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"Milk Splash" by Kenalyn Ang '15, currently on display at the American Museum of Ceramic Art. Works by Cartier Juan '16 and Natalie Rozman '16 are also part of the exhibit and were executed using a commercial spray booth and compressor, a product of the 2011 Prep Benefit (see page 10).

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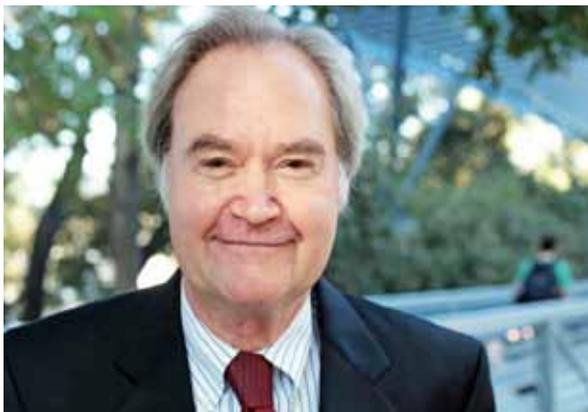
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From the Headmaster



I love Pomona President David Oxtoby's observation that great schools combine culture and crossroads, the campus retreat and the experiences beyond the gates. The evolution of our Athletic Council on Leadership (ACL) is a stunning example of the dynamic and creative fusion of Prep's internal culture with the world beyond our campus.

Through a series of seminal conversations with just the right people at just the right time, many disparate ideas began to come together—the essence of the Idea Lab. A decade ago, the Kinkaid School of Houston contacted Flintridge to discuss school honor codes. The following summer, I found myself with Kinkaid Headmaster Don North at a heads' retreat, where we discussed common interests in human development programs. Over the next two years, the two schools exchanged visits of teams that included administrators, teachers and alumni. Both schools developed relationships with the Edward E. Ford Foundation and the Council on Spiritual and Ethical Education. In 2007, I was invited to Kinkaid for a Ford-sponsored national conference, where Don and I shared our story of innovative school collaboration. While there, I met Joe Ehrmann, subject of the best-selling book, *Season of Life*, which recounts the former NFL star's journey to a responsible and spiritual sense of manhood. It was an invigorating conference—I also met with Kinkaid's coaches and students. They described their efforts to bring specific values into their sports programs.

Athletics Director Alex Rivera was eager to create a similar program at Prep that would be organic to our particular culture. He took the ideas and contacts from our Kinkaid exchanges, and together with consultant Dr. Alan Hedman and a team of coaches, spent a year developing our ACL, with its mission to promote service, spirit, initiatives and life lessons. Since 2008, the Council has hosted Special Olympics and the JP Blecksmith '99 Memorial 5K, tutored in the community, promoted Prep League sportsmanship and increased attendance at sports events through its Pack the Place program.

As Alex Rivera begins his role as the founding director of athletic initiatives, the ACL assumes a role of unprecedented significance. ACL members will travel to Nicaragua to help coaches and athletes, host Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena members for summer camp, explore collaboration with Augustus Hawkins High School in LA and interact with alumni athletes. The ACL has the potential to become the school initiative that enriches all other initiatives. And that, of course, is the very definition of "the crossroads" and the Idea Lab.

Peter Bachmann, Headmaster





BUILDING CONNECTIONS

SINCE 2007, ACL HAS MADE AN IMPACT ON CAMPUS, IN LA AND BEYOND

by Mel Malmberg

In 2007, when Headmaster Peter Bachmann and Athletics Director Alex Rivera started a conversation about an organization that would emphasize human development in athletics, Rivera was more than intrigued.

"It really resonated with me," he says. "Back in the old days there had been a Letterman's Club, but we wanted to transcend that, to create a more inclusive organization that emphasized leadership and service."

Bachmann tasked Rivera and school consultant Dr. Alan Hedman

with creating something bigger than a club: an organization of students and mentors that could distill all the good things about sports and create a way to funnel that back into the campus and community.

Rivera called together a committee of coaches that included Katie Canton, Julie Mejia (then Jaime), Glen Beattie, Todd Frost '89 and Garrett Ohara '84. Together they created the philosophy and mission for the Athletic Council on Leadership (ACL): to promote spirit on campus; to help the community by tapping into the special skills of Prep athletes; and to provide speakers who could bring to campus life lessons about what sports do for character. Adult mentors and coaches would guide students. Membership would be open to any Varsity athlete. They hoped that the ACL might raise the profile of athletics on campus and provide a place for athletes to work together outside of their teams.

In its first year, the ACL had 15 student-athlete members and a mission. The pilot year laid the foundation for what has become, in just more than five years, a major campus organization that receives 80 to 120 applications for just 27 positions.

Today, candidates must complete a questionnaire, write five essays and provide a recommendation from a coach. They explain how they've given back to the community so far and commit to working in one of the ACL's major project areas. According to Rivera, the time commitment for ACL is about equal to that required for a sport.

"People in outside organizations depend on us," Rivera says. "We have to show up."

The result: ACL members who are authentically committed to the culture of meaningful service, on and off campus, a culture that is integral to all of Prep's outreach programs.

Stefan Smith '14, who plays football and basketball, has been on ACL for three years, and this year he captains the LA Initiative committee.

"On a team, you represent the school, but you might not be involved in the school," he says. "Through ACL, we get involved."

Smith learned a lot his first year on ACL, when he worked with the Prep League to craft a statement of sportsmanlike conduct that is now read before every game.

"Every year, we take ACL one step further, from the Prep League to Augustus Hawkins High School to Nicaragua," Smith says, a phenomenon he attributes to the fact that athletes are naturally competitive. "In sports, in class, in ACL, we are always looking for better ways to do things."

Rivera, too, has been looking for ways to improve and expand ACL. Rivera has refined the organization into adult mentors, student captains and four committees (spirit, life lessons, community service and leadership initiatives). He and the other adult mentors carefully nurture long-term relationships with organizations like Special Olympics and the Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena. With the adults maintaining the institutional connections, the students are free to focus on their work with passion, power and energy.

And just like ACL itself, its relationships with community organizations have evolved.

When connecting with the Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena, Rivera met with Rachel Estrada, its president and CEO.

"I assumed we'd do some after-school activities like basketball or soccer, pickup games and skills clinics," Rivera says. "But they said they had all of that and asked if we could help with tutoring instead."

Now ACL members tutor at the Boys & Girls Club twice a week.

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Says Estrada: “The Prep kids are really helpful. They’re not just working with our kids to get them to the next grade. They’re building relationships. It makes a huge difference when our kids have someone to talk to, someone to emulate.

“And it’s a two-way street. We are teaching Prep kids empathy, philanthropy, opening up doors for them. In the larger scheme of things, we are helping all these kids, creating a better future for them all.”

The service doesn’t stop there. On campus, members help with Alumni

Sports Day and the new Alumni Family Picnic. They organize pep assemblies, Pack the Place events and recognize an athlete of the month. They bring inspiring speakers to campus and host a celebration for all athletes each season in the gym. The annual Powder Puff game against Mayfield, with proceeds going to a selected charity, has become an intense rivalry as the girls vie for trophies and the boys cheer them on.

Kristen Shum '11 was among the first members of ACL; she joined as a sophomore basketball player in 2008.

“The ACL was the first organization that gave me the confidence to be a

leader,” says the UC Davis junior.

During her second year on ACL, Shum helped put on Prep’s first Powder Puff football game.

“Every member and mentor was there to support the project, and the ACL really allowed me to take an idea and make it happen,” she says. “As a junior, I was still unsure of myself and the idea of starting something like this, but Mr. Rivera and Ms. Jaime (now Mrs. Mejia) encouraged me to take the project on and challenge myself. I’m thrilled that the Powder Puff tradition is still going strong!

"My time on the ACL made me a more confident individual after Prep," Shum says.

In addition to majoring in psychology and minoring in both professional writing and sexuality studies, she is in her third year as a player on the UCD women's club rugby team and has been fundraising chair for the team for the last two years.

