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The best way  
to predict  
the future is  
to invent it.

—Alan Kay

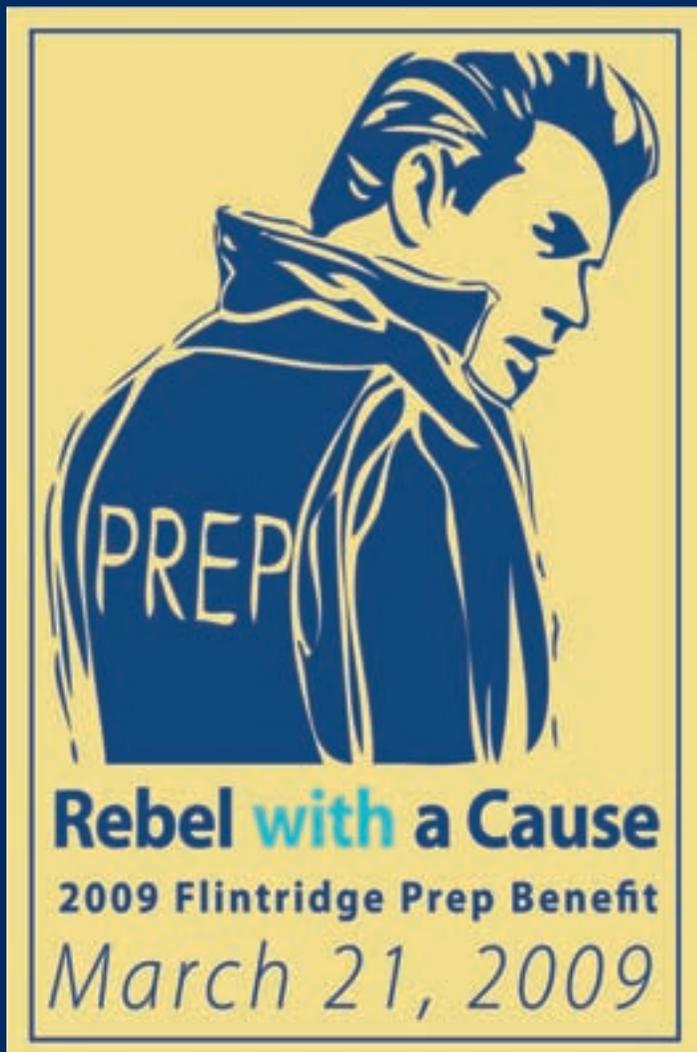
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Mark your calendars for

**Saturday, March 21, 2009**

for the upcoming Flintridge Preparatory School Benefit — Rebel with a Cause.

The festivities will be held at Universal Studios Hollywood's Globe Theatre at 6:30 pm, and will feature a fun atmosphere, catering by Wolfgang Puck, music, an amazing auction and entertainment.

The funds raised this year will help support our athletic programs for grades 7 through 12. These funds will be used to improve the field and other athletic facilities at Prep, and to purchase equipment for the athletic teams and programs.

Invitations will be going out in February to current families. If you are an alum or a parent of an alum, and are interested in receiving an invitation, please contact Connie Campbell at [campbellcj77@yahoo.com](mailto:campbellcj77@yahoo.com).

We would love for you all to join us!

**GO REBELS!**

**[www.prepbenefit.org](http://www.prepbenefit.org)**

# CALENDAR

## JANUARY

*Wednesday, January 14*  
Dance Concert, Norris

*Monday, January 19*  
School holiday:  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

*Wednesday, January 21*  
Early dismissal:  
end of second quarter

*Thursday, January 22 –*  
*Wednesday, January 28*  
Semester final exams

*Thursday, January 29 –*  
*Friday, January 30*  
No classes: semester break

## FEBRUARY

*Monday, February 2*  
Classes resume

*Tuesday, February 10*  
Financial aid application  
form due

*Friday, February 13*  
7th Grade Dance, Gym

*Monday, February 16*  
School holiday:  
Presidents' Day

*Friday, February 27*  
Re-enrollment contracts due

## MARCH

*Tuesday, March 10*  
Reception for students  
admitted to grades 7 & 8

*Thursday, March 12*  
Reception for students  
admitted to grades 9-12

*Thursday, March 12 –*  
*Sunday March 15*  
Spring Musical, Norris

*Monday, March 16*  
No classes: faculty in-service

*Tuesday, March 17*  
New student contracts due

*Thursday, March 19 –*  
*Friday, March 20*  
Prep Science Fair

*Saturday, March 21*  
Parents Association Benefit  
Rebel With a Cause

*Thursday, March 26 –*  
*Friday, March 27*  
Senior Horizons

*Friday, March 27*  
End of third quarter

*Monday, March 30*  
School closed:  
spring break begins

## APRIL

*Monday, April 6*  
Classes resume:  
fourth quarter begins



BY LENE SIMS '11

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# From the Headmaster



## OUR BRAVE NEW WORLD

As he was completing law school in the early nineties, Barack Obama began to sketch out the book that would become *Dreams From My Father*, his memoir inspired by William Faulkner's reminder that the past is never dead or buried... it isn't even the past. More than a decade later, Obama wrote a book called *Audacity of Hope*.

The integration of past into future and the change of focus from remembering to anticipating describes this moment at Flintridge Prep. Last year was rich in recall, as we celebrated our 75th Anniversary, and this fall we turn intently to the 21st century and beyond to envision a school for our grandchildren and their children. Our self-study for our 2010 accreditation visit has combined with our strategic planning exercise to produce a series of questions, as we imagine the intellectual, interpersonal and internal lives of our students, and the Flintridge community that extends beyond our immediate gates.

What does preparation for this century look like? How do we preserve our liberal arts tradition, and expand it to accommodate the new brain research, the increasing importance of creativity and risk-taking, the necessity of global awareness and the opportunities and challenges of a digital world? How should we attend even further to the emotional and ethical needs of our students? In what new ways can we promote leadership and mentorship? And how deeply can we develop further our sense of community on campus, and beyond through the alumni and their parents, greater Los Angeles, and the educational world across the nation? Ultimately, how do we act to perpetuate the Flintridge Preparatory School experience for the children of the 22nd century?

Last night, as I entered Norris Auditorium for our Holiday Concert, I was feeling tired and a little daunted by the scope and scale of these questions. I thought briefly of ducking out the back door, getting to bed early, and catching the abbreviated concert in Friday's assembly. As I listened to the music, however, from the Flintridge Singers through the Jazz Ensemble, through the orchestra, I found myself moved and exhilarated by the quality and sincerity of the performances. During a break, Tom Fry pointed to the stage and remarked, "Several of those kids were in a soccer game in the mud this afternoon, and will have a test tomorrow morning. They're amazing." By the finale, with notes of Vivaldi's "Gloria," combining singers and instrumentalists, going to bed was the furthest thing from my mind. I felt limitlessly hopeful — and audacious.

Peter Bachmann, *Headmaster*



BY LENE SIMS '11

# in profiles excellence

by Anne Wullschlager

**Excellence can be obtained if you care more than others think is wise; risk more than others think is safe; dream more than others think is practical; and expect more than others think is possible. — ANONYMOUS**

**LAST YEAR**, while celebrating the 75th anniversary of Flintridge Prep, we looked back at the history and evolution of the school. From its beginning in 1933, Flintridge has been on a path of re-invention and progress. Having acknowledged and celebrated the school's history, we now turn our sights toward the next phase of Prep's growth. We are at a point where existing goals have been achieved and new one's must be generated and pursued. A new strategic plan will be developed and ideas will find form. It is a year of reflection and imagination, as we take inventory of where we are and consider where we are to go. Three principles have been expressly mentioned as guides to both our review and trajectory: excellence, community, and sustainability. This first *PrepTalk* feature will identify areas in which Prep currently achieves excellence, profiling specific teachers and programs, which are definitively outstanding in achievement and vision. The following two *PrepTalks* will consider the other two principles of community and sustainability. Our alumni profile in this issue begins the conversation on sustainability.



## ways of thinking, ways of seeing

### Tim Bradley

As a culture, we have long considered the left-brain to be the superior half with its voracious organizing, analyzing, and calculating. Heavy left-brained activity is what education and industry have valued and tested. It is the foundation of the information age that has rocketed us to our present condition. But there is new evidence that society is and will be increasingly desirous of right-brained thinking as we start to question and reconsider our understanding of progress, as well as outsource the knowledge-work abroad that was once being done at home. (Read further on this topic in *A Whole New Mind*, by Daniel H. Pink).

Preparing our students for a culture and economy that increasingly values and depends on right-brained thinking, a type of thinking that is more creative, simultaneous, and metaphorical, is a new challenge, and Prep is ahead of the curve through its visual arts department. Department chair and third year digital design teacher Tim Bradley has brought an advanced and future-focused perspective that values creative solutions, setting the analytical approach aside, and tossing students into the rarely elicited realm of right-brain problem solving. Like the math department, the

visual arts department requires students to solve problems. But unlike the sequential thought process students use to solve an algebraic equation, the way to solve the questions asked by Bradley requires a very different cognitive approach.

For example, students were recently asked to visually represent how they have saved the world. Mr. Bradley describes it as an impossible assignment. “They cannot analyze their way out of it,” he says with a smile. In this way it is really a process of letting go of how one has been told to do something, and instead give over to the likely unorganized, playful zone of free association. The fact that our minds are still working quite actively and creatively without all the linear left-brain interference is a valuable realization both personally, and in a world that will be increasingly needing those who can access and apply this way of thinking.

Mr. Bradley served as chair of the photography department at Art Center College of Design for nine years prior to being at Prep, and continues to be involved in the college’s program. He assigns students at Prep many of the same assignments he gives to his college level students, and says that although Prep students don’t have the same experience to draw from, they are just as thoughtful, and even more

“refreshingly fearless and novel in their approach to problems.” Embracing that fearlessness and “learning to trust a thought process that operates below the level of consciousness, and recognizing when to apply it” is the primary goal of the Prep arts experience.

Collaborating with Mrs. Cooper’s 8th grade English class, 8th graders get their first taste of Mr. Bradley’s visual problem solving with an assignment based on Harper Lee’s *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and its empathetic theme of putting yourself in someone else’s shoes. Students must visually represent, through a series of photos, how a character in their outside reading book would perceive an everyday object of the student’s choosing. The student must photograph the object at different times of day, and from different angles and points of view, and the visual representations should communicate their understanding of the character. Rather than just an intellectual acknowledgement of how a character is feeling, this assignment requires an empathetic stepping in and seeing through another’s eyes; and hopefully an opportunity to interrupt the left-brain treadmill on which we so often find ourselves.

## sustaining excellence

# Ingrid Herskind

Cross Country doesn't often receive the same attention other high school sports do. True it is not very spectator friendly, and there is no game involved, but anyone who has been to a meet and had an investment in an athlete competing, might argue that it may just be the most adrenaline pumping sport of them all. Perhaps it is the pure, uncensored agony that is occurring all around you. The looks on the runners' faces as they pass you by, how close they are together as they run into the finishing chute, the nerves, the anticipation — it is exhilarating, and more than that, it is inspiring, truly. Running as fast as you can for 3.2 miles is, in many ways, a mind over matter pursuit — the “just do it” of sports.

Ingrid Herskind has been leading the Boys cross country team to the CIF finals for the last 14 years. For the same number of years, they have placed 1st or 2nd in their CIF Southern Section Division. And this year, they took 2nd place at the CIF Championship in Fresno. With this record, they have earned the reputation of being the team to beat, and the consistency of performance indicates a powerful program with a winning philosophy, and not just individual super-stars.

When asked what strategies sustain this type of excellence in a sport as physically and mentally demanding as cross country, Ms. Herskind points to the ownership that the athletes have in the process, and the respect the team has for one another, not to mention the great time they have goofing off to relieve the intense pressure.

