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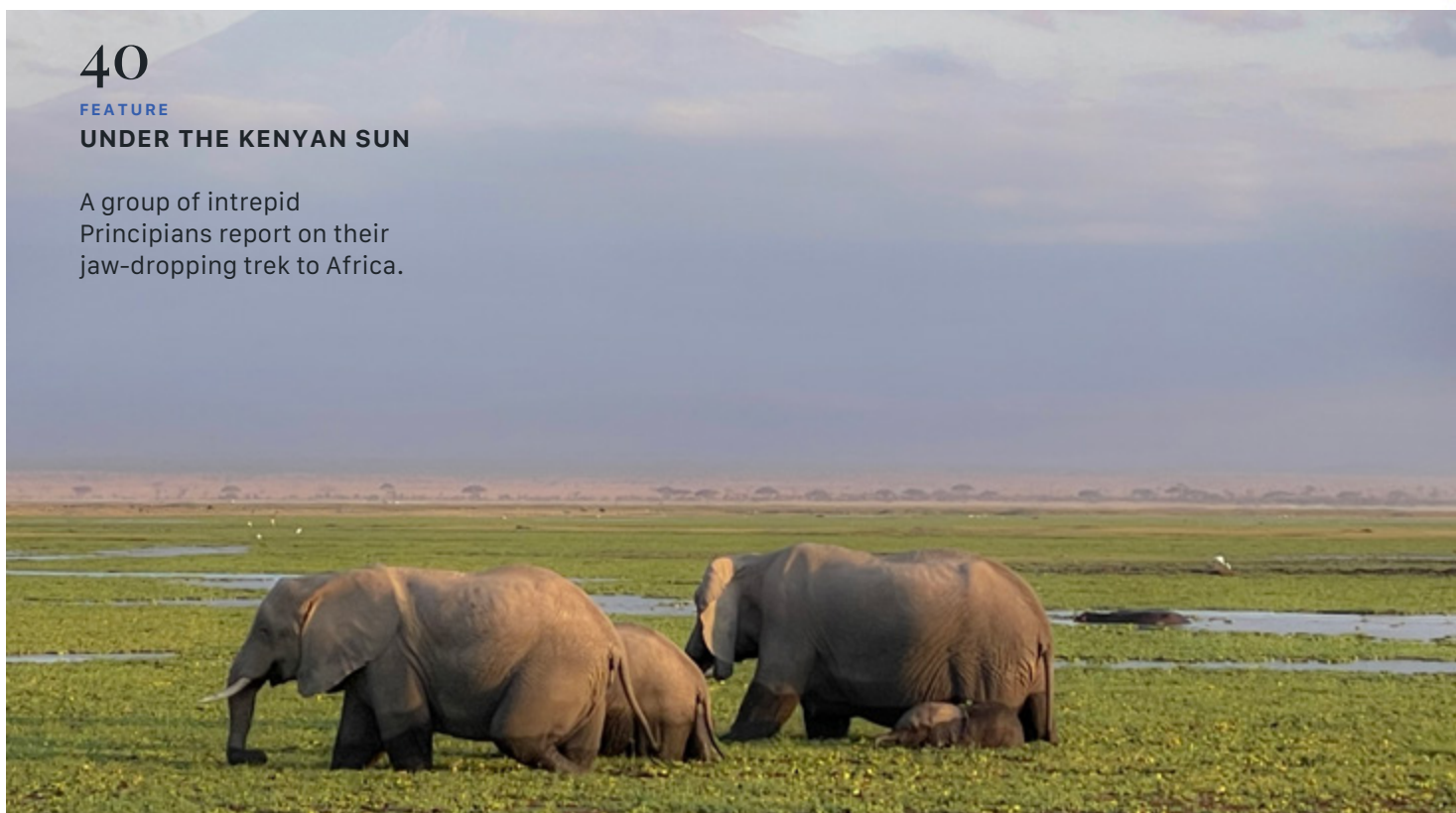
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FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Celebrating Progress, Preparing for More

BY BARBARA BLACKWELL (HON'22)
Chief Executive



It's exciting to be writing to you on the 125th anniversary of Principia's founding. As we enter the next 125 years of "serving the Cause of Christian Science through appropriate channels" open to us as an educational institution, we remain committed to Principia's original purpose and determined to see it executed in ways that are fresh and integral to the lives of today's students.


In these pages you will see and read about the impact that Principians have had throughout the world by bringing their unique vision and approach to the tasks they undertake. Informed by Christian Science, educated by extraordinary faculty, transformed

by dedicated character educators, coaches, and mentors—the alumni in these pages demonstrate the ability of one institution to profoundly impact the world in which we live.

"We remain committed to Principia's original purpose and determined to see it executed in ways that are fresh and integral to the lives of today's students."

And while there is much to celebrate in those who have already graduated, we know there is more to come. More innovation, more global citizenship, more leading with integrity, more spiritual strength

will be demonstrated and expressed by the Principians graduating every year.

Enjoy this celebration of Principia's impact on the world, and keep your eyes on our future graduates as they launch into the next century of serving, innovating, and leading! 

This celebration of our remarkable alumni continues online at principiapurpose.org, with more profiles being added on an ongoing basis.

We hope you enjoy this Winter 2023 issue, and look for the next one in your mailbox in August!

Cordstrap: Principia's Unique Financial Win-Win

STORY BY ERIC MORSE (US'90)

It was an unusual proposal. But when it came to businessman Fred van Eck, outside-the-box thinking was hardly outside the norm.

While van Eck never attended Principia, the dedicated Christian Scientist enjoyed Summer Session, playing tennis with Principia's Chief Executive, **Dawn Larmer** (US'49, C'53). As his appreciation for Principia grew, an intriguing idea took root: would Principia accept his interest in a Dutch manufacturing business as his gift?

Cordstrap BV manufactured polyester straps for securing shipping bundles that were safer and more efficient than traditional steel bands. It was a modest but necessary commodity doing moderate but steady business.

While van Eck's love of Principia, commitment to Christian Science, and business acumen were unquestioned, his unique gift had one glaring drawback: Cordstrap wasn't profitable. Stewarding this gift would require the dedication of a quartet of Principia alumni and one shrewd Dutchman. The goal: a mutual win-win.

"Fred called me up one day in 1994," recalls **Mark Tousey** (US'77), at the time a London banker. "He wanted a Principian on the board of Cordstrap to help with this gift. It was a modest company, but Fred had brought on a new CEO and added Gert Jan van der Hoeven to the Board." Mr. van der Hoeven quickly formed a tight partnership with the Principians involved.

Soon, **James "Ned" Odegaard** (US'70, C'74) joined Tousey on the

Cordstrap board. In the meantime, **Willard Hanzlik** (C'68), chair of Principia's Investment Committee, was familiarizing himself with this unique bequest.

"At the time, it would not have been economically positive," Hanzlik recounts. "But by the time Fred made the gift five years later, he had taken steps to turn the company around. Thanks to strategic guidance by Mr. van der Hoeven, it became quite profitable."

After Fred van Eck's passing in 2000, **Charles "Tuck" Spaulding** (US'63, C'67) joined Hanzlik and van der Hoeven on the Cordstrap board. Together, the trio guided Cordstrap into the future—expanding product lines and adjusting the business model to sell direct, putting Cordstrap at the cutting edge of the direct-to-consumer economy.

Reflecting on the shift, Spaulding recalls, "the CEO of Cordstrap went to bed one night and his wife asked him how his day was. He said 'I really don't know. We've just been bought by some religious school in the middle of the United States!' Imagine how frightening that must have been."

But Cordstrap's 240+ employees embraced their new partners. "The fact that they were working for an educational institution was something Cordstrap took pride in and spoke about with their customers," says Hanzlik. Mark Tousey concurs: "Principia became a source of great pride for the company."

Hanzlik and Spaulding created a Dutch *stichting*—a purpose-driven foundation. The *stichting* distributed Principia's proceeds, and that


enabled Cordstrap to expand into a high-growth market: the United States. The new ownership structure proved revolutionary for Cordstrap's business, and in 2006, the company opened its first stateside manufacturing facility in Racine, Wisconsin.

Tousey: "Once Principia was the beneficiary, that opened up new avenues of sales, which was huge."

Hanzlik: "With some strategic steps guided by Mr. van der Hoeven, we were able to generate excess cash that contributed to Principia every quarter. It was surprisingly profitable and fulfilled a need at Principia."

In 2022, after Hanzlik and Spaulding had spent nearly two decades on the Cordstrap board, Principia sold its interest in Cordstrap for \$155 million, bringing Cordstrap's total contribution to Principia's endowment to \$300 million over 15 years.

Reflecting on the experience, Willard Hanzlik says, "It was hard work, but it was an opportunity to give back to Principia. It was fulfilling; it was fun to see this company grow, and its growth and success directly benefited Principia."

Tuck Spaulding agrees: "My joy in all of this has been knowing that Fred is able to smile and realize that this nice but modest gift has turned into an enormous benefit to Principia—even more than he could have possibly dreamed that it would." 

To learn more about the eclectic Fred van Eck and read Mark Tousey's business lessons from Cordstrap, scan here. Find out how Principia is honoring van Eck on p. 52.





ON CAMPUS
SCHOOL

QUICK LOOK

KINDERGARTENERS BECOME BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURS

Beaming kindergarteners welcomed parents and fellow students to the Lower School Fall Festival with refreshing glasses of lemonade as the culmination of a class business unit. Throughout the fall, these young students learned to count money, advertise their product, and make fresh lemonade. They also interviewed local grocers and School staff to learn about marketing and selling goods and services.

TOP HONORS

Principia School Tops Local Education Charts

Principia's light is shining bright. From online school rankings to traditional media, Principia is getting noticed. St. Louis Today, the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch's* online magazine, recently recognized Principia School's rising reputation, ranking Principia among the top-10 "best private high schools in the metropolitan area." That is no small feat, considering that St. Louis's 200 private schools rank among the highest private school enrollments in the nation.

The article is based on Niche.com ratings, which give Principia School an overall A+ rating, ranking the School #1 among the "Best Christian High Schools in Missouri," #1 in "Best High Schools for the Arts in Missouri," and #3 in "Best Private K-12 Schools in the St. Louis area." With all of these new rankings, Principia might soon lose an old one: St. Louis's best kept secret.

You can see this progress for yourself in our new school video! Watch the video and share far and wide: principiaschool.org/video.



IN BRIEF

A VERY SPECIAL COLLABORATION

This fall, fifth-grade teacher **Jason Hinthorne** (US'05) and Upper School digital design instructor **Grace Bonwich** (US'08, C'12) got engaged. But that's not the only beautiful story to emerge from their partnership. Fifth-grade students handed over their narrative writing stories to the Digital Design 1 students, who created colorful covers for each piece, then the teams presented their work together. Both artists and writers learned how to captivate readers and communicate meaning. Now that's what we call a storybook romance.

GROWING RECOGNITION

Principia School continues to be recognized for its stand-out efforts in sustainability. After winning the Green Ribbon award last year, Principia achieved Missouri Green Schools's Seedling level this year, in recognition of Principia's commitment to "improving the health and wellness of students and staff, lowering their environmental impact, and providing place-based education." The prestigious award honors schools that set and track sustainability-related goals and document sustainability-related achievement in at least one educational program.

DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES

A nostalgic nod to the decades that defined dance, this year's Upper School Concert Dance Show transported its audience to yesteryear, paying homage to the 1940s–early 2000s. The program encouraged students to unleash their creativity by allowing them to explore new repertoires of dance and dabble in the choreography process. And as this particular "Dancing Through the Decades" show reminds us, the beauty and joy of dance are timeless.



GLOBAL IMPACT

SCHOOL STUDENTS SHARE IN SELFLESS SERVICE

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

Service has always been integral to education at Principia, and Principia's service trips can have a profound impact—on students as well as the communities they are serving. In partnership with Youth with a Mission: Homes of Hope International, Upper School sophomores travel to the Dominican Republic to work side-by-side with members of the local community building homes for families in need.