Today, the ACL is also collaborating with Augustus Hawkins High School in LA to promote sportsmanship and service on both campuses. This summer, in an extension of efforts at the Boys & Girls Club, ACL will help host a week-long summer camp on Prep's campus for Boys & Girls Club members. Later in the summer, two ACL members will head to Nicaragua to help teach basketball. ACL also helps with fundraising for organizations like Pete Carroll's A Better LA and is working with A World of One's Own (AWOOO), the group founded by Naomi Hatanaka '11, to host a June 14 5K walk to raise money for La Mascota Children's Pediatric Hospital in Nicaragua.

The largest project, and one of the projects that's been with ACL since the very beginning, is the organization's role in hosting Special Olympics events on campus in both fall and spring quarters. The events involve the entire ACL,



plus a couple of dozen other Prep students, working with hundreds of participants competing in soccer, swimming and basketball.

Maya Okomoto '14, who plays basketball, says the Special Olympics is her favorite ACL activity.

"You get to really interact with the athletes, connecting through your common passion: sports," she says. "We see the same kids year after year. And I know I am really helping out, connecting with the community."

"Giving back to the community is vital to keeping a school alive, relevant, growing and meaningful for students."

The ACL was created to expand the talents and leadership skills of athletes—to give them opportunities to learn by doing. Hedman has seen it with his own eyes, watching Eric Fung '14 and Brian Heintz '14 at the Boys & Girls Club.

"What a beautiful way to learn," Hedman says of the tutors, as well as their young students. "There is a Chinese proverb: *I hear and I forget; I see and I remember; I do and I understand.*"

When they began the first steps to found ACL, Bachmann, Hedman and Rivera knew that playing sports is a profound and often transformational

learning experience. Players learn from, and move beyond, mistakes; they depend on others and work together; they understand the importance of taking risks.

Hedman explains, "They learn that most things don't happen by luck; it's putting in the hard work that creates success."

As a result of hard work, ACL has a bright future.

Says Hedman, "We're willing to share our experience with other schools. Other schools are intrigued. When you can share your own learning, that's validating."

That sentiment is the epitome of the Idea Lab. As Rivera moves into his new role as the director of athletic initiatives (see page 7), the program and its involvement in the creation of the Prep League Athletic Council (PLAC) has become a model for other schools.

Okamoto says the ACL works because of the collaborative nature of team sports.

"We learn dedication, helping others, time management, self-sacrifice and teamwork," she says. "We work together for common goals. Not everyone on ACL is a top athlete, but we use people's best attributes, as organizers, as innovative thinkers."



Longtime Athletics Director **ALEX RIVERA** to Helm New Athletic Initiatives Program



Beginning July 1, Alex Rivera will have a brand-new job at Prep: director of athletic initiatives. Garrett Ohara '84 (a former student) will succeed Rivera as athletics director (see page 20).

A fixture on campus since 1978, when he was hired by John Plumb '64 and Jim Wood to teach PE and coach basketball, Rivera has taught PE to every grade level and coached football, basketball, baseball, soccer and volleyball. He became Prep's athletics director in 1986, developing girls' sports, leading teams to championships, moving from 8-man to 11-man football and overseeing the day-to-day workings of the athletics department.

As director of athletic initiatives, Rivera will head up the Athletic Council on Leadership (ACL), create and oversee new sports initiatives in LA and

Nicaragua and develop alumni athletic-affinity groups. He'll also help the Prep League Athletic Council, deepening ties to other schools in the League.

Rivera loves the idea of reconnecting with alumni.

"I love seeing all the old-timers," he says. "I never get enough of the history, of their history here. Every time there's a reunion I find out something else, like who put the Mickey Mouse hands on the clock tower. I still haven't found out who took the Poly scoreboard before a baseball game in the '80s, so I still have work to do."

Some of his ideas for alumni sports-related activities are hosting members of teams, like the Class of '49 championship football team, or involving alumni in service projects like the upcoming 5K run for La Mascota on June 14 and the 5K on July 4 in honor of JP Blecksmith '99.

"I'm open to ideas!" he says. "Call me!"

Rivera says he sees his new position as, "supporting Peter Bachmann's goals and dreams that Prep should become a more outward-focused, even globally focused, school. We're creating a strong partnership with another great school, St. Mary's, in Nicaragua; we are deepening ties with the Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena and growing the program there."

As he takes on his new position, Rivera says, "I'm spending three-quarters of my day doing this already; it's my passion. Every time I've moved on from one role to another, I've done it with a smile on my face."

Rivera has rarely been without a smile since coming to campus. What hasn't changed in 36 years, he says, is "the families and the kids. That was the first thing I noticed when I got here: how respectful the kids are, how supportive the parents are. Even with all the new buildings on campus, and new programs and ideas, Prep is still small and beautiful, inside and out.

"There have been only two headmasters since I came, and for both Ed Anderson and Peter Bachmann, I've felt I worked *with* them, not *for* them. That's the beauty of Prep. They, along with my kids, my parents and my wife, are the reasons I come to work with a smile on my face every day."

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— Alex Rivera

Relationships Are the Ties that Bind Prep Athletics

When alumni reminisce about playing sports at Flintridge Prep, there's a common thread: relationships. Sure, some point out a big victory or a heart-breaking loss, and lots talk about the tough two-a-days, but everyone mentions a lifelong friendship, a coach or a mentor. They talk about the confidence they earned and the trust their coaches had in them. They talk about athleticism, and they talk about how they use the skills and attributes they honed in after-school practices and rivalry games long after the glory of victory—or the sting of defeat—has faded. Rebel athletes graduate and go on to use these lessons in college, in their careers and at home. Because teamwork, perseverance, courage and grit aren't needed just on the field.



In 2012, **CHERYL FINSTER '00** was on a business trip with Nike in Japan checking out the Nagoya Women's Marathon. She was traveling with Joan Benoit Samuelson, who won gold at the 1984 Olympics in LA, the first year the women's marathon was included in the games. Finster had never intended—nor had she trained—to run the 26 miles and 385 yards, but when Samuelson insisted, she figured she'd give it her best shot. Not only did she finish, she clocked in at a respectable three hours and 56 minutes. Her experience in Japan somewhat mirrors her experience at Prep. Though she was a natural athlete and a gifted soccer player, she had never run cross country or track before high school. But that didn't stop her from trying. And with encouragement from Coach Michael Roffina, who Finster still sees as a mentor, she went on to run cross country and track (and compete in her first sport, soccer) at the collegiate level. And when it was time to pick a career, Finster immediately looked to athletics. She came back to coach cross country at Prep while pursuing her master's in Sports Management, looking again to Roffina, still a mentor to Finster, but also as a co-coach. "Coach Roffina cares beyond the sport he's coaching in," Finster says. She went on to intern and work for the LA Marathon and the

LA Galaxy before moving to Onboard Experiential Marketing, where she now works as the account director for Nike Running.

BJ HOEPTNER EVANS '86 started at Prep in 1979, the first year Flintridge's lower school admitted female students. The fact that there were no established middle school sports teams for girls didn't stop Evans—she simply played for the boys basketball team. By the time she got to the 9th grade, Flintridge had established a high school girls basketball team, which quickly became a force in area play. It was during her time on the team that Coach John Ruch taught Evans about setting goals. "He set really high expectations for us," she says. "I think having to go from no girls basketball team to having a pretty good one made us really scrappy and made us work really hard for something." She credits Ruch for instilling in her a love of sports, which ultimately led her to a career in sports journalism. Evans was again forced to play with the boys, but she proved herself when she earned the job as the first female sports editor at the University of Boulder newspaper. After covering sports for a while, Evans made the switch to communications, working for USA Cycling, then for USA Triathlon and ultimately, for Team USA Volleyball. Evans has had the opportunity to travel the world and has attended the Olympic Games in Sydney, Athens, Beijing and London. Says Evans, "Prep definitely propelled me into a career in sports."





