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# TAS Alumni News



# The Best of American Education at Taipei American School- Past, Present, and Future



I was asked this year to write about changes in American education for the American Chamber of Commerce *Taiwan Business Topics* magazine. As alumni spanning multiple decades, you undoubtedly had different experiences here, yet regardless of when you attended TAS you benefited from a school that has always been committed to excellence in education. I thought I would take this opportunity to share part of my article with you.

What does an “American-based” education mean? To explain this concept is to explain the TAS mission statement. Although there is no “national curriculum” in the United States, you will find that the programs offered in the best public and private schools look remarkably similar. So do their mission statements and their programs of study. Like these schools, TAS is at the forefront of technology innovation in the classroom. Digital learning experiences allow for inquiry and investigation across disciplines.

The integration of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) skills is creating new opportunities for our students, from VEX, ROV, and FRC robotics to scientific research using nanotechnology and synthetic biology. Furthermore, debate and forensics, and technical theater courses, as well as visiting scholars and artists enhance learning across all subject areas.

There have been many changes in America’s educational priorities in my lifetime. Americans have always looked to their schools to address what are considered to be the most pressing problems of the day. At one point, imparting democratic principles, teaching good citizenship, and sensitizing youth to the importance of racial, religious, and ethnic tolerance all found natural homes within good American school curricula. The math and science emphasis of the fifties can be seen as the nation’s response to its fears that the Soviet Union would outpace the U.S. in the space war. The relevancy movement of the sixties and seventies was one outgrowth of the national fatigue with the Vietnam War and with the leaders blamed for it. Academic standards slipped considerably, and the eighties thus saw a hue and cry to restore academic rigor to the nation’s schools. In fact, some of you will recall a 1982 publication “A Nation at Risk,” from the United States Department of Education by then Commissioner Terrence Bell. It warned of a “rising tide of mediocrity” bred by the low academic standards of the country’s schools, at that time, that “threatened our very future as a nation and a people.” By the nineties, the “accountability” movement was in full swing, and the best of America’s public and private schools today have returned to solid academic rigor and academic excellence as a common goal.

In addition to this demand for a return to academic excellence, Americans have provided broad public support of, and demand for, character education programs in the past decade. It has burst back onto the educational scene, and it is difficult if not impossible to find a good private school that does not include character education or ethics within its mission statement.

In thinking about the goals we share with these successful schools, I have found that they can be divided into three distinct categories: the Profound (character/ethics); the Pragmatic (academic excellence and rigor); and the Possible (global citizenry). If we think of the academic goals as “Pragmatic” and the character education goals as “Profound,” then what should we think of as the “Possible?” That third set of goals revolves around the urgency of preparing students with a global perspective that prepares them to succeed anywhere in an increasingly borderless world. The best academics and character formation programs may fall short if students do not come to see themselves with a global perspective. In this area, TAS children have a distinct advantage. Our peers in the United States must recruit aggressively to bring together students and teachers from a wide variety of backgrounds. The internationalism of our faculty, and the backgrounds of our students, provide enormous advantages to TAS.

If the best of American-based education asks us to join the pragmatic (academic) with the profound (character and ethics), and to also welcome the possible (global awareness) as we look over the hedge into the next generation, then we need to embrace goals in all three areas if we truly want to achieve our mission for our students using the best of American-based practices. Only then can we say that the best of the American-style education is in operation at TAS.

Faithfully,



Sharon Hennessy



# From the Advancement Office

Dear TAS Alumni,

As I complete my first year at TAS, I am enjoying reflecting back on meeting so many of you in Taipei, Singapore, and elsewhere. TAS has a large alumni community spread far and wide around the world, and I look forward to meeting more of you in the years to come.

Many of you have come back to visit and have witnessed the many exciting developments on campus, including new and updated facilities and strengthened programs. These changes are evidence of a growing school, which directly impacts the recognition TAS receives internationally. Your association with TAS signals to others that you were involved with a learning community that values problem solving, critical thinking, and character education.

We are indebted to you for this growth, because without you that growth would not have happened. Thank you to many of you who donated to the TAS annual giving program this year. Your loyalty to and support of TAS has impacted a grateful and worthy group of students and faculty. If you haven't given yet, I encourage you to do so by visiting [www.tas.edu.tw/give](http://www.tas.edu.tw/give).

While change is, inevitably, part of any great school, it's comforting to see some things stay the same at TAS. We continue to have a faculty that puts students first in all they do. We continue to serve the roasted chicken leg, which I understand to be a favorite among current students and alumni alike. And above all else, we continue to be a warm community with an inviting and outstretched hand welcoming you, our extended family of alumni, back to campus.

I call you family because that's what you are to us. And if you haven't been home to TAS recently, I encourage you to do so. Every year, something is new and exciting, and we want you to be a part of it.

With warm regards,



Kathy Limmer  
*Director of Advancement*



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## New Athletic Hall of Fame



## New Track and Field Records



## Alumni College Student Homecoming Reunion 2015

Every January during their winter break in Taiwan, first year college students highly anticipate the famous Chinese roasted chicken leg lunch during the Alumni College Student Homecoming Day. Seven students shared valuable insights with parents who benefited greatly from the firsthand experience of our most recent graduates. Special appreciation to our alumni panelists: Vivian Yao '14, Eugene Wang '14, Bill Tsai '14, Mathew Lee '14, Heejo Kang '14, Tauni Robinson '14.





## 2014 Clash of the Classes Basketball Games

The third annual basketball games pitting alumni against each other and the boys varsity team in friendly competition were a great success. More than 80 alumni and seniors signed up for a series of games on the last Sunday in December. Appreciation goes to Sean Cheng '02, who led the Glory Days Sports crew, and Boys Varsity Coach Terry Lagerquist for providing logistical support. All players received a dry-fit t-shirt sponsored by Glory Days Sports Play. Many family members of basketball players also came to school to cheer for the teams, just like in those good old high school days. Mark your calendars for the 2015 games which will again be held on the last Sunday in December.

A few alumnae also played against the girls' varsity team over several casual friendly scrimmages. Special thanks to Stephanie Wu '09 for organizing the games with the Girls Varsity Coach, Kim Kawamoto.





## Alumni at the Annual TAS Spring Fair

Sean Cheng '02 from Glory Days Sports, Edson Chang '92 from Real Green Foods, and Grace Kuo '92 from the Cupcake Shop.



## An Adventure to the Google Taipei Office

The TAS Upper School Apps Club first visited the Google Taipei office in 2012. This past year, the officers took a bigger group to learn what it's like to work for Google from seven alumni currently working in the Taipei office: Joann Chu '95, Tony Lee '95, Conrad Lo '98, Sidney Lee '00, Marty Chen '05, Denise Wu '05, and See Lim '09.



## 2014 Summer Internships and Alumni Mentors

"Why were you willing to offer an internship position for a TAS student last summer?" we asked Michael Ng '95, CEO of Amko Solara Lighting Co., Ltd., and Alan Ng '97, Amko's Head of Accounts. "Because," they said, "internships are valuable opportunities for students to develop professional skills through participation in work. Internships complement their educational experiences at TAS."

For six weeks, Chow Yip '15 commuted over three hours roundtrip to work at Amko's Taipei office. He created new slides for projects in Abu Dhabi and Guatemala, and he designed and constructed a marketing video using his filming and editing skills. "It was a pleasure working with Chow," said Victoria Yuan, his supervisor. "We structured a well-rounded program so that Chow had exposure to marketing, technology, writing case studies, and company presentations. He was given tasks and assignments with real world impact. We were impressed with his professionalism, his eagerness to learn, and his ability to pick up new skills quickly."

Giving a TAS student intern a real life work experience helps TAS realize its motto to be a *bridge from an island to the world*. Just ask Nina Hsu '15 who interned at the *China Post* for two months, thanks to Daniel Huang '94, the Publisher and the Deputy Director of the first English newspaper in Taiwan. "Since I had no experience with journalism prior to my internship, I was really nervous when I first arrived for work," Nina said. "However, I was able to start from scratch and learn the different skills required of a reporter after receiving help from my mentors." She added, "Since most articles had to be completed before the day was over, I learned how to write while keeping an eye on the clock. The second most important lesson was always to ask my mentor and colleagues questions! I was nervous at first, but I learned that asking questions is extremely important if you are to stay on task and be as productive as possible."



Amy Chiu '15 and Tasha Kuo '15 also interned at the *China Post*. They agreed that mentors were invaluable to their learning experience. "Throughout my internship, I was given a lot of help from other reporters and the editor of the Lifestyle desk," Tasha said. "In the end, I learned how to communicate in the working world. I attended formal events, interviewed important people, and approached strangers for interviews. The job of reporting crosses many fields, which allowed me to interact with all sorts of people."

"This was definitely a great opportunity for me to improve my writing," Amy Chiu said. "It was valuable to apply knowledge in an actual working environment. I learned to manage time wisely, to be organized, to have an open mind, and to ask questions."

Internship mentors like Bryan Chiao '99, Creative Director at Artifacts, appreciate productive interns. He designed a program for two TAS students in 2013, and two more in 2014. "Each summer, these student interns contributed to our business," Bryan said. "Artifacts manages art/design/marketing and fashion projects. I asked interns to read and summarize fashion-related films, TED talks, and articles about visual merchandizing. I shared with them what I was doing and took them with me to meetings. They became part of our team at PR events such as opening new stores. All of the work they did saved us time."

Summer internships, provided by our caring and devoted alumni, impact our students in significant ways. Bryan Chiao '99 summed up how the two-way street benefits both employers and TAS students. "Set the bar high for TAS students and they will reach for it," he said. Then he added, "Don't treat them as interns because they are smarter than you think!"

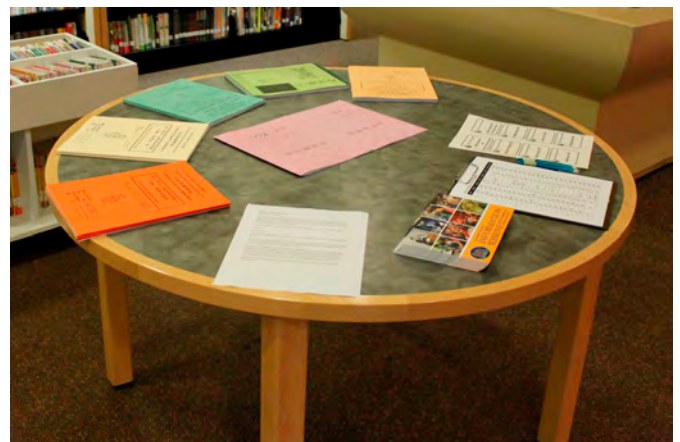
If you are interested in offering summer internships for TAS students, contact the Alumni office.



## Talking the Talk: Language Seminars for Alumni Families



In October, for the second year in a row, 20 alumni and their spouses attended the special seminar presented by Lower School Principal Tara Simeonidis on the topic *Supporting Your Child's Language Development and the TAS Mandarin Program*. The seminar focused on language development and provided an introduction to the TAS Heritage Track Mandarin program. Alumni with children, who are considering TAS as a possible school choice, often hope to raise their children to be fluent in many different languages. TAS continues to offer an English language curriculum and Mandarin classes are offered as the foreign language in the lower school program nine out of ten days. Following the seminar, alumni toured the Mandarin classes to look at student compositions displayed in the hallways.