The team believes that they are “only as good as [their] last guy,” so the success of each runner becomes a team effort. The older runners take an active part in helping the younger ones develop. Mentorship is a powerful force that then sets up the younger runners to become leaders when it is their turn. This team cohesion lasts beyond high school, as cross country alums write letters to runners going to state, encouraging them with their own stories and suggestions about the course.

Ms. Herskind identifies cross country as “a thinking man's sport,” in that you must “use your mind to overcome some of your weaknesses.” Positive, active thinking becomes part of the process as runners write down their goals and sign them at the beginning of the season. She also notes just how transformative a sport cross country is. No one is cut, no one is left on the bench, no one is unimportant in the process and it builds a type of confidence that pours over into all other areas of one's life. With this in mind, there is a commitment to the sport and one's performance in part due to the transformation it has made elsewhere in their lives.

What marks this sport more than anything else is that every member of the team has just endured the same thing — the same course. There is a mutual respect because it is difficult for everyone. There is a natural cohesion. Ms. Herskind knows how to develop that cohesive tendency while acknowledging the individual success of each runner. She pedals along side the team on her bike during practice and encourages them on every run. Every practice counts, and afterwards, a necessary amount of laughter and levity break in and fun feels better than ever.



*Top to bottom: 2003 CIF State Championship; 2008 Boys Cross Country; 2005 CIF Southern Division*



Above: Laura Kaufman guides 8th graders in formulating their Science Fair research topics.

## Identifying the question, embracing the process

### Laura Kaufman

One of the highlights of spring at Prep is seeing the imaginative and thoughtful work of students at the March Science Fair. Row upon row of colorful projects fill the gym as parents, teachers, and alumni ask the middle and upper school students about their findings. Along with the lively atmosphere there is a considerable level of competition occurring as the caliber of projects are noted by judges. Mrs. Laura Kaufman, 7th grade dean, science teacher, and Science Fair coordinator says that the Prep Science Fair is equally competitive as the Los Angeles County Science Fair, and that students who do well at Prep do well beyond. Prep in fact holds second place for the most wins in the state.

The middle school program Mrs. Kaufman directs is a large part of why Prep has such success in the larger arena. A confidence in the process develops as 7th and 8th graders spend a significant amount of time in class exploring topics, and working through the research process step by step with the guidance and support of the science teacher.

What is surprising and refreshing about the middle school experience is that the project does not necessarily have to be

scientific, in the strictest sense. It is instead about learning how to identify, investigate, and answer a question. Students can ask a question about anything: football, yawning, or waterfalls. The project becomes a challenge not only to them cognitively, but personally as they sort through potential topics of interest. Some dive right in and some aren't sure which way to go. However, once they have decided on a topic, they work on finding out more about it, and deciphering what questions have and have not been asked or answered. Mrs. Kaufman believes that the science fair is a safe place to stretch oneself, and is "also a chance to bring what they are excellent at into science."

Furthermore, the way that Prep students place in county, state, and even national competition, reflects not only the caliber of research that Flintridge students are conducting, but also how adept they are at communicating their research visually and orally. Regardless of the level of research being done, a student must be able to clearly explain the question, the process, and the findings in order to do well.

Regardless of how much they learn about asking and answering a question, Mrs. Kaufman believes the most important

lesson the students receive is confidence — from the middle school that familiarizes them so completely with the process, to the upper school, where expectations are high. The level of performance at the Prep fair "drives success all-around and creates a self-confidence in what they can do in a larger arena." The Science Fair excels in creating confidence, and confidence underlies the excellence pursued at Prep and beyond.

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*Some of this year's Middle School projects in the making:*

SEAN O'SULLIVAN '13: The effect of the president's political party on the stock market

JOANNE JANG '13: The effect of brain dominance (right vs. left brain) on which side of a person's face looks more like them (she's taking photos of faces, digitally cutting them in two and compositing to see what a person looks like when they are made of two left sides or two right sides)

CASEY COUSINEAU '13: The effect of talking on a cell phone on reaction times.

QUINN SCHWAB '14: The effect of a baseball's density on the distance it can be hit.

## excellence at Prep means excellence beyond

# Sarah Waliany

Prep senior, Sarah Waliany '09, is an exceptional example of a student who received a strong research foundation in middle school, and has applied it throughout her high school career to produce significant findings in the field of cancer treatment. For her research in Herceptin-sensitive breast tumors, Sarah recently traveled to the Library of Congress in Washington DC to accept the prestigious Davidson Fellows Scholarship award. The award acknowledges “extraordinary young people under the age of 18 who have completed a significant piece of work.”

Sarah’s receipt of the Davidson Fellows Scholarship follows a series of outstanding science fair achievements including consecutive first place wins at the Los Angeles County Science Fair in 2007 and 2008, first place at the 2008 California State Science Fair, and first place at the 2008 regional Seimens Science Fair, which sent Sarah into national standing. For competition in such a rarified group of student scientists Sarah says that, “the Science Fair at Flintridge helped prepare me, especially in the ability to clearly explain my project.”

Her science story begins as a new Prep 7th grader. Her first Science Fair project was on increasing levels of vitamin C in lettuces. She conducted the research in her backyard during the school year, and when summer came she wanted to continue her testing in a lab setting. She applied to work in local labs, but was rejected because of her age. So Sarah continued her backyard project and finally was accepted into a biotechnology boot camp in 9th grade at Pasadena City College.

From PCC she applied for internships at City of Hope Hospital, and began working the summer between 9th and 10th grades with breast cancer researcher Dr. Susan Kane. Sarah says that she has always been interested in cancer research, which she connects to the personal experience of

the death of her classmate’s father, while she was a young student at High Point Academy.

With passion and acuity, Sarah continues to explain, “cancer challenges sciences to their limits.” To her, such challenges are energizing opportunities, not overwhelming burdens. And it is the combination of enthusiasm with relentless hard work, not to mention plenty of talent, which has brought Sarah to such excellence so soon in what will be an exciting future to follow.

*“The Davidson Fellows are success stories — they're students who have resourcefully found ways to nurture their genius by seeking out mentors, relying on strong family support and working diligently to achieve their goals.”*

**BOB DAVIDSON**, Co-founder of the Davidson Institute for Talent Development



*Sarah Waliany with Representative David Dreier in Washington DC.*



Honor Students of the Year Nitya Rajeshuni and Sarah Waliany.

## Fall Awards Assembly

The Upper School Fall Awards Assembly was held on September 19. Overall, 232 students were recognized by the California Scholarship Federation; 18 seniors tested in the top 1 percent nationally to become National Merit Test semifinalists; the Cum Laude Society inducted 10 new members; and Mr. Bachmann presented Nitya Rajeshuni '09 and Sarah Waliany '09 with Honor Students of the Year plaques for achieving the highest grade point averages in the 2007–08 school year. Congratulations to each student whose academic performance earned them recognition.

Seniors Kyle Carpenter '09 and Yasmin Saudi '09 achieved semifinalist status in the 2009 National Achievement Scholarship Program. Of the 120,000 students who compete for this award, only 1,600 become semifinalists. Congratulations go out to these two students for their notable achievements.



### NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

Back Row (l–r): James Vandeventer, Andrew Osheroﬀ, Michael Cooper, Maguire Haigh, Michelle Bigony, Kyle Wass, Samuel Fishman, Shannon Adelman. Front Row (l to r): Yuko Shimada, Nitya Rajeshuni, Hannah Edwards, Christina Yu, Michael Wolf, Madison Zeller, Leo Chick, Sarah Waliany. Not Pictured: Dylan Yamamoto, Gina Kim



### CUM LAUDE INDUCTEES

Back Row (l–r): Nitya Rajeshuni, Michelle Bigony, Kyle Wass, Shane Levy, Leo Chick. Front Row (l–r): Christine Yu, Michael Wolf, Madison Zeller, Jasleen Singh. Not pictured: Sarah Waliany

## Career Day

On Thursday October 16, students did not spend their mornings going from class to class as usual. Instead 14 speakers, including alumni and parents, came to share their knowledge about their professional fields. Students chose 2 of the 14 options, which included a wide range of interests such as law, video game production, film editing, venture capitalism, and sports journalism. Television writer Tom Gammill (see right) put student humor to work as he had kids come up with new plotlines for a Simpson's episode. The morning was a successful, inspiring, and at times very entertaining introduction to possible future professions.





Janet Braun



Rose Chan



Kristina Leslie



Thomas McHenry



Dr. Robert Skotheim



David Thompson



Paul Vandeventer

## New Trustees Engage in Strategic Conversations

Seven highly dedicated members of the Flintridge Prep community recently joined the Board of Trustees and have begun earnestly working on a variety of projects including strategic planning.

**THOMAS J.P. McHENRY**, parent of William '09 and Jackson '11, an attorney and partner with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in their Environment and Natural Resources Practice Group, along with **DR. ROBERT A. SKOTHEIM**, former president of Whitman College, retired president of the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, current president

of Occidental College and a returning Prep trustee, and **DAVID K. THOMPSON**, parent of Katherine '05, and senior vice president and general counsel for The Walt Disney Company are analyzing the world of the 21st century in which our students will live and learn.

**PAUL VANDEVENTER**, parent of James '09 and Ethan '14, president and CEO of Community Partners, is working on issues connected with teaching and learning in the future.

**KRISTINA LESLIE**, parent of Ryan '11 and Michael '13, retired CFO of DreamWorks

Animation, SKG, and **JANET BRAUN**, parent of Kristin Heintz '07, Kevin Heintz '10, and Brian Heintz '14, a retired corporate lawyer, are examining issues related to the school's financial sustainability, while **ROSE CHAN**, parent of Nicholas Loui '08 and Ryan Loui '11, a retired tax attorney, is studying the area of faculty support.

We are happy to welcome and fortunate to have these highly accomplished individuals with their diverse skills to help guide Flintridge Prep in the next phase of our growth and evolution.

## The Crawford Family Gymnasium

As a result of the generosity of Anniversary Campaign donors, we were able to refurbish the newly named Crawford Family Gymnasium, which was completed in August, just in time for fall sports teams to begin their practices. New bleachers and flooring were installed, the walls were painted, the ceiling renovated, air-conditioning added, and the girls' locker room redone. The changes have given the space new life, and have greatly improved the acoustics and the comfort for both athletes and spectators.



## Leo Club: Making it Happen

The Leo Club hosted a remarkably successful Walk-a-Thon on Sunday, November 16 to raise funds for the building of Club 21 Resource and Learning Center in Pasadena. The non-profit facility is set to open this January, and will advocate and provide support for those with Down syndrome. The Leo Club raised over \$35,000 to directly support the Center's construction and its goal of creating a more inclusive environment at home, school, and in the greater community.

## WHEN JUNE ROLLS AROUND, AND STUDENTS ARE SET FREE, SOME PREP FACULTY USE THEIR SUMMER MONTHS TO ENHANCE THEIR KNOWLEDGE IN A FIELD AND THEIR CURRICULUM IN THE CLASSROOM.

### NANCY ANGEL

Spanish teacher Nancy Angel participated in two conferences this summer, one in Denver and one in Minneapolis, about the TPRS teaching method, which stands for Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling. Ms. Angel was exposed to new ways of expanding this method, which is already employed in Spanish 1. The method is based on Stephen Krashen's concept of "Comprehensible Input," meaning that the students are exposed to only a few new vocabulary words at a time (ideally 3 phrases/day), which they learn by spoken language, by gesture, and by action. Then these phrases are used to develop a story with the students' input. Ms. Angel observes, "my students are showing enormous progress in their Spanish due to this method."

### STEVE HILL

Steve Hill, Performing Arts Chair, reports that he "had the honor of working for six weeks on the Ron Howard film production of *Angels and Demons*, starring Tom Hanks and Ewan McGregor," which will be released in 2009. Mr. Hill was involved in casting over 60 professional singers for two major scenes. He also rehearsed the singers and appeared on screen in both scenes of the film. Mr. Hill also sang on the soundtrack for the newest remake of the film, *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, starring Keanu Reeves to be released in December.