After this fall's trip, students reflected on their week of service. "This trip opened my eyes to people's daily lives and what they go through," Jonathan observed.

Like many of his classmates, Jonathan gained a newfound perspective from this trip. Students often describe the experience as

"humbling" and "life-changing." This year's trip marks Principia's 10th to the Dominican Republic in support of Homes of Hope. Principians, together with members of Homes of Hope and the community, built four houses in three days—an impressive feat.

"The trip to the Dominican Republic opens students' eyes and broadens their perspectives," said Student Life Programs Director and Trips Coordinator **Lisa (Chamberlin) Johnson** (C'90). "Throughout this journey, students experience firsthand the power of community collaboration and what happens when a group works together toward a common goal."

Selfless service is key to every level of the School, from the Early Childhood program's Salvation

Army Angel Tree to Lower School's annual Giving Day, from Middle School's eighth-grade trip to Costa Rica to support farms and primary schools to the Upper School's service trips.

"Principia has exposed me to so many volunteering opportunities I wouldn't have even thought about before," says junior Quinna. With nearly 300 hours of community service under her belt, Quinna was awarded the Congressional Award Silver Medal, a national award given to young Americans for their commitment to volunteerism and character development. Quinna says, "I work harder when it's for other people. I especially love working with kids and am passionate about making quality education more accessible to all."

IN BRIEF

PRINCIPIA STUDENT
RECEIVES ETHICS
AWARD

Jesse, a senior at the School, received the St. Louis Better Business Bureau Student of Ethics Award for his exceptional demonstration of leadership, community service, integrity, and excellence in academics as a Principia student. In his application, he detailed overcoming an ethical dilemma as co-chair of The Difference—a student affinity group on campus which supports and celebrates the POC (people of color) community while sharing ideas and igniting change surrounding injustice.

SNOWMEN VISIT THE
LOWER SCHOOL

Lower schoolers had a special surprise treat in December from Head of School **Dr. Merry Sorrells** (C'79). Students enjoyed listening to *The Little Snowman and the Star*, a magical Christmas story written by Dr. Sorrells herself! Inspired by a pen and ink drawing of a snowman and a star, the story was born out of Dr. Sorrells's love of Christmas and her desire to capture the magic of the winter season for young children.



EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION

Middle Schoolers Embark
on Principia Adventure

Principia's 360-acre campus provides the perfect setting for the Middle School Principia Adventure (P.A.) program. Led by Outdoor Coordinator Doug Hoff and Bible teacher **Monnie (Pearson) Brodbeck** (C'90), the year-long program takes learning beyond the classroom walls and offers unique opportunities for character development.

In the fall, students can be found hiking, biking, camping under the stars, canoeing on Lasky pond, and learning to build fires and shelters. When things get cold in the winter, 6th and 7th graders turn their attention to service work, while 8th graders participate in on-campus internships and team-building exercises. The program culminates in the spring with team building and collaboration exercises on Principia's high ropes and challenge courses.

Despite the active syllabus, it's not all fun and games. The P.A. program is intentionally structured to develop five core character elements: leadership, collaboration, self-awareness, selfless service, and a desire to pursue challenge. Reflective journaling and gratitude sharing give students a chance to assimilate what they've learned, and biblical passages and concepts are built into each activity. "P.A. allows students to practice how to overcome challenges and work better with others," says Hoff. "They also learn to apply the lessons in other life experiences," adds Brodbeck.

MARKING A MILESTONE

Chief Executive
and Young
Principians
Celebrate
125 Years

Holt House echoed with children's laughter last November as Chief Executive **Barbara Blackwell** (HON'22) welcomed Lower and Middle School classes into her home. The students enjoyed a tour of Holt House and a brief lesson on Principia's rich 125-year history—from Mary Kimball Morgan's founding the School to the symbolism behind the School shield—and then on to the main event: decorating sugar cookies cut in the shape of the Principia School shield!





The Upper School Mediation team pauses for a picture during the National High School Mediation Tournament hosted on Principia campus.

“Arguing with Kindness”: Mediation at the Upper School

STORY BY BAILEY BISCHOFF (C'17)

This fall, the Upper School Mediation team logged into Zoom to participate in the third annual National High School Mediation Tournament, which Principia pioneered and has hosted since its inception. The tournament represents the culmination of months of preparation, as students take turns acting as advocate, client, and mediator in the hopes of effectively arguing their case, resolving conflict in their favor, and acting as peacemakers.

Mediation tournaments like Principia's give students invaluable experience advocating, mediating a dispute, and acting as mediation cli-

ents. Students tackle real-world cases and are judged on their ability to work effectively as an advocate-client pair or as mediator. Senior Vikram explains, “You get to learn the different sides of a case and how to find the pros and cons for each side. The best part is learning how to mediate and resolve the conflict by taking both sides into consideration and getting a favorable outcome for both sides.”

Hosting the tournament since 2020, the virtual format has allowed Principia to extend its mediation reach across the country, with the support of the International Acade-

my of Dispute Resolution (INADR), an organization that runs tournaments like this at the college- and law school-level.

The tournament was renamed the National High School Mediation Tournament in recognition of its expanded reach this year, as high schools from Arizona, Iowa, Missouri, and North Carolina—and one middle school team from STEAM Academy for gifted students—came together to compete. **Patti Fox**, co-coach of the Principia team, says, “It has been exciting and encouraging to see people's receptivity and recognition of the value of mediation.”

Principia's team excelled this year, both as advocate-client pairs and as mediators. Juniors Quinna and Wylie placed first in the advocate-client competition. Quinna also earned an honorable mention as a mediator. Principia had two other advocate-client pairs receiving honorable mention—junior Aria and Vikram, and seniors Jesse and Nina.

Regardless of the students' eventual careers, these tournaments help them sharpen skills essential in ordinary, daily life. "These tournaments provide a perfect vehicle for students to hone important skills that help them be better leaders equipped to make meaningful contributions to our world and be caring global citizens that will certainly help the betterment of humanity," says Fox.

Students recognize their own growth throughout the process as well. "Being on the Mediation team has so many benefits," says Quinna, "like teaching students how to resolve disputes harmoniously and respectfully while still advocating for your side effectively. I've learned to argue with kindness, to balance standing up for what you believe in while still prioritizing resolution." ■



Meet Quinna

Class Leader • Theatre Arts Enthusiast • Curious Changemaker

"It's nice to feel like you have the power to make a difference here and you're not just a cog in the wheel. Since coming to Prin, I've been able to be a part of incredible service trips, serve in student leadership positions, and explore causes I'm passionate about—like making quality education accessible to all—for my Impact Challenge project."

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**THUNDER CHICKENS ARE
NATIONAL CHAMPS**

All hail the Thunder Chickens! After going undefeated in their division, Principia College's Thunder Chickens won the Division 2 15s National Collegiate Rugby championship, defeating Indiana University of Pennsylvania 47-16. The exceptional team of 22 players from around the world shined under the coaching combo of new Head Coach Philip Kellerman and retiring coach **Ward Patterson** (C'82).

CHART-TOPPERS

Principia Tops List of National Liberal Arts Colleges

Principia's light is shining, and people are taking note. Principia College was named the #1 Best Value among National Liberal Arts Colleges by *U.S. News & World Report*. This global authority in educational rankings selected Principia College for its enriching academics, engaging extracurricular opportunities, and generous financial assistance.

Principia is the top-ranked national liberal arts college in the St. Louis area and ranks in the top 25 percent nationwide. With 24 percent of our student population hailing from over 26 different countries, we also tied at #2 for Most International Students.

"We love that Principia College brings together world-class education, a truly global community, spiritual discovery, and authentic character growth," said College President **John Williams** (C'72). "We're proud to be recognized as a value leader as we work hard to ensure that quality education and affordability go hand-in-hand."



AWARDS

Mediator, Student Senator, and Lincoln Laureate

Grace Pécheck received a top award from the Lincoln Academy, which annually honors one senior from each four-year college or university in Illinois as a student laureate. Pécheck, a double-major in history and English, a member of the Mediation team, a student senator, and president of the Phi Alpha Eta honor society, has proven her leadership abilities, academic excellence, and extracurricular involvement on campus. "I'm incredibly honored to be following in the footsteps of past Principia Lincoln laureates," says Pécheck, who plans to pursue a master's degree and career in education after graduating. "They've all been outstanding and inspiring individuals!"

IN BRIEF

PEOPLE, PLANET, PROSPERITY INTERSECT AT IPC

This year's annual International Perspectives Conference (IPC), led by IPC director and senior Gloria Ishimwe, focused on the topic of "People, Planet, and Prosperity: Journeying Towards Intersectional Sustainability." The conference featured speakers, discussions, and a keynote address by Sue Stevenson, a director at Barefoot College International. Stevenson spoke about her work training women and girls around the world to operate solar technology as a means of simultaneously improving individual, economic, and environmental circumstances.

ANNENBERG SCHOLAR ASKS COLLEGE TO ADDRESS CENSORSHIP

Fall 2022 Annenberg Scholar, documentary filmmaker Sandy Gotham Meehan, called on the College to examine censorship and its current-day consequences. The campus responded with an opportunity to view her film *Barney's Wall*, centered on Barney Rosset, an advocate of the First Amendment, and attend a panel discussion on the topic. The esteemed panel included renowned poet Carl Phillips, film scholar Dr. Elizabeth Toohey, book critic **Ron Charles** (US'80, C'84), and internationally known artist Buzz Spector. The panelists also lent their expertise to various classes during their visit to campus.



EVENTS

Though They Be Little, They Are Fierce

The College's Black Box theatre came alive this past fall as students, newly returned from the United Kingdom abroad, produced Shakespeare's beloved play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

The play was "truly a collaboration among many," says abroad leader and theatre professor **Chrissy Calkins Steele**. Students were directly involved with research, set-building, costuming, props, promotion, and of course, acting.

While abroad, the students conducted research at the British Library, studied acting, voice, and text with Globe Theatre professionals, learned Ceilidh dancing in Edinburgh, and viewed artwork and historical artifacts in museums and galleries. This enriched knowledge allowed students to make intentional and thoughtful choices when crafting the production. Parallel to this work, students researched the influence the patriarchy held over the female characters in the play.

These findings were presented to the audience in the lobby of the Black Box theatre, courtesy of the on-campus Shakespeare II class. The production was well-received by many, including the Kennedy Center of American College Theater, which awarded associate professor **Leah (Gallant) McFall** (US'89, C'93) a commendation for her outstanding set design.



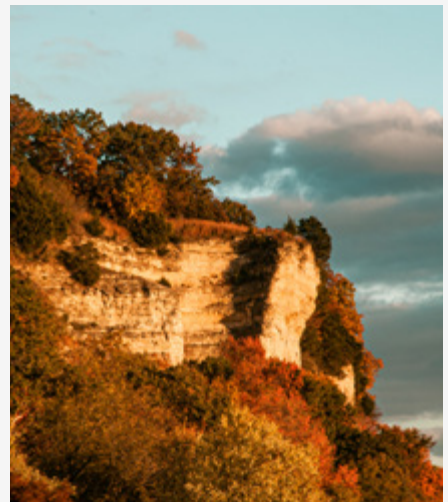
IN BRIEF

ELECTION NIGHT LIVESTREAMED

The 2022 midterms were indeed unprecedented. In addition to the results unfolding around the country, Principia College's biennial Prin at the Polls coverage was livestreamed from the PCTV studio and Merrick Lab's newsroom for the first time. Mass communication and political science students reported live election results from the newsroom. Throughout the night, students provided context and thoughtful analysis for contentious ballot measures, as well as following the campaigns of prominent women candidates around the country.

