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# A Message from the Superintendent



Through the lens of securing a strong foundation, establishing outstanding programs, recruiting and retaining the highest quality personnel, and communicating the value of the TAS experience, alumni watch their institution grow. Colin Powel, the first African American appointed as the U.S. Secretary of State, instructed, "Have a vision. Be demanding." We have demanded a great deal to bring the vision for our students into focus.

With a firm financial foundation in place, we have been able to erect beautiful, green facilities that have enhanced programs and student learning across all three divisions. The Tiger Center provides the educational resources that we have come to expect from a world class fitness center. The construction of the Black Box Theater has already enriched our performing arts program in the upper school.

By moving upper school classrooms into the new buildings, we have been able to expand our middle and lower school facilities. The middle school, now with a stronger educational culture and identity, extends vertically over four floors. Like the middle school, the lower school is now characterized by its customized, dedicated learning spaces.

A growth in space means a growth in programs. Most impressive is the introduction of a middle school competitive sports program. This comprehensive competitive sports program prepares our students to be capable athletes and gracious competitors at the upper school level and in life. Our programs continue to excel in other areas as well. Public speaking, serves as an example of program excellence that has grown for TAS students.

We will continue to strive for excellence and to constantly improve. While the strategic plan brings our path to focus, we must remember it is the deliberate work of so many that brings the strategic plan to life. Our discipline is strong and our accomplishments many, but our passion and commitment will never allow us to settle for the status quo. And it is in that vein we watch our institution continually grow, and we invite you, our alumni, to play an integral role in this critical journey.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon M. Hennessy". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sharon Hennessy

## COVER STORY

### 2013 Clash of Classes Basketball Games

**December 2013**

The second annual basketball games for alumni and varsity teams were once again a great success as more than 90 alumni signed up for a series of games on the last weekend in December. Appreciation goes to Teddy Tu '06, Sean Cheng '02, Glory Days Basketball, and Boys Varsity Coach Terry Lagerquist for providing logistical support. A team of alumnae also played against the girls' varsity team over a casual friendly scrimmage. Special thanks to Stephanie Wu '09 for organizing the game with the Girls Varsity Coach Kim Kawamoto. We welcome alumni to come out to play and watch these games every year on the last weekend in December.



# From the Advancement Office

Dear TAS Alumni,

Our alumni are a valued and important part of our school community. This is especially evident in the time and effort your alumni officer Helen Chen '94 spends planning, organizing, writing, and engaging with you. I recently had the opportunity to review the multitude of things Helen has done over the past year and the data is impressive:

- 430 alumni have attended an alumni event on campus.
- 894 alumni records have been updated in our database.
- 380 alumni joined her at events in various locations around the world.
- 30 tours of campus were provided.
- 8 alumni as guest speakers for current students were arranged.
- 15 messages were written and sent to over 6,000 alumni.

The new bulletin board outside of our Alumni Office across from the new school store called the Tiger Shop has framed photos from the past. These historical images of faculty and staff that have made significant contributions to the development of the school since the founding of the school in 1949 will be displayed on rotation. The photo below is a picture of me and Helen in front of the new display.

Some of these images are also highlighted weekly on the TAS Facebook page as Way Back Whensday. We hope you are enjoying them. We want to celebrate our rich history and keep you informed about history in the making. There are lots of ways we share information and we want you to remain in touch. In addition to liking us on Facebook, we encourage you to visit our website, read the Blue and Gold online, and our publications, join us on LinkedIn, and sign up for news alerts via RSS feed on the website.

By the time this magazine reaches you I will have joined you as a member of the alumni community. I am looking forward to being on the other end of the TAS alumni communications and participating in alumni get togethers in Canada. I have many fond memories of my many interactions over my 8 year tenure here at TAS and I wish you all the best.

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Very sincerely,

Paige Summers

*Assistant Superintendent for Advancement*



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## The Past and Present Come Together in The Liu Lim Arts Center

By now, students have discovered that the Liu Lim Arts Center is a beautiful space in which to explore music, dance, drama, and more. Faculty have learned that they can utilize expertly designed classrooms as catalysts for excellence. And parents are assured that their children have access to state of the art learning facilities. But what everyone might not know is that our very own TAS alumnus Edward Wang '93 and I-Cheng Construction & Development Corporation was the primary contractor for the Liu Lim Arts Center.



Having originally submitted a bid for constructing the Upper School Science and Technology Building, Edward was very excited when the chance came to work on the Liu Lim Arts Center. He said, "I really wanted to take on this project because it was an unusual opportunity to work with Taiwan's renowned professionals in the field such as Kris Yao, the architect, and Parson Brinkerhoff, the general contractor." Edward went to work right away by securing material suppliers, supervising workers, and arranging machinery. Although his firm encountered many challenges given the tight schedule, the Liu Lim Arts Center opened for students and faculty in time for the fall semester.

Seeing this project from the beginning to completion was extremely meaningful on many levels for Edward. While a student at TAS, he enjoyed playing and performing on his violin. Today, he continues to play regularly in a community orchestra. This personal involvement in the arts ties Edward to the Liu Lim Arts Center in a very special way.

The most rewarding aspect in constructing the Liu Lim Arts Center, for Edward, was returning to campus on a weekly basis. He enjoyed following not only the progress of the construction, but the development of the school under the leadership of the administration and board members. Edward feels fortunate to be a part of the process to advance the school forward with additional facilities. He concluded, "It was an honor to work with a group of people who are committed

to providing the best for the students and teachers at the school. I gained very valuable experience from being a part of this project. The TAS Liu Lim Arts Center has become one of my company's signature accomplishments."

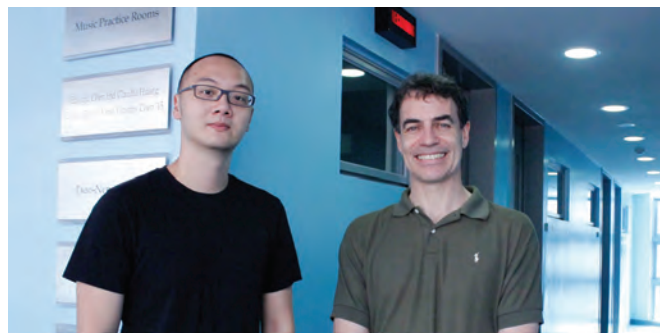


## We Like the Sound of That: Jonathan Liao '00 Assists with Liu Lim Arts Center Acoustics

Jonathan Liao attended TAS from the 2nd grade until his graduation in 2000. Although he was in the strings program the entire time, including attending the IASAS Music Convention his junior and sophomore years, he saw music as more of a hobby and just one of the many social activities that he was involved in. It was not until after his first year at NYU when he found out about the Music Technology Department there and realized music and sound was something he really enjoyed and could understand.

He decided to declare his major in Music Technology and graduated with a Bachelors of Music in 2004. He then went to graduate school in the UK for a Masters of Science in Sound & Vibration from the University of Southampton. After his studies, he worked at two different consultancies as an acoustic engineer.

Acoustic engineering is, in simple terms, the analysis and application/control of sound. In construction projects, it is often an overlooked aspect during the design process, and only reveals itself as a problem when the building is completed and occupied. Acoustic issues can range from the general to specific, such as external noise from neighbors or traffic affecting a home, difficulty in understanding speech in reverberant spaces, or its effect on musicality in concert halls and recording studios.





In his five years in the UK, he was fortunate to have worked on many prestigious projects including the 2012 Olympic Village, extensions for the Royal Academy of Music and the University of Arts London, while also consulting on commercial buildings for clients such as Barclays, Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan, KPMG, and others.

While abroad, he still kept in touch with his high school music teachers; he visited Mr. and Mrs. Love in Frankfurt, and kept in touch with Mr. Abernethy via emails and occasional Taiwan visits. After he returned in 2010, it was Mr. Abernethy who put him in touch with Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations Mr. Panta regarding the new building work. As acoustic consulting is a very fledgling field in Taiwan, he was happy to provide what knowledge he had.

Although much of the work was piecemeal and conducted through Mr. Hsiang-Li Chen, the school's engineer, or the designated contractors, by the time the new Arts Building opened in September 2013, he had assisted on various acoustic aspects of the new Black Box Theatre, the refurbished Small Theatre, the converted music classrooms on the 2nd floor, and the music classrooms in the new building. His involvement was to make sure that the spaces were fit for use, and this largely consisted of assisting Mr. Chen and the contractors to understand building acoustics, dealing with noise paths, using acoustic insulation to provide sufficient separation between two adjacent spaces, and the importance of room acoustics by reducing reverberation times and reflections with acoustic foam.

Jonathan remarked, "Walking into one's alma mater is always a trip down memory lane, but in much the same way as alumni who return to teach, being able to give back to the music department where I spent so much time was very fulfilling and seemed to bring things full circle." He is also in discussion with the school on other areas, including providing music and PA equipment, giving student talks about the field of acoustics and live sound, and much more.

## Language Development Seminar

In October, more than 25 alumni and spouses attended the special seminar presented by Lower School Principal Dr. Catriona Moran on the topic "Supporting Your Child's Language Development". International families always face the challenge of choosing the right school. This is particularly difficult for alumni, many of which grew up in multi-lingual environments and are raising children exposed to many different languages. TAS continues to offer an English language curriculum. Mandarin classes are offered as the foreign language in the lower school program. Dr. Moran emphasized the importance of developing a strong first language and offered many tips for alumni to support their children's speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills.

## From Generation to Generation

During the 2013-2014 school year, there were 61 families where at least one parent attended TAS as a student. This number has been steadily increasing as more alumni relocate to Asia and continue to identify strongly with the mission and vision of the school. Alumni are always invited to the Information Sessions hosted twice a year for prospective families introducing the TAS programs and admissions processes. Private appointments with Dr. Winnie Tang '65 our admissions officer may also be arranged. We are delighted so many alumni are considering admission for their own children to their alma mater. Please feel free to contact the Admissions Office at [admissions@tas.edu.tw](mailto:admissions@tas.edu.tw) for more information.





## Alumni Return to Campus for Volleyball Games

**December 2013**

A group of alumni returned to play a few games of volleyball organized by Bonnie Tsai '09.



## Drumstick Roll Please...

The tradition continued as alumni return to the school for the annual feast of turkey and mashed potatoes. Attendance reached unprecedented numbers and included alumni, former parents, former faculty, current faculty and administrators, and family members. Alumni represented a range of classes from 1968 to 2009.

Outstanding music was provided by Esther Veronin '05, Lara Veronin '06, and their alumni band members Andrew Yeh '00, Teddy Ho '06, and Manav Mehta '09. Lara and Esther founded their own entertainment label in 2013 titled MeiMeiWaWa, and they participated in the Taipei 48 hour film competition, submitting a short clip featuring several alumni as actors and musicians alongside former faculty Jim Murvine. The video can be viewed on Youtube by searching key words: House of Champions by Meimeiwawa Multimedia.





## Alumni Faculty

The TAS experience is special, and it's what draws some alumni back to school as faculty. We are pleased that the following alumni chose to work at their alma mater as faculty and staff during the 2013-2014 school year.

Winnie Tang '65, Maria Peters '89, Maria Ting '89, Helen Chen '94, David Bong '95, Sarah Peters '95, Cheryl Quek Lagerquist '98, Monica Lin '00, Evelyn Chen '03, Michelle Kao '03, Peter Shen '03, Stephanie Lee '04, Teddy Tu '06, Stephanie Chiang '09



Stephanie Chiang '09 joined us this past school year as an Upper School English teacher (front left).

Check out the Alumni Media Gallery online and see event photos from gatherings around the world.

