Eli.' Thanks for your time."

1967

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1968

REUNION YEAR 45TH

Maria Chavchavadze writes, "I live full time in Wellfleet, MA, with my daughter and have been working for 18 years as the executive director of American Friends of Georgia, a 501 c(3) U.S. charity with great impact on the lives of the neediest citizens in the country of Georgia. Last October, my old friend and classmate **Dr. Susan**



Maria Chavchavadze '68 with Dr. Tata Javkhadze and Dr. Susan Graham '68 in Tbilisi, Georgia, in October 2012

Graham and her husband, Dr. Jon Kucera, joined me in Georgia for a two-week 'Journey to Georgia' trip seeing this fascinating, ancient country and our projects helping our Georgian partners care for the most needy. Georgia is the crossroads of history and civilizations, the most successful democracy of the former USSR, a small country with an important political and geographic role in the South Caucasus region. Next September, I am inviting you to join in travel or support at www.afgeorgia.org.

T. Barry Davis writes, "Record year for advertising at *The Weekly Standard*. Can't believe that my wife, Laura, and I will have a high schooler next year."

Kim Holdsworth writes, "In April this year we will have lived in the small island of St. Thomas in the Caribbean for 30 years! Our daughter Zan (just graduated from Vassar, now living in Beijing) and son Nick (a junior at Claremont McKenna College in California, studying this spring in Australia) were both 'bahn heyah' (born here), schooled here, raised here. It is beautiful. Hard to complain of much when the weather's this good. Houseguest season lasts half the year. We travel off-island a lot (India, New Zealand and neighboring Tortola), and meanwhile I compile and publish the annual report on how kids and families are doing in the U.S. Virgin Islands. My husband, Bob, runs his construction company and is a lifelong meditator/yoga guy. We both turn 60 this year, so we'll go off to sail Greece and Istanbul as a toast to the decade ahead: may it be a return to our adventurous 20s (now that the kids have flown)!"

1969

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1970

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Jane McAllister says, "Congratulations to **Garrett Jewett**, whose watercolor painting featuring an elephant, a donkey and a llama graced the cover of the Fall 2012 *Potomac Term*. See more of his work at www.garrettjewett.com and on his Facebook page. Garrett pointed out that his illustration is the magazine's first nonphotographic cover. If he's correct, that makes it the first since 1960, when the *Term* was launched by **Rose Chatfield-Taylor MacMurray** '35, a Potomac parent and board member. The Potomac llamas were created 10 years later by Una Rawnsley Hanbury, mother of former faculty member **Diana Hanbury King** and grandmother of our late classmate **Sheila King**. See the Fall 2004 centennial *Term* for more history of the *Term* and the llamas. Thank you to those who have contributed news. See below

for some fun Middle School memories. Will any other '70 classmates share a memory from the bazaar of our Potomac years (1960–70), perhaps of making widgets or fabric-covered cigar boxes? ... We welcome **Geoffrey Hoge**, a long-lost classmate (see his news below), and we send condolences to **Duncan Krieger** and **Matthew Kimball**, each of whom lost his father in 2012, and to **John Dillon**, whose mother died in January 2013. The Class of 1970 sends love and prayers to **Philip Frisbee**, who is in an advanced stage of multiple sclerosis. He is always in our hearts."

Geoffrey Hoge writes, "I've been living in Bordeaux, France, since 1982. I was in Lexington, VA, before that; and in Bordeaux, France, before that; and in Washington, DC, before that. I would very much like to be in touch with my classmates who, I'm sure, haven't changed since the last time we were together back in 1965! Thank you very much for having found me."

Matthew Kimball says, "Many thanks to all my friends and classmates for their thoughts and condolences after the death of my dad. It was gratifying to me, my brothers and my mom to know how much he meant to so many people."

Marion Lowry says, "In the world of equestrian sports, my horse Dolce and I won 'Horse of the Year' honors in 2012 for USEF (U.S. Equestrian Federation) Zone 10, i.e., CA. A wonderful bronze perpetual trophy will include Dolce's name engraved in brass. Otherwise, I'm working furiously in the magazine/digital/tablet world."

Maggie White Momber writes, "I am living in Madison, NJ. I would be happy to see any Potomac alumni in the overall area. I am the executive director of a

NJ nonprofit organization that supports NJ inner-city high school students with scholarships and mentoring. It is an extremely rewarding job to help these really deserving kids."

Nat Parker writes, "I just started a Biggest Loser contest with my family. It started with me and two of my sons, but I decided to expand it to the whole family. So far, 14 members are in: Alex and Ben; Jemille; and a fine assortment of brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews. Ben is getting married this summer, and it seemed like a great idea for us all to get in shape for the event. We are all putting up \$100 each, and the pot will be split between first, second and third place. Like the game show, whoever loses the most weight on a percentage basis is the winner. Of course, I plan to win!"

Bobby Rock, who travels frequently from LA to Hilton Head, SC, to visit his mother, says, "My son, Charley, seems to enjoy his first year at UCLA, and daughter, Georgia, is busy at her wonderful school (Marlborough), where they are seriously prepping her for college."

Sarah Bucknell Treco reports, "It's been a very busy year. My husband, Jamie, and I relocated to Boston in May 2012. Daughter Carlin graduated from Roanoke College in Salem, VA, last year and walked with her class in May. Son Alex graduated from Williams College in June. Jamie and I are enjoying the (probably brief) joy of having all three grown children living in or near Boston for now. Amazing who appears around the table when Sunday supper is on offer. I just stepped into the role of President of the Massachusetts State Committee of the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, DC."

Melinda Titus asked on Facebook if any Potomac friends still have a "Potomac School elephant." She had just found hers in her father's storage unit. "I rescued him. He's going home to Maine." The response went something like this: **Sally Hamby '66** (sister of **Suzanne Hamby**) shares, "I have ones from four different years, including a red one, even though I was a blue. My first elephant is in [my daughter] Louisa's toy box in Italy and is missing a tusk. The other three sit on my bookcase in Washington. Their names were Sal, Celeste and Garth. I can't remember the red one's name even though he's the most recent. They sold at the bazaar that was traditionally in the fall but which, starting in 1961, was combined with May Day." **Sarah Bucknell Treco** says, "Wow, does that take me back!" **Dana Strong** writes, "All so funny this has come up. We found three in storage at mom's house, and I have one." **Nimmie Addison Huber** admits, "I remember getting a red one for the red team. They were sold in the Preston Gym next to Old's Mobiles! When I was in fourth grade, Mr. William Old's fifth-grade class made and sold mobiles and called them Old's Mobiles. Didn't each class make something, and then our poor parents had to buy it? I have vague memories of spray-painting sticks with gold paint and then fashioning wood putty into partridges, or in my case, a golden lump, and gluing them onto the branches. Tell me if I am wrong, classmates with sharper minds." **Melinda Titus** says, "I remember sticking branches into a can filled with plaster of Paris and then sticking gum drops onto the branches while stuffing my face with as many as possible. I also remember that partridge-and-nest thing. Gold spray paint was involved. I think it was supposed to be a partridge in a pear tree. I believe someone expected our parents to buy these creations." **Sally Hamby '66** remembers, "The first mobiles were made for the November 1964 bazaar, when the class of 1970 was in fourth grade. Traditionally, the fifth grade sold plants, but Mr. Old

wanted to be different, so he had his fifth-grade section make mobiles to sell. My brother, **Lou Hamby '69**, who was in Mr. Old's class, coined the term Old's Mobile (like the car), and it stuck. She says, "I'm not 100 percent sure, but I think that might have been the only year Mr. Old's class made mobiles to hang. We and our parents bought the stuff sold at the bazaar. The money went to charities like Frontier Nursing, not to Potomac. From 1961 to 1963 the bazaar was held on May Day, and then it went back to November. Each class had traditional items. The fourth grade did games." **Melinda Titus** asks, "Who was the person who made the elephants, and was there a story behind it?" **Sally Hamby '66** says, "The elephants were made for the Potomac bazaar by somebody in Washington."

1971

Class Correspondent

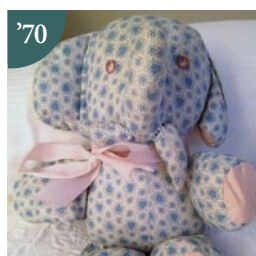
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Ann Edgeworth writes, "I heard from **Somers Randolph** after my email got hacked in early January. He said he had spent a week in NY and couldn't figure out how people lived here! I explained that all of NY's craziness is what makes me love it. Oh well. I apologize to any classmates who may have gotten spam from me. I also got a Christmas card from **Susan Orme Price**, who has become a grandmother. Her son Jonathan, who has a twin brother, Stephen, has had twins himself. The babies have lots of wild curly hair and are adorable."

1972

Page Blankingship writes, "I had a wonderful time reconnecting with our classmates at our Reunion dinner. As the host, I also got in touch with many who were unable to attend. We have a great class! One of the best things to come out of the Reunion is our class Facebook group, which now has 20 of our classmates as members. For those who have stayed off Facebook, this is a great reason to join! Just 'friend' me and get in on the conversation."

Richard Dalley writes, "Alive and well in Lambertville, NJ (central near Princeton), coming up on 21st wedding anniversary to Alison (my keel, rudder, anchor...). Made some fun connections on Facebook with some of my Potomac friends. It's true what they say, the friends you make in those great younger years will be with you forever, regardless. Grateful for the opportunity afforded me. PS: the Potomac app is pretty cool!"



Top: A Potomac elephant belonging to Melinda Titus '70 • Fall 2012 Term cover, illustrated by Garrett Jewett '70

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1973

REUNION YEAR 40TH

Class Correspondent

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Lisa Block writes, "I still live in DC and am the VP of Meetings and Conferences at the Society for Human Resource Management. I've been at SHRM for over 20 years. It is a great place to work, and my job is both challenging and fulfilling. I travel a lot, mostly domestically, and I try to spend as much time as possible at my house in Nantucket in the summer. Hope to see you in April and catch up with everyone."