When **JOHN PLUMB '64** starts to talk about sports at Flintridge, he goes straight to the philosophy of the school's founder, Doane Lowery. "When he started the school in 1933, the only sports he wanted were sports that he believed were 'life sports': golf, tennis and swimming," Plumb says. And though the athletics program eventually expanded, this mentality has not been lost—Prep athletics, no matter the sport, are still vehicles through which students learn life lessons that go beyond the field, pool and court. Plumb harkens to his days as an athlete at Prep—he wasn't the fastest or most skilled athlete, he says, but he tried hard, and he got the opportunity to play. "Everybody played," he says, modestly. "At any competitive high school, they would have cut me and sent me off. We had a caring staff, and it was super inclusive." But Flintridge was competitive, and the school won the League championship in football three out of the four years Plumb was in high school. "My senior year, the coaching staff gave me the most improved player award, I think just to pat me on the head for sticking with it," he says. Plumb even came back, while he was working on his master's, to help coach football. And later, he returned to teach and coach football, along with developing the lower school sports programs, instilling in students the values that he learned from sports. "I think all of the traditional values that

sports can bring are very important for boys and girls," he says. "Fair play, competition and a sense of trying to do your best....The bottom line is that winning is nice, and it's great and it's a goal, but the comradeship and the competition were much more important to me, especially at the middle school level." Plumb worked at Prep in a variety of coaching, faculty and development roles until 1990, at which point alumni established an endowment fund in his name as a tribute to his service to the school. The Fathers Club raises money for this fund each year at the Flintridge Preparatory School Golf Tournament.

When **AUSTIN REED '06** arrived at Prep as a 7th grader, he had little to no sports experience. It's surprising, then, that six years later he graduated as football captain, having contributed to a CIF championship and played not just football, but also basketball, soccer and track during his time at Prep. He went on to play rugby at USC, and now, he's back with his college team as a coach. So how did he go from having played a few basketball games in elementary school to an experienced team ath-

lete? Reed gives credit to all of his Prep coaches, starting with Alex Rivera, who was his middle school basketball coach. "Alex Rivera was a really great influence on me. I wasn't necessarily the best, but I worked really hard and he really encouraged me to get better," he says. "He took interest in me as an athlete. It's really cool to have someone like that." Taking it a step further, he points to his sophomore year, when he was pulled from the JV football team to play for the Varsity squad in CIF playoffs. In the final game against the school's rival, Poly, Reed sprained his ankle, but after an evaluation, the coaches allowed him back into the game. "It was really cool to have them believe in me so much that they wanted me to go back in, even physically limited," he says. "That not only motivated me to work harder for them, but it also gave me insight into how important it is to motivate and encourage others." Reed has carried these lessons into college, at USC where he earned his bachelor's and master's in Aerospace Engineering, and beyond, as he works as a design and project engineer for Hydra Electric in Burbank.

— Bailey Shiffler



Take Note



Dr. Terrence Roberts Speaks to Students about the Civil Rights Movement

In a recent assembly, students were asked to question their social norms as Dr. Terrence Roberts challenged the way they think about speech, race and herd mentality.

Dr. Roberts was a member of the famous Little Rock Nine, a group of African American students who, in 1957, were the first to desegregate Little Rock Central High School.

In the assembly, Dr. Roberts told students about his experiences in the Civil Rights Movement and then opened up the forum for questions. In the Q & A session, Dr. Roberts challenged students' assumptions that any group of people—

no matter the color of their skin or their political affiliation—would ever think entirely alike.

Students continued the dialogue throughout the week in and out of their classes.

Dr. Roberts came to Flintridge Prep at the behest of Commissioner General Shanelli Jain '14, who did a research paper on the Little Rock Nine for her AP US History class in 2013. She discovered that Dr. Roberts was a Pasadena resident, reached out to him, and asked if he would ever consider speaking at the school. He said yes, and from there, the preparations were under way.

Bollywood Benefit Funds Continue to Enable Arts Innovation

The 2011 Benefit Prep Goes Bollywood raised money for visual and performing arts programs. Tim Bradley (Visual Arts Department Chair) and Rob Lewis (Performing Arts Department Chair) report that the funds continue to give teachers the flexibility to innovate.

Bradley says, "This money has made it possible for us to significantly expand the creative offerings available to Prep students." Recent enhancements include:

- A new course in video art, taught by Ricardo Rodriguez, has given students a chance to explore the creative potential of the short film and conceptual art.
- Students use a new commercial spray booth and compressor to spray ceramic glazes onto larger, more ambitious pieces in Biliana Papova's ceramics class.

Lewis says, "The Performing Arts are positively glowing from recent advancements thanks to the Bollywood funds."

For example:

- A new sound mixer for Norris Auditorium enhances sound and allows for more versatility in performance. It is easier for students to learn and operate during productions.
- With the new ProDuplicator, students can now duplicate up to nine discs at one time in one minute or less. Gone are the days of slowly burning DVDs one at a time as parting production gifts.
- The purchase of an Apple Mac Pro will provide the ability to integrate video into Prep's productions and student and campus events.



Ron Finley Encourages Students to Get their Hands Dirty *Guerilla gardener Ron Finley visited campus for an assembly in early April, telling students of the food deserts that plague people in urban environments around the world. He posited that planting hyper-local organic gardens solves a multitude of health problems, builds community and sustains the spirit of those who invest their time in them. Finley planted a vegetable garden in front of his house in South LA and started what he hopes will be a horticultural revolution.*

PASS

Parent and Alumni Summer Sessions Get an A+

It's never too late to go back to school. In its third summer, the Parent and Alumni Summer Sessions are allowing alumni, parents and parents of alumni to do just that—get back into the classroom.

This summer, there will be five mini courses: Great Books, taught by Peter Bachmann; Shakespeare, taught by Scott Myers and Rob Hamlyn; Investments, taught by Peter Vaughn; Art That Changed the World, taught by Vanessa Walker-Oakes; and Modern Dance for Beginners, taught by Hilary Thomas.

For two years, the response to these brief versions of some of the school's seminal courses has been overwhelmingly positive, and it's no wonder. Parents get a glimpse into the classrooms and into their children's experiences, alumni have a chance to take that class they couldn't fit into their schedules, faculty get to know parents (and vice versa) and everybody can reconnect with the campus, the teachers and their own relationships with learning and critical thinking. The faculty is also enthusiastic about the adult students; some bring only a year or two of "outside Prep" experience, and some bring a lifetime's worth of observations.

Last summer, Tomi Okuno '12, a student at RISD, asked her parents to join her in Bachmann's Great Books class. It was a profound experience for all three.

Her father, Dale Okuno, says, "We jumped at the chance. The class itself explored what is the 'good life,' using the perspectives of selected philosophers to provide grist for lively discussion. Because we were there as a family, the class was an excellent vehicle to discover and share points of view among father, mother and daughter on important values and ideas."

All the classes held lively debates and discussions. In one session, the Great Books students were grappling with Kant, Emerson, Ayn Rand and Aristotle. They discussed human nature and obligation to others, delving into the reading, comparing and contrasting the large ideas and the nuances and throwing around references to *Seinfeld* and Buddhist philosophy.



In the Shakespeare classroom, the students (all parents) noticed that as older readers, they were concerned a bit less with Hamlet's existential crisis and focused more on the politics of the rotten state of Denmark.

Meanwhile, Peter Vaughn's Investments students included people from such diverse backgrounds (faculty members, a physicist, a TV producer, a homemaker), that, according to Julie Markowitz (parent of Olivia '15, Natalie '13 and Alex '11) "our discussions ranged from simple definitions to layered analyses, all with Peter's highly entertaining commentary on 'the nature of

the beast.' I highly recommend this class for anyone with an even slight interest in how the financial markets operate. They will want to learn more."

Some students loaded up their summer schedules: Cynthia Roy, parent of Betsy '15, took both Great Books and Shakespeare. "I loved the reading, the class discussions were lively and thought-provoking, and I got to experience some of Prep's best teaching in Peter Bachmann, Scott Myers and Rob Hamlyn firsthand."

Hamlyn has taught Shakespeare for two summers with a different set of plays; for the 2014 session, he will change the reading list yet again to accommodate "regulars" like Terri Miller (Sonora '10 and Cole '14), who is eagerly anticipating a third session with the Bard, Hamlyn and her fellow students around the table.