## Alumni Families at TAS:

More than 85 families this school year are alumni families where at least one parent attended or graduated from TAS. 8% of all the students enrolled are from alumni families. The percentage is expected to increase as more alumni return to Taiwan and validate the education that the school continues to offer.



## The Robotics Program & Robotics Competitions

Beginning with the Class of 2016, all seniors are required to satisfy a 0.5 credit in Computer Science/Robotics. More than 10 courses and 21 sections of various levels of robotics engineering classes are available for upper school students. The Robotics Programs start in kindergarten. As the students get older, they compete in a number of regional and international robotics competitions. The program encourages students to become creative, team-oriented, and technologically-skilled lifelong learners. Students gain hands-on experience in team-based and individual goal-oriented projects.



Allen Chang '94 served as a referee for the second time at the December VEX Asia Pacific Regional Championship held at TAS.

Send your updates to TAS!  
We love hearing news about life-changing moments such as marriages and babies. We also love to hear when you meet up with other TAS friends. We are always delighted to receive photos of these gatherings.

Send submissions to [alumni@tas.edu.tw](mailto:alumni@tas.edu.tw).



## Enjoying a Traditional Celebration

TAS welcomed back a record number of alumni to the annual Alumni Thanksgiving Dinner. For the first time ever, alumni enjoyed the dinner in the upper school Legacy Commons. The spacious venue allowed alumni and family members to enjoy the dinner in a beautiful setting. Special thanks to photographers Emily Todo '00 and Cynthia Lee '15.





## Learn Bop- Venture Creation Story

While starting a business can be rewarding, it also comes with a host of challenges. Students in the Upper School Entrepreneurship and Venture Creation Class learned this from Arthur Tu '04. He spoke with them about his startup company LearnBop, an automated math tutor for grades 5-9 students. Arthur sold LearnBop to a publicly traded company in 2014. He talked about what makes a good business, how he started LearnBop, and going through the phases of a start-up.



Students in the Entrepreneurship and Venture Creation Class develop a business plan throughout the year by analyzing successful companies and learning about financial feasibilities as well as other business topics. At the end of the course, the students present their business plans before a faculty panel, much in the same way entrepreneurs pitch a business idea to venture capitalists.

## Professor Teaches Graphic Design



Graphic Design Professor Chris Yin '86 of Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) Hong Kong conducted two interactive workshops with the upper school visual arts students in March. He asked students to apply simple principles to various designs through visual language. Instead of a lecture, he offered a hands-on experience.

Chris is a professional educator, designer, and consultant with extensive experience in developing corporate identity,

print, and packaging systems for clients across a variety of industries in the U.S. and Asia. He started teaching full time at SCAD three years ago and visited TAS twice this past school year. Chris took time out of his busy schedule to share some thoughts with the alumni office.

### How did you become interested in art and design?

I never took art classes at TAS, but I took woodshop from Mr. Bublitz. I remember making a wooden chair with a storage compartment and we actually used the chair in his class. That got me interested in design.

### How did TAS make an impact in your life?

TAS gave me a very solid education. I was able to place out of the math requirement in college, which allowed me to take more art and design classes. TAS prepared me very well so I completed my college classes successfully and worked in the United States for more than 15 years. I wanted to return to TAS not only because the students are very talented, but also because as a graduate, I wanted to contribute something back to the school.

### Why did you make a career change from working in the industry to teaching?

I have always enjoyed teaching and I taught part time in the United States. When I returned to Hong Kong a few years ago, an opportunity presented itself. I enjoy teaching and learning. The fields of design and art are constantly evolving with endless possibilities. I am currently pursuing a PhD degree in Business Administration and I am writing a thesis on business and design. The trend now is to teach business people to think in the language of design, known as design thinking.

Students at the upper school have a range of visual art courses to select from, such as architecture, Product Design and Development, Visual Art, Drawing, Digital Photography, Ceramics, History of Art, and Computer Graphics and Design.

## The Art of Stagecraft

At the beginning of the second semester, Gordon Fan '11 visited with the upper school Advanced Technical Theater class to provide a unique perspective on studying technical theater in New York City. Now in his senior year, studying Stage Production Design at the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University, Gordon imparted some sage advice to TAS juniors and seniors that are about to embark on a college journey of their own. He told them to follow their passion, and to be proactive about doing so, as opportunities can come at any time. He said to study abroad, to intern, and to network. And lastly, have confidence in what you do; never compare your work to others' work.

Gordon recently had three works selected for Christine's Staff Art Show 2015 in New York. You can visit Gordon's website at [www.gordonfanart.com](http://www.gordonfanart.com) to see some of his work.





TAS offers classes such as Theater Arts, Stagecraft, Technical Theater, and Theater Performance/Production in the upper school.

## Student Entrepreneurs get “UBER” Excited

In July 2013, Uber officially took to the streets of Taipei. Uber is a new way to get a ride: download an app on your phone, touch a button, and a car will arrive in five minutes to take you where you need to go. Uber, founded in San Francisco and now available in 45 countries, was brought to Taipei by Likai Gu '00, now the General Manager of Uber in Taipei. Likai shared his experiences with the Upper School Entrepreneurship and Venture Creation class in November.



Likai talked with students about launching the business and how it has been running for the last year and a half. He said the key to running a successful business is having a good product that is built on quality, ease of use, and value. He talked about how he has gotten people to use Uber through free trials or establishing partnerships. And he shared with the students three pieces of advice when setting up a new business: hire lean teams, focus on the startup hustle, and build global branding.



## Alumna Returns to Talk Terawatts

Science jobs are in top demand these days. And if science is a passion of yours, you might consider forming your own science research business. Dr. Margaret Chiang '98 and her husband Dr. Kevin Kremeyer did just that: they followed their passion to establish and operate their own business, the Texas based PM&AM Research LLC. With an emphasis on physics, materials, and applied mathematics research, PM&AM Research is focused on making the world a better place.



Dr. Chiang and Dr. Kremeyer shared their story with TAS upper school students as part of the year-long Scientific Research Speaker Series. Their two part presentation was titled “From TAS to Terawatts”. In the first part of the presentation, they shared some insights into the enormous number of possibilities a curious mind can encounter in the ‘real world’ and how knowledge learned in the classroom has real world applications. Dr. Chiang also spoke about her life at TAS, particularly in the sciences and drama, and about her adventures after graduating. She imparted some important advice to the students in the room: focus on acquiring knowledge, have a sense of curiosity about the world, and allow time for exploration. She emphasized the importance of developing a strong foundation while also always asking why. She argued that asking why is the spark that adds wonder and connects knowledge to the real world.

*Dr. Margaret Chiang received her B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees all in Electrical Engineering from UCLA. She did her dissertation work with lasers and materials. She was recruited into Northrop Grumman's highly-competitive “Future Technical Leaders” program, where she rotated throughout Northrop Grumman's various groups and sectors, taking on an array of technical and managerial responsibilities. Dr. Chiang is currently the Director of Advanced Programs at PM&AM Research.*

TAS offers research classes in chemistry, biology and physics as well as laboratories equipped for scientific research in nanotechnology and synthetic biology.

Do you have something to share with today's TAS students? We welcome alumni to return to talk about their experience on a variety of topics ranging from professional careers, industry insights, non-profit volunteer work, or developing important skills for the future. When schedule allows, alumni speakers talk in classes, in clubs, during the activities period, or after school. Before your next visit back to Taipei, email the Alumni Office.

## A Life-Long Learner Returns Home



The lower school was delighted to learn the background of an alumnus parent returning to Taiwan. Dr. Paul Hsu '94 is a distinguished educator in the fields of blended learning and personalizing education for students. After TAS, Paul attended Swarthmore College where he majored in physics and economics. Although teaching has been his life goal since an early age, Paul did not feel ready to stand in front of a classroom upon graduating, so he decided to enroll in the Comparative Education and Social Sciences Masters Program at UCLA. While at the Teacher Education Program at UCLA, Paul took a job teaching physical science at Compton High School, which is situated in a location notorious for drugs and gang violence. Needless to say, the experience proved difficult, especially when at one point his field supervisor said, "I have never seen anything like this before...I'm not sure how to help you."

Paul stayed for another three years and in that time he realized, although the kids could be difficult, they had so much to offer and they taught him much about life. Even though the adults were collegial, they were a significant reason behind the school's dysfunction. As a result, Paul joined three of his colleagues from Compton High School to start Animo Venice Charter High School which received a 3+3 WASC accreditation in 2008, and was named a top 100 school in California in the 2012 US News and World Report. Along the way, Paul taught, coached, and department-chaired, and also received an EdD from the Educational Leadership Program at UCLA. Paul became a Program and Policy Development Specialist for the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). In this role, he managed projects for the School Improvement Grant to turn around the lowest performing schools in the District and State. In 2014, Paul left LAUSD and finally made the move back to Taiwan to spend time with his parents.

It's an honor to welcome back an outstanding alumnus with extensive experience and expertise in differentiated learning.

## Tigers Win Gold in IASAS Basketball!

The varsity boys basketball team took home the gold at the 2015 IASAS Basketball Championship on Saturday, January 30. With a final score of 53-52 against Singapore American School, it was an exciting finish to a dramatic championship game. When the buzzer sounded, the team, coaches, and fans rushed the court to celebrate the Tigers' win.

The last time a TAS boys' basketball team won the gold at IASAS was in 1995. That streak almost came to a close in 2009 when the boys lost at the very end to Singapore American School. By focusing on the past, the players understood what this game meant for the community, as well as the players and coaches that have come and gone over the past two decades. The boys' gold medal win would not have been possible without the incredible support from a loyal fan base including faculty, administrators, students, parents, and many alumni.

Tiger athletes also brought home great accomplishments in the other sports:

Season 1	Season 2	Season 3
<b>Soccer</b> Boys: 4th Girls: Silver	<b>Basketball</b> Boys: Gold Girls: 4th	<b>Badminton</b> Boys: Silver Girls: Gold
<b>Volleyball</b> Boys: 5th Girls: Bronze	<b>Tennis</b> Boys: Silver Girls: 5th	<b>Golf</b> Boys: Bronze Girls: Gold
<b>Cross Country</b> Boys: 5th Girls: Silver	<b>Touch Rugby:</b> Bronze <b>Rugby:</b> 5th <b>Swimming:</b> Boys: Silver Girls: 5th 11 school records were broken	<b>Softball</b> Boys: 5th Girls: 5th <b>Track and Field</b> Boys: 5th Girls: Silver



Can you guess who is in the Tiger next to Heidi Silsby '80 right before the IASAS Basketball Tournament? It's her son Myles Silsby '17.





## Back as Teachers

This school year, 15 alumni are serving as faculty or staff member at TAS. New alumni faculty include Teresa Chiang '02, Nicky Yeung '99, Irene Fang '01, and Karen Wang '04.




**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

## Teaching at Her Father's Former School

One of the new Upper School English teachers this school year has a special connection to TAS because her father attended as a lower school student from 1961-1963. Emily Nelson, a teacher in English, Philosophy, and Ethics classes, discovered in a casual chat before departing for Taiwan last summer, that her father had attended an American school when he lived in Taipei.

Emily's father, Brett Wallace '74, and her uncle, Perry Wallace '76, lived in Taipei because her grandfather was a member of the Navy Medical Corps. The family was stationed in Taiwan and her grandfather was the only US trained obstetrician-gynecologist on the island. Brett recalls, "The school I remember was small and quaint, but those memories were through the eyes of a child. I can clearly remember the nearby village, with grass huts, and how the fields were cultivated using oxen drawn plows. The rice was planted and harvested by hand."