Christine Albert Carnes writes, "The core of my life is work (as a small-animal veterinarian) and family. Our daughter switched to pre-vet after finishing a degree in accounting. Our sons each have two kids, so we are grandparents to two girls (ages 10 and 2) and two boys (ages 7 and 4) and one more on the way! I also spend my days training pet dogs and the occasional service dog; working on my farm where two full-sized tame, somewhat trained pigs are a great source of joy; doing volunteer work (spaying/neutering 150 cats a month); occasionally speaking on relationship-based training; and other odds and ends. We have the usual age-related problems, but life is good."

Frank Bennett reports, "Our second son, Philip '13, is in his last semester at Potomac after 13 years and is looking forward to senior projects and the end of tests and papers. He is off to Washington and Lee next year to play lacrosse. First son, **John '10**, is a junior at UVA studying public policy at the Batten School and is looking for an internship this summer if anyone knows of anything. This will be his fifth summer at work, and he has won an Anderson Scholarship from UVA, so his intern wages are paid. Our youngest, Sam, has applied for fourth grade at Potomac, so we have our fingers crossed. After 10 years at Simplexity and its predecessor, the board promoted me to CEO in December, which is a great honor. We are doing some really cool things for the cellular telephone industry like building the next generation of specialized virtual cell companies for Sprint and running online wireless sales for Walmart and Radio Shack. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Reunion."

Bill Calfee writes, "Tracked to an island in the Dutch Caribbean. We are on a boat for three and half years. Email is better for me, as I rarely look at Facebook." Check out his blog at www.sailblogs.com/member/beherenowii.

John Chester writes, "Laurie and I are still in the art business with our company Wild Apple in Woodstock, VT. After a rough time during the recession, we seem to be back on our feet, and business keeps us traveling frequently. Our son Tommy is studying math and physics at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, and David is playing hockey with the Portland, ME, Junior Pirates this year before entering Trinity College next fall. We still have a llama. I go to my college and boarding school reunions, but for some reason the Potomac ones are the most fun. Maybe because they are low-key and at someone's house, not an institution, and even though we haven't seen each other for years, we know each other a lot better than we are conscious of! It would be great to see a lot of you there."

Nancy Cox writes, "As for news, two kids now in college, the third in 10th grade. Have been practicing law for the last seven years at K&L Gates, theoretically part-time, although since I'm a litigator, it rarely seems to be that. Still living in CA, and now seriously loving Vinyasa yoga, as well as my new Trek Madone."

Dorsey Davidge writes, "I'm busy single-parenting my two girls who are 14 and 11. It's exhausting, fulfilling and sometimes even fun! I just came across the picture published in *The Term* when my oldest was born! This month I celebrated two years working for a virtual recruiting firm — I learn something new every day about interactions with people, and it makes my life so much more interesting. I am so thankful to be home for my children while also having very fulfilling work. We are still living in McLean because of the great schools, though I've got my eye on moving back to DC in the next couple of years."

Dickie Epstein (yes, he still prefers that childhood and close friends call him "Dickie") will be marking 20 years of living in VT this year. He has largely moved out of arts administration and back onto the stage as an actor and performer in both New England and NYC. Recent roles include Reverend T. Lawrence Shannon (lead) in Tennessee Williams' rarely staged *The Night of the Iguana* and *The Actor* (lead) in Stephen Mallatrat's adaptation of Susan Hill's novel, *The Woman in Black*. A renaissance man, after 21+ seasons as a whitewater river guide in CA, OR and ID, Dickie has decided to stay east in the summers. He now guides far mellower day trips on the Hudson River in sea kayaks. In winter he guides and instructs blind and visually impaired skiers through the Ski for Light program. He serves on multiple boards, from international women's reproductive health to a local girl's camp founded by his grandmother almost a century ago. Please note his new email address: repstein@sover.net.

Victoria Hand writes, "Since I last saw everyone, I was working mostly on environmental programs, but since my parents' passing in '98, I reluctantly became a land developer and landlord — not quite what I had planned for my "second" career, but it was a great education on how to conserve and develop land in Fairfax County."

In my spare time, I branched out into the nonprofit world and helped launch a couple of charities — one is for Haiti where we build composting toilets to improve sanitation in rural areas; and since the earthquake, we now support several orphanages in Port au Prince (www.VwaAyiti.org). I am still living in my small manufactured home on the beach in Malibu, and am now on my 20th year of leading hikes in the Santa Monica Mountains. I have to admit that I do get a bit nutty when it comes to the wildflowers, and especially the gray whales that migrate up and down the CA coastline. I have also been fortunate enough to see my sister **Alexandra Hand Mateer '67** and my grownup nephews in Australia. Last year I spent a lot of time in McLean dealing with an aging house. Sadly, I have finally decided to test the real estate market this coming spring. My sister and I will be putting our lots up for sale. Anyone interested in 3.5 beautiful acres along Pimmit Run close to The Potomac School, a place to build your dream house? I have fond memories of my days at Potomac and recently had a chance to visit those old hallways that are still left, like the gym and Middle School wings. I am glad that not everything has changed. But even more wonderful was seeing my nephew **Colton Hand '16** and old classmates' kids playing sports on the fields outside! Not sure I can make Reunion, but I will try."

Alexandra B. Harvey writes, "I'm still working as a lawyer but have finally been able to cut back and start thinking about Act II of my life. I have two kids in high school, including a daughter who's a junior and starting the college process, which has been interesting. I really want to come to the Reunion, but I don't know yet if I can."



Top: Dickie Epstein '73 • Page Blankingship '72 and her classmates at their Reunion dinner

Lelee Frank Hazard wrote, "Our 18-year-old son Mitchell will graduate from St. Andrews-Sewanee School in June. (I graduated from St. Andrews before it merged with Sewanee Academy in 1977). Martha, 20, has been home for about a year. We are all dealing with Jack's death last Christmas. He was 23 when he died in Cambodia."

Chad Loebs writes, "Still based in Middletown, RI, where I'm involved with a couple of nonprofit boards and managing the care of my elderly father. I get down to Key West, FL, occasionally in the chilly months, and though I no longer work as a fishing guide, I still keep a cute little circa-1873 cigar maker's cottage and a small boat there for recreational fishing. No children or grandchildren (that I'm aware of) to brag about, but nieces/nephews/godchildren keep 'Uncle Chad' fairly busy. I probably won't be able to attend the 40th, as I have to be in FL those dates, but please give my regards to everyone (and especially the 'Hoban Road Bicycle Gang,' i.e., Hass, Chester, et al.). PS: If any classmates in the DC area need resources for aging parents, I can give my highest recommendation to Debra Levy Associates. They continue to assist us in multiple ways; feel free to email me for more info."

Ellen McLaughlin reports, "I'm currently in a marvelous play, *Good People*, at George St. Playhouse in New Brunswick, close enough to NY to qualify as

Extremely Off Broadway. Happily, after we close here, the production moves to Seattle Rep. for the month of March, so I don't have to give up this marvelous part too soon — one of the best I've ever played in my entire career. If there are any Potomac folks out in the Northwest, I urge you to come; it's a truly brilliant play. I'm still living in Nyack, NY, with my husband, Rinde Eckert (composer, performer, playwright), and we're still working in the theater as well as teaching. (I've been teaching playwriting at Barnard since 1995.) I split my time between acting and writing, and occasionally do them at the same time — my one-woman piece with string quartet, *Penelope*, premiered at Playmakers Rep. in NC last May, and I played Mrs. Dalloway in my own theatrical adaption of the novel *Septimus and Clarissa*, which premiered Off Broadway last year. Life is good, if hectic, and I look forward to catching up with everybody in April."

Diana Morgan writes, "Profound changes for me: I sold my house and moved to the country to allow myself to attend seminary. I am enrolled at Wesley Theological Seminary in DC toward a Master's of Divinity, doing a lot of writing and also teaching yoga (<http://blueleafyoga.wordpress.com>). **Lucy Jewett Lowenthal '68** and I both washed up in the same formation class, which teaches an awareness of the guidance of the Holy Spirit through practices such as prayer, covenantal discipleship (sort of like a small group in which you look out for each other), readings and service to others. It is a joy to connect with this lovely Potomac alumna. Kids: Julian started toward his PhD in Cognitive Science at the University of Chicago this past autumn. Camilla has been working on documentaries and will graduate from Lawrence University in June looking for work in movie production (any leads?). Love to all!"

Louise Putnam writes, "Life is treating me very well, for which I am very grateful. After a couple years of working 80 hours a week, my eldest daughter has embarked on a trip to southeast Asia and is currently somewhere in Burma, much to the envy of her mother, who would love to be there, too. My son Nick will be graduating from James Madison University this year, with a degree in biology. The first part of the summer will be spent having a rather nasty knee surgery, after which he will be looking for work. If anyone has an opening for a biology major whose principal interest within marine biology is cartilaginous fish, please let me know — I've got the guy for you! My youngest child has started her first year at UVA and appears to be settling in just fine — meaning that she is keeping her social and academic lives in balance. Personally, Boston remains a serendipitous place for me to have "started over." I am busy with work and happy with a delightful beau who lives on the North Shore. Also, I've had the distinct pleasure of having brief visits with **Channing Page**, **Nancy White** and **Jennifer Kirk** in the last year. Unfortunately, the work side of life is keeping me a bit too busy to make those visits more than occasional. As always, there is a spare room in downtown Boston for anyone who comes this way. Nick's knee surgery is going to seriously impact my vacation schedule, so it's unlikely that I'll make the Reunion."

Charles Spalding says, "Things are good down here in Costa Rica. Very strange to be thinking about our Potomac days and writing that my own kids are already out of the home. Chris lives and works up near Pompano Beach, FL, and Steph, after taking a gap year and working at Amazon, will be starting at the University of Oklahoma in August. So Patricia and I are just looking at each other kind of weird and asking, "Now what?" I can't wait to get started! All the

best to all! I also heard from **Hal Reynolds**, **George Walsh** and **Nancy White Lippe**, who are also hoping to make the Reunion."

