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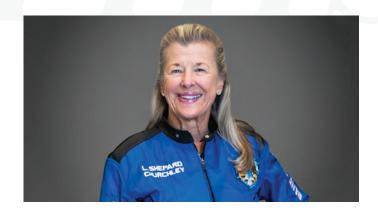
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FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Our Next Chapter is Just Beginning

BY BARBARA BLACKWELL (HON'22) Chief Executive



Welcome to a fresh new version of the *Principia Purpose*! As Principia begins its 125th anniversary year, we felt it was time to give this publication a new look and feel. This reimagining of the magazine aims to be reader-friendly, flexible, and accessible. You will find simplified sections, bold photos, and shorter articles. "Quick Looks" and "In Brief" columns make updates more digestible. Perhaps most exciting is a new online component so that you can share and post *Purpose* content on social media!

This new format reflects Principia's bright, innovative future. As Principia's new Chief Executive, I am eager to partner with all of you as, together, we support and contribute to that future. From the vantage point of a lifelong, class-taught Christian Scientist, I am astounded by the myriad creative ways in which I see Principia "serving the Cause of Christian Science" on a daily basis. This expansive, limitless mission is seen throughout this issue of the *Purpose*—from the remarkable accomplishments of our alumni and

throughout the world, 14,000 Principians are lifting thought, magnifying good, and "marking the perfect man." What an extraordinary impact you are having out there.

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their impact on their communities and the world to the achievements of our students, at every level, as they overcome any sense of limitation.

For 125 years, Principia has been educating young people with this unique mix of intellectual rigor and spiritual grounding. Today,

Our next chapter is just beginning, and I am incredibly excited to be a part of it. Join me in supporting this remarkable institution as—together—we move forward with courage, creativity, and commitment.

WHAT OUR READERS SAY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tell us what you think.

To submit your letters and provide feedback, email purpose@principia.edu, or write to *Principia Purpose*, 13201 Clayton Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.



It was great to see that Nora (Bushong) Larimer (C'75) is still producing beautiful art. I traveled with her on one of Doc Wanamaker's Prin Abroad trips to Southeast Asia in 1975—along with her future husband Preston Larimer (C'75) and future Principia College president John Williams (C'76). One of her student "projects" was to paint various scenes throughout the trip. When we returned to Prin, they were put on display, and I bought a watercolor of hers showing the beautiful rail station in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia—I think for around \$15. It was the first real piece of art I ever bought. The picture remains in a place of honor on the walls of my home in Newport Beach, and I cherish it to this day. Even more so now that I know what an accomplished artist she has become!

-Lenard Davis (C'75)



"DEVELOPING AN EYE FOR GREATNESS"

Thank you for spotlighting the artwork of my wife's mother, Doris Lindo Lewis, in the Winter 2022 issue of the *Purpose*. Her work as the earliest North American female surrealist continues to be appreciated and shared more widely since we uncovered a trove of her canvases after my mother-inlaw's passing. One of her works, "Gaia with Love and Revenge," was recently restored by The Conservation Center in Chicago.

-J. Denis Glover (C'59)

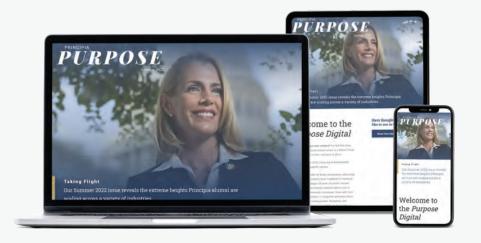
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IN BRIEF

MARSTON FIELD OPENER

The varsity baseball team defeated Maplewood-Richmond Heights in a "mercy rule" 15–4 win at the first-ever home game on the new Marston Family Field. Retired math teacher and legendary coach **Bill Marston (US'75, C'80)** threw out the first pitch to celebrate the home opener that took place March 29. The new field is part of the Simon Athletic Complex project.

CUM LAUDE INDUCTEES

Congratulations to our 2022 Cum Laude Society inductees-Anna Dilley, Peyton Hanser, Joli Muller, Naomi Nutwell, and Holly Savoye. This year's ceremony with a guest-speaker appearance from Jenna Marston (US'09) honored the inductees' impressive academic achievements. The inductees selected Perrin House captain Peyton Hanser to deliver comments to the Upper School students. Both Jenna and Peyton's messages addressed perseverance, the pursuit of passions, and being one's best self rather than "the best."



STUDENTS

Students Celebrate "The Difference"

The Upper School recently launched a student-led affinity group to seek community solutions on topics such as social media advocacy, noticing injustice, impactful introspection, and the effects of cancel culture. "The Difference" hosts regular meetings and events with a two-fold purpose. The group aims to 1) create a safe campus space for POC (people of color) to understand how their own identity shapes their experiences while celebrating shared culture, and 2) to act as an incubator for sharing ideas and igniting change surrounding injustice. "I want The Difference to be a place where people can come together and be safe, vulnerable, and talk about issues they may face," says group co-leader, Jesse Gathungu, who will be a senior in the fall.

ATHLETICS

Hall of Famer Tapped to Lead Boys' Basketball

The School welcomed Jay Blossom as the new head boys' basketball coach earlier this spring. A renowned and respected character educator, Coach Blossom brings more than two decades of coaching experience and an impressive winning record to his new role. The Missouri Basketball Hall of Famer is known for establishing a winning culture among teams-both on and off the court—and he hopes to bring Principia School to the forefront of the St. Louis high school basketball world.







PERFORMANCE

SPRING PRODUCTIONS MAKE A SPLASH

In May, the St. Louis High School Musical Theatre Awards (SLHSMTA) nominated Principia in two categories—Outstanding Scenic Design and Outstanding Direction—for the Upper School's production of "Disney The Little Mermaid." The awards celebrate outstanding achievements in high school musical theatre.

Upper schoolers traded their feet for flippers in the production, which featured strong vocal performances by Savannah King, Joseph Luciani, Goodluck Ajeh, Sofi Velazquez, Quinna McCarty, Richie Keyes, Enyinnaya Ukairo, and Joli Muller, as well as the rest of the cast. Quinna McCarty, who will be a junior in the fall, won the WOW! Award at the May 22 awards ceremony for her portrayal of "Scuttle" and "Chef Louis" in the Upper School production. The show was a wonderful testament to the hard work and dedication of the Upper School Performing Arts Department under the direction of Liesl Ehmke (C'89).

The Middle School also took audience members to sea with another brave female lead—Moana. It was all hands on deck for the Middle School performers (pictured left), set designers, and tech crew for "Disney Moana JR.," complete with vibrant sets and playful, comedic characters.

IN BRIEF

MIDDLE SCHOOL CREATES CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM

After completing a unit on civil rights, eighth-grade students created a museum with neighboring school, St. Louis Catholic Academy. The two classes put together an exhibition walkthrough—combining art, history, and creative storytelling. Visitors were able to learn about and celebrate marginalized changemakers, engage in thoughtful discussions, and hear students share their biggest takeaways from their research.

ALL IN THE [ASTRONAUT] FAMILY

Laura Shepard Churchley (US'65, C'69) visited the School in April to talk about her recent trip to space on Blue Origin's Shepard spacecraft, named after her astronaut father, Alan Shepard. Students learned about Laura's experience in space, asked questions, and created postcards that will travel to space aboard the next Blue Origin "New Shepard" rocket. Churchley also gave an inspiring talk alongside Blue Origin avionics engineer, Kevin Pratt (US'00, C'04), at a community-wide event.

HONEY'S HOME

Pony Club returned to campus after a two-year hiatus with Honey the pony helping kids from kindergarten to second grade learn to ride and care for horses. Instructor **Stephanie Alioto (US'99)** brings her years of experience working with her own horses and at CedarS Camps to the riding ring near the Early Childhood Center.



EVENTS

Lower School Celebrates Cultural Cornucopia

The Lower School was a vibrant hub of cultural diversity this spring, during its first-ever Festival of Cultures. The aromas of culinary delights wafted through the gym as students whose families hail from nine different countries shared colorful displays of flags, languages, fauna, and fun facts from distant lands. They even took part in a mini fashion show of traditional clothing.

The event was special because of the authentic representation and pride behind each of the student's displays. Students and families shared their unique heritage—whether the students were born abroad, are first-generation Americans, or know their ancestry.

"We have such ... robust representation from different cultures, and that makes us unique," said Lower School Principal **Heather Tibbetts**. "The families that created the displays were so thrilled to share their culture."

AWARDS

PRINCIPIA NAMED 2022 GREEN RIBBON SCHOOL

The U.S. Department of Education named Principia School a 2022 U.S. Green Ribbon School in April. Principia School was nominated by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, in partnership with Missouri Green Schools for its commitment to sustainable practices in leadership, facilities, health, and environmental education.

The U.S. Department of Education honored 27 schools from across the country for their innovative efforts in sustainability, and honorees were selected from a pool of candidates nominated by 19 states. Each state can include up to two schools or districts to receive this recognition. Principia School and the School District of University City were the two selected for this prestigious honor in the state of Missouri.