[www.tas.edu.tw](http://www.tas.edu.tw) > Alumni > Alumni Media Gallery

## Faculty Awards

Name	Service Year SY1314
Peter Hastorf, Middle School	40 years
Susan Chen, Lower School	40 years
Kathleen Cutler, Upper School	30 years
Shannon Hsu, Middle School	20 years
Carrie Tenebrini, Lower School	15 years
Candace Aiani, Upper School	15 years
David Badgley, Upper School	15 years
Amy Cheng, Upper School	15 years
Carl Lochrin, Lower School	15 years
Rick Rabon, Lower School	15 years
Kathryn O'Rourke, Lower School	10 years
Wendy Liang Linett, Upper School	10 years
Ying-Chie Chen, Upper School	10 years
Patricia Sloan, Lower School	10 years
David Bond, Middle School	10 years
Michael Grande, K-12	10 years
Mary Ann Cooke-Jones, Middle School	10 years
Angela Mackenzie, Lower School	10 years
Daniel Robinson, Lower School	10 years
Martin Robinson, Lower School	10 years
Kristin Rowe, Middle School	10 years
Naden Rowe, Middle School	10 years
Yin-chi Yoshida, Upper School	10 years
Alice Wu, Upper School	10 years

## 2014 Departing Faculty

Name	Division
Judith Devore	LS
Sarah Mar	LS
Rachel Gray	LS
Lisa Adams	LS
Yoo-Kyung Shim	LS
Nancy Achorn	LS
William T. Hoehn	MS
Paul Moreau	MS
Margaret Bond	MS
David Bond	MS
James Hickey	MS
Claire Lasfargues	MS
Micheal Costello	US
Vicky Hsu	US
Gene Magill	US
Charisse Milan Wu	US
Natalie Vacirca	US
David Devore	US
Patty Sloan	LS
Robb Sloan	US
Marc Rios	US
Ah-Young Song	US
Carla Hughes	US
Aaron Gray	US
Nina Cheng	Health
Paige Summers	Administration
Karen Moreau	Administration

## The Name's Bond. Family Bond.

This international family of mystery has been taking TAS by storm for over two decades.

Trevor and Margaret Bond arrived in Taiwan with their son David in 1992. Margaret started off in the grade 8 English and Social Studies departments before moving into PE and health. It was a natural transition for her as she also coached for 22 years. Trevor, a coach as well, served as a Middle School counselor. David was a student when he first arrived. He was a varsity and IASAS athlete in cross country, soccer, and track and field, and earned the Scholar Athlete Award in 1995.

After David graduated from TAS, he returned to New Zealand for a double degree in Mandarin and International Business. Realizing that sitting behind a computer for the rest of his life wasn't for him, he completed a Sports Science Degree and started teaching at a High School in Auckland. It wasn't long before he got his Masters and returned with his new wife, Hsiao, whom he met in New Zealand, to teach at TAS.

With David's return, TAS was fortunate to have all four Bond teachers at once: Trevor, Margaret, David, and Hsiao. TAS and the greater community benefited from their active participation in the classroom, marathons, bonsai gardening, the establishment of a TAS Gavel Toastmasters Club, MS camp leadership, the faculty band, tennis, taekwondo, lacrosse, field hockey, and more. Most recently, the TAS community had the pleasure of welcoming the third generation Bonds into the world: Kaelyn and Lexi, David and Hsiao's two daughters.

Now, for the first time since 1992, the TAS campus will not have the Bonds present. Trevor retired two years ago, Margaret retired this year, and David and Hsiao are moving on to Singapore for the start of the 2014-2015 school year. We wish them all the best and thank them for their service to the school. They will definitely be missed. The Alumni Office is happy to welcome Trevor, Margaret, and Hsiao into the happy TAS alumni community for the first time and David back for a second.



## HTC's Secrets to Success

By Carol Chen '15, originally printed in the Blue and Gold Volume XX, Issue IV

"I wasn't a geek-nerd in high school. At TAS, I was the popular, sort of arrogant basketball jock," said Phil Chen '96.

Chen has come a long way from shooting hoops in Tien Mu. When he started out playing basketball in college in San Francisco, he realized that it wasn't something that he wanted to do. Something else interested him- the world of technology. Today he is HTC's Chief Content Officer.



Chen helped the TAS Apps Club arrange an HTC factory visit in Taoyuan on December 19. HTC, a Taiwanese tech giant, was founded in 1997 and has grown to become one of the biggest global producers of smartphones and tablets.

According to Sunny Lai, HTC Brand Manager, the company has struggled in the past few years, but HTC One, its most recent smartphone, is considered the most successful launch in the company's history. With BoomSound stereo speakers, Ultra-Pixel sensors for its camera, and a sleek aluminum frame, HTC One was awarded Best European Advanced Smartphone, T3 Design Award in 2013.

As David Wu, the Assistant Tech Manager, said, the whole design and innovation of HTC phones revolves around user experience.

"It was only until we stepped into the HTC building did we realize our limited knowledge of the company itself, or even, what "HTC" stood for," said Daphne Liu '15.

And what does it stand for? Well the company was once called the High Tech Computer Corporation. They wisely abbreviated their name and they haven't looked back. In 2011 HTC overtook Nokia to become the third biggest mobile phone company in the world, behind Apple and Samsung.

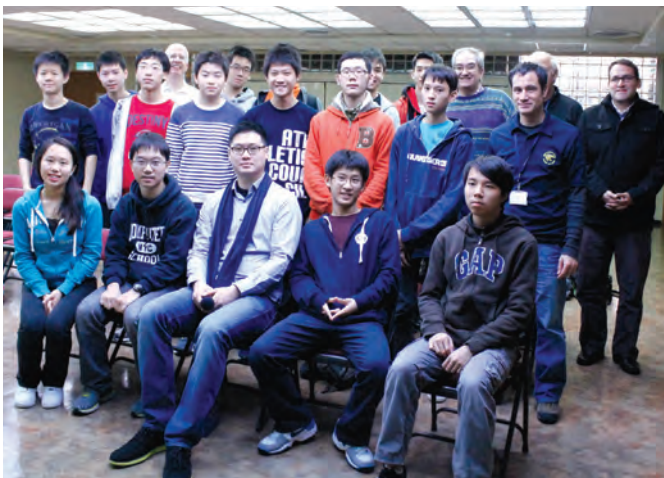
Students were shocked when Georges Boulloy, Vice President of HTC, deliberately dropped his HTC phone, just to demonstrate the product's durability.



"From the assembly line that makes the main board to the assembly line that packages the finished phone, it really surprises me how much work- both human labor and machines- is required to produce a smartphone," said James Wang, Vice President of the Apps Club.

"The HTC trip could only be described as an enlightening, enjoyable, and insightful experience," said Victor Huang '15, President of the Apps Club. "I feel that this trip was a tremendous success since Apps club had never visited factories of tech companies before."

The Apps Club's visit to HTC and Phil's talk at TAS were arranged through the Alumni Office.



## Send us your stories!

We want to hear from you!  
Email [alumni@tas.edu.tw](mailto:alumni@tas.edu.tw) about fascinating adventures, your accomplishments, reunions, awards, or memories of Taiwan. TAS reserves the right to edit letters for length, style, and clarity.

## Expected School-wide Learning Results (ESLRs)

**In addition to a rigorous curriculum, Taipei American School educates students to become**

- Creative thinkers
- Healthy individuals
- Ethical people
- Versatile learners
- Enthusiastic collaborators
- Information-savvy learners
- Skillful communicators
- Conscientious citizens

## A Poet, and We Know It

Henry Chung '12 visited Upper School World Literature classes in January. In class, he conducted writing workshops and presented his own work. The event was titled "Where Are You From: An Exploration of Space and Self." Henry facilitated the workshops with US English department faculty member Jaami Franklin on "Writing as Personal Reflection" and "Analyzing Movement." He also did a poetry reading of his self-published first collection, *Formosa*.



## The Director's Cut: Alumna Director Bertha Pan '88

By Michael O'Neill, Communications Officer

When in the midst of releasing a major independent film, most directors don't think to include their alma mater as a stop during their publicity tour. Last fall, however, Taipei American School students had the opportunity to meet alumna director Bertha Pan '88 on campus and watch the trailer to her feature film *Almost Perfect*. After a Q&A session, Bertha visited the Advanced Theater class to discuss her career in more detail. Throughout the course of her visit, Bertha shared anecdotes of being on set and gave advice to aspiring student film directors and actors.

During the Advanced Theater class, Bertha talked with students about working with actors and actresses on the set. Bertha discussed different ways she tries to elicit real emotion from her actors. One tip she shared, "I coach actors not to act, but to react to the situation. I tell them that if the chair is uncomfortable, then react naturally to how it feels. The camera doesn't lie!" She also taught students how to create a natural chemistry between two actors. For example, if characters are referring to a shared experience such as a dinner, then ad lib that dinner before a take. As a result, the on-screen shot will be far more believable. Student response was very positive for Bertha as well. Senior Sara Chen said, "she gave great suggestions about the difficulties we might encounter not just in the movie industry but also in life."

Bertha's 'life advice' encouraged students to take notice of their surroundings. Too often, people are focused on their smart phones and tablets to see what's happening around them. She recalled a funny yet poignant student-directed film at the Formosa Film Festival about a person walking down the street. The character was involved in their digital world and missed the extraordinary events around them. "Don't let that happen to you," she said, "don't let life pass you by."

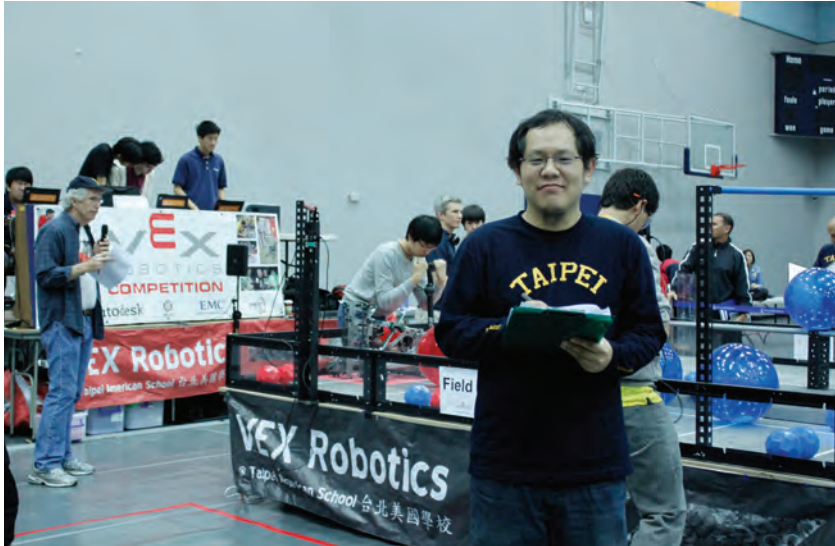


Before leaving, she had one more message: if you're in it for ego—to get rich and famous—then you're in it for the wrong reasons. If you put ego aside and enjoy the process, you will get a great film. But that doesn't mean there won't be challenges. Just look at them as growth opportunities. It was evident from Bertha's talk that she put her ego aside and embraced challenges. Look at her now and the success of *Almost Perfect*.

Bertha's film features famous actors and actresses, including Christina Chang '89 who has known Bertha since their TAS days together. The movie is available on DVD + VOD - via Amazon, iTunes, Vudu, and Blockbuster. For more information on the film, visit the FB page of *Almost Perfect*.



## Lending a Robotic Hand



In December 2013, TAS hosted the VEX Asia-Pacific Regional Championship. TAS Alumnus Allen Chang '94 served again as a referee at the event. He joined other faculty who made sure students were following important safety measures as well as ruled on the scoring of each round of competition. Since 2010, the Robotics program has grown from a student club to a KA-12 program. Classes in the Upper School have 10 courses and 21 sections, including Robotics Engineering & Technology; 3D Design, Sculpture, and Robotics; Intro to Robotics, Engineering & Technology; Advanced Robotics & Engineering; and a Teaching Fellow in Computer Science and Robotics.

