

THE YELLOW JACKET

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Gamari Honored By Colleagues at CAAD



Gilbert athletic director Mike Gamari was honored March 25 by the Connecticut Association of Athletic Directors (CAAD) with an exemplary service award.

The CAAD's 26th annual awards banquet at the Rocky Hill Marriot had about 150-200 guests, 41 of whom represented Gilbert.

Gamari was honored with the Robert Duncanson Meritorious Service Award. Duncanson is considered the founding father of the association, which established the award to recognize athletic

administrators "who devoted many years of exemplary service to high school athletics in Connecticut and have conducted themselves with integrity, sportsmanship and honor," according to the CAAD.

"I was honored to receive the award," Gamari said after event.

"I thank my family, my wife Sandy, the coaches, the kids, the administration and support staff."

Gamari has been at Gilbert for 42 years, the last 25 as athletic director.

— Terry Cowgill

In Praise of Mike

Hello,

I received my (spring) Yellow Jacket yesterday and was very happy to see Mr. Gamari being awarded the Robert Duncanson Meritorious Service Award. If I were in Connecticut, I would attend that event. He is more deserving than he knows.

I was born and raised in Winsted. One of the memories that I hold dearly is that of Mr. Gamari. There were many faculty members I appreciated, but none effected me at an early age like he did. Some of my fondest memories of Summer break as an elementary and junior high school student were going down to Rowley Street Park, where Mr. Gamari taught basketball to children.

He took the events seriously, in a loving parent way. He didn't drive us. He didn't push us. He taught and trained all of us who wanted to learn. He made it fun to play basketball and he kept it that way for me for 11 years! I played at Greenwoods, then at Pearson, and finally at Gilbert.

Mr. Gamari didn't move you from JV to Varsity until you were ready. He had a straightforward, honest approach to telling you like it is. What your strengths and weaknesses were and what to do to improve them. He supported us all in our summer league play in Canton. He wanted us to succeed. When a player did well, he made sure to tell you. If you were "not thinking straight" he told you that too!

It didn't matter if you were an athlete or just a student in his history class. Mr. Gamari was and is an exemplary leader and phenomenal role model. There should be many more awards on his mantle. I have and will always consider him a personal mentor.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sheldon M. Hoxie '86, Merritt Island, Florida

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On the cover: Retiring food services director Phyllis Wells returns to work after accepting the 2010 yearbook dedication at a ceremony in June.

GRADUATION 2010

Jaime Irick '92 gave the 2010 commencement address as The Gilbert School graduated 111 seniors on Friday, June 18, 2010.

"It was 18 years ago that I graduated [from Gilbert]," Irick said. "So officially you make me feel very old."

Irick, a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and Harvard Business School, now holds a senior management position with General Electric in Cleveland.

"The one constant in life is change," he continued. "The Internet did not exist 18 years ago ... but I want to give you a sense of calm as you go out into the world." The 111 seniors then received their diplomas from Superintendent David Cressy, Principal Dan Hatch (who also addressed the graduates) and Steve Sedlack, who chairs the W.L. Gilbert School Corporation Steve Sedlack.

— Terry Cowgill



Co-salutatorian Sara Marshall addresses her classmates.



Ava Jaulin accepts her diploma from Principal Dan Hatch.



Mike Gamari and Jaime Irick '92



The Gilbert School Vocal Ensembles sang 'That Lonesome Road.'

Blue & Gold Reunion 2010

Each spring, we welcome our “golden alumni” (alumni of classes from 50 years ago and earlier) as we celebrate the annual Blue & Gold Reunion with a light buffet supper in the school’s cafeteria.

It is an opportunity for alumni to gather and reminisce about their years as students and for us to say thank you for the important part they have played in the history of our school. Each year, we especially recognize those from the newest class reaching the 50 year mark.

The featured speaker this year was Steve Sedlack, a member of both the Gilbert Trust and the School Corporation. Steve gave a testimonial on behalf of the school’s new planned giving program, The W.L. Gilbert Legacy Society.



Members of the Class of 1960 pose for a group photo before dinner.