*Top: Joe Maggio and Manny Nuñez in Nicaragua. Bottom: Steve Oderkirk in Maine.*

### JOE MAGGIO and MANNY NUÑEZ

Joe Maggio and Manny Nuñez traveled together to Nicaragua this summer with the goal of enhancing both language and science programs for students back at Prep. Senor Nuñez scouted locations for his Global Studies program, while Joe Maggio photographed and researched native flora and fauna for his keynote presentations on tropical ecosystems. The island of Ometepe was their first destination. Rising up from the ocean and crowned with two volcanoes, the island was abundant with wildlife, waterfalls, and dense vegetation. After visiting, Maggio suggested, "Ometepe will definitely be a destination, should we take students to Nicaragua in the future." They then moved on to explore the pacific side, where they connected with sea turtle conservationists and finally got to see the elusive howler monkeys. La Flor was another locale that impressed both Senor Nuñez and Mr. Maggio, and was slated as a valuable student destination. The trip was a great

success for both Mr. Maggio's biological studies needs and for Senor Nuñez's scouting for a future Global Studies program.

### STEVE ODERKIRK

Photography teacher Steve Oderkirk attended the Maine Media Workshops in Rockport, Maine, where he participated in a workshop for Advanced Digital Photo Photoshop. Mr. Oderkirk had an inspiring experience and commented that "the instructor, Laurence Gartel, is a pioneer in digital media and computers. When he started working there was no way to save your digital image that took days to create. You had to photograph it. He taught Andy Warhol how to use the computer — he's been around for a while." The class got outside to shoot, and took a quick trip to Mohegan Island. However, "most of the week we spent in a studio in front of a Mac G5 working on Photoshop CS3. It was really a good experience and I got a lot that I can share with my students."



*l-r: Paul Vandeventer, John Shallman, and Allan Hoffenblum*

## Political Strategists Offer Insight

On October 22, a few days before the close one of the most historic presidential campaigns, Flintridge Prep students were privileged to hear the views and analysis of two seasoned political experts: republican strategist Allan Hoffenblum and democratic strategist John Shallman. Upper school students filled Norris Auditorium to listen to the two discuss their experiences in political campaigning and offer insights and criticisms on its current state. The conversation was kept focused and lively by moderator Paul Vandeventer, father of James '09 and Ethan '14.

Mr. Hoffenblum served two tours of duty in Vietnam and the military intelligence training he received gave him skills useful in political campaigning—gathering information and getting it to the right people at the right time. Beyond running a political consulting firm, Mr. Hoffenblum has also taught political campaign management at UCLA and UC Davis.

Mr. Shallman became politically active as a high school student. Upon learning extra-curricular activities at his school were being eliminated due to budget cuts, he advocated for increased property taxes, organized a small army of volunteers, and made appearances at City Hall. Since then he has run numerous successful campaigns, including that of Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan in 1993.

When asked what is most important in running a successful campaign, Mr. Shallman responded that first and foremost the campaign needs to have a strong message. Mr. Hoffenblum added that agility and adjusting quickly to changing conditions is also significant. The introduction of vice presidential running mates Sarah Palin and Joe Biden were a great example of the need for mid-campaign adjustment. Sarah Palin was a particularly dynamic person to discuss and debate. Mr. Hoffenblum characterized her as an asset to McCain because of her ability to energize the Christian conservative base, as well as pick up Hillary Clinton supporters who were unwilling to transfer support to Obama. On the other hand, Mr. Shallman thought Sarah Palin's affect on McCain disastrous. In particular, he pointed to her lack of experience, which couldn't buoy the initial splash of her nomination; the energy she brought backfired as her insufficiencies surfaced.

The students were energized by the level of debate between the strategists and continued the dialogue in small group discussions led by faculty. Seniors remained in Norris Auditorium with the speakers and were able to ask questions. William McHenry, Gabriel Brighty, and Steven Leech found the assembly engaging and the speakers incredibly knowledgeable with important information to share. The students were especially interested in views about the presidential race, revealing the intense interest Prep students had in the historic political moment. The assembly serves as a model for future assemblies based on interaction and debate.

## Prep Welcomes Four New Faculty Members



Flintridge alum **MR. PETER CHESNEY '04** is teaching 7th and 9th grade history. He attended Vassar College, where he received his BA in History and won the Vassar History Award. According to his Flintridge Press interview, he enjoys the outdoors, and if he were a super-hero, he would want his super power to be encyclopedic knowledge. He also fondly recalls playing broomball with friends on prom night.



**MR. JULIAN HAYTER**, who is teaching 8th and 10th grade history, received his Masters in U.S. History from the University of Virginia, and will receive his PhD in the same discipline in 2009. Mr. Hayter is originally from Des Moines, Iowa. Students, in their Flintridge Press interview with Mr. Hayter, learned that he is an excellent chef and spent two weeks driving a bus through parts of Southern Africa with his best friend, and is hoping his next big travel destination will be China.



**MS. JILLIAN RIEHL**, who is teaching Geometry and Algebra II, received her BA in Mathematics Education from Keene State College and taught at Monadnock Regional High School in New Hampshire. Ms. Riehl enjoys traveling. Last summer she worked for Habitat for Humanity in Guatemala, where she hopes to return another summer to learn Spanish. She also loves playing soccer and is an assistant coach for the Girls Cross Country team.



**DR. RAJEEV WAHI** has joined the science department teaching chemistry and physics. He received his BA, Masters, and PhD in Chemistry from Rice University. Since 2004, he has been teaching AP Chemistry, AP Physics C, and Chemistry at Ransom Everglades School in Florida. He enjoys running, and is an avid reader and lover of music. Two of his favorite musicians are Tori Amos and R.E.M.

## Winter Concert

The Annual Winter Concert was held on December 17, and featured both vocal and instrumental performances. Over 100 students participated, creating music that inspired Headmaster Bachmann's letter introducing this issue of *PrepTalk*.



## Junior Parent Dinner

The Junior class amused and delighted parents with the annual JPD performance held on Saturday, November 22 at the Masonic Temple in Pasadena. Sketches ranged from improv comedy, to dance solos, to a quartet arrangement of John Lennon's *Let it Be*. The rest of the Prep community saw the show on Wednesday, November 26 in Norris Auditorium. Students were sent off to Thanksgiving break entertained by the humor and ingenuity of their peers' performances.

### Fall Play

## Servant of Two Masters

Directed by Mr. Scott Myers, this year's fall play, Carlo Goldoni's comedy *Servant of Two Masters*, took the Norris Auditorium stage November 13 through 15. The play descends from *commedia dell'arte*, a theatrical tradition featuring a set of stock characters: the wily servant, the pompous lawyer, the miserly old man, the hotheaded young man, the ingenue, the saucy maid, and the star-crossed lovers. The play begins with the betrothal of Silvio Lombardi to Clarice dei Bisognosi, an engagement made possible by the sudden death of one Federigo Rasponi. Chaos ensues, but ultimately the play concludes with multiple marriages.

Featuring students grades 7–9, the cast included, Alexander Blaine '14, Maddie Case '13, Katie Eiler '12, Samantha Harper '12, Caroline Hedrick '13, James Hotti '14, Kimberly Ostiller '12, Mari Paulson '12, Mary Clare Plaschke '13, Austin Roy '13, and William Vose '14. Leading the crew were Katrina Boyd '12, Andy Davis '10, Chris Davis '10, and Kieran Mulroy '11. Director Scott Myers was assisted by Christopher Adams-Cohen '10. Dr. Robert Parker '78 designed the set and lighting; Mr. Patrick Ferry led the set construction.



## FOOTBALL

*Varsity.* This year's win-loss record does not begin to describe the remarkable character and teamwork displayed by Prep's 2008 varsity football team. Their overall record was a modest 3-7, but the Rebels fought adversity all season and ended the regular season playing for the Prep League title for the second year in a row. They finished second to Rio Hondo, but again qualified for the CIF playoffs for the 18th time in the last 21 years.

From the start of the season, the Rebels battled a shallow roster, at times suiting up no more than 20 athletes for games. Adding to the challenge, injuries forced a number of players to learn second and third positions on both sides of the ball. One of the most significant injuries was quarterback Gus Herrera '09, also a defensive starter, who dislocated his throwing arm in the second quarter of Prep's opening game. Reflective of the Rebels' spirit and determination, Herrera returned to action less than 4 weeks later to lead Prep on their quest for the league title.

Many Rebel starters rarely came off the field during games. Assuming the role of ironman, tailback, defensive back, and kicker returner Joel Bryant '09 turned in an exceptional season, with 9 consecutive 100+ rushing yardage games. In the final weeks of the season, Bryant carried the ball over 30 times per game, played every down on defense, and returned kickoffs and punts on special teams. Bryant was named the Prep League's Offensive MVP by league coaches.



Gavin Thomson '09 also logged similar minutes playing wing back on offense and rotating between linebacker and safety on defense. Other seniors doing double-duty were Arash Jafarnia '09, Fuad Beshir '09, Kyle Carpenter '09, Will McHenry '09, Alec Storrie-Lombardi '09, Adam Ross '09, and Justin Ogunji '09. While Herrera was sidelined with his shoulder injury, Dan Beldy '09 filled in admirably at quarterback, and Alex Hurrell '09 provided valuable minutes in the Rebels' defensive secondary.

Underclassmen who were crucial to Prep's success this year were defensive standouts Conor Dubin '10, Doug Land '10, Philip Montoya '10, Jordan Whaley '11, Sam Cook '11, and David Russell '11, all of whom started during the season.

*Junior Varsity.* The 2008 JV football team won the league championship on the type of play that will be talked about for years. Playing Rio Hondo in the final league match, the Rebels lined up on their own 3 yard line to defend against a field goal with the score tied 13-13, and only 5 seconds remaining on the clock. A final tie score would result in a co-championship between the JV Rebels and the Rio Hondo Kares. A successful field goal from 20 yards would give the Kares the league crown outright.

The Rebel defense had other thoughts in mind. Bursting through the line at the snap of the ball, Chris Wirthlin '12 blocked the field goal sending the ball bouncing at the 2 yard line where speedy Tyler Shum '12 scooped it up and raced 98 yards for Prep's winning touchdown as time expired. The victory gave the JV Rebels the league championship and a final season record of 6-3.

*8th Grade Flag Football.* After a 40-19 loss against High Point to start their season, the young Rebels and their coaches decided they needed to improve their defense if they hoped to be competitive through the rest of their season. They modified their defensive scheme and provided more pressure on opposing offenses. The changes succeeded as Prep reduced the points they allowed by nearly half in their 5 remaining games. Unfortunately, Prep had difficulty getting into the endzone themselves. Before a supportive home crowd, Prep had one of its better games losing a cliffhanger to Mayfield Jr. with a final score of 18-22. Leading the offense at quarterback was Chadd Cosse '13, who provided solid decision- and play- making. On defense, Kurt Kozacik '13 offered relentless hustle and inspiring effort. Playing his first year of flag football, Manuel Perez '13 was one of Prep's top scorers from his tailback position.

*7th Grade Flag Football.* In their final 5 flag football games of their season, only 10 total points separated their 2-3 record from what could have been 5-0. The scores reflected the competitive nature of each game and the team spirit of the 7th grade Rebels. In each contest, the team displayed excellent athletic ability that will result in more success on the scoreboard in future years as they gain more experience.

In addition to their basic skills as football players, the 7th graders are also a versatile group of players. In addition to the running, throwing, and catching critical for flag football, many of the players applied themselves as blockers. Trip Westmoreland '14 displayed skill as a blocker, but also demonstrated good

footwork and pass catching ability. Robert Cartwright '14 played quarterback and was one of the team's most valuable players on offense, while Scott Tsangeos '14 and Cole Rademacher '14 were top defensive players.

## CROSS COUNTRY

**Girls.** Prep's girls cross country team completed another successful season by qualifying for the CIF state cross country meet in Fresno for the 9th year in a row. At the Prep League meet three weeks earlier, the girls raced well enough to win but finished behind a Chadwick team that eventually won the CIF Division V state title.