In addition to the VEX Asia-Pacific Regional Championship, the FIRST-FRC team finished

6th in a highly competitive regional tournament. Two years ago, the team ranked 28th; last year, the team finished 16th. This year's team also won the General Motors Industrial Design Award, which recognizes excellence in robot design. The judges selected the TAS robot because of its excellent three-dimensional CAD modeling and data-driven design principles. It is worth noting that other top FIRST-FRC teams have big-name sponsors, including Lockheed Martin, Boeing, BAE Systems, and NASA, which provide both significant monetary grants and actual engineers! We are proud that our students build their own robots and are competitive with the professionally-backed teams.

Gifts to the Friends of TAS have benefited the KA through grade 12 robotics program, enhancing opportunities for all students. Contributions have made specialized training and equipment possible.

## Alumni Judges Worth Their Salt

Howard Pan '91 and Angela Pan '93 were both former IASAS debate and forensics delegates. In March, they had a chance to sit on the other side and cast their vote for the best speakers in each of the categories: Oral Interpretation, Impromptu, Original Oratory, and Extemporaneous Speaking. Allen Chang '94 also served as a judge in several debate sessions. TAS had an outstanding performance at this year's events, winning five medals to lead the medal count among the six IASAS schools. TAS took 11 of the 28 possible finalist spots, which was unmatched at the tournament.

Starting with the class of 2015, all students are required to complete a credit of public speaking by selecting one of these classes: Public Speaking, Rhetoric, and Debate, or Theater Arts, Honors Theater, or Honors Advanced Theater.



## A Passion For Dance: Miu Ide '09

Miu has been dancing since the age of 3. She had training in Ballet, Hip Hop, Jazz, and Contemporary before coming to TAS in eighth grade. Being introduced to Modern dance at TAS by Mrs. Deborah Flemming had a big impact on her. "It was so different from the styles of dance that I had done before, but at the same time, it was kind of a mixture of everything – I felt that with modern dance, I could explore more with my movements, artistry and creativity", says Miu. She was in IASAS Dance all four years of high school, played leading roles in dance productions, and received the Dance Award.

After graduating from TAS, Miu attended California State University of Long Beach as a dance major for a year before transferring to International Christian University in Tokyo. Right now she is back in Taiwan after a year of training dance in New York at Broadway Dance Center. "I did modern and ballet for classes at Long Beach, and I was also in a collegiate dance team called PAC Modern. I felt confused as to which direction my dance career was going, and I quit dancing for a while when I moved to Japan. It didn't take me too long to realize that I didn't want to give up on dancing – I was getting depressed without dance. So I left Japan and went to New York to pick up where I left off".



Miu taught all upper school dance classes for a week in January, and for another week in February worked with middle school dance students. She also set a piece for a group of 17 dancers for the year-end showcase. Her sister, Io Ide '12, was also at TAS with Miu as her assistant in classes. Mrs. Cheryl Quek Lagerquist '98 says, "Miu is a natural choreographer and teacher with an innate ability to relate to the students. She draws out the best in their dancing and shows great desire for students to present their best when they are in class or in her choreography. It has been amazing to see Miu grow into this young artist." Mrs. Flemming says, "Miu inspired our dancers, not only with her edgy and funky choreography, but also with her exceptional dance talent. It was great for our dancers to see one of 'our own' pursuing her dream through hard work and determination."

"I am truly lucky that I got to spend my teenage years in this very healthy environment for artists. The teachers, Mrs. Flemming and Mrs. Lagerquist, are very inspiring artists as well as great mentors. But not only that, TAS provides wonderful opportunities for students to interact with their peers from other schools to share their passion for dance, perform on the big stage, and learn from great guest teachers from all over the world. TAS dancers are very blessed to have this kind of environment at a young age. Kids should be given the opportunity to explore their artistry and creativity," Miu reflected. She is currently working on obtaining her O1 (artist visa) in order to work professionally in America. TAS was fortunate to have Miu return as a guest artist this year.



## Caught in the Act(ing) Class

In January, Samuel "Sam" Heagney '04 shared his acting experiences to share with upper school theater arts teacher Cory Edward's advanced theater studies class. He had just returned to Taipei from Sydney where he spent the last four months studying intensive acting courses at the National Institute of Dramatic Art, a leading acting school in Australia.

As the TAS class was studying a few of the acting techniques that he had focused on in Australia, Sam spent two days on campus giving a Master's Acting Class, where he introduced himself, trained the students in specific acting techniques, and then gave them scenes to use to apply their learning.

Recently, while in Australia, Sam was recruited to be in the film, "Unbroken", which is set to be released in December 2014. The film is a chronicle of the life of Louis Zamperini, an Olympic runner who was taken prisoner by Japanese forces during World War II. Angelina Jolie directed the movie, so it was a wonderful experience for Sam to work with her and be on a Hollywood set.





## Extra! Extra! Read All About It... ONLINE!

Lincoln Millstein '69 has come a long way since being a sports editor his junior year at TAS. Now the senior vice president of Hearst Corporation, one of the largest diversified media and information companies in the USA, he took some time to visit his alma mater in Taipei and meet with the *Blue and Gold* staff. He drew on his time at the *Boston Globe* and *The New York Times* when speaking to the student reporters.

"After you graduate, I can't think of a better job than a general assignment journalist," Lincoln told students. "It will teach you to discern fact from fiction, work with people, and learn about topics quickly." He promised them that these were useful skills in all areas of life.

Lincoln fielded a number of students' questions about how online media now affects the way news is delivered. He explained that "Print media revolves around a deadline cycle. You print your best effort when you get to the deadline, whereas the blogosphere's best guess is evolving with information every second." He then widened the discussion to include ethics in journalism, website design, and how papers were printed prior to computers.

In the end, he was clear to argue that newspapers are not dead. In Asia, for example, newspapers are flourishing. And even if U.S. readers prefer their news digitally, it is the big news agencies like *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* that have access. "Access is key," he said, "the Undersecretary of Defense isn't going to report to a bunch of bloggers."

After meeting with students, Lincoln looked at old school newspapers and yearbooks. Both of these have come a long way as well. In addition to the enhanced design of the printed school newspaper and yearbook, students and alumni the world over can read the Blue and Gold online at [www.blueandgoldonline.org](http://www.blueandgoldonline.org) and download the yearbook app from the Apple App store.



Lincoln transferred to TAS in 1965 from Dominican International School and left Taiwan after his junior year. He was the goal keeper of the TAS soccer team in 1968. His two siblings also attended TAS: Leo Millstein '66 and Virginia Millstein '70. Lincoln's visit was made possible through the TAS Alumni Office.



The TAS Blue and Gold Online was first launched in 2008 and after a redesign in 2013, the site began to grow and connect with readers around the world. The online site recently won the 2014 National Scholastic Press Association Online Pacemaker Award in April.



## Fun for the Whole Family- PTA Food Fair and Spring Fairs

These annual events continue to attract record breaking crowds with wonderful entertainment, creative student games, and delicious food. An increasing number of alumni are also bringing their children and extended families to enjoy the festivities while some others are taking the opportunity to promote their businesses. Alumni entrepreneurs are participating as vendors in the fairs to promote their services and products. Make sure to stop by the Alumni booth in the lobby if you are here at the PTA fairs.



## How Do You Like Your Wimpy Burger Served?

Known to today's students as "Sloppy Joe," several alumni and former faculty returned in September to try the Wimpy Burger in the school's cafeteria. The verdict from these connoisseurs was that the sauce of the Wimpy Burger needs to be served hot from the pot before placement on top of the bun to create the ultimate quintessential satisfaction!



## Building the Gym at TAS 1964: A painting by Murray Lebowitz, TAS Intermediate School Principal 1964-1966

Mr. Lebowitz was intrigued by the "can do, make do" ingenuity of the local construction workers and supervisors and was inspired by the serene beauty of the surrounding landscape of the Shilin campus. He took photographs and made many sketches on site which he used later in his studio to compose and execute the painting.

He wrote in a letter, "At times, it seems like only yesterday that my family and I lived in Tien Mu, 'up the hill' from the school, overlooking rice paddies with bending farmers and quiet oxen. Bill Matthias was the superintendent, Howard Wire was the high school principal, and Nina Berger headed the Elementary School which my two daughters attended. My late wife, Jeannette, was secretary to Hope Phillips. I could go on for page after page recounting those two incredibly wonder filled years, the many friendships and satisfying educational accomplishments, the sights, the students, and the faculty. It would take a month to complete this letter."

This painting was graciously donated to TAS by Mr. Lebowitz and it is currently hanging in a conference room in the Administration Offices.



## Calling Alumni Authors and Musicians

There is a new shelf in the Joanna Nichols Memorial Information Commons (formerly known as the upper school library) for displaying publications by alumni, former faculty, parents, and students. The collection includes books, music CDs, art works, and TAS memorabilia.

A blue warm up jacket was donated by Mrs. Muriel Schneider, the spouse of the late David Schneider '57. She wrote in a letter that accompanied the jacket, "I am still in awe of the emotion and loyalty of former TAS students. David only spent his senior year at TAS. He insisted it was the best year of his life. TAS must be a truly special place."

For more details on the items currently in our collection, visit the News section on the TAS Website under the Alumni menu tab. Contributions may be sent to the attention of Helen Chen '94 in the Alumni Office here at TAS.





## Working Out at the Tiger Health and Wellness Center

Fostering a well-balanced life means taking care of your body. This year, upper school students have a brand new facility to promote a healthy, active lifestyle: The Tiger Health and Wellness Center. The Tiger Center, for short, is a world class, state-of-the-art fitness facility with top of the line exercise equipment. The machines look out over the track and field and up to the mountains, giving students a stunning view as they take on their workout routines. The Tiger Center is a great addition to our facilities and is highly utilized each day. The Tiger Health and Wellness Center was made possible by gifts to the Friends of TAS.



## Workout Graffiti

As part of the school's commitment to sustainable facilities, the walls of the new Tiger Health and Wellness Center were painted with Idea Paint, a dry erase paint that transforms walls into whiteboards.

If you walk into the space, you're likely to see workout graffiti like 'hammer lat pull down 3X12' or 'superman holds 3X10' on the walls. These notes are head strength and conditioning coach Trey Mitchell's latest assignments for his classes.

Idea Paint was installed by TAS Alumnus Sampson Mar '68. He is the Principal for UTech Green Inc., a company that promotes green products compliant with LEED initiatives. Sampson was happy to see Idea Paint replace whiteboards in the Tiger Health and Wellness Center. "White boards" he said, "take a long time to break down." Idea paint is a green alternative that demonstrates TAS's commitment to environmental responsibility and awareness.

## A Study in Stagecraft

When Gordon Fan '11 graduated three years ago, he took the love of theater with him. Now studying set and costume design at NYU Tisch, one of the premier drama schools, he is immersed in a world that he loves. So much so, that he returned to campus to speak about his experiences to Kevin Held's stagecraft class and Cory Edwards' acting classes. He shared his journey from TAS to NYU, and how difficult, unique and miraculous his college process was. Now experiencing intense professional training, he has found out what one can do with a theater design major: Broadway, fashion, film, luxury goods, window design, fine arts, and more. Before he finished his presentation, he suggested students should have four things if they are interested in design school: passion, connections, an open mind, and focus. You can see some of Gordon's artwork at [www.gordonfanart.com](http://www.gordonfanart.com).



## Humans and Their Environment: Alumna Artist Talks to Students

Flora Kao '96 returned to TAS in April to share with upper school students her journey from graduating as the valedictorian, studying at Harvard College, working as a consultant, and then becoming a full time artist. Working in installation, painting, photography, and video, she explores the poetics of the human relationship with the environment. Examining architecture and technology, Flora transforms mundane, everyday structures into systems of beauty. Flora has mounted several solo exhibitions at prominent venues and galleries.