As for me, **Liza Gookin Hodskins**, I'm so thankful my classmates were able to get me such great news when I asked them very last minute — and after missing a few *Terms* in the process. Many of our classmates are on Facebook, so their news can also be found there. Currently I'm not only Aide to the Vice Chair (probable Chair next year) of the Arlington County Board here in VA, but also Acting Aide for another, so life's pretty busy. Steve and I went to the Ukraine the last two years to celebrate Arlington's newest Sister City (no, taxpayers' money did not fund us!), and hosted their blacksmiths who came to the U.S. (Steve even learned some of the craft). After our dog died (we still cry), we got two more young curly coated retrievers, which keep us hopping. I've been particularly busy this year with my mom, who broke both her hips and a wrist in one year in separate accidents, and taking care of her house in DC. Looking forward to our 40th Reunion (wait, isn't that a typo?)!

Nini Redway writes, "I am still living in Sacramento, CA, with my husband and houseful of dogs and cats. My free time is spent on rivers kayaking, painting, caring for my mother and walking the dogs. I am still working (Deputy Treasurer for the State) but hope to retire in a couple of years. I won't be able to come back for Reunion, and my parents aren't in DC anymore, so I don't have a house to offer up. Sorry I can't be of help there. Hope it is fun. All my best."

Hal Reynolds shares, "My wife, Lisa, and I have been living in Southern California for the past 23 years. Our two older children go to boarding school in New England, and our youngest goes to a day school, which I am thrilled to say reminds me so much of Potomac! We stay in close touch with Tony and Anna Hass and their two boys and see them regularly in NY and ME."

1974

Class Correspondent

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Ann Brown writes, "Hope you all enjoyed the happy holiday season. Was sorry to miss seeing **Jonathan Willens**, who was in Washington, DC, recently to co-host his mom's 80th birthday bash. Otherwise, all is well here. My daughter, Anna, went on a snowy third grade field trip to Jamestown. She's tall, happy and loving swimming and third grade. My mom turned 90 this fall. I recently purchased an amazing treadmill that's as big as the Eisenhower. Takes up most of our living room, but it's totally cool looking and nice to take naps on. After Christmas, Anna and I had a fabulous week relaxing in Tulum, Mexico. **Kerry Kennedy** reported that she'd been celebrating her holiday there, too! Wish I'd seen her. **Charlie Mathias** congratulated me for our courage for casting our lots with the Mayans again this year. Being your trusty Class Correspondent, I wanted to be the first to break the news to you all if the world did end. But it didn't. Tulum was especially appreciated for me this year because it provided a respite from a ridiculous cold I had for two months. If the *Godfather* was on Broadway, I should have been cast to play Don Corleone in his tomato patch. How about if we have our next class Reunion in Mexico? Is anyone else out there at all concerned that they're developing symptoms of early dementia? I digress."

Jennifer Moses writes, "I have a new book out, the novel *Visiting Hours*. Calling on all former classmates to read it, please. Our twins are halfway through their

sophomore years in college. During winter break, which mercifully is about to end, we've only seen them at night. That's because they're vampires. Our eldest, Sam, made Aliyah and is serving in the Israeli Defense Forces. He enjoyed the winter holidays in the Negev, on maneuvers."

Lee Hass sent a note saying, "I am in Kolkata, headed to Nepal today."

Laura Roosevelt says, "My daughter Truda is in her first year at Bard College and loves it. My son Oliver is in his first year at the Martha's Vineyard Regional Public High School, and he also loves it."

I (**Ann Brown**) am into my second year chairing the board of The Yard, a Vineyard-based nonprofit performing arts organization that has, for 40+ years, nurtured emerging choreographers and dancers (through residency programs), many of whom have gone on to become stars in the U.S. dance world. We also present a bang-up fabulous summer season of dance and other performing arts, which seriously improves my quality of life here on this rather isolated island. Chairing the board is, as I like to say, a full-time job that I have to pay to do. My writing has suffered as a consequence of my Yard stint, but I'm about to go to a wonderful writers' conference in St. Petersburg, FL, for eight days of inspiration. I've been to this conference twice before, and once won the "best of" award for poetry. I'm hoping that attending this year will jump-start my lagging career as a poet. One thing I have been able to do is take photographs — my newest "career." I am focusing on shots of reflections in water — very abstract, they look more like paintings than photographs, helped by the fact that I print them on watercolor paper. I've been in two abstract art shows the last two years here on Martha's Vineyard, and have sold a few pieces, so it's a start. This past summer, I sold a piece to the horror filmmaker Wes Craven. I'm not sure what this says about my work, but I know that he's put it in his main floor guest bathroom, so it will get a lot of viewing while people relieve themselves.

Saw Susan and **Stephen Warnke** this summer for the first time in a couple of years, "and we had a wonderful time. I also am friends here on MV with Ward Just, **Jennifer Just's** dad."

Jane Day Rich writes, "Kevin has exchanged his stay-at-home-dad status for an employed stay-at-home status. He found a great job and is able to work virtually. We have to figure out how to minimize the battles over the one home office that we have! Isabel loves being in fifth grade, and it's tough keeping up with her. Ski season is underway, and we're hoping to get to the mountains as much as possible. Hope everyone had a great New Year's. We would welcome visitors to Boulder!"

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revelation, discovery...**

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Lastly, I know I speak for all of our class in extending my deepest condolences to **Errol Train** and **Chris Van Hollen** regarding the passing of their fathers. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Best wishes to all classmates for 2013!

1975

Class Correspondent

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Katya Chavchavadze Redpath writes that she has no accomplishments, no accolades, except two beautiful teenage daughters (Blondes! Go figure!) and a great husband. She sent along a picture taken at last spring's Potomac Reunion, when she jammed with **Baron Tymas '75**, **David Moses '76**, and **Kofi '76** and **Oteil Burbidge '79**. She says it was a peak experience for her, since she did a couple of songs with "the most awesome dream band anyone could imagine!" She loved seeing everyone there. She has plans to go to a Beatles music lecture in NYC with **Susan Holmes**. She also sent along an old class photo she found.

Susan Holmes wrote that she saw **Lizzie Edgeworth Cantacuzene** in January in Washington, DC. They had a great catch up and also saw **Sandy Sterrett** because they had rendezvoused at the Chevy Chase Club, where the kids were all skating. Her son, Nathaniel Heller, graduated from Middlesex, her alma mater, in June and is now at Occidental in CA as a freshman.

Margaret Evans Beers writes that her life as a Carlisle Consultant keeps her busy, but she says her true calling is being a professional singer. She just produced a new CD. There are samples of it on her website (www.margaretbeers.com), and the CD is for sale for those who are interested. Her husband, David, just started his own remodeling business, Walbridge Design Build LLC, last May. She updated us on her children: Parker, 30, is married and is an actuary in Boston. Daphne, 26, is in her last year of graduate school getting a Master's in Social Work. Charlotte, 24, is a church organist and will be married this July. David IV, 14, is a freshman in high school. She also writes that if anyone travels to the Hartford, CT, area, she would love to see them. We could even put you up!

Lizzie Edgeworth Cantacuzene also wrote about seeing **Susan Holmes**, who was in town with her husband and son for a Redskins game! She says she sees **Sandy Sterrett** every Saturday at the skating rink. Her daughter Clarissa (10) is a figure skater, and Sandy's boys are hockey players. She saw both **Margaret Evans Beers** and **Lisa Brown** this past spring. They laughed about all the devilish things they did in Upper School! She writes that all of her children are happy at Maret. Nicholas is in eighth, Elizabeth fifth and Clarissa fourth. Elizabeth has been dancing with the Washington Ballet for six years and has danced at the Warner Theater for five years in their annual Nutcracker. Nicholas is passionate about soccer and travel. This past summer her family took a barge trip through Provence and spent a week in Paris staying at a friend's apartment. From there they continued on to Athens, meeting up with her sister, **Ann Edgeworth '71**, and her husband Roland Brooks.

I (**Peggy Griffin Begor**) am still working in the non-profit world and living on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. My daughter Annie (23), graduated from the nursing program at Clemson University in December, and as you can see from the photo, it is my son Jamie (21) that inherited my red hair!



1976

Adam Randolph writes, "I'm in my third year being back in Washington, DC, and still loving catching up with local classmates and attending Reunions and going to Nats games. Building a private psychotherapeutic practice in Northwest, where I specialize in general practice in adolescent and adult ADHD and all types of anxieties. It is amazing the richness and depth of psychology resources here."

1977

Class Correspondent

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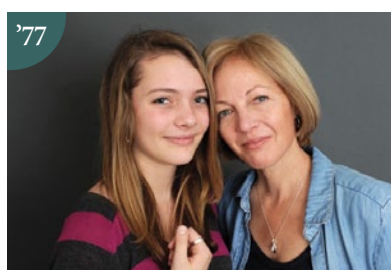
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Ptolemy Tompkins writes, "I live in Nyack, NY, with my longtime fiancée Colleen and my two soon-to-be-finally-official stepdaughters Evie and Lulu, and I'm enjoying watching the success of Dr. Eben Alexander's *Proof of Heaven*, which I had a hand in helping get written."

Four Hewes says, "I live in Portland, ME, with my daughter. Looking for help networking for work in DC, NYC, Boston, SE, abroad: contract or full-time software design/product management. (Goal: leave ME for a big city.) I run trail ultras, snowshoe, ski, sail, hike and hope someday to hunt. I put on races (participatory sports: skiing, running, triathlons, swims, sailing). I'm in touch with **Wendy Arundel** and **Wendell Miles '78**. I saw **Lange Johnson**, **Tim Makepeace**, **Nina Howard Regan '78**, **Cass Field Powell** and **Peter McAdams** last April in DC. Glad to be in touch. Not much for Facebook."

Vicki Howard writes, "I have a wonderful daughter, 17, a junior at the Bullis High School in Potomac. She was the lead in her musical *Children of Eden* and played Eve. I am living in McLean, working full time. All of the Howard family clan have moved away but are doing well. Have seen some of you, but would love to see more in the DC area."