"I cannot tell you how much I love both the Shakespeare class and the whole concept of these classes," says Miller. "It won't be until our kids become adults that they fully appreciate what fantastic classes they are exposed to at Prep."

To sign up for classes this summer, visit flintridgeprep.org/community_engagement.aspx.

— Mel Malmberg



Science Fair Marries Passion and Purpose

February 13 was a rite of passage for Prep's middle school students. At the Science Fair, 100 7th and 8th graders showed off the culmination of their hard work and their understanding of the scientific method.

Seventh graders created traditional science experiments in three categories (psychology, physiology and athletics; biology and product science; and physics, math and chemistry), while 8th graders created Community Impact Projects (CIPs), which are designed to address a concern

in the community and include a scientific evaluation of their results.

Throughout the day, a panel of parents, parents of alumni, alumni and community members in science and philanthropy judged the projects, with student contenders continuing on for face-to-face interviews.

By 7:30 p.m. the gym was full of families admiring the full range of projects, from investigations of radar, lung capacity and the smudgability of mascara on the science side to projects concerning

nature, children, health and hunger on the CIP side. High school students displayed projects in physics, math, engineering and biology, and the Robotics Club brought out a few newly built machines for the curious.

According to Helia Fotoohi '19, who researched the effect of letter spacing on memory, "We learned scientific procedure, how to take good records and how to not procrastinate! There's a great feeling at the end, like, 'I did it!'"

Students are encouraged to investigate topics that interest them. Joshua Perkins '19 combined his interest in piano with physics to discover the relationship between frequency and magnetism. Matt Ng '19, a self-identified foodie, noticed that his parents' fresh pancakes tasted better than ones that had been sitting out on a buffet. He researched how fat and sugar impact pancake height and weight retention.

Eighth graders connect their passions with a community need, and the hope is that they will continue their CIP, with its demonstrable effects on others, throughout high school.

Izzy Wachtel '18, who taught yoga to children, got great feedback and a 100 percent "fun" rating from her elementary students.

After researching and presenting a talk on pesticides, Katie Lee '18 found that 13 out of 20 students would prefer organic produce. She went on to create an organic vegetable garden at Prep.

James Ayers '18 taught cello at his former elementary school. He earned a new understanding of community service through the project. "It's not about some school project you have to do," he says. "It's really about helping others and building relationships that go on in our real lives."

Katherine Lazier '18 was named Best of Fair in CIPs for her equine therapy work. Bavan Rajan '19 won Best of Fair in Middle School Science for his project, It's a Sweet Tongue Not a Sweet Tooth. Vick Liu '16 won Best of Fair in the high school division for his blood-separation device. For a full list of winners and more on the Science Fair, including the LA County Fair, visit www.flintridgeprep.org.

— Mel Malmberg



Setting Sights

Senior Horizons Speakers Give a Picture of Life in College and Beyond



At Senior Horizons, seniors spend two days talking, listening and reflecting about life beyond graduation. The students hear from their parents about making the transition to college, they consider prospective careers and they are reminded that they will always have a home at Prep.

It's a decades-long mentoring program that has become a rite of passage for Prep seniors.

Tyke O'Brien, 12th grade dean, says, "It's a pivotal time. They're launching their final season in high school. We want to commemorate that time in lovely settings. We want to remind them that they are prepared, and we want them to feel downright excited about the next steps in their lives. The parents are essential in this transition."

The first day, hosted at the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club, begins with subtle conversation about the transition to college. The students are starting to visualize life after high school, though most are still anticipating their college decisions.

Presenter Laura Campobasso (Paul Dragna '12 and Sophia Dragna '20) has spoken for two consecutive years.

"I ask: 'What will you miss about Prep, what makes it unique, and what will you take with you?'" she says. "They universally cherish faculty relationships, friends and the support they receive."

On the second day, hosted at the Jonathan Club, the students break into small groups based on their career interests. The speakers discuss the often nonlinear path taken to finding a career they love.

Dr. Karen Enzminger (Daniel '14 and John '17), a licensed psychologist, and Kathryn Bikle (Daniel Weitekamp '14, Paul Weitekamp '09 and Ray Weitekamp '06), a licensed marriage and family therapist, shared a panel discussion.

Enzminger tells students that a master's degree is necessary, but lamented that she didn't have a mentor early in her career.

"I might not have pursued my PhD if I'd gotten the right advice when I was a student," she says.

Bikle says she pursued acting, teaching and parenthood before arriving at her perfect career fit.

She tells students, "I don't want to do things the way others do them. This fact hasn't always served me, but along with my experience in other fields, it makes me a good therapist."

Leslie Fleischer (Tyler Scott '14), an executive at Dell, tells students that she had planned to be a lawyer. One day, the DA where she was interning asked her if she really wanted to be a lawyer. He urged her to get an MBA. She never looked back.

Husband and wife Chip '81 and Kate Jacobs (Samantha '12 and Lauren '14) speak as a team. Chip, a writer and journalist, talked about how his "questioning spirit" led him to journalism. Kate, who teaches at USC's Annenberg School of Communications, talked from a corporate communications background about the importance of building an audience.

"All writing is creative writing," she said.

This year's program featured two powerful keynote speakers. Novelist Hector Tobar (Dante '14 and Diego '17) celebrated the students' successes and urged them not to be afraid to fail.

"The path to success goes through failure," he said.

He went on to describe the process he went through writing, and rewriting several years later, his award-winning novel, *The Barbarian Nurseries*.

"Try to do something a little beyond reach," he said.

Academy Award winning director Gore Verbinski (Anton '14 and Ivan '17) also talked about failure, mentioning that he won the Oscar for *Rango* in the same year that another one of his movies was considered a box office failure.

Verbinski's industry is identified as one in which "who you know" is important, but he challenged the notion that all you need is a good connection.

"It's not only about who you know," he said. "It's about your work ethic."

The choice of speakers (parents of seniors, when possible) is a hallmark of the school's mentoring initiative, Prep-Exchange. Several of the presenters also participate in the program by providing internship opportunities to students and young alumni.

— Nicole Haims Trevor '91

Spotlight



Once Upon a Mattress

After months of preparation, the cast of *Once Upon a Mattress* wowed sold-out crowds with an energetic and engaging musical production.

Once Upon a Mattress, by Jay Thompson, Marshall Barer and Dean Fuller, with music by Mary Rodgers and lyrics by Marshall Barer, tells the “real story” of the *Princess and the Pea*, in which a controlling Queen Aggravain (Galey Caverly '14 and Thea Goddard '14) makes it nearly impossible for her wimpy son, Prince Dauntless (William Bremer '14 and Christopher Zaro '15), to find a wife. She rules out eligible princesses by creating exacting, near-impossible tests for each candidate, much to the frustration of the townspeople, who cannot marry until the prince finds a mate. In the end, Princess Winnifred (Nanita Balagopal '16 and Sophie Heflin '14) is expected to prove her sensitivity by detecting a single pea that rests below the 20 fluffy mattresses on which she is meant to sleep.

Along the way, the cast tells an often hilarious, though sometimes serious, story of love, marriage and relationships. The more than 50 members of the cast and crew, along with Director Rob Lewis and Music Director Steve Hill, worked tirelessly to produce the fun, high-energy show.

Visit www.flintridgeprep.org for a full cast list.



Mr. Flintridge Prep: Rebels for a Cause

On Friday, March 21, the ninth annual Mr. Flintridge Prep pageant was held in Norris Auditorium in front of a packed house. An unusually high number of students competed for the coveted title of Mr. Flintridge Prep (26 senior boys applied and 12 were chosen).

Emceed by Lauren Jacobs '14 and Christine Kazanchian '14, the spoof beauty pageant included an elaborate dance number, formal wear, casual wear, Rebel spirit wear, a rapid-fire Q&A and a talent portion. The judges (Thomas Turchan '14, and faculty Lesley Fox, Joe Maggio, Heather Clark, Gloria Diaz Ventura, Jodie Hare, Peter Vaughn and Sue Hodge) tallied their scores at the end of each round, and in the end there were three winners: Mr. Congeniality, Michael Weinstein '14, runner-up, Scott Tsangeos '14, and the one and only Mr. Flintridge Prep, Ethan Vandeventer '14.