## Disaster Management Training for Counselors

In September 2013, Amy Chang '80 was invited to return to TAS to conduct three days of professional development workshops with counselors on disaster management ranging from basic techniques to crisis response team deployment. Amy is a licensed marriage and family therapist. She specializes in international crisis response training. She brought a wealth of experience having worked in Taiwan and overseas and has partnered with different organizations to provide assistance to those affected.

## Alumni College Student Homecoming Reunion 2014

Every January, we welcome back college alumni for a free Chinese roasted chicken leg lunch, the chance to meet up with their high school classmates and teachers, and the opportunity to share their newly gained collegiate wisdom by participating on the College Alumni Panel for parents and in advisor sessions with seniors. This year, seven students from the classes of 2011 and 2013 returned as speakers for the Parent Panel: Nicholas Yeh '13 from Occidental College, Tess Harty '13 from Carnegie Mellon, Peyton Harris '13 from the University of Miami, Kevin Huang '13 from Boston University, Steve Fan '13 from Columbia University, Bridget Lo '11 from Penn State University, and Hannah Lin '13 from Johns Hopkins University. They arrived in the early morning to answer questions from eager parents that will be sending their own children to college in the next few years. The panel shared important tips on what to pack for college, the best way to meet new friends, how to manage money, and of course how to pick a major.





# Alumni and college events



Upper School College Counselor Andrew Lowman met alumni attending Carleton during his college visits in January.



College Counselors Warren Emanuel and Dabina Gim went on a college visit in February and had breakfast with five alumni attending Duke. One would never think college students could get up for a morning alumni event. But when there is food, they will show up!



In November, PE teacher Dan Long was heading to San Francisco for a conference, and got in touch with some of his former students whom he knew were in the Berkeley area. One of them, Kristina Lin '11, sent the word out to others. She chose the restaurant and made the reservation. A large number of alumni joined them. Dan taught most of those alumni in years past, although not all. Next time, he'll make sure to include all students who are in the area.

# Alumni Visits

**Marco Schmid '02** and **Tanja Schmid '04** (at TAS 1991-1995) returned for a visit from Switzerland.



**Samuel Noordhoff '76** visited in March and stayed with **David '76** and Tammi Brantingham. Sam's sister **Anne Noordhoff '80** also visited TAS in April while attending a board meeting of the Noordhoff Craniofacial Foundation started by their parents.



**Dr. Robert Lee '65** is the Chair and Associate Professor of the American Studies Department at Brown University. He visited in March and was surprised to learn that one of his classmates, **Dr. Winnie Tang '65**, is working as the TAS Admissions Officer.



**Travis Higginbotham '71** visited in January and enjoyed learning about the robotics program.



**Imaan Bukhari '83** visited in September from Germany with his wife Iris and daughter Yara.



**Laura Chu Heienlein '85** and **Albert Chu '83** each brought their families to Taiwan in September and met with their favorite teacher Mr. Steve Orensky.



**Miki Hasegawa '85** and her husband Eric Weiss visited in May 2013 and was very excited to chat with **Mr. Richard Arnold** about her favorite Journey's Class and the stories from those trips around Taiwan.



The "Alumni Online Directory" contains the email addresses and mailing addresses of TAS alumni. Log in to your Alumni Portal to look up alumni featured in this issue as well as to reconnect with your classmates.

Are you planning a trip back to Taipei? How long has it been since you last visited the school? Email the Alumni Office to arrange for a special campus tour to see our wonderful facilities and learn more about current programs such as robotics, public speaking, Model United Nations, drama, music, dance, art, and sports.



## Back to School Sixty Years Later -- John Hamilton '56 (at TAS 1954-1955)

Let me see, did I return that library book before I left TAS sixty years ago? I hope so, because the overdue fee would be horrendous! Umm, yes, I'm sure I returned it. So I guess it's OK to go back and visit the TAS campus. But, wait, this is not where the school was.... And where are the old, drafty wooden barrack buildings that we pretended to study in? Uh, no, tried to study in.

Well, things do change a bit after six decades, so I shouldn't be surprised! It's really great to see how my old school has become an astonishing new school, with highly qualified professional educators and terrific facilities. I was back in Taipei again for eight months and rediscovered Taiwan.

My lovely and very supportive wife, Michelle, is originally from Taiwan. Actually, Chinese was my first language, as my Chinese ahmah spoke no English and my parents spoke to me only in Mandarin. I had to learn English as a toddler when we returned to America, after evacuating from China just before World War II. I attended Kobe American School, and then the Canadian Academy in Japan. My parents were transferred to Taiwan and provided me with the unique educational experience of the young Taipei American School.

It was unique indeed. The school was very basic with a limited curriculum. But we had fun. Just ask my best friend Xavier de Larracochea '56. Too much fun, in fact, and too little studying. So Dad decided to send me to a military prep school in Tennessee, to instill in me some needed discipline and good study habits. Those were the days before it became politically incorrect to use corporal punishment, and I quickly became acquainted with the business end of a large paddle, administered by the discipline committee of seniors. Almost as quickly, I learned some needed discipline and good study habits. I graduated from Colorado State University and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. When I left the Marines as a Captain, the Defense Intelligence Agency grabbed me for a covert program and I became a spook for a few years. I'm pleased to say that during the Viet Nam unpleasant years I never had to shoot anybody and, even more pleasing, nobody shot me.

After leaving government service I migrated to the beautiful Pacific Northwest and became a real estate broker, general contractor and developer, riding out the up and down years of the economy. I'm delighted to see the new TAS, and amazed at the transformation in Taipei after sixty years.



## An Alumni Author Reflects: Linton "Lin" Robinson '66 (at TAS 1959-1962)

I lived in Taiwan for three years and attended two TAS campuses. I loved TAS and having attended a dozen schools (being a typical Army brat), the school still stands out as The Main One, and dear to my heart. The easy and comfortable mix of so many nationalities very much formed my identity as an international or "Pacific rim" type of person to whom ethnicity and background are unimportant in forming friendships and relationships.

I started out at the downtown campus around 1959, and then the school moved to the new campus at Shih Lin. I didn't like it, and not just because it flooded. I liked the downtown and I liked walking to school from my house on Ren Ai Lu, Section 4. Along An Tung Jie, which old-timers might remember as flanking a large open "benjo" canal. I found the downtown fascinating and comfortable. When the school moved to Shih Lin and my family to BOT housing in Tien Mu, I was terribly disappointed. It was like moving into an American suburb and I found it boring.

My mother taught at TAS. Some alumni might remember Mrs. Robinson from third grade. I can't remember a single teacher I didn't like. I especially recall Mr. Fisher, a wild Aussie who worked as a coolie laborer to learn Mandarin, Dr. Ma who taught Chinese, and Hope Phillips as a wonderful principal.

I ended up becoming a professional writer for magazines and more recently, novels. But I did little of that at TAS. I have spent the last twenty five years in Latin America, especially Mexico. My first visit into Mexico proper I was struck by a sort of déjà vu and felt oddly at home. I came to realize it was because things were so much like Taipei: food stall on the sidewalks, the clatter of commerce, animal-drawn vehicles, the traffic circles messing up traffic, the improvisational repairs and construction, the whole "third world" jumble and bustle.

I moved into writing professionally in my twenties, for daily and weekly newspapers, including syndicated columns and music/film reviews. It took me many years to discover that I really wanted to write novels and screenplays, which is what I dedicate myself to now. I love writing film scripts, but it's ridiculously hard to get them made. I've gotten awards and honors for humor, fiction, and poetry, and have had books that hit #1 in Amazon categories, but haven't yet become a wealthy, arrogant novelist whose name you are immediately familiar with. But I am still working on it.

Much of my published fiction can be seen on my amazon.com author page <http://amazon.com/author/lintonrobinson>.

## A Toast to George Yen '66

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that provides opportunities for its members to develop public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations. George Yen '66 is Toastmaster's 2013-2014 International President and the first person from Taiwan to hold this position since the organization's founding in 1924. George credits much of his success to the organization. "My Toastmasters training gave me the confidence to stretch my comfort zone," he says.



George graciously took time from his busy schedule to answer a few questions:

(1) What did you enjoy the most when you were a student at TAS?

Meeting and mingling with people different from my own background. It instilled in me a curiosity about others and the world we live in.

(2) Were you a confident speaker as a student? Do you remember any speeches or public speaking assignments?

No, I was not a speaker not to even mention confident. My most memorable speaking role was in a second grade Christmas play. I was so nervous I forgot my line.

(3) Were there specific teachers that inspired you at TAS?

Yes, my fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Kinsler. She thought I was gifted in math and considered skipping me a grade. Even though that never happened it did wonders to my self-image. In hindsight, it was evidently clear she over estimated my abilities in math, but it planted a positive image of myself that helped carry me to this day.

(4) How did your TAS experience make an impact on you as an individual or influence your career/profession?

The biggest impact of TAS is, of course, the American style education, in contrast to the traditional Chinese public education. It is difficult to explain how the TAS education thoroughly changed me and my life. It set me on a course of internationalism, with English being the de facto language in the world. This foundation put me in a perfect position when I started my career in the United States decades later.

(5) How did TAS compare with the American School In Japan (ASIJ) that you later attended?

I transferred to ASIJ in Tokyo after 8th grade in 1962. The adjustment was challenging because TAS at that time was a startup school mainly for children of U.S. military personnel, while ASIJ was a well-established international school, having

been founded well before WWII. The school was several times larger than TAS, and attended mainly by foreign elites in Japan such as children of early missionaries, diplomatic corps and foreign businesses.

(6) How has your Toastmasters training empowered you personally or professionally?

In a phrase, it helped me find my voice. Having a venue to express my thoughts publicly forces me to think through my ideas in a cogent way, because I am accountable for what I say. It trained my eyes and ears to be constantly on the lookout for interesting perspectives and engaged my mind on a growth path. To borrow a phrase from the late Steve Jobs, the collection of dots is quickly connected into lines and the lines into a picture of knowledge. Toastmasters cross fertilizes my professional life in business and enriches my personal life immeasurably.

(7) You were consulted when a student organization called TAS Gavel Toastmasters Club was chartered in 2005 to provide students an opportunity to develop their confidence in speaking. How do you feel about the recent enhancements to the TAS public speaking curriculum and new opportunities for students to participate in Model United Nations conferences around the world?

Communication, especially speaking in public in any format for any occasion, is increasingly important in our modern world. The sooner youth are trained in the art of public speaking the better their head start in life.

A dedicated Toastmaster for 24 years, George is a member of two Toastmasters clubs in Taipei. He has held a number of distinguished leadership positions within the organization and has attained the Distinguished Toastmaster designation—the highest level of educational achievement in Toastmasters.

Headquartered in California, the organization's membership exceeds 292,000 in more than 14,350 clubs in 122 countries. More than 150 clubs in Taiwan hold regular meetings in different languages including English, Mandarin, Taiwanese, Japanese, and Hakka. For more information on Toastmasters International and to find a club near you, visit the website: [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org).





## NY Giants' Trainer Shares Words of Wisdom with TAS Athletes

Jon Lin '06 returned to TAS in March to share a few tips with the track and field athletes. The students were curious about his Giant job. Or to put it another way, a job with the New York Football Giants. In the summer of 2013, he began full time, seasonal employment with the National Football League club as an athletic trainer. He averages an 80-100 hour work week for six months of the year, mending the professional football players at home and on the road.

Jon's primary work with the NY Giants involves your basic athletic training duties – practice set-up with a medical trunk and hydration stations, pre-practice/game taping and bracing, treatments such as stretching and massages, injury prevention, as well as practice and game day on-field emergency response. In addition, he also serves as a physical therapist prescribing rehabilitation exercises to injured athletes or those coming out of season ending surgeries.

Jon notes the ups and downs of working for such a demanding franchise. "[The work] is also in a very fast-paced environment and can sometimes get very stressful. However, it comes with perks too. I enjoy being able to travel to different cities for games, and having the pleasure to work and interact with professional athletes. I also get a lot of free gear!"