Clockwise from top right: Peggy Griffin Begor '75 with daughter Annie and son Jamie. • Wendy Arundel '77 and daughter Charlotte Arundel Willauer • Four Hewes '77, Tim Makepeace '77 and Peter McAdams '77 celebrating their 35th Reunion • Wendy Arundel '77, Elizabeth Lee '77, Audrey Baxter Young '77, Lange Johnson '77 and Cass Field Powell '77 celebrating their 35th Reunion

Cass Field Powell writes, "It's been a good year. So much fun catching up with fellow Potomac alums recently at Reunion this spring, seeing **Lange Johnson** and **David Spalding** this fall, and a nice brunch at **Elizabeth Boorman Lee's** house with **Lange**, **Audrey Baxter Young** and **Laura Lombard**. Had a chance to visit my family up north in NH; saw my mom, dad, two sisters (**Whitney '81** and **Elizabeth '79**) and my beautiful niece, Jessica. It was neat seeing my two girls interact with their aunts and cousin; they even made a video about 'Zombie Football': sure to be a fall classic. Even with the stresses of raising two pre-teen/teen daughters, feeling extremely thankful for my family."

Lange Johnson reports, "The highlight of last year for me, without question, was seeing all of my old Potomac School pals in April during Reunion. It was great connecting with **Wendy**, **Audrey**, **Elizabeth Lee**, **Four**, **Tim** and **Peter**. The coolest thing was being able to pick up where we left off years before. I truly miss my old friends and enjoy reconnecting. Completed my fifth year with Direct Holdings Global (AKA Time Life) last year. We were acquired by a West Coast private equity firm named Mosaic Media Partners in July. My parents are alive and well, but it has been a struggle being part of the 'sandwich' generation — taking care of aging parents while keeping up with young children. Still playing a good deal of competitive tennis, both league and individual tournaments. Zoe is starting to like it, too. Father and daughter get out during the spring and summer to 'knock it around' a bit. No big plans for the summer, other than a week at the beach on Fenwick Island in DE. May take in some tennis at the Citi Open in DC in July and if I can manage the schedule. I will play the national 50's grass courts dubs event in Philly in late August."

Wendy Arundel writes, "Living in Wellesley, MA. Still passionate about my organizing business, The Mudroom. Am maybe a little too busy these days, considering I am at it Monday-Sunday. Have loved my fly-fishing escapades this year, and **Four Hewes** joined me for trapshooting one Sunday this fall. Had a ton a fun reconnecting at our 50th Reunion; wish more of you could have made it. My children, Ben and Charlotte, are in high school, and beautiful as ever. Charlotte and I are visiting Beverly Hills/Hollywood/LA for February ('13) break."

1978

REUNION YEAR 35TH

Class Correspondent

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1979

Check out **Oteil Burbridge's** new website for upcoming shows, blog posts and newsletters at oteilburbridge.com.



From top: Jimmy Corrigan '82 spent a week in June this summer on the Big Hole River in Southwest Montana in search of the elusive Brown Trout. • Adria de Leonibus Black '83 with husband Will and daughters LuLu (4) and Wells (18 months) • Alex Kuczynski's '83 sons Luke Porter Pable Stevenson and Maxime Dudley Stevenson

1982

Class Correspondent

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David Tierney reports that **Jimmy Corrigan** recently went caribou and wolf hunting in the Northwest Territories, and is going Red Stag, Tahr and Chamois hunting in New Zealand's South Island in April.

Tris Carlisle shares that the person he has been in touch with the most is **Lewie Hamady**. She writes, "We talk often, and I saw him twice somewhat recently." Tris also writes, "Hello to my fellow Potomac classmates. Hope you are well and, guys, please tuck in those shirttails."

Francesca Hunt Jewett writes, "I have three children aged 9, 11 and 13. And I work at a bakery in Middleburg, VA, making delicious whoopie pies, and we ship all over the country. I love my job." And also, "There's nothing better than my Potomac friends. I see **Merrell Cherouny**, **Janie Haynes Steuart**, **Ann Luskey** and **Alison Vest** often. Good times."

And sadly I share that we lost two people close to the hearts of our class. **Vinnie Lemon Pitzer** died peacefully on November 15 at Johns Hopkins Hospital after a short illness. She was greatly loved by her family and friends, and had an unusually kind, loving, gentle and generous way about her. She is missed by many, and our prayers go to her family.

And **Bettina Tierney '52**, mother of **David, Andrew '80** and **Chris Tierney '79**, died in her home on November 9. She was both a student and teacher at Potomac, and had three children and four grandchildren who attended The Potomac School. And I (**David Tierney**) thank everyone for sharing your kind words and fond memories of knowing my mom. I miss you, mom.

1983

REUNION YEAR 30TH

Class Correspondent

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Adria de Leonibus Black writes, "Our family recently moved back to McLean, and we love it! This past February I completed my first half-marathon in Disneyworld! I loved visiting Potomac recently to see all the new buildings. Wow! It is new, but amazingly, everything had the same warm and nurturing feeling as it did when we were students. It was great to be back. Hope to see everyone at our Reunion!"

Alex Kuczynski writes, "Here is a picture of my sons, Luke Porter Pablo Stevenson and Maxime Dudley Stevenson. They are awesome. We live in NY half the year and Sun Valley, ID, half the year, where they go to ski school in the afternoons after regular school. Life is sweet."

1984

Class Correspondent

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Ali Shapiro Cudby reports, "It's actually been a really exciting year, and about to get even better. About a year ago, my book *Busted! The Fab Foundations Guide to Bras that Fit, Flatter and Feel Fantastic* hit the bestseller list. That really launched my business of helping improve women's health and wellness through finding bras that fit. I've spoken at conferences, company wellness events, and participated in educational

summits on topics that range from fitness to fashion and business to breastfeeding. It's been very exciting! Next month, I'll be launching the FabFit Academy, the first certification program for bra fit training. So I'm thrilled about all that."

Monica Larrieu writes, "Much to my surprise, my husband, Faris, got assigned to Bolivia for the next three years, and we are now living in La Paz. The family has adapted well to life here, as well as to the high altitude amidst the Andes (we are at almost 12,000 feet!). We have two children, Gabriel and Mimi, who are 6 and 4, respectively. They love being here, and, thank goodness, they now speak Spanish. Given our nomadic life, I remain a chronic consultant but still get to work in public health and development. We don't know where we will end up on our next assignment, but Washington will always be our base. Let me know if anyone ventures South and would like to stop through Bolivia."

Jennifer Maddox Sergeant shares, "I'm currently freelancing, doing lots of fun home-related stories for *Washingtonian*, *DC Magazine*, *Home & Design* and *Traditional Home*. I still maintain my personal blog, *DC by Design*. So I'm always looking for amazing homes in DC to write about. I still live in Arlington, and I recently reconnected with **Charlie Kehler** when I saw his name in a caption on a party page I was editing for *DC Magazine*. Sounds like he's doing great in the commercial real estate world. I'm looking forward to hearing from everyone else."

John Stump is loving life in Raleigh, NC, with wife Lauren, son Sutton (7) and daughter Bailey (5). John is CEO of Monitech, which manufactures and services breath alcohol interlock devices that prevent impaired driving by those convicted of DUI. John is training for a four-day endurance event this spring at Southern Pines, NC, and occasionally sees former Raleigh Mayor **Charles Meeker '65** around town.

James Quigley reports, "In the 'Where Are They Now?' column: **Charles Saltzman** spends weekdays in Austin and weekends skiing in Colorado; **Mary Day Fitzgibbon** continues to battle the elements in Albany and visits Washington on holidays; **Wendy Hoopes** continues to have fun in NYC and has even tried her hand at taxidermy! I remain in Washington with wife Kristen, son Tanner (5) and daughter Hailey (3). If you are in DC, please feel free to reach out on Facebook, and let's catch up soon. Kradnik!"

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1986

Thanks to **Holly Green Gordon** for all her years of service as the Class Correspondent. Holly is stepping down, so we need a classmate fill this important role. Contact Laura Miller at lmiller@potomacschool.org if you are interested.

Read about **Holly Green Gordon** and the film *Girl Rising* on page 9.

1990

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1991

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Thea Lehming Brandt shares, "I'm writing you this New Year's message from chilly, foggy Seattle. I am also proudly writing you this email from my new house. We just moved into it in October (after an almost two-year search), and it's perfect. We're about a mile away from our old neighborhood of Fremont, over on Queen Anne Hill. For those of you who are familiar with Fremont, we are still close enough to easily walk down and enjoy its eclectic finds and eccentricities, but far enough away to not have its "center of the universe-ness" in our faces all of the time. My son Nicolas will be heading to kindergarten in the fall and is close enough that we will be able to walk to school together in the morning before I head off to work. Last year I completed the Ragnar Northwest Passage relay with a team of wonderful women and am looking forward to doing it again this year (as well as some half-marathons and trail runs in the region). I'm getting back into rock climbing after an eight-year hiatus. I'm skiing after snowboarding for 16 years. It's all painful, challenging and fun! Life is good. I have no complaints!"

Alison Wille Harris writes, "Happy to share the news that I got married on June 9, 2012, to Jim Harris at St. Columba's Episcopal Church in DC with a beautiful reception at the Chevy Chase Club. We are living in Dallas."

1992

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Thank you to Ally Bloom and Jon-Claud Nix for their leadership as the Class Agents. They are stepping down, and we are looking for new volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Laura Miller at lmiller@potomacschool.org.

Zed Adams is on sabbatical this year, spending it in sunny LA. He noted that this year is going by a little bit too quickly! He is writing a book, *On the Genealogy of Color*, which explores how developments in color science have led to shifts in how we think about subjectivity. He doesn't think it's possible for your red to be his green. He's also giving talks at museums and libraries, on things like the history of themed environments and what it's like to be a frog (seriously). He's also working on a documentary about ramen shops in Tokyo, but that's a side project and most definitely not something that is going to distract him from the work he really has to do.