One of the season's highlights was the performance of Dot Silverman '10, who clocked a time of 19:00 on the Mt. SAC course in the Mt. SAC Invitational held on October 24. Dot's time was the fastest ever by a Prep girl on the course, which is the annual location of the CIF-SS Finals meet. At season's end, Dot was named team MVP, junior Sarah Randolph was selected as Most Improved Runner, and senior Crystal Bong received the Coaches' Award. Crystal joined the team as a senior and became Prep's #3 runner.

Head coach Mike Roffina, and first-year coaches Jill Riehl, Caitlyn Croall and Sylvie Andrews look forward to another successful season in 2009 with five strong runners returning. Along with Dot Silver-

man '10, Elise Partos '11 had a particularly strong year finishing 16th at the CIF-SS finals and 78th at the state meet. Also scoring for Prep at state were Ellen Kim '09, Crystal Bong '09, and Maya Castellanos '11.

**Boys.** Prep's boys cross country team continued its tradition of excellence in 2008. The Rebel runners, coached by Ingrid Herskind and assisted by Nick Ponticello, turned in their best races when it counted the most. Having finished second behind Pasadena Poly in an earlier league meet, the Rebels reversed the result in the Prep League Finals meet to win their 17th consecutive boys Prep League title.

Ranked 4th in the state among Division V teams prior to the state meet in Fresno, the Rebels turned in a spectacular performance to finish second. Four of Coach Ingrid Herskind's runners finished in the top 20 with Kevin Heintz '10 running a personal best 16:14 to finish 7th overall. Conner Verreux '09 was just 4 seconds behind with a 16:18 to finish 10th among all Division V runners in the state.

The Rebels' 2nd place finish at state put them back on the post-race podium among the top-three teams for the 11th time in the past 12 years, a span that includes 4 state titles. Besides Heintz and Verreux, Prep's top scoring finishers at state were Paul Weitekamp '09 (16th overall), Jason Bunn '11 (18th), and James Lyon '09 (31st).

**Middle School.** Prep's 7th and 8th grade boys and girls performed with true athleticism at the two cross country meets held this fall. The young runners got a taste of the big-time with the opportunity to run on the Mt. SAC course that is used for the high school CIF finals meet. For middle school competition the course is reduced to 1.2 miles. In the girls race Prep runners had a great day finishing second among nearly 160 middle schools. The boys also finished in the top 10 with a 9th place finish. At their second meet, the High Point Invitational, the Prep girls won the meet finishing ahead of Mayfield Jr. and High Point, while the boys came in second behind High Point. Prep's top girl runner was Kate Evans '14, who finished first overall at Mt. SAC, and for the boys, Robert Cartwright '14 and Manuel Perez '13, who both finished in the top 20.





## WATER POLO

*Boys Varsity.* Prospects looked bright for Prep's varsity boys water polo team after early season victories over large public schools and a 2nd place finish in the Bell Gardens Tournament, but a packed Prep League awaited the Rebels. With 4 of the league's 5 teams ranked among the CIF Division's top 8, league play proved to be a challenge. Nevertheless, first-year head coach Kean Ferguson, emphasizing skill development and teaching an understanding of game mechanics, guided the Rebels on a rewarding season of team growth and camaraderie, and an exciting style of polo. By season's end, the Rebels had learned the game well and thoroughly enjoyed their season, regardless of wins or losses.

Stephen Leech '09 was Prep's top player earning MVP honors from his set position, where he scored nearly 100 goals. Driver Kevin Matthews '10 received the Coach's Award and Chris Chu '10 was awarded Most Improved Player, alternating from outside and set positions.

*Boys Junior Varsity.* The future looks bright for Rebel water polo. Over half of the boys JV team were freshmen and new to the game. Enthusiasm is high and the opportunity for significant skill development great under the program's head coach Kean Ferguson.

The JV team was at its best when playing aggressive and spirited defense against their opposition, often teams with far more experience. The JV Rebels held six of their last seven opponents to single digit scoring. Fittingly, goalie Ryan Loui '11 was named team MVP. Prep's other top players were Evan O'Malley '11, who switched between

driver and wing, Ryan Camastra '11, Josue Hernandez '12, Patrick Hickey '12, and Jack Purvis '12 at the set position.

*Middle School.* Prep's middle school water polo team showed plenty of offensive firepower in their two matches this past fall. They scored 16 goals combined in the two matches. Unfortunately, their defense was not as strong and they dropped both contests to Pasadena Polytechnic, 7-8 and 9-16. Coached by high school varsity seniors Stephen Leech and Brandon Taylor, the young Rebel polo players showed great improvement and enthusiasm in their practices and matches. All the players were valuable and demonstrated great promise as they continue their polo development and move up to the high school program. The following players showed exceptional promise — Ethan Vandeventer '14, Kevin Cheng '14, and Bruce Park '13.

## TENNIS

*Girls Varsity.* Prep's 2008 girls varsity tennis team, under the leadership of 5th year head coach Mrs. Katie Hawkins-Canton, exceeded all expectations. The Rebels completed their most successful season in the program's history. Having steadily improved each of the past 3 seasons, the girls ended the year with 9 wins and 8 losses and tied for 3rd place in the league. Unfortunately, they did not secure the league's 3rd place playoff position. They finished second in a 3-team tie-breaker competition with Westridge and Pasadena Poly for the final spot. Mayfield Senior won the league championship and Chadwick finished 2nd. Prep's top doubles teams this year were

seniors: Ambika Chandramohan '09 and Gina Kim '09, Teny Geragos '09 and Erin McDonnell '09, and Christina Yu '09 and Annie Zaro '09. Senior Sona Kazangian '09 was one of Prep's top three singles players.

The future of Prep's girls tennis looks just as strong. The squad will return a number of talented athletes in 2009. Two of Prep's other top singles players are not yet juniors — Kira Lee '12 and Lugene El-Harazi '11. Moreover, Kira Lee '12 was voted one of the league's MVPs for singles. Also returning next season are juniors Michelle Sung '10, Elaine Park '10 and Laura Weaver '10.

*Girls Junior Varsity.* The JV girls tennis team also surpassed early expectations to complete one of the JV program's most successful seasons. They finished the year with a record of 8-7, which included two wins over Pasadena Poly, Vivian Webb, and Village Christian, and single victories over Westridge, and Mayfield Senior.

As the season progressed, the team showed significant improvement as the girls played the type of "team" tennis stressed by coach Ron Catano. The emphasis was on skills and execution, while playing hard and competitively on the team's behalf, rather than merely competing individually. After returning from an early season injury, Christine Zhang '09 made a big impact on the team's success playing #1 doubles with Caroline Yu '10. Isabelle Sohn '11 was Prep's #1 singles and Alina Okamoto '11 was also one of the top players on the JV team. Next year, with this talented group joining Prep's returning varsity players, Prep should be a strong contender in league play and potentially in the CIF playoffs.

## EQUESTRIAN

Flintridge Prep's IEL team has competed in two shows so far this year. The first was held on October 26 at Hansen Dam Equestrian Center. Lindsay Leisure '13 placed 11th in the JV Jumper Division at the end of the day and Hannah Warde '11 placed 9th in Varsity Equitation. At the second show, held December 7th, also at Hansen Dam, all three Prep riders had strong showings. Lindsay Leisure '13 placed in 4 classes, receiving a 9th in JV Handy Hunter, 10th in JV Medal, and 11th in both JV Equitation over Fences and JV Equitation Flat. Hannah Warde '11 placed 7th in Varsity Equitation over Flat and was Reserve Champion in Varsity Medal. Christopher Adams-Cohen '10 placed 8th in JV Jumpers Section 2 and 10th in JV Jumpers Section 2B. Congratulations to all the riders on a good showing so far this season.

## VOLLEYBALL

*Girls Varsity.* Among small, independent schools in the CIF Southern Section, the Prep League has a well-earned reputation as one of the strongest for girls volleyball. This year was no exception. Joining the traditionally strong programs of Mayfield Senior, Westridge, Chadwick, Pasadena Poly, and Flintridge Prep, Vivian Webb and Rio Hondo also improved noticeably in 2008. After winning their first 3 non-league matches, the Rebels were challenged in each league contest with many matches extending to the full 5 games. Unfortunately, Prep ended up on the losing end of their league matches and finished with a season record of 4-13.

Despite the absence of wins, the Rebels concentrated on improving their skills and developing competitive intensity. The Rebels struggled on offense, but improved their defense with each match. In their first match against Chadwick, who was ranked #2 in the entire CIF division at the time, the Rebels pressed the Dolphins to the limit of a 5-game match before succumbing.

Prep's top statistical performers were Marin Seifert '10 who led the team in kills and Alex Baptiste '09 who was the team



leader in blocks. Charlotte Milinovich '09 provided excellent leadership for the improving Rebels and Casey Meurer '11, as a first year player, made great strides as setter. The Prep League should be equally strong next year, but the Rebels will be significantly improved with the help of young talent from this year's 14-3 JV team and a 9-7 freshman team.

*Girls Junior Varsity.* Prep's JV girls volleyball team completed an excellent season finishing 14-3 overall and 10-2 in league play. Their success was the product of a deep roster of talented athletes who developed strong volleyball skills as the season progressed. Coach Sean Beattie put a number of different combinations of players on the court, and each group meshed well, performing with intensity and teamwork. Many players sacrificed individual interests for the benefit of the team, but four players made exceptional contributions. Meagan Chow '10 as setter was a key leader for the young Rebels. Abbey Deckop '11 was one of the team leaders in kills playing opposite and backup setter. Kelly Wang '11, playing outside, also was a team leader in kills. On defense, Naomi Hatanaka '11 led the team in digs from her libero position.

Prep's Freshman team improved their skills as the season progressed, and their trademark characteristic was a fiery brand of volleyball that competed for each and every point. In only one match did they lose in straight sets. During the middle

of their season, they won four straight matches with scores of 2 games to zero.

Julia Miller '12 provided Coach Chris Mendoza with excellent play from her setter position distributing the ball superbly to her teammates. Kate Woolley '12, in addition to leading the team in blocks from her middle position, offered encouragement to her teammates and spirited enthusiasm for the entire team. Providing offensive firepower, Kimberly Kim '12 led the team in kills.

*Girls Middle School.* Prep's middle school girls volleyball team, coached by Julie Jaime and Joe Maggio, had a record number of 32 girls participating. As a result, Prep competed with 3 full teams (A, B, C) and each girl received maximum amount of participation and experience. The girls showed a tremendous amount of growth and heart. All of the teams were competitive in each match with nearly every game decided by 6 points or less.

Bryn McFadden '13, Ashley Kim '13, and Katherine Boggard '13 were a few of the 8th graders that led the way for Prep. The girls consistently improved service skills and overall team play. For the 7th grade team, Chelsea Johnson '14, Brooke Stewart '14, and Maya Okamoto '14 were all solid players. The A team ended their season 2-7, the B team was 0-7, and the C team was 0-5, but the success of the season was marked by consistent improvement and bright hopes for the future.

— Tom Fry

## Design Excellence for a Sustainable Future

Mark Gangi '85

**MARK GANGI** graduated from Prep in 1985. Now an architect with his family's Development and Build firm, Mark recently co-designed the only LEED Platinum certified museum in the world, The Museum of Water and Life, located at the eastern entrance of Diamond Valley Lake in Riverside County. LEED certification stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. Developed in the mid-nineties, LEED is now the industry standard for rating sustainable design, and Platinum is the highest rating a building can receive, followed by Gold, Silver, and Certified.

Headmaster Bachmann remembers Mark's considerable "interest in projects that have a public significance," and sees the museum project as "an extension of who he's always been." Mark's broad interest in society revealed itself as a student in Mr. Bachmann's history class. He enjoyed discussing politics and economics, and remembers being a devoted and outspoken participant on the debate team. Mark has remained close with the Prep community. A consistent presence on campus when his brother Matt '02 was attending, Mark reflects a commitment to the broader well-being and spirit of community.