Jon's passion for athletics began at TAS. He currently still holds the TAS track record in the 100m and 200m dash, as well as the 4X100m relay. Aside from track, he played JV basketball his freshman and sophomore year, and started on the varsity squad his senior year. He also participated in one year of IASAS cross-country as a captain his sophomore year. This interest in athletics carried over into his college career.

With the help of Mr. Richard Arnold, who is also an Ithaca College graduate, Jon found out about their physical therapy program and was accepted to a 6-year accelerated degree. In the summer of 2012, he did an internship with the NY Giants' preseason training camp. He took the job when a position opened up for the 2013 season.

Now when you watch the NY Giants on TV, be sure to pay close attention to the sideline. You just might catch a glimpse of Jon keeping the team healthy and strong.



The TAS Track and Field Online Blog contains updates and posts by coaches. A separate page lists TAS and IASAS records. Many alumni who are record holders have been invited to share Words of Wisdom to inspire athletes training during the season.

<http://blogs.tas.edu.tw/trackfield/records/>

## A Slam Dunk Career

For Doug Creighton '03, all that layup and dribbling practice years ago has paid off. He's been playing professional basketball around Asia, first for the Pure Youth Construction Basketball in Taiwan's professional basketball league, the SBL, and now with the Jiangsu Dragons in China's professional basketball league, the CBA.

For Doug, becoming a professional basketball player was an easy decision. He played basketball at TAS and in college, making sure to work hard and never lose any connections he made. Now he's doing what he's always wanted to do. "I am getting paid to live out my dream," said Doug. "How many people can actually say they have their dream job?" That dream has come with its fair share of accolades as well.



*Photo from NBA Forums*

In 2012, Doug was awarded the Player of the Week honor in the SBL. A write-up in the Taipei Times read, "[Doug] proved that his unexpected win at the annual Three-point Shootout during the All-Star Weekend was no fluke - he converted 10 of 15 three-point attempts in the two games he played for a total of 37 points against worthy opponents the Yulon Luxgens and the Dacin Tigers."

Doug recalls fondly his memories at TAS. As a student, Doug competed in volleyball, basketball, and softball. Although he's a professional basketball player now, for Doug it was volleyball at TAS that stood out the most for him. "[Volleyball] was the only IASAS sport that TAS hosted while I played varsity sports," said Doug. "The environment was one all athletes could only hope to play in."

The TAS environment as a whole prepared Doug for the challenges in life. "I think my education at TAS has taught me that it is essential to have a well-balanced life." This is very important, because Doug notes that as a professional basketball player, he is a role-model for children and teens.

When Doug learned about the recent changes in the sports programs at TAS, he was very excited. "I believe that the new gym and the new fitness center will attract more people to partake in sports activities. I also love that there are competitive sports at the middle school level. I believe that if they start young, it sets a trend for the rest of their lives." That trend is very real for Doug.

"I think strong sports programs are very important at schools. I think that sports play a huge role in teaching teamwork,

competitiveness and sportsmanship. I believe that playing sports can translate very well into the workplace." And if you catch any games in the CBA this year, you'll see that translation, very literally, in the case of Doug Creighton.

## Alumni in the World of TED Talks

In 2010, Alice Wang '02 spoke at TEDxTaipei on Designer or Dream-maker? She shared the story of how she pursued her dream as a designer, how she founded her own company, and where she seeks inspiration for her recent projects. Her talk asked the questions: How difficult is it to become the person you want to be? Be what you want to be and go where you want to go. Do you see challenges or strength?

Alice graduated from the Royal College of Art, MA Design Interactions. With a background in BA Product Design from Central St. Martins, her work has been invited to major international art and design events. Alice is now the director of Alice Wang Design as well as the founder for The Binder, a new design magazine. Listen to her talk at <http://tedxtaipei.com/2010/09/be-what-you-want-to-be--designer-alice-wang/>.

In 2012, she gave her second TEDxTaipeiChange talk on The Generation of Rapid Change. She outlined the evolution of mobile devices, illustrated images from her observations as a designer, and asked the audience to reflect on whether the innovations and the devices are really what we want. Listen to her talk at <http://tedxtaipei.com/talks/2012-alice-wang/>.



In 2013, Carol Chyau '00 spoke at TEDxShanghaiWomen on innovating in China. Specifically, she urged the audience to pay attention to what's right in front of them. The best ways to innovate – through waste, raw materials, or cultural identity – is so native, it's often overlooked. She shared the story of her company, Shokay, and its innovative business model – using Tibetan Yak Fiber to make beautiful garments. Listen to her talk at <http://tedxtalks.ted.com/video/Its-right-in-front-of-you-Carol>.

**Do you know other alumni who have given TED talks?  
Let us know!**





Carol Chyau (Second from the left), at the TEDxShanghaiWomen in January of 2014. Photo credit: Creativehunt.com

## The Story of Gottschall Field by Mark Gottschall '67

When my family moved to Tien Mu in 1957, I was eight years old and my dad Robert Gottschall was a Major attached to the MAAG Compound in Taipei where he drove back and forth to work every day. There was no little league baseball field in Tien Mu, so my dad would drive my brother and me to Taipei to play little league on the field there. My dad came up with the idea of building a little league field in Tien Mu for the benefit of the entire American community there who had kids that were little league age and needed a place to play closer to home.

In the spring of either 1958 or 1959, my dad led and organized a community effort with other American army parents and dependents to build our own little league field in a vacant lot right next to the Tien Mu American elementary school yard. With the involvement of the American community who lived there, we cleared the field in one day and had a huge picnic afterwards to celebrate.

A few weeks later when the little league teams met on opening day, there was a red, white and blue banner hanging from the top of the new score board erected behind the bamboo fence in left field. After the national anthem was sung, the banner on the scoreboard was lowered so that everyone there could see the words "Gottschall Field" painted at the top of the scoreboard! Because it was my dad's idea and because he had put so much effort into bringing little league baseball to Tien Mu, they decided to name the new little league ball park "Gottschall Field."

So where is Gottschall Field today? Instead of opening day at the ball park, it's now opening day at school. That's right- today's TAS campus in Tien Mu stands on the former Gottschall Field.



## Las Vegas Alumni Happy People Get Together

**Las Vegas, August 2013**

More than 150 alumni from a wide range of classes gathered in the Golden Nugget Hotel and partied with fellow TAS friends in August. Kudos to reunion coordinators Craig Sprague '75, Anna Rae Bamberg Gilder '74, and their faithful volunteers. Official and unofficial T-shirts were made available, a brand new computer was purchased, and name tags were designed by Robin Ray '79. At the event, a ring toss game brought everyone back to those TAS carnival days. The highlight of the evening was showing a video edited from footage recorded by Rick Craig '70 that brought old Taipei and TAS to Las Vegas. Elizabeth Binsfield '83 prepared many awards for attendees to vote for, such as the following:

- Identical Twins at TAS - Bob & Erick DeWert '77 nominated by Beth Broomell Good '75
- Survivor, More than the Average Bear - Anna Rae '74 nominated by Tim Tribble '73
- Longest Friendship - Linda Stewart '76 & Michelle Masse '77
- Longest Friendship - Roxanne Roach Patton '78 and Kim Goodman Akers '79 - friends since 1970
- Married Tigers - Jeff Massa '77 & Michelle Wilson '79, Sam Woo '74 & Leisa Lee '79, Pam Reppert '70 & Kurt Trede '66
- Traveled from Furthest - Mikio Kosugi (Japan), Helen Chen (Taiwan), Virginia Fang '82 (Hong Kong), Linda Stewart '78 (England), Sandra Marks '79 (The Netherlands)
- Lewis Hoffman '78 - amazing fundraising efforts through the retro PE-shirts
- Beci Tossey Gilfry '83 - for best story about TAS (April Fools joke involving lockers full of books being moved from the 2nd floor to the grass in the horseshoe)
- Broome Cole '80 - for his work in Taiwan and China with seniors

More photos from the event can be found on this closed Facebook Group: *Vegas August 3-4 2013 Happy People Get Together* and through the TAS Alumni Media Gallery Page.

A link to a photo presentation by Kimberly Goodman Akers '79 can be accessed here: <http://www.tas.edu.tw/page.cfm?p=911>.

The 70's TAS and Taipei: video from footage captured by Rick Craig '70 and edited by Emma Craig can be purchased through Emma Craig online.







## The 30-Year Reunion Class of 1983

**Las Vegas, August 2013**

On the eve of the Las Vegas Reunion, 15 alumni from the class of 1983 gathered for dinner to celebrate 30 years since their high school graduation. Discussions and interest have since spurred many from the 80s to organize more reunions.





# Reunion Reflections

## Alumni Seattle Coffee

**Seattle, July 2013**

A group of alumni sampled delicious baked goods at the Grand Central Bakery in downtown Seattle on a beautiful Saturday afternoon in a historic building in Pioneer Square. Special thanks to Laura Chu Heinlein '85 for making special arrangements and offering a loaf of bread for everyone to take home.



## Shanghai Professional Speaker Event

**Shanghai, November 2013**

Among the increasing number of alumni working in Shanghai, three very generously took time on a beautiful Saturday morning to share their Shanghai stories and insights at the first alumni speaker event in this Asian hub. Rick Wang '86, Managing Director of Retail Co. Solutions, Daniel Cheng '69, Chairman of CDF International Ltd., and Rachel Nee Erler '67, Private Client Relations Director for Fendi China shared their personal stories of work experience around the world. They also entertained many alumni from the younger generations on their earlier struggles of setting up businesses in Shanghai. They found interesting ways to find solutions to unique challenges in China. The event was followed by a delicious Italian buffet, arranged through Daniel with the Marriott Pudong East.



## Hong Kong Happy Hour

**Hong Kong, October 2013**

With busy schedules and late office hours, most working and living in Hong Kong would have a hard time making it to a happy hour event on a Friday night. But 15 TAS alumni managed to get out of their offices and met at the Common Room in Lan Kwai Fong, a spacious gastropub, known for its 31-foot liquor library. Special thanks to Christina Chen '97 for recommending this venue.





## The 20-Year Reunion Class of 1993

**Taipei, December 2013**

As the end of the year approached, time was running out for those in the class of 1993 to celebrate their 20-year reunion. After a few Facebook messages and a few phone calls, more than 20 from the class did get together. They couldn't let 2013 pass without hosting an event just for their class!



## The 20-Year Joint Reunion Classes of 1993 & 1994

**San Diego, July 2013**

To celebrate their 20-year reunion, 40 alumni from classes of 1993 and 1994 enjoyed a wonderful seafood dinner organized by Roland Lee '93 and David Tang '94 in downtown San Diego. Some brought significant others, some brought kids, and some started partying the day before the dinner. The group migrated to a second location nearby and Todd Wang '93 treated everyone to a beverage. The 20-year celebration will continue this December, 2014 in Taipei.





# Reunion Reflections

## Texas Alumni

**Texas, October 2013**

This was a gathering for Dim Sum and drinks at a great restaurant in the heart of “Chinatown” DFW, otherwise known as Richardson, Texas. A few alumni got together for “Triple Ten” on 10/10/2010 in Austin and had so much fun they wanted to do it again. Special thanks to Jerry Allen '73 who wrote on the event Facebook page, “The cool thing about having a party of TAS Tigers is that all you have to do is just say: Yo! TAS Tigers. Food. Party. Be there! Give ‘em a place and a date and it just happens! Just like in the old days...)) Gotta love it!”



## Taipei Happy Hour

**Taipei, December 2013**

Casual happy hour events are wonderful opportunities to network with other alumni and enjoy a great evening. Thanks to the owner of Marquee Bar and Lounge, Caesar Chang '95 who generously offered discounts on beverages at his recently renovated venue. Many alumni in town for the holidays met on a cold rainy night. Jennifer Hsu '12, Brian Tong '12 and Emily Tang '12 won raffle prizes provided by Marquee.