"We are both proud and humbled by this honor," said Interim Head of School **Tami Gavaletz (C'00)**. "Our school sees this award as both a recognition of our diligent work up to this point and a catalyst to continue to grow, improve, and innovate."



COLLEGE



IN BRIEF

CAPSTONE PROJECTS HIGHLIGHT SENIORS' ACCOMPLISHMENTS

From the Voney Art Center to Alaskan ice fields, seniors showcased their work through capstone-project presentations held at the end of the semester. At Voney, students like Carolina Vilcapoma (C'22) shared their art and photography at a special exhibit in the James K. Schmidt Gallery. Other students shared work in other majors. Abby Holt (C'22), a geology and sustainability double major, for example, presented findings on Juneau Icefield water isotopes both on campus and to the International Glaciological Society.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONFERENCE SPOTLIGHTS SOCIAL MEDIA

The theme of the 2022 Principia College Public Affairs Conference (PAC) was "Social Media: Balancing Reality in a Digital World." Held in early April, PAC is the longest-running, student-led conference in the nation. Speakers included Andrew Parsons (US'10, C'14), a fashion photographer who started an online publication to highlight industry creatives (DRUE Magazine); Rebecca Lairson, senior manager of marketing communications for Hungry Planet; Jacqueline Ball (C'08), founder and digital strategist of Sozoe Creative; and Bailey Parnell, founder and CEO of Skillscamp.

MARTIN, KAMUSINGA TAKE TOP TEACHING AWARDS

Principia recognized two professors for outstanding dedication to their students and craft. The student body voted Associate Professor of Chemistry **Brian Kamusinga (C'11)** as Teacher of the Year for his love of his subject and commitment to helping students understand a difficult topic. **Dr. Heather Martin** of the religious studies department was the winner of the annual Horace Edwin Harper Jr. and Evelyn Wright Harper Award for Teaching Excellence.



SPEAKERS

MONITOR ASKS, "CAN WE TRUST THE MEDIA?"

On February 24, Principia College welcomed the editor and staff writers from the Pulitzer-prize winning newspaper *The Christian Science Monitor* for the 22nd Monitor Night Live. The panel gathered in Wanamaker Hall before a live audience and was joined by over 1,000 online viewers from around the world.

The evening's topic, "Can We Trust the Media? Journalism in an Unfiltered Social Media World," focused on enhancing media literacy by delving into trust, honesty, and nuance in journalism.

"We've seen a lot of people in the media say, 'This is our bias and we're going to wear it on our sleeve.' That's new and makes a lot of sense because you should know where they're coming from," said Mark Sappenfield, editor. However, this approach can also lead to polarization.

In addition to Sappenfield, the panel included *Monitor* correspondents Story Hinckley, Stephanie Hanes, and Noah Robertson.



FACULTY

College Convenes Panel on Invasion of Ukraine

As much of the world asked, "what can we do?" in response to the deadly Russian invasion of Ukraine, a panel of Principia College faculty and staff members quickly mobilized to do what they do best in such circumstances: teach. Students and Principia College community members packed Wanamaker Hall February 28, for an hour-and-a-half panel discussion titled "Invasion of Ukraine: What Does it Mean?"

College President John Williams (C'76) hosted a panel of five professors and one Latvian staff member to provide a wide range of historical, economic, media, personal, spiritual, and political perspectives on the situation in Ukraine, Eastern Europe, and Russia. The Principia community tuned in to the discussion from 17 countries around the world with 1,153 virtual attendees joining the 125-person live audience.

"I wanted to inform myself," said then-sophomore **Angie Whitmore**, who took a break from her studies to attend the panel discussion. "The main thing I got out of this is the need to pray for the people in Ukraine and see the situation without judging."

The Ukraine event came about after Monitor Night Live, an annual Principia College presentation with the editor and staff writers from the Pulitzer-prize-winning newspaper *The Christian Science Monitor* (see news item p. 9). After that event, "it was apparent that there was a need and thus the panel/

program was constructed over the weekend," said **Heather Holmes**, who helped organize both events.

While there are no specific courses in Ukrainian politics and history at Principia, each member of the panel brought a unique lens to the rapidly developing invasion and its global ramifications.

Watch a replay of the event.



TRAVEL

Students Explore New York City Art Scene

Studio-art and art-history students experienced the New York City art world firsthand during a spring trip to the city's major museums March 31 through April 3. Professor Paul Ryan (C'77) of the Department of Art and Art History and Professor Dinah Ryan (C'78) of the English Department, along with Post-Graduate Teaching Intern (PGTI) Kristians Klava (C'21) led the group of 10 students through more than a dozen art museums and galleries in four days. "There is simply nothing like New York City," said Prof. Paul Ryan. "The highlights were everything—the major art museums, the Chelsea gallery district, the Drawing Center, and the excitement of being in New York City, one of the great art capitals of the world."

COMPETITION

MODEL UN DELEGATION EXCELS

Six Principia College students represented the country of Mexico in the 62nd Midwest Model United Nations conference in St. Louis. The College Model UN team consisted of Chris Ajuoga, Tobin Blair, Caroline Carlson, George William Lutwama, Kristin Neubert, and Rhyan du Peloux. Model UN conferences provide hands-on educational experiences in which students learn about diplomacy and international relations. This year's conference was entirely in person after two years of pandemic-related restrictions. "Each of us had key roles in the . . . committees," Carlson said.

COMMENCEMENT

CLASS OF 2022 MEETS FUTURE WITH RESILIENCE

The Class of 2022 has demonstrated resilience throughout their time at Principia College, remarked President John Williams (C'76) in his opening address at this year's commencement. "Even more so," he said, addressing the graduates, "you have demonstrated grace, joy, and humor." The graduates are now engaging in a variety of internships, graduate programs, and jobs with that same resilient and bright spirit. They are launching into a number of opportunities, including writing and editing for The Christian Science Monitor, attending law school at George Washington University, developing software for Spectra Logic, working for St. Elias Alpine Guides, and studying public policy at Pepperdine University.



COMPETITION

"Outstanding" Award for Model Illinois Government Team

Nearly 100 undergraduate students from 11 Illinois colleges and universities gathered at the Illinois General Assembly for the 44th Annual Model Illinois Government simulation this spring. The event mirrors the experience of assembly members working on state legislation. The students research and debate actual pieces of legislation from the prior session of the Illinois General Assembly to learn more about state legislative processes.

Principia College's delegation made a big splash for a tiny team, earning the "Outstanding Small Delegation" award. Senior **Delaney Gatine** was elected to one of the leadership positions (assistant minority leader) in the model House of Representatives. Senior **Erin Demaree** and first-year student **Charley Hoffman** were selected as minority spokespersons for their respective House committees. Senior **Cassidy Proctor** was also a member of the House minority and authored a significant amendment to legislation.



These Students Mean Business: Fostering Entrepreneurship at the School

STORY BY ALLEX (SAMMULI) JESPER (US'12,C'16)

Principia Middle and Upper School are cultivating savvy business owners, providing real-world opportunities for students to think and create like entrepreneurs.

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL BUSINESS GAME

For the past two years, Middle School integrated studies teacher Kendall Shoemake (C'15) has encouraged students to explore what it takes to launch a successful business. Over several weeks, students design and develop a business model—a strategy that includes their product design, marketing tactics, and operations plan. The unit concludes with an exciting "Shark Tank"-inspired event where students pitch their products and services to a panel of business "sharks" who critique the students' work and give feedback.

Throughout this year's Business Game project, the budding entrepreneurs worked with experts and business owners who shared valuable insights gained from real-world experiences with the students.

"I enjoy being independent and using the lessons learned from the speakers to build something of my own," says seventh-grader Eli

One of the guest speakers, Principia College Director for Entrepreneurship and Innovation Lucia De Paz (US'96, C'00), encouraged students to embrace curiosity, let go of fear, and learn from mistakes. "Don't be afraid to fail and have fun with the process," she told them. "The faster you fail, the faster you learn."

UPPER SCHOOL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Upper School Entrepreneurship 1 class spent the winter prepping for the highly anticipated Launch Party—a market-style event where students sell their products and services and polish their sales pitches—as well as a culminating "Pitch Night" event.

"Entrepreneurship teaches students to look at the world with a new perspective," entrepreneurship teacher **Lindsay Bryan** (US'01) said. "They're learning to think creatively about problem-solving and it's been really interesting to see kids break through roadblocks ... they're having blunt conversations with one another about how to find solutions."

At the end of the school year during Pitch Night, students bravely took to the stage to share what they learned and what business strategies worked best. The "sharks" decided who did it best and project organizers gave out awards and recognition to standout student businesses.

First-year students
Ava and Avery won this
year's Pitch Night with
their "Period Project," a
charitable business that
collected feminine hygiene
products for girls and
women in need. Another
service-minded group interested in STEM created
children's toys using 3D
printing.



ALUMNI-ENTREPRENEUR PERSPECTIVE

Todd Boyman (US'83, C'87) Industry: Plant-based meats Business Name: Hungry Planet Inc.

Years as an Entrepreneur: 35

"Principia is giving its students a leg up in the working world by giving them experience and insights into the world of entrepreneurship. The problem-solving skills and application of finding innovative solutions gained by their exposure to entrepreneurship will help Principia students as they launch into their careers—regardless of their path."