The Gilbert School Jazz Band performed and the work of Gilbert art students was displayed on the walls.



Anna Harding '28, who recently turned 100, was the oldest alumni/ae in attendance.



Barbara Hawley '65 enjoys the reunion with her mother, Evelyn (Moore) Hawley '37.



Trustee and former faculty member Craig Schroeder shares a light moment with Alice Fixer '51.



Alyson Gunzinger '84, Abby Schanes '84.



Tracey (LaForge) Gangi '84, Paul Gallo '85, Alyson Gunzinger '84.



Joyce Ann Gallo '87, William A. Little II '83.



Paul Gallo '85, former Gilbert tennis coach Bill Sanders, Willis Whalen '84



Mike Karolyi '84, Lorraine Clough Spicker, Matt Babbins '84.

Alumni Raise \$2,000 For Clough Scholarship

More than 100 people converged on the Cambridge Brew House to enjoy the atmosphere and select from many choice items at a silent auction to benefit the Ean Clough '84 Memorial Scholarship.

"It was a huge turnout," said Alyson Gunzinger '84, who organized the auction along with classmates Willis Whalen and Mike Karolyi. The event doubled as a reunion for the class of '85.

The auction raised almost \$2,000 for the scholarship. Many thanks to the donors and planners who made it all possible!



Darlene Williams '87, Beth (Zonghetti) Hewitt '85, Lori Michaud.

Saturday, July 18, 2010
Cambridge Brew House
Torrington, Connecticut

Phyllis Wells Calls It A Career

For Phyllis Wells, it's been a long strange trip.

A little more than 43 years ago, she was asked to fill in for Gilbert's food service director Barbara McKie, who was being hospitalized for surgery. The rest, as they say, is history. Wells eventually became McKie's assistant and several years later, took over the reins of the Gilbert cafeteria herself.

"I feel that I literally grew up at Gilbert," Wells, 66, said in a recent interview. "I know my years here have definitely shaped me into the woman I am today."

One of Wells' top deputies, Nancy Arcelaschi, is also retiring after 23 years. Both were honored at a dinner in June at Crystal Peak. Craig Schroeder, the legendary Gilbert science teacher (also recently retired), gently roasted the women to the laughter of the 100 or so friends and colleagues in attendance. Tom Botticelli, president of The W.L. Gilbert Trust, presented a plaque of appreciation to Wells for



The duo of Nancy Arcelaschi and Phyllis Wells has retired from the Gilbert cafeteria after a combined 66 years of service.

her dedicated service.

About a week earlier, the senior class honored the popular Wells by dedicating the 2010 yearbook in a brief ceremony at the flagpole. Marin Nichols of the class of 2010 read the dedication:

The class of 2010 dedicates this yearbook to Mrs. Wells, the director of food services at The Gilbert School. She has been a dedicated employee since 1967, giving over 40 years of service. She is happily married to her husband James Wells, for 50 years this year. All three of her children, Jim, John and Jodie, graduated from The Gilbert School. She is also a proud grandmother to six grandchildren. Besides being a dedicated staff member at The Gilbert School, Mrs. Wells is also an active member of her church and the Laurel Committee.

Her contributions to the senior class and The Gilbert School include organizing and preparing food for many events such as the Senior Smor-

gasbord, Faculty Breakfast, Lasagna Dinner and sports banquets, which she has done for many years.

From the bottom of our hearts, and stomachs, the class of 2010 and The Gilbert School community, thank you for all of your contributions and hard work throughout the years.

And having catered dozens of alumni events over the years, Wells is also fondly remembered by Gilbert graduates old and young and near and far.

"My life also has been altered by the many of the students I have encountered," she said. "I have been blessed to have had all the wonderful years and the exposure to literally generations of students. To love a job as much now as I did 43 years ago is truly a wonderful gift."

Replacing Wells is restaurateur and caterer Susan Kochman of Sharon, Conn. Welcome, Susan!

- Terry Cowgill



Phyllis gets a visit from The Gorilla at her birthday party this spring.

