

# TAIPEI AMERICAN SCHOOL ALUMNI NEWS



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# University Matriculation by Region

Institutions where TAS graduates from the Classes of 2013, 2014, and 2015 enrolled.

## UNITED STATES

Anne Arundel Community College  
Babson College  
Barnard College  
Baylor University  
Bellevue College  
Bentley University  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Bowdoin College  
Brandeis University  
Brigham Young University  
Brigham Young University, Idaho  
Brown University  
Bryn Mawr College  
California College of the Arts  
California Institute of Technology  
California Lutheran University  
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona  
California State University, Fullerton  
California State University, San Marcos  
Carleton College  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Central Michigan University  
Chapman University  
Clemson University  
Colgate University  
College of William and Mary  
Columbia University  
Columbus State University  
The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art  
Cornell University  
Cornish College of Art  
Dartmouth College  
Davidson College  
Dickinson College  
Drexel University  
Duke University  
Eastman School of Music, Univ. of Rochester  
Emerson College  
Emory University  
Fashion Institute of Technology  
Florida State University  
Fordham University  
George Mason University  
The George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Gonzaga University  
Goucher College

Hamilton College  
Harvard University  
Haverford College  
Illinois Institute of Technology  
James Madison University  
John Carroll University  
Johns Hopkins University  
The Juilliard School  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Macalester College  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Menlo College  
Miami University, Ohio  
Michigan State University  
Mount Holyoke College  
New York University  
North Carolina State University  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Occidental College  
Otis College of Art and Design  
Pace University  
Parsons The New School for Design  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pepperdine University  
Pitzer College  
Pomona College  
Pratt Institute  
Princeton University  
Purdue University  
Reed College  
Regent University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rice University  
Ringling College of Art and Design  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
Salisbury University  
Santa Clara University  
Santa Monica College  
Sarah Lawrence College  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Scripps College  
Seattle University  
Simmons College  
Smith College  
Southern California Institute of Architecture

Stanford University  
Stony Brook University  
Suffolk University  
Swarthmore College  
Texas A&M University  
Trinity University  
Tufts University  
University of Arizona  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, San Diego  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
University of Florida  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
University of Kansas  
University of Louisville  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
University of Massachusetts, Boston  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
University of New Mexico  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Portland  
University of Puget Sound  
University of Redlands  
University of Richmond  
University of Rochester  
University of Southern California  
University of Texas, Austin  
University of Virginia  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin, Madison  
Vanderbilt University  
Vassar College  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Wellesley College  
Wesleyan University  
Wheaton College (IL)  
Yale University

## ASIA

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology  
Keio University  
Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology  
National University of Singapore  
National Taiwan University  
Russel Square International College  
PEC University of Technology  
Shanghai Jiaotong University  
Taipei Medical University  
Temple University Japan  
University of Hong Kong  
Waseda University  
Yale-NUS College  
Yonsei University

## CANADA

Emily Carr University of Art + Design  
McGill University  
Simon Fraser University  
University of British Columbia  
University of Toronto  
University of Waterloo  
Western University  
Wilfrid Laurier University  
York University

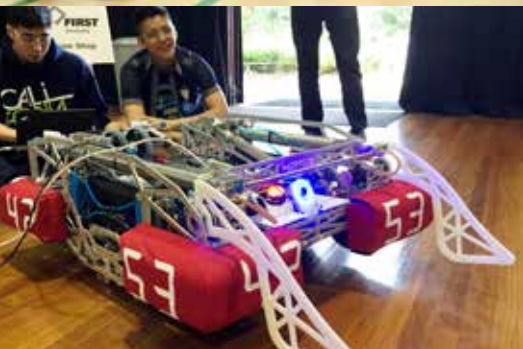
## AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

International College of Hotel Management  
James Cook University  
Macquarie University  
University of Melbourne  
University of Otago

## EUROPE

École hôtelière de Lausanne  
Glon Institute of Higher Education  
Goldsmiths College, University of London  
ISCOM  
Jacobs University  
King's College London  
Paris College of Art  
Regent's University London  
Royal Holloway, University of London  
University College London  
University of the Arts London  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Exeter  
University of Nottingham  
University of Reading





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Alumni Officer  
Helen Chen '94

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The front cover features the Class of 2016.



# HEAD OF SCHOOL

## Letter to Alumni



Dear Alumni,

Taipei American School is on a crescendo, with high levels of student achievement, faculty and staff morale, parent satisfaction, and high levels of Alumni involvement. Thank you for your continued contributions—as guest speakers, event volunteers, donors, and as ambassadors for TAS. The School is fortunate to have four alumni Board members, Timothy Chang '80, Gayle Tsien '87, Joseph Hwang '87, and Elizabeth Wang '91. You can read more about these dedicated and impressive leaders on page 7.

Every five years, I work with the Board of Directors and Administrative team to build the Strategic Plan for the coming years. After input from many constituent groups, including our alumni, and much concerted effort on behalf of the School leadership, the Board adopted the 2016-2021 Strategic Plan, which will be published next school year.

The Plan consists of five strategic areas: A Strong Foundation, An Exceptional Program, Student Experience, Highest Quality Personnel, and Communicating the TAS Experience. These objectives highlight the emphasis we place on People, Place, and Program. The Plan addresses the growing needs of additional space for STEAM. It seeks to define and promote wellness among our students and

faculty. It develops our ability to attract and retain the very best educators to work with your children. It is a document that articulates the School's vision and direction for years to come.

With this Plan as our guide and hard work as our *modus operandi*, we will continue to offer a program worthy of our students and alumni, and one that is consistent with the programs of the very finest independent schools anywhere in the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon D. Hennessy".

Dr. Sharon D. Hennessy  
*Head of School*



# GREETINGS

## from the Advancement Office



Dear Alumni,

From New York to Shanghai, and especially here on campus, I have enjoyed meeting so many of you this year. I learned about the incredible work you are undertaking in your places of business, organizations, and communities. In this magazine, you will have a chance to preview what many of your former classmates have been up to. Although it is just a small portion of the entire alumni community, it nevertheless represents the good all of you are doing.

At TAS, we are fortunate that many of you share those experiences with students. From exciting research in laboratories to growing business ventures, TAS students benefit from the time you make to meet and speak with them. Some of you have taken your involvement to new heights, by spending extended periods working with and mentoring students in the entrepreneurship class and a virtual reality project, coaching in theater and sports, and taking on leadership roles at the school. On behalf of the entire TAS community, I want to thank you for this.

Alumni giving increased this year as well. We have already passed last year's 4% alumni participation rate and we continue to grow. Thank you to everyone that has already given to the Annual Giving program. If you haven't given yet, you can still make your gift at [www.tas.edu.tw/give](http://www.tas.edu.tw/give). Your generosity ensures Taipei American School can remain a leader in education for years to come.

Again, enjoy perusing this edition of the Alumni news. And wherever your travels take you in the year to come, I sincerely hope you find your way to TAS and stop by to visit us.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Limmer".

Kathy Limmer  
*Director of Advancement*



Are you receiving this in your inbox every month?

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[www.tas.edu.tw](http://www.tas.edu.tw) > Alumni > Alumni Contact Information Update Online Form

## iGEM

The TAS team won the Grand Prize at the International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) Giant Jamboree in Boston!

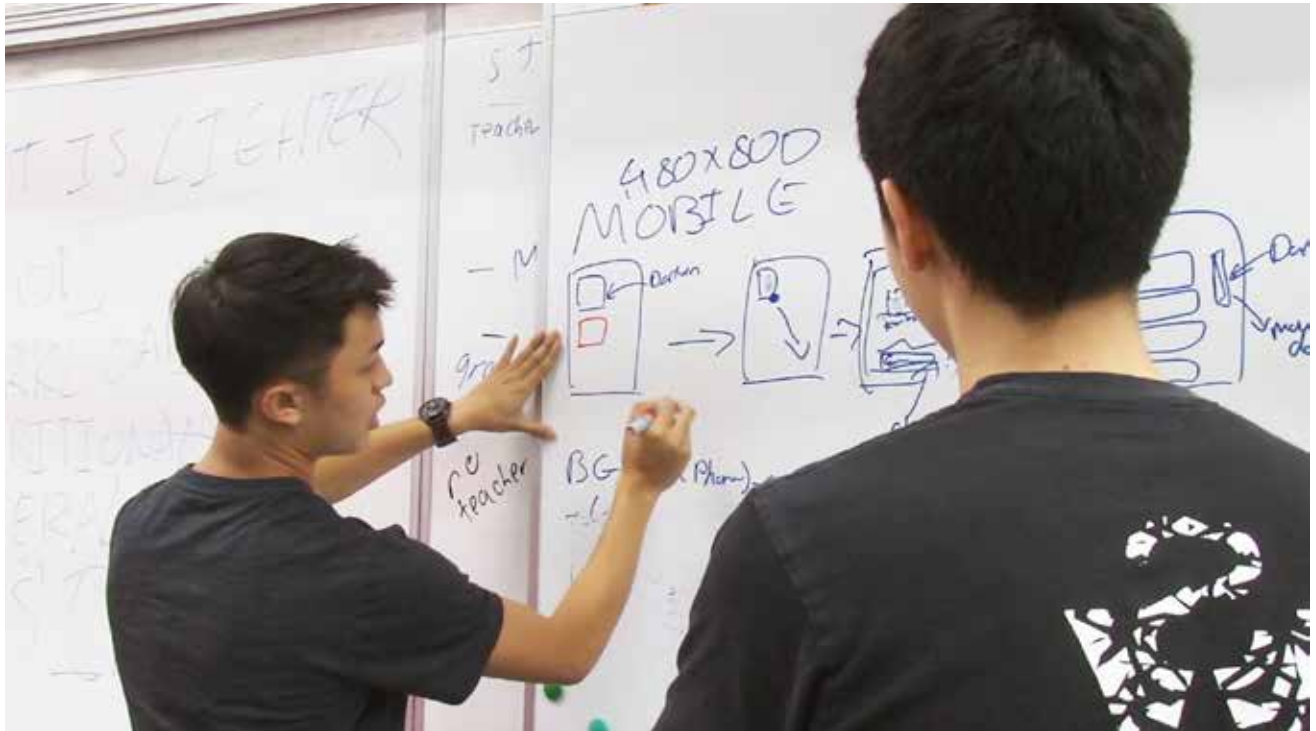
The iGEM Giant Jamboree is the premier world championship for synthetic biologists. Each year, iGEM teams design and engineer a synthetic biological machine to tackle today's toughest problems. The team of 11 students exceeded those expectations and won the Grand Prize at the Giant Jamboree held at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston MA, from September 24-28, 2015. Congratulations to current students Leon Y., Andrew C., Joseph C., Bryan T., Huiru H., Fiona T., and Alvin W., and to 2015 graduates Daphne L., Dylan C., Phillip T., and Edward H.