Bouncing Ideas and Tuning the Pitch: Entrepreneurship at the College

STORY BY RICH BACHUS (US'83)

If you want to make it as an entrepreneur, you need to get an early start. So, it's no surprise that students began showing up to their New Venture Creation class even before the classroom was officially open for the day. It was Pitch Day, and the students were busy getting ready to share their business ideas and market research with their teachers—Assistant Professors of Business Administration Lucia De Paz (US'96, C'00) and Peter Tosto (US'80)—and their peers.

The groups of four to five students worked on their businesses for a couple of months, and this was their

first chance to present their ideas to an audience. The four groups' business plans show the kind of creative problem-solving that these students will need in future careers, whether they become entrepreneurs or not.

The first group was a little nervous at first but quickly warmed up as they presented. "The thing that makes Gym Caddie different is that we bring everything together," said the group's "CEO" **Josh Aleman** (**C'22**). Beyond just a gym bag, the group's product "helps users feel confident and complete when they go to the gym to work out."

Other ideas included:

- An electronic bracelet that "addresses the need for safety in the nightlife scene for college-age women," said Charlie MacIntire (C'22),
- A water-bottle cleaning station for use in public spaces like airports, museums, and universities, and
- A specialized AI platform like Siri or Alexa that helps senior adults stay connected with their families while remaining independent.

In the past few years, Principia College has focused on entrepre-



ALUMNI-ENTREPRENEUR PERSPECTIVE

Jeff Ross (C'19)

Industry: Web design/development

Business Name: CDH

Years as an Entrepreneur: 2.5

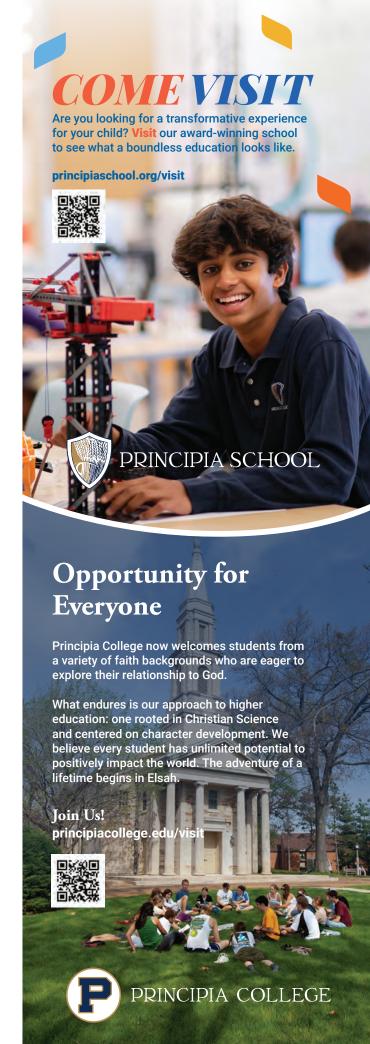
"I took a course called 'Entrepreneurship,' where you had to take an idea from its elementary stages all the way to putting together a full business plan and presenting it to a panel of 'investors.' I found that the process of consistently presenting and having to clearly articulate ideas primed me well for my conversations with clients."

neurship to prepare students for careers in business and other fields where innovation, critical thinking, and problem-solving are essential. Principia offers entrepreneurship as both a minor and a concentration within the business administration major.

Across campus and around the St. Louis-area entrepreneurial community, Principia College is gaining traction.
At an Idea Bounce event at Washington University, **Chris Mawere (C'22)** got the chance to see how Principia stacks

up against other colleges and universities. "I felt like we were actually quite ahead in what we are learning here—our level of competency was pretty high. It was a reassurance that we are on the right path."

For more information, visit the College's new Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at principiacollege.edu/ entrepreneurship





BOOKMARKS

What Ron Charles is Reading

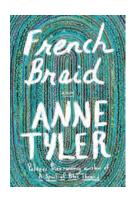
Ron Charles (US'80, C'84), a former editor of the book section at The Christian Science Monitor, writes about books for The Washington Post. His wife, Dawn (Thomas) Charles (C'83), teaches high school English in Bethesda, Maryland.

Assuming the statute of limitations has run out, I finally want to confess that I lied to my 11th-grade English teacher, Mr. Brayshaw, about completing the summer reading assignment. (Does that invalidate my Upper School diploma?) If it's any compensation, I've spent the rest of my life reading books and writing about them. Here are some novels I particularly enjoyed over the past few months:



Search by Michelle Huneven

A restaurant critic hopes to find inspiration for her next book by helping her church search for a new minister. It's a recipe for comedy and spiritual insight.



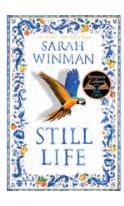
French Braid by Anne Tyler

Who captures the mingled delights and frustrations of family so well as Anne Tyler—our patron saint of the unremarked outlandishness of ordinary life?



Olga Dies Dreaming by Xochitl Gonzalez

Olga is America's celebrity wedding planner, but she can't find love for herself in this politically astute rom-com.



Still Life

After WWII, a quirky collection of friends from a London pub moves together to Florence in this novel that's a tonic for wanderlust and a

cure for loneliness.

by Sarah Winman



Small Things Like These

by Claire Keegan

Buy two copies of this slim Irish novel about the meaning of Christmas. You'll want one to savor and one to give away.

LIFESTYLE

RIVERFRONT LOFT LIVING

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch featured Penny Schmidt (US'75, C'79) in her riverfront Alton, Illinois, loft space that's equal parts home and gallery. Schmidt, an art dealer, is the daughter of painter and former Principia College faculty member James K. Schmidt. Her loft overlooking the river is also home to paintings, sculptures, and curated furnishings. Schmidt renovated the 10-loft industrial building about a decade and a half ago.



The Trip of a Lifetime

As the world watched Blue Origin's New Shepard spacecraft rocket to the stars, a crewmember on board was thinking back to what it was like for her father making the same historical ascent 60 years before.

Laura Shepard Churchley (US'65, C'69), daughter of Alan Shepard, America's first astronaut to fly into space, followed in her father's footsteps on December 11, 2021.

The exhilarating 10-minute flight—the NS-19 mission—included a crew of six, marking Blue Origin's third passenger mission to space. Churchley serves as chair of the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation Board of Trustees.

The rocket, named after her father's revered suborbital NASA flight, soared to an altitude of about 65 miles before falling back safely to Earth.

"I'm very proud of my father's legacy, and this unforgettable experience holds a special significance for me."

-Laura Shepard Churchley (US'65, C'69



IN BRIEF

SOCCER SUPERDRAFT

Kipp "Kippy" Keller (US'19) was selected as the fifth overall pick in the 2022 Major League Soccer SuperDraft. The center back joined Austin FC in Texas. The team, owned in part by Matthew McConaughey, has more than 18 games under its belt this season and is second in the Western Conference. While at Principia, Keller led the Upper School soccer team to its first Missouri State Soccer Championship win in 2015. He was also awarded First-team All-State. Keller played three seasons for Saint Louis University before going pro.

BLUE ORIGIN ENGINEER

Kevin Pratt (US'00, C'04) worked as an avionics engineer on the New Shepard project at Blue Origin. He shared his space-engineering experiences during a Laura Shepard Churchley (US'65, C'69) talk in April. Pratt credited his work with Principia's Solar Car Team as pivotal to learning how to work effectively on an engineering team. He was part of Blue Origin's first successful rocket launch and landings of the capsule and propulsion modules. On the New Shepard project, Pratt worked with safety features, on-ground battery power, and radio-frequency communications.

SMOOTH-JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Janet (Irvine) Buchanan (C'10) and husband Will Buchanan (C'10) are on a smooth roll through the St. Louis jazz scene while also making inroads into the national and international music world. Janet—whose stage name is Janet Evra—is front woman, bassist, and jazz vocalist and Will is lead guitarist. The band performs as Janet Evra. Regional press such as The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Riverfront Times, and St. Louis Magazine have featured the couple, and they performed at Principia College for Summer Session and both Reunions.



BOOKS

JULIA MORGAN: UNCOVERING A GROUNDBREAKING CAREER

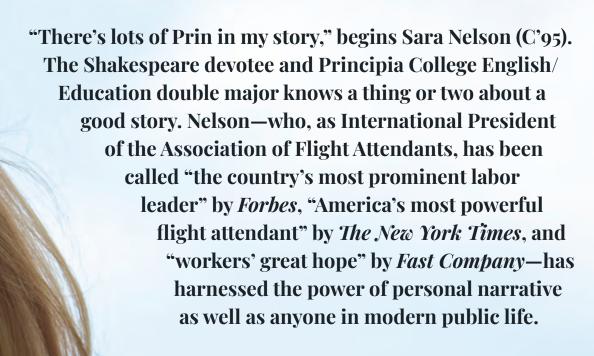
A new biography sheds light on the astonishing, prolific career of Julia Morgan, California's first licensed female architect and designer of such landmarks as Hearst Castle and Berkeley City Club. Morgan's body of work includes design and construction of Principia College's Tudor-style dormitory buildings as a protégé of Bernard Maybeck. *Julia Morgan: An Intimate Biography of the Trailblazing Architect* by Victoria Kastner uncovers the pioneering architect's struggles and achievements.