## Vancouver Dinner

**Vancouver, February 2014**

A small group of alumni intended to gather in Vancouver to celebrate Chinese New Year. However, due to snowy weather, the event was rescheduled for the same date a month later in March. Everyone enjoyed getting together and decided this should be an annual event, but scheduled for May or June when weather is more predictable and warmer! Special thanks to Madeline Ma '69 for coordinating this event.



## DC/Virginia Alumni

**DC/Virginia, February 2014**

As they do every year during Chinese New Year, the D.C. Metro Area TASers meet to greet and eat! This year, they were fortunate to have their honored teacher, Hope Phillips, join them as she is now living in D.C. They hope to have her with them each year! Julie and Barbara were delighted with the turnout: Ginny Bristow Myers '65, Sandy Starbuck Mabry '60, Julie Huang Goffe '58, Marcia Dutton Talley '61, Susan and Steve Howard '61, Kathy Shinnors Elky '62, Barbara Blandford Helm '60, Ann Ogden West '59, Ross Bankson '60, Hope Phillips, Betty Sun '72, Larry Helm, Bob Goffe, Matt Elky, Kevin Mulroy, Cynthia Lynn, and David Lynn '70. Everyone had a wonderful time! They were reminded how long it had been since high school when Steve Howard said, “It was a special treat to connect with Mrs. Phillips again after 53 years.”

*-Submitted by Barbara Blandford Helm '60*





## The 10-Year Reunion Class of 2003

**Taipei, December 2013**

More than 40 alumni celebrated their 10-year reunion in the TAS lobby at the end of December. Three current TAS faculty and a member of our support staff are from this class and they were the perfect tour guides to update their classmates on how the school has changed since their school days. Special thanks go to reunion organizers Diana Lin '03 and the class volunteers for arranging food and drinks, decorating the lobby, and submitting photos for the slide show.



## Hong Kong Brunch

**Hong Kong, April 2014**

Considering the late working hours of most alumni in Hong Kong, a brunch event was held to allow alumni to gather over a relaxing Saturday morning. Oolaa was suggested by Jacqueline Zhang '03 and it was surprisingly spacious according to Hong Kong standards.



## Bay Area Mini TAS Reunion

**Oakland, October 2013**

30 alumni gathered at Jan Watten's gallery for a soiree of 70s music, catered dim sun, and lots of good laughs. Special thanks to Jan Watten '74 for offering the party venue and organizing the event. Photo credits: Jan Watten



**Update your contact information one of these three ways:**

- Send an email to [alumni@tas.edu.tw](mailto:alumni@tas.edu.tw) with your current contact information
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  - Log into your Alumni Portal and update your profile
- Save paper by letting us know you would like to read this publication online!*

## Canadian Member of Parliament

**Taipei, April 2014**

A few alumni gathered for dinner to welcome and say hello to Chung Sen Leung '68, (seated front row second from the left), a member of the Parliament in Canada for the Willowdale riding. He recently led a delegation for a visit to Taiwan. Many of these alumni have known each other since their childhood days and vividly remember Taipei when they rode to school in pedi cabs.



## Hong Kong Alumni Classes of 1999-2001

**Hong Kong, December 2013**

Fiona Foxon '01; Howard Ho '01, Donald Tang '00, Harrison Chou '00, Zainab Malik '99, and Lien Chu '99 got together for dinner in Hong Kong.

*-Submitted by Mari Kobayashi '00*



## Midwest Alumni

**Decatur, Illinois October 2013**

In celebration of Double-Ten day, a small but mighty group of Tigers met on October 12, 2013 in Decatur, Illinois at Pastabilities Italian Grill. After the success of the Vegas Reunion in the summer of 2013, Elizabeth (Beth) Hughes-Callison '75 invited any Tiger living in the Midwest (or any place for that matter) to come for dinner and just relax, talk, drink, and reminisce about their years in Taiwan. Phillip Chase '73, Kyrston Miller '78 and Nancy Kittell Brazas '74 attended along with Nancy's husband and Elizabeth's husband. It was a fun evening and everyone talked into the night until it was about time for the restaurant to close. It is always amazing how much everyone has in common even if people didn't really know each other at the time that they lived in Taiwan.

*-Submitted by Elizabeth Hughes Callison '75*



## Upcoming Reunions:

**Class of 1964: 50-year Reunion**  
September 4-6, Denver, Colorado

**Class of 1984: 30-year Reunion**  
August 8-10, Charlotte, North Carolina

**Class of 1994: 20-year joint  
reunion with class of 1993**  
December 27-28, Taipei

**Class of 2004: 10-year reunion**  
December 27, TAS

**Summer of Love 2014 Reunion**  
June 20-22, Austin, Texas



## The 5-Year Reunion Class of 2008

**New York, San Francisco, Taipei, September 2013**

Alumni from the class of 2008 celebrated their 5-year reunion in three different cities: New York, San Francisco, and Taipei in September, 2013. Photos submitted by Lillian Lin '08.



## Shanghai Luncheon

**Shanghai, March 2014**

With Shanghai fast becoming the hub of Asia, an increasing number of alumni have recently relocated to the city. Thanks to Joanna Hardyment '04 and Megan Grehl '04 for recommending a venue with a TAS connection- California Pizza Kitchen (CPK). TAS is grateful for the special assistance extended by the owner of CPK, Mr. John Sun, father of Natasia Sun '10. Close to 30 young alumni gathered at the restaurant. More interesting is the fact that information about this event was communicated mostly through WeChat, the most popular smart phone app used in China. There are now 67 members in this group. Search for "TAS Alumni in Shanghai" on WeChat to receive future event information.



## Alumni Reunion: UK Edition

**London, March 2014**

More than 10 alumni and friends, plus three current faculty, Cory Edwards, Jaami Franklin, and Kevin Held, met in London. Special appreciation goes to Samuel Heagney '04 for securing the wonderful venue at the Porterhouse in Covent Garden. Ingrid Bystrom '03 said, "It was really fun to meet teachers old and new, and reminisce about the good times from Taipei." Alice Shyy '04 remarked, "I loved reconnecting with my Tiger past, and felt the trademark TAS friendliness and love as soon as I spotted our specially reserved table." And Samuel Heagney '04 said, "It was great seeing everyone again, getting back in touch with many lost connections, and meeting new fellow alumni who are in the UK."



Hope N.F. Phillips Scholarship Fund  
Opening Doors of Opportunity

Taipei American School established the Hope N.F. Phillips Scholarship Fund to provide partial scholarships—temporary tuition support—to families experiencing financial difficulties. This scholarship fund allows students who would otherwise have to leave the school because of financial hardship to continue their education at TAS.

The scholarship deservingly bears the name of Hope N.F. Phillips, former teacher, principal, board member, and alumni ambassador at large. This scholarship had been her dream for many years. It bears the name of one who has greatly enriched the history of the school, and it ensures that capable and valued students are able to continue their education at our school.

As an educational institution, it is our responsibility to provide an outstanding education to all who attend. We must also be prepared for the unexpected in the lives of our students. The Hope N.F. Phillips Scholarship Fund has directly impacted students at Taipei American School and will continue to do so now and for generations to come.

Following is an excerpt from a letter to Mrs. Phillips written by a scholarship recipient in May 2013:

*I really don't know how to thank everyone for allowing me to continue my education at TAS. Never did I imagine my family would get such generous assistance with tuition. TAS is the best choice my parents made for my education. I was able to pursue my passions in a great environment. TAS is the foundation of my character today. Without a doubt, I am proud to become a TAS graduate. All of this wouldn't have happened if I hadn't received support from the Hope N.F. Phillips Scholarship Fund.*

Over the years, the following numbers of students were assisted:

2013-2014	3 students	2007-2008	4 students
2012-2013	4 students	2006-2007	2 students
2011-2012	2 students	2005-2006	0 applicants
2010-2011	4 students	2004-2005	2 students
2009-2010	2 students	2003-2004	6 students
2008-2009	2 students	2002-2003	2 students

The ultimate goal of the Hope N.F. Phillips Scholarship Fund is to build an income-producing endowment that will support students at TAS for generations to come. Alumni are invited to contribute and assist us in growing this fund.

Gifts to the Friends of TAS in Action:  
2013-2014

Thank you to all alumni that have given to the Friends of TAS over the last year. Your contributions to the school ensure that we can continue to offer outstanding programs and experiences.

At the start of 2013, Dr. Benjamin Elman, Chair of the East Asian Studies Department at Princeton University joined the upper school faculty for one month as the Joanna Nichols Visiting Scholar. Dr. Elman taught classes in East Asian Studies and presented to the school community on several occasions, often times challenging biases.

Gifts to the friends of TAS also brought Dr. Russell A. Barkley to TAS to speak on ADHD and executive functioning. Response from the parent community was tremendously overwhelming, with some commenting that this was the best parent talk that they had ever attended.

New bleachers were installed in the upper school gymnasium this year thanks to donations to the Friends of TAS. Already, the bleachers have been well used for basketball games and IASAS spirit assemblies.

The robotics program continues to grow, now with 10 courses on offer with 21 sections. Contributions have made specialized training and equipment such as VEX classroom lab kits, laser and plasma cutters, and 3D printers a reality.

And in April, activist and humanitarian Carl Wilkens, the only American to stay in Rwanda during the Genocide in 1994, spoke at TAS to middle school and upper school students, as well as parents.

We would like to remind alumni that they are warmly invited to attend the community presentations put on by speakers funded through the Friends of TAS. Stay tuned to the website news, announcing when these events will take place in the 2014-2015 school year.

As a donor, you can make a direct and immediate impact. Every gift is important to the school. As is every student.





## Alumni Donor Profiles:

**Mike Fliniau '59** who has contributed annually to the Friends of TAS since 2002

I came from a military family and I attended three different high schools in Honolulu, Baltimore, and Taipei. I attended TAS during my junior and senior years and it was my favorite of the three. When we lived in Taipei, I loved going to school every day. I enjoyed all my classes at TAS, and the faculty was exceptional. The school made me a better student and I eventually became a pilot for Trans World Airlines. From the short two years that I was at TAS, I developed strong philosophical and emotional ties to the school, so I will continue to support the school every year.



I think it's extremely important that alumni show the current students, faculty, and administration that they care and gifts will maintain the level of education that has distinguished TAS as an excellent school. I follow developments at the school closely and it makes me very happy to see that the things driving success at the school are not going away.

### Phil Peach '74

TAS is a very important part of my life. It provided a superior education that I probably wouldn't have received stateside, and helped me deal with the challenges of growing up in a foreign culture. My homeroom teacher Richard Arnold was a standout. Our band instructor, Steve Thomas, helped us truly appreciate a variety of music, and history teacher, Jane Thomas, provided role-playing classes that got me fascinated with politics. This most likely contributed to my decision to major in Political Science at Oregon State University. Years after I graduated, I still appreciate how much I learned from growing up in Taiwan in an environment that provided me with a unique perspective on life. When it comes to learning, TAS offers as much as you are willing to accept and pursue. So I appreciate the opportunity to give back in some small way by annually contributing to the Friends of TAS Foundation.



## A Wedding Gift from the Heart

TAS is very special. And when alumni couples decide to share a life time together, their connection to the school runs stronger. Recently, an alumni couple decided to honor another alumni couple by choosing to leave a legacy that will forever cement their unique bond to one another and to the school.

Cynthia Hsu '91 and Alfred Woo '89 presented a one of a kind wedding gift to a newly wed TAS couple: Ken Hsu '95 and Millie Su '98. A gift to the Friends of TAS designated for Building Excellence of NT\$ 25,000, recognizing Ken and Millie, is now hanging in the upper school Science and Technology Building. This is the first time someone has given to the Friends of TAS as a wedding present. What a great idea! Cynthia and Alfred have been loyal supporters of the Friends of TAS.