Emily has a doctorate degree from Columbia University Law School and made the transition into teaching. She enjoys working with the dedicated students and appreciates the school for the high expectations from both students and faculty. It is indeed a small world to welcome a faculty whose father is an alumnus of TAS.



Photo taken in 2005. Brett and Linda Wallace, Emily Wallace Nelson, Erin and Brian Wallace.



Brett Wallace, third from left, in the 1962 yearbook as a first grade student.



**Ann Lee**

Years at TAS 1990-2015

*Lower School English as a Second Language (now renamed English as an Academic Language)*

**Jim Murvine**

Years at TAS 1985-2002

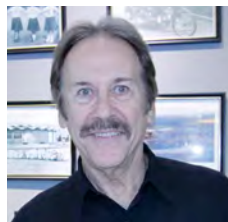
*Upper School and Middle School Language Arts*



**Tamara Brantingham**

Years at TAS 1980-2015

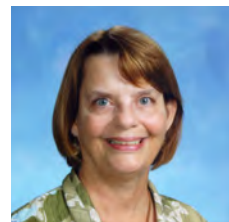
*Lower School Classroom Teacher*



**Jim Soja**

Years at TAS 1987-2015

*Upper School IB courses and Western Studies*



**Kathy Keenan**

Years at TAS: 1990-2015

*Middle School Science*

## Departing Faculty Interview

### What has been most memorable about teaching?

**Ann Lee:** Getting to know students from all over the world and being surprised by the mother of a new student who remembered me as her teacher.

**Jim Murvine:** The first middle school play *The Wizard of Oz* in 1985 was really impressive, as well as meeting my wife, Ann Lee, at TAS.

**Tamara Brantingham:** I have enjoyed visits from some of my former students who spoke about their memories from when they were in my class. A former student once told me I caught him cheating and he vowed that he hasn't cheated ever again. I will never forget my wonderful colleagues who have been so supportive and kind, along with my students who have taught me to take nothing for granted.

**Jim Soja:** The serious work ethic of students and the professionalism, dedication, and friendship of so many teachers here.

**Kathy Keenan:** I have enjoyed teaching TAS students who are hard-working, motivated and enthusiastic learners. I also loved being a co-sponsor for the space camp trip called Operation Starship for a total of 23 years. I was able to explore many parts of Taiwan by sponsoring and being involved in Asian Studies.

### What are your plans for after TAS?

**Ann Lee & Jim Murvine:** We will be traveling to different countries, but Taiwan will always be our home.

**Tamara Brantingham:** I plan to retire and live in Hawaii. I look forward to exploring different interests and welcoming new opportunities. Perhaps I'll read to kids in the library.

**Jim Soja:** I will be based in Taipei for the next couple of years as my wife will continue to work and we both love traveling in Asia.

**Kathy Keenan:** I will retire to a small town outside of Orlando, Florida.

### What will you miss the most about Taiwan?

**Tamara Brantingham:** I will miss the people and the food here.

**Ralph and Joyce Whalen,** faculty since 1989 when the school moved to the current campus. Their two children both graduated from TAS, Ryah Whalen '01 and Jake Whalen '04.



Everyone went out of their way to help me in so many different ways, and of course, I will miss all the delicious dumplings and noodles. I will also miss the mountains, especially Yangmingshan.

**Kathy Keenan:** I will miss the kind and friendly people of Taiwan as well as the local markets and amazing food. I loved collecting the blue and white dishes in Yingge and the markets. I now have hundreds of dishes and each one represents a fond memory.

### Do you have any special messages for alumni?

**Ann Lee & Jim Murvine:** If you haven't returned to Taipei in the past few years, this should be on your bucket list: visit TAS and see the changes in Taiwan.

**Tamara Brantingham:** If you are coming to Honolulu, look me up!

**Jim Soja:** I would like to thank all the fine students, colleagues, and administrators I've had the privilege of working with over the years at TAS for making my experience here so rewarding.



## 2015 Faculty Service Years

Name	Service Year
Richard Arnold	45 years
Stephen Orensky	35 years
Isabel Lee	30 years
Catherine Wu	30 years
Fenny Lin	25 years
Kathleen Keenan	Departing+25 years
Ann Lee	Departing+25 years
Gregory Carter	20 years
Deborah Flemming	20 years
Kenneth Flemming	20 years
David Iverson	20 years
Caroline Hsu	15 years
Sherri Grande	10 years
Cesar Reyes	10 years
Rhonda Pottorf	10 years
Melissa Vicars	10 years

## 2015 Departing Faculty

Name	Department
Chris Borgen	LS
Barbara Golub	LS
Ann Lee	LS
Molly Hobbs	LS
Tamara Brantingham	LS
Morgan Boepple	LS
Ralph Whalen	LS
Brenda Christensen	MS
Kathleen Keenan	MS
Ann Cowley	MS
Emily Haug	US
Donna Crewe	US
Russell Hanes	US
Michael Storch	US
Sarah Hogan	US
Nick Coburn-Palo	US
Ron Bell	US
Michael Costanzo	US
Morgan Costanzo	US
James Soja	US
Rick McDonald	US

## 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 special alumni open-gym sessions in the gymnasiums
- 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 qualified 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.

## Alumni in New York City



Superintendent Dr. Sharon Hennessy and Garry Hennessy with TAS college students in New York City:

Loren Weng '12, Kevin Weng '13, Steve Fan '13, Amber Chen '14, Tatiana Lim '14, and Bill Tsai '14.

## Administrators and Faculty at MIT



A group of administrators and faculty visited many leading colleges in the U.S. to learn about engineering programs and how to incorporate design as well as advanced technologies into the curriculum. Jason Tong '12 and Eunice Lin '12 shared valuable feedback and suggestions on how to prepare today's students for the future.

## Alumni at Loyola Marymount University



## Alumni at Claremont Colleges



## Alumni at UCLA



## Alumni at USC with Dr Hennessy



## Alumni at USC





# Alumni Visits

Emily Todo '00, Kohsuke Tomizu '95,  
Wataru Tsukamoto '94, and Kazuki  
Obata '94



David Baker '71



Paul Ngai '85



Bernard Ausems '99



Mary Blanchard Bowe '64



Rachel Adams '96



Hilda Hoy '99



Mary Moore Eichenhofer '65



Sarah Gonzales '96



Jennifer Wei '91



## Three Generations at TAS

This school year, TAS welcomed four students who are third generation families. Two grandmothers Linda Wu '62 and Lam Hu '66 shared their families' stories that carry the TAS legacy forward.

Linda Wu '62 returned to the campus in a different role this school year, as a grandmother of three new students enrolled in kindergarten and grade one. In the early years of the school's history, Linda was one of very few students who spent 12 years at TAS.



She says, "I am very happy my son's three kids are enrolled at TAS. When I was going to school, the emphasis was on an American education. Students were immersed in a totally American environment. TAS students today, however, are required to study Mandarin in lower school and to learn about Chinese culture, along with all the other courses. Studying at TAS, my grandchildren not only enjoy all the advantages of an American education, but also have the opportunity to learn the Chinese language and to understand their own culture. They have the best of both worlds."



"I have always felt that it is very important for an international school like TAS to take advantage of its unique location, to expose students to the people and culture of the land, and to allow them to understand that the world they live in, though multi-faceted, is still one family."

Linda appreciated the education and the foundation she established while at TAS. She remembers taking a journalism class from Mr. Woodward in middle school. "That was my very first introduction to journalism. And because of this class, I was invited to work for the school newspaper. I was assigned to solicit advertisements. I remember walking down Zhongshan North Road, from Section 1 to Section 3 and then back again, approaching shop owners along the way to see whether they were willing to place an ad in our paper. That experience was invaluable, especially when I later had to solicit advertisements for my own magazine."

"During my Junior and Senior years at TAS, I had the fortune to work with Mr. Tom Cummings, then adviser to the school newspaper. What I learned at TAS eventually paved the way for me to be Editor-in-Chief of my college newspaper, which received top honors from Columbia University's Journalism School."

Linda has dedicated herself as the Founder and Editor-in-Chief of Hansheng Publishing Group for more than forty-five years, promoting Chinese traditional arts and culture through their famous English-language magazine — ECHO Magazine, and the Chinese-language edition — Hansheng Magazine. Both magazines covered diverse topics such as food, handicraft, traditional homes, customs, performing arts, and way of life. "Because I was educated in an American educational setting, growing up knowing very little about my own culture, I became even more curious and interested in the Chinese culture. That's perhaps the reason why ECHO evolved as a magazine introducing Chinese culture as seen and understood by the Chinese." In 2006, Hansheng Magazine was selected "Best of Asia" by Time Magazine.

Linda's sister, Lorraine Wu '63, is also a distinguished graduate of TAS. Her two sons Yu-Chien Chen '91 and Yu-Cheng Chen '99 also graduated from the school. Linda's father, George Wu, contributed greatly to the operation and development of the school as a board member. Her mother, May Wu, was a middle school math teacher who was most remembered for her elegant qipao and strict discipline.

TAS has continued to evolve to meet the needs of different generations of students. The school's legacy continues when second and third generations of our own alumni families return to this community.



*Rose Ching Tung '58 is a recent alumna who returned to TAS to see performances of her grand-daughter Alessandro Laurent '13. Support such as this cements the special relationship and bond between different generations that attended the same school.*



## Three Generations at TAS, cont'd.



Ms. Lam '66, as she prefers to be addressed, attended TAS from kindergarten until she moved to the United States. She was the only child out of eight that attended an American school. Back in the early days, there were very few after school activities. The only choices were the yearbook committee and sports. After classes, students went home and completed their homework. Ms. Lam took a pedicab to and from the school on Chang An East Road. There was only one option for lunch, the western choice. Chinese food was not offered. She couldn't believe all the choices now available to her granddaughter. The impact of her TAS education was the love of reading that she developed, because the wonderful school library supported reading. Ms. Lam continues to be a voracious reader to this day.

Ms. Lam's son Alfred Woo '89 attended the local public school in Taipei and Morrison Academy in Taichung, before transferring to TAS in grade 11. He was very strong in math and the sciences. He reflected, "At the local schools, I had memorized the periodic table in grade 8, but the teachers never explained how the elements were related on the chart. At TAS, I learned the important why and how and everything made more sense, allowing me to excel in my classes. The TAS experience and my later studies in the United States taught me how to think, how to learn, and how to problem solve, skills that are often neglected in the Chinese schools."

Cynthia Hsu '91 transferred to TAS after her family moved back from living in the United States. Her favorite subjects were English and Geometry. She remembers vividly how she had a really hard time understanding chemistry and Mr. Steve Orensky (who is still teaching at TAS) paired her with the top student in the class.

She participated in the upper school volleyball team, the yearbook committee, and volunteered to be a big sister mentor for lower school kids. She said, "The impact of my TAS education is tremendous. I received a first-rate education and was taught very early on to develop an interest in a variety of subjects and a love for learning new things, which has shaped me until today."

Cynthia and Alfred enrolled their oldest daughter Lauran Woo '20 this past school year in 7th grade. They wanted Lauran to "explore her growing creative side in drama, public speaking, singing, and the arts." The curriculum at TAS and the facilities strongly support these areas.