Allyson Bloom continues to work at Inova Fairfax Hospital and is an assistant clinical professor of emergency medicine for Virginia Commonwealth medical students. Her two boys are in second and third grade at Potomac, and Ally is hopeful that her daughter will join them for kindergarten next year. She sees **John Cecchi** and his wife, Kristin, regularly. John and Kristin motivated Ally's family to adopt a bulldog after Ally's family fell in love with John and Kristin's bully.

Elliott Holt's first novel, *You Are One of Them*, will be published by The Penguin Press on May 30, 2013. Elliott's book tour will take her to bookstores in DC, NYC, Chicago, Boston, Denver, Seattle and various other cities. She hopes she will get to see old classmates at her readings!

In October of 2012, **Angela (AJ) Miller** and her husband welcomed their son, Max Allen Masters, into the world. She returned to work at the Department of Justice in January and is enjoying the delights and challenges of being a working mother. AJ and her family are still living in Washington, DC, and would love to hear from old friends.

1993

REUNION YEAR 20TH**Class Agent**

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Margaret Buckley Menzel writes, "I am living in Washington, DC, with my husband Aaron and children Nathan (4) and Nora (3). I am a genetic counselor at Children's Medical Center."

Erin Cleary Murtagh writes, "On September 4, 2012, we welcomed Margaret Carolan Murtagh. Big brothers, David and Robert (age 2), adore her."

David Ritter writes, "I am married with a beautiful 20-month-old daughter. I have seen **Farish Rosenbaum Perlman**, **Sarah Bacon**, **Amanda Lowe** and **Jay Zeiler** often. I build zip lines and ropes courses, and play outside for a living with Calleva Outdoors. Life is good."

1994

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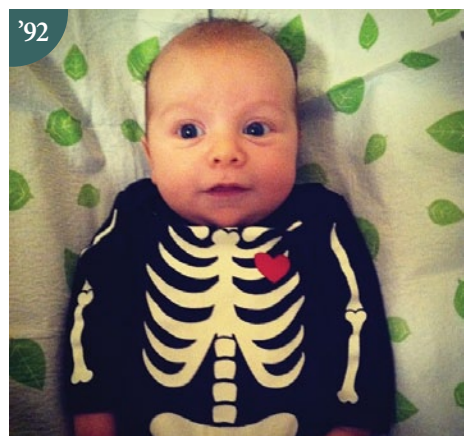
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Michelle Pollak Landwehr lives in Bellevue, WA, with her husband, Mark, and their daughter, Madeleine (born June 21, 2012). Prior to the birth of Madeleine, Michelle was a PR consultant for health-care (pharmacy, biotech, medical devices) companies and nonprofit organizations. She would happily entertain any Potomac friends who visit the Seattle area!

Eric Lodol's new television show *Murder in the First* has been given the green light by TNT. Co-created by Steven Bochco and Eric Lodol, *Murder in the First* is a murder mystery set in contemporary San Francisco, which the producers say "will provide a window into the soul of modern justice in an increasingly complex world." It centers on two San Francisco homicide inspectors as they investigate murders, a Silicon Valley wunderkind who is a celebrated CEO of a cutting-edge tech firm and prime suspect, and the defense attorney and prosecutors engaged in the high-profile murder case.



From left: Max, son of Angela (AJ) Miller '92 • Sally Steponkus '94 • Madeleine, daughter of Michelle Pollak Landwehr '94

Sandy Gentles and wife, Laura, are enjoying a great start to 2013! Sandy is really enjoying his new job at Leading Path Consulting and just finished working with Marriott on the merger with Gaylord Hotels. Looking forward to catching up with more classmates this year. He can be reached at sandygentles@gmail.com.

Mara McMillan writes, "After teaching science for almost 10 years, I switched to being an education specialist in Oakland, CA, three years ago. The last six months have been busy — got engaged, bought a house in Oakland (that needs a ton of work!), and started a master's program in vocal performance at San Francisco State. Just last week, I quit my job to be a full-time student (and house renovation project

manager). Over Thanksgiving, my (now) husband, Phillip Elms, and I snuck off to City Hall and got married with just our parents and Phillip's twin brother and his family in attendance. I've been living in the Bay Area for the last six years and love it! **Haley Steele** and her husband and their now year-old twin girls live about 15 minutes away, and we get together every couple months. There have been a few other Potomac alums from the early 90s in the area over the last few years, but as far as I know, they've all moved away again. If anyone else is here, or coming through on a visit, and has time to say hi, let me know — it would be great to see you!"

Sally Steponkus shares, "Things are great with me. Very busy expanding my interior decorating firm, Sally Steponkus Interiors, Inc. This is my 13th year in business, and I've got four employees now and have never been happier! Not all that much else to report, other than I just got back from vacation in Miami and I'm going to visit **Eliza Robinson Rosen** in Chicago in February."

1995

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Reed Kuhn writes, "I've taken a sabbatical from management consulting to do research into sports statistics and write *Fightnomics*, the book, which will be out this year. Exciting and terrifying at the same time."

Barrett and Mary Katherine (Tribble) Peters '95 welcomed their daughter, Truitt Dunaway West Peters, on August 9, 2012. Truitt joins her brother Lochlan (2) at their home in Richmond, VA.

1996

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William Clarkson enjoyed spending time with Potomac alums **Robbie Gresinger '98**, **James Rizzo**, **Jamie Sullivan**, **Chris Crampton**, **James Maxwell**, **Cabell Maddux '86**, **Lee Fentress** and **Victor Maddux '93** at a Redskins game.

Chris Cramer got married in 2012 to Jennifer, a Georgetown graduate. The couple has moved to NYC, but they still come back to Washington, DC, to visit his parents. They were here during the holiday season.

Jessica Martin Hayne announced the arrival of Dorothy Hayne, born on January 15. Dorie and her mom are healthy and are now happily at home with Dorie's two older sisters, Addie and Maisie, and big brother Henry!

Heather Wilson writes, "I have been back in the Washington, DC, area for about four years now. This is my third year working at Potomac as the K-12 Community Service Coordinator and my second on the Alumni Governing Council. I try to spend as much time as possible with my one-year-old niece, Hazel, and her dad **Jonathan Wilson '98**. I'm still getting into trouble with **Ali Jost '97**, **Matt Shuba**, **Kirsten Lodal '97**, **Rachel Lewett**, **Cora Olson**, **Lane Jost '97**, **Tom Dillon '98** and **Edward (Smitty) Smith '98**. I've also done quite a bit of painting over the past

three years. Please visit www.heatherrebeccawilson.com to see my work."

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Zal Batmanglij, directed the new movie *The East*, which premiered at Sundance in January 2013. It will be opening in theaters this spring. The film is about an operative for an elite private intelligence firm who goes into deep cover to infiltrate a mysterious anarchist collective attacking major corporations. Bent on apprehending these fugitives, she finds her loyalty tested as her feelings grow for the group's charismatic leader. The cast includes Brit Marling, Alexander Skarsgård, Ellen Page, Toby Kebbell, Shiloh Fernandez and Patricia Clarkson.

Read about **Clay Whitehead's** company Presence-Learning on page 14.

1999

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Shauna Burgess Friedman writes, "I am living and practicing law in NYC. On January 13, 2013, Jon, Claire and I welcomed Daniel Robert Friedman into our family."

Christian Gomez writes, "I am happy to inform you that I recently began a new position at the Council of the Americas in Washington. I am now Director for Energy at the Council. This position entails managing



From top left: Kate and James, children of Sandy Gentles '94 • Mara McMillan '94 and husband Philip on their wedding day • Robbie Gresinger '98, James Rizzo '96, Jamie Sullivan '96, Chris Crampton '96, James Maxwell '96, Cabell Maddux '86, Lee Fentress '96, William Clarkson '96 and Victor Maddux '93 • Shauna Burgess Friedman '99 with her family and newest addition, Daniel Robert Friedman

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subtle changes, renovations,
rearrangements...

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the Council's Energy portfolio and the Energy Action Group (EAG), including serving as the day-to-day point-of-contact on energy for the Council's member companies, government officials, multilateral banks and the policy community. My role will also include coordinating events and meetings of the EAG both domestically and abroad, as well as drafting articles, op-eds and Congressional testimony. I am very excited by this new opportunity, and I look forward to collaborating with you in the future."

Read about **Monique Péan's** sustainable luxury jewelry on page 16.

2000

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Lucinda (Brown) Revell had a daughter in January. She was born in Bangkok, Thailand, and is named Eleanor. She's almost one now and thriving back "home" in Cambodia, where mom is working for a private equity fund.

Emily Duncan and her husband, **Matt Meenan**, hiked the Inca Trail in August and, aside from a brief bout of food poisoning, had a wonderful time in Peru. Matt started a new job as Director of Communications at the Aluminum Association, and Emily is now a Director of Government Affairs at the Solar Energy Industries Association. They see Potomac friends in the DC area often.

Fontaine Marcoux Haskell writes, "Sam and I welcomed Colette Devereux Haskell on October 2, 2012. She was 7 pounds 15 ounces, and 21 inches long. She joins big sisters Marion (4) and Clara (2)."

Jon Haworth left his job as an Associate Producer and Assistant News Editor at NBC News and took a job working as the Deputy News Editor for Domestic News at Sky News in London. He misses working at NBC but definitely enjoys the change of pace that it has afforded him. He just celebrated his sixth anniversary with his partner and still finds time to go swimming almost every day like he did more than 12 years ago. He's also planning later this year to visit India, somewhere he has always wanted to go, and hopes it will be as amazing as he imagines it to be. He sees his sister, **Susannah Haworth '02**, in London often since she works as the Gallery Director at Eleven Fine Art located in Victoria next to Buckingham Palace.

Grant Myers got married on August 17, 2012, to Kasey McDonald in Petoskey, Michigan. **Steve John '01** attended, and **Belen Aquino Perfilio '99** was the photographer (she is incredible, by the way). Grant writes, "Above is our wedding picture that Belen took. Professionally: I just adapted the *New York Times* bestselling YA novel *The Maze Runner* for 20th Century Fox — and just got word that the film will begin shooting this summer (yup, they're making the movie). It will be released on Valentine's Day 2014, so make sure everybody you know goes to see it, and support a Potomac alum! Next up I am writing two more films for Fox: one is a crime-drama based on a true story, and the other is an historical epic.

