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FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

# At Home at Principia: A Warm and Wide Embrace

BY BARBARA BLACKWELL (HON'22)  
Chief Executive



“Home is the dearest spot on earth, and it should be the centre, though not the boundary, of the affections” (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 58).

Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, provides the perfect context for this issue of *Principia Purpose*. “Home” is a powerfully evocative word. At its best, “home” connotes a sense of safety, comfort, and perhaps, most importantly, home is where you are known, celebrated, and loved for who you are.

“Home” can be a place, a person, a country, even an academic discipline—where you grow, progress, and thrive. For our youngest learners through our Summer Sessioners, Principia strives to be a home—a nurturing, challenging center for all students and our entire community.

In this issue, you will read powerful accounts of Principia as home. Each year, families move to Principia to enroll their children at the School. As new employees or as parents of school-age children (or both!), transplants to Principia find

**Principia’s embrace is warm and wide.  
It is unbounded by our physical campuses  
and includes each of you!**


a vibrant, diverse community. At both the School and College, the embrace is open and warm—welcoming newcomers and creating a friendly, intellectually and spiritually curious network for all ages.

For our School boarders, “home” will look and feel new this year. Read about the School’s recommitment to a vibrant boarding program

and its resulting renovation of Aron House (formerly “the Girls’ Dorm”).

And, of course, the strong sense of loyalty invoked by the distinct “houses” on the College campus remains a treasured legacy. As Howard House alumnae come together to support a \$7-million renovation of that beautiful Maybeck structure, they honor the past even as they provide for the future.

Finally, lest our focus on home be unnecessarily bounded by our campuses, we embrace our students studying abroad and our lifelong learners traveling the globe.

Principia’s embrace is warm and wide. It is unbounded by our physical campuses and includes each of you! Welcome home! 

# New Trustees, Continued Commitment to Principia

During the recent June meeting, Principia's Board of Trustees elected three new members: **Elisabeth (Skowronnek) Brinton** (C'89), **Gavin Campbell** (US'78), and **Lisle Staley Stigler** (C'82). These impressive alumni bring lessons in leadership, commitment to community service, and a wealth of knowledge to the Board. We are enthusiastic and grateful for their continuing contribution to the Principia community.



**ELISABETH (SKOWRONNEK) BRINTON** (C'89), the 2024 College Commencement speaker, is an experienced corporate executive and entrepreneur who has helped build 24 successful businesses. Focused on sustainability technology and business models, she has served as Corporate Vice President of Sustainability for Microsoft and Executive Vice President of New Energies for Shell. Brinton has operated in over 75 countries, living full-time on four continents. In her "spare time," Elisabeth produces and competes top sport show jumping horses at her facility, Serenity Spring Farm, in Ocala, Florida.



**GAVIN CAMPBELL** (US'78) is founder and managing principal at Steelbridge Capital in Evanston, Illinois. He previously served as President and CEO of the Florida Office Property Company and Managing Director of Acquisitions at LaSalle Investment Management. He has worked for the federal and state governments, nonprofit organizations, and was chairman of the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois. Gavin attended Principia from kindergarten through Upper School and holds an MBA from the University of Chicago. Gavin lives in Chicago with his wife Diana and three children.



**DR. LISLE STALEY STIGLER** (C'82) has worked in every aspect of the education ecosystem. She has been a teacher, researcher, business executive, and Head of School at Berkeley Hall School. She led research and evaluation for the Santa Barbara Public Schools, as well as UCLA's Center for Research on Evaluation, Standards, and Student Testing. After leading the Teacher Learning team at LessonLab, a research and education startup, she worked as SVP of Design at Pearson Education. Lisle holds a PhD in education and lives in Studio City, California, with her husband Jim Stigler.

Read more about the new Trustees in an online-exclusive Q&A.



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ON CAMPUS  
**SCHOOL**



**QUICK LOOK**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL COASTS INTO LEARNING**

Can learning take your breath away? When building, driving, and racing a coaster car, it can. Incorporating science, art, and engineering, Middle School Integrated Studies students built coaster cars from scratch and took them for a test drive down Country Meadow Lane. Talk about being fueled by creativity and competition!

## IN BRIEF

**BUSY BEES MAKE BIG IMPACT**

Principia's third-grade class was awarded third place in Missouri's Green School Quest for its innovative and holistic approach to bee-keeping. The student-run small business—wherein honeycomb was harvested from Principia's bee hives and turned into honey—won the attention of the judges for its sustainable and environmentalist approach.

**GREATNESS THRUST UPON HER**

Upper School senior Nne Ezi took to the stage last year to compete in the National Shakespeare Competition in New York—Lincoln Center Theater's stage to be exact. The event represented more than a performance on a stage; it was also Principia's first time competing at the national level in the competition. Nne Ezi performed the monologue "Parolles" from *As You Like It* and Sonnet No. 58.

**A GLOBAL IMPACT****Upper School Students Make Global Impact on International Stage**

Upper School boys' basketball players Cisse and Gassim took their talents to the international stage this year, participating in the U17 FIBA World Cup in Istanbul, Türkiye. They represented their home country of Guinea at the World Cup, helping the team secure its first win in international U17 play. Gassim was instrumental in helping his home country secure a spot in the U17 FIBA World Cup by leading them to a title in the 2023 FIBA U16 African Championship. The U17 World Cup was Cisse's debut for Guinea.

On the home court, Cisse and Gassim helped the Panthers post a 21–7 record in the 2023–24 season: Gassim with 9.5 points and 4.8 rebounds per game, and Cisse with 6.9 points and 4.8 rebounds per game. Congratulations to our Principia Panthers for their hard work and dedication to their sport!

**SPIRITUAL LIFE PROGRAM UPDATE****Building on Spirituality from the Bedrock**

New Spiritual Life Director **Brad Warrick** (US'90, C'94) has taken the helm of Principia's Spiritual Life program. First course of action: integrating the program into all facets of campus life, bolstering and supporting students' spiritual understanding through deep and honest conversations. Monday chapels will continue as the cornerstone of the program, setting the tone for thoughtful discussions to take place throughout the week in House groups, athletic teams, classroom settings, and more. "The purpose is to develop confident spiritual thinkers," says Warrick. "The more questions [asked], the greater the discussion, the greater the learning, and the more confident students become as spiritual thinkers."





IN BRIEF

LEARNING ON DISPLAY IN LOWER SCHOOL

This spring's Showcase of Learning provided parents with a window into the Lower School world as students seized opportunities to show off their artwork, writing projects, Bible study learning, and skills gained during physical education. From demonstrating their mastery of light and sound to sharing nonfiction books on notable Revolutionary War figures, Lower Schoolers were proud to share what they learned.

NEW AND EXCITING ADVENTURES

Upper School Students Take on Taiwan

Last spring break, a group of Upper School students embarked on the learning adventure of a lifetime—Principia's first-ever trip to Taiwan. The excursion was a long time in the making. After five years of patient planning, Mandarin Chinese language teacher **Joy Chang** led her students into Taiwan's rich cultural tapestry. They spent 10 days immersed in the language and culture, living with Taiwanese students and their families; touring historic and religious sites; attending cultural lessons in martial arts, tea ceremonies, and art; and even performing karaoke!



THINKING GLOBALLY, CELEBRATING LOCALLY

Principia Lower School hosted its fourth annual Festival of Cultures this past spring, an event that celebrates the broad range of cultural heritages coexisting harmoniously at Principia. Tables representing Bosnia, England, Ghana, India, Mexico, New Zealand, Philippines, Taiwan, and The Netherlands filled the Lower School gym. Students traveled to each of the nine booths—speaking with their classmates and community members, learning meaningful cultural tidbits, and sampling local delicacies. "It's a great opportunity to create a more globally aware population," said **Robin Gamrath-Schauman** (US'94, C'98).



LEADING THE CHARGE

# SHARING THE GOOD

Principia School was chosen as an example of excellence for the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) St. Louis conference this past February. The turnout was the highest of any school on the conference roster. Leaders and educators from schools across the country—and ocean—attended classes and spoke to teachers, principals, and Head of School **Dr. Merry Sorrells (C'79)**. “As early adapters to educating for the future, we were able to showcase our vast and beautiful campus, our progressive and impressive facilities, and our adaptive and evolving pedagogy,” says Dr. Sorrells.



# Inspiring Confidence: An Education Crafted for Tomorrow's Leaders

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

While “scenario-based” and “integrated learning” are not novel concepts at Principia, a fresh and exciting academic framework is taking shape across the School.

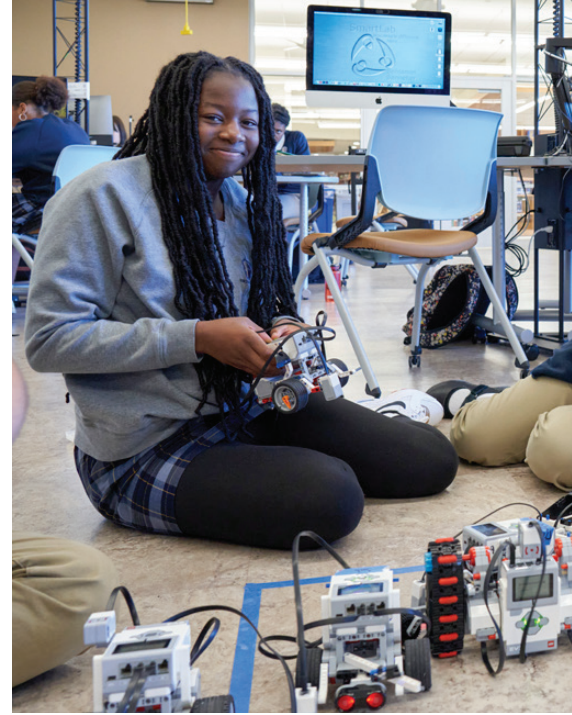
Take a peek into any classroom and you'll see future-ready learning in action—whether it's fifth-grade apiarists preparing their harvested honey to sell at the Lower School Fall Festival or Upper School engineers in the making, programming a helpful bot designed to assist with a good night's sleep. The School continues to push boundaries, providing rich opportunities to build confidence and competency.