Besides enjoying history, Mark had a strong creative side that found expression in Steve Oderkirk's photography classes. Smiling, Mark admits to the hours spent developing photos in the dark room instead of applying energy toward more neglected subjects. But his attention to composition and aesthetic principles found application in USC's architecture program. He received his B.A. in 1990 and started working in his family's business upon graduation.

Mark recalls that while there was no direct discussion about sustainable design in architecture school at the time, "there was plenty of emphasis on good design": design about adapting buildings to their environment. But it was a particular client that precipitated Mark's interest in the Green design movement.



*"Flintridge was a place where we were a group of individuals—encouraged to explore our thoughts, and develop our unique nature."*

Mark worked with CATI (C-Analytical Technologies Incorporated), which conducted environmental testing for contaminants across the US. Mark traveled weekly throughout the country, from Arizona to Alaska, Oregon to Florida, designing labs in which CATI did their research. He was made aware of the level of pollutants in the environment from the studies, and when the funding dried up for pollution research, there was a shift within the environmental movement from clean-up to ideas of sustainability — a more future-focused approach. It was a natural transition for Mark to architecturally address how buildings could be actively part of that sustainability. Also, while building the labs Mark put himself in the position of the scientists to improve both the comfort and efficiency of the space. Enjoying integrating design aesthetics with function, the job proved to be "great training for electrical and mechanical integration" — something that would come to serve him in designing the Museum of Water and Life years later.

The museum, completed in Spring 2008, is a bold and linear 72,000 square ft. campus, rising up out of sparse desert surroundings. The space is designed to educate visitors about natural resources. Michael B. Lehrer, Mark's design partner, draws the connection between the

museum's content and its structure — "The museum's exhibits are about local resources, so the building itself is a 'living' example of sustainability and conservation." The museum's roof is topped with a 540 watt, 3,000 panel solar field that not only generates half of the complex's power needs, but also shades the structure from the intense desert heat. Translucent solar panels hang down over 8,000 square feet of windows, adding additional shade and producing additional energy. Reclaimed water irrigates terraced gardens, radiant flooring controls the internal temperature, and natural light pours in to illuminate the space.

The design is so efficient that the structure produces most of the energy required for its own functioning. To put this accomplishment in perspective, buildings are responsible for 48% of green house gas emissions, they consume 67% of all electricity, and the poor placement of buildings adds to the remaining 33% of energy consumption. Building design is at the center of our energy usage, and this building produces rather than consumes energy. Taking this philosophy home, Mark is now busy designing a new house for his family that will include solar power and a green roof, which insulates the structure and off-sets carbon emissions with oxygen-producing vegetation.

Even with all his success as an architect, Mark has not ignored his two-dimensional photography roots that started at Prep. He collaborated with his USC professor, Panos Koularmous, on a book about 20th century rationalist architecture, for which Mark did all the photography. Mark has conjoined the aesthetic and civic-minded sensibilities Headmaster Bachmann recognized and encouraged in him 19 years ago. And with those dual interests, Mark now addresses perhaps the most significant issue our society faces with all its concomitant social repercussions — energy.

— Anne Wullschlager

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60<sup>th</sup>  
reunionSAVE THE DATE  
April 25, 2009

1951

**PETE DOW** relocated to Arizona in 1982 and was blessed to have retired in 1994. He enjoys fishing and boating on Lake Powell. He tries to take a few trips each year, and during the cold winters of Flagstaff he rents a home in California for a month or so near the beach, usually in the San Luis Obispo area. He invites any of the members of the Classes of 50, 51, or 52 that remember him from football or swimming to email him at petedow@hotmail.com.

1954

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reunionSAVE THE DATE  
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1957

**JIM BRYANT** and **FRANK OLSON '60** reconnected over the summer in Kentucky, where Frank currently lives with his wife, Ann. Prior to this meeting, they hadn't seen one another since 1971 when Frank and Ann participated in teacher training at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, B.C. and Jim came up to visit from Seattle.

1958

**ARTHUR BODE** shared, "Having retired from a career in real estate appraising and developing in 1988, I have entertained myself by flying my Cessna airplane around the country, taking motor home trips, playing tennis, and doing

some volunteering. Alaska and Hawaii are annual trips with family. After graduating from Menlo College, I became an Army Officer, got married, and started a family. I have a daughter, Sarah, and two sons, Matthew and Daniel, and two grand children. Now it's mostly flights to Camarillo and Santa Paula for lunch, and sunsets in Laguna with two cats and a dog."

**JOHN HARMAN** is a Senior Staff Engineer at Beckman Coulter, Inc. He previously developed safety, air pollution, and process analytical chemistry instrumentation and won a NASA award for significant inventions. He was inducted into Beckman Coulter Inventors Hall of Fame for 18 patents. He enjoys part-time teaching of General Chemistry and Organic Chemistry, and travel related to the International Electrotechnical Commission. Thanks to Mr. Acosta and Mr. Neupauer, he was able to read inscriptions on buildings in Rome in the original Latin!

**PETER JENSEN** and his wife of 32 years, Karen, have three children and three grandchildren. He shares that he retired from the U.S. Navy in 1994, retired from LAUSD as an elementary school teacher in 2005, previously pastored churches back East, and presently works part time at his hobby of gardening for a church in Sun Valley, CA, and as an independent distributor for Immunotec Research, Inc. He and Karen enjoy cruising Alaska, Hawaii, and the Mexican Riviera. His recollections of Prep are vivid and fond, and include several teachers as well as classmate **DAVID BOGEN**.



## Here's the Down and Dirty about IRA Rollovers

If you are a member of the Prep Class of '55 — or older — you can make a tax-free charitable gift from your IRA to Prep.

**T**he Pension Protection Act of 2006 permits taxpayers age 70½+ to make direct distributions from a traditional or Roth IRA to a non-profit organization, such as Flintridge Prep, while excluding the distribution from their gross income. The law was extended this past October and is in effect through December 31, 2009. The maximum distribution allowed is \$100,000 per taxpayer per year.

Please consider making a charitable IRA rollover to Prep. Consult your tax advisor about how a charitable gift from your IRA will impact you. Your gift can make a difference to Flintridge Prep and make a difference in your taxes!

For more information about a charitable IRA rollover or other ways to help secure Prep's future, please contact Yuki Jimbo, Director of Development, at (818) 949-5524 or by email: [yjimbo@flintridgeprep.org](mailto:yjimbo@flintridgeprep.org).

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**BRUCE LAWRENCE'S** most enjoyable job was with Allied Signal, where he designed the computer controller hardware and wrote all the software for a small autonomous torpedo designed to destroy both moored and bottom mines. He later worked for Cobe Cardiovascular, where he developed and patented the pump software for a blood profusion machine. He is currently a Senior Software Engineer for EchoStar Technology. He and his wife of 32 years live in Colorado where his hobbies are reading, 4-wheeling, and taking care of his 2.3 acres of land. Although he enjoys Hawaii so much that he has visited 28 times and he is teaching himself the language, his favorite trip was taking two Boy Scouts to Truk Lagoon and living on a dive boat for a week. They dove around ship-wrecks and sunken planes from WWII.

**DENNY MATTHEW** is married with two children and two grandsons, and the entire family resides in the same zip code in Arizona. When taking a break from being a principal at Cavan Real Estate Investments, Denny and his wife enjoy monthly trips to Rocky Point, Mexico, and annual visits to Maui, HI. He also volunteers at a civic promoting folklore and legends of the Southwest.



**JAY MIDGLEY** taught English as a second language and U.S. History in Los Angeles before becoming a Bond Underwriter. He and his family moved to England for two years to study a system of education; upon returning to CA,

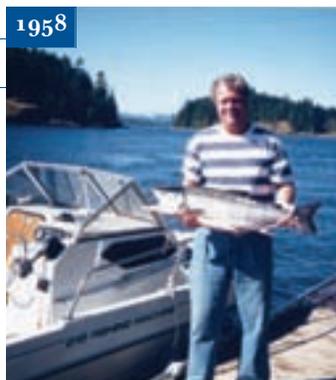


he started a private school in Ojai. Once it was up and running he started working for State Farm Insurance from which he eventually retired. He spent a month in New Zealand and enjoys golf, fly fishing, hiking, and exploring CA. Jay shares this message: "To my classmates who benefited from a pretty good educational program: Do whatever you can for this exceptional school, which today lies on the foundation of what we had 50 years ago."

**ALDEN MOSSHAMMER** has authored three books: *The Chronicle of Eusebius and Greek Chronographic Tradition* (Lewisburg 1979); *Ecloga Chronographica Georgii Syncelli* (Leipzig 1984); and *The Easter Computus and the Origins of The Christian Era* (Inpress, Oxford 2008). Alden, now retired, was a Professor of History for the University of CA, San Diego from 1972-2003. Prior to 1972, he taught Classics and Latin at various schools.

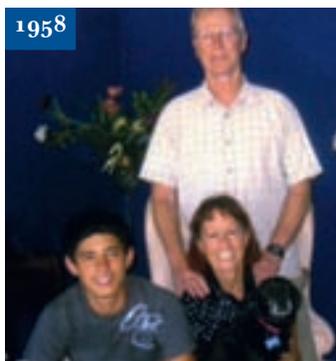


**JOHN ROMER** lives in Pasadena where he owns Romer Insurance Agency, which provides life insurance and financial services. John served two terms on the Board of Trustees at Flintridge Prep. His volunteer activities also include working with the Boy Scouts, chairing their Golf Tournament for five years, and Harambee Ministries, serving youth in Northwest Pasadena. His reflections on Prep include sports, student government, and Leroy Smith who he describes as "one of the finest teachers I've ever had." His recent experience with Prep inspired him to declare, "It has been a delight to personally observe how the school (faculty,

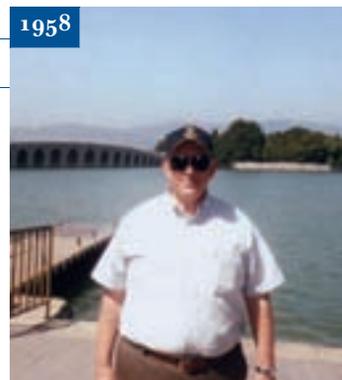


staff, students, and parents) have flourished under the enlightened leadership of Peter Bachmann. The future is very bright!"

**KENT SANTELMAN** describes his work life as having "way more variety than reasonable but a fun ride. Finally became a teacher in '96 and, for the first time, actually like what I am doing." He served as a Captain in the Marine Corps for two Vietnam Tours in 1966 and 1967. For 20 years he taught mountaineering for the Sierra Club and he still enjoys backpacking. With three children and two grandchildren, he and his wife keep busy, especially with their 17 year old, who is on two soccer teams. He recalls that "Daddy Denniston actually got me to like English" (which he now teaches at Carson High School). Denny Matthew hosting Grad Night is another fond memory.



With 26 years combined active and reserve service in the Navy, **MARTY SOURS** retired with rank of Captain. He earned his PhD in International Relations and Asian Studies, and pursued a career with Thunderbird School of Global Management, which includes overseas teaching and research in Taiwan, S. Korea, Japan, and China. He is married with two grown children; he volunteers as a Board Member for the California Alumni Association, he is a Life Member of the Navy League,



Naval Reserve Association, Naval Institute, and Naval War College Foundation, and he helps the Phoenix Sister Cities and the local church member service club.

After attending Yale and Brown, **BILL STORK** held many exciting positions from coast to coast, ranging from teaching math, developing an East Asian honors program, becoming dean of students at Brown, to becoming the Director of Studies at Marlborough. He then became head of the math department at Polytechnic, and later moved to Asia to work on a math program for highly gifted local Chinese students. He remains in Asia, faithfully volunteering for Yale, and in 2001 helped chair their 300th anniversary for alumni in Asia. His children are even busier than he, and travel increasingly occupies his non-teaching time.