FIRST-EVER FALL COLORS TOUR

The views along the Mississippi River bluffs on campus are especially striking throughout the fall semester as the leaves change color. This year, the public had the opportunity to take in the sights on the first-ever series of Fall Colors and River Road History Tours led by the Great Rivers & Routes Tourism Bureau. Promoting the beauty of the bluffs and the local history, the tours made stops in Elsah, Pere Marquette State Park, and on the College campus.





UNDER CAMPUS

A MAMMOTH DISCOVERY ON THE COLLEGE CAMPUS

While collecting topsoil for a construction project, **Michael Towell** of the Facilities Department spotted something unusual. Suspecting it might be bone fragments, Principia quickly moved to secure the site and call in an expert. Soon, the determination was made: Michael's discovery was the remains of a large prehistoric tusk, probably of a mammoth or a mastodon.

The mammoth site is now secured, and a large team of faculty and staff are working to assess the next steps in the protection and excavation of the tusk. A second team has worked with outside experts to use ground-penetrating radar, which turned up evidence of other potential fossil remains near the site. There will be ongoing evaluation of how to incorporate the site into curriculum at the College. This will be the second mammoth excavation on Principia College campus.

Dr. John Lovseth (C'05), biology professor and director of land stewardship, says he was in awe after first seeing the ivory fragments. He notes that it's humbling and exciting "to be in the presence of something of such significance, so old, and a clue to the ecological history." The new mammoth find will be named "Mike" after its discoverer.

AWARDS

Light! Speed! Principia Takes the Podium in American Solar Car Challenge

Last summer, Principia's solar car team took the podium for the second consecutive year in the American Solar Car Challenge. RA XI, the 11th generation of Principia's solar car, came in second place to MIT in the 2,000-mile overland race from Independence, Missouri to Twin Falls, Idaho in July.

Small but mighty, Principia bested nationally recognized engineering teams from the University of California, Berkeley; the University of Illinois; the University of Kentucky; and others.

RA XI came out of the gates strong, taking first place in the Formula Sun Grand Prix qualifying race, competing 299 laps (747.5 miles) over the course of the three-day event.

During the Challenge, Principia's committed and resilient team met obstacles with ingenuity and perseverance, fixing a flat tire and repairing a damaged row of solar panels overnight. The second-place finish was one step higher on the podium than in 2021, when Principia finished third. Watch out, MIT, 2023 might be our year!

✓ PHOTO BY KIMANII OGILVIE (US'18, C'23)





The College mediation team finishes the fall semester with trophies in hand. Back row, from left: Chris Ajuoga, Boone Steele, Isaac Oribariho, Luke Nutwell. Front row, from left: Ibukun Dawodu, Avery Smith, Grace Pécheck, Oscar Ssemujju.

Mediation Team Sweeps Top Spots at IIMT

STORY BY BAILEY BISCHOFF (C'17)

The College Mediation team ended its fall season on top, taking first and second places in Team Mediation at the International Intercollegiate Mock Mediation Championship Tournament (IIMT). This is the third consecutive year that Principia has taken home a first-place trophy in the Team or Top Mediator categories. Principia also earned third in Team Advocacy and a slew of individual awards.

This year's in-person tournament was hosted on Principia's home turf and featured fierce competition from nearly a dozen university teams, including University of San Diego, University of Texas at Dallas,

University of Dubuque, and Maharishi International University.

Chris Ajuoga, Ibukun Dawodu, and Isaac Oribariho—all new to the team this season—all placed in the top ten in individual awards. Ajuoga teamed up with co-captain Avery Smith to win fourth place in individual advocacy. Oribariho made a strong showing with eighth in individual mediation and Dawodu clinched tenth in the same category. Team veteran Grace Pécheck was awarded fourth place in individual mediation.

Co-captain Luke Nutwell wasn't sure that he'd be able to participate in this tournament, but he formed a

last-minute bye team to contribute to the team's top mediation awards and placed fifth in individual advocacy. The senior, who plans to attend law school next year, is certain what he practices in this tournament is directly applicable to his future career. "I've learned a lot about negotiation and client counseling," says Nutwell. "I think these skills will be very valuable for me going forward."

Spring mediation is already underway: The team recently added to their trophy haul at a tournament in Florida and is currently preparing for this month's International Law School Tournament in Bologna, Italy. 



ALUMNI PERSPECTIVE: FROM MEDIATION TO BERKELEY LAW

STORY BY CASSIDY ALFORD VEIDELIS (US'13, C'17)

When a friend convinced me to join the College Mediation team as a freshman, I didn't think much of it. However, with each tournament, I fell more in love with the strategic thinking, problem-solving, and intellectual challenge mediation presented. Even more importantly, I found that I resonated deeply with the notions of advocacy and justice. As a result, while I searched for the right career path after graduation, I couldn't stop thinking about mediation!

Now, I'm a second-year student at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law, and I use my mediation foundation daily. Along with classes, I also engage in advocacy work on behalf of immigrants, refugees, and domestic violence survivors, in human rights and war crimes investigations, and soon, in practicing international litigation and arbitration at a major global law firm.

The Principia Mediation team was an incredible launching point for me, and I can't wait to see what this current generation of mediators will do with their experiences!

#1 BEST VALUE

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“

My India abroad at Principia changed my life. Principia College gave me the tools I needed to see myself as unlimited.

”

Ian Forber-Pratt (US'98, C'08)
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OF NOTE

QUICK LOOK

DANCING THROUGH DRIFTWOOD

Upper schoolers and College students wove their way through towering pieces of Mississippi River driftwood as part of a dance performance at the opening of "River Ark," a new art installation at the Audubon Center at Riverlands. The performance, choreographed by professor of theatre and dance **Erin Lane**, reflected the conservation efforts of the Audubon Center and the story of the river and what it washes ashore.

SCREEN TIME

Kai's Take on Shows Not to Miss

Kai Patterson (US'13, C'18) has been shooting and splicing his way across the galaxy with a recent sci-fi film project that attracted worldwide attention. Patterson, a freelance filmmaker and VFX artist, produced a re-edit of Disney's addition to the Star Wars franchise—Obi-Wan Kenobi—moving from a six-part series to a feature-length movie. The cut went viral with over two million views and Patterson spoke at LA Comic Con about his popular edit. Patterson also collaborated with his mother, Principia Upper School drama teacher **Liesl Ehmke** (C'89), and her students to create a silent short, *Over the Moon and Out of This World*, which screened at independent film festivals.

NOW PLAYING



Everything Everywhere All at Once

Rated R

Get ready for an action-adventure-sci-fi comedy about a Chinese-American woman struggling to submit her taxes while navigating infinite universes. At the heart of the film is a strained but strong mother-daughter relationship. A 10/10 masterpiece.



The White Lotus

Rated TV-MA

In this HBO series, a star-studded cast lounges at a luxury hotel chain. The twist is figuring out who'll end up dead, and why, beneath layers of tangled relationships and social commentary. Each season is a fantastically written, slow-burn mystery.



Oppenheimer

Not Yet Rated

A Christopher Nolan film that follows the life of theoretical physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer and his scientific contributions that led to the creation of the atomic bomb. As a Nolan fan, I'm excited to see what he's cooked up for his next film.

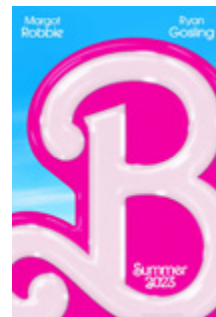
COMING SOON



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Not Yet Rated

A sci-fi thriller about a pilot who crashes on an unknown planet. He soon discovers that he's somehow made it back to Earth—65 million years ago! This movie promises to be full of adventure and adrenaline as star Adam Driver survives on an Earth filled with dinosaurs.



Barbie

Not Yet Rated

After being rejected by Barbieland, Barbie sets off for the human world to find what truly makes her happy. And with Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling playing the iconic Barbie and Ken duo? Sign me up!

HOMECOMING

Nelson Speaks on Justice and Equality

In October, **Sara Nelson** (C'95), the International President of the Association of Flight Attendants, delivered the 2022 College Homecoming keynote address. After the speech, Nelson was booked as Yale's Gruber Distinguished Lecturer on Women's Rights. As an outspoken champion of equal rights for her 50,000 members, 83 percent of whom are women, Nelson shared how her upbringing and Principia experience informed her work: "I am a feminist because of my upbringing in Christian Science," she recounted. "My strong sense of justice comes from understanding that the experience of humankind should be perfection, not turmoil, not discrimination, not poverty, not sickness."

IN BRIEF

**WHAT A WAY TO MAKE A LIVING:
ALUM STARS AS DOLLY PARTON**

Last fall, alum **Tricia Paoluccio** (US'90, C'95) took on the role of a lifetime, starring as Dolly Parton in *Here You Come Again: How Dolly Saved My Life In 12 Easy Songs*. Paoluccio co-wrote the play with legendary writer and comedian Bruce Villanch and her husband, writer-director Gabriel Barre. *Here You Come Again* is currently touring the country, having stopped in Delaware, Texas, Florida, and Pennsylvania. Next up: Franklin, Tennessee and Connecticut's Goodspeed Opera House.

A NEW CLASSIC

The College swim team made a splash this winter with the Paul Clifford Classic, a new swim invitational honoring **Coach Clifford**, who reigned as Principia's swim coach from 1970–1983. The new meet honors the "Most Improved" swimmer or diver from each team, whom Coach Clifford would often recognize in a post-meet letter to the team. Clifford, an early adopter of fluid dynamics to improve swim technique, still holds the coaching record for most men's team wins throughout his career.

**PROFESSOR SPENDS SABBATICAL
AT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

Dr. Nick Johnson (C'04) is lending his considerable expertise to the U.S. Department of Energy while on sabbatical. As an American Association for the Advancement of Science policy fellow, the Principia College professor of sustainability is working to help solve electric reliability issues as new grid challenges arise. Dr. Johnson looks forward to sharing more about energy policy and the innerworkings of the federal government with Principia students when he returns to the classroom.



MAKING HEADLINES

**CHRISTA CASE BRYANT HONORED BY
NATIONAL PRESS FOUNDATION**

In November, **Christa Case Bryant** (C'03), *The Christian Science Monitor's* senior congressional correspondent, was awarded the National Press Foundation's prestigious Everett McKinley Dirksen Award for Distinguished Reporting of Congress.

Bryant, who also holds an MA from Tufts, credits her Principia abroad to South Africa with inspiring a love for journalism. She was the *Monitor's* Jerusalem bureau chief before returning state-side to cover U.S. politics in 2016—a role which Bryant wryly notes was "surprisingly good preparation for covering U.S. politics."

Three days into her role as congressional correspondent, the U.S. Capitol was attacked. Never one to miss a beat (pun intended), Bryant dug in, with reporting that exposed the humanity behind the headlines. "She went below the surface and made it memorable," judge Jon Sawyer, CEO and President of the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, says. Terence Samuel, Vice President and Executive Editor of NPR, adds, "she did the story that nobody else could do."

Summarizing the work, Bryant says, "the halls of Congress are not for the faint of heart . . . but what has kept me buoyed is the mission of *The Christian Science Monitor* and the support of my colleagues."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PERSPECTIVE

SEEING PROGRESS . . . EVEN WHEN IT'S DIFFICULT

BY REBEKAH ENOCH (US'89)

Rebekah is Program Director at Human Trafficking Search.



The idea that I could be a force for good has helped direct my work and my life. I am currently working to turn my gaze to the endless possibilities for healing and learning how I can be a part of that healing process for global issues.

Working to end human trafficking is a cross-cutting issue that intersects with climate change, global instability, politics, and other complex issues. Recently, instead of getting bogged down in the upsetting material picture and dismal pragmatism, I've been reframing my spiritual perspective.

Led to focus on a spiritual approach to dealing with climate change, I contacted an old friend from Upper School and we formed a

spiritual working group focused on the topic. It's an opportunity to talk weekly and bring examples of the good that we see happening—inspiration in the news, new inventions, new ideas—as well as spiritual inspiration. Our regular conversations have uplifted my day-to-day outlook with my work.