Albert Pingree shares that he and his wife, **Marianne (Robinson) Pingree**, "had a baby girl over the summer named Sophia Isabella Pingree. Sophia was born on July 3, just 30 minutes before her father's birthday

on the fourth. To date Sophia is well and healthy. She began crawling on New Year's day to her parents' surprise and has kept them on their toes ever since as she is constantly moving around and climbing whatever she can find around the house. It has been amazing to see her becoming independent during play and developing her own unique personality. From picking up a favorite toy to laughing in the tub at night, she is quite a joy. We promise to keep folks posted on her continued development in the future."

Jen Rainey got her MPH and is doing consulting work for health program impact evaluation, mostly in Haiti and Tanzania. She teaches yoga and lives in Northeast WI/Upper MI. Her boyfriend, Ted, works for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and is building a fisheries research vessel up here. She still rides horses, unfortunately not with Marcy Maxwell. She did her first half-iron distance triathlon this summer. She hasn't really seen anyone this past year, but last year she did get to see **Jon Rosenbaum** finish his first Iron Man distance triathlon at the Chesapeake Endurance Festival. She is moving to ID this summer because she is doing a Physician Assistant program at Idaho State University, so if anyone wants to come ski Sun Valley in the next two years, let her know!

Jon Rosenbaum has recently been in Big Sandy, Montana, and even had the pleasure of riding on a combine.



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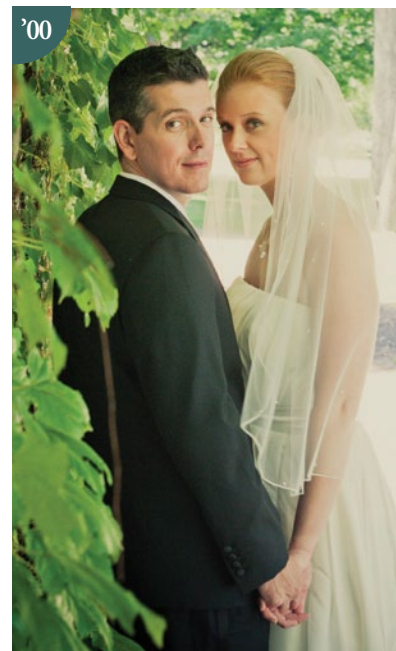
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Dan Brooks graduated from the University of Michigan's full-time MBA program in May 2012 and is now living in San Francisco, CA.

Cecily Hutton Cutshall writes, "I'm working with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), leading an internal program on communications and collaboration. I get to use my Master's in Conflict Analysis and Resolution (from GMU) quite directly, which is wonderful. Jason and I are living in Arlington and generally loving life. I hope you're doing well, too — and if you happen to swing through Washington, DC, we have an extra bedroom (and fireplace and patio) in our new apartment, so you're welcome to stay with us! We'd love to see you."

Jamie Potter writes, "Wow. This year I turned 30 years old. How does one celebrate the entrance into real adulthood, that age when people actually look at you like you know something? Why, you celebrate with a *Game of Thrones* surprise birthday party, which the casual observer could easily confuse with a party intended for a 13-year-old! But it works — I never grew up and I never want to. A week before my 30th birthday, I became a published author winning *The Portland Review's* short fiction contest. Young writers in the U.S. are considered under the age of 45. Therefore, I'm still young in some circles! Currently I am finishing my first full-length novel for young readers called, 'My Life With The Ragtag Whirly-Girlies,' a sci-fi adventure about female thieves all under the age



Clockwise from top left: Crawford Appleby '02 and fiancée Lauren • Grant Myers '00 and his wife at their wedding ceremony • Jon Rosenbaum '00 on a combine in Montana



Clockwise from top: Mike Fischer '04, Courtney Fischer '00, Sarah Duncan '03, Emily Duncan '00, Chris Short '00, Evan Dannemiller '00, Matt Meenan '00 and Dimitri Karmires '00 • Victoria Sylos-Labini '02 and Sartaj Ajrawat '02 • Albert '00 and Marianne (Robinson) Pingree '00 with their daughter, Sophia Isabella Pingree • Jessica Liu '03, Natalie Namrow '03, Jenny (Redding) Ullman '03, Natalie Banks '03 and Mary Thomas '03 • Elizabeth Fabiani '03, Cynthia Starr '03, Alison Ayer Heyman '03, Ashley Bender Curtis '03, Ashley Seidlitz '03, Caroline Dalton '03 and Pamela Barris '03

of 20, surviving in the wreckage of a future Boston. Expect a ridiculous jacket cover of the author wearing a bearskin tunic, cheeks streaked with mutton, grinning like a happy fool."

Come see **Jamie Potter** perform at the Reunion 2013 All-Alumni Cocktail Party on April 26. More information at www.potomacschool.org/alumni.

2002

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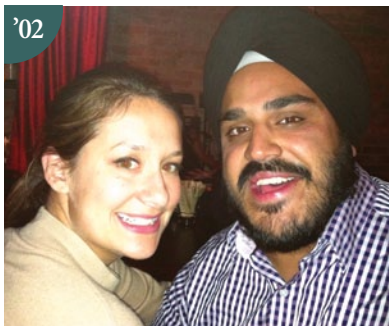
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Rostam Batmanglij's band Vampire Weekend announced that their new album, *Modern Vampires of the City*, will be released on May 6 in the UK and May 7 in the U.S. via XL Recordings. Check out their website for more information on their tour dates: www.vampireweekend.com.

Marc Lewis writes, "I've been in Austin, TX, for about a year now, and I'm loving it. I'm currently working as a software architect for Electronic Arts' customer experience division."

Tracy Phillips shares, "I graduated Catholic University Columbus School of Law in May 2012, and I am currently clerking for the Honorable Nelson W. Rupp, Jr. in Montgomery County Circuit Court. I was sworn in to the Maryland Bar in December 2012."

Victoria Sylos-Labini moved back to the DC area after a 10-year hiatus. She is currently working as a Psychology Associate and Consultant at the Psychological Group of Washington in downtown DC.

Crawford Appleby writes, "I am about to graduate from Loyola Law School in LA this May. I'm also engaged to Lauren Tompkin, and we will be getting married in Vermont this September."

2003

REUNION YEAR 10TH

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Pete Carrington has just started a new job as a social worker at Scarsdale High School in Westchester, NY, after having been in Brooklyn the past two-and-a-half years. He has also moved from Brooklyn to Inwood, Manhattan. During the winter break he visited

Washington, DC, and was able to catch up with a lot of people and also looked at some old pictures of his fifth grade production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. They had a lot of laughs at the costumes, which are no doubt still in circulation in the Middle School.

Ashley (Bender) Curley married her fiancé, James Curley, on October 20, 2012. She was so lucky to share the event with so many of her Potomac classmates. She was also very happy to have six of her Potomac friends by her side as bridesmaids. Ashley recently finished her MBA at NYU Stern and is currently working at Google in NYC.

Emma Jackson is thrilled to be engaged to her boyfriend of eight years, Kwok, who she met at Bristol University. They are hoping to get married in the autumn. Emma is working as a Marketing Manager at Tesco and really enjoying it. She lives in London and would love to see Potomac friends this side of the pond if they're visiting!

Ian MacLeod is in his last semester of his master's program in fish and wildlife. He hopes to graduate this spring and to join everyone at the Reunion!

Margaret McClintic writes, "I recently got a new job! I am training in Dubai, UAE, for another week, then returning to Shanghai, China, to open up an office for K12 International, the largest distance-learning company in the U.S. I should be living in Shanghai for a while, so please come visit!"

Last year was a very exciting year for **Jenny (Redding) Ullman**. She completed four half-marathons, including the Princess Half Marathon in Disney World, and is planning to complete six this year. She also got married in October to Doug Ullman. A few Potomac friends were able to attend including: Natalie Namrow, Mary Thomas, Jessica Liu and Natalie Banks, who was one of the bridesmaids.

Lauren Huber Zullo was married in June 2012 to Rick Zullo on her parents' vineyard in Leesburg, VA. She was thrilled to share the day with so many Potomac friends and family including her brother **Matt Huber '01** and sister **Lacey Huber '07**. Lauren and her husband now live in NYC, where she works on green building and energy efficiency issues with Natural Resources Defense Council's Center for Market Innovation.

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Robert de Picciotto is studying at INSEAD business school, a leading one-year international MBA program. He is spending the first half of 2013 on the Singapore campus and completing the program in France.

Edmund Rucci, Drew Peterson, Derek Thompson, Michael Diamond, Drew Durbin and Billy DuVal held a mini reunion in New Orleans to celebrate Billy's engagement with a Bourbon Street bachelor party. **Caroline Reid Peterson** is living with her husband and son in Rockville, MD, and is expecting baby boy #2 in April.

Shevin Tantula continues to live and study in London and is enjoying the brisk winter temperatures.

Regina Lee and Margot Kabalkin are also celebrating recent engagements and living parallel lives. After working at Bain & Company for three years (along with Edmund Rucci), Margot headed to Harvard Business School, and Regina headed to Columbia Business School.

2005

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Come on, Class of 2005: send in your notes to Charlotte and Jordan! We're sure your classmates would love to read about what you're doing now.

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Robbie Shiver is working as an Account Executive handling inside sales for Monumental Sports and Entertainment. He handles accounts (both business and personal) and provides season ticket, partial plan, group outing, promotion and VIP ticket discounts for the Wizards, Capitals, Georgetown men's basketball and the Mystics. Robbie recently helped organize an event that brought many members of the Potomac community together to watch the Washington Caps take on the New Jersey Devils. He was a great help with logistics and planning the pre-game reception. Everyone had a great time!

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Charlie Drake shares, "Right now I am living in Tarrytown, NY, studying at the School of Visual Arts in NYC. I'm in my first year of graduate school working towards a Master's in Art Therapy.