In the Lower School, Principal **Heather Tibbetts** explores how to infuse reading, writing, science, social studies, STEM, and art into

real-world projects. Launching this fall, the Lower School academic program incorporates more integration between subjects and more intentionality around hands-on learning. Students are getting their hands dirty, testing their theories, and putting their understanding into practice.

“Like most learners, we learn by doing,” says Heather. “Under this new framework, students make connections between different subjects and dive into real-life situations where they need to work together to make decisions and understand the impact of their actions.”

“To run a program like this successfully, it takes constant collaboration, creativity, and flexibility. This is something our colleagues in the Middle School learned early on when



Upper Schoolers create and program robots in the IDEA Lab.

overhauling their academics years ago.”

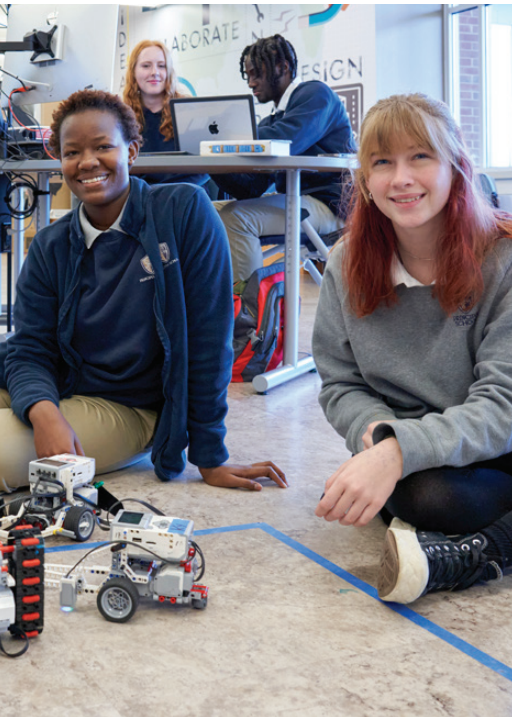
Principal Tibbetts has initiated a smooth transition including moving **Rissa (Harlow) Arens** (US'91, C'95), a former first-grade teacher, to Teacher Leader. Rissa works closely with each grade level in the Lower School to bolster the blended learning model.

Meanwhile, in the Upper School, a new freshman and sophomore experience known as “CoLAB” follows suit. CoLAB, as the name suggests, is a laboratory-style learning framework that teaches transferrable skills through student-led project work. Projects may include creating inventory and financial plans for a new business idea, improving sustainable practices across campus, or programming a new system or app to improve student life on campus.

“Immersive, relevant learning experiences help our students become more invested and engaged while cementing important skills that can be




Third graders become beekeepers in the making during their Bee Unit.



transferred to other experiences,” says Upper School Principal **Samantha Dry**. “We’re setting our freshmen and sophomores up for success by cultivating confidence and drilling in necessary skills for the rest of their academic journey and beyond.”

For Upper Schoolers craving additional learning opportunities outside the traditional core curriculum, “Quests” are now offered as independent study opportunities. Co-designed between students and teachers, students pursue an area of interest—from interior design and culinary arts to rocketry and aerospace engineering.

These educational enhancements mark the beginning of an exciting school-wide approach and curricular vision that will propel its students forward with the confidence and savvy they need to thrive in a world of unknowns. 

# Future-ready leaders in the making

“Principia focuses on a lot more than just academics. All the trips and community service and extracurricular activities on and off campus really help create a strong application for college.”

—Parth (US’24)



The possibilities are  
endless at **Principia.**



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ON CAMPUS  
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**QUICK LOOK**

**PRINCIPIA COLLEGE BREAKS GROUND ON SOLAR FARM**

Principia College's long-awaited solar farm and pollinator habitat broke ground this past April. The six-acre area of ground-mounted solar panels (array) will feed 1.65 megawatts (AC) directly into Principia College's grid and allow the College to produce renewable electricity locally. The array is expected to meet approximately 30 percent of annual electricity needs for the Elsay campus.



## A PICTURE WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

### Documenting Down Under

When 16 College students (and recent grads) set out for Auckland, New Zealand, they were embarking on an abroad unlike any other. Led by award-winning writer/producer and associate professor of digital media and journalism **Stephanie Bauer**, this excursion was a multicultural and multimedia deep dive into the cinematic island nation. The group of students and budding filmmakers explored urban environments and arcadian vistas, ultimately producing nine small-group projects including a handful of documentary films.

One such documentary, *Mohimohi Moana* covered a Marra Moana, or “ocean garden,” an innovative, long-term approach to marine conservation that was conceived, created, and cultivated by the Ngatiwai Ki Whangaruru Whenua Topu Trust.

View the *Principia* students' short film.



## IN BRIEF

### A MULTI-GENERATIONAL CLASS COLLABORATION TO BEAUTIFY THE BLUFFS

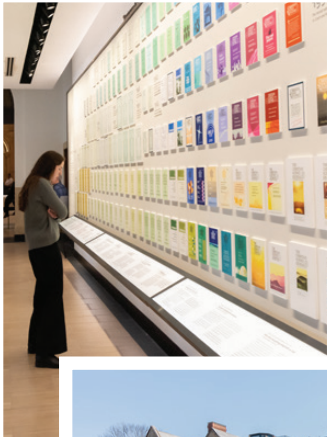
The Class of 2024 and 50th Reunion classes of 1974 and 1975 embarked on a Baby Boomer-Gen Z collaboration to beautify the College campus with a revitalization of the iconic bluff look-out. “The 50th Reunion steering board recognized the need for restoration at this iconic location,” said former Director of Development Programs **Kevin Capp** (C’93). “The funds aided the Class of 2024 in replacing the telescope with more powerful optics, upgrading the benches, addressing deteriorating stonework, and ensuring the space’s safety and appeal for future students, alumni, and visitors.

### PANTHERS SERVE UP A SEASON TO REMEMBER

The spring 2024 tennis season was one to remember, as both the men’s and women’s teams qualified for the NCAA DIII National Tournament. Coaches **Shannon Carney** and **Rusty Jones** were both named UMAC South Coaches of the Year, senior **Bissola Lassissi** was UMAC South Women’s Tennis Player of the Year, and freshman **Mafe Quintero** was named UMAC South Women’s Tennis Rookie of the Year. On the men’s side, the full lineup earned All-UMAC honors, with freshman **Ignacio Zamora** earning UMAC South Player of the Week in the final week of play.

### PRINCIPIA STUDENTS WOW AT MIG

Principia sent four outstanding first-year delegates to last year’s intercollegiate Model Illinois Government (MIG) simulation at the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield. All students participated as members of the House of Representatives and each participated on the floor in a smaller committee debating bills, voting, and negotiating with their colleagues. MIG staff and faculty advisers were unanimously excited to have Principia at the conference as our students are widely appreciated for both their intellectual abilities and their warm, kind approach to their fellow delegates.



AN INSPIRING JOURNEY

## Walking in Mary Baker Eddy's Footsteps

This spring break, Principia College students traveled to Boston, expanding their spiritual horizons and deepening their relationship with Christian Science along the way. They even walked in the footsteps of Christian Science Discoverer and Founder Mary Baker Eddy. Accompanied by Spiritual Life Director **Roger Gordon** and Associate Professor of Music **Dr. Rose Whitmore**, the group visited The First Church of Christ, Scientist; the Mary Baker Eddy Library; and Mrs. Eddy's home in Chestnut Hill.

IN BRIEF

### INSPIRATION FROM 2024 COMMENCEMENT

**Elisabeth (Skowronnek) Brinton** (C'89) inspired graduates and attendees at this year's College commencement with a message of courage. "Courage comes from the Latin word, cor, meaning the heart," Brinton explained. "Today more than ever, in these complex times, we need courage from the heart. That means courage to stand out from the crowd, courage to pursue one's own path, courage to put aside 'shoulds'."



AT THE FOOT OF A MASTER

## “MOTHER OF INSTALLATION ART” JUDY PFAFF VISITS CAMPUS

This past spring, **Judy Pfaff** visited campus as part of the College’s Schmidt Family Lecture Series in Contemporary Art. Regarded as a major pioneer of installation art, Pfaff revealed to the audience of Principia students, alumni, and local community members her journey to becoming a world-renowned artist. Pfaff also gave audience members a glimpse into some of the more than 100 solo exhibitions she has had in the United States and abroad. Pfaff’s captivating lecture and profound insights into contemporary art left an indelible mark on the night’s attendees.



THE FAST AND THE FRIENDLY

## Solar Car Shines at FSGP

This July, Principia’s solar car proudly secured second place in the Formula Sun Grand Prix (FSGP), placing above competitors such as Stanford, Michigan State, Purdue, and Texas A&M. Principia’s car completed an impressive 189 laps without incurring any penalty laps—a notable improvement from last year. The students raced with integrity and fortitude, out-pacing Illinois State’s car by 40 laps, and falling just short of the École de Technologie Supérieure’s notable 215 laps. And while the competition was fierce, the sportsmanship shown and the friendships forged were mightier by far. Principia team members enjoyed bonding with other participants and lending a helping hand wherever it was needed, including loaning a spare motor and motor controller to the University of Michigan team. “Principia effectively saved our race,” said **Daniel Benedict**, the team’s project manager and recent U-M computer science graduate. “We’re so grateful they were willing to root for us.” Congratulations and bravo to the Principia solar car team for demonstrating the Principia difference on and off the track.



# Fresh, Relevant, Innovative: The College Moves Boldly Ahead

STORY BY MARLA DEMIRJIAN

Since its founding more than a century ago, Principia College has been unique among institutions of higher education. Existing to serve the Cause of Christian Science through the appropriate channels open to it as an educational institution, the College has joyfully prepared thousands of young people to make their mark on the world and live purposeful, meaningful lives. Principia College has always had an outsized impact, turning out leaders, thinkers, and doers—men and women of character dedicated to leavening thought and bettering humanity.