My experience reminds me of the Bible quote, "...be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:2). For me, this is a refusal to let the negative images and events we see around us "conform us" to that view.

Instead, we can allow divine Mind

to renew our thinking or responses to what we are seeing and then prove the truth of that in our daily life. Regarding climate change, I'm thinking about how we can resist an increasingly dismal outlook, and be transformed into newer, clearer visions of the world and ourselves.

My job requires me to pay attention to a lot of things that on the surface appear quite negative and very emotional. Through my spiritual growth and study, however, I've also been able to see some positives. There are so many good things happening—so many healings and revelations of divine Mind in action that point to the endless opportunities for healing and continued progress. ▀

WHAT TRUE PROGRESS LOOKS LIKE

BY ELAINA (COKINOS) SIMPSON, CS (C'17)

Elaina is a Journal-listed Christian Science practitioner and the Maryland Committee on Publication representative.

Our progress, like prayer, starts with God. Mary Baker Eddy writes, "Spiritual causation is the one question to be considered, for more than all others spiritual causation relates to human progress" (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 170). We see progress unfold as we recognize that God alone causes and perpetuates Her ideas. When ideas

are good and right, these ideas continue to bless.

As God, the only Cause, becomes more real and dear to us, we see what true progress looks like and how it blesses our Principia community and beyond—individually and collectively. We find that progress is "born of experience" (p. 296), it "takes off human shackles" (p. 256), and that proof of progress is "... purification of sense and self" (p. 324). These are such beautiful promises. It's natural for us all to welcome the idea that God is the only Cause, that causation is spiritual, and that we benefit from the blessings this brings. We see that in expectancy of the causation of good, we can hold to these divine promises and witness the eternal blessing!

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

Purposeful Men and Women: 125 Years of Alumni Impact

STORY BY ERIC MORSE (US'90) AND BAILEY BISCHOFF (C'17)


“The world needs purposeful men and women — men and women who are fitted to be leaders in every avenue of righteous activity.”

—Mary Kimball Morgan

The alumni assembled here are a sliver of the broad Principia family, but they demonstrate a commonality that unites the whole: they are purposeful men and women, the leaders whom the world badly needs. They can be found elevating their fields, illuminating discoveries, creating masterpieces, and—always—serving humanity.

Find these stories and more at principiapurpose.org, as the Purpose staff continues to collect stories from our phenomenal alumni. In the words of our former editor, Dr. Trudy Palmer (US'72), “There’s a whole world out there, and Principians are doing things in the world. Let’s find out what.”

THE M CHANGERS KEEPERS



“Principia reinforced my sense of being a citizen of the world and wanting to serve the world. I learned a responsibility for being a force for good.”

—Ifigenia Xifre (US’09, C’13)

Principia’s alumni go forth with a mission to serve and a full toolkit of change. Today, the global perspectives and unsinkable spirit of service learned at Principia can be found leavening governments, non-profits, and the private sector. These Principians and countless more are making their marks on the world—uplifting lives, protecting the planet, and promoting cooperation through their work.

WAMBUI KINYA (C'98)***Building a truly “world wide” Web***

During a Principia field program, Wambui Kinya went to work for a San Francisco advertising agency. Her task: better understand consumers' online behaviors.

The experience stuck. With her Principia economics degree and computer science coursework, Kinya set out on her career helping Fortune 100 companies execute digital strategies. A quarter-century later, Kinya continues to help companies in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa use technology to drive innovation and impact.

Additionally, as a Director at the Mozilla Foundation, Kinya champions keeping the Internet a global public resource for startups, policymakers, technologists, and entrepreneurs.

“There is always an opportunity to be more inclusive in how we build and enable solutions,” says Kinya. Inspired in part by Principia friends and mentors, including sociology and anthropology professor Billy Miller, Kinya is challenging outdated perceptions of Africa, highlighting the continent's rich talent and innovative solutions to world challenges. “We have proven excellence exists in Africa,” says Kinya. “The opportunity now is to enable inclusive technology solutions for Africa.”



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LUCIA IFIGENIA “IFI” XIFRE VILLAR (US'09, C'13)***Uruguayan “Ambassador for Good”***

Lucia Ifigenia Xifre Villar, better known as Ifi, has always been a citizen of the world. As an Uruguayan national studying in the U.S., she relished her global experiences—from negotiating at Model U.N. to exploring a different culture during the Japan abroad. After a few years working in the College Admissions department, she returned to Uruguay with public service in mind. She joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, working double-time to earn her master's degree in diplomacy from the University of Oxford.

Now, Xifre Villar is Head of Consular Affairs and Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Uruguay in Tel Aviv, Israel. When navigating the pressures and complexities of foreign affairs, Xifre Villar says it helps to step back and “realize good is at work.” Ultimately, she notes, we can all be “ambassadors for good.”



ROGER STRELOW (US'60, C'64)***E.P.A. founding father***

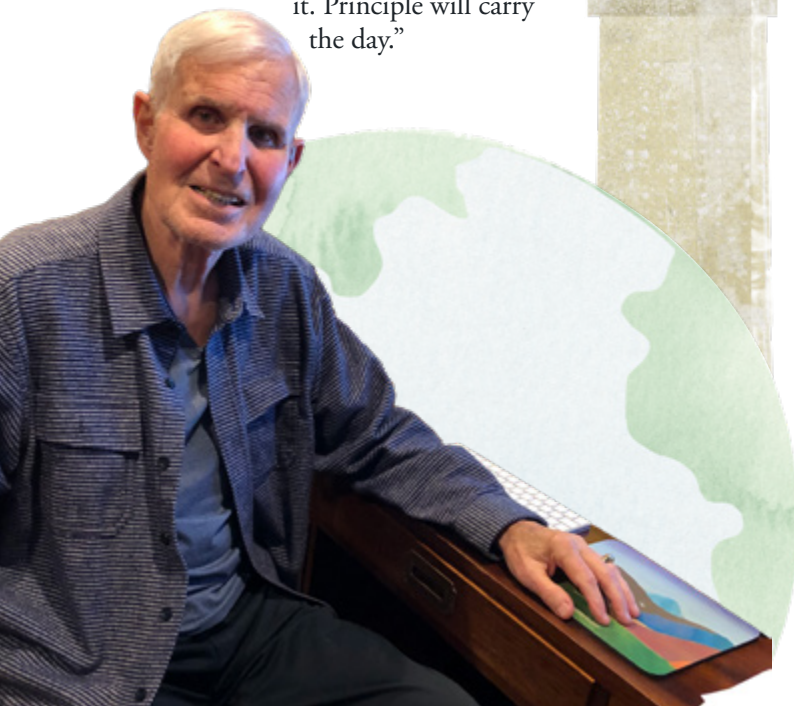
Growing up a Principian, child of a Principia teacher, you learn to be guided by Principle. From the time he joined Principia's Public Affairs Conference (PAC), Roger Strelow was certain that the law and good policy can improve people's lives.

While working at the then-U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Strelow got a call from a Principia classmate who was working on the White House staff with a question: Could he help the President tackle the problem of a worsening environment?

Accepting the challenge, Strelow was instrumental in establishing, and serving as the Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency—addressing thorny issues at home and abroad, and shaping policy and drafting federal laws that helped decrease automobile emissions, rid the skies of pollution, and create a safer, healthier population.

In public and private sectors—and as a Principia Trustee—Strelow has helped institutions adhere to Principle. “Stick with Principle.

Be nice about it, but stick to it. Principle will carry the day.”

**JACQUELINE ADAMS (C'72)*****Empowering women leaders of color***

As a senior at Principia, Jackie Adams helped organize a conference about the future. Economist Robert Theobald, author of *Alternative Future for America*, said something that would shape her career: “You’ll never be able to afford to retire. Make sure that your work and your pleasure are one. That way you’ll never resent having to work forever.”

Adams took the advice to heart. Over the subsequent half-century, she has enjoyed great pleasure in three careers: two decades as an Emmy Award-winning CBS News correspondent, including five years as a White House correspondent; two more decades as a media relations consultant and philanthropist focused on foreign policy, the arts, education reform, and diversity issues; and most recently, as the co-author of *A Blessing: Women of Color Teaming Up to Lead, Empower and Thrive* and a series of proprietary surveys about generational diversity, cultural intelligence, and Women of Color in Business.

INNOV

“Principia was all about the art of the possible. Principia gave me that abundant view—that anything is possible if you push yourself and strive for excellence.”

—Elisabeth (Skowronnek) Brinton (US’85, C’89)

DEAN C. SMITH (C’1917)

Groundbreaking aviator

Instructor, explorer, pilot, and pioneer. From the time he left Principia College, Dean C. Smith devoted his life to aviation.

At age 17, Smith was the youngest flight instructor in U.S. military history; he logged 3,765 hours flying for the U.S. Airmail, pioneering night flights and electronic instruments; and was chosen from 25,000 applicants to fly for Richard Byrd’s exploratory expedition to Antarctica.

Smith was the president of the National Air Pilots Association and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Harmon Trophy, which honors America’s most outstanding aviator.



ATORS

“Innovation.” The ubiquitous buzzword is often associated with new products or technological developments, but these Principia innovators bring a fresh approach to the topic. Below, meet a tech CEO obsessed with the Battle of Waterloo, a visual effects pioneer inspired by a music abroad, and a designer who launched his iconic ideas from the cockpit of a B-17. These alumni were shaped by Principia’s whole-person approach—a foundation that enabled them to be versatile, out-of-the-box thinkers.

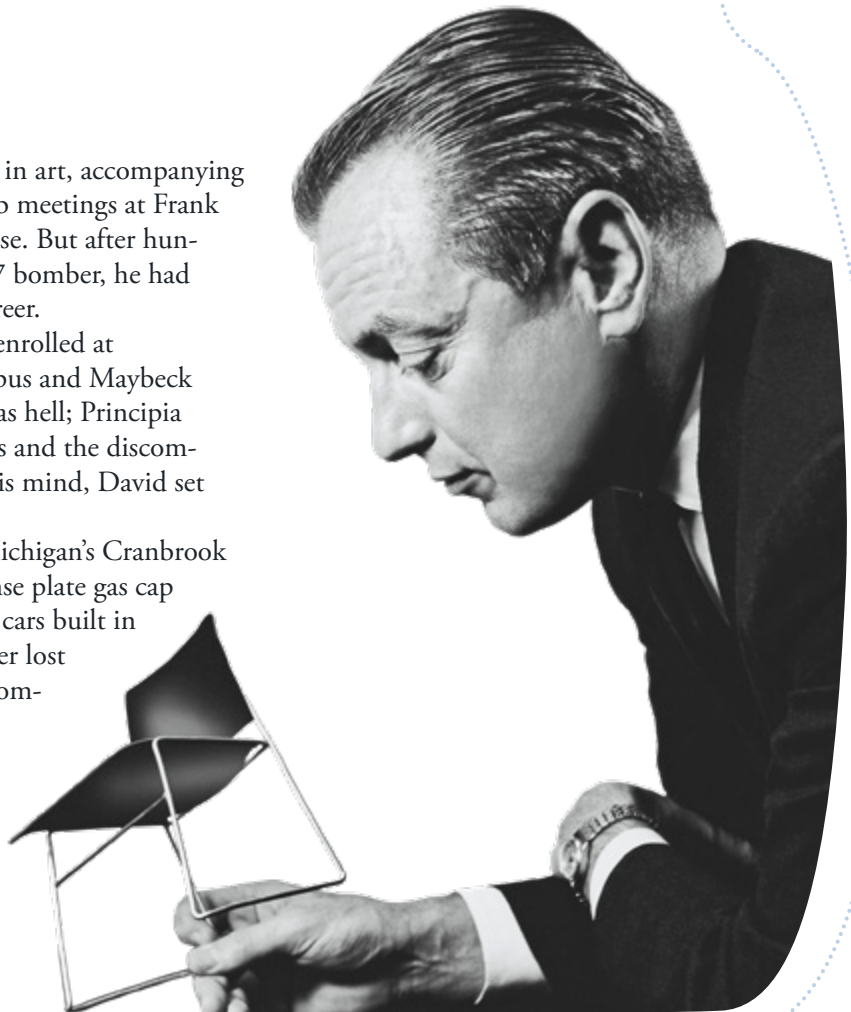
DAVID ROWLAND (C’49)

Designing seating on the fly

David Rowland grew up immersed in art, accompanying his parents to California Art Club meetings at Frank Lloyd Wright’s Hollyhock House. But after hundreds of flight hours in a B-17 bomber, he had designs on a more practical career.