At the end of the evening, Hodge said, "It's really true what Peter Bachmann says: This is an event that represents everything this school is about. It's light hearted. No one takes it too seriously. It's just fun."

Fun for a cause, that is. This year's fundraiser supported the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Los Angeles, and initial returns show that about \$4,800 will go to the foundation, which provides education, advocacy and care for those afflicted with epilepsy.

In addition to the three winners, members of the class of 2014 who competed were Will Bremer, Kevin Cookman, Evan Grobar, Kyle Law, Cole Rademacher, Will Newman, Carlo Sivilotti, John Treinen and Teddy Willard.



Replay

BASKETBALL

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Boys Varsity. The team (7-1 League, 11-14 overall) started the season with four close wins, coming back in each game from a fourth-quarter deficit to win by a small margin. Coach Garrett Ohara '84 says the team learned a lot in these close wins. "They showed grit and tenacity by overcoming these deficits to secure victory," he says. This grit was on full display in the team's season-defining win, with the Rebels facing rival Poly on their home court. Down 22 points with just more than a minute left in the third quarter, the team made a furious comeback. Tied at 53 with 3 seconds left in the game, Prep League MVP Robert Cartwright '14 (First Team All CIF and First Team All League) made a floater in the key for the win. Kyle Hamane '14 (First Team All League) and Andrew Tsangeos '16 (Second Team All League) were major contributors in the win, helping lead the team in the fourth quarter with key baskets and forcing turnovers. The team went on to take the League title, losing in a tough first-round matchup against Notre Dame in the CIF playoffs.

MVP: Robert Cartwright '14

Most Inspirational: Kyle Hamane '14

Coach's Award: Stefen Chraghchian '14





LEAGUE CO-CHAMPIONS

Girls Varsity. The girls Varsity basketball team continued a string of successful seasons, (10-2 League, 19-5 overall), taking a share of the League title and serving rival Poly with its first Prep League loss since 2008. Early in the season, the girls showcased their strength in their 55-48 finals win in the Providence Pioneer Shootout Tournament, heading home as tournament champions for the first time. Lacy Coan '15 (First Team All League), Tala Ismail '16 (First Team All League), Maya Okamoto '14 (Second Team All League) and Renae Tamura '17 all took on key roles, showing the team's depth and maturity, with strength at every grade level. The team made it to the CIF quarterfinals before losing to the eventual champions for the second year in a row. Says Coach Kevin Kiyomura: "This was another great season for our girls!"

MVP: Tala Ismail '16

Coach's Award: Maya Okamoto '14

Rookie of the Year: Renae Tamura '17



Boys Junior Varsity. This young team (3-5 League, 7-13 overall) showed bursts of outstanding play in its injury-riddled season. In a season-defining win against Maranatha, Coach Sean Black says he saw a won't-quit attitude in his players. "The team showed passion and desire that proved we could compete with any team," he says. The team outscored the competition 18-4 in the fourth quarter to win 38-35. Seven of the 10 players on the JV team were freshman, but the Rebels quickly gelled in their new roles and learned to play as a team. Says Black, "The team supported and played for each other. For a young team, the players showed an exceptional amount of maturity and trust."

MVP: Jacob Brawer '16

Coach's Award: Matt Wang '16

Most Improved: Linus Jen '17

Girls Junior Varsity. This year was about developing new talent, as several players on the young team were playing basketball for the first time. Coach Monika Lind says the learning curve was steep but that the girls worked hard and made a ton of progress throughout the season. "Their heart and spirit shone brilliantly through wins and losses," she says. The season (4-4 League, 6-10 overall) was highlighted by a come-from-behind win at Chadwick. In the final minute, Kaley Liang '15 put the Rebels ahead with an 18-foot shot. Dominique Wright '16 then sealed the win with two clutch free throws. Seven Rebels contributed points and nine grabbed steals and rebounds in the resounding team effort.

MVP: Dominique Wright '16

Most Improved: Scarlet Kilpatrick '16

Coach's Award: Kaley Liang '15

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SOCCKER

Girls Varsity. Coach Esteban Chavez expected a rebuilding year after losing several key senior leaders in 2013, but the girls proved him wrong. Led by captains Chelsea Johnson '14 (League MVP, First Team All CIF, First Team All League) and Kaitlin Liston '14 (First Team All League), the young team (7-1-2 League, 14-5-5 overall) finished and earned second an automatic CIF playoff berth. The team won its opening round game in PK overtime with amazing plays by keeper Lauren Stiles '16 (First Team All League, Second Team All CIF). Other key contributors were Ali Sivilotti '17 (First Team All League), Jillian Brady '17 (Second Team All League), Alexis Gordon '16 (Second Team All League), Katharine Pinney '16 (Second Team All CIF and Second Team All League) and Isabella Boyle '16 (Second Team All League). While the team lost its second-round CIF game, the season will be remembered for the marked improvement in skills and toughness by the underclassmen, the leadership of the seniors and wonderful team chemistry.

MVP: Chelsea Johnson '14

Offensive MVP: Jillian Brady '17

Defensive MVP: Lauren Stiles '16

Coach's Award: Kaitlin Liston '14



Boys Varsity. The boys Varsity soccer team had a great start to the season, but a slew of late-season injuries led to an early exit from the CIF playoffs. The team (3-2-3 League, 11-6-3 overall) featured 14 seniors, many of whom were key contributors to the Rebels success. A key matchup came on the road at Webb, with the 1-0 victory putting the team's record at 9-3-1 and giving the Rebels a temporary top-10 CIF ranking. In the postseason, the boys had a chance to earn redemption against Firebaugh, which eliminated the Rebels from the playoffs last year. However, offensive struggles led to a 2-0 loss. Throughout the season, four-year Varsity players Cole Rademacher '14 (First Team All League), Daniel Enzminger '14 (Second Team All League) and Bryce Delgado '14 all made important contributions in their leadership roles as tri-captains. Hamilton Evans '16 (Second Team All League) stood out as goalkeeper, recording nine shut-outs on the year.

Offensive MVP: Cole Rademacher '14
Defensive MVP: Steven Bruno '14
Coach's Award: Daniel Enzminger '14



Boys Junior Varsity. The boys Junior Varsity soccer team learned a lot about teamwork and perseverance this year. With a 1-3-2 League record (4-5-4 overall), the Rebels fought hard in every match from beginning to end. This was especially true in the team's rivalry game against Poly. The team was down 1-0, but it didn't give up. In the last minute, Jonathan Wang '15 made a free kick to tie the game at 1-1. Varsity Coach AJ Yates says he sees a lot of potential in this team and is excited about the progress the players made throughout the year.

MVP: Jonathan Wang '15
Coach's Award: Patrick Minassians '15

WATER POLO

Girls Varsity. The girls Varsity water polo team's motto this season was "Ohana," which means *family* in Hawaiian culture. This motto set the tone for the tough season, throughout which the small, tight-knit group faced tough competition from deep, experienced teams in the League. With a small team, there was often only one, and sometimes no, substitutes available. The girls were in prime shape and often had an "iron man" game, playing for an entire match without a break. Assistant Coach Claire Thomas says, "It is pretty amazing. They are some of the grittiest girls I have ever met." The Rebels best displayed their grit against Webb on the road, in a 7-11 loss. The girls were able to use the pool to their advantage, setting up an impressive offense that allowed top-scorer Arin Phillips '14 to put in some exciting shots.

MVP: Arin Phillips '14
Coach's Award: Erin Dennis '14

FROM DESTINY TO DESIGN

He came to Prep by chance, but his new reign as director of athletics is anything but accidental.

GARRETT OHARA '84 arrived at Flintridge Prep in the fall of 1980 as a 9th grader. It was happenstance, or perhaps fate, that led him to Flintridge, introduced to the school by a young basketball coach named Alex Rivera. Thirty-four years later, Ohara's consistent hard work has led him to take a firm grasp of the future of the school's athletics program, as he takes over the role of director of athletics from Rivera on July 1. Ohara will bring to the job a calm, effective style and a new vision for Prep athletics.