In addition to winning the High School



Track of the iGEM competition, the TAS iGEM team received an award for Best Wiki (their website) and a gold medal for the completion of competition requirements that progressively

increased in difficulty. Visit their wiki at [http://2015.igem.org/Team:TAS\\_Taipei](http://2015.igem.org/Team:TAS_Taipei) to learn more about their project.



## NOVA WEEKEND

Inspired by the success of similar events hosted by universities and other organizations around the world, five TAS students conceived, organized, and directed the first-ever NOVA Weekend at TAS to deliver a hands-on entrepreneurial experience to the TAS upper school community.

Each team of students had access to the school's robotics lab, basic materials for rapid prototyping, and faculty mentors over the entire weekend, yet only 48 hours to brainstorm, plan, and implement an idea. All groups were required to address the theme, "Make TAS Lighter," which was announced at 6:00pm on a Friday night; they had to be ready to pitch their idea at 6:00pm on the following Sunday.

One team created a way for TAS students to educate other students in need around the world. By

connecting TAS student expertise in fields such as robotics and MUN with educational demand in nations such as Afghanistan, students showed how they could share what TAS has to offer with those less fortunate via the educational collaborative platform Edmodo. Another team produced a working prototype of their multi-purpose adjustable standing desk (AKA "The Standable"). They addressed student stress and discomfort by introducing more freedom to the typical in-class environment.



## TAS FILM PROGRAM TAKES FLIGHT

In just its second year, the program has expanded from one class with a handful of interested students to two separate classes with an international reach.

Students in the new Honors Advanced Film and Documentary Production course master some of the amazing high-end equipment that the school has acquired to create documentary films. This year, students produced documentaries on Aboriginal art and perception, and environmental sustainability, and submitted them to contests in Qatar and Singapore, among others. Two TAS student-produced films were nominated for awards at the THIMUN Qatar Northwestern Film Festival held annually in Doha, Qatar. This Festival attracts young filmmakers from around the world and serves as a platform for students to create advocacy films on



local or global topics. At the Festival, the winning films were selected from 82 submissions worldwide. TAS film *Our Art, Our Voices*, which focuses on

the indigenous people of Taiwan, won best picture!



## NATIONAL PALACE MUSEUM JUNIOR DOCENTS

The TAS Summer Academy had a new and exciting opportunity for upper school students in 2015: the ability to become certified junior docents, also known as tour guides, at the National Palace Museum.

Students worked incredibly hard during the course. Each day, from Monday to Thursday, docents from the National Palace Museum arrived at TAS and lectured on topics such as Jade, Bronze, Painting, Calligraphy, Buddhism, and Chinese History for several hours. This was followed by two hours in the classroom dedicated to creating a ten minute presentation on a unique theme.

The Junior Docent Certification course was inspired by TAS alumna,

parent, and National Palace Museum docent Mrs. Rosalind Wang Ho '92. Her support, and the efforts of all the docents and staff at the museum and Spring Foundation, made this course possible. Over the course of the school year, the TAS junior docents had several opportunities to tour both foreign and local guests.



## ROBOTICS

The TAS First (FRC) Robotics Competition 4253 Raid Zero team had great success at the Australia and Hawaii Regional competitions.

In Australia, they earned the Excellence in Engineering Award sponsored by Delphi, which recognizes an elegant

and advantageous robot feature. Additionally, Angel H. '17 received the FIRST Dean's List Finalist Award for her efforts to spread STEAM education in Taiwan. She started two FRC teams in Taiwan and has organized many outreach programs to local schools. This is the most prestigious award given to an individual at an FRC competition and a tremendous honor.

In Hawaii, the team was a Regional

Finalist, with their robot making it to the final match of the competition. They also won the Creativity Award sponsored by Xerox, which recognizes creativity in design, components, and strategy. Finally, the 4253 Raid Zero team won the Wildcard Award, which qualifies them for the 2016 FRC World Championship in St. Louis!



## THE NEW GOLF PUTTING AREA AND DRIVING CAGES

Thanks to generous gifts made to Taipei American School, our golf

teams now have a state-of-the-art practice space right on campus. Impressively large for an urban campus, students can practice on a six-hole chipping and putting green.

The green comes with undulations to simulate the hills on real greens. It

is made from the same material that professional golfer Phil Mickelson's short game specialist Dave Peltz uses for his facilities in the USA. In addition to the putting green, there are three large hitting bays that allow students to practice their drives.



Timothy Chang '80 was elected to the TAS Board for the first time in 2012 and was reelected in 2015. He is currently serving his second term. He attended TAS in the 1970s and his wife Shirley '88 is also an alumna. He is an active volunteer in the community and has two sons at TAS.

Timothy attended Claremont McKenna College and California State at Sacramento, where he earned his BA in Finance. He received his MBA from Pepperdine University. He has extensive experience in the retail industry where he has worked for over twenty years. He manages brands in greater China and Japan. He is also involved in the automotive distribution business in Taiwan. The TAS Board benefits from his extensive financial and corporate governance experience.



Gayle Tsien '87 joined the TAS Board this year as an Appointed Director, fulfilling a Hybrid Board Referendum that was passed in March 2013 that allows the Board to appoint up to four non-TAS Association members to the Board.

After graduating from Taipei American School in 1987, Gayle received her BA at Brown University and received her Masters at New York University, Stern School of Business. Gayle has been working for the Central Trading & Development Group (CT&D) since 1993. After working in the Planning Department as Project Manager, the Office of the Chairman as Special Assistant, and the Finance and Accounting Department as Vice President, she now serves as Vice Chairman of CT&D and as a Director of CT&D's associated companies in Vietnam. She currently serves as the Board Chair at Saigon South International School.



Joseph Hwang '87 was elected to the TAS Board in 2014. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of California, Los Angeles and his J.D. from Tulane University School of Law.

After graduating from law school, he worked as an attorney in the San Francisco and Shanghai offices of global law firms. His practice and representation focus on corporate transactions, investments, mergers and acquisitions, and education projects between the U.S. and Greater China. He has experience representing U.S. universities in their cooperation programs in China and advising them on related accreditation compliance and reporting work. Joseph and his wife Katie have children in the TAS Middle and Lower Schools.



Elizabeth Wang '91 was elected to the Board in 2016. She comes from a family of three generations of TAS Tigers. Her husband David Ko graduated from TAS in 1992. She has seen firsthand how TAS has continually evolved to fully prepare its students to meet the challenges of the future while instilling the core values of honesty, respect, kindness, responsibility, and courage.

Elizabeth earned a BS in Finance from Boston College Carroll School of Management and an MBA from Waseda University. She is the Chairman of a hospitality company in Taiwan and serves on various Boards in Taiwan and Hong Kong. Elizabeth's experience with corporate governance, risk control, and fundraising benefit the TAS Board. She has children in the Lower School.



As TAS alumni, Timothy, Gayle, Joseph and Elizabeth bring a unique perspective to the Board and are committed to promoting and communicating the value and quality of the TAS experience.

## ALUMNI FAMILIES AT THE PTA INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR



As more alumni enroll children at TAS, more alumni parents are also volunteering at school events, such as the annual PTA Food Fair. Lydia Lim'97, Ed Deng'97, and Amy Su '97 were spotted at the Australian Booth.





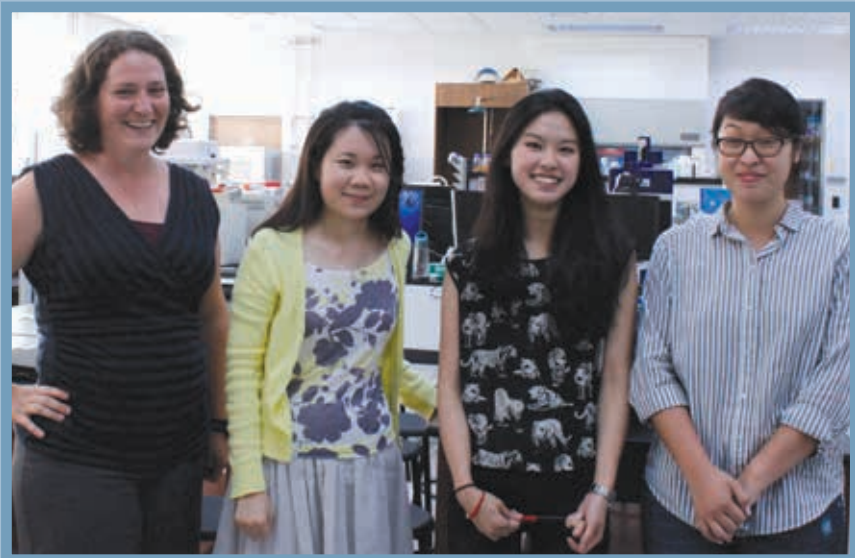


## ALUMNI AT THE VEX ROBOTICS COMPETITION

Allen Chang '94, Anthony Lin '14, and Bruce Bateman '77 assisted in various roles at the annual exciting Formosa VEX Taiwan Open hosted at TAS.

## WELCOME BACK

Stephanie Hsieh '04 (second from the left) joined our upper school science department, along with three other alumni faculty: Sarah Peters '95, Teresa Chiang '02, and Evelyn Chen '03.



## 2015 CLASH OF CLASSES BASKETBALL GAMES

More than 70 players, including alumni and current varsity and junior varsity team members participated in the annual basketball games on the last Sunday in December. Parents of alumni enjoyed the games from courtside when they cheered and shouted for their children's teams. It's a wonderful way for the whole family to return to TAS to experience the camaraderie and relive the excitement of the high school days.





### JOEY CHEN '98

Joey Chen '98 has coached the junior varsity boys volleyball team the past two years. Joey is a former volleyball IASAS athlete and worked as a head coach at the NCAA-Division 3 level before relocating back to Taiwan. Joey really enjoys working with the team because during his time at TAS, as captain of volleyball, basketball, and badminton, he discovered that there is so much more than winning in sports. He learned the value of teamwork and the importance of encouraging and supporting teammates. He's grateful to be reunited with his former varsity volleyball coach Brian Tobey. Joey also works as a substitute teacher occasionally for PE and other classes.