Morgan and Maybeck's partnership began when she was a student of his at the Mark Hopkins Institute of Fine Art in San Francisco, California. He later encouraged her studies as the first female architectural student to enroll and graduate from the École des Beaux-Arts in Paris, France, which Maybeck had attended.

Morgan became California's first licensed female architect in 1904, crafting hundreds of designs and buildings along the West Coast, often in Beaux-Arts style. Her work also includes the Chinese Historical Society of America Museum, Asilomar Conference Grounds, and the Mills College bell tower.

Reviewing her career reveals Morgan's talent and dedication to her craft despite the challenges she faced as a woman in a male-dominated field, creating enduring architectural landmarks and an inspiring legacy along the way.





Briefly, her narrative goes like this: after a stint of student teaching, Sara decided to try living a fun-filled, nomadic life as a flight attendant. But life at 35,000 feet wasn't all it was cracked up to be. Unruly passengers, on-the-job harassment, and corporate mistreatment left her overworked, underpaid, and unappreciated.

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When an airline error resulted in a month without pay, Sara found herself hopping a roundtrip from Boston to Chicago, just to get the in-flight meal. After untangling red tape and arguing her case with an unhelpful airline representative, Sara was exhausted, frustrated, and at the end of her rope. That's when she felt a tap on her shoulder. Turning around, she found a woman dressed in a flight attendant's uniform identical to hers, holding a checkbook. She gave Sara two things that day: a check to cover groceries, and an admonition—take this, and then call our union.

Twenty-five years later, Sara has traveled the globe, met face-to-face with world leaders, and rallied crowds by the tens of thousands, all while paying forward that \$800 check.

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PHOTO BY TOM WILLIAMS/ CQ-ROLL CALL/SIPA USA

From jump seat to a seat at the table of top airline industry leaders in our nation's capital, Sara Nelson shares her Principia/career story.

"My mission to lift people up"

Nelson made the call and the union put her to work. "I was just flattered they asked me," she says. "I agreed to do new-hire presentations, to make sure that what happened to me wouldn't happen to other people."

This work turned out to be an uncanny combination—and culmination—of the studies and skills she had acquired at Principia College. "The Education Department pushed me further than I thought I could ever go and made it clear that my mission in life was to lift people up wherever I saw them on unequal ground," Nelson says.

Shortly after celebrating her fifth anniversary with United, the industry changed forever on September 11, 2001. The Boston-based flight attendant lost seven close friends that day; speaking of the tragedy 21 years later, she still gets choked up. "The people I [lost] were the most amazing people in the world. They gave us an example to live up to. My work from that day on has been about honoring them, wanting to make their lives meaningful."

In the wake of 9/11, "people were grieving and losing their jobs at the same time." United filed for bankruptcy, and Nelson worked tirelessly to save her employer and protect her members' jobs.

"A reason to be there"

In addition to her degree, Principia afforded Sara the opportunity to pursue her passion for acting. "One of my most important lessons goes back to my drama training from Richard Morse," Nelson explains. "If you are on the stage, you'd better have a reason to be there. If you don't, get out and come back when you figure it out. You're wasting everyone's time if you don't have a purpose."

This advice would prove salient and essential. As flight attendants were forced onto the frontlines of many of America's battleground issues, Nelson found herself thrust into the center of the breach. In the two decades since 9/11, Nelson has navigated a cascade of crises and inflection points, along the way elevating an occupation once minimized and mocked.

Amid the economic collapse of 2009, Nelson again worked around the clock, writing policy and lobbying Congress. Her plan provided the cornerstone of the worker protections in the American Rescue and Recovery Act. "The Speaker of the House flew back to Washing-

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ton, and we negotiated it right there, at 9 p.m. at night. Then we went in together—labor and management."

From bankruptcy to public safety—from good governance to best behavior—she has worked tirelessly to make air travel more safe, secure, and sane. Nelson spearheaded a 2013 campaign to keep dangerous weapons out of airplane cabins. She was the fearless face of frequently harassed flight attendants during the #metoo movement. And she stood up on behalf of the thousands of flight attendants tasked with enforcing public health guidelines in the face of unruly and occasionally violent—passengers through the Covid-19 pandemic.

"Gets results for people"

Nelson's star turn was her leadership during the 2018–2019 government shutdown. The 35-day shutdown forced aviation workers to work without pay; 55 percent of TSA agents called in sick to search for other forms of income.

While receiving the AFL-CIO's prestigious MLK Drum Major



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Sara Nelson, right, testifying at the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee in late 2021. Seated (left to right): Southwest Airlines CEO Gary Kelly, United Airlines CEO Scott Kirby, and Delta Air Lines Executive Vice President John Laughter.

for Justice Award that January, Sara implored workers and organizers to "follow Dr. King's lead and think big."

Days later, she delivered an impassioned speech from Reagan National Airport. Her voice shook with emotion as she pronounced, "Many of these people are veterans. Many of these people are fighting for our country right now, and we are not paying them." The clip went viral, and within 24 hours, politicians reached an agreement.

While some perceive her role of union leader as inherently pugnacious or partisan, Nelson insists nothing could be further from the truth. "It's anti-political . . . Republicans, Democrats, and Independents engage with me because I represent the issues of their constituents. What could be more powerful than being able to talk with everyone and rise above politics to shape policy in a way that actually gets results for people?"

Her success with the Association of Flight Attendants has grown out of a unique combination of three important skills: understanding the needs of her members; rallying support by distilling those needs into a compelling story; and organizing

strategy, tactics, and large groups of people.

"My education at Principia—built around finding a story and identifying urgency—that was fundamental to my understanding the world. It all dovetails perfectly with union organizing. If you know your purpose and understand the needs of someone else, you can find out what to do to lift them up or help them contribute more . . . I think about this all the time: it all comes back to Richard Morse asking, 'Why are you here?'"



THE NEW FACE OF STUDENT ENROLLMENT AT PRINCIPIA

STORY BY MARLA SAMMULI

While nurturing the spirit of the Principia community in their own unique ways, both the School and College campuses are sharply focused on growing enrollment. Recruiting qualified future Principians, supporting current students, and ensuring a thriving, richly diverse, and enduring community are top priorities for leaders and faculty in St. Louis and Elsah.

Principia School has intentionally positioned itself to meet the demands of 21st-century education in a way that appeals to a variety of students and their families. Through robust experiential programs from preschool to high school, energized instruction, and high standards in every arena from academics to athletics to the arts, the School has renewed its commitment to helping all students realize their unlimited potential.

While focused on maximizing the enrollment of Christian Science children worldwide, the School is also working hard to attract families whose values align with Principia's and are eager to join and contribute to the School community. Local St. Louis families seeking a high-quality, Christian-based global education are encouraged to get to know Principia and what its one-of-a-kind Christian Science environment has to offer their children. Many have responded enthusiastically to the School's mission and programs and are grateful for the opportunity to join a loving, diverse, and inclusive community.

At the College, all students who are ready for its distinct, spiritually grounded, rigorous yet supportive environment are invited to come see and experience Principia for themselves. Students from the United States and around the world, students who have been studying Christian Science since childhood and those just discovering it, students with a long family relationship with Principia and those whose connection is just beginning—all join to make up the vibrant, multifaceted College community.

Every applicant goes through the same supportive process. From admissions counselors to financial aid officers to academic advisors, the goal is to enable an equitable and valuable experience for each potential student, through a balance of principle and love. Those who are "Principia ready"—equipped with the academic, social, and spiritual maturity to benefit from and contribute to the College's rich environment—are welcomed and then supported every step along the way. Once admitted, all are Principians, and individual backgrounds are not identified by Principia.

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YOU CAN HELP

As a Principian or friend of Principia, you are a vital part of our expanding, ever more diverse global community. We need your help. Is there a young person or family you know who might benefit from a Principia education? Is there someone who may want to come for a visit? Would you like to know about our upcoming events or stay connected on social media? Most of all, your prayer, support, and interest in Principia today are deeply valued and appreciated.

Together, we are the new face of Principia.

Find out more about how you can help.



MEET SOME OUTSTANDING NEW PRINCIPIANS

From Early Childhood to our graduating College seniors, Principians are connecting, learning, growing, and thriving. The robust, experiential education offered at all levels gives students opportunities to follow where their curiosity leads. The loving, supportive environment that surrounds the smallest pupils to those embarking on their adult lives and careers nurtures every student, meeting them where they are.



MARCEL, HARLOW, SCOTLYN, AND HEATHER (BLAMEY, C'01) BIRÓ EARLY CHILDHOOD/ LOWER SCHOOL ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

"Our girls' confidence and joy have grown exponentially these past two years. Whether they are using mathematical principles to engineer a bridge, tracking turtles, or presenting research to their peers, not an evening goes by without them excitedly telling us about their school day. The opportunities for academic, character, and spiritual growth are endless. Our decision to relocate to St. Louis so our daughters could experience a Principia education was a worthwhile investment."