They also added, "In recent years, TAS has emphasized a renewed focus on excellence, which has also become an important standard in our family. We are very happy that TAS is incorporating character building as part of its curriculum. These are very important values we also share in our home.

Cynthia and Alfred have also been strong supporters of the Friends of TAS for many years.

"Like many families, we support causes in our society that we feel strongly about. Giving to TAS is a way to contribute, support, and make a difference in an institution that means a lot to our family, not just because we are alumni, but because we believe in the future of the school and the many excellent programs that it strives to achieve. We are proud alumni with strong ties to the TAS community and to support the school is a way to give back and honor the education we received."

### 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.



## Celebrating Hope N.F. Phillips (1923-2015)

**By Annie Cheatham (Former Middle School  
Language Arts/Counselor 1971-1974)**

This black and white photograph of Hope Phillips hangs on the wall of historical photos next to the Alumni Office at TAS. She is relaxed with a slight smile. She is dressed impeccably as usual, and her left hand seems to be reaching for the vase of flowers, as though she were about to give it to the viewer.



This would have been a completely natural gesture for Hope Phillips. She was always reaching toward people, making a connection, often offering consolation or laughing at a funny story. And telling stories. She collected so many stories that they unwound like yarn from a ball of wool, faster and faster as she got older. She held so many narratives about all who knew her, especially her TAS family.

As soon as news of Hope's passing reached her friends in Taiwan and around the world, messages flowed into the TAS Alumni Facebook page. She was described as a "great lady," "sharp as a tack," "an angel," "gracious, amazing, and charming," "a legend in her own time," and "an anchor for many of us." Former students, teachers, administrators and friends posted photographs, drawings and stories.

Hope would have acknowledged this attention with a slight nod, and then she would have looked her admirers in the eye and asked, "Do you know where you are going? Perhaps more important – do you care?" This is how she started a 1962 Tiger Tales article addressed to TAS high school students. "Each of us lives from day to day with some eye to the future," she wrote. "Because you are young and thus have an exciting road before you, stop before you come to the next curve in the way and ask yourself – where am I going? Assess yourself realistically – intelligence, wit, emotions, appearance, charm – do you have any idea what to do with the assets and liabilities which compose YOU, unique YOU? For these are what you bring to your future."

Hope Nancy Fuess had a keen understanding of her assets and liabilities. She was born in a small, rural town, yet she went on to travel the world. She wasn't born into a wealthy family, yet she attended one of the finest colleges in America. There she learned to listen,

to be resourceful, to express herself in writing and in person, and to be compassionate.

She was married and widowed before World War II was half over, yet she overcame her grief and loss, moved to London and then to Cairo where she met and married Dr. Robert A. Phillips, a pioneer in cholera research. He brought her to Taiwan in 1955, and together they raised six children: Robert "Robin" Phillips '65, Wilkie Phillips '66, Hope C. Volker '69, Innis Phillips '73, Honor Phillips '74, and Abiathar "Shan" Phillips '79.

She became an influential woman in a world that was controlled by men, and before it was fashionable for women to have careers. She drove Mustang convertibles, wore boots and helped launch the Taiwan chapter of the National Organization of Women (NOW). With independence and a daring personality, she enhanced her assets and turned liabilities into opportunities.

The unique person who was Hope Phillips kept evolving. "I started teaching in 1956," she wrote in *Ties That Bind: Taipei American School 1949-1999, An Oral History* (1999). "I taught seventh grade English that first year and discovered that it was a great pleasure. I eventually taught tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade English, was a counselor, a vice-principal, a principal, a member of the school board – and chief janitor from time to time after school parties." She volunteered for the Orphanage Club, cheered athletes in tournaments, listened to students debate current events, pulled the curtain for theater performances, served refreshments for reunions, accompanied students on Journeys to Asian Culture, and kept in touch with hundreds of former students, teachers and administrators. "Her devotion and commitment to Taiwan, and especially the TAS community were absolute," wrote Brenda Lin '94 and Phillips family friend. "Not only was she a pioneering figure in shaping the core values of TAS, she genuinely cared for each and every person who was a part of this community."

After retiring from TAS, Hope stood at a crossroads. "Do you know where you are going?" she had asked TAS students in 1962. Now she asked herself the same question. Her answer was grounded in the unique person she had become. As executive director of the American Bureau for Medical Advancement in China, she reviewed and edited scientific papers for Taiwanese doctoral students, advised them about scholarships, wrote references, and contacted friends around the world who helped them advance. She applied her life experience to help others as she had always done.

Hope remained an active member in the Taipei International Women's Club; she participated in many



expatriate events; she loved her large and growing family. She always challenged herself and others “to assess themselves realistically” and to find their unique selves. “This is the legacy that Mrs. Hope Phillips has left us,” Brenda Lin concluded, “the faith that each individual can carry out her vision for ever greater achievements.”

Today there is a small black ribbon on the right hand corner of the photograph that hangs from the wall at TAS. Hope’s smile, the flowers in the vase, the hand about to lift the vase are still. But she is not frozen in time. She lives on in each of us, and in the institutions she created and served. “What will you do with the assets and liabilities which compose YOU, unique YOU?” she asked. “These are what you bring to your future.” “Yes, Hope,” we now must say. “We will find our uniqueness and make the world a better place.”

Condolences may go to hnfphillips@gmail.com, or to Hope C. Phillips, 7607 Lauralin Place, Springfield, VA 22150.

Donations in her memory may be made to the following:

Hope N.F. Phillips Scholarship Fund,  
<http://www.tas.edu.tw/give>



## Translating an Epic



by Dr. Anthony C. Yu '56, the translator and editor of the popular Chinese epic novel *Xiyou Ji* (西遊記), or *The Journey to the West*. This publication is known as the best and most complete English translation of the famous Chinese classic.

In 2014, the TAS Upper School Joanna Nichols Information Commons was honored with a very special book donation in four volumes

Anthony enrolled at TAS in 1951, just two years after the school was established in 1949. His grandfather insisted that Anthony be educated in classical Chinese and English, for he himself was the second Chinese national documented to be admitted to Merton College of Oxford University. Anthony’s father was educated at Cambridge University and found in TAS an alternative to the local public school system.

In an interview Anthony shared:

Those short but formative five years at TAS clearly shaped my life and development. Two friends in particular had significant impact on me. One of them was John Hillis '56, who returned back to the U.S. before graduation from TAS. We were classmates three times in our younger days: during high school, and twice in graduate schools. John and his family members were immensely kind and generous to me as a foreign student studying in the U.S. They took me in during many summers, providing me with a home when I worked my way through both college and 12 years of graduate study. I owe the Hillises a debt of gratitude.

The other classmate was Peter Shek '56, who had a unique gift for languages, especially in spoken usage. When I met him in 8th grade at TAS, he was already fluent in English and spoke Cantonese, Mandarin, Shanghainese, and Taiwanese. I used to sit in awe as one of Peter’s attentive audience members when he spoke and translated. This experience influenced me deeply, to consider the joys and the pains of rendering one language to another. It paved the way firmly for my life-long undertaking as a scholar aspiring to be a skillful translator, not orally, but in written media.



Anthony Yu '56 and John Hillis '56 in 2013

I had always loved literature more than straight history, and languages fascinated me. I began my doctoral studies in both religion and comparative literature at the University of Chicago where I later established my long career from 1968 until 2005 as a professor in the Divinity School and also in the departments of English and of Far Eastern Languages.

*The Journey to the West*, first published in 1592 during the Ming dynasty, became one of China’s most beloved and popular novels. As a toddler in the 1940s moving from place to place, my grandfather took it

upon himself to introduce me to the rudiments of both English and classical Chinese. Wisely, he decided to use the novel as a text of instruction! At first, he would tell me some popular episodes orally. Later, when I pestered him day and night to tell me more, he would say, why don't you try to read the story yourself? Thus I began to struggle through some comic book versions of the novel and soon graduated to simplified versions. Just before the war ended in 1945, my grandfather bought an old but complete edition of the novel. Several months later, I had already gone through the book cover to cover and the stories remained forever etched in my memory and consciousness.

My graduate studies at Chicago were done exclusively in Western literature, languages, and religions. I was encouraged not to abandon my native tongue and language. After the initial success of having a long but preliminary study of the novel, I found myself suddenly putting the text of the Chinese novel into English. There was no turning back, and the arduous process of daily work in research, translation, and re-writing took thirteen and a half years, just 6 months shorter than the fictional hero-pilgrim's journey from China to India to fetch Buddhist scriptures.

At the time of retirement, I had already finished the first edition of my translation for 25 years and I had also used the text in my courses. With that experience, I found the work still suffered from mistranslations, inadequate research, lack of understanding of technical terms and concepts, and a loose grasp of the vast cultural context that had gone into the creation of this masterpiece. By 2003, two years before my formal retirement, I resolved to give it one more try and embarked on a revision of the complete translation. That took eight years, and the revised edition was published just before Christmas in 2012.

I wanted to confirm my ties, and indebtedness, to my high school and the education I received that had helped lay a solid foundation for my life-long profession of teaching and much of my professional activities. I was delighted to send as a gift to TAS students a complete set in 4 volumes, of the revised edition of *The Journey to the West*. Because the novel's translation and interpretation understandably involved protracted engagement with the dual languages of Chinese and English, the publication itself, I believe, is a fitting symbol of part of my experience of TAS.

*The Journey to the West*, Revised Edition, Volume 1-4, by Anthony C. Yu can be purchased online through Amazon.

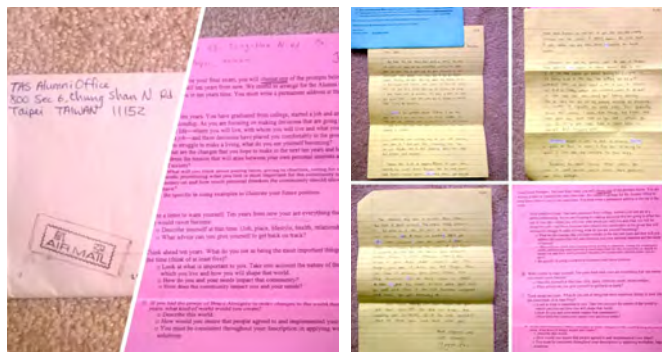
## Time Capsule Letters from 2004

In 2004, during upper school final exams, 76 students taking 10th grade humanities classes from Ms. Carla Beckwith and Ms. Jenni McLaughlin found themselves responding to a unique exam question: write a letter to yourself ten years from now.

A special note was attached to all the collected letters instructing the Alumni Office to mail the letters back to these students in June 2014. Last year, a message was sent to all these former students confirming their mailing address and 50 letters were mailed out.

Ms. Jenni McLaughlin wrote that the unique exam question was inspired by Steven Seymour.

Time capsule letters are interesting ways to capture thoughts and events from a moment in time. When these alumni received their own letters written 10 years ago, many didn't even remember they had written the letter.

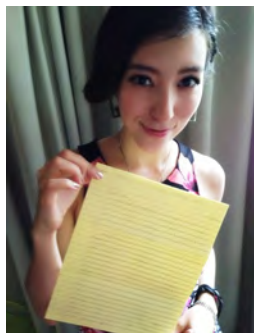


Joyce Pan '06 wrote on her facebook, "I laughed out loud many times reading the letter. I am proud to say I have stayed on track based on my 16-year old precautions."