Around the Years: Class Notes



*Florence (Vining)
Thomen '32*

1929

As part of a Georgia newspaper's ongoing effort to pay tribute to great moms on Mother's Day, **Elinor (Foskett) Holton**, 98, was honored as Dawson County's Best Mom and featured in a profile this spring by her daughter, Priscilla Taylor, in The Dawson News & Advertiser.

1932

Florence (Vining) Thomen of East Canaan dropped us a line in the spring: "Hi 1932 grads! Anyone left beside me? I am to be 97 in July and going strong! I plan to live to be 120, in good health, really. Still maintaining my own household. My secret? Keep positive, hopeful, love everybody and be happy!"

1944

Lois (Stevens) Biggs lives in Sacramento, Calif., and writes: "I'm still living a full life at 84. Love to

travel, most of the time with one of my daughters. I've been to Philadelphia, Chicago and San Francisco to see new musicals."

1945

Stanley A. Ransom Jr. writes: "Still employed as director of the Plattsburgh (N.Y.) library and performing music as The Connecticut Peddler. Wife Chris and I have five grandchildren."

1954

Back in May 2010, **Anita (Caine) Rocheleau** wrote: "Still living in Florida. Expecting my fifth grandchild in June. As chairman of international affairs for the Council of Catholic Women, I purchased two heifers for China via Heifer International. I also got involved in the de-worming project in Haiti. Thanks to my French teacher, I'll be going to Paris in May. Hello to my '53 and '54 classmates, especially Jackie Hunt and Beryl Johnson."

1974

MPL Music Publishing, owned by Paul McCartney, has signed **George Burgess** to an artist's contract for instrumentals he composed and performed for use in film and television. The MPL artists catalog is referred to by some as a "pop treasury." With hundreds of marquee names, ranging from older artists such as the Beatles, Rolling Stones, and Elton John, to newer artists such as Christina Aguilera, Jay-z, John Mayer, and Norah Jones, an appointment to the MPL roster is considered a significant

milestone.

1976

Dr. Michael Kelley is working at NASA headquarters in Washington, D.C.

1979

Nina (Bergersen) Tryon sent us the following note: "Helped my third son, Steven (adopted), find his birth mother at 18. He's presently living with her and keeping in touch. Only one of my four boys living home still. He graduates this

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In Memoriam

1931

Eleanor D. (Woodworth)

Raymond

January 21, 2010

1933

Francis J. Brennan

September 4, 2009

1937

Faith Carolyn (Holcomb)

Northway

July 19, 2010

1945

Lois J. Nystrom

September 17, 2008

1950

Edward O. Heacox

July 22, 2010

Gilbert Trust Awards \$85k In Higher Education Scholarships

At its annual scholarship awards dinner Monday evening, May 17, The W.L. Gilbert Trust Corporation awarded almost \$85,000 in higher education assistance to about 50 Gilbert School seniors and alumni.

About 150 award recipients, parents, board members, faculty and staff attended the event hosted by Crystal Peak, the Winchester banquet and special events facility that has been the venue for the dinner for several years.

The Gilbert Trust, the non-profit organization that supports the town's semi-private high school, holds more than \$1.5 million in endowed scholarships and other named funds, many of which have been in existence since the early 1900s. The funds were established by graduates, local businesses and other friends of the school and are awarded each year to deserving applicants.

Other sponsors of the event include Attorney Ellen Marino, Goulet Printery, TD Bank, Bank of America, Northwest Community Bank, Robert E. King Certified Public Accountants, Attorney Mark J. Svonkin, The Bowen Agency and Colavecchio Design.

-Photos and text by Terry Cowgill



Gilbert graduating seniors Shelby Winn, Mahley Fitzgerald and Courtney Cesca enjoy the May 17 scholarship dinner event.



Gilbert graduating seniors Ava Jaulin, Betsy Corbran and Sara Marshall.



The Brochu Family of Winsted enjoyed the Gilbert School scholarship dinner event: Alec, Jerry, Ali, Austin and Lisa. Alec received three scholarships.