Ohara is not prescriptive. There's no magic formula for a successful sports program. Instead, he will focus on developing relationships and providing the support coaches need to make tough decisions and prioritize their own needs. He will also focus on continuing to make the athletics department "a friendly environment where alumni feel they can come back any time. That's important to me. It's the relationships," he says.

Headmaster Peter Bachmann agrees. "Garrett views athletics in the context of school mission and culture. He envisions an ongoing leveling of the lower and upper campus."

Ohara credits his predecessor and former basketball coach, Rivera, who was recently tapped for a new position, as founding director of athletic initiatives (see page 7), for making relationships the center of the athletics department to this point. With solid footing, Ohara can set his own agenda.

Ohara's focus on relationships is also rooted in his own memories as an athlete at Flintridge.

"We weren't bad kids, but there was a mischievous sense about us back then," he says. "We didn't take



ourselves very seriously. There was a playful side to us; we enjoyed pushing the edge of what was acceptable."

Ohara pointed to his freshman year on the basketball team, when the team had a tournament at Buckley and he realized he had forgotten his shoes. Rather than fess up, he simply pilfered a pair from the locker room at Buckley, planning to return them later.

It wasn't long before a Buckley player in socks walked up to the Prep bench with his coach, and Ohara realized the jig was up.

"Coach Rivera took me out of the game so I could take off the shoes, and I found another pair from a teammate," he says. "I never forgot my shoes again."

Nowadays, to remind athletes that it's not always so serious, he has the team play half-court or do a silly shooting contest at the end of practice. It is these less-structured moments that often lead to the team chemistry Ohara is so famous for building.

Because in the end, Ohara says, he remembers only a few individual wins and losses when he looks back at

his own high school career.

"I remember the people," he says, adding that alumni often echo this sentiment. "They say, 'Remember when we had so much fun on that trip?' What keeps people coming back to Prep is the people. We've created an environment where alumni feel like this is a home, whether you're back for a reunion or dropping by to say hi."

As he settles into his new role, it's clear that Ohara will help another generation find their homes in athletics and at Prep.

Physical Education Department Chair and Coach Sean Beattie says, "We all know that this will be a big change and challenge for Garrett, but he is up for both. He has a calm sense about him and will not let things get him rattled."

Ohara attributes this sense of calm to his faith, which, along with his family (daughter, Kate (11), and wife, Susan), is his foundation. Consummately respectful, he's not a yeller or a reactor; he's a planner. Coaches reporting to him in the fall are likely to see Ohara lead in the same style.

Another center for Ohara is exercise. He remains a key member of the alumni basketball team on Alumni Sports Day and tries to take a run to focus before coaching games.

"I love anything outdoors," he says. "I cycle several times a week, and I love to run on the horse trails over by JPL. I love taking Kate on little adventures, whether it's camping or hiking. I also coach her basketball team."

Ohara attended Westmont College, majoring in kinesiology, and Azusa Pacific University, where he earned a master's in Education. He returned to Flintridge Prep as a member of the math faculty in 1999 and started coaching basketball in 2000. He was named assistant director of athletics in 2012. He will remain head coach of the boys Varsity basketball team, which this year won its 12th Prep League title in the last 13 years.

— Nicole Haims Trevor '91

ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT GOALS

As Ohara begins to see his vision take shape, he wants the program to be characterized by five prevailing principles: class, honor, integrity, excellence and sportsmanship. His areas of focus for the future hone in on the school's commitment to building life-long relationships. He plans to:

- Promote competitiveness in all sports, while also emphasizing positive experiences and memories that last a lifetime.
- Improve connections between the middle school and high school athletics programs.
- Take advantage of technology and social media to enhance the reach of the athletics program.
- Increase engagement between the upper campus and the lower campus by supporting arts, student government and academic programs.
- Increase professional development opportunities for coaches. Pair coaches for observation and conversation throughout athletic seasons.

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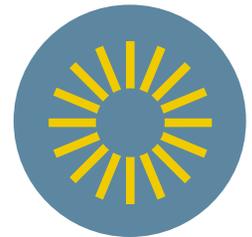
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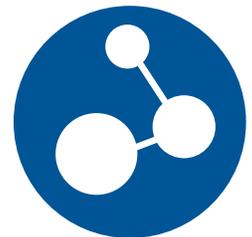
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Alumni News

It's a Small, Small World

This season's class notes feature four "small world" connections—alumni in the classes of '84, '85, '90, '95 and '08 made Prep connections as far as Kuwait and Tuscany and as near as the YMCA in La Cañada. It never hurts to ask, "Where did you go to high school?" Share your photos and stories with us at alumni@flintridgeprep.org.

1947

LARRY MOSHER took a trip to Vietnam in February. He is pictured (below) with two retired Viet Cong officers at the Cu Chi Tunnels northwest of Saigon, now Ho Chi Minh City. He was returning to the country after spending time there as a reporter for Copley News Service in 1963 and 1964. "I visited a regiment of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam operating in the Mekong Delta, watched US advisors trying unsuccessfully to advise their counterpart Vietnam officers and wrote a story headlined 'An Exercise in Military Futility.' Little did I know how prophetic that would turn out to be!"



1948

JOHN EVANS shared that he had a wonderful time in Southern California at Christmas visiting his granddaughters (below).



1958

JAY MIDGLEY and his wife, Jean, visited the Yorkshire area of England, where some of his family came from. The Midgleys stayed at the Midgley Lodge and even played golf on the 9-hole Midgley links. He has a message for his classmates: "Come on Class of '58, send in your news!"

1964

JOHN PLUMB reminisces about sports at Prep on page 9.

1973

After 31 years with Liberty Mutual Insurance, **RICHARD GRAY** retired at the end of November. "My wife, Marjorie, and I moved to beautiful Central Oregon. We are enjoying how peaceful it is here! We are staying busy at our new jobs, along with enjoying the lakes, mountains, rivers and trails. I am going to get back into ham radio, as well. Our son, Richard Jr, is happily married and living in Minnesota. Our daughter, Sarah, is a freshman at the University of Minnesota. After dropping Sarah off at UM, Marjorie and I drove back to Oregon, seeing many wonderful sights along the way, such as Mt. Rushmore, Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons." Richard, Marjorie, Richard Jr. and Sarah are pictured (below) at the Space Needle in Seattle, where the family celebrated Sarah's high school graduation last June.



1978

ROBERT PARKER is happy to report that he is prolifically writing music that is being published and performed, including at Prep's commencement. The Allegheny Brass Band has been using some of his brass-and-organ Christmas toccatas. One of these toccatas can be heard close to home at the Christmas Eve service at Oneonta Congregational Church, as well as on the "robertparkermusic" channel on SoundCloud. The vocal quartet Red Car Trolley performed his work as part of Glendale's festival of sacred music. Some of his hymns have been published by Fred Bock Publishing, a big name in music publishing.

1984

GARRETT OHARA was named Prep's director of athletics, effective July 1. See page 20. **HEIDI TOLL CUNNINGHAM, DAWN AHRENS GOODING '85** and **ELIZABETH THORTON TROY '85** (below) reunited in an "All about the Girls" ladies car rally in Tuscany in the fall of 2013. Says Cunningham, "There were 50 girls total from around the globe. Dawn and Elizabeth were there together. I was with other friends and we coincidentally discovered each other the first night. It is a small world!"



1986

BJ HOEPTNER EVANS is a communications manager for USA Volleyball. For more, see page 8.

1987

CATHERINE OSWALD has launched a new website featuring work spanning her career. She has been showing in various mediums of art since the early '90s to critical acclaim and has now archived her work online. Below is her piece called *Biology* (2012, pastel on paper). For more information and to see a digital portfolio of her work, visit catherineoswald.com.





1989
CHARLES SPECHT (above) with wife Dana, children Alyssa (17) and Joey (9).

1990
BIJAN KARIMI is headed back to graduate school. He is pursuing a master's degree in Homeland Defense and Security at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA.