In the past year, the College has, once again, begun forging a new path in higher education. College leaders and educators have joined together to engage in a bold reimagination of the academic curriculum to meet the evolving needs of today's students and continue to set Principia apart from its peers. Today's students set a high bar for higher education, demanding that colleges prepare them to be future-ready, provide enriching connections of all types, and create a true sense of belonging and purpose within a community. Fortunately, Principia is more than up to the task.

This innovative, forward-focused shift in the College curriculum will launch in the Fall of 2025, with five new Academic Centers that create a more distinctive academic identity for Principia. It also enables stu-

dents to be members of integrated, collaborative learning communities as faculty in each Center create rich, cross-disciplinary opportunities. Working together, faculty have leaned into the mandate of Principia's strategic plan—Thrive! 2025—to assess, improve, and deliberately integrate the curriculum to provide the crossdisciplinary learning experiences that are imperative for turning out inspired, highly skilled graduates.

highlighting the practical power of integrated academics: "I can see graduates from the Center for Narrative, Meaning, and Media developing skills that will allow them to contribute to the Cause of Christian Science in meaningful ways such as working for *The Christian Science Monitor* or the Mary Baker Eddy Library, writing for the periodicals, being conversant with ecumenical dialogue, and engaging in interfaith opportunities in their

**"This updated, future-oriented program will help the College attract more students, promote greater collaboration among faculty, and offer students an improved classroom experience that equips them to become the creative problem solvers the world needs."**

—Dr. Daniel Norton

Academic majors will be organized within the five distinct Academic Centers, allowing for maximum integration and impact. All majors will be updated and enhanced to be cross-disciplinary, multidisciplinary, and even more relevant. And a few new academic programs—artificial intelligence (AI) and data science and ecosystem management—will be submitted to the Higher Learning Commission for approval and accreditation.

Dean of Academics, **Dr. Meggan Madden** (C'93), gives an example

communities." Each of the Centers will offer a similar model that creates new synergy between areas of study.

What's more, each Center will establish a shared identity based on common interests and experiences. Heightened levels of interaction between students and faculty will generate a deep sense of community and belonging. All that leads to highly engaged students—motivated to complete their degrees, make an impact, and contribute to their respective fields and communities.



# Discover Principia College!

Join us for a hosted weekend and get VIP access to our vibrant campus, enchanting residential housing, and student activities. Come see what sets Principia apart!

Looking forward, College President **Dr. Daniel Norton** is inspired and confident about how this “updated, future-oriented program will help the College attract more students, promote greater collaboration among faculty, and offer students an improved classroom experience that equips them to become the creative problem solvers the world needs.” At Principia, it’s not hard to imagine. 📌



## SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE HOSTED WEEKENDS:

November 14–16, 2024  
February 6–8, 2025  
February 20–22, 2025

March 6–8, 2025  
April 10–12, 2025

### College Academic Centers to launch Fall 2025 —

- **Center for the Arts** (Music, Performing Arts, Visual Art)
- **Center for Civic and Global Engagement** (Economics, Educational Studies, Global Studies, Languages and Cultures, Philosophy, Political Science)
- **Center for Innovation and Technology** (AI and Data Science\*, Business, Computer Science, Mathematics)
- **Center for Narrative, Meaning, and Media** (Creative Writing, Digital Media and Journalism, History, Religious Studies)
- **Center for Sustainability and Ecology** (Chemistry, Ecology\*, Ecosystem Management\*, Sustainability)

\*The College will apply to the Higher Learning Commission, our accrediting body, for approval to offer this new program. Note: The names of the new Academic Centers have not been finalized and are subject to change.

## Experience the fun and see your future at Principia College!

“The environment at Principia is what drew me in; I was wanted here. Everyone I met was excited and passionate about the education and community that has been established here. I am proud to preserve this culture that is like no other. Thank you for the incredible opportunity!”

— FRESHMAN MADELEINE WATERS



PRINCIPIA COLLEGE



Tours often fill up quickly, so **RSVP today to secure your spot!**

# OF NOTE

## QUICK LOOK

### **DR. JOHNSON RECEIVES SECRETARY OF ENERGY'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Dr. Nicholas Johnson's (C'04) year-long sabbatical with the U.S. Department of Energy earned him the Secretary of Energy's Achievement Award. Twice. Johnson and his fellow team members received recognition for their work in tax accreditation and "liftoff" reports—both of which are leading to a significant acceleration of investments in and deployment of clean energy technologies. Congratulations to Dr. Johnson and his colleagues!

## TICKET MASTER WARRIORS

## Eras Across the Eras

You know her. Maybe you've exchanged bracelets at one of her record-setting concerts. Maybe you've watched the fan theories online (and written some of your own). Whether you're singing her songs in the car or passing her face on magazine stands, you know Taylor Swift. Her music—earnestly written and deeply relatable—touches on every part of the human experience, making her voice the backdrop of many people's lives. And whether they're from the class of 2037 or 1982, Principians of all eras have been celebrating *her* eras—dancing to *1989*, singing to *Midnights*, and road-tripping to *Red*. We asked our Swifties to weigh in on the hype and they did, headfirst, fearless. Read about their favorite eras and see pictures from their time dancing with Taylor at her Eras Tour—sometimes in a storm; always in their best dress.

**“Reputation—I can't wait for Taylor's Version! [The album's message is to] never let what others do/say keep you down or change your course.”**

—Sarah Beckwith (Parent of Upper School 2023 graduate)

**“I like Enchanted [from *Speak Now*] because it goes, ‘It was enchanting to meet youuuuuuu.’”**

—Ava (Principia Preschooler)



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The Distel sisters, **Marianna (Distel) Hibbeler** (US'09, C'13) and **Laura (Distel) Long** (C'07) are ultimate Swifties, attending seven Taylor Swift concerts through the years, including *The Eras Tour* at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey.



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**Meredith Hamilton** (US'13, C'17) attending the LA show with her boyfriend, dressed for the “*Lover Era*.”



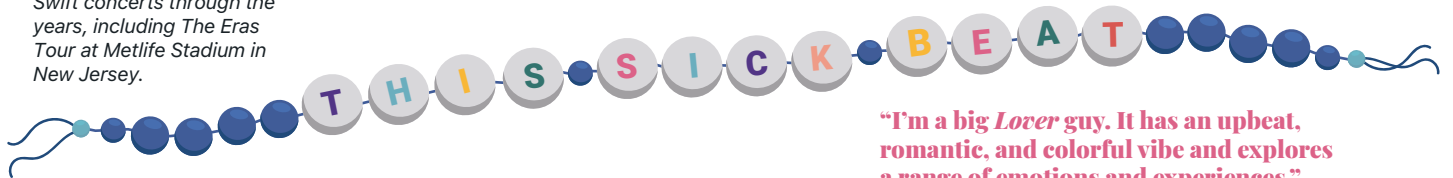
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**Bailey McLeod-Bischoff** (C'17) and sister **Brynne** attending *The Eras Tour* in Minnesota.



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**Emma Coyne** (US'16) and **Sorrell Grow** (US'16) collect friendship bracelets at the Eras concert in London.



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**Melissa (Meyers) Donahue** (US'90) and her daughter **Anna** at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey.



**“I brought my daughter to the 1989 tour in Eagles stadium and happened to meet the one other dad who was there!”**

—Andy Hooper (US'90)

**“I'm a big *Lover* guy. It has an upbeat, romantic, and colorful vibe and explores a range of emotions and experiences.”**

—Kendall Shoemake (C'15)

**“The *Folklore* and *Evermore* eras (which I'm convinced were one long era) were such a perfect moment of rediscovery of Taylor's true songwriting power.”**

—Emily Ellet (C'08)

**“My favorite era is *Red*. It was the first Taylor Swift album I fell in love with and listened to regularly. Lyrically, I think it's one of the best. She has a talent for writing specific, personal scenes that feel emotionally very relatable.”**

—Matthew McLeod-Bischoff (C'20)



Meet more of your fellow Principia Swifties online!



GLOBAL IMPACT

## Destroying Barriers, Promoting Equality

**Vincent-Immanuel Herr** (C'12) is many things: husband and father, author and business owner, feminist and scholar. He is also a demolition man. Since graduating from Principia College in 2013, Herr has committed his personal and professional life to breaking down barriers.

In June, Herr spoke at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's (OECD) Forum on Gender Equality in Paris, serving on a panel with international leaders. As a young father, the topic was near and dear to his heart: "I got to talk about men's roles in care work," Herr recounts.

While Herr's work is focused on the future, it is grounded in lessons from his past: "I grew up in a gender equality-focused family, with my dad being a caretaker for me and my sister while my mom pursued a career as a university professor." Now with one preschooler at home, newborn twins, and wife Amy teaching sociology at Principia College, his life is echoing his own childhood. And for Herr, the fewer barriers the better.

VIVE LES JEUX OLYMPIQUES!

## CAMILLE ABADIE: BEHIND THE CAMERA AT THE OLYMPICS

In an age rife with opportunity, it takes an astute observer to seize the right moment and turn it into something more. Luckily, recent graduate **Camille Abadie** (C'23) is just such a person. After seeing an Instagram ad from a reputable account promoting the "best student job in the world," Abadie knew she had to take a chance and apply. The subsequent acceptance email gave her a time and place for an intensive one-week training course on television broadcasting—the place in question being Paris, France. After the course, she was selected to support the Olympic Broadcasting Services (OBS) at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games where she worked in the Commentary Control Room and with the commentators at the Boxing Arena. "Working with OBS allowed me to connect with professionals," says Abadie. "It was a step in the door to the broadcasting world and motivated me to keep pushing towards my goals. It affirmed that this is the job I want to do." This fall, Abadie takes her passion to Nottingham Trent University, where she will complete an MA in broadcast journalism.