No Writer's Block For Jeanne Dutton '82



Director of Development and Alumni Relations Terry Cowgill recently interviewed Jeanne Dutton '82. Now known as J.T. Dutton, she is a successful young adult novelist and writing instructor who credits Gilbert with providing the kind of education that made it all possible. Among her published novels are "Freaked" and the forthcoming "Stranded."

TC: What was life like, growing up in Winsted in the 70s and 80? Family life, etc?

DUTTON: My family moved to Winsted in 1970. I was five and had four brothers, two older and two younger. Up until that point, I only knew one other family bigger than ours.

Then we met the Briggs, the Batis-tas, the LeJeunes.

I loved how many other big families there were in Winsted. My brothers began hanging out with the older brothers and sisters of the kids I hung out with. We jumped into huge games of war in the woods, hockey games on the pond, or Highland Lake. We climbed all kinds of trees. We formed clubs.

When I reached high school, my parents encouraged me to pursue whatever interest crossed my mind.

I thought I wanted to be a horseback riding instructor, then an actress, then a disco dancer. For a while, I went roller skating every Friday night at the rink downtown, which I think is a grocery store now. I spent a lot of time hanging out at Kent Pizza.

My junior year, I took my first job at the McDonalds on Main Street. That was back in the polyester uniform days. I remember my blue striped shirt with the pointed collar. As bad as I looked, those were happy times.

TC: You're obviously an accomplished writer. What kinds of experiences at Gilbert led you on that path? Any specific teachers, courses or programs you took? Extracurriculars? Did Gilbert prepare you adequately for Skidmore?

DUTTON: We had great teachers at Gilbert during the years I was there — 1978 to 1982. My first writing class was with Mrs. Fortuna. She taught me to pay attention to grammar and to look closely at how I used my words. And as a bonus, I had a crush on her son.

My sophomore year, I enrolled in English II with Mr. Trout. He dropped a heavy reading list on us — The House of Seven Gables, The Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner, Tale of Two Cities, Great Expectations. But he started every hour with a joke or an anecdote which somehow led to smart discussions. I loved the way that man taught. He kept us rolling.

I didn't get to take Mr. Reynold's Rock and Roll literature class my Junior year, but I would have loved it. Maybe I would have started writing Freaked (my music novel) fifteen years earlier. I remember the people in the class studied the lyrics of Bob Dylan.

My most important English class at Gilbert was UCONN English with Mr. Cangelosi. We read selections

from Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance by Robert Pirsig, Plato's The Cave and F. Scott Fitzgerald's The Great Gatsby.

Whenever anyone in the class responded to one of Mr. Cangelosi's many, many tricky questions with something empty, he would glance at the ceiling and spin a circle in his chair. He must have gotten very dizzy, but he made us into excellent critical thinkers

I was ahead of the game as a reader and a writer when I entered Skidmore. Gilbert definitely prepared me for the work to come.

TC: What motivated you to go to Alaska? A sense of adventure? There must have been a lot of other suitable MFA programs closer by.

DUTTON: I moved to Alaska five years after receiving my BA at Skidmore because I knew I needed to learn more about writing if I was going to earn a living at it. But the idea of adventure also trumped my considerations about which school I chose. For a few years, while I was attending classes, I lived in a one room cabin with no running water and went for long cross country ski treks with my husky Sally.

Now that I have kids, I've settled down. Still, if someone offered me a job in Tahiti or the South Pole, I'd consider it. It's just how I am. I have a lot of curiosity for what's out there.

TC: What kind of genre do your novels fit into? Young adult? Teen? Why that audience over others?

DUTTON: My novels are what the industry calls Edgy Young Adult or Teen and are marketed to readers ages 15 and older.

My first novel Freaked is about a boy age 15 who is caught up with

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year. Now have permanent guardianship of a friend's 10-year-old girl. God truly works in mysterious ways."

1984

Barbara (Wetmore) Neal writes: "I'd like to say hello to the class of 1984. My daughter Trisha had a baby boy born July 5, 2009. I'm very proud to be a grandmother. He is a joy. My grandson's name is Tyler James Van Deusen. Raymond and I will have been married 20 years on Dec. 15." The couple lives in Winsted.