Seunghan Daniel Lee '06 wrote in a message, "Even though the letter was part of my assignment during class, it felt like an actual letter sent from someone. It was interesting that I actually became close to the type of person I wanted for myself. This letter was a great opportunity to look back to the ten years behind and forward. The last part of the letter expected me to cry after reading this letter. It was charming, but no, I did not cry."



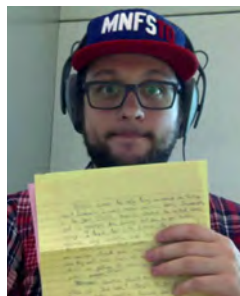




Lara Veronin '06 shared, "When I wrote the letter, I remember thinking 'There's no way I'll forget what I've written', but as I opened it, I really had no idea what it was going to say. I'm surprised how well I knew myself back then. Even though my life is different than I predicted, what I wanted then is still what I want now."

Because of overwhelming responses from alumni who received the time capsule letters, graduating seniors today are given the option to write a letter for the Alumni Office to send to them in ten years. Even for those who have long graduated from TAS, there are many online sites offering similar services promising to send back a message on a specific date in the future.

What a surprise it will be to receive a letter written from your younger self.



## Reporting from Africa, South America, and Around the World



Michelle Ferng '06 visited TAS in February between her projects around the world. Armed with a degree in foreign affairs and global public health, she has been living in different cities as an aid worker contributing to projects in Libya and Peru.

### 1) What classes or activities did you enjoy the most while at TAS?

I completed the full IB program, which was very challenging at the time but, in retrospect, immensely helpful. Theory of Knowledge (TOK) stands out because it really encouraged thinking outside of the box. In this day and age, being a critical consumer of information is essential. By that, I mean the ability to understand the complex nature of issues, the varying interpretations and positions articulated, and the soundness of arguments.

Outside of the classroom, I was very involved in community service activities. I had the opportunity to serve as the Co-President of World Vision TAS, which allowed me to start developing management and

leadership skills early on. It was wonderful to bring an idea from concept to delivery and, in the process, create something meaningful with a group of friends. My favorite experiences were the service learning trips to Thailand for tsunami relief and to Cambodia with Habitat for Humanity. Those were completely eye-opening, and probably planted the seeds of my current career as an aid worker.

### 2) When did you decide to pursue the field you are undertaking at the moment?

It began with volunteer stints during high school, followed by a trip to Guatemala during my first college spring break. In all honestly, we weren't delivering any meaningful service to these communities so much as we were learning from them. "Voluntourism" is frequently criticized these days, but, I think there's still value in their offering of opportunities to expand perspectives.

Those who are compelled by the injustices tend to be drawn to certain areas -- environment, public health and medicine, poverty reduction, conflict resolution and diplomacy, gender rights, etc. While these areas are all interrelated, I was especially interested in global health. When I studied abroad, I took the opportunity to conduct research on rural health access in northern Argentina, which complemented what I was learning in the classroom. In retrospect I had little idea of what I was doing. A huge part of the learning process is trying something new and, from there, figuring out what your interests are, and the skills or knowledge you still need to acquire.

Last year, I was on a project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to develop and promote national health insurance reform in Liberia. Then, I started a journalism assignment covering aging and elder abuse in Peru. From high-level policy to on-the-ground reporting, these are two totally different hats. A career doesn't necessarily have to be so linear or black and white. In my case, the constant theme that ties together everything I do is a commitment to learning about different places and communities, the issues that affect them (especially as they relate to health), and the potential roles that each of us has to play.

A graphic with a green background. It features a paint palette, a pencil, and several musical notes. The text is written in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

**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.**

### 3) What has been the most significant learning experience for you?

Contrary to popular belief, development is not the same as charity. We are not there to save starving children, nor are we there to throw money at problems. My opinion is that true development is working with local populations---be they communities or governments---to increase their internal capacity to solve their own problems. Every situation and issue is unique, so you can never know everything. In fact, in many situations, the people affected know best how to solve their own problems. The key, as an external partner, is to be humble, open, and reflective in every turn of the process. Most people just want to be self-sufficient, respected, and spend their time in meaningful ways.

### 4) What advice do you have for young alumni or alumni from any generation about the importance of what you have observed?

For those who are interested in entering the development sector, it's a really rewarding field to work in, and we need fresh minds and seasoned second (or third!) career changers alike. The beauty of this field is that everyone--from an engineer to a lawyer to an artist--can find niches that require their existing skills. The key is to figure out how to make that transition, while recognizing that development is a very professionalized field.

## An Alumni KICKSTARTER Success Story

Lillian Wang '99 and Cecilia Tsai '99 were best friends since TAS days, dating back to the early 90s. Like all alumni, "Ces" and "Lil" always kept in touch over the years. In a random tea session (hence the company name, OverTea) in 2013, Cecilia told Lillian about her concerns and frustrations as a new mom. When Cecilia and her husband Alessandro had their first baby, Mia, Cecilia tried all the baby carriers available in the market, and while each had its strengths, there wasn't ONE that suited ALL her needs. Cecilia and Alessandro decided to rectify this by creating their own baby carrier, and shared their idea with Lillian, who was psyched to launch this business with some of her favorite people in the world.

A few whirlwind months later, the three decided to launch a Kickstarter campaign to raise funds for the

business. Cecilia and Alessandro knew that they would want to name their second daughter Emily (who at press time, is due very soon), so the group came up with the name MiaMily as their brand. The launch product, HIPSTERTM is a unique, back-supporting carrier belt with an integrated seat for a baby. The team hit their US \$25,000 target within 6 days, and was selected as Kickstarter Staff Picks within 24 hours of launching, among nearly 10,000 other design projects. They finished the campaign at US\$70K+ with 572 backers, sold in over 30 countries.



MiaMily officially started shipping in October, 2014. More than selling the carrier, the company wants to change the world, one baby at a time. For every product sold, MiaMily donates to an orphanage in need, and right now, they are donating back to an orphanage in Taipei, where Lil and Ces call home. Lillian shared her thoughts

on starting this endeavor with Cecilia, "Many alumni worry about working with friends, but friends from TAS are not friends-- they're family. The inherent trust that we have with each other is different with other people we meet later in life. Between my marketing background, Alessandro's superb expertise to keep us on track operationally and financially, and Ces' famous spontaneity, positive energy, and creativity, this has been one of the greatest experiences I had, which I will never regret."

Learn more about MiaMily at their website:  
[www.miamily.com](http://www.miamily.com)

Do you have a successful Kickstarter story? Let us know at TAS!





## Hong Kong Reunion

In March 2015 at Hotel SAV: Jasmine (Nancy) Hsu '80, Mona Lee '80, Alice Cokeng '80, George Wang '81, Leo Wong '81.



## New York Reunion

A special summer gathering was held for alumni in New York City in July 2014. Alumni ranged from the classes of 1954 to 2011, spreading many generations.



## 1991 New Year Reunion

A few alumni in California from the class of 1991 gathered before the New Year to celebrate together.



## Taipei Reunion

60s and 70s alumni in Taipei gathered to welcome returning alumni that were visiting:

Back Row: Sam Mar '68, Karl Yen '69, Robert Yen '63, George Yen '66, Helen Chen '94.

Front Row: Rosita Yang '69, Nora Wang '69, Henry Wong '69, Kang Chang '70.



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# Reunion Reflections

## Singapore Reunion

20 alumni joined Director of Advancement Kathy Limmer in Singapore for a casual lunch in April. Photo credit goes to Geo Chen '98 and Eden Ang '06.



## Denver Reunions of 50s & 60s Alumni

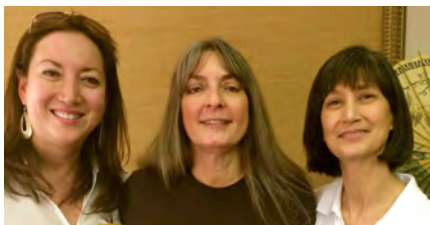
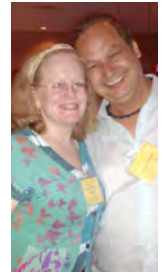
In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the class of 1964, a reunion was held in Denver, Colorado, in September of 2014. 1960s alumni as well as those from the early years were all invited. More than 35 alumni and their family attended the events.





## Austin “Summer of Love” 2014 Reunion

When you mix TAS alumni, some Taiwan beer, and good music, you know you will have a great party. This is exactly what happened when alumni gathered in Austin, Texas in June 2014.





## The 20-Year Reunion Class of 1994

More than 70 alumni attended a special joint-reunion at the end of December 2014 to celebrate with the class of 1994. Members of the classes of 1993 and 1995 were also invited to the special dinner in Taipei where friendships were renewed and memories shared. The same group of alumni and family members were invited to TAS for a campus tour and lunch the next day, learning about all the changes since everyone graduated! Special appreciation to reunion organizers: David Tang, Eric Fei, Richard Wang, Kenny Chuang, and Joseph Tsai.





## The 10-Year Reunion Class of 2004

For their reunion, Class President Christine Yew and Class Secretary Tricia Chen brought everyone back to a transformed TAS lobby for the celebration. The class enjoyed canapés prepared by Jeffrey Liu and Vivienne Tsao, owners of The Lobster Bar and Dears Waffle in Taipei. Class VP Jon Wang and Class Treasurer Tiffany Chen put together a video, including photos from high school days and clips from classmates who couldn't make it to the reunion. Attendees also enjoyed a senior year video from 2004 made by Edward Chyau. Thanks to Jenny Chang, Founder of Pegasus de Flower, who designed a professional backboard with special lighting, and decorated the space into a beautiful setting where everyone shared updates and enjoyed a tour of the new TAS facilities. Special appreciation goes to 2004 reunion organizers: Christine Yew, Jonathan Wang, Tricia Chen and Tiffany Chen. Photo credit: Marty Chen '05



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.



## Taipei Happy Hour

Taipei, September 2014

Thanks to David Ko '92 who generously sponsored this event for alumni in Taipei. At the new Chilis' in Nei Hu, a group of alumni gathered after work to relax and meet Alumni Board Member Joseph Hwang and Director of Advancement Kathy Limmer.



## Shanghai Professional Speaker Series

Shanghai, November 2014

At the second Alumni Speaker Series in this emerging Asian Hub of talents, Charles Chang '94, professor and director of the Master's program as well as the director of the International Affairs Office at Shanghai Jiao Tong University's Advanced Institute of Finance shared his outlook on the economic developments and key concerns for the future of China. Although the topic is challenging to cover, Charles used a few charts and shared stories of his observations of how the government policies and consumer behavior will influence the rapidly changing economic dynamics of China and the world. All the alumni at the event enjoyed learning the insights and many even wanted to invite Charles to speak at other events.



## Upcoming Reunions

### 2016 TAS Worldwide Alumni Reunion

March 24 – April 3, 2016

Taipei

### Class of 1966: 50-year Reunion with 60s classes

May, 2016 Washington, D.C.

### Classes of 1980s Reunion

July 31 – August 1, 2015 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

### Class of 1995: 20-year Reunion

December 19, 2015 Taipei

### Class of 2005: 10-year reunion

December 26, 2015 TAS



# The 12th annual Friends of TAS Gala Ball

Looking back over 65 years, there is much to celebrate. And now, as we look eagerly toward the future, there is much to anticipate. The Friends of TAS is a non-profit foundation established to enable the school to extend its long-standing tradition of excellence well into its exciting future. Through contributions and events such as the Gala Ball, TAS can achieve goals that otherwise might be unattainable.