GOODLUCK AJEH GRADE 12

LAGOS, NIGERIA

As an introvert 6,000 miles from home, Goodluck wasn't sure he would make friends at the School. "Coming here, it was hard for me to communicate, but sports really helped. In order to achieve what you want, you have to communicate." Now he communicates through the written word as well, publishing nonfiction and poetry. "At Principia, we are encouraged to discover our gifts!"





STELLA-ROSE BOUCHER GRADE 8 MONTREAL, CANADA

As a new boarding student, Stella-Rose didn't know what to expect. "I was in the Middle School dorm, and I felt safe and at home. All the people were very friendly." Stella-Rose also loved Principia's experiential learning: "I love the hands-on projects, like when we made our own business or went ziplining in Puerto Rico!"

SJAEN LUCAS

COLLEGE FRESHMAN VANDERBIJLPARK, SOUTH AFRICA

After playing rugby on the South African Junior Barbarians team, Sjaen got a call from Head Rugby Coach Ward Patterson with an offer to come to Principia College. Sjaen had offers to play and study in England and Ireland but chose Principia after meeting Coach Patterson in person. Sjaen was attracted to Principia's values and wanted a challenge. "You can't grow if you're not put in situations where you have to problem solve."







After attending the Upper School as a boarder, Kaya wanted to be closer to home. She started at a university in Charlotte, but it didn't feel right. Later that fall, she returned to St. Louis to visit friends, and her mom encouraged her to visit the College. "There was a feeling here that I was missing—that feeling of support and love. I applied on my way home." Kaya will continue at the College as student body vice president in the fall.

ABBY HOLT

COLLEGE SENIOR CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

After four years at the College, Abby has substantial field experience through her double major of geology and sustainability. For her capstone project, she presented findings from an eight-week trip with the Juneau Icefield Research Program collecting ice-core water samples from deep within the glacier. "We were able to present to a bunch of glaciologists and at the American Geophysical Union fall conference."





CHRIS AJUONGA
COLLEGE SOPHOMORE
NAIROBI, KENYA

Chris' Sunday School teacher kept telling him to consider Principia College, but he didn't think it was for him, so he started attending a major university in Kenya to study international relations. It had what he thought he wanted—professors who worked for the United Nations, the Kenyan government, and major NGOs. "But my education was lacking something," Chris said. After a virtual tour, Chris decided to attend the College. "The second I landed on this campus, I got what I was missing—a sense of love and community."

Facing Forward

STORY BY RICH BACHUS (US'83)



JULY 1 marked a new day for Principia, as two dynamic leaders took the helm. Chief Executive Barbara Blackwell (Hon'22) and Head of School Dr. Merry (Pease) Sorrells (C'79) join College President John Williams, JD (C'76), in completing the upper echelon of Principia's leadership.

These new leaders bring an unprecedented level of experience to Principia's top positions: Dr. Sorrells will call upon her 24 years of experience in building student enrollment and strengthening curriculum, while Barbara Blackwell's 35 years of administrative and advancement experience in both independent schools and higher education perfectly position her to move the institution forward. New Chief Executive Blackwell holds a JD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and Dr. Sorrells earned a doctorate in education from the University of Holy Cross. The *Principia Purpose* asked these two leaders to share a glimpse of their vision for how they will go about their duties and guide Principia into a new era.

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A Conversation with Barbara Blackwell

With five years of leadership experience in different roles at Principia under her belt, newly appointed Chief Executive Barbara Blackwell has clear ideas about how she plans to move the institution forward. Here—in her own words—are excerpts from a conversation that give a glimpse into her expansive vision.

Where do you see Principia heading?

I see very clearly that widening our embrace and becoming a more inclusive community does not need to negatively impact our core Christian Science principles. In fact, I believe we can strengthen our Christian Science values as we understand how to live them in an increasingly diverse community. We're already hearing from Christian Science students who are having great conversations with their peers who are new to our community. Christian Science students are looking more closely at their own practice of Christian Science so that they can explain it to others—thinking creatively and courageously about sharing our faith. So, I see huge benefits to being a more inclusive community.

What are some of the pressing issues Principia is facing today?

Without question, we want to approach the efforts to widen our embrace with the utmost integrity. There are two areas in particular that we are actively addressing through prayer and discussion at the Board and staff levels. The first issue is reviewing Principia's 23 Policies and considering how to revise them to support a more inclusive community, while also reflecting our continuing commitment to the Christian Science principles at the core of Principia.

The Policies were written in the 1940s by a committee and ratified by the Board of Trustees in 1944. They were not written by Principia founder Mary Kimball Morgan. They were modified in 1962 and 1983, and there's a provision for ongoing revision. We currently have a task force of Board members and representative administrators who are working their way through these Policies to suggest updates for the Board's ratification. It's critical to creating an institution that has integrity at every level.

What are some other big challenges?

Another significant issue is student care. In 2019, Principia issued a treatment choice statement that enables all students,

faculty, and staff members to choose a healthcare option that they feel is appropriate for themselves. We very much continue to readily turn students and coworkers—to God when challenges arise, but there are new and traditional students who want and need access to medical care. So, we are thinking about the role of Christian Science nurses who are often our first line of contact with a

is seen daily. But we also need support from the broader community right now. This is an incredibly exciting time for Principia as we move into our next chapter. Success for Principia is happening in new and different ways from what success looked like in the past because we are in a new and different time. What will that success look like in 2030? I would love for the community to come along

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student who needs help. The College also has full-time Christian Science practitioners available to students. We are thinking deeply about appropriate ways in which to provide student care so that all our students feel safe and cared for in equitable, appropriate ways.

How can the larger community support Principia right now?

We are so grateful for the strong support we've had from alumni and friends, particularly in the last couple of years. The impact of that support with us on this exciting journey. I would love for the community to see so much value in the unique nature of a Principia education that they want to send every child they know to Principia to have this incredibly valuable experience.

It sounds like you're talking about support as ideas and thoughts about Principia, as well as financial support, correct?

Absolutely. In a talk Mrs. Morgan gave to alumni and graduates in 1935, she outlined four things

alums can do to support Principia. The first one she designated is really interesting: "Unselfish expenditure of time and thought to the end that false impressions with regard to The Principia may be corrected and the institution, its purposes and practices, properly understood" (Education at The Principia, p. 178).

I think that still stands as the most important way alumni can support Principia right now, because I think there's a lot of misunderstanding and misinformation out there. I think there are a great number of alumni who, for various reasons, have become disengaged from Principia. I want to invite every single person who attended Principia back into the fold to really see what we're doing now. We love you, and you're invaluable to this institution—we want to hear your voice and welcome you to participate and support as part of our history and the richness of our alumni body.

Watch video to hear more from our new Chief Executive.



Leading with Love: Meet Head of School Dr. Merry Sorrells

Love isn't a line item on Dr.
Merry (Pease) Sorrells's (C'79)
resume, but it could be. It's the
quality that stands out most
when first meeting Principia's
new Head of School. Her love
for Christian Science, her love
of Principia, her love for the
New Orleans-area communities
that she's served as an educator,
and her love of family come
through as clear as a blue-sky
Gulf of Mexico morning.

"We have four core values at Principia: Excellence, Character, Diversity, and Love," says Dr. Sorrells (pronounced *soar-uls*). "I have been part of several schools that have had kindness, gentleness, honesty, and honor as values, but I have *never* been in a school where Love is identified as a core value. Love is a bold statement, and Principia should be proud of that. It sets us apart."

As Dr. Sorrells officially



stepped into her new role July 1, she committed to building on the strong initiatives that are already underway at the School.

Enrollment

Sorrells brings extensive experience and an impressive track record on the private-school enrollment front. Before coming to Principia, she helped two private schools in New Orleans make strong recoveries from enrollment crises. These past experiences inform how she views Principia's future.

And that future includes widening Principia's embrace to include students from a variety of backgrounds—including those without a

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Christian Science background.

"We want to make sure everyone on campus is cared for—thought-fully, lovingly, and properly," she emphasizes.

Sorrells was able to bring this kind of committed, loving approach when she was asked to head up St. Paul's Episcopal School in New Orleans a year after Hurricane Katrina destroyed part of the city. The school was devastated by the flood waters, and enrollment plummeted as a result. To bring families back, the school became a hub for sustainability. The school planted gardens, cleaned up the neighborhood, and included sustainability as an essential aspect of the curriculum. Enrollment climbed back to pre-Katrina levels.

Strengthening Christian Science Stakes

"At Principia, our North Star is our mission to serve the Cause of Christian Science. We have to hold up every decision to that North Star and say, 'Does this fit?'" Sorrells says.

She sees Principia's efforts to include families and students from a diversity of backgrounds as a perfect example of how to serve the Cause unselfishly. "As we welcome families who are new to our mission, they are blessed," she says. "Just think of the gift of Christian Science that we are sharing with the greater community and the world."

Future-Ready Students

"Future-ready curriculum" is a term that's been used at Principia for years now, but for the past decade, Sorrells has been helping move schools towards the "four Cs" of future-ready education—critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and communication. At St. Martin's Episcopal School, Dr. Sorrells guided the school towards the "four Cs." They built a Center for Innovation and Design—helping that school become "known for being the school that was preparing kids, not just for college, but for their futures," she says.