### ENJOY THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS AS A MEMBER OF THE TAS ALUMNI COMMUNITY:

- Alumni gate pass
- Access to Alumni Open-Gym Sessions
- Use of the four TAS libraries
- Campus parking permit before and after school and on weekends
- Priority admission for school-age children

Login to the 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.

### SUMMER ACADEMY TEACHING ASSISTANT

Suzan Barroso '68 returned to Taiwan after 47 years to explore a new direction in life by working as a Teaching Assistant for a lower school Summer Academy class. She reflected, "I am facing the end of my career, and I want to do something else with my time. The starting point for this new chapter of my life began with a bit of research and exploration this summer. I returned to TAS to work with Summer Academy Teacher, Christine Borgen, and her students going into 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. I graduated from TAS in 1968. Before coming to Taipei last summer, I had been told that the city had grown and modernized considerably in the past 47 years, and that the TAS campus I had known on Wen Lin Road had been relocated to Tian Mu. The "new" 26 year old TAS campus is beautiful. Seeing the old familiar statue of "The Thinker" sitting in the lobby brought back fond memories of the time TAS students worked on the creation of "Senior Island" at the Shih Lin campus. Even though the school has grown in size and direction, the friendliness and willingness to help one feel welcome haven't changed."





# ALUMNI ON CAMPUS



## 2015 ALUMNI THANKSGIVING DINNER CELEBRATION

At this annual event attracting more alumni and family members every year, everyone enjoyed a wonderful feast of turkey and mashed potatoes, and of course the great company.

## ALUMNI CAREER PANEL: GETTING A HEAD START IN JOB SEARCHES

Karine Lima '86 and Michelle Fuang '05 spoke to a group of TAS students in college seeking career advice. As experienced trainers and talent search specialists, both alumnae explained why internships are important and how to build a network. They also highlighted cultural differences in recruiting practices in Taiwan and in other countries. They also offer summer internships at their companies!



## ALUMNI AT THE STRATEGIC PLANNING FOCUS GROUP MEETING

Alumni who are parents at the School were invited to participate in a special focus group meeting sharing ideas for the next Strategic Plan. The TAS community, including faculty, administrators, Board members, and parents, were all invited to contribute to discussions on how the priorities of the School can be best aligned with the expectations and demands of the changing world, preparing today's students for the future. The new TAS Strategic Plan will be announced to the community at the beginning of the new school year.



## ON CAMPUS



### KEEPING THE ART GARDEN GREEN AND THRIVING

Last summer, TAS welcomed the second intern at the fourth floor Art Garden. Maxine Tu '13 worked for two months, six times a week, taking care of the plants in the garden. Her most important responsibility was keeping the garden green by watering and trimming the plants. She took on additional tasks such as repotting, weeding plants, cleaning drains, and documenting the progress of her work. Read more about her experience on the art garden blog: <http://tasartgarden.org/blog/>.



### MANY RECENT GRADUATES RETURN TO CAMPUS EVERY JANUARY FOR THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING REUNION.

They enjoy the famous Chinese roasted chicken leg for lunch and talk to current Grade 12 students about life in college. Several alumni also serve as panelists at a parent presentation and share their experiences as they transitioned from high school to college.

### KUAI KUAI

Tina Liao '05 received a surprise order from TAS Food Services for a box of her family's famous snack, Kuai Kuai, that many alumni from the 80's and 90's remember well. Tina's grandfather founded the company that became a well-known name among children. It was one of the most popular snacks to bring on field trips for elementary school students. The TAS Snack Bar's order sold-out in a few days! Next time you are back on the TAS campus, make sure to stop by the Snack Bar to see if there are any Kuai Kuai packs available.





## SPEAKERS



## DAN WONG '86 VISITS THE TECH STARTUP CLASS

The new upper school Tech Startup Capstone course emphasizes all aspects of the design and development cycle, from patenting an idea to formulating a business model, as well as pitching a product idea, testing prototypes, creating a mockup, and manufacturing. Alumnus Dan Wong '86 returned to TAS to speak with students in that class. He shared his experiences in the consumer electronics, mobile, and robotics industries. As the CEO of Rokid, Inc., he has the flexibility to make decisions quickly to adapt to market changes. He spoke about the day-to-day operation of the company and the strategic development of artificial intelligence and home robotics.



## ALUMNA AT IASAS ART AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Alice Wang '02 was the keynote speaker at the 2016 IASAS Art Cultural Convention hosted at TAS in March. A former IASAS delegate herself in 2002, Alice graduated from the Royal College of Art in England, founded her own company, and exhibited in the Taipei Fine Arts Museum. She has accomplished the dream of many aspiring art delegates who were all impressed with the creativity in her art work. During her talk, she discussed starting her own business, and explained how to sell an idea and how to manage a team. She told the delegates, "It's not how good you are. It's how good you want to be". As a souvenir, Alice brought her famous bottles from the Quote Vendor, a vending machine that dispenses short quotes from famous books. Learn more about Alice and her work on her website: [www.alice-wang.com](http://www.alice-wang.com).



## KATHRYN ROWE '01: A SKYPE TALK WITH ROBOTICS STUDENTS

Kathryn Rowe '01, an aerospace engineer at a research lab at the University of California Los Angeles, shared her work related to the upcoming space missions with upper school students over Skype. One of her most exciting projects is the preparation of the 2020 Mars Rover. She's working on ground penetrating radar that will provide an image of the planet's layers. She also described her involvement in other projects, including the missions to Jupiter's moon Europa to find oceans.

Throughout her talk, she emphasized the importance of the design process, which involves the same steps that students use to build their robots. She was impressed with the software and the equipment available in the TAS robotics lab, which are industry standards and offer wonderful opportunities for budding engineers to gain hands-on experience in developing their problem-solving skills.



## APPS CLUB MEETS ALUMNUS FROM THE APPS STORE

John Wu '01 has the dream job that everyone wants: Editorial Manager at the Apple Apps Store. His work involves testing apps to recommend to users on the Apps Store. When he learned that TAS has an Apps Club, he was very excited to come meet the student members. He spoke to them about how he switched jobs from the film industry to the online applications industry. He provided an insider's look on how he selects his team members. He offered several suggestions to the Apps Club officers, including writing reviews for mobile applications suitable for high school students.

# SPEAKERS

*Do you have something to share with today's TAS students? We welcome alumni to return to talk about your experience on a variety of topics, including careers and volunteer work. When the schedule allows it, alumni speak in classes, at club meetings, and after school.*



## FILM AND DOCUMENTARY PRODUCTION CLASS

Gorby Shih '10 and Tiffany Chou '10 returned to speak to the Film and Documentary Production class. They are both former winners at the TAS Formosa Film Festival and graduated from USC Film School. Gorby is currently launching a career as a filmmaker and Tiffany is working in the animation industry. They shared their experiences and insights with the film students.



## FOLLOWING YOUR DREAMS

Eric Tsai '08 returned to TAS to speak to students about following their dreams while staying grounded. He shared his experiences working in different industries and what led him to his current job at Vice Media. He emphasized the importance of self-reflection and planning for both the short and long term. He offered this advice: Dream, but have your feet, at least your toes, on the ground.



## BUSINESS CLUB

Jeraldine "Jerri" So '89 and Andrea Chiu '97 spoke at a TAS Business Club meeting in March. They shared their career paths and turning points, and gave advice to upper school students.



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connected carry-on.



## ALUMNUS DESIGNS SMART SUITCASE FOR THE SAVVY TRAVELER

In 1970, a man by the name of Bernard Sadow came up with the brilliant idea of adding wheels to suitcases. There hadn't been much innovation in luggage design until Brian Chen '03 cofounded a company that sells tech-integrated luggage called Bluesmart. The Bluesmart luggage includes a battery to charge devices, a remote controlled lock, a digital scale, geolocation, and proximity sensors; all of which you can manage through an app on your phone.

After graduating from Swarthmore College, Brian worked for a number of start-ups and non-profits before joining the Bluesmart team to create the world's first smart luggage. At Bluesmart, Brian is both a cofounder and the Director of Operations. He describes his experience at Bluesmart as a rewarding one. "We are just moving to a stage where we are not only designing a new product but an organizational culture, and I take great pride in making Bluesmart a great place to work where people feel motivated, valued, and empowered every day." Funding for Bluesmart began on the crowdfunding website, Indiegogo. There, Brian and his team raised over \$2.2 million dollars, making it the most funded travel product at the time.

Even with all his success and very busy schedule, Brian still takes time to look back fondly on his time at TAS. He recalls the influence his teachers had on him. "I was lucky to have amazing teachers at TAS. In particular, my English teachers really encouraged my love for reading, learning, and thinking." He continued, "They helped sow the seeds of curiosity that drive me to learn new things at work and to improve at what I do every day." We can't wait to see the next great innovations coming from Bluesmart and Brian Chen!



# FEATURE STORIES



## REPORTING LIVE AT THE HISTORIC MA-XI MEETING

On November 7, 2015, the president of the Republic of China (Taiwan) Ma Ying-jeou and general secretary of the Communist Party of China and president of the People's Republic of China (Mainland China) Xi Jinping, met in Singapore. The historic meeting was the first time leaders from two sides of the Taiwan Strait sat in the same room since the end of the Chinese Civil War in 1949.

Victoria Jen '90 was one of 600 journalists at the event reporting live for Singapore's Channel News Asia. She was the last reporter to be called on during President Ma's international press conference following the brief meeting of the two leaders. Many people wondered whether the reporters and the questions were pre-arranged. Victoria reassured her viewers that all of the reporters had the same opportunity to ask questions. The biggest challenge at the meeting was reporting live updates on TV without time to prepare.

It's no surprise that Victoria's favorite subject at TAS was English and her love of writing started when she got her first A+ in Mimi Corneli's ESL class. Since her first article appeared on the front page of Boston University's school newspaper, Victoria has been a reporter for a variety of media such as The China Post, ICRT, Agence France-Press, and TV news channels CNN and Taiwan's CTITV. She's currently Channel NewsAsia's Taiwan correspondent.