After World War II, Rowland enrolled at Principia College. The idyllic campus and Maybeck architecture inspired him: “War was hell; Principia was heaven.” With a BS in Physics and the discomfort of those B-17 seats still on his mind, David set off on a design career.

During graduate school at Michigan’s Cranbrook Academy, he designed the license plate gas cap cover, which became a staple on cars built in nearby Detroit. But Rowland never lost sight of his passion—stylish, ergonomic, and practical seating. In 1964, he introduced the “first truly stackable chair”—the award-winning 40/4 chair. An iconic design, “unsurpassed to this day in engineering, sophistication, and production,” the 40/4 chair is as enduring as it is practical.





JONATHAN GIBBS (US'90, C'94)

Academy Award-winning software designer

Jonathan Gibbs didn't get his Oscar for writing code, he got it for creating worlds. The Principia lifer rose from assistant animator to leading Dreamworks' vaunted visual effects department by taking a holistic approach to his work. "At Principia, you do everything—you embrace the whole person. You're never pigeonholed." That attitude enabled him to develop new techniques and software tools the world had never seen. Now at Apple, he's still creating worlds—writing processes that enable the next generation of artificial intelligence to interpret and interact with the material world in increasingly sophisticated ways. Fortunately, Principia's "whole-person" is something A.I. can never replace.



AUDREY (WHITFIELD) MACKENZIE (C'82)

Fearlessly combining technology and (Christian) Science

If you ask one of the world's most accomplished tech founders and executives how she got her start, you're likely to hear more about the Battle of Waterloo than computer science and coding.

Principia "made me fearless," says Audrey (Whitfield) MacKenzie—a startup founder in the AI space, award-winning tech COO and CEO, D2C ecommerce pioneer, and current Chief Information Officer at The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston. The tech visionary picked up her coding skills outside of Principia College, but found something even more valuable at Principia: "I learned how to be passionate about something and an independent learner. That made all the difference in my career."

ELISABETH (SKOWRONNEK) BRINTON (US'85, C'89)*Pioneer, problem-solver, agent of disruption*

From founding a nonprofit as a teenager to creating her own triple major at Principia College—from pioneering the entire category of cloud computing to leading renewable energy forward—Elisabeth (Skowronnek) Brinton has always been a disrupter.

In her 20s, Brinton founded a company that revolutionized the way we buy produce. From there, she partnered with Marc Andreessen to create the first cloud computing company—literally coining the term.

But what has always captured the imagination of Principia's first Truman scholar is the opportunity to tackle big problems. And so she found her way into sustainability—seeking out new modes of efficiency and renewable energy at scale. As a trailblazing entrepreneur, a corporate leader at Shell and Microsoft, or a consultant for the Department of Energy, Brinton describes her disruption as “unfoldment of good.”

**DR. YUMIO SANEYOSHI (US'89)***Creating community in the digital space*

From Principia to Harvard Business School to creating some of the most-used digital products in the world, Yumio Saneyoshi's success has grown out of a combination of technical knowledge and innate understanding of people. As the co-founder of Yahoo! Answers and leader of Google+, Saneyoshi combined technology with community to help people communicate and collaborate.

Pre-pandemic, he created the Penguin Coding School in his Sunday School basement to help kids learn next-generation coding. Thanks to his online community-building, Penguin now has five in-person schools, over 600 students, and employs 30 coding teachers around the country. Now running his own school, Saneyoshi looks back on Principia fondly: “It's important to feel that an institution cares. I feel strongly that Prin cared.”



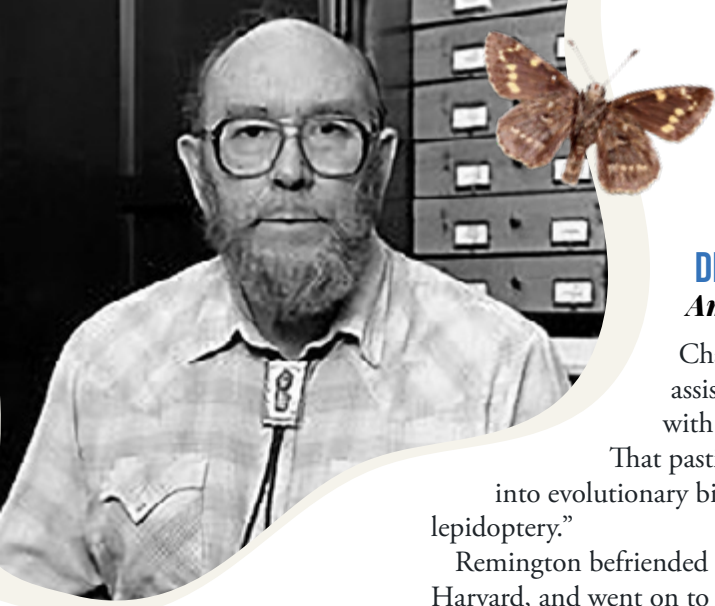
THE SCHOLARS



***“Education is not an accumulation of facts
but an unfoldment of ideas. Pupils are
taught to do their own thinking . . .
to think, to reason, to perceive, to act.”***

—Mary Kimball Morgan

This is a small portion of the broad Principia family. But in their ongoing pursuit of learning—of new discoveries, fresh vistas, and a deeper discernment of their disciplines—they demonstrate the unfoldment of infinite ideas. They have enriched our understanding of the world and its origins, of ourselves and each other, and they play a huge role in shaping where we go from here.



DR. CHARLES LEE REMINGTON (US'39, C'43)
Ambassador of entomology, bastion of butterflies

Charles Remington was born curious. The son of Principia's assistant headmaster, he relished childhood butterfly collecting with his father.

That pastime became a lifelong passion, inspiring new insights into evolutionary biology and bringing him renown as the "father of modern lepidoptery."

Remington befriended a young Vladimir Nabokov while earning his PhD at Harvard, and went on to teach at Yale for 44 years. As the Curator of Entomology at Yale's Peabody Museum of Natural History, he amassed the world's largest butterfly collection—over a million species, including the *Agathymus remingtoni* and *Metajapyx remingtoni*, named in his honor and pictured above. His tireless inquiry led to his theory of "suture zones," an important addition to Darwin's theory of evolution, but in 1996, his fascination with locusts finally made him famous.



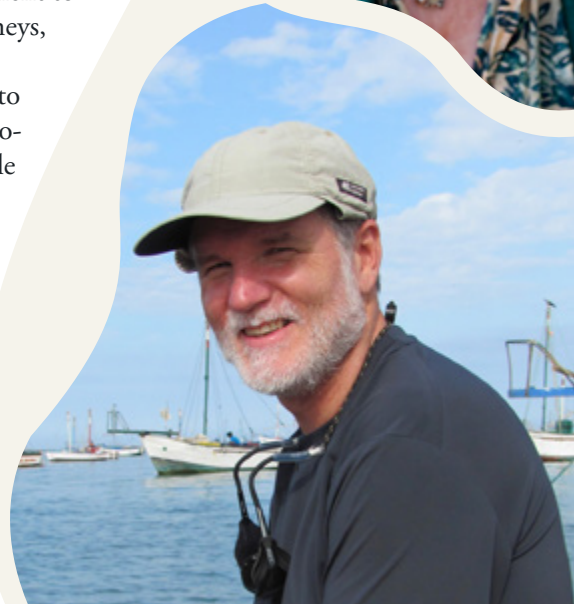
DR. KAREN (THORBURN, C'80) AND DR. SCOTT ECKERT (C'79)
Marine conservation's power couple

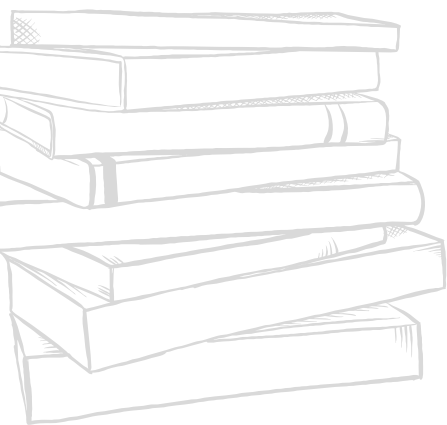
The globe-trotting research and conservation work of Dr. Karen Eckert and Dr. Scott Eckert has been so expansive, they give new meaning to the term, "doctors without borders." The marine biology and animal conservation power couple have broken barriers and created new models for scientific inquiry and cooperative animal conservation.

"One of the things Principia taught us was how to be good scientists—to be thorough and work hard—and we've applied that through our careers," summarizes Scott. For him, that has meant devising new research techniques and inventing game-changing equipment to study marine animals, tracking leatherback turtles on their epic transatlantic journeys, and summering in Antarctica to study emperor penguins.

While Scott's work illuminates animal behaviors, Karen applies this knowledge to humans—shifting from endangering behaviors to protecting behaviors. Karen's pioneering work as founder and Executive Director of the Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network (WIDECAST) has brought together scientists, community leaders, and policymakers from over 40 Caribbean nations to protect endangered species and their habitats.

Today, Karen is the winner of the prestigious Columbus Zoo Commitment to Conservation Award and a finalist for the Indianapolis Prize, often referred to as the "Nobel Prize of Conservation"; while Scott is a Guinness Book World Record holder and a world-renowned scientist. With all that in mind, a better moniker might be "doctors without limits."





RON CHARLES (US'80, C'84)

Literary tastemaker

A recent Instagram of Ron Charles's home office could easily be mistaken for a photo of a library basement. For the *Washington Post* book critic, "CBS Sunday Morning" contributor, and revered literary tastemaker, the books are the thing. "If I have any sophistication whatsoever, it came from my love of novels."

After attending Principia from preschool to college, Charles stayed in Elmhurst to teach at the College before becoming book editor at *The Christian Science Monitor* and then the *Post*. "Being an English teacher was a lot like being a book critic: convincing people that books are important, that their lives are enhanced by reading a book . . . You're trying to reach out to people, find them where they are, and lead them to books they might enjoy. That's how I see my job."