1987

Candy (Douyard) Dietlin reports that her son, Andrew Jenner '10, is in the Army Reserves and starts boot camp Nov. 24 in Fort Jackson, S.C. Then it's off to Fort Lee, Va., for AIT (advanced individual training).

1993

Tiffany (Goulet) Augeri is moving to Saudi Arabia this fall to become a guidance counselor at the American International School in Riyadh.

Heather (Ervin) Boyajia has started grad school at Plymouth State University in New Hampshire for her M.Ed.

1998

Last year **Gina (Lauretti) Sarti-rana** started her own full-service real estate firm, In Demand Realty, in Winsted.

Dr. Dongngan T. Truong moved to Salt Lake City in June to start a three-year pediatric cardiology fellowship.

1999

Kimberly R. Hamm has accepted the position of assistant director of development and alumni relations at Temple University's Fox School of Business in Philadelphia.

2003

Stefanie (Moran) Palmer married Lief Palmer on June 26, 2010. She lives in Winsted and is a teacher's aide at The Kolburne School in New Marlborough, Mass.

2006

Tony Leger dropped us a note recently: "Was awarded two Army achievement medals and am scheduled to deploy to Afghanistan in the summer of 2012. I am a PFC but am waiting for my promotion ceremony in September to specialist (SPC). I'm stationed in Stratford, Conn., and am currently living in Torrington."

2007

Congratulations to **Brittany Smyth** for making the dean's list for the spring semester at Mitchell College in New London, with a 3.88 GPA. Brittany is majoring in hospitality and tourism. She is the daughter of Terry and Becky Smyth of Winsted, and granddaughter of George and Carole Haley of Rangeley, Maine. She was also named top female scholar athlete and selected for inclusion in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities at an award ceremony on April 28. Keep up the good work, Brittany!

Class of '50 Gift Will Refurbish Scoreboard



As a gift to The Gilbert School at its 60th reunion, the Class of 1950 has donated more than \$1,400 toward the rehabilitation of the outdated and weatherbeaten scoreboard on Van Why Field.

The school, the W.L. Gilbert Trust Corporation and the student athletes are very grateful.

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J.T. Dutton '82 with her husband Jeff and children Zoe and Cass.

drugs and escapes his prep school in Connecticut to see the Grateful Dead. Stranded tells the tale of teen girls coming of age in a town in Iowa where a baby has been abandoned in a cornfield.

The subject matter of both books is controversial but I believe teens have to make complicated choices in order to mature. Books like mine are meant to provide a pathway to discussion about difficult situations and a way for teens to experience certain dramas without having to live through them.

The teen characters I create don't always behave the way a parent would want them to, but hopefully they inspire thoughtfulness.

TC: You also do a lot of teaching of your craft and I see your husband does also. Which endeavor do you find more rewarding? Writing or teaching?

DUTTON: I love both. Writing is a difficult career because there are no guarantees about making a living. You have to get used to lots of rejection. Teaching has been a good way to stay involved and invested in the discussions of other writers while earning a semi-regular paycheck. I might have remained more of a teacher than a

writer except that I lost fifty-percent of my hearing ten years ago. It's strange how a bad thing has turned into a good thing.

Jeff and I both wanted flexibility in our work-life to allow us to be at home when our kids hopped off the bus. I began staying home more to write, until eventually, I had a book to sell.

TC: What are your passions away from the keyboard and the classroom? Do they inform your work and, if so, how?

DUTTON: I think about my creative projects when I walk the dog or go for a run. I study yoga so I can keep my brain centered and focused. I buy books to read based on what they can teach me about developing a plot or writing a metaphor. There is not much I do that doesn't relate to my writing life.

My husband calls my refusal to leave work behind obsessive, which I have to say, sometimes it kind of is. But it takes a lot of mental energy to create. You can't just leave your ideas at the office. They can wake you up at night if you aren't careful.