She reflected on her TAS experience, "It certainly helped me become an independent thinker, which is crucial to being a good journalist. My teachers at TAS always made sure we could think for ourselves and look for answers on our own. We were also encouraged to read books and learn knowledge outside of our curriculum. More importantly, we were taught to be creative and to have fun at the same time. I was very fortunate to grow up in such an open environment."

# FEATURE STORIES



## TAKING CHAMBER ORCHESTRA TO THE NEXT LEVEL

As the Executive Director of ProMusica Chamber Orchestra in Columbus, Janet Chen '94 was recently recognized for her outstanding performance on and off the stage. Featured in The Columbus CEO and The Columbus Dispatch, Janet was acknowledged for raising the profile of her chamber orchestra to the national level. In one of the articles, President and CEO of the Greater Columbus Arts Council Tom Katzenmeyer said, "She's both an accomplished artist and an excellent administrator. That's a rare and formidable combination."

Janet is credited for balancing artistic vision with fiscal management in her role as Executive Director. "I truly believe I was able to transition into my current role as Executive Director because of the education I received at TAS and learning how to work independently and with a team in a collaborative spirit. I wouldn't be where I am today without TAS." Janet attended TAS from Grade 1 through to graduation and started playing the flute in Grade 4. Her fondest memories were related to playing in band and orchestra, and participating in the drama productions.

She was a three time IASAS Music delegate. "Being part of IASAS broadened my view of playing in a group like band and orchestra. I quickly learned that being a musician was both very internal — having to practice individually on your own, refining your craft — but it was also very external — having to share your music with the world, and collaborating with other musicians to create music. Being part of IASAS gave me a global view of musicianship — and I am grateful to have had those experiences at a very early age."

If you have an opportunity to travel to Columbus, be sure to attend a ProMusica concert. Attending and hearing a live concert is an experience that cannot be recorded or replicated. "We try to better bridge the connection of what's happening onstage to our audiences sitting in the hall. Attendees can easily see our musicians' faces and sense the chemistry between all the artists. In my ten years working for the orchestra, attendance has grown monumentally. Most importantly, we need to support artists and musicians by attending live performances. Those musicians feed off our energy in the concert hall."

<http://www.promusicacolumbus.org/>

*Photo Credit: The Columbia Dispatch*





## TAS ALUMNA ON THE ROAD TO RIO OLYMPIC GAMES

TAS alumna Isheau Wong '07 made history recently as the first Taiwanese to clinch a spot to compete in an Olympic equestrian event. Isheau won the only available place in the individual jumping category at a qualifying event in Hagen, Germany. Equestrian jumping is tactical and precision-based, and involves a course of poles that the horse and rider must clear. This victory has earned her the right to compete at the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro this year. Isheau was one of 27 athletes from 12 nations competing. Isheau was also quick to point out that her win was not a lone accomplishment, but achieved through a partnership with her horse, an 11-year-old Dutch mare named Zadarjike. Isheau said, "I have to thank her for everything."

During her years at Taipei American School, Isheau found the support and encouragement she needed that set her on the path for the Olympics. She had two friends, Joy '07 and Jasmine Chen '07, with whom she shared the passion of riding. That friendship lasted from middle school through college. Other friends, advisors, and faculty members were equally supportive. Isheau reflected that she appreciated "the encouragement and freedom to do something different. Very unlike most Chinese schools, TAS really wanted each student to be unique and my adviser was always happy to hear that I was doing something unique."

TAS is very excited for Isheau's upcoming debut at the Rio Games, as is the country of Taiwan. The Chinese Taipei Equestrian Association has pledged their support of Isheau and offered to help prepare for the Olympics. They referred to her accomplishment as both "rare" and "precious". During the Olympic Games this summer, Isheau can expect that the entire Taipei American School community, and indeed the entire country, will be cheering her on.

# FEATURE STORIES



## INTRODUCING THE GLYPH

Alumnus Edward Tang '99 sees the world a little bit differently through his company Avegant Technology's flagship product, the Glyph. The Glyph is a wearable device that resembles a pair of headphones with one significant difference: an area implanted into the head band allows you to watch your favorite television shows, movies, or other multimedia as an immersive experience. Time Magazine, USA Today, and the Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon have all featured the Glyph.

The secret behind the Glyph is the patented technology. "Instead of using a screen," explained Ed, "our display technology is completely screenless. We actually project the image right into your eye." The image comes from a low powered LED that is reflected off two million microscopic mirrors. The reflection mimics the way we naturally see the world around us, where light comes from far away and bounces off objects into our eyes. The Glyph's technology allows viewers to watch multimedia for long periods of time without getting uncomfortable.

Earlier this year, Edward visited TAS during a business trip to Asia. He stopped in on Mr. Ives and Mrs. Bruce's classes to talk about entrepreneurship, building a business, and the Glyph itself. He spoke about the process of coming up with the idea for the product and journey of creating a viable business model. But perhaps students will most remember experiencing the glyph and using that immersive technology for themselves. One thing was on everyone's mind, "When can we get one?"



## ALUMNI FROM THE 1980'S CELEBRATE AT A REUNION IN PHILADELPHIA - SUMMER 2015

*Submitted by Elizabeth "Bette Ann" (Molloy) Coluby '83*

Fifty TAS Alumni from the classes of 1980 to 1987, along with upper school history and former Journeys Class teacher, Mr. Richard Arnold, gathered in Philadelphia last summer to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate. On the first day, many alumni toured the Liberty Bell and Constitution Hall in the Old City. A few alumni went to Lancaster, PA to see the Amish country and buy peaches. The first night was the reunion event with two slideshows that set the tone for the night by bringing back many memories of the TAS years. It was hard to say goodbye on Sunday but, everyone

departed with many new TAS memories. Alumni also made donations to the Hope N.F. Phillips Scholarship Fund as well as to the Orphanage Club to honor Mr. Arnold and all that he's done over the last 46 years at TAS.

*From the Alumni Office:*

Thank you to Bette Ann Molloy '83 and Bill Holden '83 for organizing the reunion events, to Mimi Wong '84 for keeping track of the funds, to Catherine (Williams) Rose '83 for designing the reunion logo and nametags, to Minnie (Unnikrishnan) Menon '83 for creating a name tag for each alumni with their yearbook photo, to Jeff Chuang '83 for creating two videos about TAS, to Willie Sheh '83 for creating and selling the reunion t-shirts and for bringing the longevity peaches for the birthday celebration, and to all the alumni who attended the reunion event.



## ALUMNI REUNION IN MUSIC CITY - SUMMER 2015

More than 100 alumni from the Classes of 1965 to 1984 attended a special reunion weekend in Nashville, Tennessee last summer. Special thanks to Kim Murray Kelly '74 and Vicki Gray '75 for organizing the reunion, to Philip Chase '73 for hosting dinner and presenting, and to Jim Smith '78 for designing the logo.





## CLASS OF 1995: 20-YEAR REUNION - DECEMBER 2015

Ben Hong '95 and a team of volunteers made sure everyone who attended the reunion in Taipei enjoyed a fantastic evening. Many brought children and returned to TAS for a nostalgic lunch and tour of the School. For many, the highlight of the visit was listening to Alex Ni read a story in the library to all of the children.



## CLASS OF 2005 10-YEAR REUNION - DECEMBER 2015

Organized by Michelle Fuang '05 and Karen Lin '05, the Class of 2005 celebrated the milestone year while enjoying a night of music performed by Esther Veronin '05.





## SHANGHAI ALUMNI SPEAKER SERIES - NOVEMBER 2015

Dan Wong '86 and David Koo '93 shared valuable insights from their experience working in China in the third Speaker Series hosted for alumni living in Shanghai. Thanks to Mr. Thomas Grehl for sponsoring this special event.



## MANILA - MARCH 2016

A few alumni currently living in the Philippines reunited for a casual evening and spent time at the home of Bessie Chan '78. Special thanks to Ning Sung '99 for organizing this event.



## TAIPEI HAPPY HOUR - OCTOBER 2015

Known as the bar with the best craft beer in Taipei, alumni enjoyed a wide selection of beers on tap from around the world at the Tasting Room in Taipei owned by Han Lin '97 and Duke Wu '98.



## NEW YORK COCKTAIL - JANUARY 2016

60 alumni and guests enjoyed wonderful canapés and drinks at one of the top rated restaurants in New York City. Special thanks to event sponsor Heidi Chen '95.

*Photo Credit: Eric Liu '94*





## 2016 WORLDWIDE ALL CLASS TAS ALUMNI REUNION - MARCH 2016

This reunion marked the first organized trip to Taiwan for alumni abroad. Lloyd Coleman '73 organized the reunion with help from Justin Chu '75 and Vincente Tang '68. Flights and hotels were booked for more than 100 alumni and 40 family members and friends. More than 900 alumni joined the *2016 TAS Taipei Reunion Talk Facebook* group and followed the daily adventures of reunion attendees from graduating classes 1962-1984.

The visit to the TAS campus in Tianmu was certainly a highlight of the reunion trip. Deputy Head of School Catriona Moran and Board Member Joseph Hwang '87 welcomed the group in a formal presentation. Alumni were impressed with the outstanding school programs and toured the campus with student guides. They shopped for TAS memorabilia at the Tiger Shop and ate lunch at the cafeteria. They also visited the former TAS Shilin campus, where the TAS Senior Island Pagoda still stands.

Many alumni visited neighborhoods in Tianmu, Wellington Heights, Grass Mountain, downtown Taipei, and Guan Du to try to locate their former homes. Others reunited with their former amahs from decades ago. Everyone enjoyed trips to the Night Market, eating hotpot and other Taiwanese treats. A group of late 70's and early 80's alumni attended a special dinner coordinated by Freda Fung '79 at Martin Fang '79's Maji Maji restaurant.

The reunion culminated with a banquet dinner at the Grand Hotel. Everyone felt nostalgic upon arriving there, remembering the school functions and major events they attended over the years. As Tami Phillips Briner '76 said, "This trip has confirmed for me what my heart and spirit have for 40+ years tried to tell me. I have two homes; one where I physically reside and one where my heart resides."

Please visit the Alumni Media Gallery on the TAS website to view all photos from this extraordinary event. You can also read reflections from alumni on the aforementioned Facebook page.







More photos from reunion events hosted at TAS and around the world can be viewed online in the Media Gallery in the Alumni section of the TAS website.