From 1964-1970, **DAVID STUERWALD** served in the Army as Staff Sergeant. He then spent 30 years with IBM and always looked forward to going to work. As the programming manager for the first IBM — PC, he had the op-



portunity to work with Bill Gates. After retiring, he worked as a substitute math teacher and also voluntarily tutored middle school kids with learning challenges. His volunteerism also included work for the local Baptist mission and rebuilding homes in Mississippi after Katrina. He and his wife have camped most of the US and have cruised Europe, Asia, and Africa. He recalls the lesson, "A poor workman blames his tools," which Robert Jardine espoused in wood shop and drafting. He uses what he learned every day as he works in his own shop building furniture for his family, including a crib that his son and three grandkids have used. He also recalls, James Wood "got the best out of every one of us — he made us believe we could win at everything if we put out a 100% effort."

**JON WEATHERWAX** began his advertising career in San Francisco and became a partner at TMF, the largest promotion/advertising agency in the west. He opened an ad agency, Lewis & Partners, in 1985 and left as president 13 years later to begin consulting. Now retired from the advertising business, he enjoys renovating homes in Nevada and California. He and his wife of 40 years have two children and grandchildren, all of whom spend a lot of time at their get-away cabin at Donner Lake in Truckee, CA, where he enjoys driving his 1942 WW2 Jeep, skiing, and relaxing.

## 1959 & 1960

**50th**  
reunion DATE TBD

**FRANK OLSON** and **JIM BRYANT '57** reconnected over the summer in Kentucky, where Frank currently lives with his wife, Ann. Prior to this meeting, they hadn't seen one another since 1971 when Frank and Ann participated in teacher training at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, B.C., and Jim came up from Seattle to visit. Frank is currently



in his 3rd year as Performing Arts Facilitator for the Elliott County Schools, where he retired in 1998 after 24 years of teaching 5th Grade and High School. Now he is very much enjoying working with staff who were former students of his. The school has a new Performing Arts Center that seats 318 for a system of 1,200 students K-12.

**BOB IMMLER '62**, sent in the photograph of **JOEL SHAPIRO** and Joel's daughter, **SHARON '03**, at a car show at the Gene Autry Museum in Griffith Park. They are standing in front of Joel's Stutz.



## 1962

**BOB IMMLER** and **KEN PAYNE '63** met up at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah for the automobile Speed Trials. (Ken on the left, Bob on the right)



## 1964

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## 1965

After his third attempt at retirement, **BRUCE BROWN** was offered the interim head men's and women's swim coach position at Pomona College. He will be filling in for a year and then will turn the wheel over to the winner of the national search. Bruce writes, "I hope all is well at Prep!"

**BYRON COATES** shares, "It has been 16 years now since retiring from the military and moving to the Pacific Northwest. I'm biased of course, but this really is a beautiful part of the world to live in. My second career, which is more of a hobby, is well developed and keeping me entertained. I guess as we all get older we wonder what interesting things our classmates have gotten themselves into, their areas of expertise, contributions to society and a better world. I thoroughly enjoy reading in PrepTalk news of my fellow classmates but also reading about alums in general. What a great institution it's proven to be over the years and what a difference it's made in so many lives... My best to all."



## 1967

In November 2007, **JOHN COVELL** transferred (after 11½ years) from the U.S. Postal Service to the U.S. Department of Transportation/Federal Aviation Administration, where he now has a position as a Labor Relations Specialist in the National LR Policy and Programs Division at FAA Headquarters. Personally, he is nearly two years into his second marriage, and "it is the best thing since sliced bread. We own more real property than might be prudent (in hindsight), but at least we have excellent tenants in the ones we are not occupying ourselves. Life is good!"

## 1968

**RICHARD GIESBRET** (pictured below) shares, "I've been keeping busy with family, friends, including **ERIC BERG** and **BOB RIGDON**, and work. My parents have been battling the usual depredations of old age. After a year of chemo and surgery, my mother lost the battle about a year ago; my father is in slow decline with more classical age-related problems. Both have required a lot of assistance. Not much of a traveler, but recently visited Vancouver, Toronto, Hawaii, New York, and the usual local trips to SF and Vegas, for better or worse. I still find Canada, my home country, very appealing and the people, generally gracious. I've been a very busy officeholder in our West Hollywood neighborhood association and remain a regular concert subscriber with the LA Phil [this is my 25th year] and busy theater-goer [LA has a thriving and remarkable group of "off-Broadway" type theatrical companies]. In the past, I envied New Yorkers for their arts community, but now we have some wonderful cultural resources. I am considering a move to the desert in the not too distant future. We are keeping busy at our firm, Hablinski + Manion Architecture. Our work tends toward a historically broader, traditional style, though we have some modern projects, including one from the office of Mies Van der Rohe. Representative imagery is on our website [www.hablinski-manion.com](http://www.hablinski-manion.com). Despite appearances, our projects are usually quite a challenge and our clientele, rather unusual, intriguing people. I have recently been focusing on residential projects in Beverly Hills-Holmby Hills, Hawaii and Los Altos (Silicon Valley area). Best wishes to all."



1969

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1972

**RICHARD DETOY** and his wife, Mindi, were married on August 8 at Doheny Beach and are happily settled in San Juan Capistrano. For the past three years, Richard has been working as a general manager of a health care specialty executive search firm based in Irvine.

**TIM PORTWOOD** took early retirement from Stanford after more than 21 years in the Office of Development. He is now a Senior Consultant with Marts & Lundy, working out of his home office in San Francisco, (and thus reducing his carbon footprint!), and building a practice that includes colleges and universities, environmental organizations, independent schools, and museums.

1974

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1975

Attorney **MARK GERAGOS** participated in the Flintridge Prep Career Day Assembly on October 16.

1979

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1980

**CHRIS SLOMAN** moved from CA to Hendersonville, NC (20 miles south of Asheville) in June '08. He shares, "It is a much slower, family-oriented small town lifestyle. We are in the Blue Ridge mountains with hundreds of waterfalls and rivers."

## DOANE M. LOWERY SOCIETY MEMBER

## Kerstin Johnson '96

*The Doane M. Lowery Society, created in 2005, recognizes those in the Prep community who include Prep in their estate plans. Kerstin Johnson '96 is a founding member of the Lowery Society.*

Kerstin Johnson is currently our youngest member of the Doane Lowery Society. With two degrees from Stanford and others from Santa Clara University and San Jose State University, Kerstin works as an Intervention Specialist with students in grades K-5 for the Cupertino Union School District in Northern California.

Kerstin attended Flintridge Prep from 7th grade through 12th grade and feels it is a special and unique place: "It's about student-teacher relationships. They inspire you." In seventh grade, English teacher Irwin Russo, "challenged me to think outside the box, and refused to tell me what the 'right answers' were. Mr. Russo challenged me to be someone I did not know I could be." Kerstin also says teachers at Flintridge Prep respect students enough to openly debate them: "they let you in to their approach—and admit when they are wrong. You know your teacher's passions—and not just about the subjects they teach." This openness influenced her approach to teaching.

The Johnson family has always practiced charitable giving and supporting education. Kerstin says, "It's what we do!" She feels she was fortunate to have the opportunity to attend Flintridge Prep—an outstanding institution—and wanted to give back, so she included the school in her estate plan. "Prep is an important part of who I am; it's important to remember where I came from."

*Individuals who take the step to include Flintridge Prep in their estate plans and notify the school by June 30, 2009, will be honored as founding members of the Lowery Society. For more information, please contact Yuki Jimbo, Director of Development at (818) 949-5524 or yjimbo@flintridgeprep.org.*



Kerstin Johnson '96

"There was not a pressure to succeed, but there was a pressure to be my best. I was not expected to get an A on every paper or on every exam, but I was expected to be a good moral person, and a hard-working, intellectual thinker."



The  
DOANE M. LOWERY  
SOCIETY

## 1981

**KIP FREYTAG** and her spouse went on a five week family trip to Europe to visit friends and family. "Some of our friends we hadn't seen for 14 years, and one of our relatives we had last seen 16 years ago. Time passes quickly so we will try to do another visit sooner than this one ended up being. We went to five different countries as our friends and family are spread out quite a bit. We have two different sets of British friends, met in other countries, not their own, family and friends in Germany and Italy, and friends in Denmark and Switzerland. Our German visits allowed us to practice our rusty German, and by the end, we were just getting into the swing of it."

## 1983

**PAULA MCCULLOUGH BOWN** shares, "We still live in St. George, UT where we would welcome visits from classmates traveling through. Our oldest daughter, Sarah, started her first year of college this year at BYU. She is having the time of her life and is enjoying everything about it. Elizabeth is a junior at Dixie High and has a challenging schedule. She and Peter, who is a freshman, are both doing exceptionally well. Caroline is in 6th grade, Grace is in 4th grade, and my baby, Martha, is five and started kindergarten this year. It has been a huge change for me but I somehow remain very busy. All the kids take piano and have been selected to play in the State Recital this year."

My husband, Jim, continues to practice gastroenterology. We are doing well and love to hear about all of you!"

## 1984

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**EILEEN CURREN WALLO** said, "I've never been a runner. I used to cry when coach Logi would try to get me to run around the football field without stopping. So, when the youngest of my friends announced that for her 40th birthday we were all going to run a half-marathon, I laughed out loud. However, this particular race was in Santa Barbara and far be it for me to skip anything that ends in wine tasting. Well, we trained for a couple of months and I learned how to run (more like a shuffle if we're being honest), and four of my friends and I finished 13.1 miles in our goal time of two and a half hours! If Locke and Logi could see me now..."

## 1986

**B.J. HOEPTNER EVANS** shares, "I worked my third Olympic Games in August in Beijing and found myself caught in one of the biggest stories of the Games when the in-laws of our U.S. Men's indoor volleyball team's coach were attacked at the Bell Tower. It was a stressful time but a learning experience as well and I was overjoyed to be able to be on the floor when our U.S. Men's Team won the Olympic gold medal."



I also got to be on the sand to watch the medal ceremonies for our beach volleyball team."

**CHRIS HUGHES** reports:

"My family and I moved to St. Paul, Minnesota this past summer. After 16 years in semi-rural Maryland and very rural Virginia, we love being back in a city! I am now the high school principal at St. Paul Academy and Summit School (SPA), which is a K-12 school of about 900 students. My wife, Farida, is an artist with a studio in Minneapolis. Our children (Jordan, 11 and Leah, 10) are both enrolled at SPA, so they have to put up with their dad, the principal, all the time!"

**ERIC MCDONALD** (pictured below) graduated this summer from Humboldt State University with a Business degree. "Back in 2004, I was ten grand in debt and decided it was time to face the music. By the summer of 2005, I was completely out of debt and found myself pondering HSU across the street: 'Was it time to go back to school?' I applied in 2006 and began a five semester assault up the mountain. Four classes a semester and working

20 hours a week was an interesting juggling act (I tip my hat to those who did it with a family). Several years ago I received my state contractors license in electrical. This has been my bread and butter for the last ten years, but I'm looking into something a little different. I have planned several events up here on the North Coast and have an interest in logistics. My 3-5 year plan is to work for a disaster relief organization both domestically and internationally. **TRENT "LINGUINI" VALVO** says hi, but is way too busy for idle chit-chat (don't ask)."

## 1987

**DONNA SCARAMASTRA GORMAN** and her family (see below) just finished up their first year of their three-year tour in Beijing, China — "my husband is assigned to the Embassy here. In May, we welcomed our fourth baby, Ainsley, into the world. Ainsley joins two year old sister Kyra, five year old brother Aidan, and eight year old brother Shay. In my spare time, I've been working rather sporadically as a freelance writer and studying Chinese. Needless to say, I'm a bit busy over here in Beijing."