A lot of people think I must be a serious Deadhead and that my novel

Freaked is somehow autobiographical. The overlap of my interests doesn't work quite THAT way. I went to see the Grateful Dead a few times and was amazed by the excitement of the shows and the characters I ran into. I heard a lot of Deadheads tell their stories. I thought, hey, that might make a cool background for a novel. I made the story up.

TC: Anything else??

DUTTON: I feel as if I have succeeded in what I set out to do because many people succeeded more deeply before me—my parents when they provided all their children with a free and exciting first 18 years and an openhandedness about our interests. If Dad had had his way, I would have studied something reliable like accounting, but he was willing to stand aside and let me follow my crazy dreams.

The Gilbert School provided me with a diverse education so that I was able to attend a competitive arts college like Skidmore and not feel left behind. My Gilbert writing and English teachers absolutely succeeded in fueling a passion for books that will last me a life time. To become really successful myself, I feel like I have to pass down these things on to my kids.

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How do you like our new design? Your comments are welcome at:
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Two Gilbert Grads Meet By Chance On Carrier Overseas

Dear Editor:

I am an alumna of The Gilbert School, Class of 1984. Presently I am serving as Chief Petty Officer in the graphics media department on board USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) – an aircraft carrier in the U.S. Navy, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Most recently, we had quite a few distinguished visitors that have come on board to visit with sailors. We use this opportunity to showcase the professionalism of our sailors and the work they do. We are currently on our routine six-month deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and supporting troops on the ground in Afghanistan.

One of our most recent visitors on Feb. 16-17, 2010, was the Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert and six other guests. One such guest was Rear Admiral (Upper Half) Karen Flaherty Oxler, Deputy Chief of Wounded, Ill, and Injured, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. While reading her bio, I was astonished to hear she was a Winsted native and graduate of The Gilbert School. On the day of her arrival and throughout the day, I tried to find



Chief Petty Officer Lori A. Steenstra '84 and Rear Admiral Karen Flaherty Oxler met by chance on a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier in the Indian Ocean back in February.

the time to speak with her.

Finally, I found a small window of available time and approached and no sooner had I informed her that I was an alumna, but she informed me too, that she was the daughter of the late science (physics) teacher at The Gilbert School, none other than Mr. William "Doc" Flaherty. I told her I had known him when I first came to the school with my father, who was a former headmaster from 1981–1992.

She remembered my dad and was totally shocked to see me (and a Winsted native at that).

My dad remembered Mr. Flaherty very well and thought he might have remembered her, too. We spoke for 20–25 minutes, catching up on Winsted news, her family and mine. The photo was taken by my Public Affairs Officer LCDR L. Tommy Crosby) Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lori A. Steenstra '84
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Graphics Media Dept
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Volcano Strands Classics Students



Longtime Classics teacher John Higgins and his students made the best of a trying situation when the group became stranded in Rome. The students are (from left) Jenni Fritch, Angelica Consiglio, Maggie Gainer, Isabella Panagakos, Jessica Stenman, Theodore Smith, Jessica Shotwell.

For a group of Gilbert Classics students, it was almost the one-week field trip that never ended.

Seven students on a field trip to Rome with longtime Classics teacher John Higgins were stranded in April for several additional days when flights in much of Europe were grounded because of a volcanic eruption in Iceland.

The students left with their chaperons shortly before April break and were stranded in Rome for more than a week before the ban was lifted.

"There are worse places to be, but we would like to be home," Higgins

told *The Winsted Journal* on April 20. "We were supposed to fly back to the U.S. last Saturday and we are still waiting for a flight. Everything is still uncertain — I would say 'up in the air' — but I can't stand puns."

Most of the group stayed with a couple of families from the American Overseas School in Rome. Higgins was thankful for the families' hospitality but also praised the students for their maturity and poise under difficult circumstances.