## SAN FRANCISCO RECEPTION - FEBRUARY 2016

More than 50 alumni and friends attended this event hosted by Middle School Associate Principal Mr. Gary Pettigrew and Admissions Director Dr. Winnie Tang '65. Special thanks to Mr. John Stevens for his generous sponsorship of this event. *Photo credit: Ashley Bernal '09*



## GEORGIA LUNCH - MARCH 2016

At the first event in the southern United States, 30 alumni and guests attended a lunch event to share stories from their times at TAS. The guest of honor was Jennifer Chang Su '56 from the first graduating class.



## FORMER FACULTY RECONNECT AT REUNION IN OREGON

*Submitted by Dr. Louise Tolbert, Former Lower School Teacher*

A grand time was had by all participants at the gathering at Jin Wah Restaurant in Beaverton, outside of Portland, Oregon on Saturday, October 3, 2015. More than 50 former teachers and former administrators shared food, had fun, and celebrated friendship over hours of spirited conversation. Some traveled very long distances: Jonathan Weber came across the country from Connecticut and Mary Yamazaki flew from her retirement home in Panama. All participated in a TAS Trivia Quiz prepared by Louise Tolbert with the help of Ira Weislow in Hawaii and Ralph Whalen in Florida.

Jan Clark and her local committee of organizers and taste testers created a superb menu of Chinese dishes, which the restaurant prepared for the enjoyment of all. Susan Rinker and Henry Schwartz hosted a post lunch Happy Hour in the party room of their Portland residence. As they did for past gatherings, many local TAS folks provided beds, meals, and transportation for visitors and that hospitality was greatly appreciated.

Several former faculty members who couldn't attend the reunion got together in Florida two weeks later. During the weekend of October 18, former teachers living in a community called Solivita, an hour from Disneyworld, enjoyed seeing friends from near and far: Doug & Judy Tracy, Kathy Keenan, Cherry Hart Brown, Joyce and Ralph Whalen, Louise Tolbert, Fran Larson, and Jim and Annie Lee. All are retired except Ralph who is working at a local public elementary school.



*Foreground, kneeling or sitting, L to R: Kathie Bach, Karin Blaske Perry, Henry Schwarz, Ellen Valway (Smith), Susan Rinker, Jan Clark, Louise Tolbert, Isabelle DeLeeneer (guest), Ann Andersen, Pat Carrelli*

*Middle Row, L to R, starting just behind Kathie: Gail Hardie, Mary Yamazaki, Nur Morgan-Sharpe, Carol Chadwick, Cheryl Kotowski, Fran Larson, Sarah Hartley, Tsewang Chamatsang, Zoe Yost, Charlene Schneider, Joyce Hoggatt, Sandy Bartholome, Charlene Roberts, Liz Dyer Cooper, Coop Cooper*

*Back Row, L to R: Kay Haberlach, Bob Hardie, Don Smith, Jonathan Weber, Cathy Harrits, Jeff Harrits, Mark Bach, Christina Goddard, Dan Goddard, Betsy Louton, Tonya Shrum, Eleanor Jones, Terry Hoggatt, Bob Carrelli, Matt Horvat (behind Bob), Bruce Eisenhauer (guest), Fred Schneider, John Louton, Glenn Wolfe*

*Photo Credit: Glenn Wolfe*





## 1956

In honor of the 60-year anniversary of the first TAS graduating class, Jeanne McKim has been in touch with Jennifer Chang Su and Eileen Zehngraff Goodoen, and is trying to locate Stewart Bogart and Lawrence McConnell. The Class of 1956 had ten students.



## 1960

Tim Timmons, Brian Hansen, and Jon "Butch" Hilsabeck reunited for a University of Texas football game in Austin in September 2015. Members of the Class of 1960, they were in Taiwan in 1958. Timmons and Hilsabeck are retired hospital administrators and Hansen was a chemical engineer. The three have remained life-long friends over the years.

## 1968



Sam Mar opened a unique tea shop in Taipei near the Rao He Night Market. Specializing in fine Taiwan teas for both purchase and enjoyment in an elegant, modern Chinese tea room, he welcomes alumni to contact him for visits. Facebook Page: Da Vinci Tea

## 1969



Madeline Ma returned to Taipei and enjoyed a wonderful Thai lunch with fellow TAS alumni: Kang Chang '70, Helen Chen '94 (TAS Alumni Officer),

Rosita Yang '69, Nora Wang '69, Madeline Ma '69, Henry Wong '69, Karl Yen '68, and Steve Chiu '68.

## 1969



Joseph Ottum published a new book "Sun Stone Saga" that chronicles two families' voyage to North America during Pre-Columbian era. <http://ottum.org>

## 1970



Les Rosenthal successfully raised funds on Kickstarter to publish his anthology of gothic horror and unusual stories in "My Peculiar Family". Follow his online campaign on Kickstarter.

## 1972

The Kilimanjaro Centre for Community Ophthalmology (KCCO), established in 2001 by Drs. Paul Courtright '72 and Susan Lewallen, recently won the prestigious Antonio Champalimaud Vision Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions towards the prevention and alleviation of blindness and visual impairment, primarily in developing countries. The KCCO has been working to restore sight to millions of people in developing countries throughout Africa. "Vision loss affects 21 million Africans; most of which is either preventable or treatable," says Paul Courtright, KCCO director. "We cannot solve this problem in one or 10 years. Thoughtful, sustained investment in good leadership, supportive management and proactive community engagement is needed." Working in developing

countries, KCCO creates sustainable, cost-recovery eye care models to strengthen health systems to provide high-quality eye care now and into the future, independent of external support. As a result of this long-term approach, African programs have quadrupled the number of people receiving sight-restoring surgery while improving their own organizational and financial sustainability. A leader in evidence-based, proven, effective and innovative approaches to eye care in Africa, KCCO was the first organization to develop strategies to reduce gender inequity in eye care services. With this award, KCCO intends to continue strengthening the capacity of effective and efficient eye care programs, strengthen the delivery of eye care, focus on universal access/equity, and generate evidence to inform strategies that they will continue to share worldwide.

## 1975



Ann Bateman Toepperwein returned to Taipei with her husband and daughter, and was honored at a dinner with her brother Bruce Bateman '77.



Mark Houston visited Steve Goodman '76 in Spokane, WA in November of 2015.

## 1977-1979



Lorin Young '78, Terry Kuan Gong '78, Freda Fung '79, Teresita Hsu '77, and Teresa Chao '79 enjoyed the famous Chinese Mitten Crab in Shanghai in October 2015.



## 1979



Cleo Hansen Barry visited Yasmin Hagedorn in Huntsville, Alabama in September 2015.

## 1982



Fei Tjien Liem, Joyce Dee, Virginia Fang, and Mutia Irawati Arifin got together in Singapore in November 2015.

## 1983



Vivienne Uytana is busy volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, building homes for low income families in her area. She's also working on her Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree at Western University of Health Sciences.

## 1988



Joseph Lin was nominated for the Taiwan Golden Bell Broadcasting Award for his show "The Jam" at the radio station iCRT.

## 1989



Annie Su embarked on a year-long journey tracing the Silk Road with her family of five. Her stories of the family's experience living in Yunnan, China, were combined into a book published in China titled "No Work, No School--A Family's Journey to the Ends of the Earth". The family is still on the road.

## 1989



Emily Sun joined the Barnard College faculty for 2015-2018 as a Visiting Associate Professor. Her teaching and research interests include British and European Romanticism, Shakespeare, literary theory (with an emphasis on psychoanalysis), issues in Chinese-Western comparative literary historiography, and topics in cross-cultural politics and aesthetics. Her courses at Barnard include Introduction to Comparative Literature, the Colloquium in Literary Theory, as well as electives on narrative, translation, and cross-cultural politics and poetics. She is on leave from National Tsing Hua University in Taiwan, where she is an Associate Professor of English and Comparative Literature and where she founded and directed the Center for Comparative Literature.

## 1989



Members of the Class of 1989 at the Annual TAS Thanksgiving Dinner.

## 1992



Four alumni families celebrated Thanksgiving together: David Tong '92, Ben Liao '92, David Ko '92 and wife Elizabeth Wang '91, Cheney Wang '92, and Sherry Hsia '92.

## 1994



Richard Wang completed his first 113 kilometer triathlon with the support of his TAS friends, Karl Ung '94, Howard Ing '94, Vivian Koo '95, and Erick Hsu '94.



Brenda Lin gave a private tour to Helen Chen '94 and Monica Lin '01 at an exhibit at the Taiwan National Museum of History highlighting her mother's special collection of baby bibs from Asia. Read her article on this very unique collection in the Alumni section of the TAS website.

2001



Midori Sakagami and her brother Hitoshi '98 both attended TAS since Kindergarten. She lived on the same street as her husband Wilson Chow and sat together on the #12 school bus for 8 years. They remained close friends until they started dating in college and got married in 2010. Her mother-in-law Annie Hwang '74 also attended TAS from 1968-1972. They welcomed their daughter in 2015. Midori wrote, "It's a lot of fun to be married to a classmate. We have the same friends and we only have one class reunion to go to. We laugh over shared memories of sixth grade camp, Dr. Blank's pond and his massive collection of volcanic rocks, Mr. Ethier at the weekly class meetings and his motto—'we work things out', and Mr. Arnold's US History class, which we both took, as well as my brother and my mother-in-law."

2003



Lela Philbrook uploaded a video of her singing Puccini's Madame Butterfly. You can watch it on Youtube.

2005



Mindy Hsieh met Robin Kung '78 at the TAS Alumni Thanksgiving event. When she was looking for a host for an Audi booth at the Taipei Auto Show, she invited the most famous race announcer who happens to be an alumnus. Robin was a big hit at the show and his fans showed up excited and asked for his autograph. Alumni events are wonderful opportunities to make new connections and meet alumni in different industries.

2008

Andrew Chau co-directed a play produced by TAS Middle School Dance Teacher Brook Hall. Ives' Shorts kicked off the season at the Lab Space in Taipei in March. Follow him on his official Facebook page to learn about future performances.

2008



Lillian Lin and her partner started a food stand in New York City selling Poutine, a traditional Canadian dish from Québec, made with French fries topped with gravy and cheese curds. She even had some TAS friends taste test before launching the stand. Pictured are Lillian, Jane Chen '08, and a friend from Singapore American School. It's amazing how the IASAS bonds carry on.