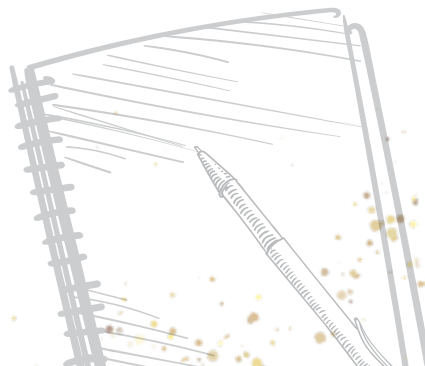
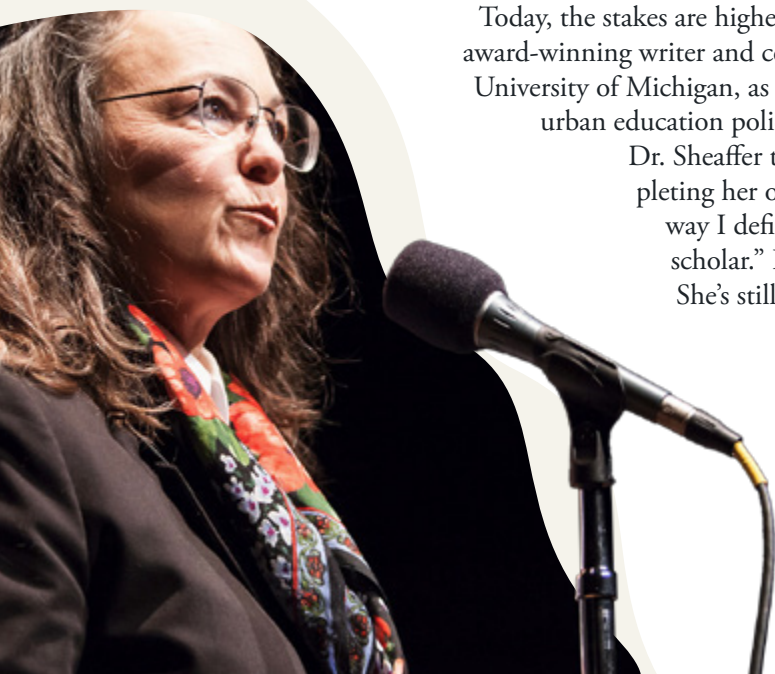
DR. AUBURN SHEAFFER (US'81)

Urban education advocate

"Principia supported me in marching to the beat of a different drummer," recounts Dr. Auburn Sheaffer. "I was an independent thinker. Idealistic, mission-driven, ready to take on the world."

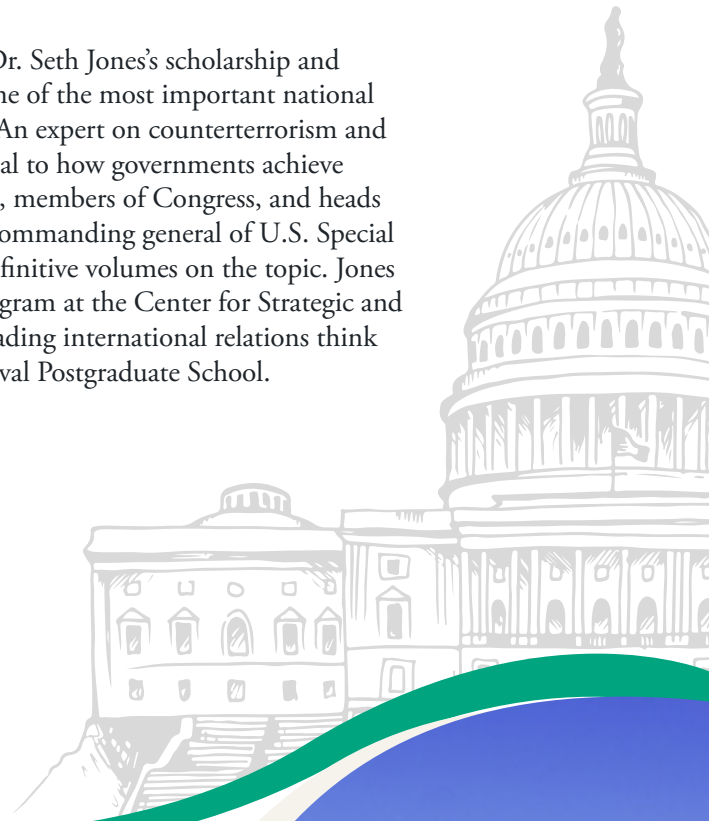
Today, the stakes are higher, but the spirit is the same. Dr. Sheaffer is an award-winning writer and celebrated Moth story-teller with an MFA from the University of Michigan, as well as a paradigm-threatening thinker with a PhD in urban education policy.

Dr. Sheaffer teaches English at the University of Toledo while completing her opus, a rallying cry for a new educational model. "The way I define myself now is, independent researcher and activist scholar." Idealistic, mission-driven, ready to take on the world? She's still got it.



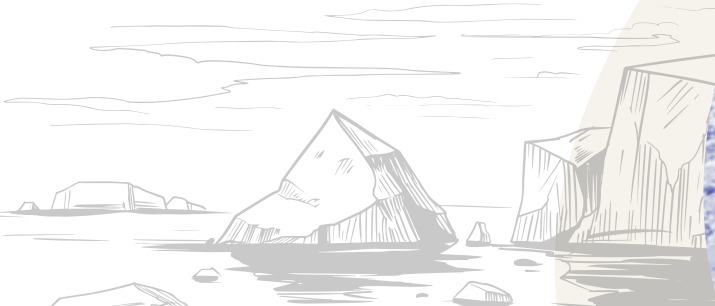
DR. SETH JONES (US'90)*Student of warfare, proponent of peace*

From war zones to the halls of the Pentagon, Dr. Seth Jones's scholarship and government service have directly impacted some of the most important national security decisions over the past two decades. An expert on counterterrorism and irregular warfare, Jones's work is fundamental to how governments achieve peace. He has advised senior policymakers, members of Congress, and heads of state; worked in-theater advising the commanding general of U.S. Special Operations; and authored multiple definitive volumes on the topic. Jones leads the International Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), a leading international relations think tank, and teaches at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School.

**DR. AUSTIN LINES (US'07)***Investigating the globe's final frontier*

As we've seen, these Principia scholars are not sequestered in ivory towers. For Dr. Austin Lines, it's more like a snowy igloo.

Lines's story demonstrates the indomitable spirit of discovery and passion for putting learning into practice that characterize this whole group. While earning his PhD from Dartmouth, Dr. Lines designed and built a custom rover for ground-penetrating radar systems to study arctic and antarctic ice sheets. The rover has been used for scientific research, and even recovering the remains of a downed aircraft. Today, he is a research mechanical engineer in Antarctica and the co-founder of Polar Research Equipment.



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CREATIVES

“There is a seed of reality inside imagination. Knowing how to find that and grow it is something that was repeated over and over again in my Principia education.”

—Christine Corday (US’88, C’92)

This small collection of Principia’s creatives is defined by a common trait: their irresistible drive to create. Only a small portion of them arrived at Principia to study the pursuit that ultimately defined their careers, and all of them have navigated their professional lives entirely by the near-blinding light of their unique creative drive. They create, elucidate, and celebrate their worlds.



KATHRYN "KETTI" (HARTLEY) FRINGS (US'26, JC'28)

Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright

The path to being the 1958 Pulitzer Prize-winning *Los Angeles Times* Woman of the Year begins with a flop. Ketti (Hartley) Frings was a novelist, screenwriter, and playwright whose first Broadway Play was panned by critics.

"I was not too bruised by its lack of success," Frings recalled. "You can only learn from your mistakes." And learn she did. In the ensuing 16 years, the multitalented storyteller wrote six screenplays, one of which—*Come Back, Little Sheba*—won Shirley Booth an Oscar.

In 1958, Frings's triumphant return to the stage with *Look Homeward, Angel* won the New York Drama Critics Circle award and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

OKOREFE "FRED" ONOVWERSUOKE (C'91)

Modern musical griot

Okorefe "Fred" Onovwersuoke arrived at Principia College as an engineer, but he left a composer. "Marie Jureit-Beamish (Hon '14) asked me to arrange a piece for the orchestra—that was a catalyst. In America, I could explore composition," he recalls. He then adds (with no pun intended), "that was instrumental."

Onovwersuoke's compositions, inspired by his travels through Africa, got noticed. He composed for Robert DeNiro's *The Good Shepherd* and published a series of songbooks with Oxford University Press: *Twenty-Four Studies in African Rhythms* and the *Songs of Africa* trilogy are standards in music schools around the world.

Onovwersuoke has won multiple ASCAP Awards, composed two operas, continues to compose for film, and performs live. The engineer-turned-composer advises, "Don't lock yourself in a room. It's amazing what you find when you get out there and share who you are."





CHANDLER BURR (US'82, C'86)

Olfactory expert

Chandler Burr is a novelist, journalist, museum curator, and foremost expert in olfactory arts. His two books about the art behind the industry of scent, *The Emperor of Scent: A True Story of Perfume and Obsession* and *The Perfect Scent: A Year Inside the Perfume Industry in Paris and New York*, as well as his position as the *New York Times* perfume critic, led to his creating the Museum of Art and Design's Department of Olfactory Art.

While trotting the globe to research for his scent work, Burr found time to write and publish an acclaimed novel, *You Or Someone Like You*. "It's about how literature shows us who we are. That's a lesson I learned in Clark Beim-Esche's Principia AP English class."



CHRISTINE CORDAY SCHWARTZ (US'88, C'92)

Celestial sculptor

"I had a hard time deciding whether to continue my education as an artist or a scientist," Christine Corday explains. "But we are all things—that's where the 'whole person' comes into play."

Stints as a NASA intern, packaging designer, and award-winning fiction writer gave way to her work as a celebrated sculptor. Her sculptural installations have been featured in solo shows at L.A.'s LACMA, St. Louis's CAM, and New York City's Highline, as well as playing a featured role in the 9/11 Memorial at the World Trade Center.

While she's known today as an artist, Corday's work has always incorporated scientific processes and pointed the way for scientific discovery. She just completed a groundbreaking international project that recalls her NASA days: representing the discipline of Art in the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) project—a 35-country effort to harness fusion through building a star here on earth.

PHILLIP HUBER (C'73)

Innovative puppeteer

Destiny has been known to zig and zag, but occasionally she reveals herself early.

Phillip Huber's path to becoming the "greatest marionettist of our time" began early, when the five-year old received a Howdy Doody puppet. By the time he headed to Principia College, his mother's advice to "study something you can make money at" was too little too late: Huber had already earned his tuition money by staging marionette shows.

Today, Huber is a preeminent marionettist, performing worldwide—from LA and New York City to Paris's Lido and the Casino Monte Carlo; he has performed with Jim Henson and the Muppets,

and built and manipulated puppets that can be seen in *Being John Malkovich* and *Oz the Great and Powerful*.



MONIQUE STAUDER (US'86)

Globe-trotting photojournalist

Inspired by her Upper School teachers, Monique Stauder pursued a degree in international relations, earning a master's at Geneva's prestigious IHEI. But studying these macro dynamics uncovered her true passion: "I wanted to put a face to the people I was studying . . . From there, I was hooked."

As a photojournalist, Stauder's photos of war zones, dramatic rescues, and the trials and triumphs of daily life present a tapestry of humanity that is as arresting as it is authentic. Leading up to Y2K, Stauder had an epiphany. "I wanted to document life around the center of the world—the Equator—at the beginning of the third millennium. I booked a plane ticket and left; no keys and no bills." After five years, the result was her award-winning double flip book, *Latitude Zero*.

the HUMAN- ITARIANS

“A life of selfless service is the only road to genuine happiness. Men and women who forget self in a desire to serve God and mankind learn the meaning of the joy of an endless life.”

—Mary Kimball Morgan

These selfless, compassionate, and globally-minded Principians—including a Christian Science nurse, human rights officer, and refugee advocate—are examples of Principians who find joy in the service of their fellows. They show that even when facing seemingly overwhelming and intractable issues, there is hope to be found and progress to be made.

WENDY ABDOLLAHI-BLUMER (C'79)***Expanding Christian Science nursing training worldwide***

They say the longest journey begins with a single step. In Wendy Abdollahi-Blumer's case, a lifetime of Christian Science nursing began with a healing. That meaningful experience led Abdollahi-Blumer to pursue a career in Christian Science nursing.

More than 40 years of nursing later, Abdollahi-Blumer can be found at Le Verger in Switzerland, expanding Christian Science nursing education globally. Early on, she saw a need for flexible Christian Science nursing education around the world. Today, she is Le Verger's Director of Christian Science Nurses Education, and coordinates a team of 20 instructors across a variety of countries, on four continents, in five languages. "I love what I do," she says. "As long as I can do it, I'll continue."