"The students have been outstanding throughout the whole thing," he added in an email exchange with *The*

Journal. "Even before the eruption, I was really pleased with the way they comported themselves. In the days since the emergency began, they have all shown themselves to be flexible, understanding and mature. Nobody is happy about not knowing when we are going to be home, but I have heard scarcely a word of complaint. They have been cheerful (to the extent they can be in the circumstances) even though they have a lot to put up with. They are a credit to their families, to Winsted and to The Gilbert School."

- Terry Cowgill

SPC Shane Bordonaro '05 In The WSJ

A Very Long Engagement



Iraqi children gather around an American soldier, above. President Dwight Eisenhower receives a medal from Korean boy scouts in Seoul in 1960, below.

U.S. Army Specialist Shane M. Bordonaro '05 was pictured in a U.S. Army photo in a recent edition of The Wall Street Journal as part of a story on the possible duration of the war in Iraq. The photo ran on page W2 of the Aug. 28-29 Weekend Journal section.

Shane appeared to be on solo patrol on a street in an Iraqi city. His name was not in the caption but Shane's mother, Tracy, who works in the Gilbert School cafeteria, confirmed that it was him.

Indeed, if you look closely at Shane's nametage, you can see his last name in capital letters.

Congratulations, Shane, and thanks very much for your service in such a dangerous place.

Students Enjoy 'Game Changing' Trip to D.C.

Nine Gilbert science students toured Washington, D.C. Feb. 23-25, making a prolonged stop at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland.

The trip was arranged by Joan Centrella '71, head of the center's Gravitational Astrophysics Laboratory. It was organized by Science Department Chair Patrick Cooke '89, who brought along science teachers Joe Brady '77 and Jennine Gorman Lupo.

Cooke said the trip was an astonishing success.

"It was was a real game changer," Cooke said. "Some students who were considering careers in science were absolutely convinced that they wanted to go in that direction after this trip."

Joan is a big supporter of Gilbert, having established The Fred and Mary Centrella Fund for



Nine students and three faculty members made the trip to NASA Goddard Flight Center.

Student and Faculty Enrichment in honor of her parents several years ago. The fund supports out-of-school learning opportunities for students and faculty for the purpose of intellectual enrichment. The trip also included a visit to the Smith-

sonian National Air and Space Museum.

Cooke said he was extremely grateful to the Centrella Fund and to the W.L. Gilbert Trust, both of which made the trip possible through generous grants.

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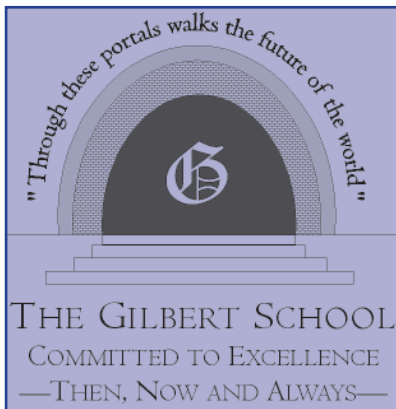
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Interested in learning more about making a planned gift?

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- Help ensure the legacy of The Gilbert School in a simple and affordable way.
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It just takes a simple designation in your Will or Trust and will not affect your cash flow during your lifetime. If your situation changes, you can make modifications or revoke it at any time.

There are so many ways you can help, from a specific bequest to a deferred gift or life income agreement that benefits your family now and Gilbert later. Here are some of the most popular vehicles used for charitable giving:

Bequest

An outright gift through your will or trust of property or a specific sum of money.

Charitable Gift Annuities and Charitable Trusts

Typically guarantee the donor a fixed income for life and then the remaining principal passes to Gilbert upon the donor's death.

Gifts of Real Estate or Life Insurance

Possible benefits include:

- An income tax deduction in the year you make your gift.
- Tax-advantaged income.
- Fixed or variable income payments to you or designated beneficiaries.
- Capital gains tax savings if you donate appreciated assets.



Let us hear from you!

Whether you've recently married, celebrated an anniversary or an addition to your family, received a promotion, changed occupations, started a business, written a book, won an award—or just want to send greetings to your classmates—let us know!

Fill out this form and mail it to the Alumni Office, submit online at www.gilbertschool.org or send us an email! We — and your classmates — would enjoy hearing from you!

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