## ON THE ROSTER

## On to New Horizons!

Three recent College graduates are continuing their athletic careers at home and abroad. **Jaquan Adams** (C'24) made a big impact in Principia's '23-'24 basketball season, winning St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SLIAC) Player of the Year and finishing sixth in program history in career scoring average (19.9 ppg). He turns his sights to Argentina where he will play with Sportsman Unidos in Rosario. **Shemmari Miles** (C'24) was also a big name on the basketball court, finishing seventh in assists per game since the program joined the NCAA and receiving the 2024 Corde and Willard Hanzlik Award. He will lend his skills to Ireland's division, playing for Tipp Talons in Thurles. Finally, soccer player **E.G. Pierce** (C'22) has signed with Flatirons FC in Littleton, Colorado. In his Principia career, he helped lead the team to the 2019 SLIAC Championship and was First Team All-Conference his senior year. "Having athletes from Principia play professionally shows the value of the Principia education, as we are truly benefiting the world. The values and skills our student-athletes learn on and off the court prepare them for life's journeys ahead," says basketball coach **Todd Zimmerman** (C'11).

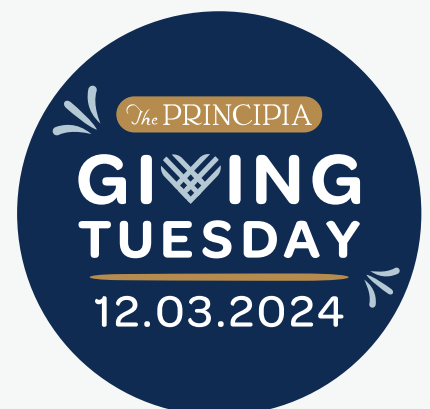


## Save the Date for Principia's Giving Tuesday

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SPIRITUAL LENS

# HOME

This issue explores Principia's expression of home. On the front lines of this home away from home, Houseparents at the School and Residential Counselors at the College provide nurturing and guidance while enabling students' authentic individuality to shine. We asked these professionals to share their inspiration around home.



**Tessa Miller** (US'12, C'16)  
Houseparent, Aron House, Principia School



**Marcus Stanley** (US'02)  
Director of Residential Life, Principia School



**Mark Hagenlocher**, (US'84)  
Interim Dean of Students, Principia College

## What is home to you?

**Tessa Miller:** “Home is the consciousness of good” (*Christian Science Hymnal*, no. 497). I love this quote because it describes the nature of home. Home is not a place; home is where we feel loved and like we belong. As our job is to love God and love one another, we are always at home and safe in Love’s home.

**Marcus Stanley:** I understand home to be my spiritual center, not a physical place but the whole and complete understanding of God’s infinite and unconditional Love. A spiritual concept of home is a strong and steadfast foundation that enables and enhances the outward expression of joy, compassion and good, while simultaneously being a loving and warm embrace that inspires, rejuvenates, and uplifts our spirits.

**Mark Hagenlocher:** For me it’s about embracing the students in

our daily work, being prepared to support their needs, and knowing I’ll have what I need to meet someone else’s needs. That’s the work of building the home atmosphere: by being spiritually grounded, you get a sense of calm and joy.

## What concept inspires your expression of home?

**TM:** “Home is not a place but a power. We find home when we arrive at the full understanding of God” (Irving C. Tomlinson, *Twelve Years with Mary Baker Eddy*). I love this! It reiterates the truth that the Christ idea is ever present with us so long as we recognize its allness in our lives. Home is an irrefutable truth, ever present in our experience. God is our home, and God is all, therefore, home is ever-present, ever-near, ever-loving.

**MS:** “Pilgrim on earth, home and

heaven are within thee, Heir of the ages and child of the day, Cared for, watched over, beloved, Walk thou with courage each step of the way” (*Christian Science Hymnal*, no. 278). It serves as a calming reminder that God is the source that protects, cares for, and loves our students.

## How does spirituality in the home environment improve the rest of our lives?

**TM:** Recognizing the true spiritual nature of home allows us to feel freedom and belonging in all aspects and circumstances of our lives. Look for home, look for Love, look for good and you can never be lacking, alone, or afraid. Love, and home, is always present and at hand, right now. ▶

# HOME

## The word *home* can mean many things: beginning, becoming, belonging.

Grounded in faith and growing in scope, Principia's unique residential experience encompasses the full sense of the word—providing a safe, inclusive, spiritually enriching foundation from which to learn, grow, and launch.

Today, residential counselors at the College and School are applying the same prayer-based innovations to students' living environments that their academic counterparts are bringing to the classroom. That is to say, preparing Principians to be productive, selfless leaders in their communities, workplaces, families, and beyond—both now and into the future.

In this issue of the *Purpose*, explore community-focused innovations in the School's Home Department, Maybeck modernizations at the College, and how families are gravitating to Principia to create their own sense of home.



# Living Legacy at Principia:

## A TRUE HOME AWAY FROM HOME

STORY BY ERIC MORSE (US'90)







< *The “Mistake House,” a beloved Maybeck experiment, sits afore his timeless masterpiece, the Principia College Chapel.*

**P**erched atop the Mississippi River bluffs, Principia College’s iconic collection of buildings designed by renowned architect Bernard Maybeck creates a singular storybook setting. From the stately Chapel to the quirky “Mistake House” to the one-of-a-kind residential houses, Maybeck’s work provides an unforgettable backdrop upon which the student experience unfolds.

Maybeck’s residential housing designs are known for their grand Arts and Crafts-style facades that open to soaring arched common areas and cozily clustered bedrooms. The adage that human experience reflects its environment may explain how the buildings provide a perfect playground for the intellectual curiosity, artistic expression, and self-discovery that characterizes student life at Principia.

**Lauren Warboy** (US’99, C’03), a renowned interior designer in her

Howard’s interiors can be **curious, surprising,** even downright **mischievous**—rooms featuring odd-sized windows, unexpected nooks, and staircases, even the envied east-side balcony.

own right, recalls how living inside Maybeck’s artistic vision ignited a lifelong passion. “We did a deep dive on Maybeck in my art history class—his thought process and intention to cultivate unique learning spaces,” she recalls. “It was so cool to experience what someone had planned and designed just for you.”

**HOWARD: MAKING A HOUSE A HOME**

A perfect example of this intentionality is Howard House, a women’s

dorm and Maybeck’s first residential building on campus. Howard’s interiors can be curious, surprising, even downright mischievous—rooms featuring odd-sized windows, unexpected nooks and staircases, even the envied east-side balcony.

“Just as Maybeck built this house—tasteful, with a wonderful sense of elegance—the [students] portray these qualities. Although ... diverse in background, interests and talents, each member adds to the class seen outside as well as inside of the building ... Those of us fortunate to dwell within love to call it home.” While some things have changed since **Jen (Barone) Towle** (C’98) and **Betsy Mueller** (C’98) wrote these words for the 1996 Sheaf yearbook, much remains the same.

In June, alumni of Howard House gathered on the Elsay campus—reunited to reminisce and reflect on their formative experiences. Warboy recalls the thrill of exploring her curious and mysterious digs at Howard: “I wanted to be in a Maybeck house. The others were not even an option for me,” she recalls. “I loved ... changing rooms three times a year, exploring the different rooms and making friends with girls I wouldn’t have known otherwise.”

After almost a century of students making lasting friendships and growing into who they set out to become, the Maybeck houses are ready for preservation work and infrastructure upgrades that will continue the legacy.

**MODERN LIFE WITHIN A TIMELESS DESIGN**

To construct a beautiful structure is one thing, but to create an enduring platform upon which the daily revolutions of college life can flourish is another. In the nine decades since their construction, Principia College’s residential houses have gone through several renovations, each one providing updates to the student experience while meticulously honoring the original design. “The Maybeck architecture offers endless moments of curiosity, wonder, and delight, and these are critical qualities to preserve,” said **Lee Eubank** (C’97), Principia College Director of Facilities. “Equally important is enhancing livability and creating a high-quality student experience, ensuring that students can thrive in an environment that respects the past while embracing the future.”



Students have used Howard’s cozy sun-filled nook throughout the years as a place to recharge.



< While the landscape has changed, Howard's reputation for being quirky, curious, and creative has stood the test of time.

“ Just as Maybeck built this house—tasteful, with a wonderful sense of elegance—the [students] portray these qualities.



^ Renovations to Howard suggest many sunny days ahead.

The College completed renovations to Sylvester House earlier this year—an award-winning project that received national attention for its ability to demonstrate harmony between the old and new. As Howard House prepares to follow suit, plans are underway for improved sustainability and enhanced livability. Technological enhancements to Howard will provide climate controls within each room, state-of-the-art building systems—such as security, automation, and networking—and refreshed common areas to restore some original splendor

while creating a more inviting environment. New energy-efficient windows will be a throwback to the original Maybeck materials, while necessities like modern-day plumbing and bathrooms offer current-day form and function. At the same time, reclaimed lumber originally harvested from the campus site preserves the building’s organic authenticity.

As she considers the upcoming renovation project, Warboy wears two hats: a sentimental former house president as well as an interior designer whose work graces the pag-

es of *Architectural Digest*: “The Sylvester renovation showed that they paid special attention to Maybeck’s vision and intention. The great thing about Principia is how generous the community is. It’s comforting to know Howard’s stewardship is in good hands.”



Learn more about the upcoming renovation of Howard House, and how you can support its preservation.



< Sylvester’s modernizations include creature comforts and state-of-the-art building systems.



^ Sylvester’s rich history sets the tone for a thriving co-educational community.

“The Maybeck architecture offers endless moments of **curiosity**, **wonder**, and **delight**, and these are critical qualities to preserve.

Recent renovations >  
of Sylvester provide  
warm, inviting, and  
versatile living spaces.



< **Charley Martin**  
*Resident Counselor  
of Sylvester House*

## A LEARNING LABORATORY FOR THE SKILL OF COMMUNITY: A Q&A with Sylvester RC Charley Martin (C'96)

### How are you approaching your new role as Resident Counselor (RC) in the rebooted Sylvester?

I'm starting by recognizing the convergence of challenges for this generation. All our students were told at some point in their lives they'd be safest behind closed doors. There is social-emotional learning loss—not only from the pandemic, but also because of social media. Principia's house system provides a remarkable laboratory for learning about community and culture-building. That's the approach I'm bringing to Sylvester.