More than 450 parents, faculty, and alumni attended and demonstrated overwhelming support for the school at the 12th annual Friends of TAS Gala Ball held on March 7, 2015. All proceeds from the Gala Ball were designated for the Annual Fund for our Building Excellence Initiative to continue the renovation of the Guy Lott Jr. Auditorium. Alumni Parent 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. Many alumni contributed items to the silent and live auctions, offering a variety of choices for gala attendees. We also thank all the top bidders of the Live and Silent Auctions.



## Hope N.F. Phillips Scholarship Fund

### Opening Doors of Opportunity

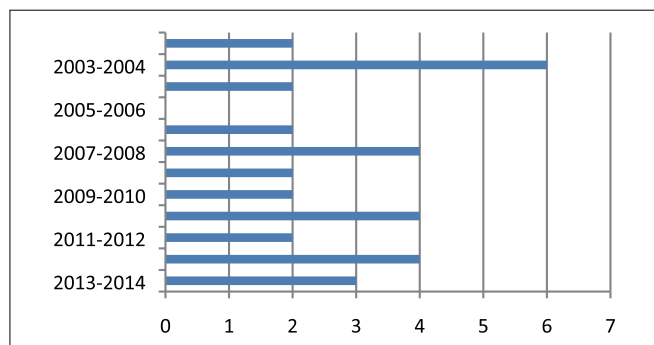
Taipei American School established the Hope N.F. Phillips Scholarship Fund to provide partial scholarships—temporary tuition support—to families experiencing financial difficulties. This scholarship fund allows students who would otherwise have to leave the school because of financial hardship to continue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

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.

### Students Supported by the Scholarship Fund



## Gifts in Action

### Annual Giving Program: Program Excellence

*Our programs challenge students to unlock their potential and achieve goals they never thought possible. Over the last year, gifts like yours to Program Excellence has developed robotics, scientific research, public speaking, art, and much more. Student achievement in these areas is higher now than it has ever been thanks to you. Below you will find a partial list of examples of opportunities made possible through gifts in the 2014-2015 school year.*

- Robotics equipment, such as the V1KU Stater Kit, a Maxiell II 1515 Water Jet Cutter, and more
- Production of US musical, *Les Misérables* including important equipment such as microphone headsets, stage lights, and more
- The Dean Kamen SIGMU Robotics Chair to upper school faculty member, Matthew Fagen
- Robert Edmond Jones Chair in Technical Theater
- US Wind and Solar Hybrid Power Generation System for the science program
- US scientific research and artificial intelligence program equipment, such as the Quawell Q3000
- Joanna Nichols visiting scholar, Dr. David Spergel
- Plants for the Art Garden as part of the MS Art + Innovation program
- A student trip to Washington DC
- Upper school art program equipment such as a projector, network cabling, project PC, and a stainless steel frame
- Student participation in the 2015 Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland
- MS Gym renovations, including a scoreboard, lighting, and spectator seats
- eBooks and books for the LS library
- Dance Honor Society Character Education Project with Santa Ana High, bringing five low income dance students to TAS for five days
- Purchase of production equipment for the Film Studies program
- Purchase of 3D printers for LS art
- LS visiting artist, Jim Valley, visited TAS for five days and conducted 4 workshops, visited classes, and conducted an Earth Day concert





## Annual Giving Program: Professional Excellence

*Our teachers are at the heart of the student experience at Taipei American School. The quality of our faculty defines the quality of our programs. Over the last year, gifts like yours to Professional Excellence have supported a myriad of professional development opportunities, which in turn has allowed us to recruit and retain the highest echelon of educators. Below you will find a partial list of faculty conferences, workshops, trips, and other rewarding experiences made possible by gifts to Professional Excellence in the 2014-2015 school year.*

- A STEAM trip by faculty and administrators to the USA and to the NAIS Annual Conference brought valuable insights back to the TAS program
- Dr. Yeap Ban Har consulted with the lower school math team
- Elissa Jordan conducted a workshop called Engineering is Elementary, created by the Museum of Science, Boston
- Athletic Trainer Crystal Sullivan attended NATA Clinical Symposia Advanced Track Seminar, took her NSCA recertification test, and attended a Strength & Conditioning/Athletic Development Conference

## Annual Giving Program: Building Excellence

*Gifts to Building Excellence during the 2014-2015 school year were designated to refurbishing the Guy Lott Jr. Auditorium. The necessary renovations to this space have bolstered an already flourishing performing arts program. Below you will find a partial list of the renovations made to this important space.*

- Seats and flooring
- Renovations
- Refurbishment of wall and carpet
- Cabling works
- Panel box
- LED lighting and LED lighting fixtures



## TAS Yearbooks Digitized!

Have you lost your yearbook? Don't worry, you can now have your own copy of the TAS yearbooks on a DVD!

All the upper school yearbooks beginning in 1956 have been scanned and digitized. Alumni can request specific yearbooks; pages from that year will be copied to a DVD. The Alumni Office will mail this to you as we know how precious these memories are for all those who attended TAS.

Please complete an online request form in the Alumni Section of the TAS website at [www.tas.edu.tw](http://www.tas.edu.tw).



## Please Have a Seat, Mr. and Mrs. Salminen

Randy Chen '91



A few decades ago, in order to fulfill the music/arts requirement at TAS, I was a member of the Symphonic Band, directed by John Salminen. At that time, I was still pretty limited in my trumpet playing ability- a skill level that unfortunately continues to this day. I remember when Mr. Salminen first arrived in 1986, the band struggled to meet his high standards for playing music. But it wasn't just the direct encouragement by our band director that took us to new heights. Rather, it was due to the exposure to first-class artists, by going to concerts in Taipei to see Canadian Brass, Ray Charles, and B.B. King.

In our second year and through my senior year, we took trips to the Hong Kong Arts Festival and watched Richard III by the Royal Shakespeare Company, Beethoven's 7th Symphony by the Vienna Philharmonic and the Los Angeles guitar quartet. Witnessing the incredible art, not limited to just music, produced by true professionals, Mr. Salminen raised the bar for our band members, which resulted in an incredibly enriching experience playing music during my time at TAS. I remember several occasions, from playing the Suite to Phantom of the Opera, to performing Birdland in Jazz Ensemble, where we "nailed it." More importantly, it instilled a true appreciation for the Arts, an enduring trait for many of us that remains to this day.

On behalf of your students from the years that you both taught at TAS, John and Dianne, thank you for all you have done for us. We hope you will continue to have the opportunity to visit us, whether in person, or online, for many years to come.

Randy Chen '91 and a group of alumni contributed to naming two seats in the TAS auditorium as part of the Building Excellence Please Have a Seat campaign. The renovation of the Guy Lott Jr. Auditorium will take place over several years in different phases. The chairs were replaced in the summer of 2014 and the lights and sound systems will be upgraded during the summer of 2015.



On April 17, the Salminens were invited to return to TAS for a reception. Alumni and former parents enjoyed a performance by the talented Jazz Ensemble led by current band teacher, Ray Heberer, who was instrumental (pun intended) in rehearsing the pieces with the students.



The Salminens received a special surprise, when they were shown the two chairs with their names in the auditorium.

John Salminen wrote on his Facebook page, "Dianne Salminen and I had a life-altering experience in Taipei. We have come back to China feeling rejuvenated and blessed by all of you wonderful music students who were a part of our 10 years teaching at TAS. Whether it was the chance to meet with the (now) adults and families who were our students or to connect with their parents or teachers, Dianne and I came away feeling like we had gone back in time to one of the most wonderful eras of our lives. Thank you to TAS, the TAS Music Department and Taipei for a wonderful weekend and for some of the best 10 years of our family's lives."

### The Please Have a Seat Campaign

For NT\$90,000, you can have your name, or the name of an important person to you, inscribed on a plaque for permanent display on a chair in the auditorium. A group of alumni can contribute toward the naming of a chair for a former or a current faculty member.

For more information, please visit the "Supporting TAS" section of the school website or contact the Development Office: 2873-9900 ext. 443 or at [development@tas.edu.tw](mailto:development@tas.edu.tw).





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**T**hank you to the following alumni who have chosen to participate in our annual giving program for the 2014-2015 school year. Your gifts are greatly appreciated. The donor list is generated as of May 12, 2015 and is listed by class year.

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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 memory of Mrs. Hope N.F. Phillips

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 Vincente Tang '68  
 Camille A. Martin







1963

## Jane Chance

Jane's third volume of *Medieval Mythography*, on *The Emergence of Italian Humanism, 1321-1475*, has just been published by University Press of Florida in 2015. Last year, her first book of poetry also appeared, "Only Begetter" (White Violet Press), and she was selected as a Juried Poet by Houston Poetry Fest and a member of Marge Piercy's annual poetry workshop. I also served as the featured artist at the Houston Poetry Fest in October.



1965

## Don Morreale

Last year, Don published a collection of stories entitled "Cowboys, Yogis, and One-Legged Ski Bums: The Extraordinary Lives of Ordinary Coloradans." The book is a compendium of some 170 profiles of local personalities written over the past five years for the Denver Post, and the online newspaper, Examiner.com. The book is available on Amazon, and at the local Barnes and Noble Bookstore. In 2012 and again in 2013, he had the great pleasure of teaching at Zhejiang Scientific and Technical University in Hangzhou, China.



1972

**Sylvia Chang** directed a new movie recently released in Taiwan in April, 2015. Many critics have said *Murmur of the Hearts* is Sylvia's most accomplished film to date.

1976

## Laura (Jampole) Vinogradov

After sadly leaving TAS and Taiwan in 1970, Laura's family returned Stateside. She earned her first degree at Kent State in Ohio in 1979. After graduation she backpacked around Europe for a while and ended up in Israel. She lived on a kibbutz for a couple of years but eventually made her way into Journalism. She worked for NBC, Tel Aviv and the New York Times. After getting married and moving back and forth between the US and Israel, her family started the relocation game everyone is all too familiar with. But instead of working for the US government, her husband worked in hi-tech. So it was off to Minnesota, Hong Kong, Arizona, the DC area, and Massachusetts. Along the way, she worked in news for a few more years and then 'parleyed' her skills into non-profits. In 2008 they built a boutique dog boarding kennel in Florida. Since January 2015, they are back in Israel. Follow her adventures on her Facebook page.