Ken and Millie were married in October of 2013. Cynthia and Ken's other sibling Eric Hsu '94 also married a TAS graduate, Dana Hsiao '95 so the three Hsu siblings all married TAS alumni. That's amazing!



**MAKE A GIFT**

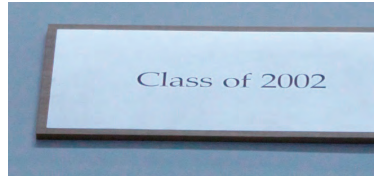
**Give Wisely.  
Remember Taipei American School.  
Give a gift that lasts a lifetime.  
Give a gift of education.**

# The 11th annual Friends of TAS Gala Ball

The 11th annual Friends of TAS Gala Ball held on March 22, 2014 was attended by many parents, faculty, and alumni. All proceeds from the Gala Ball were designated to the Annual Fund for Building Excellence and will be utilized to enhance the performing arts facilities. Alumni Gala Ball Volunteers invested a great deal of time and tremendous effort to make it a successful event: Paula Lee '78, Sylvia Chao '94, and Charlotte Kuo '86. Alumni Gala Ball Contributors made the evening possible by offering live and silent auction items: Stephanie Lee '04, Fantine Wang and Michael Chu '93, Felix Ho '93 and Sylvia Chao '94, KAI PING CULINARY SCHOOL, E Ink Corporation, and The Escape Artist Ltd. Co. Many alumni also supported by attending this spectacular event and purchasing silent and live auction items on the evening.







The following classes have made gifts restricted to Building Excellence and are recognized on plaques in the Upper School Science and Technology Building: 1977, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 2002, 2003, and 2013.

It's not too late for you and/or your class to make a gift to TAS! Donations restricted to

Building Excellence between NT\$25,000-NT\$499,999 are recognized on plaques.

For more information, please visit the Supporting TAS section on the website or contact the Alumni Office.



## Did you know about these Alumni Benefits?

Enjoy the following perks and more as a member of the TAS alumni community:

- \* An alumni gate pass
- \* Use of the four TAS libraries and book checkout privileges
- \* Campus parking permit for use before and after school and on weekends
- \* Priority admission for school-age children

To learn more, sign into your Alumni Portal at [www.tas.edu.tw](http://www.tas.edu.tw) and complete the Alumni Benefits online form or call +886 2873 9900 ext 328.



**T**he Friends of TAS Foundation is a non-profit organization established to enable the Taipei American School to extend its long-standing tradition of excellence in education. Through charitable support from parents, corporations, alumni, and faculty, the Friends of TAS allows the school to achieve goals that would otherwise be unattainable.

**T**hank you to the following alumni who have chosen to participate in our annual giving program for the 2013-2014 school year. Your gifts are greatly appreciated. The donor list is generated as of May 10, 2014 and is listed by class year.

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Felix Ho '93 and Sylvia Chao '94  
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Michael Chu '93 and Fantine Wang

## Current TAS Faculty and Staff who are Alumni

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Maria Ting '89 and Michael Fei '90  
Helen Chen '94  
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## Memorial and Honorary Gifts

Memorial and honorary gifts are made in recognition of loved ones who have passed away or in tribute to individuals making special contributions to society.

### In honor of Mrs. Hope Phillips

E.H. and M.E. Bowerman Advised Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation

Karl Yen '69

### In memory of Col. and Mrs. Edward M. Foxworth

Jeanne Foxworth McKim '56

### In memory of Patricia Wolfe

Robert and Patricia Carrelli

Frances Yu

### In memory of Susan (Stainfield) Pages

Jackie Archer Martinez '72

### In memory of Frank H. Ong

Anonymous

### In memory of Fred Schneiringer

Richard Arnold



# Connections



Several current faculty members visited London during Spring Break and went to see the new Broadway show *Urinetown* starring **Rosie Hyland '03** (center) as Hope Cladwell, the daughter of the evil president and owner of the Urine Good Company.



**Jessica Chuang '99** received 2nd place at a recent Go Karting event at Taroko Karting Land in Taoyuan City, Taiwan. The race track is a fairly new facility equipped with special safety measures. The event was sponsored by Lexus. Jessica has competed in several Go-Karting races. She is a professional race car driver for Honda based in Taiwan.



Who takes family vacations with high school friends? TAS Alumni do. These alumni spent Thanksgiving weekend together bringing their entire family including spouses and children: **Sherry Hsia '92** and **Cheney Wang '92**, **David Ko '92** and **Elizabeth Wang '91**, and **David Tong '92**.



**Aki Liao '84** co-authored an e-book titled *A Halo for Red Betsy* available on Amazon. A pulp noir novel with adult themes, this is not a bedtime story to read to your children!



**Ben Voegelge '93** and **Tim Wenger '93** attended the Super Bowl in New Jersey in February, 2014.



**Harold Lemke '70** (known as Benkong Shih), was featured in an article titled *A Buddhist Ritual Gets an Ecologically Correct Update* on the site of **Audubon**

**Magazine**. Read the full article online: <http://www.audubonmagazine.org/articles/birds/buddhist-ritual-gets-ecologically-correct-update>.



Then-and-now photos of three TAS friends from the Class of 1968: a class photo from the 1960s and a photo in New York City in the mid-2000s: **Valerie Saint-Rossy** (Brooklyn, NY), **Terry Shu** (Boston, MA), **Penny Zee** (San Francisco, CA).



**Dan Cooper '89** celebrated a 25th-year reunion with his fellow classmates at his home in Shanghai: **James Tsao**, **Philip Yu**, and **Steve Gee**. He even printed special t-shirts for all the family members.





**Laird Silsby '11**, a junior at Middlebury College and a member of the Men's Rugby Club, finished a historic season in November. The National semi-final game was held at the Middlebury campus for the first time. Laird said in an interview, "Since our lackluster inaugural season in Division I my freshman year, we've worked hard to become one of the rugby powerhouses in the American northeast. While it was tough to lose in the national semi-finals, I would like to thank all the members of the TAS community who have supported me this past year. TAS has and always will hold a special place in my heart. I feel that the standard of excellence the school and the community holds itself to played a significant role in my development on and off the field. While playing in the collegiate national championship is very different than at IASAS, I feel that much of the passion and drive that I now have in my approach to rugby and life began behind those orange-brick walls."



**Dwight Sung '92** is publisher of the only badminton magazine in the USA: <http://badmintonmonthly.com>.

**Ken Hsu '95** and **Millie Su '98** got married in October. Ken and Millie met through Michelle Hsiao '97 in New York in 2008. Millie received a Ph.D. in management from Rutgers University and Ken had just moved to New York from Boston. Having similar experiences in TAS, the couple shares many similar family values and memories growing up in Taipei. Millie is currently working as an independent academic researcher specialized in biopharmaceutical innovation and management. Ken is a

digital advertising consultant and has been in the industry since graduating from college. He is now working as a regional director of digital analytics in Wunderman Singapore. The couple is residing in Singapore now.



Send your updates to TAS! We love hearing news from our alumni, especially when you meet up with other TAS friends. We are always delighted in receiving photos of these gatherings. Send submissions to [alumni@tas.edu.tw](mailto:alumni@tas.edu.tw).



**Andrew Wu '97** and his TAS '97 classmates conquered the run and the obstacles together at the San Francisco Urbanathlon 2013, an 11 mile run with 10 obstacles. Andrew's running mates included: **Dai-Bin Deh**, **Eugene Hsu**, **Jeffrey Liu**, **Will Pan**, **Ericson Wen**, **Andrew Wu**, and **Charles Yeh**.

# Former Faculty

TASer luncheon at the Hunan Restaurant in Wilsonville, Oregon in November 2013. Starting at front center and continuing around the table clockwise:



Carol Chadwick, Kathy Wilhelmi, Henry Schwarz, Jan Clark, Kay Haberlach, Fred Schneider, Charlene Schneider, Jeff Fischmann, Susan Rinker, Charlene Roberts, Kathy Fischmann, Mary Crull, John Crull, and John Chadwick.

Dr. Don Weinhouse (Lower School Associate Principal 1997-1999), professor emeritus of special education from Colorado State University-Pueblo, is happy to announce the publication of his third book, *The Boomers' Guidebook to More Joyous Living: Twenty Positive Approaches to Life After Fifty*. "Dr. Don" presently lives in Coronado, California, with his wife Marilyn.

## The Boomers' Guidebook to More Joyous Living

Twenty Positive Approaches to Life After Fifty

By Dr. Don Weinhouse



Mrs. Cathy Funk (Middle School Principal 1987-2008) met with current faculty members Stephen Abernethy, Jaami Franklin, Kevin Held, and Cory Edwards in London during the TAS Spring Break. She never really retired and is currently working at the American School in London.



TAS alumni graced The Class of the Japanese Summer Session founded by the Gurecki's. Winston Lo '08 and Joanne Tsai '11 spoke to current TAS students attending The Class Japanese Summer School 2013 about what to expect this year concerning college applications and what they needed to know to make a knowledgeable college selection. Winston and Joanne both stressed that after TAS it was mandatory for them to make sure their colleges had diverse ethnicity.

Winston, a 2012 graduate of the University of Washington, was traveling in Japan visiting his Japanese friends and needed to make a stop at Nagasaki to see his all-time favorite Sensei. He started his first year at University of Washington Dental School in September. After six years of Japanese study, including all four years with Sensei at TAS, Joanne finally came to Japan to be Mrs. Gurecki's college teaching aide. She taught, planned, and brought a sparkling air of positivity to her first visit to Japan. Joanne is currently enrolled in NYU and is spending her first semester in Shanghai in NYU's study abroad program. Mr. and Mrs. Gurecki loved the visits and hope that this is just the start of seeing TAS alumni in the coming years at The Class.



## Lifting the Veil with Kathy Wu

Kathy Wu, former TAS art teacher from 1971 to 2001 returned to Taipei in January for her art exhibit “Lifting the Veil – Brilliance Re-emerging”. While at TAS, she taught a variety of art classes from ceramics to painting for middle school and upper school students. Even as a teacher herself, she continued to study painting from masters in Taiwan and in the United States. She reflected, “All my former students allowed me to learn together with them. As teenagers, they were enthusiastic, passionate, and curious about everything, which forced me to see the world from their perspectives. It was a privilege for me to teach at TAS and to live in Taipei for so many years.” After departing TAS, Kathy moved to Lexington, Massachusetts and continued to paint, deriving inspiration from nature, family, her life, and her interpersonal relationships. The Taipei exhibit consisted of works in acrylic and oil on canvas, as well as watercolor. Each work vibrantly displays her characteristic use of bold brush strokes and brilliant colors, which reflect her childhood memories in São Paulo, Brazil. Her latest works bridge East and West, where the drips, spatters, and colors of Western abstract art are infused with the serenity and discipline of Chinese brush painting. A special gallery talk was arranged for Alumni and TAS community members a day before the opening of the exhibit on January 19. Family, friends, former students, parents of alumni, and faculty gathered to enjoy the beautiful art works. She concludes, “Art is not only painting. Writing is an art, so is music. The process of creation will help you find your identity through art. Never give up.”

Additional information on Kathy Wu and her work is available at [www.kwuart.com](http://www.kwuart.com).



## Eclectic Designs

Carol Delahoyde '63  
<https://www.facebook.com/eclecticdesignscc>

Eclectic Designs is where you'll find "one-of-a-kind" homemade jewelry. For my animal lovers, all products are animal friendly, and don't use bone, ivory or leather. There is an ever-growing selection of affordable fashion jewelry, ready for purchase through PayPal. Click on the "Shop" tab to place your order on the Facebook page!