### How can a college dormitory help mitigate the effects of social media?

When it comes to diet, our bodies

need healthy food. Junk food fools our bodies into believing we're getting what we need, but those are empty calories. The same is true for our media diet. Humans are wired for meaningful relationships, and social media is like junk food—it fools us into thinking we're getting that, but we're not.

In Sylvester, students learn how to build connections with intentionality, with an eye toward building a sustainable, durable community. My role as an RC is to lead our students through those conversations and examine our choices. Why is it important that we value open doors? What do we see about meetings that goes beyond the transfer of information, but is about building community?

### How does this approach augment the students' learning?

When people feel a sense of belonging and feel safe, they learn better. So not only can the living environment improve their learning, but our students can graduate with a tangible, marketable skill. The skill of community is really valued in the marketplace. When I was a school principal looking through 80 resumes to hire someone, people who could work in a community, communicate, and collaborate were a huge benefit.

If we can teach our kids the language of community, they can go out in the marketplace, and they can leverage their skills around community building to their advantage.

# HOME IS WHERE THE PANTHERS ARE

STORY BY ERIC MORSE (US'90)

If home is where the heart is, then it should come as no surprise that Principians feel at home in all corners of the earth. Beginning in fifth grade, travel is an integral part of Principia's educational experience. With love as their guide and learning as their motivator, students of all ages travel the globe; and thanks to Principia Lifelong Learning (PLL), discovery and exploration don't stop after graduation.

Last school year, Principia students, alumni, and friends discovered new views of home during excursions to **Greece**, **Nepal**, **New Zealand**, **Norway**, and **Taiwan** . . . and that's just a partial list of their international stops.

College students in New Zealand documented the Marara Moana, or "Ocean Garden," producing a short documentary that sparked a new approach to marine conservation.

In Nepal, others came face-to-face with the effects of climate change as they conferred with NGOs, worked the fields, and trekked overland to assist with damaged infrastructure.

Meanwhile, Upper School Mandarin Chinese students ventured to Taiwan, broadening their cultural fluency. Bible students journeyed to Greece,

walking in the footsteps of Paul, while deepening their understanding of the biblical underpinnings of Christian Science.

Ask any urban denizen and they will tell you: nothing is proof of feeling "at home" in a place like navigating the subway system to a tucked-away karaoke bar. That's exactly what **Joy Chang's** Mandarin language students accomplished as they took in the sights, sounds, and flavors of Taiwan this past spring.

In July, 32 Principia Lifelong Learners spent 11 days venturing through Norwegian fjords, exploring rich cultural sites, and basking in the midnight sun. Trip scholar, College economics professor **Dr. Matthew Cocks**, delivered lectures on Norway's economic prosperity and global leadership in sustainable living.

Please enjoy some of the sights and observations of our intrepid travelers and go online for more.

SEE MORE  
TRIP PHOTOS



**1** Noah Buitron (US'20, C'24) stands at the mouth of the Hokianga Harbour overlooking the Tasman Sea after hiking in the Arai Te Uru Nature Reserve.



**2** Upper School students gather for a group photo in front of ancient Corinth.

**3** The warm glow of Bryggen, a historic wharf in Bergen and UNESCO World Heritage site, allowed PLL travelers to step back in time and into one of the best-known urban areas from the Middle Ages in all of Norway.

**4** A student shares her artwork with one of the Nepalese guides in a special moment of connection.

**5** Fast friends were made with students from Luodong Senior High School in Luodong City.





**TRIPS KEY**

- Greece
- Nepal
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Taiwan

**6** Upper School students are all smiles with friends from New Taipei Municipal Banqiao Senior High School in New Taipei City.

**7** Students get ready to embark on a journey in waka hourua (double-hulled Māori canoes) in Abel Tasman National Park.

**8** PLL travelers visited an arctic dogsledding kennel to learn about the training and sport of dogsledding in Norway. It was also a great opportunity to cuddle with some friendly husky pups.

**9** Students take a break in ancient Pella—capital of the ancient Greek kingdom of Macedon.

**10** Students practice their calligraphy by writing their Chinese names on traditional fans called Tuanshan.





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**11** Often referred to as the “Grand Canyon” of Norway, the Aurlandsfjord is one of the most picturesque fjords in the world and offered PLL travelers stunning, panoramic views.

**12** Students explore the small village of Marpha, including a visit to a Buddhist monastery.

**13** A beautiful courtyard on Patmos Island—said to be the birthplace of the New Testament book of Revelation.

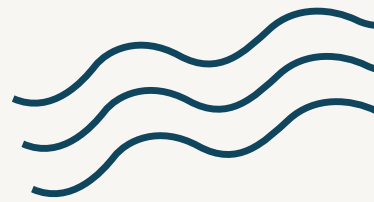
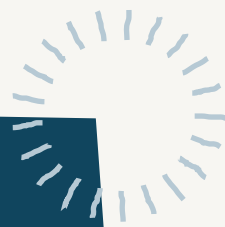
**14** Students get some hands-on learning about weaving flax flowers at the Te Rawhiti traditional Māori Marae or meeting house.

**15** Amidst the challenges of a six-day hike, students take a moment to observe the splendor of Nepal. 🏔️

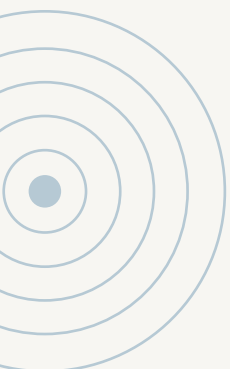
# NEW HOUSE, SAME HOME

## FUTURE OF THE SCHOOL BOARDING PROGRAM UNDER ONE ROOF

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



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**P**incipia is synonymous with opportunity, innovation, and limitless possibility. But for many, Principia can be summed up in one word: *home*. For students living away from their families, creating a home away from home is essential to their wellbeing, growth, and success.

Established in 1899, Principia's boarding program has housed thousands of students from across the globe seeking an exceptional education founded on Christian Science ideals. In this experience, they also find a deep brotherhood and sisterhood, mentors who invest in their growth, and a community that cares. As an extension of the Principia experience, the residential program seeks to ground students in independent, spiritual thinking—preparing them to succeed in a rapidly-changing world. And just as the School continues to innovate—so, too, does the boarding program.

## Boards Know No Borders: Embracing a Modern Approach

Principia has seen exciting and creative growth at all levels in the past few years—including a fresh look at what the word *embrace* means to the institution. By admitting students from around the world who share Principia's values and character-focused approach, the School has an opportunity to strengthen its foundation while extending its reach. As Chief Executive **Barbara Blackwell** (HON'22) puts it, "I believe we can strengthen our Christian Science values as we understand how to live them in an increasingly diverse community."

In its journey to create an enhanced student experience, School leadership has identified innovative opportunities to transform the boarding program while strengthening our values. It started with a partnership with boarding students, parents, and a national boarding program consultant, **Jackie O'Rourke**, to explore ways to reinvigorate the program and align Principia with best practices. "I see Principia's efforts to include families and students from diverse backgrounds and faiths as a perfect example of how to serve the cause of Christian Science unselfishly. This is an opportunity to cultivate a robust program, one that's centered around the students and their personal and spiritual growth," says Head of School **Dr.**

**Merry Sorrells** (C'79).

As a result of prayer and thoughtful consideration, a recent policy update was ratified by the Board of Trustees to provide a limited number of students from families who do not identify as Christian Scientists, but whose values are aligned, to be welcomed in the dorm starting in the 2024-2025 academic year. "We're building a launch pad for the future. These changes will strengthen the program and allow Principia to continue providing an exceptional education to students no matter where they're from," says Assistant Head of School for Enrollment Management and Residential Life **Terry Grigsby** (US'97, C'01).

## New Plans and Transitions: Living Under One Roof

As the boarding program began its metamorphosis, turning inward for evolution, the question was posed: what about the dormitories? A master planning audit revealed the need for a new boarding facility located in the heart of the campus, away from the more publicly used areas of the School. The Master Plan was altered accordingly and a new dormitory was folded into the proposal. And while the School eagerly looks forward to a future

live with housepops on the terrace and first floor, while girls will reside on the second floor with house-moms. Redesigned communal areas will provide a co-ed space to study and hang out. Floor-specific living areas will give students the opportunity to relax with members of their halls. New security measures include key card access to student floors and cameras in essential areas.

“It’s exciting to have a family-style atmosphere. Now, there’s a lot of opportunity to have joint study halls and Bible lesson study and really develop that brotherly-sisterly kind of mentality,” says Grigsby. But it’s not, as Grigsby says, a one-size-

agency to run programming on their own with adult supervision and guidance in age-appropriate ways,” adds Grigsby.

## A Richer Tapestry: How the Policy Change Propels Principia Forward

Implementation of the policy change to include values-aligned students in the boarding program will be gradual. And the core of Principia’s boarding program will remain the same, grounded in spiritual practice and dedication to a robust educational approach.

Principia School has already experienced the benefits of admitting students who share the School’s values, while honoring our Christian Science foundation to cultivate a diverse community. Investing in the spiritual life of all students aids in the School’s ultimate purpose: to serve the Cause of Christian Science.

And now, the boarding program finds itself in a similar position, ready to reap the benefits.

“[Last year] we had a Muslim student in the dorm,” says Spiritual Life Director **Brad Warrick** (US’90, C’94). “He was very spiritually dedicated and came to all the Bible studies. He was very inquisitive and loved learning about the Bible and *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*. . . . If [students] share Principia’s core values, they’re going to be attracted to what we do.”

“Although this is a big change, it’s also one that’s been approached with intention, love, and willingness to

Living under one roof, boarding students can expect a secure and dynamic living environment with community at its center.

with all new student housing, the team focused their attention to Aron House as an interim solution.

“Careful planning has taken place to make sure [Aron House is] safe and appropriate as a co-educational space,” says Grigsby. “[The changes] give us a lot of flexibility to bring everybody together . . . but some unique rules and security measures are being put into place to ensure that we have appropriate boundaries.”

Living under one roof, boarding students can expect a secure and dynamic living environment with community at its center. Boys will

fits-all model. The program will be “tailored to specific ages and demographics.”