Samee Gharagozloo writes, "I am living with **Molly McNerney** in Georgetown and will be moving to Baltimore in July to begin dental school at the University of Maryland, in hopes of becoming an orthodontist."

BG Green says, "I am wrapping up my second year in Gary, IN, with Teach for America. Next school year I will be moving to Boston to teach at the KIPP: Lynn Collegiate High School. I will be working as one of their founding college counselors and am very excited about this opportunity."

Whitney Ourisman writes, "I graduated from Georgetown in 2011. I currently live in DC and am in my second year of teaching at KIPP DC: LEAP Academy. I am getting married this summer and am so excited to have **Sammy Rocks** standing next to me as my maid of honor!"

Emily Prezioso reports, "I'm in my second year at Georgetown Law and will be working as a summer associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom this summer."

Sammy Rocks reports, "I graduated from Colgate in 2011 and then went right back to school at Georgetown. I just graduated from their nursing program, so I am now Sammy Rocks, RN! I'm currently living in Arlington and will be working in a surgical ICU at Hopkins starting in February."

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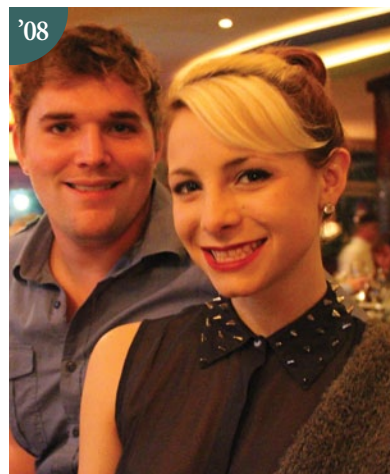
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Yasmin Atefi is currently on a rotational program with GE Aviation (Operations Management Leadership Program). She moves every six months and recently rotated out of Cincinnati, OH, and to Winfield, KS. In this role, she works on assembly and overhaul of jet and helicopter engines.

After graduating from NCS in 2008, **Catharine Bellinger** went on to study education policy at Princeton for three years before taking a leave of absence to launch a nonprofit, Students for Education Reform (SFER), which organizes college students across the country to take action to end educational inequity. Catharine is a Draper Richards Kaplan entrepreneur, and her organization's work has been featured in *TIME*, *Forbes* and *Education Week*. She's excited to reconnect with Potomac classmates in New York!

Kate Chiv writes, "I just completed an impulsive relocation from Chicago to LA, where I'm working in marketing/business development at a mid-size architecture firm and enjoying excellent tacos!"

Antonia Cooper currently works in marketing in the Office of Development and Public Affairs at UVA as the Assistant Director of Annual Giving; Director of Cavalier Connect (the Annual Giving Telemarketing



From top: Charlie Tansill '04, Maggie Beddow '04, Regina Lee '04 and Katie Critchfield '04 gathered at Ireland's Four Courts in VA in January, and Regina showed off her new bling • Newly engaged Jenny Essig '08 and Ted Hall '08

program).

Patrick Duff graduated from Vanderbilt University in May 2012, and spent his last free summer relaxing and preparing to relocate to NYC. After completing the move, Patrick began work as a management consultant in August. His first assignment was international, so he spent the first six months working in Belgium, getting the opportunity to tour several cities in Europe along the way. He plans on spending the winter and spring getting re-acquainted to New York, and seeing what new cities and countries he'll be visiting next.

Rosalind Fennell graduated from Amherst College in May 2012 and began working at the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) as a Department of Defense Safe Helpline Staffer and Support Assistant. This fall she also interned at LIFT Communities, a nonprofit organization founded by Potomac alumna **Kirsten Lodal '97**. Rosalind is currently a full-time Research Assistant at George Washington University's Department of Health Policy and hopes to begin pursuing her Master's of Public Health in Health Promotion there next fall.

John Gee graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in May 2012, and is currently a PhD student in U.S. History at Harvard University.

Ted Hall and Jenny Essig are thrilled to announce their engagement.

Molly Jaffe will be graduating from Vanderbilt in May and looks forward to traveling over the summer. In the fall she will be moving to Columbus, OH, to begin a corporate development program with Abercrombie and Fitch.

Will Kapfer recently graduated from the University of South Carolina with majors in psychology and counseling. He currently works for a small telecommunications company and, within the next few years, plans to attend graduate school to pursue a career as a licensed counselor therapist.

Katherine Mullins currently works at the National Institutes of Health in NIDDK's Diabetes, Endocrinology, and Obesity Branch, in a two-year research fellowship, working on a clinical protocol called "Phenotyping Obesity." She plans to apply to medical school next year.

Gabriel Pinchev graduated from Southern Methodist University in 2012. He is now working at Accenture, where he does consulting, in Dallas, TX.

Johns Ross is working at Corporate Executive Board as a research analyst in Washington, DC.

Aileen Shea graduated from Georgetown in 2012. She is now working at a commercial real estate company, Newmarket Grubb Knight Frank, where she does tenant representation leasing, in NYC.

Amanda Shi graduated in the summer of 2012 from University of Edinburgh and is now working for an economic policy think tank, the Fung Global Institute, in Hong Kong.

Josie Toso graduated from Rochester in 2012 and moved to Jordan for a few months. She is now in Washington, DC, applying to graduate school in NYC for mental health/psychopathology.

After graduating high school in 2008, **Nick Thieme** attended Bridgton Academy where the controversial race-confused character he performed in a play received positive reviews from a local ME magazine. Then in 2009, he spent a semester abroad in London, working as an analyst in the field of forensic science. In 2011 he travelled to Afghanistan with an engineering group from Carnegie Mellon University, staying longer than anticipated due to serious health issues. He will spend 2013 in Austin, TX, focusing on his full recovery.

Katy Warren got engaged to Casey Oliver! They went to different schools but met on a mission trip in Sweden and are getting married in Knoxville, TN.

2009

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Isabelle Conner and **Phillips Mitchell** came to the Potomac College-Age Alumni Bowling event in Washington, DC. They had a great time connecting with their classmates and friends.

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Grier Barnes is now running TEDxYale, after working with the TED Talks group in Cape Town during her semester abroad.

Ann Bellinger declared a Computer Science major this year and is Chapter Leader of Students for Education Reform-Tufts.

Clara Beyer's family moved home from Bern, Switzerland, in the winter. Clara is now editor of the *Post Magazine*, a weekly arts/lifestyle paper that runs in the *Brown Daily Herald*. Clara continues to work on her own blogs as well.

Isabel Dann was elected Events Chairwoman for her sorority and also began an internship with Heavenly Day Events, a wedding planner in Austin.

Mackenzie Foster declared a Theater major this year and is now co-editor of *Philologi: The Belmont University Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy*.

Jamila Jamal writes, "I discovered my love for research at my summer R.E.U. (Research Experience for Undergraduates) at the Marine Biological Laboratory. I am currently involved in cell culture research, studying the gene-environment interaction between pesticides and Huntington's Disease. In addition, during the month of January, I interned at the Rashid Hospital Emergency Department in Dubai, UAE."

Tori McCaffrey has been working as a bioinformatics research assistant for a cancer genomics study at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Paul Pemberton is now double-majoring in Biomedical Engineering and Computer Science and was also a Resident Advisor this year.

Hanna Rocks was elected president of her sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta, at William and Mary. This summer, Hanna will be interning at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Tysons, VA.

Mollie Sheerin is a Criminal Justice and Political Science double-major and is a research assistant with one of her political science professors. Mollie is also a member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha (a community service sorority); she plans to graduate in December 2013.

Margo Thronson will be in McLean interning with Ernst & Young this summer and is currently an officer of the Wayne F. Gibbs Accounting Society.

Kayla White and **Dana DyTang** both studied abroad in Paris during second semester.

2011

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Julia Diamond sings in the Skidmore a cappella group, The Treblemakers, on campus. She was also elected as an officer of Skidmore's Hillel.

Sasha DiGiulian (Columbia) has had another busy year of travel, climbing in places such as Spain, Utah and Rome. She toured Beijing, China, on an appearance trip for Adidas. She also gave a TEDTalk last November!

DaRio Hall interned at Chick-fil-A this past summer, promoting and helping to launch the first Chick-fil-A mobile truck.

Ellen Overstreet joined Sarasota Ballet as a full company member. She has already performed in two productions, with four more programs to come in 2013. She is also continuing college courses online. She loves the company and the warmth of Sarasota.

Jackie Pfeiffer (Duke) is a Biology major with minors in Psychology and Environmental Science and Policy. She joined the coaching staff of the Rivals club lacrosse team in Durham, NC. She plans to study abroad in Sydney, Australia, in the fall.

Aarti Rishi (Elon) is majoring in Strategic Communications and minoring in Business Administration. She is in Tri Delta sorority and is studying abroad in London in the fall.

Katie Sheerin (Ripon College) is currently studying History and Museum Studies.

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Maggie Duff has really settled into the CA lifestyle and has been fortunate to become a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority chapter on campus. Maggie is studying civil engineering and has found it both challenging and rewarding.

During **Tommy Duffy's** first semester at the University of Colorado Boulder, he has been working hard and has decided to major in Neurological Theory of Anatomy. In addition to his courses, he has found solace in the outdoors, frequently hiking and snowshoeing.

Christina Fennell writes, "As soon as I arrived on Spelman's campus, I became involved in Spelman College's Bonner Scholars Program. The Bonner Scholars program is a community-service-based scholarship where 20 people per class complete 140 hours of community service hours per semester, or about 10 hours

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per week. This program also encourages students to create and launch their own community service initiatives as well. For my service site during my first semester, I served as a teacher's aide and worked with a fifth grade class at M. Agnes Jones Elementary School in Atlanta, GA. In addition, I had the opportunity to volunteer at a food bank and attended seminars and retreats as well. Also this semester, I worked on finding a balance of academics, socializing and Bonner service. Therefore, my goal for next semester is to plan to have MASTERS Enrichment Program incorporated into M. Agnes Jones or another local school in Atlanta, and to launch the program next semester or next year."