1978

**Robin Kung**, Director, Producer, Presenter of RK Multimedia Productions, is the voice and face of motor sports in Asia. He recently published a book detailing his life, covering his passions in music, wrestling and most important,

describing his journey as a Mandarin television reporter for Formula 1 races in Asia. He described how the four years he spent at TAS had a profound impact on his character and beliefs. His interest in music prompted him to form his first band, the Roller Coaster, with his TAS friends in high school. After graduating from college, he became the youngest A&R manager for Columbia/CBS Records worldwide. In 1987, he officially started producing and hosting motor sports programs for television networks in Taiwan. When Prime Sports of the STAR TV Network launched their Mandarin services, featuring Formula 1 and MotoGP programs, Robin became the first Chinese commentator until today. Although he has been through very different experiences and careers, he always dedicated his full attention to learning about specific fields, whether it's rock and roll or motorsports. He continues to look for new challenges to create new opportunities in uncharted territories. Follow him on his Facebook Page: Official Robin Kung. His book is only available in Mandarin and can be purchased through Taiwan's online bookstores. Book Title: 燈滅起跑：賽車主羅賓的快意人生

## THE TASTE of OLD HONG KONG

Recipes and memories from 30 years on the China coast



by Fred Schneider



1980

**Heidi (Schneider) Silsby's** father Fred Schneider published a book "The Taste of Old Hong Kong - recipes and memories from 30 years on the China Coast". The author's wife, Charlene Schneider, was a TAS faculty member for 8 years from 1972, serving as Third Grade Teacher and Elementary School Assistant Principal. Retired, the Schneiders now live in Wilsonville, OR in Portland's rural outskirts. The family's strong ongoing TAS ties include their children and grandchildren who graduated from, have attended, or are attending TAS: Mitchell Schneider '76, Heidi Schneider Silsby '80, Heather Summerlin Broderick '81, Lesli Summerlin Hammerschmidt '84, Oliver Silsby '09, Laird Silsby '11, Margaret Silsby '13, Pauline Silsby '15, Myles Silsby '17.

# Connections



1989

**Jeraldine So** was interviewed by the Philippine President's Press group and the video interview ran on the government channels for over a month in March of 2015. The clip is available on Youtube. Search for key words "Filipino Excellence Jerri So 2/6/15".



1994

**Eric Wu** was awarded the prestigious Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year, honoring the most outstanding entrepreneurs who inspire others with their vision, leadership, and achievement. First created in the United States in 1986, the Taiwan program was established in 2005. Together with five other recipients in 2014, Eric, as general Manager of DR. WU Skincare Co., Ltd., was recognized as the Transitional Benchmark Paradigm Entrepreneur of the Year. DR.WU has more than 1,200 retail locations around the world. In 2014, they financially partnered with LVMH group's PE fund. Eric was selected Top 100 MVP Managers of Taiwan in 2012 in addition to numerous industry awards.



1995

**Amy Yeh** flew from Seattle to Taiwan to complete her first Ironman triathlon in the Inaugural Taiwan Ironman event on April 12. She experienced the beauty and warmth of Taiwan through a 3.8km

swim in the famous waters of Kenting Beach, followed by a 180 km bike ride through the coast and hills of Ping Tung, and finished with a 42.2 km run. Amy completed her first sprint triathlon in 2013, then went to complete her first Olympic and Half-Ironman triathlons in 2014.



2003

**Rosanna Rosie Hyland** starred in the world stage premiere of Shock Treatment as Betty Hapschatt. The show opened at the King's Head Theater on April 21 and ran until May 9. Rosie recently starred as Hope Cladwell in Jamie Lloyd's production of Urinetown which transferred to the West End's Apollo Theater following a run at the St. James Theater.



2004

**Tiffany Chang**, music director, New England Repertory Orchestra, Boston, MA, has achieved 3rd place nationally in the college/university orchestra division of The American Prize in Conducting. The American Prize is a series of new, non-profit competitions unique in scope and structure, designed to recognize and reward the best performing artists, ensembles and composers in the United States based on submitted recordings.

Simon Twu was voted one of the top 40 Asian American Actors on IMDB and placed 17th on the chart. Read more about him on <http://www.simontwu.com/>.



2006

**Sean Jen** hosted his solo exhibition titled "To be where there is Life" in Taipei from April 11-30.



2010

**Jessica Ohlson** spent the summer of 2014 at TAS assisting Middle School art teacher Cesar Reyes in the classroom and in the art garden. She completed several projects, including a series of ceramic pots to hold plants and a ceramic rock sculpture for the zen garden. She also made a vertical garden using old wooden pallets. "I wanted to volunteer to work in the garden, despite the summer heat, because I had so much freedom to work in the garden, as well as in the art studio. I really developed a relationship with the space, and it was rewarding to see how the plants grew every day." She also assisted with several art classes, adding, "I learned how to deliver information to students in a way that everyone can relate to, because students learn in so many different ways - and there is always more than one perspective."

Jessica currently works at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, as a woodshop technician. In her free time, she also volunteers at the San Francisco Botanic Garden. "My favorite classes at TAS were all of the art classes, especially Ceramics and Woodshop. Another formative class was AP Environmental Science - which influenced me heavily to go into Environmental Studies in college. All these classes were so hands-on, and that made me realize that I want to dedicate my life to working with my hands."



## Back at TAS Forty Years Later

**Annie Cheatham (Faculty 1971-74)**



Forty one years ago, I spent my final night in Taipei at the Grand Hotel, then boarded a plane for Hong Kong and headed back to the US via Singapore, Africa, and London. I had landed in Taipei three years earlier, in the summer of 1971. Nixon had just announced that he would make a trip to China, an event that would impact Taiwan in every way. I arrived to be met by my friends

Paul and Imelda Vernon who had rented me a house on the road to Yangmingshan. I had a job as a teacher of middle school English.

As I approached Taoyuan Airport this past December, I wondered, how would Taiwan have changed after 41 years? What would TAS be like on its “new” Tianmu campus? I had many memories of the floods in the old Shilin plain. And how would I fit into the TAS family after being away so long? All of these questions went through my mind as I began a four month stay in Taipei. Twenty-four hours later, all of my questions were answered. I had a TAS Alumni card, a writing assignment, a tour of the campus by my old friend, Winnie Tang '65 (Admissions Director at TAS), and I had an MRT pass to use on the wonderful subway and bus systems of Taipei. The campus throbbed with the energy of 2,500 students and faculty. It brought back memories of our 1971-1974 student body, the Senior Island, the Roundhouse, middle school students like Nicky Tang '77 and Ann Burch '77, founding editors of “Tiger Toes”, the middle school newspaper. The upper school student newspaper “Tiger Tales” didn’t include any news or activities of middle or elementary students at the time so they decided to start their own newspaper. After teaching English for two years, I became the counselor for House IV when the middle school reorganized in 1973, and that fall I was elected president of the TAS Teacher Association.

For this visit, I decided to spend four months in Taiwan because I wanted to have enough time to re-enter life at TAS and the island. My partner Ann Gibson and I were able to watch the high school boys basketball team beat Singapore American School by one point during the IASAS tournament, and we heard a concert by high school musicians. Wandering around the school, we received spontaneous tours from the PE teacher, the drama coach, and the Upper School librarian. We met with board members at a celebration of Hope Phillips’

life, and we volunteered to help at three Orphanage Club events. Because I stayed awhile, I felt rooted there again, and connected.

Taiwan and TAS are vastly different from when I left in 1974, yet the friendliness of Taiwanese people, the obvious position of TAS as a leading international school in Asia, and the great, local food impressed upon me again that this is a wonderful place to visit and to live and work. If you are thinking of making a trip back, don’t hesitate. And stay awhile if you can. You will be glad you did.

## Shelton Chow (Faculty at TAS 1960s)

Mr. Chow’s daughter Missy contacted Linn Wilson ’72 on Facebook and said her Dad asked about some of his students. Linn replied and sent him a mixed box of her Goss Chocolate from Belize. Linn’s husband is the chocolate maker. A shop in Seattle also carries the chocolate and Mr. Chow and his family also live in Seattle. Mr. Chow was Linn’s favorite teacher. In Linn’s post on Facebook, “I was a wild thing with no direction known--he pointed me in my direction. I studied Literature that developed into Linguistics, my university major. Plus, he told me I needed discipline (aiya!), so I got a black belt (long ago during university). I still practice it today.”



*Portland Annual Gathering of former TAS teachers & administrators in February 2015.*

*Sitting, L to R: Charlene Schneiter, Fred Schneiter, Jeff Fischmann, Susan Rinker, Carol Chadwick.*

*Standing, L to R: Noel Schroeder, Henry Schwarz, Jan Clark, Magdalene Young Lie, Ellie Schroeder.*

*The next gathering is scheduled for October 3, 2015 in Portland.*



## Bluesmart, Inc.

Brian Chen '03, Co-founder and Head of Operations

<http://bluesmart.com>

Bluesmart is a technology company that develops Internet-connected travel products. With proprietary technology and designs, the company creates unique physical products combined with software applications that help people travel better and smarter. The company was started by a group of friends from South America, Asia and the USA, all of whom shared a passion for traveling, technology, and design. Many travelers often experience problems with luggage issues while traveling around the world. The team looked at suitcases available in the market and realized that they haven't seen much innovation in several decades. The Bluesmart team re-imagined how a suitcase should be for the era of connected devices. Products will start shipping in August.



## Glory Days Sports

Sean Cheng '02 and Jessica Lee '03  
[www.Gdsports.com](http://www.Gdsports.com)

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## CONQUER Inc.

Hank Chow '06, CEO

<http://www.icanconquer.com/eng/>

Founded in 2013, CONQUER is a sports lifestyle company aiming to reinforce a positive lifestyle through our one of a kind challenge series. Keeping the values of sports, lifestyle and entertainment at its core, we are the first to introduce into Taiwan the phenomenon of Obstacle Course Racing (OCR), one of the fastest growing sports series in North America. Ultimately, we hope to reinforce values such as entertainment, teamwork, lifestyle and accomplishment into the mentalities of our participants and to improve the local fitness level through a positive, sports and team-oriented experience.

Hank was a TEDxCCU speaker in the TEDx event at Chinese Culture University in November of 2014. Watch his TED talk in Mandarin by typing in key words in Youtube: TEDxCCU Hank Chow.



## MISTIQUE

Peter Huang '98, Founder

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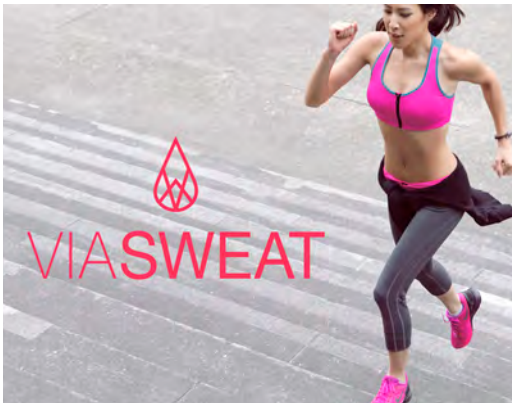
## openUU Ltd.

Caroline Chou '02

[www.openuu.com](http://www.openuu.com)

Founded in 2012, openUU is an award-winning design studio providing design service in interior space conversions and warehouse renovations in the commercial realm, with garnered expertise in the retail and F&B industry. The team brings their international background, unique design aesthetics and vision to approach projects with playful pragmatism. Our clients include Nike, Havaianas, Swire Properties, Art Basel, Osage Gallery, Para/Site, Havaianas and FoFo by el Willy.





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Melody Hsu '06  
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The viaSWEAT brand is driven by a philosophy that is brought to life through design. We believe in an active lifestyle. An active lifestyle doesn't mean you have to be an accomplished yogi, champion marathon runner or professional athlete. An active lifestyle is about the basics, a foundation for a better life, and choices: choosing the stairs, choosing to walk, and choosing the right foods. When being active is a lifestyle choice, you will need activewear that moves with you seamlessly from a lunch meeting to running errands to pilates class to dinner with the girls.

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- Healthy individuals
- Ethical people
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- Information-savvy learners
- Skillful communicators
- Conscientious citizens



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## Arthur "Art" Lowell Burleigh '65

Art passed away on January 27, 2014. He was laid to rest at the Willamette National Cemetery, Willamette, OR.