New Dorm Director **Marcus Stanley** (US’02) emphasizes the program’s new offerings to support character development. Describing the Student Leadership program, Stanley says, “[It’s] finding ways to meet the students at their different maturity, capability, and age levels—to help them layer in leadership, responsibilities, lessons, and understandings at every stage of their development.” This will be especially true in the Spiritual Life program, where students will receive “more



take feedback,” says Stanley. These shifts allow the School to cultivate an inclusive environment that fosters cultural diversity, promotes rich sharing of different perspectives, and helps prepare students to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world. After all, more threads make for a stronger and richer tapestry.

## Built on the Original Foundation

Principia’s 1900 Prospectus described the newly minted boarding program as having “the same general plan for the development of the true thought of living, which is the foundation of the School.”

This shared vision continues today. Even as Principia School’s innovative nature calls for reinvention, it never rebuilds the wheel. “We’re working intentionally to make sure our boarding students continue to have all the benefits of the strong boarding program we’ve always had,” says Dr. Sorrells.

“We are still committed to the spiritual growth and development of all our students,” adds Grigsby. “Students will still be safe. They’ll be known, they’ll be loved, they’ll be nurtured in the dorm. . . . The loving home-like environment we offer and commitment to cultivating well-rounded, spiritual thinkers sets Principia apart. Consequently, the result is that [students] have a

sense of safety [that allows them to] thrive academically, athletically, and socially because they have a sense of home.”

Perhaps the most important aspect of the boarding program is the lasting effect it has on students. “My son spent four years exploring his spiritual nature along with his peers [in the dorm],” says **Sukie (Bernard) Berberich** (C’92). “Developing his identity through this lens serves him every day in school, relationships, and life. He is a confident and compassionate person and a role model to his friends. I am so grateful for Principia’s boarding program!”



# What Moves People to Choose Principia?

STORY BY KRISTIN MANKER (US'13, C'17) AND ERIC MORSE (US'90)

PHOTOS BY ERIC LINES (US'04, C'08)

## *Meet some of the new Principians and their families.*

You've most likely heard the stories of people being *moved to move* to Principia. Some families long for a deeper sense of community founded on shared spiritual values; others want an enhanced educational experience for their children. For some, it's a homecoming, returning to well-known places and familiar faces; for others it's a new adventure, full of exciting opportunities and fresh perspectives. But for all, it's an opportunity to enrich their lives and broaden their horizons.

In this article, you'll meet some of Principia's newest families and hear what moved them to move—the simmering of inspiration that began in one person and expanded to encompass a whole family. They traveled—some a great distance—leaving behind old expectations to embrace the new. Some came intending to lend their professional strengths to Principia while others sought out an excellent education for their children. In the end, they all found community, support, opportunity, and a new home.

*Read about more families online.*





“I love that I get to interact with prospective families and talk to people about our principles—Truth and Life and Love.”

the local Christian Science church. Then the dominos started falling more rapidly. Church led her to enroll her oldest child, Sophie, at CedarS Camps. CedarS sparked an interest in Principia School.

“This is all God-directed, you know?” reflects Shawn. Sophie’s positive experience in Middle School led Shawn and David to enroll younger siblings Oliver and Zoe in Principia’s Lower School, and before long, Shawn was perusing Principia’s job listings. The chance to be near her kids and contribute to the community that had profoundly changed their lives was a no-brainer. “I had to make a decision, and obviously I was going to choose my kids,” Shawn says.

Now working in the School’s Admissions department, Shawn has an opportunity to pay it forward. “I love that I get to interact with prospective families and talk to people about our principles—Truth and Life and Love,” she says. “That is one thing I love about being at Principia right now. I have come to realize that whatever my journey is, that still, small voice will lead me to the next step.”

## An Uncommon Journey

It’s not common for a family to land in Elsah, Illinois with no prior knowledge of Principia College or Christian Science, but the Zinns are no ordinary family. A recent transplant from Chicago, **Shawn Zinn** was a full-time mom, raising her three children in the

quaint river town while her husband **David Zinn** worked remotely from their new home. Unbeknownst to her, dominos were falling into place.

After exploring community hours at Principia’s fitness center, the Zinns felt embraced in an atmosphere of love that led them to visit

# A Beautiful Place to Bloom

**F**or Sarah and Richard Brokensha, their family's interest in Principia first took root in a hotel overlooking the Indian Ocean. A presentation hosted by their local church awoke an idea that had been planted by Sarah's mother a few years earlier: What about Principia? "It [had this] incredibly grounded sense of love in action. . . . It just seemed like a haven—this incredible city on the hill that was shining its light," says Sarah. But moving from South Africa to Illinois felt impossible at the time, with their children already enrolled in university. However, when their youngest son began attending Principia College in 2020, the notion of moving continents didn't seem so odd anymore. Moving first to Connecticut and then to California in 2021, Sarah and Richard kept their sights set on Principia. In 2021, the call came. Principia College was looking for a Capital Projects Manager and, given Richard's extensive background in project management, they were hoping he was the person for the job. ". . . It felt like an unfolding of what we always wanted to do, but up until then the way wasn't very clear," says Sarah.

By February 2022, the Brokenshas found themselves at Principia, Sarah joining the Principia College Admissions team a year later. The journey was finally complete. And even with

**"It just seemed like a haven—this incredible city on the hill that was shining its light."**

their youngest, now a Principia graduate, off to new horizons, the Brokenshas are still enjoying the fruits of their new home. "At Principia, everyone wants you to do well," says Richard. "I feel like I'm really in the right place to contribute to Principia."

"I've always said you can bloom where you're planted," adds Sarah. "And I really believe Principia is a place where you can bloom. And that's beautiful."





# Moved by Spiritual Life

Perhaps it's not surprising that for Principia College's new Director of Spiritual Life and College Chaplain **Roger Gordon**, the decision to leave active duty as an Army chaplain in Fort Campbell, Kentucky and move to Elsah, Illinois with his family was rooted in deep prayer. After a fulfilling three-year stint on active duty where he supported soldiers and families from Christian-based faiths, Gordon began to turn his sights to a deeper focus on Christian Science ministry, though the way forward was not yet clear. While speaking with **Maya Dietz**—a fellow Army chaplain veteran and Dean of Students at Principia College at the time—about leaving active duty, the *how* suddenly presented itself. “She said, ‘If you’re interested, I’m actually about to list this job’ . . . and it sounded exactly like me,” said Gordon.

Leaving the support of the military community was difficult at first, but Gordon's wife, Christian Science practitioner **Dr. Inge Schmidt, PhD**, says the choice to enroll their children at Principia was ultimately an easy one. “It was really about offering our kids an education that's driven by developmentally appropriate learning that's hands-on, practical, [and focused on] critical thinking.” As it turns out, the blessings weren't limited to a stellar education, nor were they a one-



way street. Since making the move, Schmidt's and Gordon's impact on both Principia campuses has been immediate. Whether with Gordon leading the student trip to Boston, or with Schmidt, who spends a day each week in the College's practitioner's office and serves as president of the Principia Parents Association, students are feeling their loving support and guidance.

Now, almost two years into their Principia experience, the family of

five has found their rhythm in the community, at school, and in their shared ministry work. “The things I was nervous about—having community and moving to Elsah—ended up being such great blessings,” says Schmidt. “My hope and expectation are that our kids are going to grow up at Principia, and that is such a blessing,” adds Gordon.

# Finding a New Sense of Home

The journey home is rarely a straight path. In fact, sometimes we don't even know that home is where we're heading.

For **Michael Slater** and **Dr. Tiffany Slater, PhD** and their two boys, it's been a serpentine route, but the destination made it all worth it.

A year ago, the Slaters were small business owners, Michael was a successful basketball coach, and sons MJ and Donovan were lighting up St. Louis's youth basketball scene. But after a chance encounter with an old friend, Principia basketball coach **Jay Blossom**, dovetailed with comments they'd heard about Principia from

others, the Slaters gave the School a look.

"I'd heard Principia had changed quite a bit since my days competing against them as a student at Country Day," says Slater, "and we quickly learned what made Principia such a good place. It's very open and welcoming. My wife and I always joke, 'Is this real? When will we see what's behind the curtain?' But for us, it never really changed."

Upper and Middle School principal **Sam Dry** and the innovative Middle School curriculum were instrumental in the Slater's transition to Principia. "There are a ton of great schools with good education. But what caught our attention is how the classroom activities connect to real life." When touring the Middle School's renowned Civil Rights Museum, for example, "It was refreshing to see the sincere desire to learn about other cultures and have the kids dig in," he remarks.

At a Middle School Evening of Excellence shortly after the Slater's sons enrolled, Dry mentioned an open role in Principia's IT department and offered to make a referral. "I didn't think much about it, and I wasn't going to bother her because she's busy, but a few weeks went by and she actually followed up," Slater recalls. "That just speaks to the quality of the people at Principia. I was so appreciative."

After the interview process was complete, Michael Slater became Principia's new software support specialist, and the Slater family was fully integrated with Principia School. Today, MJ is enjoying Upper School, Donovan is in eighth grade, and Dad is doing double duty as an IT professional and Middle School basketball coach. "The transition was nothing short of seamless," Slater says. And that is how you know you've arrived home.





## One Step at a Time

**F**or former boarders **Marcus** (US'02) and **Stephanie** (Nisbet) **Stanley** (US'02), the move to Principia was a long time coming. The Upper School

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graduates kept tabs on their alma mater from Seattle, but it wasn't until an impromptu tour of the campus during a summer road trip to a Christian Science camp that they realized they could envision a future here as well. “You could see how much care and thought [Principia puts] into the development of the whole person and preparing students to excel in the world,” says Marcus. “It was almost like reverse engineering,” adds Stephanie. “In that moment it became clear: this is where we want to be; it feels like the right place. But we had no idea how it was going to work.”