**ASTRID MELCHNER (C'96)*****Negotiating peace and enforcing human rights law***

Astrid Melchner's participation in Principia College's Model United Nations (Model U.N.) solidified her interest in political science and human rights. Returning home to Switzerland, she organized the first Model U.N. in Geneva, home to the United Nations' European headquarters.

Before long, Melchner was working for the real deal as a human rights officer with the United Nations. Since then, her distinguished career has included distributing grant funds to support the rehabilitation of victims of torture and slavery, providing high-level analysis to the U.N. Secretary-General, and working toward a peace agreement between Israel and Lebanon, as well as supporting peace talks among Syrian parties. Currently, Melchner trains government officials and others how to enforce treaties and human rights laws.

Summarizing her peacemaking approach, Melchner says, "If you look at a crisis and think there are only problems, it's difficult to keep engaged. Looking at crises as opportunities is the only way to find solutions."



REBEKAH ENOCH (US'89)***Force for good***

Rebekah Enoch describes her career as “potpourri,” with human rights as a throughline. “My life theme is to be part of the ‘team that tries,’” says Enoch. While managing a food bank, raising awareness of climate change, assisting the Australian people in addressing global poverty, and promoting human rights in China, Enoch has always been caught trying.

Now a program director at Human Trafficking Search, a global database and resource clearinghouse, Enoch produces a range of materials that highlight the intersection of current events and human trafficking issues. Recent examples include shining a spotlight on labor exploitation under the kafala system in Qatar during the World Cup.

Enoch’s hopeful attitude is grounded in her study of Christian Science. She aims to be a “force for good,” bringing openness and spiritual perspective to the field.

ALICE LHOTELLIER (C'01)***Re-homing Ukrainian refugees***

Alice Lhotellier has spent the better part of her career teaching English in France. But when the Russia-Ukraine war began in early 2022, Lhotellier sprang into action. In response to the crisis, she started Dunkerque Ukraine, an association aimed at supporting Ukrainian refugees in Dunkirk, France.

Now, Lhotellier spends her time with Ukrainian women, helping them settle and establish new lives in France. Throughout the process of finding host families, housing, and employment, Lhotellier’s confidence that harmony is present has led to creative solutions.

She is heartened by her neighbors who have softened the landing of those fleeing the war. “People are ready to help each other and give time and energy, sharing their home to make sure other families are safe,” says Lhotellier.



THE LAST WORD

DR. TRUDY PALMER (US'72)
Editor Emeritus

It's fitting that Principia's woman of letters, **Dr. Trudy Palmer** (US'72), inspires a wealth of descriptors: "whip smart" comes to mind, or "exceedingly gracious." Also on the list: relentlessly curious.

Among the first African American students at Principia, Dr. Palmer is no stranger to breaking barriers—earning her PhD in English and American Literature at Stanford, then teaching at University of Pittsburgh and Tufts; helping to edit the Christian Science periodicals, not to mention a scholarly book on blues music; and serving as an assistant dean at Washington University, before coming full circle

to helm the *Purpose* for 13 years.

One of her *Purpose* highlights was the Summer 2009 issue on "Peace": "It showed the difference Principians are making in the world," she says. And in her final issue, Winter 2021, she was honored to share the story of Edith Walker, Principia's first Black student.

Dr. Palmer has since spread her wings yet again, as cover story editor for *The Christian Science Monitor*. Her reserved demeanor belies an eagerness to greet the world that is as inspiring as it is expansive. "As soon as you open the door, you get to explore new territory. I love that."


CONTINUE THE DISCOVERY ONLINE

These outstanding Principians are joined online by an ever-expanding group. Here is a small sampling of the big names you can find at principiapurpose.org:

Haru (Matsukata) Reischauer (C'37) is

"The most popular woman in Japan"

Robert Duvall (US'49, C'53) is

"The American Olivier"

Michael D. Barnes (US'62) is

Congress's ethical conscience

Sara Nelson (C'95) is

"WORKERS' GREAT HOPE"

Meet Eloise (Jarvis) McGraw (C'37)

Newberry Award-winner

Tricia Paoluccio (US'90, C'95) is

"The Dollygänger"

Meet Austin Moyle (US'13, C'17)

Life-saving collaborative chemist

Ian Forber-Pratt (US'98, C'08) is

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Get to know Principia's purposeful men and women. Have a name we should add to our list? Email them to us at: purpose@principia.edu

UNDER THE *KENYA* SUN

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

PHOTOS COURTESY OF PLL TRAVELERS

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The Kenyan sunrise stretches out across the plains. Elephants, rhinos, and cape buffalo gather to drink at the watering hole while sunlight refracts off the surface. Curious explorers look on from afar. Is this the opening scene of a Hollywood blockbuster? Or just a day in the life of the Principia Lifelong Learning (PLL) travelers in Africa?

The goal of this latest expedition: to spot “The Big Five”—African elephant, lion, leopard, cape buffalo, and the endangered black rhinoceros. The starting point: Nairobi, Kenya. Whether they were surrounded by baby elephants, learning about Kenya’s rich culture and wildlife, visiting a Maasai village, or taking off in a bush plane from a dirt runway, the explorers were keen for good adventure. Learning is never dull when your teacher and guide is Renee Bumpus, Chief Animal Conservation Officer

at the Palm Beach Zoo and Conservation Society, or when you have an entire African land conservancy as your classroom.

The PLL expeditioners experienced nature up close and personal, from witnessing a fresh lion kill on a night drive—female lions and their cubs cleaning a carcass mere feet from their vehicles—to sleeping in tents in Kenya’s Ol Pajeta Conservancy. And yet, it was the moments between the planned events where some of the most genuine learning occurred: discussing Kenyan politics and environmental issues with safari drivers, or dancing with members of the Maasai tribes and later singing hymns with them at a Christian Science testimony meeting. All these moments underscore the essential, and deeply rewarding, human element of travel.

Turn the page for some first-hand accounts of the trip from the intrepid travelers.





“ This was my first venture through Principia, but hopefully not my last. The Kenya trip was rich with animals big and small, incredible scenery, knowledgeable and fun local guides, and an amazing Wildlife Specialist and Wildlife Conservationist—PLL’s trip scholar, Renee Bumpus. But what set this trip apart from any other I have taken, was the immediate and close relationship I shared with the other participants on the tour.

This trip was a quest, a most rewarding one. How grateful I am to PLL for their attention to detail, their array of fascinating trips to choose from, and their care and attention to each individual while on the trip.

—Ann Blamey





“This Kenya trip has been insightful and fun, challenging my thinking and bringing a true sense of God's government and provision for all. This has meant new friendships, wonderful memories, and a very deep and humble gratitude for Christian Science demonstrated and shared within my new family of travelers.

The Maasai and Kenyan people were welcoming and friendly, eager to share their lives, and learn about mine. The chance to visit a Maasai village to see their way of life was revealing and very moving.”

—Linda (Whitemore) Bradstreet (C'67)



“I loved so many things on this trip, but one that stood out was the precision and exactitude of the many stripes on the thousands of zebras. The way the stripes covered the body and met exactly in balance to each side was phenomenal.

I was in awe of the entire experience and a side note, zebras bark like dogs when they communicate with each other!”

—Carol (Mitchell) Stocking (US'65) 



Visit principiapurpose.org/africa

ADVENTURE AND DISCOVERY AWAIT

Where can Principia Lifelong Learning take you in 2023 and 2024?

Summer Session

June 10–24, 2023

Canadian Rockies

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Kenya

July 26–August 5 OR

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October 10–21, 2023 (Join waitlist)

Danube River Cruise

July 23–August 2, 2024

Northern Italy Immersion

September 21–29, 2024

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

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Wonderful Principia Family!

Principia’s quasiquicentennial year is an incredible opportunity to reflect on the light that each of our alumni brings to the world.

What a bright start to the 125th year we’ve had, from traveling on four continents with Principia Lifelong Learning to gathering for the grand opening of the School’s

Bill Simon Field House. It has been fun to adventure and reconnect with you!

This fall a new class of alumni was inducted into the Principia College Gold and Blue Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming and Family Weekend. They join the over 300 alumni athletes who are members of the Hall of Fame. The weekend was filled with stories from the “good ol’ days” of donning the gold and blue, and the inspiration they shared with our current student athletes.

Throughout the month of April, alumni and friends are invited to join us in serving in your local communities as part of Principia’s eighth annual Global Days of Service. Visit principiaalumni.org/globaldaysofservice to learn more about how you can participate.

We are counting down the days to gathering at Upper School reunion September 28-30! We can’t wait to celebrate alumni whose grad years

end in 3, 4, 8, and 9! (Although, all alumni are invited to attend.)

This year we continue to see how each of our alumni illuminates the world. We love hearing from you and are grateful for the joy, love, and good you pour into your communities. Thank you for being a part of Principia’s bright future, and please continue to send in updates for inclusion in the next *Purpose!*

The Alumni & Field Relations team looks forward to our paths crossing soon—whether on campus or off, on a Principia Lifelong Learning trip or virtually!

Lovelovelove!

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

A Q&A with Travis Thomas after the World Cup

Travis Thomas (C'95) has spent the last three years on the coaching staff for the U.S. Men's National Soccer Team. He chatted with us after his return from the World Cup in Qatar.

Q: Your journey with the U.S. Men's National Team started in 2020—tell us about your position.

A: My title is Leadership and Team Dynamics Coach. I'm the person who is always thinking about the team culture and staying consistent to our culture—that could be everything from doing a team event, to mindset sessions as a team and one-on-one with players, to creating motivational videos.

Q: What was it like to work with the Men's National Team and go to the World Cup?

A: It's been amazing. I played soccer at Principia College for four years, and I was an assistant coach for the College in 2008, which was some of the most fun I've ever had. I've also coached at the Upper School.

I've had to pinch myself, because this is the ultimate childhood dream—to be on the national team, go to a World Cup, to be standing on the field, warming the players up before the game and hugging or consoling the players afterward.

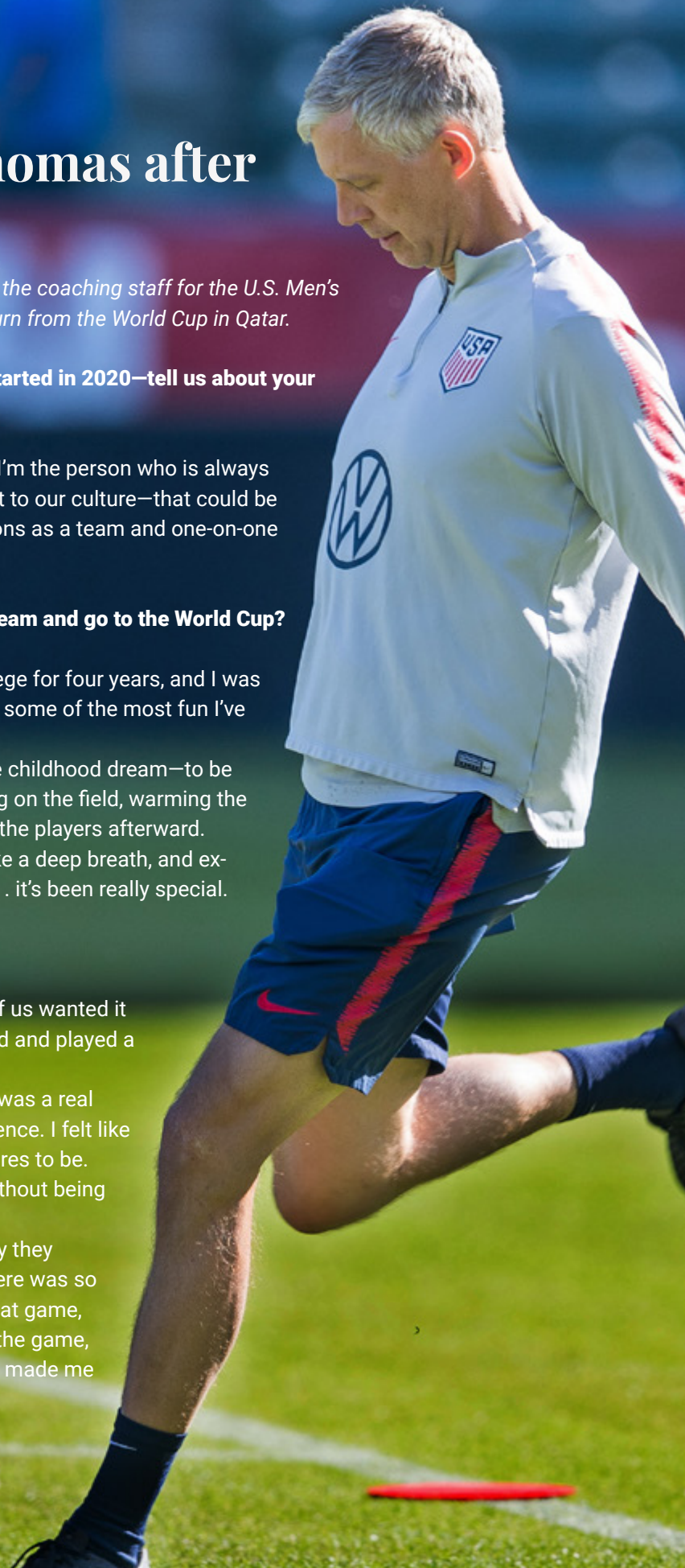
There were plenty of moments where I'd look up, take a deep breath, and express gratitude for the opportunity. To get to do this . . . it's been really special.