## Barbara Blandford Helm '66

Barbara, of Alexandria, VA, wife of CAPT Larison F. Helm USN (Ret.), passed away March 30, 2015. She is survived by her husband, and siblings Lynn Blandford, Dr. Robert R. Blandford, and William Blandford. For many years, Barbara organized the annual celebration during Chinese New Year for alumni living in the surrounding states of Washing D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. Her dedication in maintaining the alumni connection is appreciated by many who lived in the area and enjoyed the gatherings.

## Linda Murray Schieffer '66

Linda passed away on November 2, 2014. Her father's Army career gave her the benefit of growing up in California, Colorado, Oklahoma, Virginia, Washington D.C., Texas, Taiwan, and Japan. She attended high school at TAS and left during her senior year. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 1970 with a degree in English, History and Education. Linda enjoyed her dear friends in her book club and her bridge club. Linda also enjoyed reading, opera, cooking and more reading. Linda was a Girl Scout Leader, sang in the choirs at Preston Hollow and Northpark Presbyterian Churches, liked to hike and camp, and loved her Canton shopping pals. She treasured the time she spent attending her son and daughter's athletic events and hauling kids here and there. Linda always had a sharp wit and could remember names, dates and lines from books she read 40 years ago. Linda was never at a loss for words. When she spoke, it was usually insightful or thoughtful. She knew the words and melodies of a great many operas.



## Gary Otto Nacke '71 (1953-2014)

Reminiscences from his friend Danny Ferguson '72:

Gary was the first friend I made in Taiwan when my family arrived in the early summer of 1967. Our fathers were both with USAID (The United States Agency for International Development) and we both lived on 6th Road in Wellington Heights, an American expat neighborhood clinging to a lush green hillside in the suburbs of Taipei. We became very close that first summer. I was 15 and he was 14. We hung out almost daily at the Taipei Officers' Club swimming pool and dining hall, the Tienmu Teen Club, the East and West Compounds, the movie theater, the snack bar, the Post Exchange, or frequently at the little record store just outside the gate from the East Compound PX..

And we were both aspiring musicians with similar tastes in music. In fact, it was music that cemented our friendship and bonded us throughout those two years and on into the future. We shuffled around in and out of bands up in Wellington, playing music by The Doors, The Mothers of Invention, Cream, Jimi Hendrix, The Rascals, John Mayall's Blues Breakers, etc. And we continued to play together in various bands over the next two years, until we fell into a power trio that we dubbed 'Tribal Gathering'. We were joined by Tom Chase '70, our drummer.

The three of us became very close friends. We attended formal school

dances together, as a band, with our dates. We went to the teen clubs every weekend. We explored Taipei and got in more than our share of adolescent trouble in our host country. And we traveled to other, more far-flung corners of East and Southeast Asia, most notably to Hong Kong, where Gary and I went out each night till the wee hours scouting out local Hong Kong bands and musical clubs.

As Tribal Gathering, we played some of the biggest, most high-profile gigs of our musical lives. Once we were hired to be the headliners for the halftime show during an All-Asia regional basketball tournament and played to an arena filled with thousands of rabid sports fans who, truth be told, were not expecting a loud, heavy rock power trio. We were invited to join a goodwill musical revue troupe organized by the US MAAG support group and the Taipei Officers' Club, traveling to the island of Kinmen where we entertained thousands of R.O.C. soldiers and their American advisors in a series of shows in a huge, cavernous underground theater. And we played at countless TAS dances, 'Battles-of-the-Bands', frat parties, and other such gigs.

In the summer of 1971, after my first year of college, Gary came out to visit me in the Bay Area. We spent a few weeks together in the Oakland-San Francisco area, camping out, going fishing on Putah Creek, and jamming with some local musicians that I knew. Then we parted company for what turned out to be almost 25 years. When the Internet appeared in the 1990s, I tracked down both Gary and Tom and we reunited at my home in New York 1996-1997. We stayed in touch for the next few years, always planning an eventual Tribal Gathering reunion jam, until the heartbreaking and unexpected news came that Gary had passed away in May 2014.



Gary's passing elicited a flood of fond memories and glowing tributes from his friends and classmates from Taiwan, and I don't think a day has gone by that I don't mourn his passing.



## Albert Matthew "Doc" Wigglesworth '72

Doc passed peacefully August 9, 2014, at home in Silver Spring, MD, after a five year struggle with prostate cancer. Born in Washington, DC, Doc was an avid cyclist and bird watcher, nature lover and dedicated husband and father. His family and friends will always remember his restless spirit, his wit and laugh, and his kindness. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Carol, and daughters Claire and Catherine "Cate" of Silver Spring, MD, and son Derrick (Kathy) of Salt Lake City, UT. He is also survived by eight siblings: Ann (Bill) Barbieri, Mike Wigglesworth, Patsy (Mike) Fissell, Paul (Ann) Wigglesworth, Elaine (Dennis) Dorsey, Judy (Joe) Sgroi, Pierre '74 (Karen) Wigglesworth, and John Wigglesworth '75; and numerous nieces and nephews. To his TAS friends, Doc was a well-loved and fun loving guy. Anyone who was at TAS during the years that Doc attended would no doubt remember him.

Contributions in Doc's honor may be made to Hope Connections for Cancer Support



*Bill Thissen stands by his desk at International Community Radio Taipei's news studio in 2012. Photo: Courtesy of International Community Radio Taipei*

**Bill Thissen** (Former TAS Music teacher 1977-1983), a newscaster and host of Jazz Flavors on International Community Radio Taipei (ICRT) for almost three decades, passed away on July 12, 2014.

William Henry Thissen was born on April 27, 1942, in Minnesota, and earned a bachelor's degree in music education from St John's University. He taught in many schools before moving to Taiwan in 1977 where he taught music, including band and choir classes, and directed musical productions such as *Fiddler on the Roof*.

In 1984, Thissen began working at ICRT with a weekly classical music show. The following year, he persuaded station management to let him try a jazz show. Jazz Flavors, a two-hour weekly set of contemporary jazz and blues-related music, became not only the longest-running show at the English-language radio station, but the longest in the nation. The final edition of Jazz Flavors aired on Aug. 25, 2014. Over the decades, Thissen worked a variety of shifts for the ICRT news team, anchoring evening newscasts as well as morning shows. As morning anchor, Thissen was part of the team that won ICRT a Golden Bell award in 2008.

Thissen also kept up his theater interests, including — according to former TAS teacher John Dankowski

— playing a few bit parts in Taiwanese movies in the late 1970s and acting in amateur theatrical productions, such as a version of *The Odd Couple* produced by ICRT, when he played Felix to Nick Gould's Oscar.

Thissen is survived by his wife, Rose Hsu, daughters Andrea '89 and Katrina, six siblings, as well as two grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

## Joseph Hall Moore IV '70

Joseph was born in Seoul, Korea on January 19, 1949, and died in Ventura, California on June 22, 2014. He grew up in Taiwan, went to college in California, taught ESL for many years at the University of Hawaii, and settled back in California on a lovely property near Ojai where he was a holistic consultant for many years. Joseph was cheerful, upbeat, outgoing, and a great conversationalist. He had a smile for everyone he met, took great joy in uplifting others and never hesitated to give great big hugs! Many people loved him deeply and appreciated his keen intelligence, depth of knowledge, and terrific sense of humor. Joseph had a passion for helping others and was a wonderful listener. He was a world traveler and appreciated Earth's myriad cultures. Joseph loved to meditate, read, dance, garden, and enjoy many types of music - especially rock and roll! He went for long walks in the mountains and by rivers and oceans, with a special fondness for Surfer's Point. Joseph had a deep love of nature and a passion for zoology, horticulture, meteorology, and astronomy.

Joseph is predeceased by his parents Joe and Mille, siblings Ryland '72, LeMei '74, and remembered fondly by his wife Carla and their two daughters Alex (Dean), Tony (Bryan) and seven beautiful grandchildren, and beloved sister Netta '73 (Greg).

## **Sarah Wentworth (Former Faculty 1970-1972)**

Sarah, of Stockton, California passed away on March 13, 2015.

Sarah Elin Hahn was born in San Francisco on December 3, 1944 to Nina Glotfeity Hahn and Herman George Hahn. She graduated from Mills High School and received a Bachelor's degree from San Francisco State College in 1966. She married Jeffrey P. Wentworth and the couple has one daughter, Heather Katherine. Sarah taught thousands of pre-school and kindergarten age children to read using the techniques created by Maria Montessori. She began her teaching career at TAS and later taught at South Tahoe Montessori School. In Stockton, she owned and ran her own school, Creative Beginnings Montessori. An avid world traveler and accomplished actress, she was active in local theater when not traveling the world. Sarah loved nature, in all of its forms: human, birds, plants and animals. Her wit, humor, and intelligence were well known among her many friends and co-workers.



## **Paul Fredette (Former Faculty 1983-2015)**

It is with deep sadness that we share the news that Paul Fredette, long-time TAS Upper School Counselor, passed away on May 24, 2015. During his 31 years

at TAS it is estimated that over 2000 students benefited from his expertise and guidance. He was known for his ability to listen and make people feel comfortable. His office was a welcome sanctuary for students and colleagues his entire time at TAS.

Paul arrived in Taiwan in August, 1983 after working as a social worker in the United States and as a school counselor in Saint Thomas, the UK, and Italy. For many years Paul was the only counselor in the TAS Upper School, overseeing student well-being and applications to universities. Paul particularly loved helping students navigate the college process. In fact, he was one of the founding members of the Overseas Association for College Admission Counseling (OACAC). He also was instrumental in the establishment of The Center, an organization that continues to provide services to the expatriate community in Taiwan.

Outside of his TAS life, Paul was an avid traveler, lover of music and film, collector of antiques, and had a passion for all things nautical.

A longtime counseling colleague said of Paul, "I always felt that Taipei was truly Paul's home and that Taipei American School was his family." The entire TAS family will miss Paul dearly.



## **Anthony "Tony" Chris Yu '56**

A tribute from longtime classmate John Hillis '56

Anthony passed away peacefully in Chicago, one year shy of the 60th anniversary of his graduation as a member of the first graduating class of TAS.

Tony will unquestionably be remembered as one of TAS's most distinguished alumni. After completing undergraduate and graduate degrees, Tony earned a PhD at the University of Chicago from where he went on to spend the remaining 46 years of his brilliant academic career as teacher, scholar, and author. Tony's supreme accomplishment was without doubt his translation of the 500-year-old Chinese classic *The Journey to the West*. Among the many tributes, the New York Times review called the work "one of the great ventures of our time in humanistic translation and publication."

To those of us who were his classmates at TAS those many years ago, Tony will be remembered above all for his infectious sense of humor, his insatiable curiosity, his eagerness to argue, and most of all his loyal friendship. As secretary/treasurer of the senior class, editor of the school newspaper "Student Prints", and assistant editor of the first TAS yearbook, Pagoda, Tony's contribution to TAS was invaluable. The Pagoda could not have been more prescient when it chose him as one of the graduates "most likely to succeed". He certainly did so, beyond our wildest expectations. In doing so he brought great honor to his alma mater. His passing leaves his family and friends with an unbearable sense of loss but also with the fondest memories and profound gratitude for the opportunity to know this exceptional individual. May he rest in peace.



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