Leading With Humility

Navigating challenges—and opportunities—with humility and love are important themes of her past leadership, and Sorrells looks forward to using those qualities at today's Principia School.

"Principia is a gemstone. As with any school, there are challenges to be met and obstacles to overcome," Sorrells says. "But I am confident that the team in place brings all the talent needed to meet and overcome the challenges in front of us, and together we will light the way toward a bright future for our students."

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PRINCIPIA TRAVELERS REACH "THE GLOBE'S **REMOTEST BOUND"**

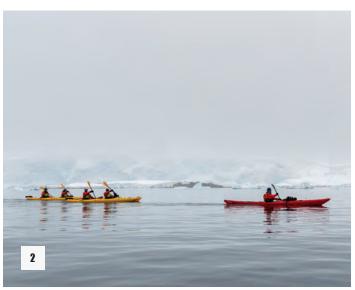
STORY BY KRISTIN MANKER (US'13, C'17)

Editor's note: PLL traveler Richard Crandell (C'82) contributed his "Travel log" entries to this story. Photos courtesy of Albatros Expeditions.

With the debut of its Antarctica trip in January, Principia Lifelong Learning (PLL) has officially ventured to all seven continents. On January 15, after a solid 24 hours of travel, PLL travelers embarked on a week-long cruise through the icy waters at the southernmost tip of the globe. The group of nearly 50 Principia alumni and friends answered the call of the wild—sometimes literally—and enjoyed a once-in-a-lifetime trip that was nothing short of pure adventure. Trekking ice-covered plains, kayaking with whales, exploring abandoned whaling sites, and sleeping on the frozen peninsula under a dusky sky were "just another day at the office" for these intrepid adventurers.

When the group wasn't exploring the peninsula or waving a friendly (and distant) hello to the wildlife, they were engaged in the second "L" of PLL—learning. Onboard expedition guides and scientists offered stimulating lectures on wildlife, geography, the environment, and historical accounts of the first Antarctic explorers. Our scholars engaged even more deeply with nature via the website happywhale.com. Using photos of whale flukes, which are as unique to each whale as fingerprints are to humans, the website tracks and alerts people to the whales' migration patterns. Some of our travelers uploaded their own photos and are now alerted every time "their whale" is spotted by others around the globe.













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Travel log January 17: Zodiac boats ferried us to the sandy shore of Barrientos Island, where we were entertained by Chinstrap and Gentoo penguins and their chicks.



Making friends and making memories. Adventurers discover some native wildlife.

1

Travelers were careful to fix any holes they made in the penguin highway, lest a penguin fall into the hole and get trapped. 2

Travel log January 20: Some people went kayaking in the snowy, foggy conditions, while the rest of us walked on the Antarctic Peninsula at Portal Point. 3

Anyone for a swim? Travelers partook in a polar dive in the frigid Antarctic waters. The experience was literally breathtaking. 6

Travel log January 21:
At Whalers' Bay, we walked on the volcanic-cinder beach past the ruins of a British surveying station and a Norwegian whaling station.

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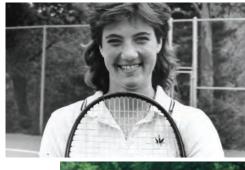
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Our trips are open to Principia alumni, friends, and all those interested in educational travel.

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CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF PRINCIPIA WOMEN IN SPORTS

PRINCIPIA BOASTS A RICH HISTORY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN WOMEN'S ATHLETICS WITH ONE OF THE LONGEST TRADITIONS OF GIRLS' AND WOMEN'S SPORTS IN THE NATION. FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS, AN ATHLETICS PROGRAM FOR GIRLS WAS CREATED AT THE SCHOOL JUST OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO, PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRLS TO PLAY A VARIETY OF SPORTS AND FOR WOMEN TO COACH AND HOLD ATHLETIC LEADERSHIP POSITIONS. BY THE TIME PRINCIPIA COLLEGE RELOCATED TO ELSAH IN 1935, WOMEN'S ATHLETICS WAS ALREADY WELL ESTABLISHED ON THE ST. LOUIS CAMPUS AND READY TO TAKE FLIGHT AT THE **COLLEGIATE LEVEL.**

HONORING A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

From Olympians and All-Americans to national and Ivy League champions, both the School and College have fostered athletes from all over the world who have inspiring stories and experiences to share. Many are famed, revered, and respected by the Principia community—even years after they left their marks on the Principia athletic arena. Some are continuing their passion for athletics—whether through coaching, playing, or using sports to make a notable impact on their current communities.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The future is bright for women's athletics at Principia. Most recently, tennis players at the College were presented with the top two awards at the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SLIAC)—and track and field athletes placed first in the pole vault, making the podium in the steeplechase at SLIAC.

At the School, the upcoming opening of the new Bill Simon Field House offers exceptional athletic opportunities for all athletes. The best-in-class fitness facilities and performance courts will open this fall—complete with classrooms and meeting rooms that honor Principia School's female athletes and coaches who propelled the program forward. Simon offers both boys and girls an unmatched space to compete at the highest levels on an even playing field.

CELEBRATING PROGRESS

While there are countless wins to note from Principia's vast history of athletic accomplishments, marking the first century of womens' athletics has allowed Principia to take stock of the young women and coaches who have been trailblazers, record breakers, trendsetters, and heavy hitters. These girls and women have helped define the history of women's athletics at Principia and set a precedent for continued excellence in the future.

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KATHERINE (WHITNEY) CURTIS PRINCIPIA SCHOOL'S FIRST ATHLETIC DIRECTOR FOR GIRLS 1919–1921

As Principia's first woman to direct girls' sports at the School, Whitney (pictured above, center) was instrumental in laying the foundation for a robust athletics program for girls. With an eager female student body ready to play and compete, Whitney assumed her position as the girls' athletic director in 1919. She was fierce and confident on the field and on the court. She boldly took the reins as a coach for Principia's first girls' basketball team, led the girls' field hockey team, and taught physical education.

Whitney was an outstanding athlete during her own high school years, having swum across Lake Mendota, Wisconsin,—a distance of three and a half miles—in three hours and forty minutes. Whitney took her love for swimming and sports out into the world after her time at Principia. She is widely credited as the originator of synchronized swimming—it was her creative idea to combine water acrobatics with music—which later became an Olympic sport in 1984. She introduced synchronized swimming to the world in 1934 at the Chicago World's Fair.

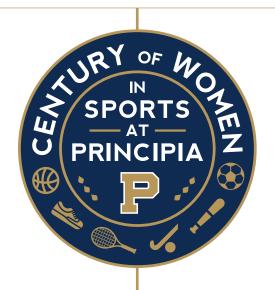
100 YEARS OF ACHIEVEMENT

1901

Girls are first to represent The Principia in an outside competition against Central High basketball team.

1927

College's Women's Athletic Association joins the Annual Conference of American College Women.



1958

Julie Oakes (US'40, C'44) joins Upper School as coach and girls' athletic director.



JANE (HERRMANN) HARRISON (US'78, C'82)

BASKETBALL. FIELD HOCKEY

Lifelong Principian Jane Harrison (#21, center) grew up playing just about every sport and she excelled at them all. In her 40-year career at Principia, Harrison has devoted herself to School athletics, coaching four varsity high school sports, as well as teams at the lower levels, serving as assistant athletic director, and mentoring other coaches at Principia. When asked about her proudest athletic moments, Harrison thinks back to her time spent playing college field hockey and making it to the regional finals with women who became lifelong friends. Yet, it's clear her passion for mentoring young athletes and helping them realize their potential marks a true "win" in her book.

"Coaching is . . . helping athletes learn what it takes to be successful in an arena that requires one to use one's physical, mental, and spiritual capacities. It's assisting them in learning how to lead themselves, face adversity, commit to hard work, and put others first—so many things that are essential to survive in the world today."

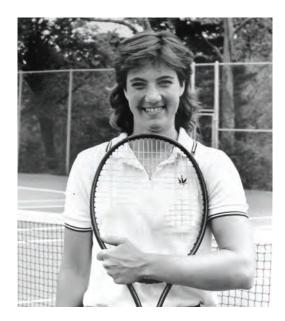
1968 June M. **Tuffli Award** established for the Upper School girl who excels in multiple sports each year.



tennis team with Courtney Allen (C'87) and Sue (Godfrey) **Huffman** (C'88) win **NCAA** national championships, Division III.

1989 Girls' Class 1A-2A Place 1st in

Cross Country.



COURTNEY ALLEN (C'87)

TENNIS

Courtney Allen, who holds just about every Principia women's tennis record in the book, is no stranger to winning. During her time at Principia College, Allen appeared in eight consecutive national championship title matches. She was the National Singles Champion in '84, '85, and '87, the DIII National Doubles Champion in '84, '86, and '87, and doubles runner-up in '85. Triumphing at both the baseline and the net, she holds the most career doubles wins and best doubles record (78-11), most singles wins in a season (37), and best doubles record in a season when she and partner Sue (Godfrey) Huffman (C'88) compiled a 28-1 record in 1987. Allen was the first Division III tennis player inducted into the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Women's Hall of Fame with the likes of tennis greats such as Billie Jean King.