Q: How do you feel about the team's performance?

A: I thought the team performed fantastically. None of us wanted it to end, but the fact that we got into the knockout round and played a high-level brand of soccer was really satisfying.

And to see how the guys carried themselves—there was a real sense of humility and grace, but also a humble confidence. I felt like the players represented the best of what America aspires to be. They were confident without being arrogant, strong without being bullies.

And there was real grace and compassion in the way they carried themselves, especially after the Iran game. There was so much tension between our two countries going into that game, and to see our players consoling Iranian players after the game, and to have a real sense of compassion for them, that made me even prouder than how they played on the field.



SCHOOL

US'70

As the pandemic eased, **Thomas Richards** (also C'74) hit the road, visiting Selma, Alabama and implementing the only smart building in Selma's historic downtown. While in Alabama, Richards visited **Nancy (Kling, US'70)** and Richard Shinbaum. Together, the classmates visited the Juneteenth festival, Rosa Parks Museum, and the Hank Williams Museum.

Last August, Richards spoke at the Annual Gartner Conference on Gartner Data & Analytics Summit in Orlando, Florida. The presentation was later published in CIO magazine. He also visited his daughter, an MD and assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Richards reports that his son was accepted in the Oratorio Society of New York and will perform at Carnegie Hall. "Can't wait to hear him perform Handel's 'Messiah' at Carnegie Hall!"

US'72

Philip Smith published a new book titled *Mother of the Company, Sgt. Percy M. Smith's World War II Reflections*. "In contrast with military training and masculine expectations, these memories of wartime contain strong instances of comfort and caring that sometimes turn the gender cliché of war and male camaraderie on its head. If we ask what constitutes a good soldier, a good survival, and a worthy life, Sgt. Smith's answer, as suggested in his letters and stories, might encompass the greater value and life-fostering instincts as a part of healing the damage left behind by the life-taking experience of war." *Mother of the Company* is available now on Amazon or from the publisher, Texas A&M University Press. Philip has retired from the Department of History at Texas A&M and moved to Alton, Illinois.

After working on cruise ships and traveling the world since 2011, **Nancy (Robinson) Soule** has published a book titled *Work at Sea, See the World: An Insider's Secrets to the Working Life on a Cruise Ship*. With color pictures and a wealth of information, she explains how anyone with some adventure in their soul can experience that hidden life below deck. The book was published by Newman Springs Publishing and is available in paperback and digital formats through Barnes & Noble, Amazon, and local booksellers. Soule was crew as a jazz singer for several years and now ship-hops as a theatrical costumer. Share it with adventurous individuals who may have a yearning for the sea and exotic ports of the world!

US'73

Bill Kling was recently re-elected to his 10th term on the Huntsville City Council in Alabama. His nine re-election vote percentages have ranged from 60-89%.

US'95

Chadwell Ruthsatz was nominated for a Mid-America Emmy. His production company, Tree9 Films, produced the nominated work for the St. Louis, Missouri, organization Kids In The Middle. This is his second Emmy nomination.

COLLEGE

C'82

Adrienne M. (Sandidge) Hill made a trip to Kenya last January to visit Principia friends **Catherine (Njeri) Mahihu** (US'02, C'06), **Mahihu Kimani** (C'80), and **Muthoni Kimani** (C'07). She visited Mahihu and Catherine at the school they run in Thika, Kenya, and then went for lunch at the Blue Post Restaurant and Pub.

C'85

Four Anderson West friends from Principia College class of 1985 reunited

in Charleston, South Carolina in April 2022.

C'87

Principia International Enrichment Students had a mini-reunion in Berlin while celebrating **Katja-Valeska Peschke's** birthday. Their last reunion was in Munich, a mere 25 years ago! The old friends reminisced over photos, shared life updates, and expressed gratitude for dear **Margie Hamlin** (US'38), their wonderful International Student Advisor and "mother" during their time at Prin.

Colin Vogt has started a 501(c)(3) wolf dog sanctuary and rescue in the Cincinnati area. In less than a year, the Vogt family and a small team of volunteers put in fence and built 11 50x50 enclosures. Now with 12 animals and counting, Vogt's 20-acre Red Riding Hood Rescue Project awaits USDA licensing.

Vogt writes, "These are not the animals Hollywood portrays in the movies. They are not aggressive. They are shy, risk averse, silly creatures. Our animal program will include cooperative care and animal enrichment, and the public will be invited to both educational events and Howl-ins for fun." Find more information at rrh-project.com.

C'99

Leona (Laurie) Routledge became President of Magnitude, Inc., a marketing and communications firm based in New York. She and her husband, Alex, traveled from their home in the U.K. to meet up with her colleagues for a company retreat—a rare in-person meetup for the fully-remote company!

C'07

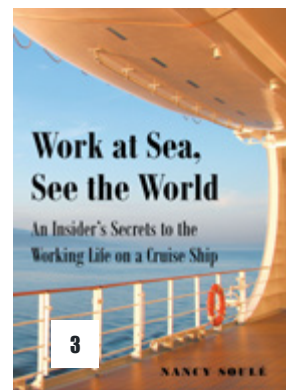
Christina (Thorsen) Nethero, has been recognized in the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America® for Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships). She is a partner in the Tampa, Florida, office of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP.



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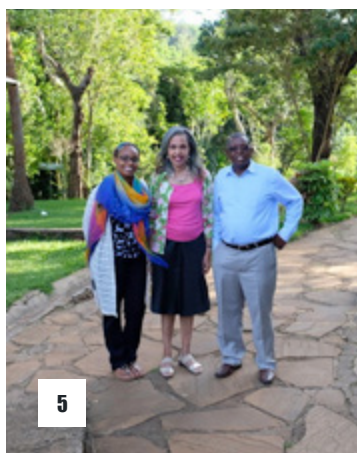


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1 Pictured left to right: Brenda (Augensen) Romo (C'85), Devon (Hardwick) McFarland (C'85), Jody (Laver) Huerkamp (US'81, C'85), and Robin (Kilmarx) Flynn (C'85) reunited in Charleston, SC.



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2 Colin Vogt (C'87)

3 *Work at Sea, See the World*, written and published by Nancy (Robinson) Soule (US'72)

4 Leona (Laurie) Routledge (C'99)

5 Pictured left to right: Catherine (Njeri) Mahihu (US'02, C'06), Adrienne M. (Sandidge) Hill (C'82), Mahihu Kimani (C'80).

6 Pictured left to right: Klaus Forster (C'87), Myfanwy (Woods-Jack) Gilardi (C'87), Katja-Valeska Peschke (C'87), Almut (Huber) Döring (C'87) reunited in Berlin.



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7 *Mother of the Company*, edited and published by Philip Smith (US'72)

CELEBRATION



BILL SIMON FIELD HOUSE GRAND OPENING

Alumni, donors, and community members—over 900 guests in all—gathered at the grand opening of the Simon Field House this past January to honor Principians past and present. Among those honored were notable names such as **Brian Morse** (C'61), **Jane (Herrmann) Harrison** (US'78, C'82), **Julie Oakes** (US'40, C'44) and Jack Eyerly. Join in the celebration and see photos from the event online at principia.edu/simon.



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DAVID K. ANDREWS ALUMNI AWARD

The 2022 DKA award recipient was **Mary (Brownell) Bothwell** (C'73). She worked for many years at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and is now serving the Christian Science movement in several roles. To view all DKA recipients, visit principiaalumni.org/dka.

SUMMER SESSION HONORS FRED VAN ECK

Fred van Eck's appreciation for Principia was forged at Summer Session in the 1990s, where he loved to play tennis and engage in metaphysical exchanges with his fellow Summer Sessioners. Beginning this year, Principia will be honoring our friend and benefactor with the Fred van Eck Speaker & Concert Series at Summer Session. Join us for Summer Session June 10-24 to enjoy this special series. Visit principia.edu/summersession for more information.

CORRECTION: 1983 TENNIS CHAMPIONS

It was incorrectly reported in "Celebrating 100 Years of Principia Women in Sports" that **Courtney Allen** (C'87) and **Sue (Godfrey) Huffman** (C'88) were part of the 1983 NCAA Division III national champion tennis team. The championship team members were in fact **Patricia (Hopkins) Goodspeed**

(C'86), **Suzanne (Verheul) Kratz** (C'85), **Kristin Martin** (C'83), **Wendy (Clark) Mortner** (US'80, C'84), **Julia (Rhodes) Sanderude** (C'83), **Beth (Wachtel) Saxe** (C'85), **Patricia Suppes** (C'83), and **Elenore (Clark) Victor** (US'81, C'85). The high-achieving team was coached by **Lyn Gerber** (US'72, C'76). We apologize for the error. Read more about Principia's exceptional 1983 women's tennis team at principiapurpose.org.

CORRECTION: MAYBECK'S MASTERPIECES

The Summer 2022 issue of the *Purpose* included a story about a recent biography of Julia Morgan by Victoria Kastner. The book inaccurately furthers a misperception that Ms. Morgan was the architect of some of Principia College's women's dormitories. **Dr. Robert M. Craig** (US'62, C'66), Professor Emeritus at Georgia Tech College of Design and author of *Maybeck at Principia College: The Art and Craft of Building*, writes to set the record straight: "There is no question that all of what we still call the Maybeck dormitories (Howard, Anderson, Sylvester, Buck, Brooks, and Rackham) were designed by Maybeck," echoing a 1989 letter to *The Pilot* from renowned historical preservation expert **Dr. Charles Hosmer** (C'53), titled "Maybeck Did Do It Alone." Both letters can be read in full at principiapurpose.org.



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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

We welcome your news and photographs. Items for the next issue are due June 1, 2023. Please follow these submission guidelines:

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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.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Please provide first and last names of all those pictured and indicate who attended Principia. Photographs that are low resolution, dark, out of focus, or grainy usually cannot be used. Even images that look fine on a computer screen may not work well in print.

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.

Please make every effort to submit a digital image that meets these specifications:

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Please scan all printed images at a minimum setting of 300 dpi. (Occasionally, smaller images are usable.)

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Email submissions to alum@principia.edu or post your news at principiaalumni.org/classnotes. Send submissions via mail to *Principia Purpose* at this address:

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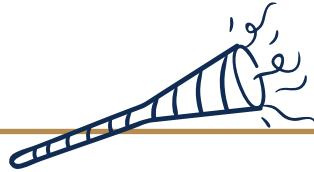
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