2014



Siennah Yang was featured in a Vassar College story about her efforts to rescue food from the school and community and redistribute to families at shelters through her new organization Just Food.

**Send your updates to TAS!**

**We love hearing news about life-changing moments, such as marriages, new jobs, awards, and when you get together with TAS friends. We are always delighted to receive photos of these gatherings. Send submissions to [alumni@tas.edu.tw](mailto:alumni@tas.edu.tw).**

**The Alumni Online Directory contains the email addresses and mailing addresses of TAS alumni. Login to the Alumni Portal to reconnect with your classmates.**



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occurred when he suddenly lost partial vision and was forced to face uncertainties in life. Empowering others brings him joy.



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**Elizabeth N. Harris '70** of Manassas, Virginia passed away Tuesday, August 18, 2015. She is survived by her loving husband Ron Harris, her son Todd Thomas Licking, his wife Jackie Licking, and three granddaughters Megan, Karley and Makenna. She is also survived by her brother Bob Gore '68, his wife Sharon and their two daughters Jennifer and Caroline. Please send contributions to the American Cancer Society or the Susan G. Komen Foundation.



**Kenneth Hsiang '09** passed away in Taipei on March 6, 2016

## IN MEMORY

**Nathan "Nate" Johnson '72** of Leesburg, Virginia passed away December 29, 2014. Nate was born to James and LaJean Johnson in Washington, D.C. He grew up in Syria, Iraq, Kenya, Taiwan, New York City, New York, and Silver Spring, Maryland. He was baptized in the old Washington D.C. L.D.S. Chapel on 16th Street. Elder Johnson served a full-time mission in Taiwan from 1975-1977. Nate started his college career at BYU (Provo) where he made wonderful music memories playing piano for Sunshine Express and for anyone looking for a versatile pianist. Later, Nate finished his studies at the University of Maryland (College Park) by earning a B.S. in Chemistry followed by a second B.S. in Computer Science.

He met his wife Marlene at the College Park Institute and they were sealed in the Washington D.C. temple in 1988, and later blessed with two daughters, Stacey and Katie. Besides his willingness and talent performing on the piano for Primary, weddings, choir, or soloists, Nate was known for his desire to serve others through job training, resume building, and home finding. He will also be remembered by many for reaching out to the friendless in whatever group he found.



**R. Hayden Hurst '94** passed away unexpectedly on September 1, 2015 in Arlington, VA. He attended TAS with his sister Caroline Hurst Stockton '96 from 1990-1992. Hayden was born on September 19, 1976 in Wilmington, DE. He was a 1994 graduate of Salesianum High School, a 1998 graduate of Georgetown University, and attended graduate school at the University of Delaware. Hayden worked for ManTech International/CTTSO, TSWG/WinTec Arrowmaker, and JIL and was extremely proud of his work supporting DOD counterterrorism operations. He was working in the Pentagon on the day of the 9/11 attacks. In college, Hayden participated in Model UN and quiz bowl and continued volunteering with them after graduation. He loved competing with his team in bar trivia (compiling an excellent record) and was a member of the Hoya Hoop Club. Hayden was an avid volunteer, particularly at the National Science Bowl each year. His passion was travel—international travel. However, his focus recently changed to achieving his goal of visiting all 50 states. The family asks for donations to your local library in Hayden's name, as Hayden was an avid reader.



**Jerry Kuan Gong '80 (at TAS grades 4-6)**

Jerry was born in Taiwan on January, 19, 1962, and passed away in Los Angeles on August 2, 2015. My Brother enjoyed the rich international culture and learning environment that TAS offered. He returned to Taiwan from 1982 to 1997 to take care of our mother and became the premier Yamaha Electone Demonstrator/Instructor for Taiwan. He was one of Asian Yamaha Electone Festival's selected participants to write and publish training

arrangements. When Jerry returned to the United States, he settled in Los Angeles with his lifelong partner and husband Douglas Allen and helped to raise three daughters. Jerry pioneered Yamaha's coast-to-coast video training program. He died at home surrounded by family and TAS friends. Thank you, Sidney Tang '77, Ben Tang '79, Fred Wong '78, Hank/Heng Lo '77, Stan Wall '78, Cheryl Wall '80, Jean-Marc Kuo '78, Lorin Young '78, and Mr. Richard Arnold for supporting my mother and me. TAS relationships are truly lifelong and thicker than blood.



# ANNUAL GIVING PROGRAM

The 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 Foundation allows the school to achieve goals that would otherwise be unattainable.

## GIFTS TO PROGRAM EXCELLENCE

Donations to Program Excellence have developed robotics, scientific research, public speaking, art, and many other programs. Student achievement in these areas is higher now than it has ever been thanks to donations.

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## GIFTS TO ENDOWMENT

Donations to Endowment help assure long-term financial stability for the school. It ensures that future generations of TAS students enjoy excellence in education. It also serves as an emergency reserve. Twenty percent of all Annual Giving Program gifts made toward Building Excellence, Program Excellence, or Professional Excellence will be designated to Endowment.

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(As of April 18, 2016)

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 Michael Adams '66  
 Gordon Brooks '66  
 Jesse McDugald '66  
 Marci Pugh '66  
 Kurt '66 and Pamela Trede '70  
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 Wayne Klucas '67  
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 Daniel Cheng '68  
 Harry Allyn Cockrell '68  
 Renae Collins '68  
 Dan Cox '68  
 Ami Horton '68  
 Terry Shu '68  
 Perry D. Smith '68  
 Vincente Tang '68  
 Vicki Walton '68  
 Adrienne Wilson '68  
 Monica Yacenda '68  
 Karen Cerulla (Martin) '69  
 John Olow '69

Janet Webb '69  
 Gerald Berben '70  
 Betsey Bryant '70  
 Kang Chang '70  
 Carol Dight Lin '70  
 Debra Fyock '70  
 Margaret Hammerstad '70  
 David James '70  
 Jany Kelly '70  
 Robin Mycock '70  
 Sue Pandleton '70  
 Michael Salsman '70  
 Linda White '70  
 Noel Windsor '70  
 Robert Yother '70  
 Deborah Ciminski '71  
 Pat O'Rear '71  
 Melissa Reilly '71  
 Susan Siler '71  
 Bruce Thweatt '71  
 Wynona Wyatt '71  
 James Zimmerman '71  
 Jerry Allen '73  
 Joanne Cabaniss '73  
 Peter Chase '73  
 Philip Chase '73  
 Lloyd Coleman '73  
 Mary Johnston '73  
 Maggie Poston '73  
 Andre Nguyen '73  
 Dianne Thomas '73  
 Kathleen Warren '73  
 Anne Witzleben '73  
 Toni Boeh '74  
 Anna Rae Gilder '74  
 Debra Kneller '74  
 Gilles Lepage '74  
 Phil Peach '74  
 Joseph Alexander '75  
 Elizabeth Callison '75  
 Susan Egan '75  
 Queenie Escudero '75



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

Mark Houston '75  
 Andrea Leach '75  
 Ann Toepperwein '75  
 Charlene Meier '75  
 Daniela Connell '75  
 Vicki Gray '75  
 Dennis Kehler '75  
 Jan Keith '75  
 Kimberly Kelly '75  
 Kathy Looney Smith '75  
 Sulan Peebles '75  
 Tyrus Young '75  
 Tami Briner '76  
 Barry Clark '76  
 Carolyn Dowling '76  
 Thomas Glass '76  
 Kerri Varvel '76  
 Pamela Yannitello '76  
 Theresa Owens '76  
 Bruce Bateman '77  
 Doug Carter '77  
 Kenneth Grant '77  
 Randy Neighbors '77  
 Deb Powell '77  
 Martha Ritter '77  
 Caroline Yen '77  
 Kimberly Aument '78  
 Frances Burnet '78  
 Lewis Hoffmann '78  
 David Giddens '78  
 Ann Hope '78  
 Kelli Jensen '78



Roxane Roach Patton '78

Irene Martin '78

Kyrston Miller '78

James Smith '78

Dennis Therning '78

Peter Schow '78

Janet Seale '78

Linda Stewart '78

Lorin Young '78

Kimberly Akers '79

Cynthia Bean '79

Freda Fung '79

Lesley Hall '79

Alison Hale '79

Diana Liu '79

Chip Kasper '79

Jeff Kepler '79

Sandra Marks '79

Bernadette Whitney '79

Gretta Yao '79

Classes of the 1980s (45)