1993
CHRIS GAYLORD graduated with his master's in Emergency Services Administration from CSU Long Beach in December 2013. His thesis examined the use of mass notification systems for major emergencies by both institutions of higher education and local government entities. Chris continues to serve as the Campus Emergency Manager at UC Santa Cruz, a position he has held since 2007.



1994
MARIANNE PEARSON BRADSHAW (above) shares, "We moved to Salem, OR, almost four years ago. I teach a marketing elective to MBA students at Willamette University, and John is busy with his radiology practice. Our three kids, Josh (11), Hannah (7) and Becca (2), keep us busy and entertained with tennis, basketball, soccer, art projects, swim team, learning to walk, chasing the dog, etc. Becca's first year was

full of medical challenges, and we are happy to report that she is doing better and better all the time."

1995
 In February, Mel Malmberg, writer for *PrepTalk* and parent of **KELLAN ROHDE '12**, was chatting with a family on a shuttle to the rental-car pickup at the Maui airport. Eventually she figured out that she was talking to **STEVEN DAINES '95**, just starting an island vacation with his family—Steven and his children, Nadia (10), Marcus (3) and Preston (18 months), and his wife, Krisitin (below).



After 15 months in Australia, **MATT GUILANIANS** and his family have moved to Guatemala, where he is business manager of a 300-Megawatt coal-fired power plant. He shares: "We live in Antigua, which is a beautiful tourist destination that is trapped in time with cobblestone roads and fireworks every other night, it seems. It's about an hour from site. The kids are loving school, and Nandita is making lots of friends being the social butterfly of the family. It's not all peaches and cream, though. The Chinese contractor we terminated regularly bribes local officials to raid our offices every now and then. Otherwise, this is a great place to work!" Below is a photo of Matt's kids at Casa Santo Domino.



SPORTS PERSPECTIVE

Everyone Wins: Cheering for Two Teams

In February, the boys Varsity basketball team put together an incredible fourth-quarter rally against rival Poly to win 55-53. Hearing about the come-from-behind victory, **BOB JURGENSEN '50** was flooded with memories from 40 years ago, when two of his sons were competing against each other in the rivalry game.

"The game was at Poly, and they were heavily favored," he recalls. "Tensions were high throughout the close game.

"The referee came over to me at halftime and asked me to shut up. I yelled at him no matter which team was called for a foul." In the end, **DOUG JURGENSEN '74**, playing for the Rebels, sank two free throws with 2 seconds to go to win the game for Flintridge Prep.



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SMALL WORLD

Alumni Connect in Kuwait



YINCE LOH '90 emailed a small-world story from Kuwait:

"**RAMESH VENKATARAMAN '95** and I spent our first day in Kuwait doing 'relief-in-place' as incoming/outgoing chiefs of a US Army Troop Medical Clinic on a Kuwaiti Naval Base. Ramesh is incoming for the second half of this tour. We started discussing our hometowns and discovered we not only grew up near each other in Southern California, but that we both graduated from Prep. Ramesh and I had met before when we were both stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington state, but Prep had never come up. Ramesh then went on to finish his residency in internal medicine and went to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Washington, DC, to complete a fellowship in cardiology."



1996

TIPRIN MANDALAY FOLLETT (below) hosted several Prep alumni and their children at her house for New Year's. **SEAN COMMONS '94** and his wife **JENNIFER NAKATA '94**, **BRIAN MILLER**, **JOSHUA NEWTH** and **TIM HANDLEY** all enjoyed excellent food, entertainment and conversation.

ROZHEH BABAAN (above) shares, "I am now an orthodontist and I have a practice called the Orthodontic Studio in Montrose, just a couple of miles away from Flintridge Prep. I graduated from NYU's dental school and received my specialty in orthodontics in Denver, CO. Ultimately, I knew I wanted to come back to where I grew up to open up my own office, and now I am here."

BRIAN MILLER shares, "As most people who went to school with me know, I was completely obsessed with Nirvana. Well, this June I get to see a teen dream come true. Music I wrote and performed is being released by Sub Pop Records, the label famous for discovering Nirvana. The 15-year-old still in me is definitely freaking





out. My performance appears on the album *CLPPNG* by the experimental rap group called clipping. Sometimes it takes two decades to see a big dream come to life. The question now is 'What next?' Fortunately, I've been dreaming a lot since attending Prep." (Pictured above.)

1998



KRIS VAN CLEAVE is anchoring the 6 p.m. news hour on Washington, DC's, 24-hour local cable news channel, NewsChannel8, while continuing his work at WJLA-TV/ABC7 News as an investigative and general assignment reporter. He shares, "I'm loving the variety of the new opportunity and really looking forward to a couple of upcoming trips: Paris in March, Hong Kong and Singapore in April and Tokyo in October."

JEFF MILLER is wrapping up his second year as a student at the University of Richmond School of Law, where he is a manuscripts editor for the Law Review and vice president of the Moot Court Board. His wife, Erin, is enjoying Richmond and her job as a preschool teacher.

Jeff is looking forward to a busy summer, during which he will be working for the Supreme Court of Virginia and then the Richmond-based firm Williams Mullen.

BRIAN GEORGE and his wife, Trish, now have four kids: Hunter (6), Landon (4), Aspen (2) and Maisy, who was born in March.

2000

CHERYL FINSTER is the account director for Nike Running at Onboard Experiential Marketing. Read more about her on page 8.

2001

KELLOGG BRENDEL (below) married Meggan Brendel on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013, in La Quinta, CA. Several members of the class of 2001 were in attendance. Top Row: **MIKE NIJJAR, BLAKE CARROLL, MARC HAMUD, KELLOGG BRENDEL**, Meggan Brendel, **STEVEN WESTERVELT, BRIT-TANY SASAKI NAGELMEYER, LEANNE STEIN, ELLEN CHOI** and **SHAUNA FRASER-KIM** Bottom Row: **BEN WATT, CHRIS BRENDEL '02** and **KEN KIM**.

JON KONDRATH and his sister **KRISTINA '04** continue to grow ReKon Productions. At the beginning of 2014, the business moved offices to a larger space, which is set to include a medium-size sound stage. In 2013, a feature film that Jon produced, *A Leading Man*, premiered at the Hawaii Film Festival, followed by a run in the Austin Film Festival. It is scheduled to

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SMALL WORLD

You Can't Dodge Prep



In her spare time, away from her job as Prep's college counseling associate, **CLAIRE KINDER '08** plays on the Motley Dodgers dodgeball team at the Crescenta-Cañada Family YMCA. After practices started last winter, one of her teammates stopped her.

It turns out her fellow Motley Dodger was **NAJEEB KHOURY '95**.

Kinder says, "He said he had seen me in the last issue of *PrepTalk*. He told me he had gone to Prep and graduated in 1995. We had lots of the same teachers, including **Mr. Bachmann, Mr. Maggio, Mr. McLinn, Mr. Rivera and Mr. Ruch.**"

Kinder and Khoury made one-third of a very good team (six players take the boards at a time in dodgeball). Kinder attributes Khoury's "good attitude and good sportsmanship" to his Prep years and reports "he's a good catcher. We will be sticking together next season."

The Motley Dodgers went on to win second place in the tournament overall, with a Cinderella win over a top-seeded team that propelled them to the finals. Olympic luger and La Cañada resident Kate Hansen showed up to play for the Dodgers in the finals, which Claire claims didn't hurt. Vince Vaughn, another La Cañada resident and dodgeball expert, was absent from the match.

be the opening night film at the DisOrient Film Festival in April. Kristina is a USC graduate and former manager of the USC women's basketball team. Most recently she produced the film, *Ending Up* and two web series: *Callbacks* and *Milk and Honey*, starring Debbie Allen and Idris Elba. She is currently working on the feature film *7 on 10*.