There was plenty to keep them in Seattle: family, work, a beloved house. But they kept their goal in mind, trusting the feeling that was leading them to Principia. And gradually, step by step, the way became clear over six months. When the call came that Principia had space for their children, Stephanie headed out first with the kids, while Marcus wrapped up their lives in Seattle. “I never felt like I was on my own out here,” she says, commenting on the strength of the Principia community. “Everybody at the School was constantly checking in with me. It brought that sense of home.” Marcus joined them six months later.

“I've been happy to see that [Principia] walks the talk and that it wasn't just a great marketing pitch,” says Stephanie. “[The School] is really focused on character education and leadership in this integrated learning setting.” Marcus adds, “To talk to each of [our children] and see the ways in which they're thriving and loving what they're doing is wonderful. We love being a part of this community.”


# A Celebration of Learning



**W**hen **Star Campbell's** (C'77) husband asked her where she wanted to go to celebrate an upcoming birthday, it didn't take long to reply. "I want to go to Principia Summer Session. It has everything I want. For starters, I get to celebrate for eight whole days. But it's more than just that. It's intellectually stimulating, and I love mingling with the other Principia learners. The setting is beautiful, and I don't even have to worry about cooking. And the in-person classes are exceptional."

It wasn't just about the destination—it was about the experience. "There's nothing like being here, engaging with other Principians and interacting with the professors. The environment is so spiritually uplifting—healings are part of the daily experience—and the atmosphere exudes character, life, and joy. It's the perfect place to be," says Star.

Her husband, **Mike Hottenstein**, who didn't attend Principia, was initially unsure of what to expect. But after their first Summer Session, he was hooked, even sharing his newfound enthusiasm with the president from his alma mater. Twenty-four years after attending their first Summer Session, Star and Mike returned to Elsayh this year for their third summer. "It won't be the last," she remarks.

For Star, lifelong learning is all about growth, wonder, and excitement. "It's sowing and reaping every day," she says. "What makes Principia's programs stand out is the metaphysical foundation that underpins everything—from the talks and courses to the conversations over dinner. It's an experience I'm truly grateful for." 



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Celebration and meaningful connections have been a theme of the past several months. And what incredible celebrations we've shared—from welcoming the classes of 2024 into our alumni family to the vibrant gatherings

of Summer Session and College Reunion, and the adventures with Principia Lifelong Learning (PLL) to Norway and down the Danube River. Each gathering was filled with love, friendship, laughter, and SO MUCH JOY!

Building on this spirit of community, we're looking for alumni volunteers. The Alumni Association Board (AAB) is preparing for its annual elections and would love to hear from you if you're interested in serving on the Board. Members serve for three-year terms. This year, members from the Northwest, Northern California, Mid-Atlantic, and Great Lakes regions will be elected. Scan the QR code here for more information, to submit a self-nomination, or to nominate another alum for terms beginning February 2025.

With a new school year underway, we're excited to keep the celebrations

going with an upcoming event in southern California, a PLL gathering for the 2025 Rose Parade, and several virtual and in-person Christmas events throughout December. We can't wait to see you at one or more of the events!

With gratitude,

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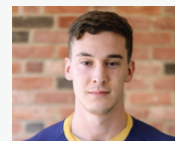
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A portrait of Sulaiman Folarin, a Black man with a short haircut, smiling broadly. He is wearing a blue and white checkered button-down shirt. The background is a vibrant, abstract pattern of colorful geometric shapes in shades of blue, green, yellow, and purple.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## Storytelling Without Borders: Sulaiman Folarin's International Journalism Journey

You know it's a good story when a 6,000-mile journey isn't even the most interesting part. And second-generation journalist **Sulaiman Folarin** (C'05), whose journey spans continents and media properties, knows a thing or two about telling a story.

For Folarin, reporting relevant and riveting stories is a passion dating back to childhood. "My father was one of the first people on television in Nigeria in the 1960s," he recalls. "So, I grew up watching my dad report the news."

Folarin's first break came while he was still a teen. "I auditioned for a radio station in Nigeria and was chosen out of 3,000 folks," he says. That audition led to another, and before long, he was co-hosting a successful television show . . . all by the age of 20. That's when he embarked on that 6,000-

mile journey that culminated at Principia College.

"I left all of that [co-hosting job] to start all over again," pursuing a mass communications and sociology double major at Principia. While Folarin was focused on studying, his talent still attracted the spotlight. After a classmate urged Folarin to submit his class assignment to the *Chicago Sun-Times*, he became the city's hip-hop columnist at a time when all eyes were on Chicago's hip-hop scene.

The next decade of his work features some of America's biggest media names: the *Sun-Times*, CNN, BET, *Rolling Stone*, and ESPN.

But the more Folarin covered American culture, the more he felt something was missing. While his native Nigeria has long been a mecca for Africa's diverse

collection of cultures and societies, "There was no storytelling about the rich history of our people," Folarin laments. "I saw a void and tapped into it."

Now an established documentarian, Folarin is shining a spotlight on African contributions to international sport. His 2021 documentary *The Three Kings of the UFC* explores the rise and dominance of three African UFC fighters, and he is now finishing up a feature-length documentary about Tobi Amusan, Nigeria's world-record hurdler.

"Even before I came to Principia, I believed the sky is not your limit," Folarin asserts. "The sky is your starting point. You don't have any limits—you only have limits when you tell yourself you have limits." Judging from Folarin's story so far, this one has no limits at all.

# Class Notes

## US'51

Upper School alumni gathered for lunch at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida. **Nancy (Siebens) Binz** (US'51), a Rollins alumna, met with current Rollins seniors **Cole Quitter** (US'21) and **Hannah Brodbeck** (US'21) during a recent reunion visit.



## US'54

**Nancy (Smith) Clapp** (US'54, C'58) and **Jeri (Neubauer) Blair** (US'54) reunited in Naples, Florida, where Jeri resides, and reminisced over an old photo album. Jeri proudly keeps her cheer-leading letter alongside the pictures from their days at Prin. Nancy, who lives in New Hampshire, spends a few months in Naples each winter when she can. She also enjoys traveling abroad and to Mexico with her daughter. There is never a dull moment with these old friends!



## US'59

**Nancy Nicol** (US'59, JC'61), (formerly Nicoll), shares updates from Wellfleet, Massachusetts. Since earning an EdM from Harvard University in 1981, Nancy has been a marriage and family therapist in private practice. She has also pursued her passion for oil painting, with her work represented at ArtNova Gallery in Chatham, Massachusetts, and available online at nancynicolart.com. Nancy fondly recalls her time at Principia, including memories of decorating the homecoming float, "Cat on a Hot Prin Roof," and creating silver jewelry and Irish sweaters. She also made her own graduation dress and remembers **Miss Clara Gehring** as her home economics teacher.



## US'60

On a beautiful February day in California, **Penny (Raymond) Strelow** (US'60) and **Roger Strelow** (US'60, C'64) hosted a delightful brunch at their home in Corona del Mar. Roger, a 2023 recipient of Principia's David K. Andrews Distinguished Alumni Award,

shared captivating stories from his time working for the EPA in Washington, D.C. The gathering, attended by six alumni, was filled with reflections on memorable experiences at Principia. A common theme was deep gratitude for the education they received. It was a wonderful time for all! From left to right: **Hugh Gowdy** (C'62), **Jim Flint** (C'64), **Penny (Raymond) Strelow** (US'60), **Roger Strelow** (US'60, C'64), **Lenore (McManigal) Garman** (C'62), **Malcolm McFall** (C'62).



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# Connections



**1** There are dorms and there are sororities, but as Howard House sisters know, there's a shared language and unity among house alumni. At this summer's College Reunion, alumni from across six decades gathered to celebrate their special sisterhood.

**Front row (left to right):** Dana (Cossman) Kenney (C'78), Lorna (Paine) Scherff (C'85), Pamela Schleich (C'74), Lori (LeRoy) Lines (US'73, C'77), Susie Bonwich (US'11, C'15), Savanna (Sprague) Suber (US'11, C'15), Gabriela Mejia (C'14), Melissa L'Heureux (C'15), Murilla King (C'14)

**Second row (left to right):** Jan (Heinig) Mosman (C'74), Gail (Woods) Johnson (C'74), Robin (Headley) Florance (C'74), Beth (Manni) Sydness (C'74), Carrie Hollenberg (C'75), Julie Pierpont (C'75), Lee (Mayer) Kendrick (US'70, C'74), Meghan Therry (C'74), Marianne (Meyers) Evans (US'76, C'80), Annie (Martin) Wilder (US'70, C'75), Jodie Fisher (C'75), Linda (Shoepke) Fine (C'75), Whitney (Wood) Gonzales (US'98, C'02), Heather (Darling) Shotwell (C'84), Joy (Nickell) Schwentker (C'70), Jayme (Walker) Holcomb (C'83), Cosy (Scholet) Schneberger (C'73)

**Back row (left to right):** Susan McConnell (C'81), Kate (Armstrong) Pagett (C'78), Adrienne (Sandidge) Hill (C'82), Sara (Geisler) Croney (C'78), Terese (Reiter) Messman (C'80), Joy (Denninger) Long (US'96, C'00), Nancy Tankersley (C'75), Carole Yourl (C'84), Betsie (Ellington) Tegtmeyer (US'70, C'74), Patricia Allen (C'74), Laura (Pashley) Henning (C'89), Linda Conradi (C'65), Robin (Mosley) Sellers (C'86), Tina (Petersen) Hussey (US'85, C'89), Saray Hernandez Cisneros (C'26)

**2** The Principia Panther gave a cheer to another century for the house that roars!



**3** This summer's College Reunion also brought together international alumni and current students from across the globe to make new connections and celebrate Principia's worldwide family.