Elizabeth Binsfield '80

Enoch Thweatt '80

Alice Tse '80

Mathilde Diaz '81

Connie Gorton '81

Emmet '81 and Jackie Hsu '81

Scott McGregor '81

Beth Raley Harris '82

Carol Meder '82

Bai Shue Reday '82

Debra Kepler '83

Minnie Menon '83

William Gilson '84

Il-Shick Shin '84

Tammy and Aki Liao '85

Paul Ngai '85

Dan Wong '86

Dan Cooper '89

Hiro Liao '89

Hiko Kawashima '89

Emily Sun '89

James Tsao '89

Dairian Wan '89

Victor Porter '91

Julian Wolhardt '91

and Ketty Lieu '91

Shing Chi Poon '92

and E Wen Liao

Ryan Aquino '93

Timothy Chen '93

Fu-Min Chu '93

Amy Hsin '93

Eliza Keh '93

Tony Keung '93

David Koo '93

Reynold Kuo '93

Wilson Lui '93

Chris Peng '93

and Julie Yang '93

The Saga Family '93 and '95

Edward Wang '93

Todd Wang '93

Lawrence Wu '93

Allen Timothy Chang '94

Henry Chou '94

Irene Fan '94

Yvonne Hsieh '94

Erick Hsu '94

and Dana Hsiao '95

Howard Ing '94

and Vivian Koo '96

Carol Lin '94

Eric Liu '94 and Heidi Chen '95

Gary Lou '94

Yun Ting Poon '94

Ricardo Shie '94

David Tang '94 and Rumi Tang

Stella Tsai '94

Richard Wang '94

Eric Wu '94

Caesar Chang '95

Patricia Chang '95

Christie Cheung '95

Kozaburo Fukuda '95

Kenny Ho '95

Benjamin Hong '95

Sara Hsu '95

Steven Huang '95

Patrick Lin '95

Joanna Lau '95

Tony Lee '95

Paul Lin '95

David Ta-Wey Liu '95

Michael Ng '95

Jimmy Peng '95

Sandia Ren '95

Donald Saga '95

John Shieh '95

Edward Sun '95

Anthony Tang '95

Victor Tsang '95

Barbara Tsui '95

Bernard Yang '95

Wilton Yeh '95

Jimmy Chen '97

Andrea Chiu '97

Marshall Hao '97

James Whan '97

Galex Yen '97

and Heather Chen '97

A Yeung '97

Kin Chow '98

Grace Chuang '98

Jesse Hsia '98

Timothy Huang '98

Jeffrey Lin '98

Johnson Yeh '98

Kenlen Chen '99

Jonathan Cheng '99

Tammy Fan '99

William Kang '99

Henry Kuo '99

Ricky Lee '99

Tiffany Liao '99

Daisy Lin '99

and George Jeng '99

Charles Liu '99

Sara Tang '99

Edward Wang '99

Elaine Chuang '00

Likai Gu '00

Melanie Hsu '00

Sheena Lee '00

Jim Li '00

Charles Liao '00  
 Jerry Lin '00  
 Wayne Lin '00  
 Edward Liu '00  
 Ted Shiung '00  
 Donald Tang '00  
 Edith Wu '00  
 Victor Yen '00  
 Theodore Chao '01  
 Terry Chung '01  
 Ashley Grech '01  
 Peter Hastorf '01  
 Hyun Ki Hong '01  
 Icy Liu '01  
 Nina Shih '01  
 Jackson Tsao '01  
 Bev Chang '02  
 Ronald Chen '02  
 Sean Cheng '02  
 Jennifer Feng '02  
 Shahina Hatta '02  
 Tammi Lee '02  
 Dana Lin '02  
 Benjamin Pan '02  
 Diane Chang '03  
 Michael Hsieh '97  
 and Jennifer Hsui '03  
 Diana Lin '03  
 Kent Wu '03  
 Christopher Yu '03  
 Tiffany Yu '03  
 Brian Challberg '04  
 Chris Liao '04  
 Philip Liao '04  
 Peony Lin '04  
 Monica McGhie '04  
 William So '04  
 Arthur Tu '04  
 Caleb Yang '04  
 Christine Yew '04  
 Beck Chen '05  
 Cindy Chen '05  
 Jennifer M. Chen '05  
 Steven Chen '05  
 Jay Choi '05

Chris Hansen '05  
 Albert Hsieh '05  
 Michael Hsu '05  
 Lauren Kaplan '05  
 Andy Lee '05  
 Tina Liao '05  
 Michael Lin '05  
 Benjamin Shen '05  
 Alanna Teng '05  
 Alex Wang '05  
 Sagebelle Wu '05  
 Liann Yim '05  
 Grace Yuan '05  
 Crystal Huang '06  
 Jonathan Feng '06  
 Randy Lee '06  
 Julie Liao '06  
 Stephanie Sun '06  
 Ashley Chang '08  
 Jayme Chen '08  
 Steven Chen '08  
 Michael Chua '08  
 Christine Chyon '08  
 Justin Hansen '08  
 Melody Ho '08  
 Rebecca Ou '08  
 Jessica Perng '08  
 Eric Tsai '08  
 Cindi Yim '08  
 Ashley Bernal '09  
 Caitlin Bradbury '09  
 Michael Chai '09  
 Howard Chang '09  
 Jason Chang '09  
 Alice Chen '09  
 Michael Chen '09  
 Andy Chiu '09  
 Emily Chiu '09  
 Conrad Hu '09  
 Tiffany Huang '09  
 Cynthia Co Ting Keh '09  
 Kevin Lee '09  
 Shuping Liu '09  
 Eric Nam '09  
 Ervin Tsay '09

Amanda Wu '09  
 Jason Wu '09  
 Jessie Yang '09  
 Natalie Chen '10  
 Shannon Chen '10  
 Jeremy Ho '10  
 Janice Jiang '10  
 Tiffany Lin '10  
 Andrew Tsao '10  
 Natasia Sun '10  
 Vincent Wang '10  
 Joshua Wong '10  
 Nathan Wong '10  
 Jocelyn Bohn '11  
 Antoinette Chang '11  
 Jasmine Chang '11  
 Andrew Huang '11  
 Yong Sik Cho '11  
 Fred Choi '11  
 Gordon Fan '11  
 Max Huang '11  
 Melody Lee '11  
 Jade Lu '11  
 Kevin Wang '11  
 Max Yang '11  
 Jessica Chan '12  
 Alice Chang '12  
 Laura Chang '12  
 Charlie Chao '12  
 Jerry Hsiung '12  
 Kevin Liou '12  
 Sarah Ruggiere '12  
 Priscilla Wang '12  
 Paul Yuan Yim '12  
 Dennis Chang '13  
 Gary Chen '14  
 Rick Chien '13  
 Ping Chiu '13  
 Kevin Chu '13  
 Steve Fan '13  
 Gary Huang '13  
 Jasper Hsu '13  
 Jonathan Co Ting Keh '13  
 Dillan Lin '13  
 Louis Lin '13



Victor Lin '13  
Yu-Cheng Hsu '14  
Heejo Kang '14  
Mathew Lee '14  
Lauren Pan '14  
and Kristen Pan '16  
Brian Yu '14  
Michael Ang '15  
Antonio Chan '15  
Kevin Chen '15  
Jonathan Chen '15  
Stephanie Chen '15  
Ashley Sun '15  
Connor Lin '15  
Deepak Vanjani '15  
Ethan Lin '15  
Joseph Meng '15  
Leah Ruggiere '15

## Alumni Gifts in Kind

Clayton J. Pipkin '06

## Service Organizations

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

## Former Administrators and Former Faculty

2015 TAS former faculty reunion  
in Oregon (50)  
Annie Cheatham  
Elizabeth Cooper  
John Dankowski  
Bob and Gail Hardie  
Sarah Hartley  
Matthew Horvat  
Karin Perry  
Mary Clare Powell  
Fred and Charlene Schreiber  
Louise Tolbert  
Jonathan Weber  
Jeffrey P Wentworth  
Mary Yamazaki

## Current Board Members who are Alumni

Timothy Chang '80  
and Shirley Chang '88

Joseph '87 and Katherine Hwang  
Ferdinand P. Tsien and Family

## Current Administrators and Faculty who are Alumni

Anonymous  
Dr. Winnie Tang '65  
Maria Peters '89  
Helen Chen '94  
Terry and Cheryl Lagerquist '98  
Nicky Yeung '99  
Irene Fang '01  
Evelyn Chen '03  
Michelle Kao '03  
Teddy Tu '04

## Former Board Members who are Alumni

Felicia Fung '84 and Peter Yeh  
Felix Ho '93 and Sylvia Chao '94

## Current Parents who are Alumni

Anonymous  
Erwin Shyu '76 and Tina Fan  
Jim Boyle '76  
Polly Chang  
Bryan Kang '19 and Vivian Shen  
Bobby Sheng  
and Charlotte Kuo '86  
Betty Lin  
Dennis Hong '87  
Royce Hong and Grace Cheung  
Gilbert Bao and Kay Ling '88  
Cynthia Hsu '91  
and Alfred Woo '89  
Jeffrey Dawn '89  
and Grace Tsai '89  
Steven Y.K. Gee '89  
Becky Kintzley  
David and Sue Ann Lin '90  
Irene Chen '90  
Johnny Teh-Sheng Wang '90  
Krista Lee and Paul Hu  
Andrew Chiang '19  
and Allie Chiang '20  
Anthony Wong '92  
and Grace Kuo '92

Edson Chang '92  
and Lussa Chang  
Stephanie Hong '92  
Conny Lin '93  
Ikko Asanaka  
Michael Chu '93  
and Fantine Wang  
Richard Moh '93  
and Shao-Yun Yang  
Andre Hsu '94  
Michelle Chow Su '94  
Celia Chan '95  
Robert Lee and Teresa Hsu '95  
David Huang  
Edward Deng '96  
and Lydia Lim '97  
Alan Ng '97  
Yuting Peng

## Matching Gifts

Bank of America  
Apple Inc.

## Reunions

2016 World Wide All Classes  
Alumni Reunion  
2015 Nashville Reunion  
2015 80s Alumni Philadelphia  
Reunion  
Class of 2005: 10-year Reunion  
Class of 1995: 20-year Reunion

## In Honor of the Class of 1993

Ryan Aquino '93  
Timothy Chen '93  
Fu-Min Chu '93  
Amy Hsin '93  
Eliza Keh '93  
Tony Keung '93  
Reynold Kuo '93  
Conny Lin '93  
Wilson Lui '93  
Chris Peng '93  
and Julie Yang '93  
The Saga Family '93 and '95  
Edward Wang '93  
Todd Wang '93  
Lawrence Wu '93

In Honor of the Class of 1994

Anonymous  
 Helen Chen '94  
 Henry Chou '94  
 Yvonne Hsieh '94  
 Andre Hsu '94  
 Erick Hsu '94  
 and Dana Hsiao '95  
 Carol Lin '94  
 Yun Ting Poon '94  
 Ricardo Shie '94  
 Michelle Chow Su '94  
 David Tang '94 and Rumi Tang  
 Stella Tsai '94  
 Richard Wang '94  
 Eric Wu '94

In Honor of the Class of 1995

Celia Chan '95  
 Caesar Chang '95  
 Patricia Chang '95  
 Christie Cheung '95  
 Kozaburo Fukuda '95  
 Kenny Ho '95  
 Benjamin Hong '95  
 Sara Hsu '95  
 Steven Huang '95  
 Joanna Lau '95  
 Tony Lee '95  
 Paul Lin '95  
 Patrick Lin '95  
 Michael Ng '95  
 Jimmy Peng '95  
 Donald Saga '95  
 John Shieh '95  
 Edward Sun '95  
 Anthony Tang '95  
 Victor Tsang '95  
 Barbara Tsui '95  
 Bernard Yang '95  
 Wilton Yeh '95

In Honor of Richard Arnold

Shing Chi Poon '92  
 and E Wen Liao

In Memory of Joe Brooks

Gordon Brooks '66

In Honor of Mr. Robert and Mrs. Patricia Carrelli

Anonymous

In Memory of Gloria Cooper

Dan Cooper '89

In Memory of Tom Cummings

Benny L Mullinax '65

In Memory of Paul Fredette

Michelle Kao '03

In Honor of Peter Hahn

Anonymous  
 Sandia Ren '95  
 Geo Chen '98  
 and Angela Huang '00  
 Kenlen Chen '99  
 Tammy Fan '99  
 Daisy Lin '99  
 and George Jeng '99  
 William Kang '99  
 Ricky Lee '99  
 Tiffany Liao '99  
 Edward Liu '00  
 Ted Shiung '00