"If you love the sport you're playing, prepare well, lay it on the line, and be present in the moment. Don't be timiid about confronting your weaknesses. Attack them or you'll only succeed in hindering your own growth."

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NGOZI (MWANAMWAMBWA) ASINGA (US'89, C'93)

TRACK & FIELD

Former standout sprinter and seven-time NCAA Division III All-American, Ngozi (Mwanamwambwa) Asinga, took her first step towards the Olympics on Elieston Road on the Principia College campus. She recalls Coach (Lee) Suarez driving alongside her, pushing her to keep going when she didn't feel like completing the run. She recalls "changing forever that day." Asinga competed in the 1992 and 1996 Olympic games, running the women's 400 meters in '92 and the 100, 200, and 400 in '96. She was the first woman to represent her country of Zimbabwe at the 1992 games.

Asing alater founded the company "GoGo Fitness" where her goal is to inspire, motivate, and lead people to accomplish their fitness and health goals.

"I remember my time at the College when Coach (Lee) Suarez drove her car next to me on a routine (and dreaded) Eliestoun run yelling, 'Ngozi, we're going to be here all night if we need to be.' We finished the run, and that day I made a pact with myself to start putting in the effort. This was a true turning point for me athletically."

1992

Ngozi
Mwanamwambwa
Asinga (US'89,
C'93) is the
Division III
national
champion in the
200 meters.

1997

Jacquelyn
(Field) Star
(C'97) wins
NCAA Division III
Diver of the Year
and is named
an 8-time AllAmerican.

2005

Girls' Class 3 District Basketball takes 1st Place.

2007

Girls' Class 2 District Softball takes 1st Place.



LAUREN (WORLEY) CORNTHWAITE (US'95)

TRACK & FIELD, BASKETBALL, FIELD HOCKEY

Lauren Cornthwaite is described as a versatile, dedicated athlete by those who coached her. She played field hockey and basketball and ran long distance on the track and field team at Principia School. She went on to play field hockey as a four-year starter at Dartmouth College and, later, she coached at the University of Pennsylvania and Lindenwood University. Cornthwaite was selected as a Regional All-American, a two-time All-Ivy Team Member, and team captain during her time at Dartmouth.

Cornthwaite is now a leader in the world of field hockey and serves as the director of Aim Field Hockey in Kirkwood, Missouri, an organization that teaches girls and young women to play and excel at the sport.

"The experiences I had and lessons I learned at Principia Upper School while playing sports have stayed with me—the love I garnered for field hockey at Principia moved me into the coaching profession and eventually gave me the tools and inspiration to turn my passion into a business that I run today."

2008

Christina Speer (US'05, C'09) named 3-time SLIAC Player of the Year for volleyball, leading the nation in kills per set. In basketball, Speer sets the conference record for points scored in a career.

2008-2011

The College women's soccer team goes 39–1 in conference play, earning a spot in the National Tournament three of those four seasons.

2014

2014 Girls' Class 1 District Soccer wins 1st place.

2017

Upper School girls' soccer wins districts and takes second place at state championship.

2022

Track & field legend Ngozi (Mwanamwambwa)
Asinga (US'89, C'93) and tennis/soccer star Carlie
(Sanderude) Satchwell (C'14) inducted into SLIAC Hall
of Fame.



JENNA MARSTON (US'09)

BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, SOFTBALL

During her years at Principia Upper School, Jenna played with grit and passion on the varsity girls' softball and varsity boys' baseball team with her father, Bill Marston, as her coach. After graduating from the Upper School, Jenna played Division I softball at the University of Missouri where she was recruited to play on the USA Baseball Women's National Team. In 2015, the team won the gold medal in women's baseball at the XVII Pan American Games in Toronto. The U.S. women defeated the host country 11–3 in the finals. This is one of Jenna's most "memorable moments" in her athletic career.

"It was during my time playing softball at Principia that I learned about the concept of serious fun from Coach (Ken) Levoy. I'd tell athletes today that it's important to remember to enjoy the hard work, the practices, the games, and everything in between. This helped me understand that you can be 'all in' while never losing that playful passion."



Incredible Principia Family!

This year has been filled with celebrations, reuniting, and **JOY**! What fun it has been to celebrate our 2022 School and College graduates, welcome alumni back to Elsah for not one, but two College reunions, learn together at Summer Session, and prepare for five

Principia Lifelong Learning (PLL) trips beginning in July! And we're only halfway through the year.

Can you say "quasquicentennial"? As we enter the 2022–2023 academic year, we will launch a year-long celebration of 125 years of Principia progress. Stay tuned for more information on how you can join in on the fun.

The Alumni Association Board (AAB) is excited to announce two new awards celebrating alumni achievements: the **Alumni Achievement Award** and the **Young Alumni Award**. Join in nominating alumni for these new awards in addition to the David K. Andrews Distinguished Alumni Award and the Gold & Blue Athletic Hall of Fame. Thank you to the AAB for their work on this initiative.

Principia alumni and friends are OUT OF THIS WORLD! Thank you for "shooting for the moon" with us on our spring Giving Day, as we blasted past our goal and raised \$909,963.

We are looking forward to continuing celebrating with you this year whether on campus this fall at the Bill Simon Field House Grand Opening, Homecoming/ Hall of Fame/Family Weekend at the College, on a PLL trip, or at a virtual event. See you soon!

With joyous gratitude!

Memilee

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Bon Jovi Picks Alumni Rockers as Opening Act

Pioneer Salesmen, the indie-rock band with hints of garage and psychedelic rock and roll energy, opened for Bon Jovi earlier this year at Enterprise Center in downtown St. Louis. The band includes singer/guitarist Sam McDonell, bassist Anthony Mauer, Andrew Kistler (C'18) on guitar (at left), and Tyler Wingert (US'15, C'19) on drums (insert below). The four musicians have been playing together for about four years.

"The four of us grew up on older music and rock, blues, and metal—'60s, '70s stuff," says Kistler. "Our favorites and inspiration? Probably The Doors, Jim Morrison, and Led Zeppelin. To open for a giant and classic like Bon Jovi was seriously special."

Pioneer Salesmen auditioned for their 20-minute performance with a demo from a concert they played at Principia College. The song used for the contest was "The Life We Lead." Since their epic opening, the band has garnered new interest, visibility, and listenership. The band is currently producing a full-length album.

"They're all bangers," says Wingert.



Hear the song that scored them the spot, recorded in Principia College's own Jam Factory: principia.edu/pioneer-salesmen



US'62

Mike Barnes has been appointed Chairman of the Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy. This eightperson bipartisan Board, mostly former members of Congress, is charged with investigating allegations of misconduct by current members and staff. Mike is a former Congressman from Maryland who currently resides in Chevy Chase, Maryland, and Naples, Florida. He has served on the OCE Board since 2013.

US'67

Cynthia Ziegler joined **Pete Christensen** and his family at their house on the French Riviera, summer 2021.

Friends gathered at **Glenn Johnson's** (also C'71) new barn in Hampton Falls, New Hampshire, in the fall of 2021 for their annual weekend of laughter and reminiscing. Also joining in the fun were **Lindsey Gorman**, Weezie Vance, **Jo Ellen (Good) Watford, Dave Langworthy** (also C'71), **Katie (Salyer) Neely, Andy Hunter**, and **Tom Neale** (also C'71).

US'75

Last June, Judy (Anderson) Allen (also C'79) of Marblehead, Massachusetts, and her husband stopped overnight in Santa Barbara on their way up the California coast to visit her son and his family. She texted a photo of the beautiful ocean and garden view to her friend and former roommate, Teresa (Terres) Newton-Terres (also C'85). Teresa, who is originally from Santa Barbara but now lives in Arkansas, happened to be in town at the exact same time—so the two were able to get together for lunch!

US'94

Founder of Veterans Repertory Theater in Cornwall, New York, **Chris Meyer** is dedicated to developing and producing veteran playwrights and celebrating veterans in the arts. Chris spent 33 months in combat and earned a Bronze Star in Afghanistan before retiring from the military in 2021.

US'96

Robert John Harris, a 2000 graduate of The University of Michigan and mathematics teacher and coach at Petoskey High School in Michigan, earned his EdD in Educational Leadership from Central Michigan University.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

ALUM CULTIVATES ART SCENE IN MONTANA

Bozeman Art Museum Founder and Executive Director Linda Williams (US'70) saw a need in her community. Although Bozeman had a reputation as an art hub, it didn't have an art museum and there were few public-school art classes, especially in rural schools.

Williams and her team began offering six-week, in-class art programs to 1,200 area students. But she also wanted to create a space in Bozeman where the public could experience art. The Bozeman Art Museum opened its doors in January 2020 and continues to grow.

Williams, a longtime art collector, earned her master's in modern art history to make her vision for the museum a reality. "The master's was an excellent addition to my education. The educational experience I received at Principia Upper School, however, was remarkable. Our teachers inculcated



in us the dream to achieve greatness and the courage to bring it to fruition."