William and Mary has been the perfect fit for **Evan Finnell** this fall. He has been able to get involved in the club swim team and the Unitarian Universalists, both on-campus organizations that have allowed him to meet new people from all over the map.

In his first semester at Northwestern, **Jamie Lovegrove** has gotten involved in a number of organizations on campus. Jamie intends to study Journalism at Northwestern. He is most proud of his role as a reporter and assignment editor for the Northwestern News Network, which is a student-run news organization.

Russell Schmidt enjoyed his first semester at Washington and Lee on the football team that won the conference and state titles. He is interested in getting involved on campus in the next semester.

Nneka Ugwu has been fortunate enough in her first semester at Amherst to join the Amherst crew team. While practices are demanding, the schoolwork is equally taxing, as she is looking to potentially double-major in Political Science and French.

After completing her first semester at Yale University, **Lauren Wackerle** is extremely excited to be a member



Sara Dougherty-Jones (former faculty), daughter Ella Jones (current Potomac senior), husband Steve and William Clarkson '96

of the Kappa Alpha Theta chapter on campus. The pre-season for lacrosse went great, with Yale winning the Connecticut Cup. Lauren is very excited for the coming season, which starts in February.

Former Faculty

Sara Dougherty-Jones writes, "Just sending along a fun photo from Inauguration Day. Steve's firm held an event because they are located at 17th and Pennsylvania Ave., and the views are great for the parade. Anyway, the young man to Ella's right is **William Clarkson '96**, who now works as an attorney at King and Spalding. His father, Bill Clarkson, was the Headmaster who hired me to teach English at Potomac in 1989, and William was in my seventh grade English class. His dad went on to a very long career as Headmaster of

the Westminster Schools in Atlanta shortly after (just announced his retirement: <http://www.bizjournals.com/atlanta/news/2013/01/25/westminster-schools-president-bill.html>), but William stays in good touch with lots of his former Potomac classmates. What a small world."

Ken Okoth shares, "On January 7, I turned 35. On January 17, ODM members in Kibra gave me a special present at the party nomination. On March 4, 41,047 people of Kibra unwrapped that present by voting for me. It's such a blessing and honor. Thank you all and

God bless!"

Darcy Swope writes, "I thought my former students and colleagues might get a kick out of what 'retirement' ended up meaning for me! I began a nonprofit school to facilitate art classes for 'underserved' populations at my country home in western Loudoun County. Along with my co-director, we have built wonderful outreach programs that serve those with dementia, Alzheimer's and people of all ages with physical or mental disabilities. To learn and see more, please visit our website: www.birdsofafaithschool.org."

in memoriam

Harrison Baird '41

Barbara Barksdale (Former Faculty)

Miriam Fulton Block '49

Mother of Elizabeth '73; Sister of Martha Beshers '44

Mary Draper Janney (Trustee Emeritus, Former Faculty)

Mother of Chris '65

Lewis Kimball (Former Head of School and Parent)

Husband of Emilie; Father of Phil '67, Peter '69 and Matt '70

Dorothy "Mike" King (Former Faculty)

Mother of Richard '65 and Jonathan '71

Charlotte von Lilienfeld '76

Katharine Ostermann '32 (Former Faculty)

Steuart L. Pittman, Sr. '47 (Trustee Emeritus)

Father of Nancy '64, Rosamond '66, Tammy '68, Polly '74 and Romey '80, Grandfather of Amanda '05, Laura '08 and Micaela '03

Vinnie Lemon Pitzer '82

Mother of Ellie '13, Claire '17 and James '17

Day Ely Ravenscroft '43

Bettina Hartley Tierney '52 (Former AGC and Grandparent Committee Member)

Mother of Chris '79, Andrew '80 and David '82

Grandmother of Ted '17, Megan '19, LuLu '23 and Isabel '21

Janet Wilson (Trustee Emeritus)

Mother of Peggy '48

Grandmother of David Morton '72 and Leslie Morton '78

Curtin Winsor III '78

Father of Devon '13, Eliza '21 and Julia '23

Brother of Anita '79, Monica '83 and Rebecca '97

Note: We incorrectly reported that Katherine Burton '59, mother of Fred Burton '93 and former faculty, had passed away. Katherine is alive and well, living in Maryland. We deeply regret this error.



A Branch of May

A branch of May I bring you now • And at your door I stand; • It's nothing but a sprout, but it's well budded out • By the work of God's own hand.

To me, that branch of May, well budded out, is a wonderful metaphor for a good life, and you see, Mr. K's greatest gift to me has been just such a branch. To put it in my wife Hilary's words, his gift has been a model of "a life well lived." May is an optimistic time of year, not only filled with the beauty and good cheer of spring, but holding the promise of the wonderful days of fun and adventure in summer ahead. To me, his manner embodied all the joy of the moment and promise of good things to come that that branch of May represents. An upbeat, positive spirit seemed to infuse his every undertaking. Part of it was that there was always a healthy dollop of the fun-loving kid in him — and that's part of why he was such an effective educator.

—Excerpted from Mr. Kimball's eulogy, delivered by **Tom Parker '68**

Pursuing the Horizon

In Memory of Former Headmaster Lewis Kimball (1927-2012)

In a sense I guess what we are really doing at school is pursuing the horizon, and I, for one, am not disturbed at this... Times change and the nature of our student body changes. The goals of society as a whole evolve. These changes represent the advancing horizon, which we are pursuing. I don't really care if we get there. The direction is straight and the pursuit is worth the effort.

—Lewis Kimball, Remarks at Parents' Night, October 11, 1964

The horizon was indeed advancing at a fast past pace during the decade when Lewis Kimball led Potomac. The School admitted its first African-American students and graduated its first co-ed class in 1964-1965, the first year of Mr. Kimball's tenure. Ensuring the success of co-education and further diversifying the student body were among his top priorities.

But this was not because Mr. Kimball took a special interest in advocating for any particular group. Rather, he believed in the dignity of all people, especially children. Take, for example, Mr. Kimball's couch. Mr. Kimball observed early on that when young children sat on the full-sized couch in his office, their legs stuck out "in an undignified way." His wife, **Lee**, remembers he insisted that the couch be modified or replaced to better suit the statures of his smallest visitors.

John Wolf '67 says, "There's a tendency to regard the school principal as a distant and severe authority figure. Lew Kimball did not fit that mold. He was a gentle, friendly and sympathetic ear."

"He was a very just and fair person," remembers former Potomac Latin teacher **Imogen Rose**. Racial integration seemed only natural to him. In 1968 a committee of the Board of Trustees, headed by **Robert Shorb**, concluded that the School should actively seek to attract a more racially, ethnically, economically and geographically diverse student body and faculty, with special attention paid to Washington-area African Americans.

Mr. Kimball understood the benefits and broader meaning of "diversity" the way we understand it at Potomac today. In his remarks at Parents' Night in 1964, Mr. Kimball described the School's teachers, "whose training and experience are as diverse as the corners of the Western World. In this diversity the School finds one of its chief sources of strength — the strength of constant renewal and revitalization — the source of the spirit of moving forward that is so characteristic of Potomac."

A University of California graduate with an MA from Harvard, he taught for four years at St. George's School in Newport, Rhode Island, and was Head for six years of a country day school in Santa Barbara, California. After leaving Potomac in 1974, Mr. Kimball became Head of Charles River School in Dover, Massachusetts.

His students and colleagues remember he was fond of music and sang in a men's a cappella group. Potomac music still has a special place in the hearts of his children, **Philip '67**, **Peter '69** and **Matt '70**, all of whom chose the Langstaffian favorite "'Tis a Gift To Be Simple" to be played at their weddings. Indeed, it was also played at Mr. Kimball's memorial service on August 16 in Chatham, Massachusetts.



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Migratory Restlessness

By Elijah Goodwin, Intermediate School Science Teacher

Mr. Goodwin blogs for Potomac's redesigned website at www.potomacschool.org/voices/elijah, where a version of this essay first appeared. He is father to Antonia (grade 4) and husband of Katherine Hannon, Upper School science teacher.

With the increasingly warm weather, there will be more and more birds passing over and through the grounds of Potomac. First the birds that have been enjoying our relatively mild winter will depart: geese, ducks, some hawks, robins, blackbirds and the like. Then the birds from farther south will march northward, until inevitably the Potomac woods are filled with the sounds and gaudy sights of migrating warblers and thrushes headed to their northern breeding grounds. The night skies will be filled with the sounds of birds on the move. Combined with the emerging foliage, the sights, sounds and even smells of change are in the air.

Researchers of migratory birds discovered a phenomenon known as migratory restlessness or, in German, *zugunruhe*. During the migratory season, cage-raised migratory birds will exhibit a restlessness or anxiousness, particularly around and after dusk. What's more, the birds will actually orient their activity in the cardinal direction that their wild and uncaged relatives are traveling, including matching the timing of shifts in direction. This was initially thought to be limited to migratory species, but it turns out that a low-level of *zugunruhe* is present even in resident non-migratory species. Each year at this time as I revel in the flights of birds, I feel like I experience my own *zugunruhe*: a longing to follow the birds, to be on the move, to make major changes in my

life. Perhaps we all have this latent restlessness, a long-disused evolutionary remnant from our migratory ancestors.

But change is in the air at Potomac as well. At the end of this past summer, the faculty were treated to a professional development day, when we were encouraged to explore, and then utilize, the wonderful natural and outdoor resources that our campus has to offer. And I've been seeing the results. More and more classes have been out and about on campus, and not just my colleagues in the natural sciences, but math classes and physics classes and English classes. Colleagues are satisfying their own professional *zugunruhe*, and indulging the restlessness of their students, as well. I even took my own eighth grade physical science classes out to the woods

this year for some opening chemistry demos, exploring the laws of nature while surrounded by nature.

Yes, change is in the air this spring. And change is good. ♦



The barn swallow, a spring migrant, photographed by Mr. Goodwin

Senior Avery McCaffrey designed the Terminology icon (top left) that accompanies this essay. She recently interned at a creative agency that specializes in data visualization, and she plans to study architecture or graphic design in college.

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Reunion 2014
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