## Happy Fins Biotechnology Co., Ltd

Richard Yang '91 and Ting Ting Yang '93  
[www.happyfins.com.tw](http://www.happyfins.com.tw)

Eating used to be very simple. Jam was made from fruits, coffee from coffee beans, fish balls from fish. Then food got complicated after producers decided to cut costs and sell more. Thus we begin to see food scandals breaking out all over the world. In 2001, Happy Fins was established with one clear goal- understand and appreciate what we eat. We set up a fish farm next to the Black-faced Spoonbill conservation park. We use low density, semi-wild eco- systems that use only water from the ocean. In contrast to high density, antibiotic infested mass production methods, we produce naturally tasty fish, clams, and shrimps. We invite you to enjoy these toxic free, hormone free, aquaculture products with us. You will find the original taste of real food.



## Linkpack

Angela Liu '12  
[www.linkpack.org](http://www.linkpack.org)

Linkpack is a location-based live forum linking nearby travelers on the road. Find out where to go, and who to go with. The mission is to help travelers make the most of their adventures by instantly connecting them with other travelers in the same city.



## LRNGO

Mandy Liu Brake '95, Co-Founder  
[www.LRNGO.com](http://www.LRNGO.com)

LRNGO.com ("learn-go") is a web-based marketplace where people connect to learn from each other, meeting locally at a library or coffee shop, or live on video chat from anywhere in the world. You can pay someone to teach you, earn money teaching, or barter and exchange live personal instruction with other users at no cost. We have users in 205 countries.



## MISTIQUE

Peter Huang '98, Founder  
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MISTIQUE represents an elegant yet mysterious aura that surrounds us. This also represents our products which utilizes an advanced aerosol technology to deliver a fine mist that provides our users with all kinds of benefits. We select only the finest and most natural ingredients and combine them with modern designs to provide our users with a series of functional aerosol sprays that is efficient, convenient, and considerate, helping to create a happier and healthier life for you and your family. MISTIQUE. So Fresh, So Clean.

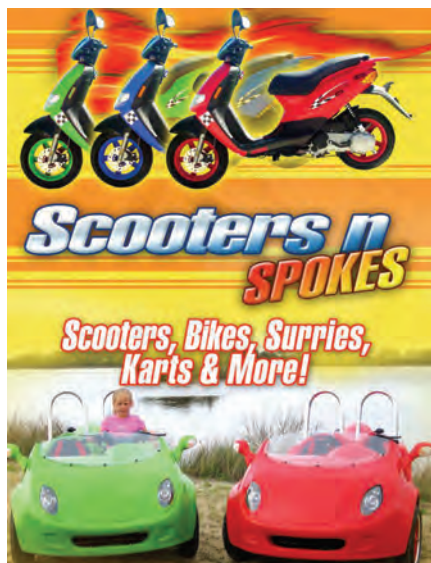


## Roxanne Lo '08

LinkedIn: Roxanne Lo, Social Media Butterfly

Roxanne provides online marketing support such as social media management, search engine optimization (SEO), and event planning. With experience in PR, website designs, she is able to assist clients with brand building and online presence through innovative approaches.





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Rodger Pickett '63, Part Owner  
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Brett Trentham '92, Business Founder  
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Based in Seattle, we are passionate about healthy-lifestyle products to make you look and feel good without compromising our commitment to responsible business practices. After being in the toothbrush business for a while with our TravelSonic stylish sonic toothbrush, we realized about 2 billion plastic disposable toothbrushes end up in landfills and oceans every year. We wanted to make a difference and developed our eco-friendly biodegradable toothbrush called SenzaBamboo. The company also started donating a toothbrush to a child in need for every TravelSonic sold. A subscription service will be set up in the near future.



## Shin Kong Chao Feng Ranch Resort

Sean Jen '06, Project Manager  
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Located in Hualien County, this resort covers an area of 726 hectares. It makes use of the alluvial deposits of the nearby river stream to grow crops such as guava, avocado, star fruit, lemon, orange, and peach. Another part of the farm is devoted to educational plantings of medicinal herbs and flower beds. In the dairy and petting zoo areas, visitors can get close to cows and other animals. Other facilities include a landscaping area, camping and barbecue areas, a creek stocked with loaches for catch, and a visitor center.



## Uber

Likai Gu '00, General Manager  
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**Kathleen Hsu Jeong '60** passed away peacefully on December 10, 2013 in California after a long and brave battle with pulmonary fibrosis. Born in Los Angeles, the only child of a diplomat, and a scientist, she spent her youth traveling the world with her parents, living in such countries as Iran, Burma, Korea and Taiwan before graduating from high school in Washington, DC. Kathy attended Sweet Briar College, earned her masters degree in biology from UCLA, and her PhD in parasitology from UC Berkeley. She had a fascinating career studying parasites, and then moved into the biotech industry, where she retired in 2003. Kathy was married to Dr. Gary Jeong for more than three decades and resided for most of that time in Oakland, CA.

Kathy was a loving mother, grandmother, and friend, and will be remembered for her warm heart and bright mind. She enjoyed poetry and music, and loved sharing fine wines and good food with friends and family. She was deeply interested in the different cultures of the world and from a young age, she taught her children the importance of writing and the enjoyment of travel.

Kathy was active in numerous school and community service efforts in Oakland and the surrounding East Bay. She was a humble person who worked hard to improve the lives of others. After she retired, Kathy found the most pleasure in her children and grandchildren, but she still found time

to keep exploring—from belly dancing lessons to new cuisines to faraway trips. She will be missed tremendously.



**Penny Tate-Lewis '70** passed away in July, 2013 from an aggressive form of lung cancer. She was a very vibrant and beautiful soul. She had firm convictions, a deep spirituality, and strong opinions. Her daughter Jenée wrote, “Mom was always willing to help anyone who needed it even if it was difficult for her. She took care of medically fragile newborn babies, those born addicted to drugs or harmed in some way. She used her love, compassion and healing touch on all of her babies. Watching her babies grow and become healthy was worth all the late night feedings and loud afternoons. She was an amazing Mom, Grandma, Wife, Sister and friend. Without her we never would have been the independent, loving and compassionate people her family is today. She will forever be with us in our hearts, minds and thoughts. She is dearly loved and missed.” Penny had planned on attending the Las Vegas TAS Reunion in August of 2013, but she was sadly missed by all her TAS friends. Her husband Rod passed away this March.



**Michael Austin Smith '72** passed away on August 11, 2013. Born in Tennessee, Mike traveled the world extensively as a military kid. He lived in several states, including Hawaii, where his sister Kate (Smith) Mauck '74 was born. He also grew up outside the U.S., having lived in Italy, and he graduated from TAS. Mike attended East Central Junior College and USM before entering the US Navy for a 20-year career as an Aviation Electronics Technician. His many duty stations included the aircraft carriers USS Eisenhower, USS Roosevelt, and USS Yorktown. After retiring, he worked at Peavey Electronics, followed by the Pearl River Resort. In addition to being a slot technician, he thoroughly enjoyed greeting guests and staff alike with a ready smile and a tidbit of information, whether they asked for it or not. Mike was a kind-hearted soul with a gentle disposition and a never-ending positive outlook on life. He never knew a stranger, and happily chatted with anyone whose path he crossed. He enjoyed fishing and was an avid reader. He had a brilliant mind for recalling facts and figures that at times astonished those who knew him. Most importantly, Mike asked Jesus Christ to be his personal Savior at the age of 14. His forever-after story is now unfolding as he now spends time with his dad and his Heavenly Father, completely happy and healthy at last.



**Dwaine Tankersley '76** passed away at his home in December, 2013. He attended schools in North Bend, Taipei and graduated from Douglas High School. He received an Associate's degree from Portland Community College. Dwaine met Tina Jenson and they were united in marriage in 1986 and got divorced in 1993. Most of his working life was spent in the lumber industry and driving truck. Dwaine loved the outdoors where he spent time collecting rocks. He is survived by his son, Aaron and three brothers, David M, Douglas E '72 and Darryl A. Doug has been scanning and posting on Facebook photos taken by Dwaine during the years they spent in Taiwan.



**Judge Dudley '76** passed away in January, 2014 in California. He had recently reconnected with many TAS friends. One post on his Facebook page read, "He had a big Heart and was always ready to lend a hand to improve someone's life. He was a true friend." He will be missed but never forgotten.



**Rick Moore '77** passed away in November, 2013. He was one of a kind and dearly missed by his friends and family. His siblings Chris Moore and Kerry Moore also attended TAS.



**Audrey Lynn van Gessel '79** of Centreville, VA was born August 25, 1961 and lost her courageous battle with cancer on July 1, 2013. Audrey is survived by her fiancé, Howard Myers as well as her daughter Sarah. She is also survived by her father, Marinus van Gessel, her mother, Virginia Krause, two sisters; Karen Evans (Ray) and Lisa Witte (Mark). Audrey graduated from West Virginia University with a degree in Anthropology. She was a Senior Account Manager at WORKFLOWONE. Audrey and her fiancé loved the outdoors and spent many hours on his boat, the Audrey Lynn. Audrey also loved to cook, garden, collect knick knacks and spend time with her daughter and cats. She last attended a TAS gathering in November of 2012 hosted by Jeff '77 and Michelle Massa '79.



**Patricia Haas Wolfe** (former faculty), surrounded by her three children and husband, passed away peacefully in Salem, Oregon on July 9, 2013. Patricia was a woman with a thirsty intelligence, a scholar in the truest sense, who devoted part of nearly every day to reading books on philosophy, psychology, spiritualism, and Eastern and Western thought. Reading, for Patricia, meant three or four books open around her, the ideas from one sparking connections with another — it was like mental fireworks.

She regarded herself above all as an artist — goes well beyond the visual, it speaks to those who see it. At one exhibit in Taiwan, 11 of her pieces were purchased, many by colleagues at Taipei American School.

In 1992, Patricia and Glenn took a leap together and began a career in overseas schools that included one year at the American School in London, and 19 years at TAS. Her official title at the school was Communications Officer and duties included the website, an annual report, and a host of other publications. Without a doubt, the highlight of her job was design and editing of *The Window*, a beautiful magazine published three times a year. She derived her greatest satisfaction from featuring children's art in the magazine.

In 2011, she and her husband, Glenn, retired to their “River House” in the Cascades of Oregon. But as Patricia insisted, she didn’t retire; she became a full time artist. That fall, her oil painting “Reflections” won the Mayor’s Award in an exhibit in Salem.

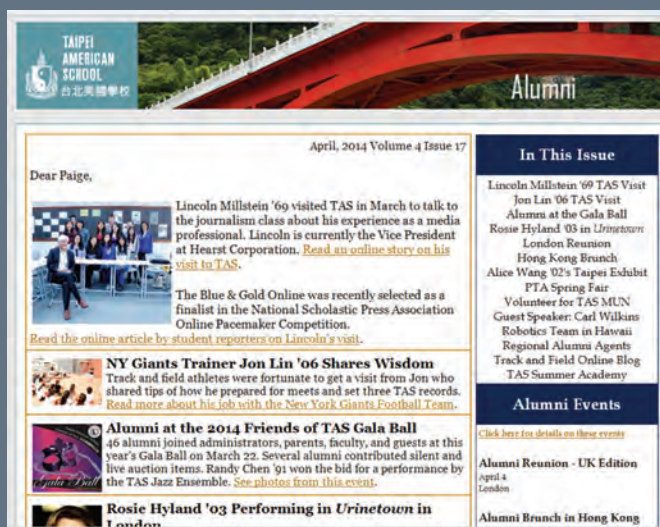
Patricia will be deeply missed by all her friends around the world and especially her family.



**Fred J. Schneringer** (Former high school principal): An educator and administrator and an Air Force veteran, Mr. Schneringer passed away in November of 2013 in Honolulu. He was born in Los Angeles. He is survived by wife Martha; sons Rick and Steven Schneringer, and Brad '74 and Ken Davis '71; daughters Judy Schneringer and Nancy McKenna; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Dr. Phillipa “Phil” Berchen** (former psychologist) passed away peacefully in New York in June, 2013. Her husband, Charles, taught PE had passed away the year before.

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