On Sept. 3, 2013, **ASHLEY MARMARO** and her husband, Jared Eisenmann, welcomed twins, Abigail and Heidi (below), into their lives. She writes, "After taking them out on a few errands, we've discovered that the world is obsessed with twins. They've had their pictures taken multiple times by strangers, and everyone else just wants to know how we keep up with two little ones. We're not sure how we do it, though sleep is definitely a luxury we don't indulge in anymore."



2003

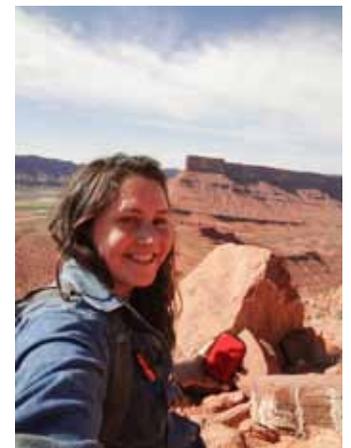
EUGENIA SANGIOVANNI is happy to announce that she has successfully branched out this year and has started her own company, Bacio Design & Marketing, Inc. She works with the communications and development offices of many of the local independent schools and post-secondary schools such as Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy, Marlborough School, Caltech and Occidental College, to name a few, in producing their admissions, alumni relations and development materials. She has joined forces with long-time friend and schoolmate, **MATTHEW GHATTAS**, working out of a great office space located in Montrose. Matthew owns his own successful company, Protech Business Solutions, which specializes in outfitting businesses with the latest in printing technologies, services and supplies. The partners are currently in the stages of re-

vamping their office space and are looking forward to another great year!

2005

TOM McLEAN is scheduled to graduate with an MBA from the University of Utah in May. He states, "I have a job lined up with eBay, Inc., in San Jose, CA, where I will be working in the global data center strategy department. It's been a great time in my life, learning more about the intricacies in business and finding a new career path. It's going to be great to be a Californian again!"

HANNAH VAUGHAN (below) just finished up a month-long furniture design project called Desert Design Lab with artist and mentor Vivian Beer. They traveled through California, Nevada and Utah in an RV developing furniture designs inspired by the landscape. When Hannah is not in a roving RV in the western desert, she is a furniture maker and designer with Lagomorph Design in Chicago, IL. Check out www.hannahvaughan.com to see her work.



2006

AUSTIN REED is working as a design and project engineer for Hydra Electric in Burbank. Read more about Austin on page 9.

2009

ASHLEY KIMERY spent her birthday with the Vice President. She shares, "I was out to dinner with some friends and family at Le Diplomate (in Washington, DC) for my birthday. We were

waiting at the bar, and the secret service came in and started clearing a path for him. He walked up to me and said hello. Later, as he was leaving, the secret service cleared the way for us to take a picture together (below) for my birthday.”



2011

ISABELLA WEISS is studying violin performance and linguistics at Carnegie Mellon University with a minor in business. Last spring she was mystified to discover that she completed so much course work so quickly that she will qualify for graduation this spring, a year ahead of schedule. This fall she will enter a two-year master’s program at Carnegie Mellon. When she completes it, she will receive a master’s of Entertainment Industry Management. She’ll walk at graduation with her friends and sorority sisters in 2015 and then head back to LA for her second year of the program, for which she’ll receive hands-on industry experience in areas ranging from film to music, TV and media.

2012

KIMBERLY OSTILLER was slated as president of her sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta, at USC. She writes, “My chapter is made up of 250 women. It’s a yearlong position, so my term began in

January and runs through December of next school year.”

KELLAN ROHDE met up with **MADELINE BOUTON** ‘11 in Berlin over spring break. Madeline, who goes to George Washington, is studying art history and German at Humboldt University in Berlin, and Kellan, on a break from Bard College, was checking out the city before going on to prowl Prague. They went to the massive Berghain nightclub and the next night checked out a Syrian restaurant.

After attending his first semester and one term at Brigham Young University, where he earned a 4.0 GPA, **CHRISTOPHER WIRTHLIN** (below) departed in February 2013 on a full-time, two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Mexico City South Mission. After one year, Chris has served in three different areas of Mexico City: Iztapalapa, El Rosal and Narvate. He devotes his time to missionary work and community service. Spanish has become his “native language.” He will return to the US in February 2015, at which time he will continue his undergraduate work at BYU.



2013

SAMANTHA DAVIES made the Dean’s List at Notre Dame.

IN MEMORIAM

Burnell “Dusty” DeVos, Jr., past trustee and father of **DOUG DEVOS ’74**, passed away on Feb. 12, 2014. He graduated from Pomona College in 1949 and from the Stanford Graduate School of Business in 1951. Dusty served in the 20th Air Force during World War II and the USNR during the Korean Conflict. A Certified Public Accountant, he joined the Los Angeles office of Price Waterhouse in 1951, transferring to New York City, where he became co-chairman and deputy senior partner, a position he held until he retired in June 1988. Dusty served as a trustee and trustee emeritus of Pomona College, as president and a director of Town Hall of California, as well as the University Club of Los Angeles, and as a director of the California Society of CPAs. He was also a member of LA Rotary #5 and on the boards, frequently as treasurer, of other Southern California community organizations. Dusty is survived by Bonnie, his wife of 64 years, two sons, Burnell III and Doug, two grandchildren, his brother and many nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the Burnell H. DeVos, Jr. Scholarship Fund, Pomona College, 333 N. College Way, Claremont, CA 91711.

NED KELLOGG ’50 died on Sept. 2, 2013. At Flintridge, he was in the honor society, edited the LOG of 1950 and served on the student council. A 1954 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Ned served his country with distinction for 30 years, retiring in 1984 with the rank of Captain and having lived in Hawaii, California, Connecticut, New York, Idaho, Virginia and Washington, DC, before settling in Point Loma. Following retirement, he embarked on his second career in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego. The Rev. Ned was an ordained Episcopal deacon, then a priest. As in his career in the Navy, he served the church with great dedication and enthusiasm. A longtime member of All Souls Episcopal Church in Point Loma, he was an active leader in both the San Diego and National Episcopal Curial Council. Ned is survived by his wife, Margaret, three children, Stephen Kellogg, Joyce Fischer Baird and Carolyn Kellogg Davis, and 11 grandchildren.

PETER MACGOWAN ’38 passed away in August 2013 at the Tiburon, CA, home he designed and built 55 years ago. He leaves his wife, Barbara, son, Bruce Kenneth Macgowan, and daughter, Rebecca Steere. All were at his side when he died. His survivors also include two granddaughters. Peter, who was the first recipient of Flintridge’s Sportsmanship award, earned his BS at Harvard University in 1942 and his MA in Architecture from the Harvard School of Design in 1952. During World War II, he was a P-38 pilot based in Ie Shima, Japan. During his architectural career, he helped design teaching hospitals all over the US and two in Brazil; he also designed several residences in California. During his retirement years, Peter and his wife spent a year in Beijing teaching English to aspiring PhD candidates. He was profiled in the summer 2012 edition of *PrepTalk*.

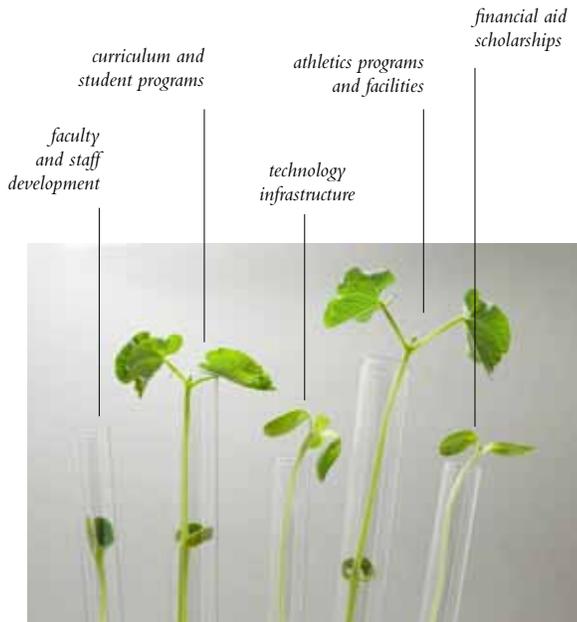
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