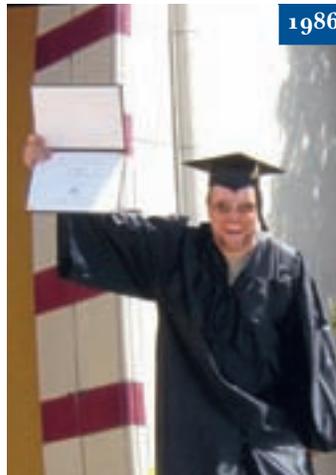


**HEATHER SWIFT NORDELL** started a new business, Cohabits, after finishing two years of intensive wilderness, naturalist, and animal tracking training at the Wilderness Awareness School. The mission of her company is "to foster a healthy balance between human and wild habitats. We integrate sustainable design and conservation principles within land changing projects, as well as offer education programs that promote long-term land stewardship." She and her husband, Ben Kaufman, live and work in Seattle, where they have a fabulous community and are very active in

## 1983



## 1986



green and sustainability issues. "We are currently working on converting our garage into my art studio. I can't wait!"

1989

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**EVAN WINET** just moved from Saint Paul, Minnesota, where he was teaching at Macalester College, to a new position teaching theatre history at the University of Pittsburgh.

1990

**DAMON ALDRICH** shares: "Having fun with life. Our little girl, Autumn, will be two years old on September 21. We spend lots of time at California Adventure's "A Bug's Life," and at home in Palos Verdes, CA. Shelley and I both work for Toyota's National Headquarters in Torrance. We keep in touch with **ROB BAUMGARTEN**



1990

and his family, but if any other alums are in the area, we'd love to reunite (especially those with kids!)."

**MATT BOGAARD** participated in the Flintridge Career Day Assembly on October 16. Matt is a detective with the San Marino Police Department.

**KRIS ROBERTS** is a Senior Game Designer with Rockstar Games. He recently returned to campus to participate in the Flintridge Prep Career Day Assembly (see below).

1990



1991

**NOELLE DORMAN** would like to get classmates together for a viewing of the class of '91 Junior Parent Dinner video. If interested, email her at proudnoelle@yahoo.com.

1992

**DANIELLE BARR PERRIGUE** and Matthew Perrigue were married last summer in Santa Monica. Classmates **AMY SKIFF MASSINO** and **ROBYN ASHFORD MEDINA** were bridesmaids in the wedding. Danielle is currently working in the Department of European Art at The Huntington Library and is expecting her first child at the end of October.

1992



**GIANNI CHECA** and his wife, Ashley, are proud to welcome Finley Alessandra into their family. Finley was born on July 17, 2008. They are currently living in Denver, CO where Gianni is working as an anesthesiologist.

**JASON MACNEIL** and his wife, Jennifer, just had their first daughter, Kirra, on July 2. Jason is the Director of Audio Visuals at the Four Seasons Wailea, and enjoys spending time surfing and hanging at the beach with family and friends. He can be reached at ogc@nethere.com.

1993

**DIANA JOHNSTONE CHILDERS** and her husband, Richard, welcomed daughter Kiley Nicole, who was born on October 8. Big brother Luke (almost three years old) is excited but disappointed because she sleeps all of the time! Diana is still working at UCSD's Medical Center as a Hospitalist.

1993



1994

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**CASKEY DICKSON** and his wife, Leslie, celebrated the birth of their fourth child, Alexander Francis, in August. Alexander joins big brothers, William and Connor, and big sister, Lainy Ann.

1994



1996

**CARA LEE GARDNER** married Andrew William Bates on August 16, 2008 at Bella Victorian Vineyard in Camarillo. The bridal party included classmates **PERRIN STITICK BIORKMAN**, **JANET KIM**, **EMILY WADA**, **JOHN GARDNER '95**, **ANDREA MANDELLA '97**, and **JACQUELINE EPLEY '97**.

1996



Cara develops products for Trader Joe's, which is where she met Andy.

**KIMBERLY KRELL**

**O'CONNELL** wrote, "On July 28, 2008, my husband, Colin O'Connell, and I celebrated the birth of our first child, Catherine Ann O'Connell. We currently live in Marin, CA and love being parents."



1996

**KATY TUCKER STEINKRAUS** and her husband, Jeff, are "proud to announce the birth of our daughter, Kara Lynn Steinkraus! She was born healthy and strong on October 6. She joins her cousins (sons of **ROBERT TUCKER '93**) as part of the next generation from proud Prep alums!

1996



1997

**CORINNE TANG TAYLOR** and her husband, Daniel, welcomed their first baby, Chloe Kimiko Tang Taylor, on June 4, 2008.

1997





## Alumni Sports Day

On December 19, alumni athletes came out in full force to take on the current Varsity teams in Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Coed Water Polo, and Coed Soccer. A special celebration was held during the boys' basketball halftime to acknowledge Alex Rivera's 30 year commitment to Prep Athletics.



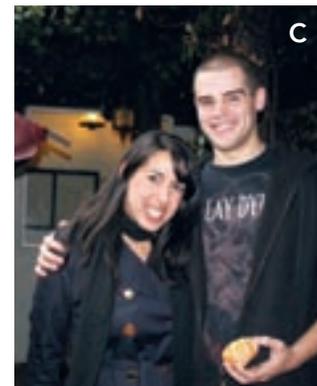
## Alumni Scoreboard

	Alumni	Varsity
Coed Water Polo	15	12
Coed Soccer	3	2
Girls Basketball	44	29
<i>aided by some current varsity players</i>		
Boys Basketball	58	76



## Alumni-in-College Thanksgiving Open House

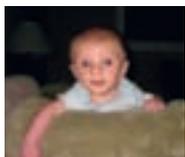
Many alumni who are in college returned to campus the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. An enjoyable morning was spent catching up with classmates and former teachers. After the reception alums joined the rest of the campus in Norris Auditorium to watch the annual JPD assembly.



- A. *Kate Tucci '07, Kirstie Jeffries '07, and Amber Stover '07*  
 B. *Mark Baker, Xander Berry '08, Trey Kozacik '08, Peter Bachmann, and Hayden Wheatley '08*  
 C. *Jasmin Varjavand '07 and Daniel Hurley '06*  
 D. *Lexi Ryan '08, Sean Kim '08, and Leanne Free '08*

## 1998

**BRIAN GEORGE** graduated from USC Law in 2005 and began work as a real estate attorney in Los Angeles. The next year he left the practice of law to be his own boss. He now does real estate investment and development. In August of 2005, he married his college sweetheart, Trish. They had a small wedding at the Ritz Carlton Laguna Niguel at which **ROBERT CHAN** was the best man. Trish and Brian bought their first house in Manhattan Beach



late in 2007, and in May of 2008 they welcomed their first-born, Hunter Mason George.

**ROB HENRY** owns his own video production company, Carriage House Media, in South Pasadena. He is currently working on videos for Hobie, Inc and filming in North Carolina, Louisiana, Australia, and France.

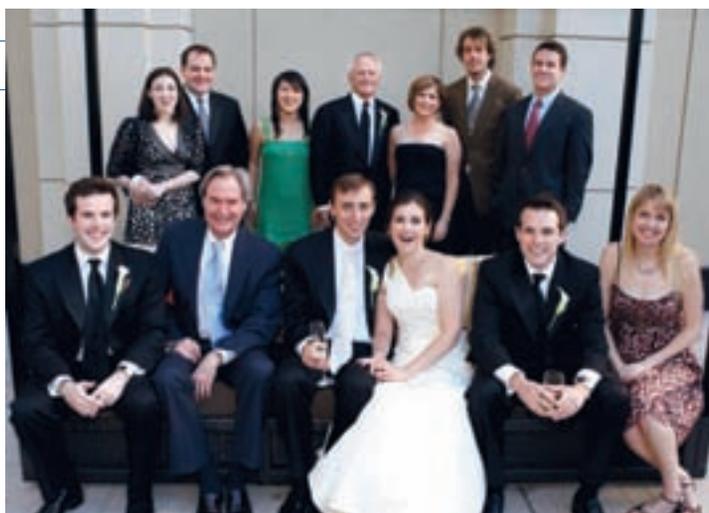
**CHRIS MEADOR** served as a ceremony reader at the wedding of **KATIE REARDON SPEETZEN '99**. (See center column picture.)

## 1999

**ALLISON LYZENGA** married Jacob Loshin on August 31, 2008. Other Prep Alums in attendance at the wedding were **MICHELLE BLANCHOT STEFFENS** and **HEIDI HECKENDORF '00**.



**KATIE REARDON SPEETZEN** married Chris Speetzen on August 10, 2008 with a full Prep reunion in Chicago. The wedding party included Bridesmen **NEIL REARDON '02** and **BRIAN REARDON '04**. **CHRIS MEADOR '98** served as a ceremony reader and **EUN HEE HAN** as a bride's attendant. Guests included



Top (L-R): Molly Meador, Chris Meador '98, Eun Hee Han '99, John Reardon (Former Prep Trustee), Jann Reardon, Andrew Bogaard '04, David Hudson '02. Bottom (L-R): Brian Reardon '04, Peter Bachmann, Chris Speetzen, Katie Speetzen '99, Neil Reardon '02, Kristen Keen '99

**KRISTEN KEEN, DAVID HUDSON '02** and **ANDREW BOGAARD '04**. Katie and Chris were especially honored that Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bachmann were able to attend. In "real" life, Katie daily channels Irwin Russo by teaching 7th grade Language Arts/Social Studies/Writing for the Chicago Public Schools. Chris is Portfolio Acquisitions Manager for Arrow Financial Services. Katie can be reached at [krspeetzen@gmail.com](mailto:krspeetzen@gmail.com).

## 2000

**GUY HENRY** is a helicopter pilot with the Navy and is deploying at the end of this month to patrol the west coasts of South America in search of drug runners and pirates. He is assigned to the frigate, USS Rodney M. Davis. They are not going out with a fleet but are going it "bold and alone." He will be out of the country for at least six months.

**DREW PRICKETT** graduated from Davidson College in North Carolina in 2004 and worked for four years in Washington DC at the Corporate Executive Board. He recently moved back to Southern California where he is living in Santa Monica and attending USC's Marshall School of Business.

**JANET YAVROUIAN** graduated from law school in May of 2007. She is now working in Los Angeles as an associate attorney for Gleason & Favarote LLP, which specializes in labor and employment law.

## 2001

**STEPHEN DEFAZIO** emailed to say, "On February 22, 2008, I was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy after completing twelve long weeks of Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI. After receiving my commission, I reported to Naval Aviation School's Command in Pensacola, FL to begin flight training as a naval aviator. Currently, I am in the middle of a six-week program, in which we study everything from aerodynamics and aviation meteorology to land/water survival and human flight physiology. Upon completion of API, I will be heading to Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma for primary flight training. Other than that, I am enjoying life on the Gulf Coast and bumming around the beach. It's definitely a good time. I can be reached at [sjdefazio@gmail.com](mailto:sjdefazio@gmail.com)."

Having graduated from NYU in fall 2004, **ANJOLI ROY** worked as an editor for a small nonprofit book publisher, The Feminist Press at CUNY, for three-and-a-half years. After successfully completing the NYC marathon—

a feat that surprised her as much as her family and friends—she decided she was up for a change from life in the big city, and she has followed that feeling all the way to Hawai'i, where she is currently pursuing a masters in English with a concentration in creative writing from UH Manoa, which awarded her a quarter-time faculty appointment with a teaching assistantship. She is enjoying being in this beautiful, politically charged place as much as she is shocked by the adjustment of going from living in, arguably, the center of the universe (at least NYphiles believe this), to living on the most isolated land mass on earth.

**BENJAMIN WATT** was promoted to the rank of Captain on July 5, 2008 while stationed in Iraq. Captain Watt, US Army, graduated from USMA West Point in 2005. He is with the 3rd Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade stationed at Camp Taji, just north of Baghdad IRAQ. Ben is in the midst of a 15 month deployment, and is flying missions several times a week while in charge of his Blackhawk helicopter company.



