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Alumni Weekend 2022

“The view from the mountaintop is still the same 65 years later.” These words from Head of School Kal Balaven, adapted from a passage by founder Tony Dunn, echoed amongst alumni and members of the professional community at a special evening reception on Saturday, June 11, 2022.

Gathered to celebrate reunions, friendship, and coming to campus again, we loved seeing alumni from the late 60s all the way to more recent graduates for Alumni Weekend.

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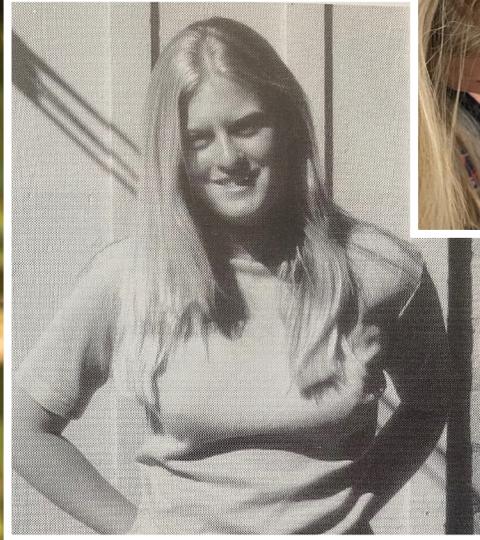
Be sure to save the date for next year's Alumni Weekend: June 9-11, 2023.

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Finding Success with a Fleet

Sixty-five years ago, Tony Dunn established a school that nurtured entrepreneurship skills as a byproduct of the Whole Student Education approach. More than 40 years later, **Autumn Badelt-Fanning '99** says her entrepreneurial spirit was cultivated at Dunn, and she used it to change the veterinary industry.

After building her career as a traditional veterinarian, Autumn saw an opportunity for a more holistic and personalized care model. She knew that mobile vet clinics were successful, and she wondered why no one else had a fleet of them. With that curiosity in mind, Autumn decided to establish her business around that very concept, with the goal of one day selling the successful mobile model.

In May 2022, Autumn's business dream was realized: her Southern California-based mobile veterinarian clinic **Vet's Here** was acquired by national veterinary start-up **BetterVet** in the company's largest acquisition to date.

The hard work, attentive care, and determination were worth every moment. When thinking back to her days at Dunn, Autumn connected the dots between skills and lessons learned

while a junior and senior and how she now runs her successful and unique business.

"Leadership, resiliency, and an attentiveness to each individual student were the key skills and experiences that I appreciated from my days at Dunn, and have since used throughout my professional and personal life," Autumn said.

"I wouldn't be where I am today without the guidance and care from so many of my Dunn instructors... **Mr. Lowe, Mrs. Haig, Mr. Judecky, Mr. Daves-Rougeaux.** I felt like I was part of a solid intellectual environment, and each of these teachers trusted me and let me have free reign. They helped me find parts of my brain and personality that I never knew existed.

"Entrepreneurship was also encouraged at Dunn. I found that no one ever said 'No'

to my ideas. As long as we were doing something productive, we kept moving forward.

"Now I'm running California operations for BetterVet. My family has recently bought a vineyard in Paso Robles, and I get to spend time enjoying my family, my passions, and my career. Life has never been better, and I'm so grateful to Dunn for helping me on this journey."

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Alumni & Former Faculty Updates

1970s

William Ripley (aka Mr. Rip): I was a Spanish teacher, track coach, and Assistant Dean of Students at Dunn from 1967 to 1970. What a place to begin my life-long career in education, which came to an end last year at age 79. I have fond memories of years at Dunn, particularly three Easter trips to Mexico driving the school bus and taking the League Championship in track in 1970.

Palmer Hughes '71: Currently splitting my time between Ketchum, Idaho, and San Diego, Calif.



1980s

Clain Campagna: I taught biology and science at Dunn from 1978 to 1982. I also was the outdoor director and coached various sports, including basketball. My second year coaching we went 12 and 0, undefeated. I think this was the only time Dunn School has done that! I taught for 32 years in Bend, Ore., after my stint at Dunn. I'm now retired with six grandkids and great memories of my time at Dunn!

1990s

Trina Reddall '98, Teagan St. Hilaire '98, and Lara (Van Enoo) Simmons '97 have remained friends since high school. Whenever we get together, it's always easy to pick up where we left off, even if it's been a couple years. In May 2022, we met up for a girls' weekend in Summerlin, Nev. Here's a pic from our college days and now.



2000s

Jasmine Ferguson '07 & Charles de l'Arbre '05: Even though we overlapped for two years, Charlie and I weren't close in high school. We reconnected in 2020 over social media, developing crushes on each other in high school. I moved back to the Central Coast, and we started dating in May 2020 while the world was shut down. We got married in November and are planning a bigger celebration, hopefully on Dunn's campus!



2010s

Sunny (McCluer) Holmes '10: I was the proud first CEO and co-founder of the Earwig Café, before attending University of Puget Sound. I went on to receive a Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Western University of Health Sciences. I've been a physical therapist in Chatsworth, Calif. for the past 5 years, specializing in pediatrics and the use of equine movement. Last year, my husband and I welcomed our daughter, Carson Grace.



Keegan Mitchell '10: My wife, Shelby, and I welcomed our first child, Ollivander Kingsley Mitchell, in June 2021. We recently relocated to Philadelphia, Pa., for my work with private equity firm Estancia Capital, where I was promoted to Vice President. I enjoy sitting on the Dunn Investment Committee and watching the portfolio continue to grow!

2020s

Jackson Grunzweig '20: I'm a rising Junior at USC Marshall, pursuing a B.S. in business administration with an emphasis in finance. I recently completed the Robert J. Courey Applied Leadership Program at USC and am currently interning at DSA Investments in Dubai. I'm proud to continue my involvement with Dunn's entrepreneurship program and have been a non-voting member for the school's Investment Committee since August 2020.

Then & Now



1957: A late afternoon photograph of the Headmaster's House shows Tony Dunn walking with Jim Morgan '61.



2022: Walking along a similar route to what is now an office building for four professional community members, Head of School Kal Balaven and Oliver Vachon '24 take in the afternoon light.

Many thanks to Eric Roberts '89 for the inspiration behind these Then & Now photos.

Outdoor Education Today...



Students returned to campus in August to kick off the 2022/2023 academic year, which started with adventurous Outdoor Education trips. Middle School students ventured to Veterans Memorial Park in Monterey, and Upper School students traveled to Channel Islands National Park on Santa Cruz Island, Southern Sierra Nevada, and Yosemite National Park. On the trips, students develop outdoor skills, discover a sense of place, as well as apply Dunn Core Values, particularly Social Responsibility and Moral Courage.



Save the Dates

Seattle Alumni Chapter event: November 3, 2022

San Francisco Alumni Chapter luncheon: December 6, 2022

Los Angeles Alumni Chapter luncheon: December 13, 2022

Founder's Day: April 28, 2023

Alumni Weekend: June 9-11, 2023

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