**Front row:** Manfred von Malapert-Neufville (C'65), Chilufya Siameja (C'04), Michaele (Hicks) Hymes (C'65), Bemí (Ambugo) Mwaura (C'07), Saray Hernandez Cisneros (C'26), Chioma (Dinobi) Bishop (C'04)

**Second row:** Nina Mokoosio (C'10), Jae-Bok Young (C'84), Mary (Kumler) Jones (C'84)

**Third row:** Agyeman Manu-Dapaah (C'05), Sulaiman Folarin (C'05), Okezie Iroz-Nnanta (C'97)

**Fourth row:** Sel Nutor (C'98), Cameron Martindell (C'99), Calvin Nyapete (C'13), Debbie Chibuzor (C'09), Maa-Ablah Apo (C'06)

**Fifth row:** Dennis Adjei-Baah (US'09, C'13), Lawrence Wontumi (C'26), Nana Akua Asare-Darko (C'27), Sbewu Fipaza (C'26), Emem Uko (C'09)

**Back row:** Sarah Fakorede (C'26), Emmanuel Atiko (C'25), Damir Conci (C'25)



## C'73

1973 College classmates gathered at **Lynn (Byington) Wood's** (C'73) house in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Pictured from left to right: **Robin Jarboe** (C'73), **Sher (Haupt) Bedford** (US'69, C'73), and **Lynn (Byington) Wood** (C'73).



Two Principia Upper School pitchers end up in Modesto, California: **Dale Parker** (US'73) and **Micah Worley** (US'22).



## C'78

**Sara (Geisler) Crouney** (C'78) retired after 25 years as superintendent of schools in Wisconsin to move and be near five of her eight grandchildren in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. However, her retirement lasted roughly six weeks before being selected as the new superintendent of Gwinn Area Community Schools. She is having fun and feeling grateful to serve. College classmate **Kate (Armstrong) Pagett** (C'78) and her husband, Doug, came for a fun visit in July.

## US'86

**Tiffany (Strelow) Cobb** (US'86, C'90), a partner at Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP and chair of their bankruptcy and creditors' rights group, was invited to join the American College of Bankruptcy and formally inducted in March with the 35th Class of Fellows in Washington, D.C. The College honors exceptional professionals in the field of bankruptcy for their contributions to justice and public service. Tiffany is known for her work representing various stakeholders in complex bankruptcy cases both nationally and internationally. Her recent high-profile cases include *In re FTX Trading Ltd.* and *In re Instant Brands*.

## C'89

**Karin (Peterson) Heath** (C'89) and **Jon Heath** (C'90) partnered with The Campership Fund to raise awareness about the six Christian Science camps by cycling across the country for a 5,200-mile, camp-to-camp tandem bike journey. They departed May 26 from Camp Bow-Isle in Bowen Island, BC, arrived at the A/U Ranches in Buena Vista, Colorado on June 27, and reached CedarS Camps in Lebanon, Missouri, on July 10. From there, they biked to St. Louis for scheduled bike updates and family activities before beginning the second leg of their journey to Camps Leelanau & Kohahna in Maple City, Michigan, Crystal Lake Camps in Hughesville, Pennsylvania, and Camps Newfound & Owatonna. They completed their epic adventure in Harrison, Maine on August 26.



## Weddings



## US'94

**Tiffany (Chase) Norman** (US'94, C'01) married **Craig Norman** in York, Maine on July 25, 2023. In attendance were college roommate **Becky (Maurer) Neale** (C'01), brother **Michael Chase**, and children **Raina Green** (US'23) and Principia middle schoolers **Pace Green** and **Summit Green**. Tiffany is Director of Student Healthcare at Principia School, and Craig joined Principia School a week after their wedding as Assistant Director of Media Services.

## US'99

**Paige (Nilsen) Fitzgerald** (US'99) and her husband, Eric, invented Floatsup Cup, paddle board and kayak drink holder. The patented Floatsup Cup easily installs under the bungee cords and is flexible, floats, and is made with recycled materials. Floatsup® and its patented "Floatsup Cup" paddle board drink holder were inspired by Paige and Eric's experiences on the Whitefish River in Montana and refined on rivers and lakes in Oregon and Washington. Together, they created Floatsup to address the lack of quality paddle board accessories.



## C'01

**Moris "Mo" Castillo** (C'01) shares exciting news from Boston. This past spring, he proudly completed his MBA at Babson College, graduating Summa Cum Laude. He is deeply grateful to his family and friends for their unwavering support. Additionally, he was promoted to the Cloud Engineering leadership team at Oracle, and is thrilled about the new opportunities this milestone has already opened up for him.



Pictured left to right: **Al McCready** (C'69), **Mo Castillo** (C'01), **Haide (Bolanos) Castillo** (US'92, C'96)

## US'17

**Rosa Paul** (US'17, C'22) is excited to share that she participated in a Disney Alumni Internship Program this summer in the Entertainment Department. As a character attendant intern at Walt Disney World, she ensured character interactions were magical and memorable. Her responsibilities included managing schedules, assisting with costumes, interpreting character actions, and ensuring safety at meet-and-greet locations. She also guided guests through interactions with characters and captured special moments and facilitated smooth transitions between appearances. This experience was an incredible opportunity to work with children and families from around the world, and Rosa hopes to apply what she learned in her fourth-grade classroom at Principia School this fall.



## C'20

**Carolina Queiroz Couto** (C'20) has achieved significant success as a professional actress, performing notable roles in *Sweat*, *Othello*, and *The Revolutionists*. She earned a master's degree in acting from Louisiana State University and teaches Seven Pillars Acting at the Actor's Studio of Orange County. Carolina also collaborated on her one-woman show, *Confessions of a Carioca*, with Emmy-nominated Leigh Fondakowski and studied with Tony Award-nominated Moises Kaufman. She will soon receive her teaching

certification from the Tectonic Theater Project. Her acting journey began at Principia College, where supportive professors enabled her to take on professional roles in *Our Town* and *King Lear* at the Ozark Actors Theatre. She was nominated for a Broadway-World award for her performance in *Our Town* and performed in *The Twelve Dates of Christmas*. Carolina credits her success to Principia College and its donors, who allowed her to come to the U.S. from Brazil. She is now a professional actress in Los Angeles, grateful for the support that helped her achieve her dreams.



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**45th:** 1980, 1981

**50th:** 1975, 1976

**55th:** 1970, 1971

**60th:** 1965, 1966

**65th:** 1960, 1961

**70th:** 1955, 1956

**75th:** 1950, 1951

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Marilyn (Curtis) Stoops (JC'38)

Richard "Dick" C. Pilsbury (US'37, C'41)

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Lyman C. Hamilton, Jr. (C'47)

Barbara (Osborne) Garland (C'49)

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Dorothy "Dodie" (Miller) Henion (C'52)

Walter I. Cleverdon (C'54)

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Edwin "Wick" H. Poole (C'55)

Lovis (Smith) Brodbeck (US'53, C'57)  
*Former faculty/staff*

John S. Gardner (C'58)

Martha "Marthie" (Martin) Hufford (C'58)

Robert "Bob" C. Stauder (C'58)

Perry "Perry Lynn" (Walpole) Rader (C'59)

Carole (Westman) Westman-DaDurka (C'60)

Douglas L. Biggett (US'59, C'63)

Penelope "Penny" (Merritt) Glassmeyer  
(C'63)

Linda A. (Smith) Green (C'63)

Ann (Stevenson) Osborne (US'59, C'63)

Olive (Smart) Ratcliffe (C'63)

David E. Updegraff (C'63)

David W. Coolidge (C'64)

Nannette "Nan" (Fontaine) MacPhail (C'64)

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Barbra Maltbie (US'66)

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Thomas "Tom" H. Nowell, Sr. (C'70)

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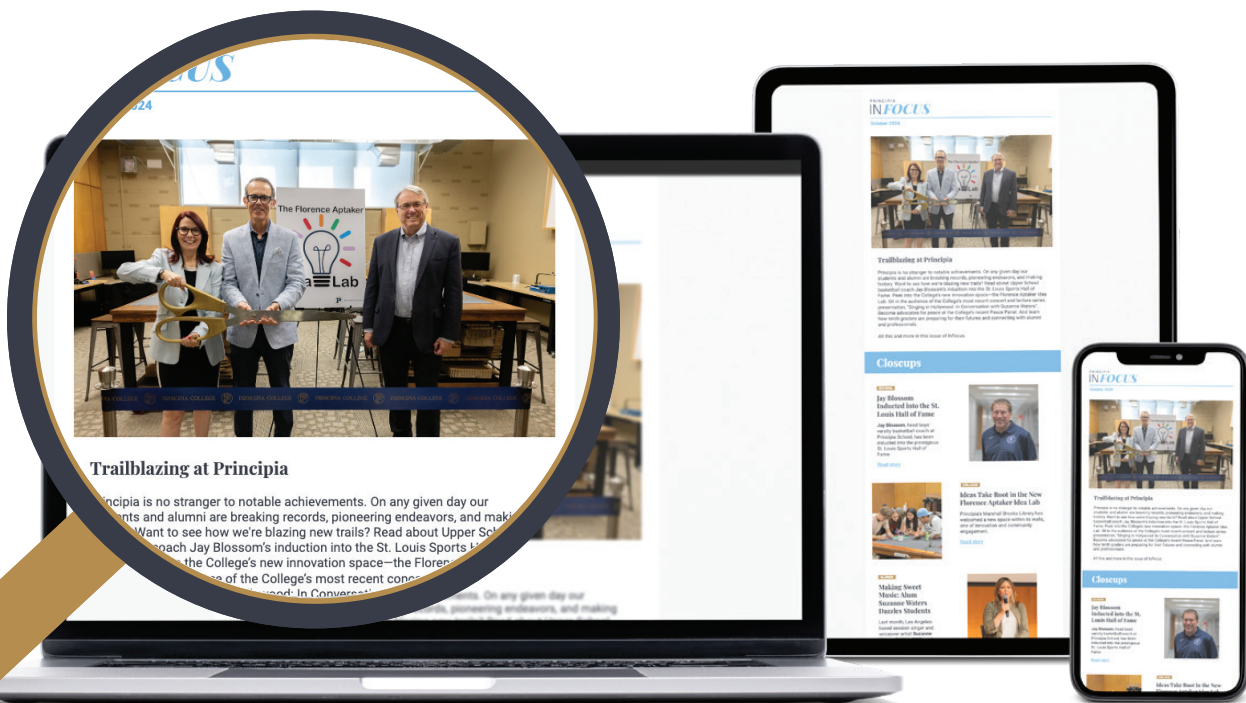




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