## 2002

**NEIL REARDON** was a Bridesman in his sister, **KATIE REARDON SPEETZEN'S '99**, wedding. **DAVID HUDSON** was also in attendance at the event. (See center column picture above.)

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### Chicago

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009**

6:30–8:30 p.m.

Location: TBD

Host: Headmaster Peter Bachmann

### Orange County & San Diego

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2009**

4:00–6:00 p.m.

Location: Balboa Bay Club and Resort

Host: Headmaster Peter Bachmann

## Flintridge Preparatory School Benefit Rebel with a Cause

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2009**

Universal Studios Hollywood, Globe Theatre  
Proceeds to benefit Prep Athletics.

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CLASS OF 1959 & 1960

## 50-year Reunion

Location and time: TBD

## PREP REUNION DAY

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009**

Classes of '49, '54, '64, '69, '74,  
'79, '84, '89, and '94

Prep Campus: Time TBD

Reunion volunteers are wanted!

To sign up, contact the Alumni Relations  
Office at 818-949-5526

## PREP GOLF TOURNAMENT

**MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009**

La Canada Country Club and Golf Course

11:00 a.m.–1:15 p.m. Registration

11:45 a.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Putting Contest

1:15 p.m. Shotgun Start

6:00 p.m. Reception/Dinner

Sponsored by the Fathers Club. Proceeds to benefit the John Plumb '64 Endowment Fund in support of faculty enrichment programs. For more information, or to request an invitation if you live outside of the Southern California Area, contact Barbara Ealy ([bealy@flintridgeprep.org](mailto:bealy@flintridgeprep.org)), Director of Special Events.

## 2003

**MELANIE LUM** currently lives in Beijing's infamous 798 art district and works as the sales director and art fund manager at China Visual Arts Center. In addition, she travels around China visiting and interviewing artists at their studios and attends several international art fairs a year. Art Stetson, Director of Admissions visited Melanie this past summer. See photo below.



**SHARI QUAN** is, "living the high life, learning the local language, teaching health classes, and eating the tropical fruit in Uganda as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Community Health and Economic Development program."

See Class of 1960 entry for a picture of **SHARON SHAPIRO**, and her father, **JOEL SHAPIRO '60**.

## 2004

**PETER CHESNEY** graduated from Vassar College Phi Beta Kappa with an award for achievement in European history. He spent the summer working for the Obama



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## Class Notes Wanted

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Campaign raising money by going door-to-door in the Pasadena Area and is currently working as a 7th and 9th grade History teacher at Prep.

**MARIKA PIDAY** attended USC as an undergrad, receiving her B.A. in British Literature. Now she is getting her masters at USC, where she is an Annenberg Fellow in Critical Studies at the USC School of Cinematic Arts.

**BRIAN REARDON** was a Bridesman in his sister, **KATIE**



## A FAMILIAR RETURN

Anne Wullschlager '97 returns to Prep as the Director of Publications, replacing Mel Malmberg, who remains busy with her writing career. Anne attended Colby College where she received her B.A. in English, and is currently finishing an MA in literary cultural studies from UC San Diego. After teaching for five years in San Diego and Pasadena, Anne is happy to reconnect with Flintridge, as well as fill a new role in a school community. She can be reached at [awullschlager@flintridgeprep.org](mailto:awullschlager@flintridgeprep.org)

**REARDON SPEETZEN'S '99**, wedding. Also in attendance was classmate **ANDREW BOGAARD**. (See picture page 25.)

**JESSICA LINDEN SWIENCKOWSKI** graduated from Vassar College this year with a major in Neuroscience and Behavior and a minor in Molecular Biology. She received both General Honors and Departmental Honors, and was selected to be a member of Phi Beta Kappa as well as Sigma Xi. She was the recipient of the 2008 Phi Beta Kappa prize for Vassar College as well as the Neuroscience and Behavior Departmental Prize. She will be spending the next year assisting in the administration of the Writing Center at Swarthmore College before going on to pursue a degree in Medicine.

**KATIE VANE** graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Vassar College and won an award for achievement in creative writing. She wrote a post-apocalyptic novella about children as her senior project.

## 2005

It's official! **JORDAN SHARPE** and **HEATHER CHETIAN** enthusiastically announce their engagement. They will marry June 27, 2009 at the Sharpe Family Ranch. Included in the bridal party are **ALI WOLTER**, **SARAH WOLFE**, and **JENNY SINCLAIR '04**.



## 2006

**JOHN MILINOVICH** was one of 30 students accepted into UCLA's new Architecture Program. "Mr. Oderkirk played a big role in helping me get into the program by giving me invaluable critiques and suggestions that led me in the right direction." In addition, John is also pursuing a minor in Accounting.

## In Memoriam

**JESS CORRAL**, father of Michelle Corral '06, and husband of Dora, passed away October 28 from pancreatic cancer. Michelle was able to spend time away from NYU to be with him at home. His memorial service was held on Friday, October 31 at San Marino Community Church.

**DOUG ERBES '63**, passed away May 24th, 2008 in Pacifica, CA. Doug raised Charlois cattle in Whitefish, MT until his family moved the ranch to California, where Doug met his wife, Rusty Stansberry. He spent the last 35 years raising a family, quarter horses, and cattle in Windsor, as well as operating a small fence business. He is survived by his children, Jason and Jolene, and sisters, Wendy Erbes and Denise Chandler.

**JOHN CLAYTON FAHS '58**, passed away July 12, 2008. John attended Stanford University, and became the President of California Panel & Veneer Company. He enjoyed fishing and spending time on his boat Sonrisas. He is survived by his wife, Ella, daughter, Leslie, and sister, Kathleen.

**BEN DAVIS MASSEY JR. '49**, passed away on August 10, 2008 at his home in San Marino. He attended Occidental College and then went on to get his MD from USC. Specializing in Urology, he eventually opened up a practice with his father in Pasadena, where he remained for many years. He enjoyed taking trips to Catalina and rowing in his wherry. He is survived by his wife, Linda, daughter, Sarah, son, Ben Massey, III, and granddaughters, Marie, Camille, Eleanor, Clara, and Madeleine, and brother, John.

**PETER F. O'BRIEN '80**, passed away March 25, 2008 in Redwood City from broncho-pneumonia. After Prep, Peter attended Stanford University, where he received his degree in political science. He is survived by his father, Frank, mother, Gwyn, brothers, Ron and Arthur, sisters, Carolyn and Rosemary, and nephews, Hayden, Max, Ethan, and Alexander.

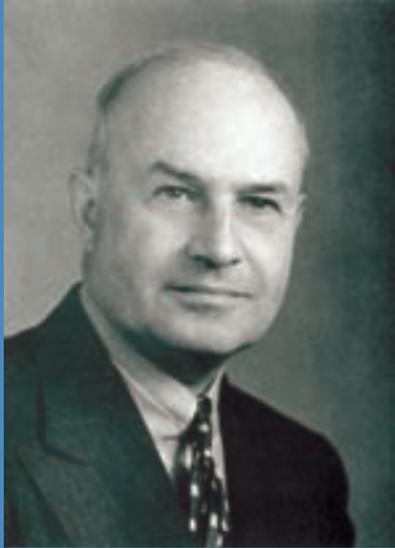
**WINIFRED WALKER**, mother of Card Walker '77, and grandmother of Dylan Walker '08 and Miles '98 and Marcus '01 Gaede passed away on September 29. She was the wife of former Disney chairman and CEO Card Walker, and was a philanthropist and a community organizer. She served as Mother's Club president, and also avidly supported Descanso Gardens, Verdugo Hills Hospital, and Hillside Learning Center. Winnie is survived by sisters, Caoline Pierce and Joyce Bates, three children, and five grandchildren.

**TAYLOR WALKER '03**, passed away August 25, 2008 in Pasadena. A memorial was held at Flintridge Prep, which allowed former classmates, friends, and teachers to share their warm memories and mourn Taylor's passing together. He is survived by his father, Gary, and mother, Suzanne.

Taylor was an accomplished student with a deep passion for history. In light of this, a Taylor Walker Memorial Fund has been established, which will be used to support financial aid for a student who excels in history. To make a contribution, you may contact Yuki Jimbo, Director of Development, at 818.949.5524 or [yjimbo@flintridgeprep.org](mailto:yjimbo@flintridgeprep.org).



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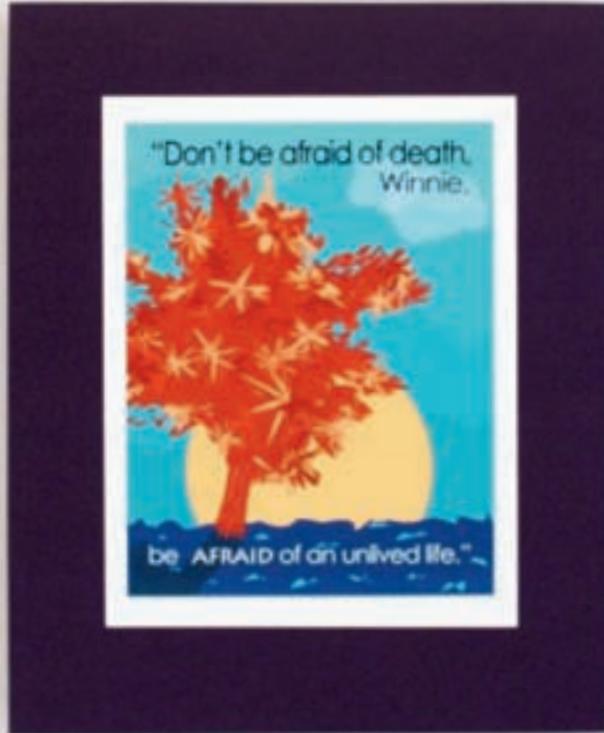
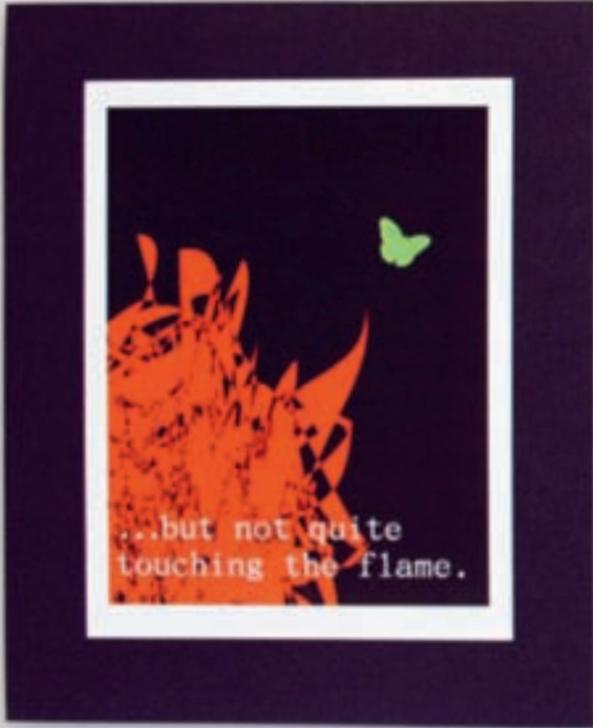


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The cover photo for this issue of *PrepTalk* was created as a group project in Mr. Bradley's advanced photography class. After receiving the quotation and general publication guidelines, students began brainstorming in search of conceptual and visual solutions. After consensus was reached, the elements were brought together for a "shoot" that took place during a single class period. The background photo (projected on a screen behind the students) was chosen from Prep's archives to illustrate the link between inventions (and students) of the past and present. The viewer is left to imagine the future that is being created on the computer screen.

Participating students: Joel Bryant '09, Maguire Haigh '09, Gus Herrera '09, Michael Stanton '09, JT Treadwell '09, James Vandeventer '09, Hannah Warde '11, Madison Zeller '09

Students pictured, from left to right: Madison Zeller '09, Joel Bryant '09, James Vandeventer '09



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—Alan Kay

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