- 1 Cynthia Ziegler (US'67), at right, and Pete Christensen (US'67) on the French Riviera, summer 2021.
- 2 Front row: Lindsey Gorman (US'67), Weezie Vance, Jo Ellen (Good) Watford (US'67), Dave Langworthy (US'67, C'71), Katie (Salyer) Neely (US'67), Andy Hunter (US'67). Back row: Glenn Johnson (US'67, C'71) and Tom Neale (US'67, C'71)
- 3 Teresa (Terres) Newton-Terres (US'75, C'85), left, and her friend and former roommate, Judy (Anderson) Allen (US'75, C'79) happened to be in Santa Barbara, Calif., at the same time last summer.
- 4 Chris Meyer (US'94)
- 5 Robert John Harris (US'96)

C'62

In June 2021, **Duane Christianson** published a book of lyric poetry titled *Traveling On*. It is available on iUniverse.com, Amazon.com, and other booksellers. His first book of poetry is entitled *Burning of the Mesa* and is also available on Amazon.

Nancy (Kalbfell) Bourcier's entire family gathered in Denver last September for a weekend hosted by her son and daughter-in-law, David and Erin Bourcier. Those present included Ken Kalbfell, David Bourcier (US'80, C'84), Garrett Bourcier (C'12), Conrad Sebastian, Nancy Bourcier (C'62), Kevin Soulé, Rick Soulé, Marci Kalbfell, Erin (O'Kelly) Bourcier (C'84), Renee (Bourcier) Partridge, Landon Partridge, Roma Sebastian, Diana (Bourcier) Sebastian (C'89), Ecko Suajdi, Tracy Soulé, Ben Knickelbine, and Suzanne (Bourcier) Soulé (C'86).

C'70 and C'73

The 2022 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year in New Hampshire are Ann Wheeler (C'73) and Marc Davis (C'70). Ann and Marc are recognized for their exemplary timber management of Woods Without Gile, their 500-acre woodlot in Wilmot, New Hampshire. The property includes diverse wetlands, a beaver pond, two streams, a sphagnum moss bog, vernal pools, and an upland red maple swamp. "We love walking trails, seeing wildlife, and hosting educational workshops and hikes for the public," says Ann. "We cut firewood and mow the trails and meadows. The work keeps us physically fit; the beautiful land nurtures our souls." The public can also enjoy Woods Without Gile using the eight miles of trails open for cross-country skiing, fishing, hiking, hunting, horseback riding, and snow shoeing.

C'72 and C'73

James Green's (FS'44) 64-year legacy as teacher, painter, and chairman of Principia's Art Department impacted generations of artists. A book paying tribute to him, the spirit he embodied, and his work is being readied for publication by two of his former students, Sid Bingham (C'72) and Randy Hale (C'73). Both are active professional artists today, due in no small part to the influence of their Principia mentor —James Green. Advance purchase of the book was available as of June 2022. Email randyhale@halegallery. com to learn more.

C'74

After 25 years of leadership as the St. Louis Children's Choir Artistic Director and CEO, Barbara (Mather) Berner plans to step away from her full-time duties at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 performance season. During her tenure, the organization has grown in enrollment and prestige, performing nationally and internationally. An estimated 6,000 singers have been positively impacted by the Choir's musical excellence and characterdevelopment program under Berner's leadership. "The opportunity to teach and perform with young people, and to watch them grow as musicians and individuals of integrity has been the highlight of my career," says Berner.

C'80-C'83

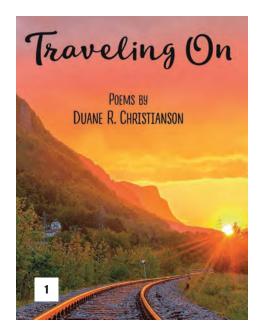
Principia College friends had a special reunion in Colorado that included Randy West (C'82), John Shelton (C'81), Bonnie Jean (Stitt) Schlaepfer (C'83), Chuck Cole (C'82), Ellen Knous, Matt Schlaepfer (C'82), Jeff Tolrud (C'82), Becky Tolrud, and Susie (Mann) West (US'76, C'80).

C'08

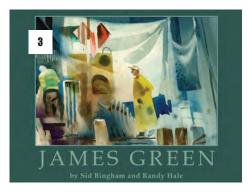
As CEO of Heritage Properties STL, **Tristan Walker** (C'08) works with investors to rehabilitate distressed historic homes in St. Louis City. Heritage Properties STL also coordinates property management, buying and selling properties, and general contracting.

C'12

Kyle Katz (C'12) received his graduate degree in community planning from University of Cincinnati along with two honors awards. He is currently moving to Vermont.











- 1 The cover of Duane Christianson's (C'62) second book of lyric poetry titled Traveling On.
- 2 Nancy (Kalbfell) Bourcier's (C'62) family gathering in Denver last September: Front Row: Ken Kalbfell, David Bourcier (US'80, C'84), Garrett Bourcier (C'12), Conrad Sebastian, Nancy Bourcier (C'62), Kevin Soulé, Rick Soulé. Back Row: Marci Kalbfell, Erin (O'Kelly) Bourcier (C'84), Renee (Bourcier) Partridge, Landon Partridge, Roma Sebastian, Diana (Bourcier) Sebastian (C'89), Ecko Suajdi, Tracy Soulé, Ben Knickelbine, Suzanne (Bourcier) Soulé
- 3 The cover of a new art book on James Green (FS'44) and his 64-year legacy as teacher, painter, and chairman of Principia's Art Department.

- 4 The 2022 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year in New Hampshire are Ann (Wheeler) Davis (C'73) and Marc Davis (C'70). Pictured here on their 500-acre woodlot in Wilmot, N.H., Ann and Marc were recognized for their exemplary timber management.
- 5 A College get-together in Colorado starting on the left and clockwise around the table: Randy West (C'82), John Shelton (C'81), Bonnie Jean (Stitt) Schlaepfer (C'83), Chuck Cole (C'82), Ellen Knous, Matt Schlaepfer (C'82), Jeff Tolrud (C'82), Becky Tolrud, Susie (Mann) West (US'76, C'80).

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- → William "Howard" Kelsey (C'79)
- + Kristina (Muller) Lind (C'03)
- + Coach Vitalis (Odera) Otieno (US'88, C'92)
- + Tess Rountree (C'15)
- + 1981 & 1982 Volleyball Teams

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PERSPECTIVE

FINDING TRUE SECURITY

BY DR. JULIE BLASE Professor of Political Science



Not long after the Principia Purpose asked me to share how I've been praying about war in Ukraine, a young man murdered 19 elementary-school students and two teachers at a school near my hometown in Texas. In the months since, more acts of senseless violence have grabbed headlines. Given my 19 years of teaching international relations at Principia College, I see both events as connected—demonstrating

political systems are legitimate only if individuals can go about their lives without fear.

My dear students, regardless of where they come from, increasingly share their concerns about being the "losers" in a society where empathy and kindness are dwindling. They ask: if people can justify protecting only "our own," dehumanizing others in the process, don't we end up with "rigged" systems that leave

ing, resenting, or competing against

Prayer offers the courage to refute cultural models and images that portray other people's needs as threatening to one's own well-being. Guarding "your own citadel" (The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany, p. 213), your clarified consciousness, positions you to differentiate actual threats from hidden anxieties, to engage effectively even if others are confrontational, and to know when distance is the wisest course.

None of us, alone, is responsible for a society that treats some people as less-deserving of freedom and safety, but the logic of the Golden Rule demands our willingness to protect and invest in others, as we would "our own."

Imagine the integrity and reassurance of a system built on realizing our capacity to find "one's own in another's good" (Miscellaneous Writings, p. 127), thus magnifying mutual care, not error.

"True security begins with being so satisfied with your identity as God's beloved creation that you are free to choose your thoughts . . . "

our need to overturn widespread but harmful views of security as a limited good.

In my classes, students learn the prevailing view of national security, which sees foreign policy as an ongoing, zero-sum contest: one country's perceived power "gain" means another country has "lost" something. After the Cold War ended, another view focused on human security, emphasizing that

many anxious and insecure? Can't we do better?

We can. Because our daily, aggregated thoughts and actions build the unstable human systems we live in, consecrated prayer prepares us to contribute to gentler, nobler systems. True security begins with being so satisfied with your identity as God's beloved creation that you are free to choose your thoughts, thus, truly loving, rather than fear-

Dr. Julie Blase teaches introductory and advanced courses in international relations, U.S. and global security, U.S. foreign policy, and Latin American politics at the College.

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We welcome your news and photographs. Items for the next issue are due October 1, 2022. Please follow these submission quidelines:

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Please provide first and last names for all Principia alumni mentioned in the news you share. Principia reserves the right to edit and abbreviate news submissions.

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Please submit all images as the original JPEG. We will take care of any photo touchup or resizing that is needed. Do not submit photos that have been dropped into Word documents, PDFs, PowerPoint presentations, etc.

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Jean (Lundahl) Jayne (C'50)

George B. Long, Jr. (US'50)

Beatrice "Bea" (Fox) MacGregor (US'50)

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