In Memory of Kenneth Hsiang '09

Anonymous

In Honor of Ray and Apo Kintzley

Becky Kintzley

In Memory of Jerry and Carolyn Martin

Karen Cerulla (Martin) '69

In Memory of Mimi McGrath

Anonymous  
 John R. Church '65  
 Jo Ann Hathaway '65  
 Benny L Mullinax '65  
 Jesse McDugald '66

Daniel Cheng '68  
 Harry Allyn Cockrell '68  
 Perry D. Smith '68  
 Vincente Tang '68  
 Kang Chang '70  
 Debra Fyock '70  
 David James '70  
 Jany Kelly '70  
 Robin Mycock '70  
 Michael Salsman '70  
 Pat O'Rear '71  
 Gilles Lepage '74  
 Mary Clare Powell  
 Jeffrey P Wentworth  
 Annie Cheatham

In Memory of Hope N.F. Phillips

Anonymous  
 John D. Anderson '65  
 Benny L Mullinax '65  
 Bruce Bateman '77  
 Dan Cooper '89  
 Eric Liu '94 and Heidi Chen '95  
 Galex Yen '97  
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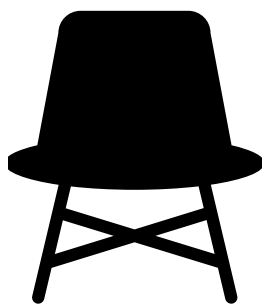
In Memory of Betty J. Salsman

Michael Salsman '70

In Honor of Winnie Tang

Annie Cheatham





Please

# HAVE A SEAT

As part of our Please Have a Seat campaign, members of the TAS community have the opportunity to name a seat in the auditorium. For NT\$90,000, you can have a plaque inscribed for permanent display on a chair in the auditorium.



Gordon Brooks '66 was honored for his dedication and services to the Taipei international community as a freelance photojournalist and advertising agent at the *China Post* for more than 40 years.

His true mission in life is to bring cultural awareness by inviting community members to participate in English speaking social activities such as Toastmasters, ballroom & American Square Dance, Gordon's Laughing Club, and gourmet dining. He has inspired many people with his motto, "Happiness is meeting the right people at the right time doing the right things."



## Former Faculty Emily "Mimi" McGrath Honored

Emily "Mimi" McGrath, affectionately known as Mother McGrath to many alumni, taught high school English at TAS from 1962 to 1974. She passed away in 2008. A group of alumni contributed to the naming of a chair in the TAS auditorium as a way to honor her.

At the 2016 Worldwide All Classes Alumni Reunion held in March, a plaque was presented to the three children of the McGrath family: Joe McGrath '71, Kem McGrath '73, and Marcia McGrath Andrews '76 in a ceremony.

If you are interested in naming a chair in the TAS auditorium, please contact the TAS Alumni Office. This is a great way to honor a former faculty member, your graduation class, or your family.

## GUEST SPEAKER SPONSORED BY DONALD TANG

Thanks to Donald Tang '00, renowned child psychologist Dr. Peg Dawson visited TAS this school year.

While on campus, Dr. Dawson led professional development workshops for support services faculty on assessment strategies and for all teachers on developing executive functioning skills in the classroom. Executive functioning is the portion of our brain responsible for planning, organizing time, remembering details, switching focus and acting out, or executing, the plans we make. Her presentations to faculty and parents were extremely popular and the community benefited greatly from her visit. Donald is the first alumni to sponsor a guest speaker at TAS.



## CLASS PLAQUES

The Classes of 1995 and 2005 recently made gifts to the School in support of Building Excellence. They are recognized on plaques in the Upper School Science and Technology Building. The Class of 1995 presented their gift during their 20-year reunion at TAS on December 19. Similarly, the Class of 2005 presented their gift during their 10-year reunion on December 26. Class gifts are wonderful ways to celebrate milestone years and reunions. Individuals can also be recognized on a plaque. Gifts to Building Excellence support the development of campus facilities, which enhances programs KA through grade 12. For more information, visit the Supporting TAS section of the school website.

19 people from the Class of 1994 contributed to a class gift and successfully named Seat #94 in the Guy Lott Jr. Auditorium.

Seat numbers corresponding to class graduating years have been reserved for alumni to honor specific classes in a meaningful way. Individuals can also be recognized in the Auditorium. Please contact the Alumni Office if you are interested in naming a seat.



## VOLUNTEERING AND EARNING A GRANT FOR TAS

Elizabeth "Bette Ann" Molloy de Coluby '83 requested a Volunteer Grant through Bank of America for her work organizing the 80's Alumni Reunion in Philadelphia held in August 2015.

Ask your company if this program is available when you volunteer for any TAS alumni activities. There are many opportunities for alumni to volunteer for TAS. The best way is to serve as a class agent, connecting the School and your classmates. Contact the Alumni Office if you are interested in becoming a Class Agent.

Below is a brief interview with Elizabeth:

*How many years have you worked at Bank of America?*

I'll celebrate 13 years with Bank of America in November.

*How did you find out about the Volunteer Grant program?*

I first learned about it when I was volunteering at my Church. I taught 2nd grade Faith Formation for 5 years. If you volunteer for more than 50 hours in a single calendar year for a particular non-profit, the option of applying for the \$250 grant becomes available. The match is \$500 for 100 hours. I knew I would hit the 50 hour last year organizing the reunion.

*What work did you do to add up the hours you contributed to the 80's reunion?*

We had a lot of planning meetings especially during the months leading up to the reunion. Also, I spent time promoting the event on Facebook and by email, as well as ordering decorations for the banquet hall. Most of the hours were during reunion weekend – greeting guests, organizing last minute details, and setting up the room for the main dinner.

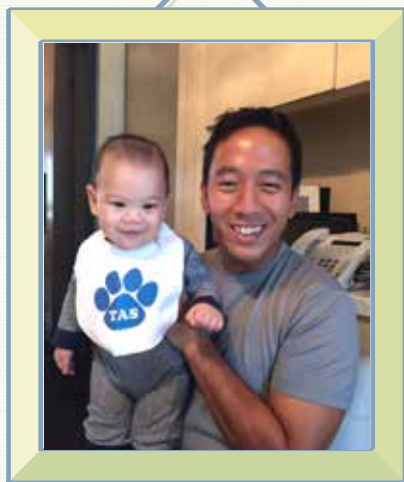
*How would you encourage other alumni to seek out matching programs in their own companies?*

Everyone should see if your organization offers a similar program. If not, encourage your HR department to establish one. It's a great bonus.

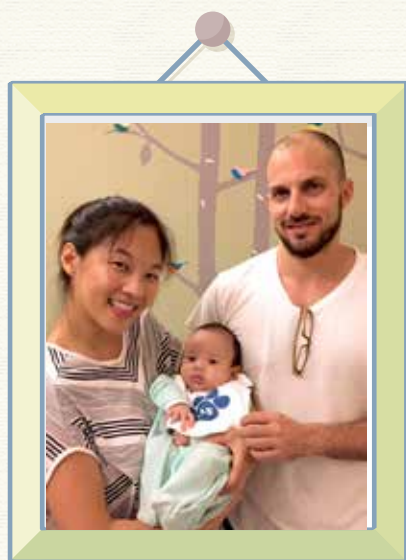




# Baby



# Bibs

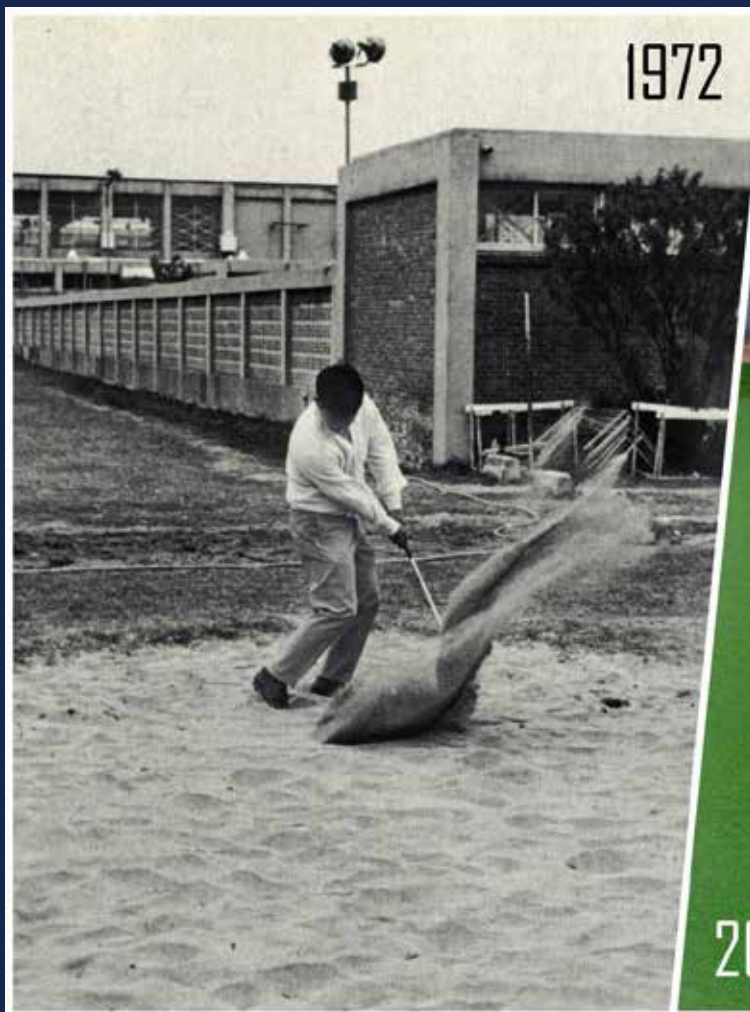


## BABY TIGER BABY BIBS

The Alumni Office sent out specially designed TAS baby bibs to alumni who became parents. We hope one day these baby tigers will become TAS students, just like their parents!

If you welcomed a new addition to your family or heard of alumni losing sleep because of these little tigers, please let us know and we'll send one of these bibs in the mail.





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